



Lesson 150 Look to serve Me and My plan

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Introduction

The Lord began today's message by saying, "To gain in Me, you must walk in Me." But what does it mean to gain and walk in Him? If you look these two lines of thought up in the dictionary you would find this:

Gain:

- to improve, make progress, advance
- to get nearer as in pursuit
- to get (something desired), especially as a result of one's efforts
- to acquire as an increase or addition
- to obtain as a profit

Walk:

- to move
- to advance or proceed by steps
- to follow a certain course or way of life

Therefore when the Lord says, "To gain in Me, you must walk in Me", He is in effect saying to make progress or advance in Him we must first move forward or follow a certain course of action or a certain way of life in order to make this progress. He then goes on to offer a few suggestions to enhance our possibilities of improvement in Him. And it is these suggestions that we will explore in greater detail in our lesson today.

When Paul wrote to the *faithful brethren in Colosse* He offered these words to them:

Colossians 1:9-12 *For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to*

His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.

Even though these words were meant for our brethren of long ago, they are still applicable for us today because we like them, we want to be *filled with the knowledge of His will*, we want to *walk worthy of the Lord* that we may **gain in Him**. Therefore let us move forward in this lesson exploring His message for today.

Focus

The first element of today's message comes in this:

You must eliminate distractions and keep your focus on Me. I must be at the forefront of your mind, your heart, and your soul.

Hence, we take our first step by learning to keep our focus on Him.

09/26/13 - **No condemnation - don't let it take your focus - I love you - don't forget that! - I have a job for you to do - no feelings of inferiority allowed - that is self and the enemy loves to use it to thwart God's purposes - My love supercedes all other - soak in My Love.**

09/26/13 - **Keep focused.**

09/28/13 - **Stay focused.**

09/29/13 - **Key focus. Listen listen listen. Hearing ears will hear.**

09/29/13 - **Still more growing and learning to do - stay close to Me - don't let cares of the world take your focus.**

09/30/13 - **Keep it real. Keep it focused on Me.**

09/30/13 - **Keep your mind focused on Me - stay close.**

10/01/13 - **Time is short, keep focus sharp.**

10/01/13 - **Focus, move forward, make more time for Me. You have to have the right focus. I must be at the center of your all. Meditate on this.**

Consequently, keeping the right focus is important. It's about making more time for Him. It's about listening and staying close. Basically, it's about keeping Him at the center of your all. The bible also teaches us about focus as well through verses like these:

Jeremiah 9:23-24 *Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, nor let the rich man glory in his riches; but let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me. That I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness n the earth. For in these I delight," says the Lord.*

Proverbs 16:3 *Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.*

Romans 12:2 *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

Hebrews 12:1-2 *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

These bible verses speak to us of the importance of keeping the Lord at the center of our hearts, minds and soul. They speak to us of understanding, commitment and discernment. They speak to us of looking to Jesus, of keeping our focus on Him. And what we will learn is that this is not just a simple philosophy of life; no it is a walk, it is a **certain course**, it is a **way of life** that we are to not only move forward in but we are to teach others of this way of life as well.

10/02/13 – **This is My day that I have made. Be grateful for another day. Look to serve Me and My plan. Prepare those I have already brought to you and those I will bring. Teach about the three spots, My boundaries, and protocols. Teach that they may know My ways, that they may know Me. Time continues to move on. There is not much left. Stay focused on the task at hand. Prepare the people I bring.**

Therefore keep your focus on the Lord, **eliminate distractions and keep Him at the center**; all the while remembering:

March 16th God Calling - My children, I am here beside you. Draw near in spirit to Me. Shut out the distractions of the world. I am your Life, the very breath of your soul. Learn what it is to shut yourself in the secret place of your being, which is My secret place too.

True it is, I wait in many a heart, but so few retire into that inner place of the being to commune with Me. Wherever the soul is, I am. Man has rarely understood this. I am actually at the center of every man's being, but, distracted with the things of the sense-life, he finds Me not.

