

Inquire of God

Main Bible Verse:

(1 Chronicles 14:10-17) So David inquired of God: "Shall I go and attack the Philistines? Will you deliver them into my hands?" The Lord answered him, "Go, I will deliver them into your hands." So David and his men went up to Baal Perazim, and there he defeated them. He said, "As waters break out, God has broken out against my enemies by my hand." So that place was called Baal Perazim. The Philistines had abandoned their gods there, and David gave orders to burn them in the fire. Once more the Philistines raided the valley; so David inquired of God again, and God answered him, "Do not go directly after them, but circle around them and attack them in front of the poplar trees. As soon as you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the poplar trees, move out to battle, because that will mean God has gone out in front of you to strike the Philistine army." So David did as God commanded him, and they struck down the Philistine army, all the way from Gibeon to Gezer. So David's fame spread throughout every land, and the Lord made all the nations fear him.

Summary:

Luke 17:15-16 | Luke 17:19

- We must have a heart of thanksgiving when we receive our blessings and healing.
- What is thanksgiving faith:
 1. Praising God in a loud voice.
 2. Throwing ourselves at God's feet and thanking Him.
 3. Receive Jesus said to us, "Your faith has made you well."
- Everything we have comes from God, and therefore we must give thanks to Him.
 - Miracles are from God. They are God's healing, God's anointing, and God's power.
 - In order to receive miracles, we must first come back to give thanks. Then we will receive the miracle of, "Your faith has made you well."
- We must also humble ourselves before God, and He will use us to do great things.
 - Jesus is the Word became flesh. He is the Word at the beginning. He created heaven and earth. Only Jesus can do all things.
 - We are the servants, and we must realize that by ourselves, we cannot do anything.
 - When we have thanksgiving faith before God, Jesus will do great things.
- We must have both thanksgiving and faith before the Lord, and He will continue to bless us.

1 Chronicles 14:10 | 1 Chronicles 14:14-17 | Psalms 103:5

- The key to David's success is to always inquire of God.
 - We must always ask God before doing anything. (Marriage, buying a house, business...)
 - No matter big things or small things, we must ask the Lord if we should do it.
 - We must only do the things that God allows us to do.
 - We should not do whatever we want and complain to God when we fail. Instead, we should always ask God before we make any decision.

- After we ask God, He will give us exact instructions on how we are to do everything.
 - God created us, and He knows everything about us.
 - Every part of our lives is in the hand of God.
- God's method for us is the best method, so we need to wait on the Lord before we act.
 - David dared not to attack the Philistines on his own. He first inquired of God and see if God permitted him. Then God gave him detailed instructions that lead him into victory.
- We must pray daily in tongues, and God will show us the way, He will go before us.
 - We must receive God's direction and His plan. Therefore, we must attend Morning Prayer Meetings early and kneel down and seek God's direction.
 - Church is to teach us to worship, to receive the anointing, and to renew us like the eagles.

John 3:16

- The salvation of crucifixion of Jesus has anointing and power. The more we speak of Jesus and His crucifixion, the more miracles will follow us, but we must first learn to kneel down and pray in tongue daily. Continue to pray until the power of God is with us. For it is not about what we say, but the work of the Holy Spirit brings the power of healing.

Jonah 1:1-5 | Jonah 1:10-12

- The book of Jonah teaches us, without the instructions and permission from the Lord, we will fail.
 - We must not go against God's instructions.
- God will use our environment to stop us from doing things we are not supposed to be doing.
 - When God stops us, we must stop.
- When we continue to pray and seek God, He will warn us of dangers that will come our way.
- Jonah did not have the mindset of a servant.
 - Unlike David. When God told Jonah to go to Nineveh, he sailed to Tarshish to flee from the Lord.
 - Before we do anything, we must pray until the word of God comes to us. Then, we must follow God's instruction.

Matthew 24:45-47

- When we come to church, we do not just come with our bible and go home after the sermon, continuing to live our lives. We come to church to worship, to seek God, and to learn to become the servant.
- We must seek God's direction and follow it.
- God is looking for people with the following traits:
 1. Faithful
 - Love the church. If anything is needed to be done at church, do it joyfully.
 2. Wise
 - Understand what God want us to do.
 - Our kingdom commission must be sent by God.
 - God will reveal things to us.
 3. Mindset of a Servant

- Humbles before God and obeys God 100%.
- A faithful and wise servant will be successful.
- God wants us to do great things. He is looking for the faithful and wise servant. David is one, but not Jonah.

Matthew 25:1-12

- Lamp: God's revelation, enlightenment.
- Oil: The Holy Spirit.
- The one who cries out at midnight:
 - Midnight is now, when the great distress has arrived, the people are in fear, and people are departing from God and cease going to church.
 - The one who cried out at midnight never stops going to church meetings, continues to share the gospel, and never stops bringing people to Christ.
 - The gospel is power.
- The faithful and wise servants are those who had lamp and oil and the one who cried out at midnight. They will receive special help from God.
 - Those who did not have oil needed to go out and buy some, but while they were out the bridegroom arrived. Those who were already ready went in with him to the wedding banquet, and the door was shut.

1 Corinthians 9:26-27

- Having direction from God is very important.
 - We must not do things aimlessly.
 - Without direction, we will fail.
 - Therefore, we must call out to God and ask for our direction.
- Once we have our direction, we must be a faithful and wise servant that follows that direction from God.