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**The most powerful asset is the ability that we have to fellowship with the Three members of the Trinity.**

**JOH 2:1-5, And on the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. And Jesus also was invited, and His disciples, to the wedding. And when the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what do I have to do with you? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."**

We continue with the next part of this first miracle where our Lord begins to get involved with the details of JOH 2:6.

**JOH 2:6-12, Now there were six stone waterpots set there for the Jewish custom of purification, containing twenty or thirty gallons each. Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim. And He said to them, "Draw some out now, and take it to the headwaiter." And they took it to him. And when the headwaiter tasted the water which had become wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter \*called the bridegroom, and said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first, and when men have drunk freely, then that which is poorer; you have kept the good wine until now." This beginning of His signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.**

This week we noted some principles behind some very important doctrines that we all need to perceive, metabolize and apply as far as living the spiritual life is concerned. Where the natural becomes the supernatural or the ordinary becomes extraordinary. However, some will continue to be critical and judgmental. Sadly, that is the eulogy of a lot of believers who do nothing to glorify the LORD because the Christian way of life is a super-natural way of life and demands a super-natural means of execution.

Well, what are those super-natural means that demand super-natural assets? The Word of God reveals to us the power of God, the fellowship we can have with each member of the Trinity, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. And never forget this statement: **The most powerful asset is the ability that we have to fellowship with the Three members of the Trinity.**

Notice that anyone of you can have fellowship with any member of the Trinity:

1. God the Holy Spirit; 2CO 13:14.
2. God the Father; EPH 3:14-21.
3. God the Son; 1CO 1:9.

**1. We can have fellowship with the Holy Spirit; 2CO 13:14, The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.**

2. We can have fellowship with God the Father, not just praying to Him, but also having fellowship with Him, or conversation with Him, especially during the Church-age; EPH 3:14-21.

**EPH 3:14-21, For this reason, I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven [the Royal Family in Heaven above] and on earth [alive now] derives its name, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man. So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; {and} that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fulness of God. Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him {be} the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.**

3. We can have fellowship with God the Son, 1CO 1:9, PHI 2:5.

**1CO 1:9, God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Remember that there is a difference between fellowship and prayer. The most important principle is the filling of the Spirit.

### **What is the Fellowship that Counts?**

1. The personal love for God the Father and occupation with Christ results in God emphasis taking precedence over people emphasis in your life.
2. This also reveals the principle of God emphasis preceding people emphasis or people relationship before the believer can ever become an invisible hero.
3. No one ever becomes an invisible hero and a winner in the protocol plan of God until God emphasis takes precedence over people emphasis. This sounds simple but it isn't, because people are visible and God is invisible.
4. You cannot grow spiritually or execute the PPOG through Christian fellowship, i.e., social life with Christians.
5. Fellowship with God is infinitely more important than fellowship or social life with people.
6. Therefore, God emphasis must take priority over people emphasis in the function of the PPOG.
7. Wrong experience with God results in wrong experience with people.
8. Wrong fellowship or relationship with God results in wrong fellowship or relationship with people.
9. If you are believer in Jesus Christ, the plan of God for you calls for God to be your #1 priority over people.
10. If God is not your #1 priority, then Bible doctrine, which explains invisible God, is not your #1 priority. Once again, right fellowship or relationship with God results in right fellowship or relationship with people.

Now, God is invisible and God cannot be seen, touched, tasted, heard, hugged, or kissed. Therefore, any fellowship or relationship with God is an invisible relationship or fellowship. It is invisible, based

upon the content of thinking in your right lobe. Relationship with God is an invisible relationship; therefore, it depends upon your ability to learn understand and apply Bible doctrine under the ministry of God the Holy Spirit. Relationship with people is visible; therefore, you either respond or react.

Since God is not visible, we can respond to Him or react or react to God on the basis of Bible doctrine and nothing else, including Christian fellowship. This is in contrast to people who are visible. Fellowship with people is obviously a visible relationship, as social life in general and as a love life with a few.

### **Some Disadvantages to Christian fellowship.**

Christian fellowship can cause the establishment of wrong priorities through interaction with confused believers, a case of the weak controlling the strong. Christian fellowship is a distraction from Bible doctrine through preoccupation with friendship or romance.

Christian fellowship becomes the basis for the acquisition of legalism through association with legalists.

Christian fellowship becomes the basis for involvement in antinomianism through association with promiscuous believers.

Some use Christian fellowship to pacify their loneliness without ever solving the problem of loneliness.

Some use Christian fellowship as a dating bureau and marriage pool.

Christian fellowship can lead to acquiring erroneous views of Bible doctrine.

**2TI 3:2-7, "For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, implacable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, reckless, treacherous, conceited, haters of good, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding to a form of godliness although they have denied its power; avoid such persons as these. For among them are those who creep into households and captivate silly women weighed down with sins [arrogance complex], led on by ever-changing caprice, always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."**

If you have fellowship with Christians who have their eyes on self, you will quickly get your eyes on yourself especially because arrogance cannot learn doctrine.

