

## All Points In Between 1 Cor. 2:9-16; Rom.8:26-28

Point of interest- the top two areas of physical health that should concern everyone are the mouth and the feet. How does that line up with spiritual health Lk. 6:45; Ps. 119:105?

If you love God then know that good things are coming. We know we are children of God if we walk in the truth, we show we love Him by walking in the truth. To love Him is to obey Him. 1 Sam. 3:1-10, how sad that the man of God didn't recognize the voice of God. How often do we miss the voice of God in our lives because we are not listening, because we don't know how to discern His voice? He is speaking now, today, right here. Where would we be if more people responded to Him as Mary did Lk.1: 38?

How does God the Holy Spirit speak to us?

He speaks to us through God's **Word**- Eph.6: 17 the sword of the Spirit. Do you know where your Bible is? Everything Holy Spirit says and does is squared up with the written word. As Spirit filled believers are we lined up with the word or are we all fluff and stuff?

If we are reading the word and not understanding it we need the Holy Spirit to come along side and help us. He will teach us the things of God through the Word of God and as a result we will grow up. Heb.5: 12-14. We need to intentionally take more time to hear, read and study the word of God. There are those who tried to prove God's word false only to become convinced that it is true and there are those of us who believe it is true yet seldom if ever go to it for guidance.

He speaks through **Prayer**- Rom. 8:26-27. Prayer is a two way street. Instead of doing all the talking we need to take time to listen. Holy Spirit will reveal to us what is on the heart of God. Without Him we haven't got a clue; we need Him in our lives.

He speaks to us through **Circumstances**- Matt. 5:43-48. How do we respond when bad things happen to us, what is our first reaction? Should our response not be different from that of a non-believer? You can tell the substance of a born again believer's life by their response to the crises in their life. Many times it is only during the crises that we go to God for help and direction. We need to consistently go during the good times, before the crisis comes, so that the promises of God are already planted in our hearts and the Holy Spirit can then remind us of them. Perhaps the pink slip is God's voice to you; maybe it's the hospital bed. God never promises unending health and wealth but He does promise His presence if we will accept Him. We don't just begin and end with God; He has to be in all points in between. We need to get his perspective on all things pertaining to our lives because He sees the end from the beginning. In the circumstances of our lives we need to pause and: consider the choices, compare them to God's word, commit the choice to God and then count on Him to bring it to pass.

The Holy Spirit speaks through **His Church**- Prov. 15:21-23; Acts 2:40-47. That's why CARE Groups are important, why the counsel of many is crucial. Luke 8:18 Amos 8:11-13. Founded on the Word- Flowing in the Spirit. As we read the word of God the Holy Spirit will bring illumination, He speaks to us in our prayer times as we take time to listen. He is present and speaking in the circumstances of our lives. He speaks through His church. The work of the Spirit is to help us grasp the meaning of Christ's manual of operation and not to make study unnecessary but to make us radically open to receive what our study turns up. Are you radically open to receive the Word of God? The time is coming when we're going to need it.

What is He speaking to you today?