

Three D's of Receiving in the Kingdom

Hebrews 12:28

Introduction:

- Today is our BACK-TO-SCHOOL service
- We are going to be praying for every student and faculty member. We have a special gift for all students.
- When I think about the start of the school year, I think about the start of the football season. I really enjoy football.
- The most important aspect in football is having a good quarterback (the thrower) and a wide receiver (the catcher.)
- If that relationship is good, then the football team will have an easier time scoring.
- Peyton Manning (Indianapolis Colts) said that the best advice he had ever received was to become a good friend with his wide receiver (Marvin Harris.) They have been successful.
- In **Hebrews 12:28**, Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom, which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. we are receiving (it's a process of taking in) the Kingdom.
 - We need to see ourselves as a receiver.
 - No matter how good the quarterback is if the receiver can not catch the football they will not score.
 - No matter how good the promises of God are (salvation, healing, deliverance, provision, destiny, wisdom, protection, righteousness, etc.) if we don't catch (receive) it, we never score.

Interrogative: What makes a person a good receiver in the Kingdom of God?

Transitional: The following 3 D's are attributes make a person a good receiver.

I. Desire

- A. **John 5:6** When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" - Wilt thou be made whole?
- B. **James 4:7-8** 7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.- Draw nigh to God
- C. Three desires:
 1. Of the heart
 - **I Corinthians 2:14-16** 14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. 16 For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.;
 - **Romans 7:22** For I endorse and delight in the Law of God in my inmost self [with my new nature].)
 2. Of the mind (
 - **II Timothy 1:7** For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.;

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- **Ephesians 2:3**...among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.;
 - **Romans 12:1-31** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. 3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.
3. Of the body
- **Galatians 5:16** I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.;
 - **Hebrews 5:13-14** 13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. 14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.)
- D. Walking on the Word will bring these three desires into agreement.

II. **Decision (James 1:5-8)** If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.; **Deuteronomy 30:19** I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live...)

- A. **Daniel 1:8** But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.- **He purposed in his heart not to eat the king's meat.**
- B. Two levels of decision - the first step in acting on the Word (**James 1:22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.**)
- 1. General
 - a. To live in love
 - b. To live by faith
 - c. To put the Word first place
 - 2. Specific
 - a. To be healed now, etc.
 - b. To fast
- C. Decisions of quality become the bits in our mouths (**James 3:3 Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body.**)

III. Determination

- A. **Mark 5:35** While He was still speaking, some came from the ruler of the synagogue's house who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" - Jairus did not open his mouth again.
- B. Determine to reach for God's best

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- C. Mary made the decision to receive (**Luke 10:38-42** **38** Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. **39** And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. **40** But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." **41** And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. **42** "But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.")
- D. Abraham made the decision to receive.

Conclusion:

- **Isaiah 30:18 AMP** And therefore the Lord [earnestly] waits [expecting, looking, and longing] to be gracious to you; and therefore He lifts Himself up, that He may have mercy on you and show loving-kindness to you. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) are all those who [earnestly] wait for Him, who expect and look and long for Him [for His victory, His favor, His love, His peace, His joy, and His matchless, unbroken companionship]! - God is looking for a good receivers.
 - To be a good receiver:
 1. Have a desire
 2. Make a decision
 3. Be determined
 - Altar call:
 1. Salvation
 2. Confession: I declare that I will desire the things God has promised. I make a decision to receive from God. I will be determined and not be denied.
- If you are a student, teacher or any faculty members, come forward.

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