



Lesson 160 A New Year

Relinquish your will to Me. Do it voluntarily and from your whole heart. Follow after Me and My will. Be ye therefore transformed into the person I would have you be. Be ye holy as I am holy. Be ye perfected. Follow after truth, justice, mercy, and sacrifice but most importantly love. In other words be righteous, walk in righteousness. Live My example. This is how it should be for you in this new year. Walk in this, live it. Now go in peace and be all that I would have you be.

Introduction

This lesson is about relinquishing or putting our will aside and following after the Lord. This message was initiated through these words: Relinquish your will to Me. Do it voluntarily and from your whole heart. Follow after Me and My will. Therefore we are not only to put aside our will but we are also to follow after His will. Over the past month, in fact, the Lord has spoken quite often of following after Him. Here are just a few of the examples from that timeframe:

- 12/07/13 - Follow My lead; imperative; count it as Joy.
- 12/10/13 - Take care, follow all guidance and instruction, precisely.
- 12/16/13 - Follow My lead, all will be well.
- 12/24/13 - Follow Me.
- 12/28/13 - You need only follow, do not doubt.
- 12/28/13 - Come and follow Me...and you will be saved.
- 12/30/13 - Follow Me to victory...Follow My lead.
- 01/06/14 - Follow, follow, follow / My ways are not man's ways.

But He was particularly succinct about this message of following after Him on the 31st when He said:

12/31/13 - A New Year is upon you. Focus on Me more. Study and read. Show yourself approved. You will be blessed in the year. Fear not. New things coming. Be on watch. Do not follow after your old ways but become anew. Follow after Me and My ways. Stay on course. Let not the enemy distract you with his false pleasures. His ways lead to distraction. Keep your mind focused on Me. That is what is important.

In the words above it would appear that we are to keep our minds focused on the Lord, removing all distractions in order to stay on course with Him. Basically, we are to relinquish or lay aside our will and follow after the Lord. To follow means:

Follow:

- to move behind in the same direction
- to conform to, comply with, or act in accordance with
- to imitate or copy

Thus when we are following after the Lord, we are conforming to or complying with Him, we are acting in accordance with His guidance and instructions, or you could say, that we are copying Him, His character, His behavior, His ways because....

Deuteronomy 32:4 *He is the Rock, His work is perfect, for all His ways are justice, a God of truth and without injustice, righteous and upright is He.*

And who better for us to follow than one who is all about justice, a God of truth and perfection, a God who is righteous and upright. Therefore, it is imperative for us to move behind Him, following His lead.

March 26th God Calling – Follow Your Guide

I am with you to guide you and help you. Unseen forces are controlling your destiny. Your petty fears are groundless.

What of a man walking through a glorious glade who fretted because ahead there lay a river and he might not be able to cross it, when all the time, that river was spanned by a bridge? And what if that man had a friend who knew the way - had planned it - and assured him that at no part of the journey would any unforeseen contingency arise, and that all was well?

So leave your foolish fears, and follow Me, your Guide, and determinedly refuse to consider the problems of tomorrow. My message to you is, trust, and wait.

"I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye." - Psalm 32:8

The Lord is our Guide. He is our shepherd. It is time we listen to His voice, His words and follow Him. He knows the way. Consequently, we should relinquish our will, our petty fears, and replace them with trust and faith in Him.

John 10:4 *...and the sheep follow Him, for they know His voice.*

Be ye Transformed

In the introduction section we learned that now's the time for us to be following after the Lord by imitating His character, His behavior, His ways. We learned that we are to keep our focus on Him as He instructs and teaches us. Basically the picture we have here is that, the Lord, He is the shepherd who will guide, protect and watch over His flock. The sheep follow Him because they trust Him. They follow Him because they know He will help them have their best, possible life. Hence, this best possible life will begin to happen, as we follow the steps that He has laid out for us today. Let's begin with this:

Be ye therefore transformed into the person I would have you be. Be ye holy as I am holy. Be ye perfected.

The first item I would like to address in this statement is the Lord's counsel for His children to transform or change themselves into the people He created them to be. This idea of transformation, however, is not new as it is spoken of several times in the bible.

Romans 12:1-2 *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. 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.*

And Paul once again spoke of our transformation when he was teaching of following after the Spirit versus following after the Letter.

2 Corinthians 3:7-18 *Now if the ministry of death, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, **8** will not the ministry of the Spirit have even more glory? **9** For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, the ministry of righteousness must far exceed it in glory. **10** Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. **11** For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory. **12** Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, **13** not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. **14** But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. **15** Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. **16** But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. **17** Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. **18** And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.*

What these passages say to me is that because of our belief in Christ, because we have beheld His glory, then we should no longer be moving through life with a veiled face, convicted and bound by sin, but we should and are instead being transformed into His image, not only through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, but also through the relinquishing of our will for His.

Therefore as the Lord stated, the first step we are to take in this transforming process, is that we are to be holy as He is holy, but what does it mean to be holy?

