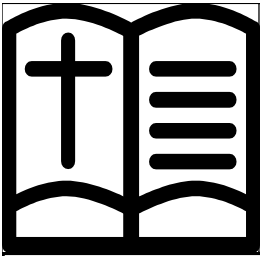


“GOD’S DESIGN FOR LEADERSHIP” Part 11

“RESTORING THE WAY OF THE LORD”

VI. THE POWER OF THE CHURCH TO LEAD WITH JUSTICE AND COMPASSION

- A. *Every member is destined to lead and is to be prepared for the good works ordained for us*
- B. *These good works are not to be confused with the “social gospel” or with “social justice warriors”*
- C. *The power to do these good works is found in our rest not our efforts*
 - 1. *REST: Cooperating with and using the systems provided by God*
 - 2. *EFFORT: Bypassing or ignoring God’s systems and creating our own systems*
- D. *APPLICATION: Working with the systems God is using in us.*
 - 1. *How does one get older? Processes and systems within us assure aging*
 - 2. *How does one mature? By working with the systems that God has provided i.e. eating, moving, sleeping, breathing, drinking, gathering information and converting it to wisdom*
 - 3. *How is a man born again? By trusting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. When we are born the second time, as with the first, new processes are downloaded in us by the Holy*



Spirit that assure our eternal life. Our lives as children of God are fully dependent upon this work of the Holy Spirit

4. *How do we mature? Cooperating with the Spirit and the processes given us*
 - a. *Abiding in Christ and His Words abiding in us* John 15:7-8; Col 3:16
 - i. *Abiding in Christ means...*
 - ii. *His Words abiding in us means...*
 - iii. *The Word of Christ dwelling in us richly means...*
 - b. *Fulfilled with the Spirit; Walking in the Spirit* Eph 5:18-21; Gal 5:16-18
 - i. *The promise of God*
 - ii. *Completed by the Spirit*
 - iii. *Faith-filled step of obedience*

OPPORTUNITIES: TAKE A FAITH-FILLED STEP

AWANA: Prayers, listeners, store donations, nursery

BCS: Prayers, volunteers 2-3 hours/week, financial help

Restore Network: Foster parents; child care; meals; needs

Benevolence: \$1 cash/week thanksgiving offering

Mosaic: Supplies; volunteer; get trained

*Widows: Invite to meal; provide a meal; watch children;
love them and make friends*

Missions: Team leader to coordinate missions efforts

Property deacons: Leader to facilitate the agenda