

John 219 “Slow Down And Take A Deep Breath” Part 1 John 14:7-10

Jeremiah 9:23-24 This is what the Lord says: Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know Me, that I am the Lord, Who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight, declares the Lord.

The disciples will learn that it is more important on earth to spiritually hear and heed the Lord Jesus Christ rather than to see Him physically .

The gift of pastor-teacher is graciously provided by God for the building up or edification of the body of Christ.

The ideal situation in the local church is maximum preparation from the pastor and a positive response of maximum concentration from the congregation with an emphasis on accuracy under the filling of the Holy Spirit for both.

Since Jesus has been lecturing on the subject of “seeing” the Father, it’s not surprising that Philip is neither happy nor satisfied because he’s been sitting and listening but not learning.

God’s plan is not simply a one-time experience producing happiness and satisfaction; it’s the daily intake of the mind of Christ.

When believers are hindered by scar tissue of the soul, the process of learning slows and any growth must be produced by high pressure situations.

When we are passively or actively negative toward biblical truth, it’s very easy to become distracted.

Biblical truth in the soul ensures self-discipline which is required for concentration and these will give Philip what he’s been seeking: true happiness and a relaxed satisfaction in his life.

The key to happiness and satisfaction is first, consistently being instructed in biblical truth under the filling of the Holy Spirit and then with this prior preparation, handling any and every situation in life with the mind of Christ.

The Lord Jesus has been force-feeding Philip for three years with little spiritual growth resulting.

Jesus Christ has been constantly teaching Bible doctrine and that doctrine reveals the Father.

Without the Word of God in our frame of reference, we don’t know what we don’t know!

When a believer drifts away from his focus on his main objective, the only way to get back on course is to immediately return to square one.

We cannot see God with our physical eyes but we can see Him with our spiritual eyes as we process His truth His way.