

A Voice in The Wilderness

Transferring the Knowledge of God:
Ten Points to True Discipleship

Leadership Training:
A Discipleship Program for Pastors

Becoming a Servant

Dreams & Visions Seminar

What's New at Five Fold?

The Word of God

Road Blocks to Healing

Ministry Trip

Adonai Worship Center

Transferring the Knowledge of God

Ten Points to True Discipleship

Twelve men known as apostles, schooled by the Master, mentored by the Divine, corrected by Love itself, counseled by “that Prophet,” turned the known world upside down. The message they carried would never be antiquated, irrelevant, insignificant, or inapplicable. That message has been maligned by countless souls seeking to justify their own lusts, yet it has survived. I would even say “*miraculously survived*” for it has been hidden by the presbytery, hated by the world, and rejected by other religions as nonsense. Yet every other religion quotes from its pages. To say that it is a miracle that we have a Bible that is accurate and reliable is an understatement indeed.



Bishop Mark Shaw

What I want to discuss in this article is the transference of the knowledge of God from generation to generation. Before I discuss this, I want to say that for all the instruction the Church received, it failed miserably to follow it. In the early Church the idea of separating potential leaders from the assembly to be groomed for leadership somewhere else was simply not there. We look at today’s model for church function and operation and what do we see for the education of the saints? *“If you feel you are called to ministry, we can recommend some good Christian colleges for you.”*

Would that be the response of the Antioch Church? Before you answer, perhaps you should ponder this: **Acts 13:1** *“NOW THERE WERE AT ANTIOCH, IN THE CHURCH THAT WAS THERE, PROPHETS AND TEACHERS: BARNABAS, AND SIMEON WHO WAS CALLED NIGER, AND LUCIUS OF CYRENE, AND MANAEN WHO HAD BEEN BROUGHT UP WITH HEROD THE TETRARCH, AND SAUL.”* We have five names that are posited who were leaders in the Church. These men were tasked to do what? Ephesians 4:11-12 has the answer. It was *“to equip the saints for the work of ministry.”*

Here we have a recipe, if you will, for Church function and operation. Two things stand out right away. First, there is plurality of leadership. What would be the need for multiple leadership? It is to equip the saints for the work of ministry. Therefore this college of ministers must be willing and able to pass their knowledge of God to the saints, especially the next generation. Second, there are people, believers, who see their own need to be trained and are willing to submit to their leaders to accomplish this task. Any Church that has these two environments has the atmosphere necessary to produce leaders capable of greatness!

Yet something else might be missing. It has to do with a common word with many different views of interpretation. What word am I talking about? It is "*disciple*." If you ask people what it means to be disciplined, they will have about as many different answers as people you asked. How are we going to get to the real meaning? Most people think that it just means to be a follower of someone. The only way to get the true meaning of something is to go back to original intent.

I have seen advertisements for a one week discipleship course for the mere price of \$3,000.00. Can this be true discipleship? Are we to think that God Himself in the form of man disciplined twelve men for three years, yet we can be disciplined in one week? Or are we to think that we are to get a little discipleship here and a little there? To sort this out we have to look at the Jewish culture in which that term had definite meaning.

First if we look at the origin of the English word "*disciple*" we find that it is a compound Latin word (**discipulus**). **Dis-** means "*away*" and **capere** which means "*to take*" and **ulus** which means "*little*." Put it all together and you have "*away to take little*." Have you ever asked someone after listening to a sermon, "*What did you take away from it?*" But that word does little justice to the original Greek word.

The Greek word is **mathetes** and simply means "*pupil*." If we look at the root word from which this word comes it is **manthano** and means "*to learn*." Now we are getting there, but these men were Hebrews and if we are to understand this word we need to look at the Hebrew equivalent.

The Hebrew word is **talmid** and means "*student or scholar*." What is interesting is the root word for **talmid**. It is **lamad** and it means "*to chastise, strike or beat*." **Lamed** is also the name of the Hebrew letter that sounds like our "L." The Hebrew letters are all pictures of something. The **lamad** is the picture of an ox goad. The goad was used to correct the oxen to keep them going in the right direction. Okay, we have gotten to the bottom of the meaning of the word for disciple. Now we need to see discipleship in action. When we put the meanings together with the actions we can garner an accurate view of the term.

In the Hebrew culture one was not to enter into ministry before the age of thirty. That means that there was a long term commitment to training before one became a teacher. The idea of a mere one week program would be repulsive and even comical in that culture. The student in that culture would attach themselves to their teacher who was also their mentor. The goal was to become like their teacher. This is evident throughout the New Testament. What are we to do? If discipleship was the method for the transference of knowledge from one generation to another, then how can we duplicate it in today's culture?

Since this is a problem from both a leader and saint point of view, there needs to be change in both parties if a successful program is to be initiated. To facilitate that, I have put together a list that addresses some of the common misconceptions of discipleship. This list is not meant to be all inclusive. I am sure there are others that may have some things to add to it.

1. Is the student viewed by the leadership as a minister of the gospel with a calling?

*Many leaders see their congregation in ways that cannot support the idea that all are called to a ministry of one sort or another. Not everyone is called to a pulpit ministry but **all are called to ministry** as evidenced in Ephesians 4:11-12.*

2. Is the training offered by qualified ministers within the five callings of Eph. 4.11?

Training must be accomplished within the confines of the biblical instructions of Ephesians 4:11-12. If Jesus gave five ministries to equip the saints then we must maintain that order of instruction.

3. Is the training systematic, meaning is it precept upon precept teaching?

Without systematic training one is left with a random teaching here or a random sermon there. A little learning here or there does not qualify as a training program! There must be clear objectives of learning and a way of measuring progress.

4. Is the training leveled? There must be different levels of training for different levels of maturity in students.

The problem with having a service where everyone attends is that the messages must always be simplified for the least mature in the group to understand. This leaves the more mature member starving for more. When your program has multiple levels of learning it facilitates different levels of students.

5. Does the training require work from the student?

What is passed as discipleship these days are programs that require nothing more than attendance. If there is no requirement of work required from the one attending than they are but spectators, not students.

6. Does the training differentiate between those called to pulpit ministry versus those called to market place ministry?

Since not everyone is called to pulpit ministry, there must be the realization that one group has different needs than the other. In the Hebrew culture those that were not called to pulpit ministry were still trained, but with less need of mentorship. Those that were called to pulpit ministry were treated like apprentices and they shadowed their mentor in all things.

7. Does every person in the Church have access to this training?

Here is where most true discipleship programs break down. How do you give access to these programs to an entire congregation? It is a daunting task to think about but nevertheless we are still commanded to do it. There needs to be a focus change and when that happens, you will find a way to make that training happen.

