Learning the Things of God ... in the Ways of God

Remember what Jesus said: ... "I praise You, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants.

Yes, Father, for this way was well-pleasing in Your sight."

All *scholarship* must be *submitted to relationship* whereby we come to God with humility and dependence as a child, expecting Him to be our Teacher.

Attitude, not aptitude will determine our training and learning ...in the process of Christ honouring discipleship.

Let's return to the humility and simplicity of childhood in our pursuit of knowing Christ, walking in His ways and discovering "the things of God".

Relationship with **Christ**, rather than the **scholarship** of **Christ** is the prerequisite for spiritual learning and Holy Spirit filled "walking".

We need to de-emphasize academics and re-emphasize the indispensability of living on the resources in our Risen and indwelling Lord Jesus Christ!

No academic degree ever qualifies anyone for effective ministry in the name and power of Jesus.

The early disciples were "uneducated and untrained men" yet were people living in the power and under authority of the risen Christ through His indwelling Spirit they were recognized as spiritually effective and powerful.

We need to come out from under the pressure of feeling the need to be associated with humanly accredited education systems in order to know and serve the Lord in powerfully effective ways in our generation!

Our Bible training courses need to be available and applicable to those who aren't interested in studying for professional reasons, but who really want to know Christ personally.

This would be a return to what often has been termed "lay ministry" in the church. That of course is an *erroneous term* as there are *no professionals* in the *ministry* (*servanthood*), which is through the Spirit of God! It's not in the Bible.

The Lord Jesus Christ is the One by Whom we know this Truth!

Relational training is indispensable to discipleship.

We must return to a "Paul and Timothy" practice (in principle) of attentive, personal involvement, committing ourselves to long term responsible-loving, sacrificial care for others: not just for their education ...but their lives! God is still in the business of transforming lives ...but on His terms not the world's.

May we grasp this wisdom for true "spiritual training, learning and ministry".

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