

Guidelines for the Exercise of the Lord's Day Prophesying Message One : Living in the Reality of God's Eternal Economy for Its Fulfillment by Building Up a Habit of Exercising Our Spirit, Fanning Our God-given Spirit into Flame

I. Overview:

Christ is the center, circumference, element, sphere, means, goal, and aim of God's economy; the central subject of the Bible is the economy of God. This can be accomplished only by God's dispensing Himself into us as the divine life; God's intention in His economy, God's goal in time is to dispense Himself into us day by day. The heavens are for the earth, the earth is for man, and man was created by God with a spirit that he may contact God, receive God, contain God, worship God, live God, fulfill God's purpose for God, express God, and be one with God. Without God being the Spirit and without us having a spirit to contact God, to be one with God, the whole universe is empty, and we are nothing. The strategic and central point of God's economy is the divine Spirit dwelling in our human spirit and the two mingled together as one spirit, the mingled spirit. The great way to fulfill God's economy is for us to live and do everything by exercising our spirit, which is to fan our God-given spirit into flame, to rejoice always, to pray unceasingly, to give thanks in everything, to set our mind on the spirit, to discern our spirit from our soul, and to pursue Christ with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart to live a church life.

II. Truth and Enlightenment:

Day 1 —

A. Expound that First Timothy is dealing with God's economy.

At Paul's time some were teaching different things other than God's economy. Paul told us that we have to put all these different teachings aside and come back to the economy of God. God's economy is His household administration, His plan, to dispense Himself into us. His dispensing produces a life of godliness. Such a godly life issuing from God's dispensing depends upon the exercise of our spirit.

B. Explain unless knowing God's economy, we will not understand the Bible.

The Bible consists of sixty-six books; there are history, teachings, prophecies, and types. But if we understand the Bible only according to these things, we still do not know the Bible. We need to see the eternal economy of God, which is God's eternal intention with His heart's desire to dispense Himself in His Divine Trinity as the Father in the Son by the Spirit into His chosen people.

Day 2 —

A. Explain the words in Zechariah 12:1.

The heavens are for the earth, the earth is for man, and man was created by God with a spirit that he may contact God, receive God, worship God, live God, fulfill God's purpose for God, and be one with God. The book of Zechariah] charges us to pay full attention to our human spirit, that we may receive the Christ revealed in this book and may understand all that is revealed therein concerning Him.

B. Expound what the functions, man being created by God with a spirit, are.

Man was created by God with a spirit, and this spirit is a particular organ within man that functions to contact God and contain God. But when God came to the creation of man, He breathed His breath of life into man. God's breath of life is not God Himself, not the divine Spirit, and not the divine life, but it is very close to God, close to the divine Spirit, and close to the divine life.

Day 3 —

A. Explain the continual prayer keeping us in our spirit.

The Spirit of God today, the all-inclusive Spirit of the Triune God, dwells in our regenerated human spirit and works in our spirit. These two spirits are one; they live, work, and exist together as one mingled spirit. To walk according to our spirit may be considered the consummate charge in the Scriptures to the believers.

B. State that the central government in us should be our spirit.

Care for your spirit. All the inner chambers of your soul must be controlled by the spirit. The central government in you should be your spirit. When the brothers come together, the central government is in control because they begin by praying. But before too many minutes have gone by, one brother expresses his

opinions. Another says that the first is unfamiliar with the situation. In the central government of the sisters often is not their spirit, but their emotion.

Day 4 —

A. Explain exercising of our spirit.

We must build up a habit of exercising our spirit. In the morning, the first thing I spontaneously say is “O Lord.” To call on the Lord by saying, “O Lord” is a habit of exercising our spirit. It makes a big difference. We have to build up a habit of saying, “O Lord.” When we say, “O Lord,” we touch the Lord.

B. Expound the word “Exercise” in 1 Timothy 4:7 and its meaning.

The word exercise implies forcing. To exercise is always a forced matter. When the Olympic athletes are exercising to practice or compete, they must have a strong will. They force themselves to exercise. If we Christians want to be strong and want to grow in the Lord, we must force ourselves to use our spirit. you are in a hard situation, you have to force yourself to exercise your spirit. To force yourself to exercise your spirit makes you a different person.

Day 5 —

A. Explain “Establishing the souls of the disciples” in Act 14:22.

Man’s soul is composed of his mind, emotion, and will. To establish the souls of the disciples is to establish them (1) in their mind, that they may know and understand the Lord and the things concerning Him; (2) in their emotion, that they may love the Lord and have a heart for the Lord’s interest; and (3) in their will, that they may be strong to remain with the Lord and do the things that please the Lord.

B. Expound Second Timothy 1:7 regarding the will being related to our spirit.

A spirit of power means that the will must be first subdued and then submissive to the spirit. Our will can become strong and powerful only under the control of the spirit. Whenever a believer becomes a martyr, he is strong; he has a strong will because at that time his will is completely submissive to the spirit. When our will is subdued and becomes submissive to the spirit, it becomes strong and powerful.

Day 6 —

A. State the problem of our minds.

Do not let your mind be a “wild horse.” The mind is the great part of the soul, and the soul is in between our outward flesh and our inward spirit. After fanning our spirit into flame, we must learn to set our mind on the spirit. Our mind is very “talkative.” If we do not control our mind, we can wander in our imagination all over the globe within a short time. This is why we must direct our mind to the spirit.

B. Expound the word ‘discern’ in Hebrews 4:12.

In Hebrews 4:12 the word discern is used. Quite often our thoughts are deceiving. But if we exercise our spirit, there is a discernment that our thoughts are evil, because behind our thoughts there is an evil intention. To discern the thoughts and intents of the heart equals the dividing of the soul from the spirit. In today’s world nearly everyone is in a mixed situation. Whenever such mixing is there, we can exercise our spirit to win.

III. Conclusion:

Through the messages of the life-study, thousands of saints in the Lord's recovery will receive a good commitment of the abundant grace of God's New Testament economy. Then, those who have received these riches can entrust them to others. Think about it; if the Lord has ten thousand saints who are filled with His good commitments and spread the riches of His economy to the whole earth, then that will be a great scene there. There is no doubt that this will hasten the time of His glorious appearing. The workers of the Lord need to be like carpenters, cutting straight the word of the truth skillfully. Because many truths have been distorted in a downward trend of the church, we need to unfold the reality of God’s economy revealed in the New Testament rightly and straightly without distortion, that is, Christ as the mystery of God and the embodiment of God, and the church as the mystery of Christ and the Body of Christ.