8. There must be a program of mentoring where true character correction is accomplished in the life of the disciple by a minister from the five fold.

It is our experience that this is the one requirement that will cause people to leave the fold more than any other. This is where the leadership must understand that there are those in their group who will not accept correction. I tell leaders to look at the relationship between Jesus and His disciples. Now, can you envision yourself saying the things to your disciples that Jesus said to His in correction? If He did it, shouldn't we? If there is no correction, there is no love.

9. There must be a platform from which the disciple can safely practice their God given spiritual and natural gifts.

Note that before releasing His disciples on the world, Jesus sent them out on ministry trips. Some of them failed. This is to be expected. Jesus corrected those failures to let them know why they failed. It is not enough to let the student know that they failed but that instruction is given to avoid that failure again. Gifting cannot be "taught or caught." The Spirit gives as He wills. If the Spirit gives the gift, how dare we think we can teach it. All that is needed is a place for the student to practice operating in their gifts. As they do, they will become more proficient. Much of learning to function in gifting is learning how not to get in its way.

10. There must be a minimum goal of development that focuses on the following four areas of the student's life. 1. Knowledge, 2. Character, 3. Gifting, 4. Relationship.

The problem with many programs is that they do not measure the student along those four lines. This produces problems in the student that they will carry into ministry. For instance, if a program focuses on knowledge but does not correct character, the student will become puffed up with pride because knowledge makes a person proud. If a program focuses on gifting but lacks in relationship development, the student will become self reliant and even self focused thinking that they need no one else to help. There must be a balanced program to develop students along those four areas. Doing so will create leaders of integrity.

I hope those ten points will help you to adjust your thinking. Remember, Jesus said to go into all the world and make "disciples." When we have a program that treats the convert as a disciple, they will flourish in their calling.



Pastor

Is Your Congregation Hungry for Discipleship?

We Can Help You Out!

Finally, a discipleship program that any Church can implement and feel confident that their congregants are receiving solid and meaty training that will transform lives! This program can take a new convert that in three years will be able to defend their faith, witness to the lost, minister to the sick, preach the gospel, and sustain the weary one with a word. Pastors will benefit from the depth of teaching that will bring revelation to their people.



This is not just a basic course. This program is a full featured program that is the result of thirty years of study and research, fifteen years of formatting, and ten years of development and arrangement. We take solid, complicated subjects and bring simplicity of understanding to them. We reach into the Hebraic roots of Christianity to help bring perfect understanding to difficult doctrines. In short, this will make even the most complicated subject clear and concise.

With many mainline Churches abandoning doctrine for worship, there has not been a time in our modern history where there is such a need and a desire for understanding spiritual concepts that define our faith. The sheep are hungry, no, they are starving! Give them the very thing their spirits' are crying out for. The outcome of this training is that everyone who avails themselves of it will be able to bring depth to their ability to read and study their Bibles. It will bring excitement to learning about our God. If our experience is any indication, they will be able to bring their own deep revelation and deliver it from the pulpit to a surprised congregation.



How We Can Help You?

This leadership package is divided up into three packages. Each package contains the material needed for one typical school year of study. Three years worth of training material are needed to complete the discipleship training course.

Each Package Includes:

- Leadership instructions with class sequencing
- Textbooks that are authored by Bishop Mark Shaw of Collegium Bible Institute and are specifically designed for this program. There is only one set of these textbooks in the package which are for the leader's review. All students are required to purchase their own textbooks for the program
- Video versions of the classes being taught
- Lesson instruction sheets on CD in Adobe Acrobat format
- Workbooks for each course with answer keys on CD in Adobe Acrobat format
- Final Exams with answer keys on CD in Adobe Acrobat format

NOTE: Students will have to purchase their own textbooks as well as other reading materials to fulfill their education obligations.

Pastors will hold license to print workbooks and final exams for as many students as necessary and for the duration of their school.

What Part Do You as a Pastor Play?

The part that the Pastor or other leaders will play in this program are:

- Mentoring and counseling your students
- Teaching the class is optional
- Lead class discussion as well as question and answer sessions
- Grading your students' work
- Keeping your students' records

Our learning model is based upon four primary principles.

1. Character development
2. Knowledge
3. Gifting
4. Relationship



Character Development: This is accomplished through the mentoring process. The leader is encouraged to develop the kind of relationship needed to accommodate mentoring. Mentoring will be the vehicle through which loving rebuke is accomplished. As the Apostle Paul modeled for us, leaders are to be spiritual parents to the disciple.

Knowledge: This portion is provided by the package. A well rounded understanding of biblical doctrine is supplied.

Gifting: Gifting is not “taught” or “caught.” It is given by the Spirit of God as He wills. All that is needed for gifting to mature is to guide the student in proper function of the gifts. The leadership will need to provide a safe environment where the student is encouraged to step out and operate in their gifting.

Relationship: A positive relationship with the Creator, the mentor, and their fellow students is maintained by the first three elements being implemented. Yet, it must be monitored by the leadership to make certain that the student is maintaining growth and maturity in their relationships.

When all four elements are focused on, the student will mature in balance. This balance will produce leaders of integrity and stature. It may seem difficult early on, but as you see that maturity develop, you will see the value of maintaining balanced maturity in the student. As a leader, you will know the satisfaction of playing a part in the development of a competent and anointed minister of Christ!

This program **“Leadership Training: A Call to Discipleship”** can be purchased in two ways.

