

Team Spirit

(Ro 8:14-17) ¹⁴For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

How does God Train His Children?

(Ga 3:23-26) ²³But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. ²⁶For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

First Rules, then Freedom - Controlled vs Self Control (ex: programs)

We must Learn to Handle Freedom. (Responsibility is Scary)

Security of Rules/Sovereignty Excuse - Joint Heirs/King Priests (1 Pe 2:9, Rev 1:6, 5:10)

Led by the Spirit is more like Sailing than following instructions/map.

(Jn 3:7-8) ⁷“Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’” ⁸“The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Partnership with His Wind

Purpose of Freedom = Partnership

(2Co 3:17-18) ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. ¹⁸But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Transformed into Ambassadors (not just messengers 2 Cor 5:18-20)

Resources (Joint Heirs 2 Pe 1:3-4), Authority (Ambassadors)

Learning Jesus (Ex 34:6 Glory) to properly use our Freedom

How does God want us to use our Freedom?

Availability to Him (Holiness 2 Tim 2:3-4)

(1Co 6:12) ¹²All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

(1Pe 2:16) ¹⁶as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God.

(Ga 5:1) ¹Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

Service to others (Purpose of Resources, Authority)

(Phl 2:4-7) ⁴Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. ⁵Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

(1Co 10:23-24) ²³All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful; all things are lawful for me, but not all things edify. ²⁴Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's well-being.

(Ga 5:13) For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Team Hearing - Ex: youth retreats

two by two (12 Mk 6:7, 70 Lk 10:1)

(1Co 14:29) Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others judge.

(Pr 18:1-2) ¹A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; he rages against all wise judgment. ²A fool has no delight in understanding, but in expressing his own heart.

Prediction: Team Ministry as Church Matures in being Led by the Spirit

(Ep 4:15-16) ¹⁵but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

Connection to Anointed One (Spirit) includes Connection to Body

Maturity: from Comparison (2 Cor 10:12) to Confidence (Philemon 6)

ex: marriage - opposites (spiritual & practical)

know who we are and what we bring to the team

Homework: Team Up and Listen for God