

# **YOU NEED THE HOLY GHOST**

*“Discerning the Self-Appointed Spirit”*

*Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; (Titus 3:5)*

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**Discern:** <sup>1</sup> to detect with the eyes b: to detect with senses other than vision <sup>2</sup> to recognize or identify as separate and distinct: discriminate <sup>3</sup> to come to know or recognize mentally: to see or understand the difference.

The scripture says in Acts 1:8, “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

Although the Holy Spirit comes and makes us witnesses of the glorious power of God, it also works supernaturally in us, giving us the ability to discern. It is by the Holy Spirit that we operate in all the fruit and gifts of the spirit, whether it’s laying on of hands, speaking in tongues, or gifts, all of these works are fueled and energized by the power of the Holy Ghost. Lately, I’ve been ministering around the nation, and outside of the country to thousands of waiting congregations who have heard of the ministry of deliverance that God placed in me over 23 years ago. I am now seeing a depth and a maturity and in my spirit there is a resident anointing that lives within me. With it has come revelation and revelatorial knowledge. I’ve been extremely insightful into the area of being able to see spirits and how they operate, which brings me to this lesson topic tonight on the appointing of oneself in the body of Christ.

Tonight I want us to look at Revelation chapter number two, beginning at verse 18. The scripture teaches us that there is a church called Thyatira (Thyati’ra). God writes to the angel of that particular church and warns them that He is seeing with eyes of flame and He is walking with feet of polished brass. So He has tremendous insight into what He is seeing—standing with firm feet on the foundation of what he is speaking. He anoints and elevates the church by testifying that he knows their work...

1. That they are charitable
2. That they are full of service
3. That they have faith
4. They have patience
5. They have good works
6. They have increased in their works because their last is better than their first

In verse number 20 he says, “Notwithstanding I have a few things against you, because thou suffered a woman...” The word “suffered” in this instance means they *tolerated* a woman, Jezebel, who “callest herself a prophetess.” In other words, they tolerated a woman who was a self-appointed prophet, who taught His servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. He explains to the church that He had given her space to repent and she would not repent of her fornication and her seduction. “Therefore,” He goes on to say in verse number 23, “those who continue to follow her will be cast in the bed of fornication with her and will go into great tribulation.” He says specifically, “And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that

I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.”

Tonight I want to speak on three primary principles of ministry:

1. The self-appointed five (apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers), and the sneaky six (ministries of helps)
2. The judgement and danger of appointing self
3. Exposing self appointed ministries

*Many times [people in position who drink authority] can't hold their liquor. As they first begin to grow tipsy with their new-found authority, these abusers succumb to the most natural inclination in the world—they want another drink! In short order, their priorities become disorganized, and they begin to focus on the kinds of things that will advance them in the eyes of the people over them. This self-centered focus (that's pride) is the same attitude that led Lucifer to rebel against God. By the time a person is this "drunk" on authority, they no longer care about the purpose for which they were given authority in the first place. Lucifer forgot all about leading in the worship of Jehovah. [Many times] an associate pastor will no longer truly care about the ministries he is in charge of. Whether he admits it (even to himself) or not, he will begin to serve himself at the expense of those under his authority. (Excerpt taken from upcoming book authored by Bishop George G. Bloomer entitled Authority Abusers; to be released July 17, 2002 by Whitaker House Publishing at the Christian Bookseller's Association).*

## Bishop's Notes:

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** *The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*

Revelation chapter two refers to Jezebel of Thyatira who subtly and seductively influenced others by way of deception. Many modern-day Jezebel's, both male and female exist today. Many times through the guise of the prophetic, the sheep are unknowingly led into idolatry through the pulpitering antics of zealous leadership.

This ungodly influence, however, is not limited to the pulpit, but flows into the congregation as well. It exists within prayer groups, secret meetings, home-based bible studies and so on.

### DISCERNING THE GIFT

Many in the body are often lured because they fail to realize that a person can operate in a specific gift without being placed by God in an authority position. God gives gifts to men and He is also the one who places authority figures in position. If a person has

spiritual discernment and operates in the gift of the prophet, but refuses to submit his or her gift to God, then the individual's motives are self-serving. Everyone who is gifted is not always ready to partake in a position of authority.

**Scripture References:** Numbers 12:1-2 (Miriam and Aaron talk against Moses)  
Numbers 12:1-8 (God rebukes them)

Although Aaron and Miriam were gifted, this did not excuse them from their wrongdoing—elevating themselves to know more than God about who He had chosen. Miriam and Aaron were gifted, but they were not in authority.

*Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.*

*For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.*

—**ROMANS 16:17-18**