1. One year at a time
2. Three year package

First Year Package will be available September, 2009

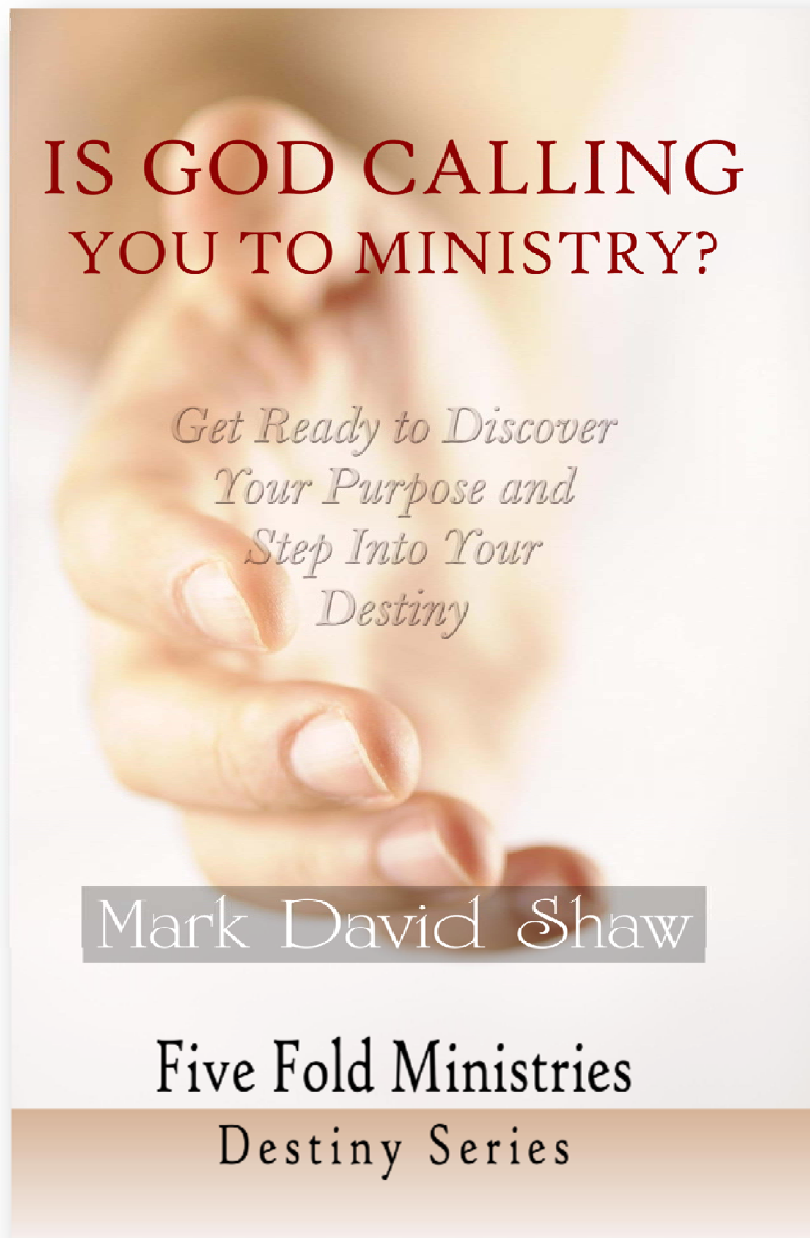
For more information you can contact us by email at registrar@collegiumbibleinstitute.com or call us at:

888-808-5455 Ext 1

Please leave a message on extension one with your name and phone number. We will return your call as soon as possible.

The Principal Objective in Life is to
Answer the Weighty Question, “Who am I?”

Without answering that question, destiny cannot be achieved. This book will give you the tools that make answering that question and many more possible.



Available online at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

Becoming a Servant

When I became a Christian several years ago I read about being a servant and I thought, *“Me serve people? No way! They can serve me!”* Or I might do what was asked of me with bitterness, thinking, *“This is bogus; this is a hard principal to walk in!”*

I decided to talk about servanthood because it has been a breakthrough in my own personal walk with the Lord. I used to be the type of person where if somebody asked me to help them with something I would probably have to be prodded with an electric cattle prod or a stun gun.

What is being a servant all about? Authentic servanthood is an issue of the heart, the more we grow and learn about Jesus the more we will want to be like him. If we look at all the gospels we see Jesus always serving people and helping people. As a matter of fact, you can find it all throughout the New Testament. Servanthood is a wonderful thing if we understand what it is and how God does it through us. I have found being a servant is actually fun and exciting.

The word *“servant”* in the Greek basically means *“a minister,” “a person who runs errands or attends to the King.”* The Spirit of God really struck me with regard to this topic of being a servant and defining what true ministry



Brandon Gatzke

is all about. We find in Act’s chapter three a model for true ministry. Warren W. Wiersbe said, *“Ministry takes place when divine resources meet human needs through loving channels to the glory of God.”*

Act’s 3: 1-9; *“Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the ninth hour, the hour of prayer. And a man who had been lame from his mother's womb was being carried along, whom they used to set down every day at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, in order to beg alms of those who were entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he began asking to receive alms. But Peter, along with John, fixed his gaze on him and said, “Look at us!” And he began to give them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, “I do not possess silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene-- walk!”*

And seizing him by the right hand, he raised him up; and immediately his feet and his ankles were strengthened. With a leap he stood upright and began to walk; and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God.”

From this scripture there are four basic elements to be learned. The first one is Peter and John saw a man in great need. The man was physically lame and spiritually dead. Jesus said the poor will always be among you, therefore there will always be people who have needs. Second and third, manifesting the compassion of Christ they shared God’s power with him and he was completely healed. Finally, the fourth point is that God was glorified!

We as believers need to minister in the model of the Apostles. We must first know that there are divine resources that God has for us; that there are many promises in the Bible for us to give to others who have needs. In Acts chapter three, one of those divine resources was healing. The more we study the Word of God and get to know Jesus the more we will learn of God’s divine resources. Second, we need to see human needs through eyes of true compassion. As you read the Gospels you see that Jesus was always moved with compassion just before he healed someone. Apostle Paul said that love is the greatest thing in life

that we can have even above the gifts of the Spirit.

Being in ministry is really about living for others instead of ourselves. It is functioning from the premise of a servant’s heart. We are invited to die to ourselves that we might live for Christ along with His will and purpose. If we just live our Christian life for ourselves and refuse to help anyone or if we turn a blind eye to others, we would not be representing Jesus and how He demonstrated life as a servant.

The Bible tells us, *“Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves.”* Or we can be like the Pharisees who used people to build their own kingdoms, supply their own needs, and to build a name for themselves complete with recognition and authority, rather than building up others. But this too is not right or biblical. The true servants of God will help other people whether or not they get anything out of it because their sole purpose in doing is to bring glory to God.

Dreams & Visions Seminar!!

Friday July 31st and Saturday August 1st

The Olde Pine Theatre

113 2nd Street S.W.

Pine Island, MN

One Hour South of the Twin Cities on Highway 52 Exit Pine Island

888-808-5455 Ext # 2

Paul Tucker

*Spirit Power Ministries
Wrenshall, MN*



John Kolb

*Clarion Call Ministries
Post Falls, ID*



Mark Shaw

Collegium Bible Institute
Five Fold Ministries
Rochester, MN



Chuck Porta

Ram's Horn Ministries
Eden Prairie, MN



Dreams and Visions Seminar Schedule

Friday

5 p.m. Worship
6 pm. **Paul Tucker**
8 pm. **Mark Shaw**

Saturday

8 am. Worship
9 am. (10:30) John **Kolb**
10:30 am. (12:00) Mark **Shaw**
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. Lunch Break
1:00 pm. (2:30) Paul **Tucker**
2:30 pm 3:30 Dream Interpretation and Prophetic Ministry by All Speakers
3:30 pm (5:00) **John Kolb**
5:00 pm. (7 pm). Dinner Break
7:00 pm Chuck **Porta**

Parking available in rear of theatre and also behind Hardware Hank.