Holy:

- specially recognized as or declared sacred, consecrated
- dedicated or devoted to the service of God, the church or religion
- saintly, godly, pious (dutiful spirit of reverence), devout (devoted to divine worship or service)
- having a spiritually pure quality

Consequently we can gather from this that we are to behave in a pure and saintly manner having a dutiful spirit of reverence and devotion to our God Jesus. Let me explain, when the Lord gave the law to Moses He said this,

Leviticus 11:44 For I am the LORD your God, you shall therefore consecrate (devote) yourselves, and you shall be holy, for I am holy.

And Peter also referenced this message from the Lord when he said it like this:

1 Peter 1:15-16 ...*He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct because it is written, "Be Holy for I am holy".*

And again the one consistent element from both of these passages is that we are to be dedicated or completely focused (in all our conduct) on being holy, on being spiritually pure, saintly, devoted to the service of the Lord. This is the first step we are to take in our transformation process.

And the Lord, through the Rhema word, continues to help us with this transformation process by giving us additional words of instruction and encouragement; for you see what is implied here is that, one cannot be holy without first being obedient. One cannot be holy until as the Lord put it, until you **relinquish your will to Him** by keeping self out.

01/02/14 - **Keep self from intervening, be aware of self and pride/ Keep your focus on Me this is important/ How can you be focused on Me and the world. You must choose (to be a living sacrifice: Romans 12:1-2). I am with you and will help you every step of the way but you must give it your all.**

01/03/14 - **Reverence through silence. I must be revered for I am Holy/ Seek Me with your mind. Be responsive to My calling/ Obey Me in all things. I have blessings and plans for you that you do not know. You will walk in them through your obedience to Me. Do not forsake what I have taught you. Stay diligent. The enemy is seeking to uproot all from My path. Do not fall victim to his lies. Stay focused on Me and My Kingdom. Reject all that is not of Me. Keep clean from the contaminants of the world. We must not mix. Blessings in obedience.**

These blessings of obedience were also spoken of in the:

April 2nd God Calling – The Priceless Blessing

I am here. Here is truly as I was with My Disciples of old. Here to help and bless you. Here to company with you. Do you know, even yet, My children, that this is the priceless blessing of your lives? I forgive you, as you have prayed Me to, for all neglects of My commands, but start anew from today.

Study My words and carry them out unflinchingly, unflinching. As you do this, you will find that you are miracle-workers, workers together with Me -- for Me. Remember this, not what you do, but what you are -- that is the miracle-working power.

Changed by My Spirit, shedding one garment of Spirit for a better; in time throwing that aside for a yet finer one, and so on from character to character, gradually transformed into My likeness. Joy, Joy, Joy.

"He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me." John 14:21

What we are saying here is that we will be transformed into His image as we follow after His Spirit. We will be transformed into His image as we are obedient unto His instruction. Thereupon, we will behave in a more pure and saintly manner. We will have a more dutiful spirit of reverence and devotion to our God Jesus. Step by step we will gradually be perfected and transformed into His likeness just as He encouraged us when He said:

Be ye therefore transformed into the person I would have you be. Be ye holy as I am holy. Be ye perfected.

Follow After

In the last section we spoke of being transformed into the person that the Lord would have us be; essentially, we spoke of being perfected, of being holy as He is holy. We learned how this process of relinquishing our will to Him is furthered by being obedient and following after Him.

In this section we will once again look at following after Him. But let me take a moment here to remind you once again of the definition of follow:

Follow:

- to move behind in the same direction
- to conform to, comply with, or act in accordance with
- to imitate or copy

Now as noted above, in the previous section we concentrated on the obedience, the (to act in accordance with) portion of following after Him. However, it must be said that this naturally would be helped along by maintaining the correct focus on the Lord; after all, it would be virtually impossible to move behind in the same direction or follow after Him if we weren't even focused on Him. Hence, the Lord said:

01/04/14 - **Keep focus clear.**

01/04/14 - **Focus in, let nothing distract you from listening. I need those who will bear their ears to Me. Receive the words from My mouth as they are life. Walk them out. They are for your life. I lead. It is up to you to follow. The world chooses not to follow and it reaps the consequences of disobedience. Obedience, obedience, obedience, your walk would be much smoother through obedience.**

01/05/14 - **Stay focused. It is getting harder to stay focused because we are entering into the appointed time. The enemy wants to stop our progress. He cannot. I have ordained it to be so. My Bride will perform her appointed tasks. Silence is key. Meetings are key. Group meetings a must, all together, do not balk at My commands. Execute, execute. You have My authority. Get**

it done. Waste no time. Move forward with what you know you are to do. Don't make Me repeat Myself. Get 'er done.

What the Lord is saying here is that we are to get His appointed tasks done. We are to **walk them out, moving forward** in them. Once again He is talking about being focused on obedience. So up to this point in the lesson the Lord has primarily been concentrating on the acting in accordance portion of following after Him. However, becoming perfected, being holy as He is holy, this is not just about actions, it's not just about focus, but it is also about:

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Look unto Me until your gaze becomes so intense that you absorb the Beauty of Holiness. Then truly is the petty, unworthy self, ousted from your nature. Look to Me. Speak to Me. Think of Me. So you become transformed by the renewing of your mind. Other thoughts, other desires, other ways follow, for you become transformed into My Likeness.

