

Enjoying the Process

It's in the Process

Proverbs 16:2 (NKJV)

[2] All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes,
But the LORD weighs the spirits.

Proverbs 21:2 (NKJV)

[2] Every way of a man is right in his own eyes,
But the LORD weighs the hearts.

**The Bible calls this process:
“Measuring”**

Mark 4:1-8: Parable of the Sower.

- a. Hard Ground.
- b. Rocky Ground.
- c. Thorny Ground.
- d. Good Ground.

Mark 4:9-12 (NIV)

[9] Then Jesus said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." [10] When he was alone, the Twelve and the others around him asked him about the parables. [11] He told them, "The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables [12] so that, "they may be ever seeing but never perceiving, and ever hearing but never understanding; otherwise they might turn and be forgiven!"

John 12:37-43 (NIV)

[37] Even after Jesus had done all these miraculous signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him. [38] This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet: "Lord, who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

39] For this reason they could not believe,
because, as Isaiah says elsewhere: [40] "He
has blinded their eyes and deadened their
hearts, so they can neither see with their
eyes, nor understand with their hearts, nor
turn—and I would heal them."

[41] Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus' glory and spoke about him. [42] Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not confess their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; [43] for they loved praise from men more than praise from God.

Even when we do get some insight / wisdom...

- > It can be corrupted and manipulated
- > It can become empty and fruitless in our lives
- > Depending upon:

How much we care about what people think.

It is possible to not

- get things
 - understand things
 - see what we need to
 - flow in wisdom like we should
- > Because it's being spiritually or emotionally blocked.

Romans 10:1 (NIV)

[1] Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved.

Romans 10:16 (NIV)

[16] But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?"

Romans 10:21 (NIV)

[21] But concerning Israel he says, "All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and obstinate people."

Romans 11:7-10 (NIV)

[7] What then? What Israel sought so earnestly it did not obtain, but the elect did. The others were hardened, [8] as it is

written:

God gave them a spirit of”
stupor, eyes so that they could
not see and ears so that they
could not hear, to this very day.”

**[9] And David says: "May their table
become a snare and a trap, a
stumbling block and a retribution for
them. [10] May their eyes be darkened
so they cannot see, and their backs be
bent forever."**

Romans 11:25-27 (NIV)

[25] I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. [26] And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written:

"The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob. [27] And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins."

**Getting / seeing / understanding
something, or not**

- a. Goes back to a spiritual / emotional root.**
- b. This can happen for Good or Bad.**

2 Corinthians 4:4 (NIV)

[4] The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

1 John 2:11 (NIV)

[11] But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness; he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded him.

**Getting / seeing / understanding
something, or not...**

> Goes back to a spiritual / emotional root.

**Mark 4:13-20: Jesus explains the
parable to the disciples**

Mark 4:21-25 (NIV)

[21] He said to them, "Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed? Instead, don't you put it on its stand? [22] For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open. [23] If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear."

[24] “Consider carefully what you hear,” he continued. “With the measure you use, it will be measured to you—and even more. [25] Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him.”

Getting it / not getting it / seeing it / not seeing it...

- a. Has spiritual / emotional roots.**
- b. But from God's side: (v. 22) - everyone is supposed to get it / see it / understand it / Be Blessed.**

[23] If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear."

[24] "Consider carefully what you hear,"

If we don't seek / pursue... a pattern in our
life will set up and:

[25] Whoever has will be given more; whoever
does not have, even what he has will be taken
from him."

There is a Process in effect here:

**1) We will need to seek to get / see /
understand...**

2) Before we can get it / understand it > we need
to see it.

3) We will measure our life according to what we see, or don't see.

[24] "Consider carefully what you hear," he continued.

"With the measure you use..."

4) God desires for us to see it / get it / understand it, and measure it correctly.

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**God is AS concerned with Teaching and
Training us as He is with Blessing us.**

Learn to Enjoy That Process:

It Will Never End in our Lives.

The Process Prepares us for the Blessing.