Cost: **Free Will Offering** will be taken throughout the seminar

RSVP: please by July 24, 2009 cbi-seminar@hotmail.com

by phone: **888-808-5455 Ext # 2**

www.5fold.org/seminars.html

What's New at Five Fold?

4 Ways to Access Our Training Program

1

Collegium Bible Institute

We are a biblical institute affiliated with Biblical Life College & Seminary (BLCS). This is an ordination program that allows us to offer our students the option of acquiring a four year degree from an accredited institution. All of our course material was reviewed and approved by BLCS as well as weighted for semester credit hours.

This change reflects our continuing desire to provide quality education and discipleship to the Body of Christ. This institute is only available to our on campus students. Our classes start every March and go through November. We are located about one hour south of the Twin Cities on highway 52 in Pine Island, Minnesota.

<http://www.collegiumbibleinstitute.com>



2

On-line School

**FFMTA E-Learning Center
Ordination Program**

Be a part of our Leadership Network!

Through the FFMTA E-Learning Center, you can improve your biblical training in the comfort of your own home! We offer five levels of training that are sure to enhance your biblical knowledge. By joining the FFMTA E-Learning Center Ordination Program you will become a part of the Five Fold Leadership Network.



For more information go to:

<http://www.5fold.org/ffmta.html>

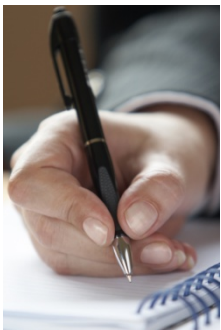
Follow the registration instructions. Registration is free. If you have any questions please use the email address provided.

We have now added video to enhance your learning experience. That means that you will have three methods of learning available to you! Printed lessons, MP3 audio files, and Video.

3

Correspondence Course

Our Correspondence Course is a three year program that can be purchased one year at a time. You will receive all of the material to complete one year of training. Included will be the textbooks, workbooks, and DVD Videos of the classes. You can study at your own pace around your schedule. There are instructors that will be available to you if you get stuck on any subject.



You can either study for ordination or for your own personal Bible study. Either way, you will begin to develop skills that will increase your ability to study the Bible on a deeper level. As you increase in the knowledge of God, you will find that boldness and courage to speak about the things of God begins to

develop as well. This is a natural result of learning and deepening your faith.

Our lessons are filled with original words and their definitions. We also look at the Hebraic culture when interpreting important fundamental doctrine. This brings a special understanding to your faith. Your faith will begin to make sense and you will be able to give answers to questions you would never have attempted before.

For more information or to receive a registration form, contact us at ffmta@5fold.org or at:

Five Fold Ministries
P.O. Box 6885
Rochester, MN 55903

4

Your Local Church



Ask your Pastor to bring this discipleship program into your church! **Leadership Training; A Call to Discipleship** is a program that any church can implement and feel confident that their congregants are receiving solid and meaty training that will transform lives!

This is a three year program that will allow your church to start their own school right out of the box. This program will be available September, 2009.

Each Package Includes:

- Leadership instructions with class sequencing
- Textbooks that are authored by Bishop Mark Shaw of Collegium Bible Institute and are specifically designed for this program. There is only one set of these textbooks in the package which are for the leader's review
- Video versions of the classes being taught
- Lesson instruction sheets on CD in Adobe Acrobat format
- Workbooks for each course with answer keys on CD in Adobe Acrobat format
- Final Exams with answer keys on CD in Adobe Acrobat format

Have your Pastor or leader call at:

888-808-5455 Ext. 1

The Word of God

2 Peter 3:5 (NKJV) *For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water...*

The Word of God is such a sacred document for Christians. It contains so much truth and knowledge. However, do we know exactly what the Word of God is? Do we really take the Word of God as it is, or do we make the Word of God into something that we want it to be so that it will soothe our own flesh or our own wants and desires? Have you ever read something in the Bible, and it felt like a knife had been thrown right into your heart? If you have, did you reject the knife or did you accept it?

Let's take a journey to find out what the Word of God is. Is the Word of God just the Bible (scripture) or is it something more?



Michelle Holmstadt

Hebrews 13:7-9 (NKJV) *“Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the Word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.”*

2 Timothy 3:16 (NKJV) *“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,”*

So, within these two scriptures we find out that Scripture is given by inspiration of God. However, what does “*inspiration*” mean? In *Strong's Concordance* number 2315, inspiration is “*thēōpnēustōs (teh-op'-nyoo-stos); inspired by God, divinely breathed; theos means “God” and “pneuo” means “to breathe.”* Thus, in essence Scripture came from the mouth of God. It is God's word for it is God breathed, it came forth from His mouth, not man's mouth.

In addition, we read in those two scriptures that Scripture is profitable for doctrine, as well as the warning that we are to be careful of what kind of strange and various doctrines we are listening too so that we do not become carried away by them. Those who are leaders in the Church will speak the Word of God to us, which is Scripture. Do we listen to people who are teaching or preaching the Scripture? They are speaking the Word of God to us. Now let us read:

John 1:1-3, 14 (NKJV) *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. "And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."*

In this part of Scripture we read about the Word which was in the beginning, and was with God and was God, and that the Word became flesh. Then we find that the Word is actually Jesus.

