**Ministers of the Spirit**

The Holy Spirit makes us God conscious. He reveals the position that God intended for us to walk in. He reveals our true identity as sons and daughters created in the image of God destined to take dominion over the works of God’s hands. **2 Corinthians 3:16-18**

The Holy spirit reveals the true character and intent of God the Father and Jesus to us. **John 16:13-16**

**John 3:16-17** Jesus came to save not to condemn.

**Hebrews 10:15-17** The Holy spirit writes God’s laws **[principles that govern his kingdom]** in our hearts.

He does not write the law of commandments.

**Romans 7:4-6** All of our connection to the law has been done away with. When it says in Hebrews that the Holy Spirit writes God’s laws on our hearts, he is not talking about the law of commandments.

**John 15:10-13** The commandment of the new covenant is to love one another as we have been loved.

The Gospel of the Kingdom does not involve the things of the law.

**Matthew 9:12-13, 35-38** The law of the kingdom is about showing our brothers the mercy and compassion that God has for them. It is not about judgment and sin.

**Matthew 10:7-8** Jesus commissions us to do as he has done-heal the sick, raise the dead, cast out devils, freely you have received, freely give.

**Acts 10:38** Jesus was anointed with the Holy spirit and went about healing all that were sick and oppressed of the devil.

**Oppressed:**  to overpower, to exercise dominion against, to cause fear because the consequences of not meeting obligations result in punishment. **[Genesis 3:14-15]**

**2 Corinthians 3:6** We are ministers of the Spirit-not ministers of the law.

**The Law of Liberty**

Ministers of the Spirit minister according to the law of liberty

**1 Corinthians 2:1-5** I determined to know nothing among you save Jesus Christ and Him crucified **[V 2]** that your faith sould not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. **[V 5]**

**1 Peter 4:8-11** love covers a multitude of sins, be good stewards of the grace of God that God might be glorified

**James 2**

***James 2:1*** *My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory* ***[dignity, honor]****, with respect of persons.*

**V 2-6**For example: Rich/poor

**V 8-9** If you love your neighbor as your self, you fulfill the law of liberty, but if you have respect of persons, you are guilty of sin and are convinced of the law as transgressors

***V 9 [Mirror]*** *To judge anyone on the outward appearance is a sin.* ***[Sin is anything that robs you of your allotted portion which is the true measure of your life.]*** *This violates the law of liberty and revives condemnation and guilt.*

***1 John 4:8*** *He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.*

**V 10-12** If you don’t keep the whole law of commandments you are a transgressor. So also is the law of liberty**. [If you lower the standard of the law in just one aspect, you have failed entirely.]**

**Matthew 7:1-2** Judge not that you be not judged. When you judge others, you are brought under the same condemnation that you bring them under.

**James 2:14** Faith without works is dead**.** He is talking showing others the mercy and compassion of Jesus.

**V 13** Mercy overcomes when passing judgment will not. **Romans 2:4**

**James 3:8-9** We bless God and curse men which are made after the similitude of God. This is not right!

**1 Peter 2:17** Honor **[value]** all men

**1 Timothy 2:1-6** make supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks for all men-those in authority-king-for this is good **v4** God would have all men be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth

***AMP1 Timothy 2: 4*** *Who wishes all men to be saved and [increasingly] to perceive and recognize and discern and know precisely and correctly the [divine] Truth.* ***6*** *Jesus gave his life for all to be testified* ***[evident]*** *in due time*

**Acts 10:28** God has shown me that I should not call any man common **[unholy]** or unclean **[impure, foul, demonic]**

**Luke 6:35-37** Children of the Highest show mercy even to their enemies. They are not judgmental.

***Luke 6:35*** *But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.*

***36*** *Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.*

***37*** *Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:*

Children of the Highest are in love with people. Children of their father the devil love the message of judgment more than they love people. They lay burdens on people that can’t be lifted and “shut up the kingdom.” **Matthew 23:4,13,15; John 8:44**

**Ephesians 4:22-32**  When we judge ourselves or any one else based on their outside appearance rather than what Jesus has done for them, we grieve the Holy spirit. We are to put off the “old man’s” way of looking at things, and put on the new man which judges everything and everyone in light of the cross. **V 22-24**

When we look at things through the old man mentality, we give place to the devil. **V 27**

***Ephesians 4:29*** *Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.*

***30*** *And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*

**Corrupt** decaying, separated from its source of life, broken down into its component parts

God says that we are to minister grace to the hearers and edify them. When we let corrupt communication come out of our mouths we look at others, or ourselves as though we have no savior. We separate them from their true source of life by focusing on the man rather than on the savior.

What is the divine truth that God wants man to recognize? **Ephesians 1:3-12** We are blessed with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus. We have obtained an inheritance as God’s sons “*to the praise of His glory.”*

**Philemon 6** Our faith becomes powerful and active by putting our focus on the power of God in everything and in everyone.

**Romans 14** Our purpose is not to pass judgment on everyone based on their beliefs. Everyone must be fully persuaded in their own minds and it is God that holds them up and makes them stand. Our job as ministers of the Spirit is to draw people to the love of God and God will do the rest.

The kingdom is not about rules and regulations but it is about experiencing righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. **V 17**

**Romans 15:1-9** We are to edify one another and bear the infirmities of the weak. We receive one another the way Christ received us. When we do this, God is glorified.

***Romans 15:5*** *Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus:*

***6*** *That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

***7*** *Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.*

***8*** *Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers:*

***9*** *And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; . . .*