Do you realize that I am telling you truths, revealing them, not repeating oft-told facts. Meditate on all I say. Ponder it. Not to draw your own conclusions, but to absorb Mine.

The Lord is waiting for each one of us. He is waiting for us to turn to Him. He is waiting not only for me but for you to join Him as well at the center of **your mind, your heart, and your soul**. He is waiting. Can we keep our focus on Him?

My Word

In today's message the Lord is teaching us about the various elements involved in a closer walk with Him. The first element we discussed was that of eliminating distractions. We learned how this is closely tied to keeping our focus on Him. In this section we will discover the importance of His word and the value of spending time in it. This message was delivered to us through these words:

You keep the connection tight by spending time with Me in My word. Whether it is the word I gave you through the bible or the word I gave you in your meeting of yesterday. Just keep in My word.

What the Lord is reiterating here is that, time spent in the study, review or meditation of His word, this is time well spent. It is well spent because there is value and power in His words as related thusly.

09/25/13 - **Hear My every word.**

09/26/13 – **Spirit words absorb, spiritual nourishment for My sheep, take eat, for your learning. My words Power, not your doing, take and eat.**

09/28/13 - **Keep learning My Ways and listening to My Words.**

09/29/13 - **My words, Spirit words.** They consume and restrict all things. Power given in each word. Power created in each word that I created. Read and understand the hidden power. I will bring forth understanding. Know and obey.

09/29/13 - **Place My words near you. Read. Study. My words are life.**

09/29/13 - **Allow Me to speak to you through My words.**

From what the Lord revealed in the passages above, it seems that, words not only have power and value but they also have spirit. They are life. They teach us His ways and they nourish us. Essentially they are a platform from which the Lord communicates to His children and as such they help us to **gain in Him**.

When the bible teaches of His word it says this:

Psalm 119:105 *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

Isaiah 55:11 *“So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”*

Jeremiah 23:29 *“Is not my word like fire, declares the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”*

Romans 15:4 *For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.*

2 Timothy 3:16 *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.*

Hence the Lord's words guide and teach. They are a purifying fire that give hope. Therefore we should:

January 6th God Calling – Never neglect these times, pray and read your Bible and train and discipline yourself. That is your work.

Yes, this is our work but more than that this is an important element of our walk with Him. It is important because the enemy is always out there waiting for an opportunity to attack or distract but what we will find is that the Lord's word is a part of our defense against the enemy:

09/25/13 – **Shield yourself from the enemy with Me and My word.**

Ephesians 6:10-18 *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, for we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and **the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God**; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints--*

And remember when Jesus had fasted for forty days and forty nights in the wilderness, remember how Satan had come to him to tempt him by telling him to turn stones into bread. Jesus then answered him with this:

"It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

Therefore Jesus knew the importance, the reliability, the power, the sense of connection that comes from spending time in the Lord's word. He knew this, He spoke this, and He lived this and we should follow His example and do the same. This is the second element we are to move forward in, in order **To gain** and **walk in** Him.

The Physical and the Spiritual

Thus far we have talked about the benefits of eliminating distractions, keeping our focus on Him, and that of keeping our connection with Him tight by spending time with Him in the study, review and meditation of His word. The third element we will talk about here is the Lord's omnipresence and omnipotence. We will learn about this as a byproduct of learning how He joins the physical with the spiritual realms. What we will come to understand is that He has created a connection between the two realms that He has made evident through several examples in the bible. For example,

Ezekiel 4:1-7 *"You also, son of man, take a clay tablet and lay it before you, and portray on it a city, Jerusalem. Lay siege against it, build a siege wall against it, and heap up a mound against it; set camps against it also, and place battering rams against it all around. Moreover take for yourself an iron plate, and set it as an iron wall between you and the city. Set your face against it, and it shall be besieged, and you shall lay siege against it. This will be a sign to the house of Israel.*

"Lie also on your left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it. According to the number of the days that you lie on it, you shall bear their iniquity. For I have laid on you the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days; so you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Israel. And when you have completed them, lie again on your right side; then you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days. I have laid on you a day for each year. Therefore you shall set your face toward the siege of Jerusalem; your arm shall be uncovered, and you shall prophesy against it.