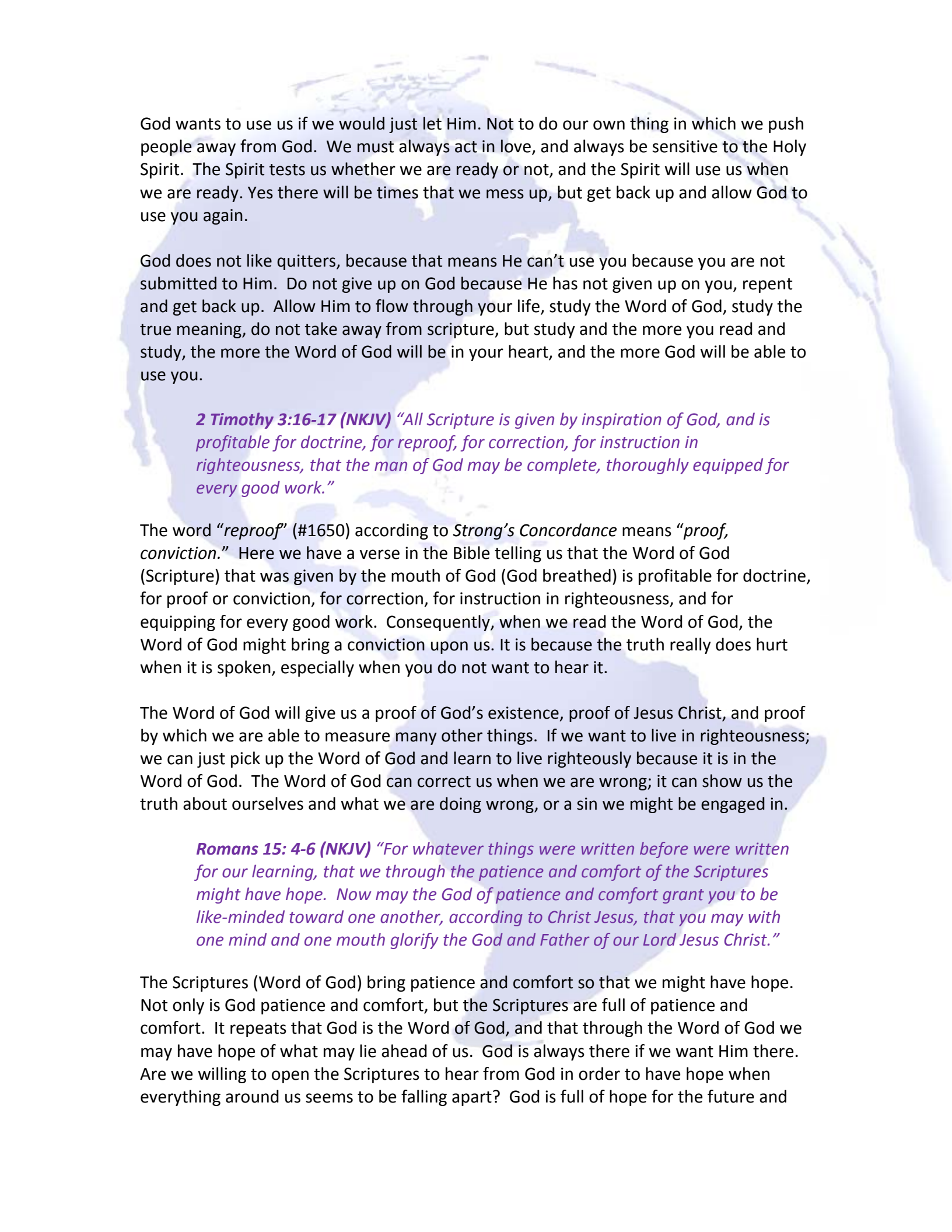
Revelation 19:12b-13 (NKJV) *"He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God."*

In the Book of Revelation the idea is reinforced that Jesus' name is called the "Word of God." So, not only is Scripture the Word of God but Jesus is also the Word of God. Scripture is Jesus; Jesus is Scripture; Jesus is the Word and the Word became flesh. Now that we know what the Word of God is, we are going to focus the rest of our attention on the written Word of God. Let us go to

Ephesians 6:17 (NKJV) *"And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God;"*

Stop there!!! What did that say? "...sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God." The "sword" (#3162) in that particular scripture from the *Strong's Concordance* means "sword, long knife, dagger." Think about that for a moment. What does a sword do? Well, a sword is used in combat. It is also used for a defense. It is used to kill the one(s) you are fighting and it is used to protect you. The Word of God can slay words or thoughts. What? When the devil starts speaking his lies to us, we can speak the truth (the Word of God). What will that do? It will defeat the devil just as Jesus did in His time of testing.

Now that we know we can defeat the devil with the Word of God, how about people? When we speak the Word of God to people will it bring a piercing to their heart, because the Word of God is a sword? It just doesn't swing and miss, but it punctures where it needs too. Imagine yourself at work. You are going on with your everyday routine, and you pray every or almost every day that God's will be done, and that God would use you where He needs to use you, and one day the Lord opens a door. Suddenly, you are speaking to somebody, and you are speaking the truth in love, and that person starts crying. What does that mean to you? Do you think that a sword pierced their conscious or their heart? Do you think that God has just opened a door in which He can bring healing, salvation, repentance, or something else along that person's path whether they are a believer or not?



God wants to use us if we would just let Him. Not to do our own thing in which we push people away from God. We must always act in love, and always be sensitive to the Holy Spirit. The Spirit tests us whether we are ready or not, and the Spirit will use us when we are ready. Yes there will be times that we mess up, but get back up and allow God to use you again.

God does not like quitters, because that means He can't use you because you are not submitted to Him. Do not give up on God because He has not given up on you, repent and get back up. Allow Him to flow through your life, study the Word of God, study the true meaning, do not take away from scripture, but study and the more you read and study, the more the Word of God will be in your heart, and the more God will be able to use you.

***2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NKJV)** "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."*

The word "reproof" (#1650) according to *Strong's Concordance* means "proof, conviction." Here we have a verse in the Bible telling us that the Word of God (Scripture) that was given by the mouth of God (God breathed) is profitable for doctrine, for proof or conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, and for equipping for every good work. Consequently, when we read the Word of God, the Word of God might bring a conviction upon us. It is because the truth really does hurt when it is spoken, especially when you do not want to hear it.

The Word of God will give us a proof of God's existence, proof of Jesus Christ, and proof by which we are able to measure many other things. If we want to live in righteousness; we can just pick up the Word of God and learn to live righteously because it is in the Word of God. The Word of God can correct us when we are wrong; it can show us the truth about ourselves and what we are doing wrong, or a sin we might be engaged in.

***Romans 15: 4-6 (NKJV)** "For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

The Scriptures (Word of God) bring patience and comfort so that we might have hope. Not only is God patience and comfort, but the Scriptures are full of patience and comfort. It repeats that God is the Word of God, and that through the Word of God we may have hope of what may lie ahead of us. God is always there if we want Him there. Are we willing to open the Scriptures to hear from God in order to have hope when everything around us seems to be falling apart? God is full of hope for the future and

the present. God does not give up on us; He wants to fill us full of patience and comfort, for God is patience and comfort. The Word of God is our learning ground to be like Jesus. Now the word “hope” (#1680) according to *Strong’s Concordance* means “*expectation or confidence; favorable and confident expectation, a forward look with assurance.*” We have to have confidence in God, “*that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have confidence.*”

John 8: 31-32 (NKJV) “*Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”*”

First off, we are to abide in Jesus’ word. Now the word “abide” (#3306) from the *Strong’s Concordance* means “*to stay (in a given place, state, relation, or expectancy).*” We are to stay in God’s word. We are to stay in Jesus’ word. If we stay in His word then we are His disciples. If we stay in His word, and continue to learn and grow; we will know the truth and the truth will set us free. What will it set us free from? The Word of God will set us free from homosexuality, drug addiction, adultery, stealing, lying, pornography, deceptions and so many other things. God wants to free us from the bondages of sin! With Jesus that is possible! The bondages of sin have been defeated on the cross! If we would just let God free us, He will. The truth does and will continue to set people free.

