



Meditation #14

Pentecost 2009

In Celebration of the Spirit:
Stretching Out in Expectation of the Overflow!

Acts 2

“Choosy”

“...and He lifted up His hands and blessed them.”

As we deepen in the Spirit, and become more focused and serious about God’s purposes for our lives, we also become acutely aware of the need to censor our environment so that it contains only those words and messages which are of benefit to us and that fit into God’s will and purpose for our lives. We become very selective about whom we allow to have room and time in our space. We get “choosy”

Jesus was like this in His life and ministry. He was choosy. Though He was available to “whosoever” He did not open His personal, private, quality, formational moments with just anybody. Even among His disciples, there were three which carried more weight in His ministry, knew more details of His private struggles and pains, and saw more glimpses of His glory. He allowed this because those three had affections for Him, possessed qualities amid Him, spoke words about Him, had messages from Him, or took actions on behalf of Him, which fit God’s plans and purposes for Him.

In our text of focus, Jesus decrees His blessing upon the disciples guaranteeing the fruitfulness, wellness, and joyfulness of their life and ministry. His blessing sets in order the course and outcome of their future work: It shall be blessed.

Jesus has also decreed blessing over your life and service to the Lord. Be very careful to allow only God-ordained people in your intimate sphere of influence who know God’s plans for you, will help guide you into your blessed future, and who don’t mind you being great.

Your mind is a terrible thing to waste. Your heart is a terrible thing to break. Your spirit is a terrible thing to ache. Choose wisely the people you allow close. Ensure that they are those who bless you and not curse you. Ensure that they seek to help you and not harm you. Ensure that they know, like Jesus knows and has decreed, how blessed you really are. What God is doing in you and through you is too important not to protect. Be choosy.

Pray this:

Jesus, I acknowledge and celebrate your blessing upon my life and ministry. Help me to protect it through prayerfully selecting those you have ordained to lovingly push me where you’re taking me. I give you praise for the people you have set to help usher me into your blessing for me.