In this story you can see the connection that the Lord has established between the physical and the spiritual realms. For example the Lord had this man take an iron plate in the physical through which He then used this act to create a wall in the spiritual realm. This story clearly illustrates how actions in the physical realm can affect what happens in the spiritual realm. This is the connection that the Lord spoke of when He said, **"you must learn to see the connection between the physical and the spiritual"**.

A second example of this connection can be seen in the story of the destruction of Jericho (Joshua 6:1-27). In this story the Lord had men march around the city once each day for six days. They were instructed not to utter a sound. But on the seventh day the Lord had them march around the city seven times and then on this day when the priests blew the trumpets, the people shouted and the walls fell down.

Joshua 6:15-16 *But it came to pass on the seventh day that they rose early, about the dawning of the day, and marched around the city seven times in the same manner. On that day only they marched around the city seven times. And the seventh time it happened, when the priests blew the trumpets, that Joshua said to the people: "Shout, for the Lord has given you the city!"*

In this story the connection between acts walked out in the physical that go on to move in the spiritual realm were seen once again. The connection is real. The Lord will move us in the physical in order to affect the spiritual. This connection between the two realms becomes particularly important to us when it is walked out during the giving of our confession of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 10:32 *“Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven.”*

Conversely, the denying of Christ in the physical will affect the spiritual as well:

Matthew 10:33 *“But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.”*

Through these words you can see Jesus teaching us of the connection between the physical and the spiritual. In today’s message this connection is spoken of again:

And then learn to see evidences of My presence in the world around you. We have spoken before of signs and no coincidences, of the wonder of creation but now you must learn to see the connection between the physical and the spiritual.

Through this connection we can see the omnipresence of the Lord (Both in the Physical and the Spiritual Realm).

Psalm 139:7-10 *Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.*

Proverbs 15:3 *The eyes of the Lord are in every place.*

Jeremiah 16:17 *“For My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from My face, nor is their iniquity hidden from My eyes.*

Through this connection we can see the omnipotence of the Lord (Both in the Physical and the Spiritual Realm).

Job 42:2 *“I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.”*

Matthew 19:26 *But Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”*

Luke 1:37 *“For nothing will be impossible with God.”*

This connection is real and each day we should be aware of its workings in our life.

07/11/13 - Look and see the unseen. Each day look for your God Jesus in all. Observant will see. Diligent will find the hidden treasure of each day. Walk in all faith of your God Jesus. Do not doubt. Faith power hand in hand. Connection see. Use ability given. Walk in all faith of your God Jesus.

08/28/13 - Each connection established has purpose. Impartation. Much has been imparted to many. Assembly required. Limit not. You God Jesus perfect assembly. I AM building truth in each. Each must accept truth to dispel darkness. Many are willing many hesitate. Delay is

hesitation. Hesitate not. Forward always forward. Victory marching forward. All parts able. The great assembly of your God Jesus. I will instruct each. Guidance clear will be given each. Follow all precisely.

09/01/13 - Revelations coming forth / My power / My Spirit / My mysteries / It shall be completed. I saw a pathway straight ahead of me that was transparent and had all different colors shinning in it. I kept going up above this pathway and below it looking at both sides of the pathway. I then saw the word "Transparent," This pathway was heading straight into a big circle of light. I saw the words "My light" and I saw myself heading down this pathway on my stomach and I was laying on something. Then I saw the words "Connection," "Yes," "You," Then I saw the word "Study".