However, when we become convicted by the Word of God, what do we do? We can do one of two things. 1) We can repent, learn, and change our mind-set by letting the Word of God take root in our heart and by not ignoring God, or 2) we can turn away from the truth, and ignore the conviction that is taking place in our heart.

2 Timothy 4: 3-4 (NKJV) “*For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.*”

The word “endure” (#430) from the *Strong’s Concordance* means “*to hold oneself up against, i.e. (fig.) put up with; to hold up against a thing and so to bear with.*” The word “sound” (#5198) from the *Strong’s Concordance* means “*to have sound health, i.e. be well (in body); fig. to be uncorrupt (true in doctrine).*” The word “itching” (2833) from the *Strong’s Concordance* means “*to scratch, tickle.*” The word “ears” (#189) from the *Strong’s Concordance* means “*hearing, being tickled as to the ears.*”

STOP!!! Don’t go anywhere! Imagine for a second concerning this scripture. Here Paul is writing to his spiritual son Timothy, and Paul is telling Timothy that there will come a time (he does not state when) but that the people will not endure “*to hold up against a thing and so to bear with*” sound “*uncorrupt*” doctrine. What??? People will not hold to

uncorrupt doctrine; they'll turn to corrupt doctrine. Do people do that today?? Why do they turn to corrupt doctrine? Because they have itching ears.

Imagine that your ear is itching really bad. What are you going to do? You are going to scratch that itch. According to Paul, people will have itching ears regarding Christian doctrine. That means that they will want to hear certain things. What will they do when they want to hear certain things? They will find teachers who will comply with their itch and teach those things that will scratch that itch. They will turn their ears away from the truth because of their own desires. We as believers must always be alert, be willing to hear anything, but test everything by the Word of God even if it means that we are convicted by it.


***Acts 17: 10-12 (NKJV)** "Then the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and **searched** the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so. Therefore many of them believed, and also not a few of the Greeks, prominent women as well as men."*

***Acts 17: 2-4 (NKJV)** "Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ." And some of them were persuaded; and a great multitude of the devout Greeks, and not a few of the leading women, joined Paul and Silas."*

These scriptures are two different synagogues. One is in Berea and the other is in Thessalonica. We can be like the Berean church in which we search the Scriptures to find out whether a minister or a person is speaking the truth, or we can be like the Thessalonica church in which they did not search the Scriptures but automatically rejected or accepted the truth. Let us all be like the Berean church and search the Scriptures to find out the truth, to find out if what they speak is so.

Now that you know what the Word of God is, and you know what the Word of God can be used for. Use your weapon and study it. Use it as often as the Lord tells you to use it, and continue to learn and study from the Word of God. Continue to search the Scriptures to find out the truth about what other people are saying, so that you will know whether to believe or not, but do not stand in ignorance through not looking for and finding out the truth.

***2 Timothy 2: 15 (NKJV)** I encourage you all "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."*



***Works Cited

Strong, James and John R. Kohlenberger III. The New Strong's Expanded Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible Red-Letter Edition. Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2001.

Roadblocks to Healing

The foundation to any of God's blessings, whether they be HEALING, prosperity, salvation, or deliverance is simply one thing...FAITH.

"Without faith it is impossible to please God; for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him" Hebrews 11:6.



Rich Farm

The Church seems to believe intensely in the ability of God to save lost souls from an eternity of damnation, yet we cannot believe for a thing as simple as physical or mental healing. Why is it we can put our trust in an invisible God to save us from a sickness we cannot even see because it resides in our spirit and deliver us from a place of torment (hell) that sounds more like mythology than anything else, yet we cannot put that same type of trust in this same God to heal or deliver us from something that is actually physically manifesting itself in us at this very moment.

Jesus even addressed the scribes on this very issue with the paralytic man in Matthew chapter nine. *"For which is easier: to say, your sins are forgiven and the penalty remitted, or to say, Get up and walk? But in order that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins and remit the penalty, He then said to the paralyzed man, Get up! Pick up your sleeping pad and go to your own house."* (v. 5-6)

We have been so programmed to believe healing is a thing of the past. Religious spirits have contextually twisted and perverted the Scriptures—much like Satan did with Jesus in the desert—in order to blind us and thereby cause us to lose trust in the God we serve. They have nearly accomplished their task in getting the Church of Jesus to believe that the gifts of the Holy Spirit and physical healings were a thing of the past.

It is time for the Church to wake up and get a hold of God's promises and provisions. He is the King of kings and Lord of lords and everything is under His feet. And since all is under His feet, we being the Body of Christ have everything under our feet as well. Jesus is not coming back for a broken down, beat up,

weak, sickly little Church. Oh No!! He is coming back for *“a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish”*, according to Ephesians 5:27b.

When are we going to open our eyes to the revelation of God’s good news of healing, and begin to walk in that light changing from glory to glory? When are we going to start going from divine healing to walking in divine health to a divine life? What is keeping us back?

One of the main issues that cause people to not receive their healing is a false theology that has been set in place in their mind. This could have come from teachers or preachers teaching in traditional erroneous ways that healing is not for today. Some even teach that Christ only came to heal us spiritually or save us from hell. Many are being taught that we are meant to suffer from sickness because Christ suffered, or that we are suffering because we are being taught something. All of these have to do with two important issues that have become roadblocks in one’s spiritual life concerning healing and these roadblocks are a lack of knowledge and not having faith in God.

We need to get studied up concerning our God on specific issues, rather than going off of someone’s teaching that takes away from the power of God. This lack of faith and knowledge is keeping people from getting saved, healed and delivered because we don’t believe our God is strong enough and willing to perform His Words.

The other issue is that here in America we have become so dependent on drugs and doctors and healthcare that we are lacking faith in the God who created us. We would rather have someone guess (and sometimes that’s really all they are doing is guessing) on what is wrong with us; rather than going to the One who made us and even knows the number of hairs on our head. We need to have trust in our Father who loves us so very much, so much that He sent His Son to die for us. We must stop trusting in those who are just out to make a profit, and fill their pockets with money and their garages with new cars.

