

GODLY PATTERNS

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Worship

- The rivers of revival break forth
- We are dancing in the river
- Thank God this morning, You are worthy
- Worship Him in Spirit and in truth
- Sickness is not of God
- We renounce the power of the enemy
- Full restoration will take place in every sick person's life

Word

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 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. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith, if service, in our serving, the one who teaches, in his teaching, the one who exhorts, in his exhortation, the one who contributes, in generosity, the one who leads, with zeal, the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

- Do not conform to the patterns of the world
- We need to live on principles modelled by Jesus
- When a builder builds they follow a blue print and a baker follows a recipe
- There is a specific pattern that needs to be followed for a specific outcome
- We use patterns every day of our lives
- There are certain principles that we live by
- God gave Moses a specific pattern of how to build the tabernacle

Exodus 25:40

And see that you make them after the pattern for them, which is being shown you on the mountain.

Leviticus 10:1-2

Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it and laid incense on it and offered unauthorized fire before the Lord, which he had not commanded them. And fire came out from before the Lord and consumed them and they died before the Lord.

- God also gave David specific patterns on how to build the permanent tabernacle
- We need to honour God in the patterns we have. God wants us to build according to His pattern
- God has given us principles in our lives formed on Jesus as the example
- God gave the laws due to the fact that He took the people out of Egypt but Egypt was still in the people. God wants to get the past out of you
- You are living in this world but we are not of this world. Do not conform to the things of the world
- We need to come back to the place of honouring God with our lives
- Principles and patterns are there for our own benefit
- Jesus has set the example for us in how to live a life of principles

Matthew 7:21

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

- Jesus came to reinforce the principles that God wanted for us
- We have been called by God
- God is the provider and we need to follow His order
- We cannot live for God and not follow His principles
- We cannot ignore the principles that God has given us

2 Timothy 1:13

Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:17

Brothers, join in imitating me and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.

2 Thessalonians 3:9

It was not because we do not have that right but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

3 Reasons why we ignore God’s principles

- We do not know the laws and principles because we do not read the Bible
- We are many times ignorant of the principles thinking for example that we live in a time of grace and therefore we can continue to sin and do wrong
- We reject the principles – it is above comprehension

- There is a conflict on the inside of us – The flesh and the spirit constantly collides
- The principles are above our ways of thinking and that is because God’s thinking is above our thinking
- Jesus has sacrificed for you, why can we not serve and sacrifice for others
- Principles are not an outward thing
- We are many times fake in our conduct
- The things that Jesus demonstrated was because of the fact that the principles was part of Him, it was not something that He just did
- You need to bring your life as a holy sacrifice before the Lord
- Jesus paid the ultimate price for us
- God’s standard is higher, we cannot do it by ourselves
- It is not always going to be easy
- Discipline yourself
- God is challenging us not to miss what God wants to give us
- God wants to do an internal work in your life
- Something is going to change, change something in your life
- Do not conform to the patterns of this world
- The church has become immune to the words: next level, increase, change, etc....
- Increase is a verb it is something you have to do, pull out the things in your life that is negative
- Confront comfort in your life

- Position yourself for what God wants to do
- The enemy is a big bully, don't allow the enemy to bully you anymore
- We need to be accountable. We cannot compromise in our lives
- There are principles in everything in your life
- We need to follow a Godly pattern
- The enemy is like a roaring lion looking who he can devour
- If you are busy with the wrong principles in your life you will get a negative outcome
- You need to follow Godly principles, it will bring success in your life
- It is about the attitude of your heart
- God has placed a gift on your life

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit and there are varieties of service but the same Lord and there are varieties of activities but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

Ephesians 4:8-12

Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives and he gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,

- We all are the body of Christ, we have different functions in the body
- For the church to make an impact we need to know what our gifting is, develop the gift, live out your gifting
- God wants to lift us up
- We need to understand the principles, we need the relationship with the Holy Spirit
- We need to be open to the Holy Spirit to move us so that we can hear the Holy Spirit
- Power begins to come into your life when you are connected to the Holy Spirit
- Find a principle and begin to live it out
- The Holy Spirit can become your conscious
- There are more gifts that we are not aware of in our lives
- We need to take action to discover our gifts that we have not stepped into, for example healing or evangelism
- We need to address the things in our lives that are not taking us forward
- What is your gifting and how are you living it out?