09/29/13 - Read, talk, review all you were taught. Meditate on the unseen connection between the physical and the spiritual. And then connect spiritual to spiritual. Read and discover. Allow Me to speak to you through My words.

There is nothing impossible for the Lord. He can make an iron plate in the physical become an iron wall in the spiritual. He made the walls of Jericho fall in the physical through His connection in the spiritual. But most importantly confessions made in the physical, these are proclaimed in the spiritual and eternal salvation is brought forth. The **unseen connection** is real and we have been told to **Meditate on the unseen connection between the physical and the spiritual** in this He will be well pleased, in this we will **gain** in Him.

But it should also be noted here that none of this could have taken place if the instruction of the Lord had not been followed out. Obedience is required for the connection to be made. If the iron plate had not been taken, if the men at Jericho would have talked when they were told not to, if we do not make a public confession, basically, if we are disobedient, then the Lord cannot move in the spiritual as He would like to. Therefore obedience unto the Lord's direction is a must. There can be no other way.

Learn to Recognize

The next element of walking in the Lord that we will discuss comes through these words:

See Me and My handiwork, My plan, My precision, the intricate web that is being woven all around you. In other words learn to recognize the great I AM in life itself, for the very air you breath is a part of Me.

These words, I believe, encourage us to be observant of all that happens around us. They encourage us to observe His creation. They encourage us to see His timing and His attention to detail. In the bible several psalms speak on this:

Psalm 19:1- *The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun, which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoices like a strong man to run its race. Its rising is from one end of heaven, and its circuit to the other end; and there is nothing hidden from its heat.*

Psalm 33:11 *The counsel of the Lord stands forever, The plans of His heart to all generations.*

And in:

Deuteronomy 32:3-4 For I proclaim the name of the LORD: Ascribe greatness to our God. He is the Rock, His work is perfect; for all His ways are justice, a God of truth and without injustice; righteous and upright is He.

The greatness of the Lord is all around us, His attention to detail, His handiwork, His precision can be seen all around us. Therefore His plans are evident. And of His plans He has said this:

- 09/16/13 - Keep your mind focused on Me and My plans do not be concerned with things of the world.
- 09/17/13 - Our time is planned; listen for Me; watch for Me; remember it's My schedule, My agenda; take no steps without My instructions; timing crucial; My time frame; stress not; I don't.
- 09/17/13 - You each have a place in My plan.
- 09/21/13 - Know what has been spoken is truth, My truth, Forever it reigns. I have shown you My plans. I will reveal more as we go. Know this.
- 09/24/13 - Prepare, prepare, prepare. My Plan is coming forth. It is in motion. I AM with you.
- 09/24/13 - Remember My purposes, My plan, My plan is supreme.
- 09/26/13 - Plans being fulfilled daily.
- 09/30/13 - Don't forget all things are part of My plan.
- 10/02/13 - My plans for you shall be completed and the work I have called you to do. Trust in Me, I am with you.
- 10/02/13 - My plan in place.
- 10/02/13 - My ways are perfect / stand with Me.

The bible teaches us in **Proverbs 3:5** that we are to *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding*. And then it goes on to say *In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths*. He directs us towards the plan He has made for each one of us individually. His plan is supreme and we each have a place in His plan. There is an intricate web that is being woven all around each and every one of us. We are all a part of it. For our God is a God of detail.

- 09/10/13 - Keep your eyes fixed on Me. Understand My Presence in your life. Understand My Wisdom, My works, the very fact that I AM operating, at work in the events, that surround you. For remember the very hairs of your head are counted. In other words. I'M into small details.
- 09/12/13 - Follow the instructions; details; detail by detail; go about My business.
- 09/12/13 - You are loved worry not about what will be I am in control. Every detail is worked out to perfection, you need only trust Me.
- 09/14/13 - My precious ones; hone in; watch, watch, watch; be in tune; with what I'm doing; every minute detail; all vital just as each of you is vital.
- 09/14/13 - Your God Jesus agenda on stage. Detailed guidance being given.
- 09/15/13 - You must listen to what I say, Let Me focus on the details, Decisions made will reflect outcomes.
- 09/23/13 - Relax in Me; I am your King; My Glory upon you; fear not; tend My business; enjoy as needed; follow My lead; propel forward; exasperate not; work My field; all facets; detail, detail; hone in.