No don’t get me wrong doctors are helpful. I have had to use them on occasion myself with some health issues. Sometimes maybe to my ignorance or stubbornness, I have taken it too far (to the point of near death), but I always wanted to give my God the first chance to heal me, and I would disconnect with any who went against my belief in my God to heal me. Even today when people

offer advice concerning health issues—like my doctors who say I will be on drugs for life—I politely say *“thank you for your advice but I will not, My God is bigger than my sickness”*. I kind of feel like Jesus kicking the family out of the room to raise the girl from the dead, just remove all the unbelief so I can get my healing.

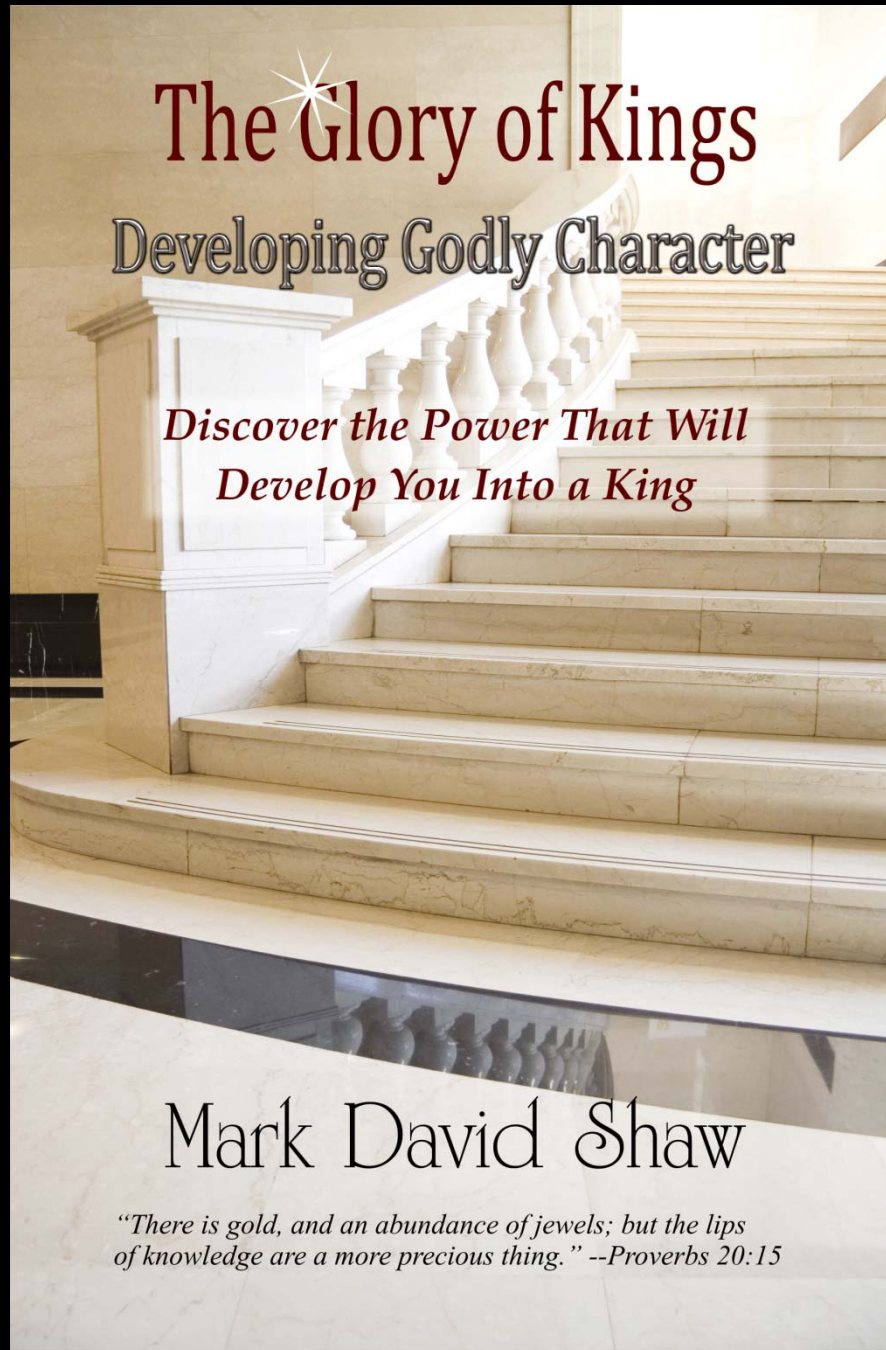
Another big blessing killer, is a lack of repentance. God so desires to bless and heal someone, but do to his or her lack of repentance and unwillingness to turn from their sin God’s hand is stayed. I have always heard it said, *“God won’t bless your mess.”* Now this doesn’t mean we have to be perfect or worried that if we slip up God’s going to withdraw and not heal us. But it does mean if we choose to live an unhealthy and unrighteous lifestyle we will live with the consequences.

One of the biggest sins and another roadblock is that of pride. Pride will always lead to our demise. God’s Word even says, *“God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble” (James 4:6)*. Pride is a good way to have God turn His back on you. This wicked sin sets us up for destruction and makes us depend on ourselves and not on the God of the universe.

One last roadblock I want to touch on is one I have actually seen my family struggle with unforgiveness. This thief of sickness needs to be cut off immediately. This will not only steal our blessings but will also steal our joy and peace. Unforgiveness rots the soul, and will drive wedges in the family dynamic. When we harbor anything against another we are releasing a poisonous cancer within our bodies that will kill us.

I have noticed that when I have something against my wife and do not forgive her for something she may have wronged me with; I have a hard time relaxing and resting especially at nighttime when I’m trying to sleep. This may also be why the Word says to never let the sun go down on your anger. When you release that poison in your life through unforgiveness, it can destroy your body. Everything we do physical, mentally and spiritually will take its toll on our fragile flesh. The other big reason unforgiveness is a roadblock to healing is that you are in essence sticking it to Jesus. You are saying, *“I know what You have said, but I know better on this one and I will not forgive.”* Now you have just opened the door for one of the other roadblocks, which is pride, and destruction is short to follow.

