

MAXIMIZING SEASONS OF YOUR LIFE PRT 4

- This morning, I want to do the last installment of our series **MAXIMIZING THE SEASONS OF YOUR LIFE PRT 4**.
- We are just a couple of days from the season of 2025 and I am excited to tell that there is a lot of good that the Lord has prepared for you.
- It is the will of God for our lives to graduate and grow in maturity over time. You must pray that you are rightly positioned to partake in all that God has in store for you.
- The Bible says, we are convinced of better things regarding you, things that accompany salvation.
- I believe that if you follow through with the principles highlighted in this series, you will not miss out on God's plan for your life.
- So far, we discovered that to maximize seasons in your life, you need to develop your faculties for spiritual perception.
- As long as you remain mature in discernment, you will miss out on heaven's program for you.
- We learnt that no one was born with spiritual perception but rather it is developed. To develop your discernment, we learn that you need the following:
 - 1. Master the art of waiting on the Lord in prayer.**
 - 2. Develop a meaningful relationship with the Holy Spirit.**
- All along, we have been dealing with Joshua and the children of God who were just about to cross into the promised land.
- We saw Joshua giving pointed instructions and was full of confidence about what needed to be done to move forward.
- Have you wondered why Joshua was this bold. Something must have happened to Joshua for him to be this confident because, in his instructions, he did not hesitate at all.
- To be honest, I want to have that level of confidence in my dealings in 2025 and I am sure you want it as well.
- The Lord showed me where it all started – go with me to that place.

Joshua 1:1 And it happened after the death of Moses the servant of Jehovah, Jehovah spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, 2 My servant Moses is dead. Now, therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people to the land which I

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give to them, to the sons of Israel. 3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, I have given that to you, as I said to Moses.

- I don't know if you pick it but the key to Joshua's confidence was the encounter he had with God.
- In his privacy, Joshua encountered God through His word. God came and spoke to Joshua about what was about to happen.
- God told Joshua that it was his time to lead, God told Joshua that He was going to be with him like He was with Moses, God told him that no one would be able to stop him, God told Joshua that he was going to possess the land and hand it over to the Israelites.
- Out of this word, Joshua knew what God was up to and that it was God's idea to fulfill His promise.
- More than waiting in prayer, more than listening to the Holy Spirit, you need to:

3. Be a person of the word.

- The ways of God are encapsulated in His word and there is nothing He does that is outside His word.
- Joshua needed God's assurance about what lied ahead of him, and he got it when the word of the Lord came to him.
- Saints, if you want to know the will of God for your life, get acquainted with His word. You must go beyond skimming through the Bible but doing a deep dive into the oasis of life called His word.
- The greatest prophesy is found in God's word. Before running after prophets (of which I believe in the prophet), get yourself into God's word.

2 Peter 1:19 We also have a more sure Word of prophecy, to which you do well to take heed, as to a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the Daystar arises in your hearts,

- The word is more reliable than any other prophecy and when you have the word, your life will shine like a star.
- Peter encourages you to pay attention to the word and not be reckless around it. He says you do well if you pay heed to the word.
- The deeper your comprehension of God's word the stronger your discernment.

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- We have too many believers you are very shallow in their knowledge of God's word, resulting in them making dangerous decisions for their lives.
- The word of God sets the standard for any decision that stands before you.
- The word will guide you regarding who to do business with because you understand what is defined as the works of darkness and you are warned to have nothing to do with the works darkness.
- The word will guide you regarding whether to forgive your work colleague because you know that if you do not forgive others, the Father will not forgive your sins.
- Let me remind you of a scripture we read in part 1 of this series:
Hebrews 5:14 (AMPC) But solid food is for full-grown men, for those whose senses and mental faculties are trained by practice to discriminate and distinguish between what is morally good and noble and what is evil and contrary either to divine or human law.
- People who deepen their word base by studying and meditating upon scripture will eventually mature in handling this word. This is when they qualify to eat solid food in the form of deeper doctrines matters.
- As you mature in the use of the word, the writer of Hebrews says that your faculty of spiritual perception is sharpened until you can distinguish between what is good and what is evil.
- The Bible says that let the word of God richly dwell in you
Colossians 3: 16 Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.
- This scripture speaks about the wealth of God's word in your life – you can either be poor in the word or rich in the word.
- The word of God is true and has life. The word must be searched into, carefully attended to and must be diligently read.
- To reach maturity in handling the word, you must discipline yourself to attend to it daily.
- When the word is richly abiding in you, it then qualifies to be a lamp to your feet and light to your path – Psalm 119:105.
- When the word richly abides in you, it then gains power to stop you from sinning.
Psalm 119:11 I have hidden Your word in my heart that I might not sin against You.

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- The word that prevents you from evil dealings is the word that you have intentionally hidden in your heart. It is the word you treasure enough to pay attention to it.
- The writer of Hebrews describes the word as sharper than double edged sword on a mission in one's heart.

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it pierces even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

- Christ who is the word that was promised is full of life and is powerful. When you take the word into your heart, you are taking the very person of Christ.
- The word is referred to as active or quick because Christ is our redeemer and powerful to save you from falling away.
- When the word is present, it has a way of penetrating into the deepest parts of heart to expose anything that is not of God.
- You need to see that your heart is the center of emotions and of action and when the word is present, your dealings are righteous and upright.
- The word of God searches your thoughts and intentions and brings to light any soulish ways that are at work in you.
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