If you love money, materialism, or the things of this world, you are so preoccupied with things that you cannot learn doctrine.

If you boast about yourself and your money and things, you are arrogant and not occupied with Christ.

If you are arrogant, you will malign other people and you will be a gossip who judges Jews and Christians rather than serve the Lord Jesus Christ. This all starts with rejection of authority as when the individual Arabs were known to be disobedient to their parents. This is also when the Arabs who lacked capacity for life began to be jealous because they thought that the Jews were claiming that they were the “chosen race” and the “superior race” of their day.

The main principle is that the Jews were the chosen race in the Old Testament but they could convert to Judaism anytime they desired to. The Arabs were concentrating on the natural race but not the spiritual race and they coveted what the Jews could have if they accepted that the Arabs were a chosen race and a holy nation. In fact, they had the opportunity to convert to Judaism but they chose to be the nations that were set before them. In fact, the Arabs were the ones who were not content to be what the Jewish parents taught their children to be concerning the difference between what the Jews and all the gentiles. The Arabs were involved in trying to be what the Lord desired for them to become but they were not able to nor will they ever become a super-race.

They were very brutal to their own people and brutality does not always express itself in violence, but also in the vicious use of the tongue in slander, gossip, and maligning. There is nothing wrong with pleasure providing blessings for believers that come from the godliness that glorifies the Lord. But when it takes precedence over your love for God, you will never reach spiritual adulthood and never have the pleasure of being occupied with Christ. Obviously, fellowship with these categories of Christians would be detrimental to the spiritual life of the believer. On the other hand, Christian fellowship can be wonderful.

Whether fellowship is detrimental or wonderful does not depend upon the fellowship as such, but upon your ability for believers to discern virtue and integrity that comes from the justice and the righteousness of God. This is when the fellowship one has but upon the ability to discern graciousness and virtue wherever it is. Neither legalism nor lasciviousness are virtuous. If you do not put God first, your relationship with people in any periphery will be a mess and will have no spiritual significance.

If you have fellowship with positive believers who have virtue, integrity, and who recognize the privacy of your priesthood, you can have a wonderful relationship with others where you will make some of the greatest friendships in this life. On the other hand, the advantage to such friendships is that you are not depending on them; you're depending on the Lord. When you are not depending on people and still have relationships with them, then you are in spiritual self-esteem. As a result, you never feel threatened by them.

Then you don't get upset when they turn nasty and sarcastic and turn sour, because you are depending on the Lord, and your fellowship with the Lord takes care of that. So, if you enter into Christian fellowship with unrealistic expectation, you will never grow in grace. Christian fellowship is nice to have if there is no legalism, antinomianism, or apostasy. However, Christian fellowship cannot advance the believer in God's plan, purpose, or will for his life.

So, if you get your encouragement from people, it's all wrong. Your encouragement must come from inside of you. So, if you get together with people in order to gain their approbation, to get something from them, or to be admired by them, you will be mixed-up for the rest of your life. But if you have a fantastic and wonderful relationship with God, you can have fantastic happiness and blessing either in the company of other people or without the company of other people.

Social life can be a very refreshing interlude, as it was designed to be under the right circumstances.

Christian fellowship is social life with Christians. However, Christian fellowship cannot replace reception of Bible doctrine, fulfill the protocol plan, or glorify God. Christian fellowship can only provide unrealistic expectation and role model arrogance so that your life becomes one of intensive competition and no relaxation. If God doesn't provide it, you don't need it.

What is the most important principle that the Lord wants us to be occupied with? Well, the Lord wants all His followers to realize and believe and apply the operational will of God which refers to how the Lord wants us to operate or function concerning the Word of God which guides and directs us to what the Lord wants us to do. Now, because this is true, our Lord desires the believer to be filled with the Spirit, through PMA of Bible doctrine. He also desires us to build a soul structure or what some call it an edification complex in the soul which is based upon the mystery doctrine of the Church-age.

As an edification, we have our foundation which is built upon the Lord Jesus Christ, which are rules built upon a foundation who is Christ, and we have a first floor, a second floor, a third floor, etc. which is being finished and established as our spiritual soul. This means you have a soul which is structured according to divine viewpoint which doctrine builds within the believer's soul so that the believer is able to worship the Lord as the Lord desires by means of the Spirit and the truth.

In the times in which we live we need to understand the divine assets that are given to us as the material used to build a soul structure in the soul so that we know the will of God and how to operate and function with the divine assets that the Holy Spirit gives to us at salvation. All the divine assets are given by the grace of God for every believer. There is only One who truly cares and the last thing that some of us need is to be around with are those who drag us down with their negativity. In fact, A lot of believers have enough problems with their own ability to handle certain situations in life and so the last thing they need is to be around others who are negative as well.

There is so much garbage in the human race that is being fed to us daily by the lies of the Cosmic System that come from the god of this world, Satan, so we need to make sure we are being cleansed by the Word of God. Stay away from those who do not honor or esteem the Word of God. Those who think in the negative realm will only drag you down to their level of negativity. They live as they think in the negative realm where they exist as loser believers who are pessimists.