Therefore once we grow in this understanding, that God is in all the details, then the easier it is for us to move forward or gain in Him because we understand at this point that nothing has been left to chance. God is in charge of all, His handiwork, His plan, His precision. It is all evident. All you have to do is just look at the details and you can see Him.

Grow in Me

The last element that the Lord brought forth in today's message is that of growth. He said it like this:

That is all for now, go in peace and grow, grow, grow in Me.

But He has also spoken of growth in additional messages as well:

09/12/13 - Grow in wisdom and knowledge daily / My guidance and instruction is here for you always.

09/23/13 - Grow in power, grow in strength.

09/24/13 - I will be always with you. Live and grow in Me. Be aware. Be alert. Listen.

09/28/13 - Continue to grow in the wisdom and knowledge of your God Jesus.

Essentially, what I believe He is saying here is: Okay, I have delivered the message to you, now you need to apply it to your life. Now's the time to eliminate distractions, now's the time to focus on Him, now's the time to study His word, now's the time to be obedient so that the connection between the physical and spiritual realms will proceed as planned, now's the time to recognize His presence in our lives and move forward in this relationship and now's the time to recognize that we can be one with Him, now's the time to grow in Him. The Lord said it like this in the:

October 5th God Calling Eventide - One with the God of Creation.

One with the Jesus of Calvary.

One with the Risen Christ.

One with His Spirit operating in every corner of the Universe, energizing, renewing, controlling, all-powerful.

Could man ask more? Could thought rise higher?

The Lord our God He is operating in every corner of the Universe. He is into all the minute, little details that are going on all around us. Could man ask more? I don't think so therefore if we want to gain in Him, then we have to walk or proceed in the steps that He has lined out for us. In other words we have to apply His teachings to our lives. He has said it like this:

08/04/13 - Apply knowledge.

08/06/13 - Apply what you have been taught. Apply these principles. Walk in these. In this I will be well pleased.

10/02/13 - Delay not. With use comes experience. Forward marching victory. Ability given use.

10/02/13 - Willingness is a perfect offering.

Summation

In today's lesson the Lord discussed moving forward in Him by applying all that He has taught us. He delivered this message through these words:

"To gain in Me, you must walk in Me. You must eliminate distractions and keep your focus on Me. I must be at the forefront of your mind, your heart, and your soul. You keep the connection tight by spending time with Me in My word. Whether it is the word I gave you through the bible or the word I gave you in your meeting of yesterday. Just keep in My word. And then learn to see evidences of My presence in the world around you. We have spoken

before of signs and no coincidences, of the wonder of creation but now you must learn to see the connection between the physical and the spiritual. See Me and My handiwork, My plan, My precision, the intricate web that is being woven all around you. In other words learn to recognize the great I AM in life itself, for the very air you breath is a part of Me. That is all for now, go in peace and grow, grow, grow in Me.”

Through this lesson we learned of the importance of maintaining our focus on the Lord. We learned the importance of spending time with Him through His word. We learned of the connection that occurs between the physical and the spiritual and the importance of obedience in the working of this connection. The Lord reminded us of the fact that evidences of Him are all around us in all the small, minute details of life, basically, that there is no denying the part, the plan that He has for each one of us. Therefore, we came to see the intricate web of life that He has woven for each one of us but what we ultimately came to understand is that in order To gain in Him, we must first walk in Him or in other words we must Apply what we have been taught. Apply these principles. Walk in these. And in this we will all be well pleased.

Now therefore, go in peace and grow, grow, grow in Him.

And may the Lord Bless you in this,
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