*“God has Endowed Man With the Ability
To Discover the Beauty of His Ways and
it is This Discovery That Has the
Power to Develop You Into a King”*



The Glory of Kings

Developing Godly Character

*Discover the Power That Will
Develop You Into a King*

Mark David Shaw

*“There is gold, and an abundance of jewels; but the lips
of knowledge are a more precious thing.” --Proverbs 20:15*

Available Now on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

Ministry Trip

The month of May was a much anticipated month. This was so because it was the month that the pastors were to take a handful of students on a ministry trip to Washington and Idaho. What made this trip stand out is the mode of travel. We would not travel by plane, car, or even bus, we would take the train. Why the train? Our pastors tell us that it is so we can learn to interact with people and use those opportunities to minister and evangelize. As we arrived in Spokane, Washington, the river was raging from all of the snow melting.



The sound was deafening. Some students remembered the Scriptures that reveal God's voice is as many waters. The thought of that and the noise of the water brought deeper understanding of the voice of God. This was truly a beautiful sight. Pastor Kathryn remarked at the great power of the river and yet it is contained within the borders that God has given it and this reveals the great power of our God.

Then it was off to the gondola for a ride over the rapids. It was rather windy and we thought that it might be closed because of the wind. We arrived in the parking lot and snapped this picture.



The gondola was open and the whole group took a ride over the rapids.



Once we got off, we took a little walk around and then oh oh...



So, it was too windy for that ride!

On Wednesday evening we traveled to Post Falls, Idaho to attend service at Apostle John Devries church. Bishop Mark preached and we all were allowed to minister to the congregation and operate in the gifts that God has given to us. We were blessed by them and hope that we were a blessing to them.

The next day we spent the day with Apostle John, his wife Siony, Prophet John Kolb and his wife Judy. This was a great time of fellowship. Relationships forged that will be valued for a long time to come.



That night we headed for the train station and began our trip back home. We met many people on the train, we were able to pray with them, minister the Word of God to them, and share our lives with complete strangers. The trip was a success and we were used by the Master for His purpose, for His glory! Great things are still to come and our God is still in control, else the power of that river would be unleashed.



Psalm 98:8-9 (NCV)

Let the rivers clap their hands; let the mountains sing together for joy. Let them sing before the Lord, because he is coming to judge the world. He will judge the world fairly; he will judge the peoples with fairness.

Adonai Worship Center

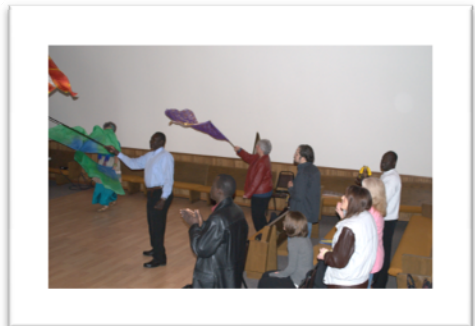
The International Equipping School of the Five Fold Ministry

(888) 808-5455 Ext. #2
www.collegiumbibleinstitute.com

**Come Join Us As We Seek To Equip You
With The Tools To Live The Victorious Life!!**

At Adonai Worship Center, our heart's desire is to accurately represent God to you; to bring healing to the whole person. We want you to see yourself the way that God sees you, so that you will be prepared to accomplish the destiny that you were created for.

As a Bible based Church, (full gospel) we believe that God has already given us proper instruction on how to structure our lives in ways that will produce abundant living. Life satisfaction is dependent on you finding the purpose you were created for.



Church Service

Saturday Praise & Worship 10am to 12:30pm



Whether you are looking toward ordination or are hungry for the Word of God, you will hear sermons that are designed to make the Bible practical and applicable to the 21st century life; you will find that you are created with purpose and destiny. These time sensitive sermons will give strategic information to step into the move of God in this region. God opens doors of access and opportunity but we, His Church, have to understand them in order to walk through them.

Pine Island Minnesota

Olde Pine Theatre
113 2nd Street SW

Called to the office of Prophet, Kathryn Colton Shaw serves the Body of Christ in awakening the call in individuals through the prophetic gifting to right them on the path to their destiny. She serves as a watchman to warn the Body of trouble and she gives strategic insight into Church operation, direction, and vision. Her love for justice gives her the temperament to take on causes that God has laid upon her heart as well as a passionate oversight of each student's life to protect the investment God placed in them.



Bishop Mark Shaw, author, apostle and teacher is available for speaking engagements from mid April through mid October. Shaw will provoke a spirit of discipleship in your Church. His vision will attract members to plug into their destiny which will bring a sense of loyalty and devotion to the local Church. This will also provide opportunity to the leadership to fulfill the great commission to make disciples in every nation.

Streaming Church Service 06-20-09 "Take Courage, Fear Not"

Click on the image below to start the video



Events Calendar

For prayer requests or hospital visits, please call:

507-206-1505

Call: 888-808-5455 Ext. 2

Office Hours: Tues.—Sat. 10am to 6pm

Directions: From Rochester, take 52 north to the Pine Island Exit, turn left at the stop sign. At the next stop sign, turn left onto Main Street. After you go over the bridge take the first right on 2nd Street SW. You will see the Olde Pine Theatre on the left.

If you are coming from the Twin Cities, take 52 south. Take the first Pine Island exit. Make a right at the stop sign and you will be on Main Street. When you cross the bridge, take the first right which will be 2nd Street SW. The Olde Pine Theatre is on the left.

Parking: Available behind the Olde Pine Theatre and behind Hardware Hank.

ADONAI WORSHIP CENTER IS CLOSED FOR THE MONTH OF JULY FOR FAMILY VACATIONS

Psalm 111:1-2 (NASB95)

*Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord
with all my heart, In the company of the
upright and in the assembly. Great are the
works of the Lord; They are studied by all
who delight in them.*

simplifying IT



Program Profile

- **CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT**
Necessary for ministry integrity as well as an environment for good relationships
- **GIFTING DEVELOPMENT**
We provide a safe environment where spiritual gifts can be practiced
- **KNOWLEDGE DEVELOPMENT**
Clear and concise lessons to develop a biblical knowledge of God
- **RELATIONSHIP DEVELOPMENT**
Build and maintain relationships with God and humanity through balanced living

Discipleship That Simplifies the Complicated

Join us as we begin a new school year! Are you wondering why you are here? Are you curious about who you really are? Do you know you are called but are not sure what to do next? We have a program that will assist you in answering all of those questions and more. We are serious about developing leaders that will impact the world for the glory of God! Our program is uniquely qualified to put you on the path to your created purpose.

The result will be a man or woman of God that will be able to do deep study and delivery of biblical material to any crowd. This program will provide the catalyst that you need to advance to spiritual levels beyond your imagination. MARCH 2010 starts our next school year. We hope to see you there. Registration begins in January. For more information please visit our website: www.collegiumbibleinstitute.com

Collegium Bible
Institute