Consequently, becoming perfected is also about absorbing the beauty of holiness or one could say it is about the conforming to, the imitating and copying portion of the following after of your God Jesus. In other words becoming perfected is not just about maintaining focus and transforming your actions but it is also about the transformation of your mind and your character as well. Which leads us to these words from the Lord:

Follow after truth, justice, mercy and sacrifice but most importantly love.

Hence, the next step for us to review in our transformation process is that of character and the motivations behind it. For example, following after truth, justice, mercy, sacrifice and love, these are character traits that the Lord values.

01/01/14 - **Mercy show always. Peace and justice impart.**

01/01/14- **Grace and Mercy bestowed upon you abundantly.**

01/02/14 - **Spoken truth will set free the captives. Hesitate not. Truth is not criticism. Truth is Love. Speak truth in Love.**

01/02/14 - **I have such love for you each; soak this in; more than head knowledge; heart knowledge; you've asked Me to take your hearts and your souls and for Me to take control; I'm asking you to take My Heart, My Love; truly receive them.**

01/04/14 - **Walk in My truth.**

01/04/14 - **You must help them grow in faith and love and truth.**

01/07/14 - **Accept My Mercy; Accept My Grace; Accept My Holiness. Mercy and Grace I now shed.**

01/08/14 - **Worthy sacrifice.**

01/08/14 - **There are still hearts to be thawed and then warmed. Therefore, be the person I created you to be, give rest, touch them with your love, compassion and understanding, never critical but honest all the same.**

From these passages you can see the value that the Lord places on following after truth, justice, mercy, sacrifice and love. What He is talking about here, once again, is the renewing of our mind, our character as noted in this:

Ephesians 4:21-23 *You have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind.*

And as read previously,

Romans 12:1-2 *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. 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.*

What we have discovered here is that there is more than one aspect when it comes to following after the Lord for we not only focus on Him, but we are also obedient, and in addition to this we have learned the importance of having His same spirit within ourselves. Consequently, we can indeed confirm that following after the Lord not only means moving in the same direction as Him but it also means to act in accordance with Him by emulating or imitating all that He is.

Live My Example

In the last section we learned about the various elements of following after the Lord. We discussed focus, obedience and character. This message was delivered through these words:

Follow after truth, justice, mercy and sacrifice but most importantly love.

In this section we will discuss a more clarified explanation of the preceding statement or one could say that we will be talking about the how to's of applying the above instruction to our lives. This explanation came through this:

In other words be righteous, walk in righteousness. Live My example. This is how it should be for you in this new year. Walk in this, live it. Now go in peace and be all that I would have you be.

We then are to follow Christ's example. We are to walk in righteousness.

Psalm 106:3 *Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times!*

Matthew 16:24 *Then Jesus told his disciples, **"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."***

2 Timothy 2:22 *So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.*

1 Peter 2:21-22 *For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: **"Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth."***

At this point I find it prudent to acknowledge the fact that we are in fact pursuing this life along with others who call on Him as well, however, let me caution you from making the common mistake of comparing yourself and your walk to that of others. I think one might describe this

merely as human nature, however, this behavior is a way we can mistakenly get into self or even open the door to the enemy. And we should never allow ourselves to step into a rouse of the enemy whether we believe it is for our own edification or not.

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Never be satisfied with a comparison with those around you. Ever let My words ring out. "Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect." Stop short at nothing less.

Make it your practice, each of you, to review your character -- take it in relation to life, to your dear ones, your household, friends, acquaintances, your country, your work. See where I, in the same relation or circumstances or situation, should act differently. Plan how best such and such a fault can be eradicated, or such and such sin, mistake, or omission, be avoided.

Therefore it is true, we can review our character, our actions, our decisions, to make sure that our motivation is indeed to become **transformed into the person I (the Lord) would have you be** (i.e. **holy** and **perfected** in Him). This review is permissible because we are comparing our actions, our motivations, our character in regards to our efforts to emulate Christ. We are checking our growth, our progress. Why even the Lord has a do a review of our actions at Yom Kippur.

It is most important, however, to remember that we should never use this review of ourselves as a means of belittling ourselves or others. Negativity is harmful and not profitable.

08/07/13 - See as I see and then walk as I walk. Focus on the positives of life and not the negatives, for I AM positive, not negative. Therefore, see with the right perspective. Keep your mind clean, pure and holy. Keep it in love.

08/14/13 - Stay positive, think love, act kindly, in this I will be well pleased.

09/07/13 - My guidelines, positive, keep going.

09/20/13 - Stay focused...positive.

10/02/13 - Stay positive for I AM positive. Speak positive.

10/15/13 - Think positive/ Be positive.

11/07/13 - Speak positively at all times...but with truth.

12/13/13 - Never let the power of words so overwhelm you that you get off track. You are empowered by positive words but you allow negative words to weaken you. You are to stand against the negative words, not allow them to weaken you.

12/27/13 - Speak positive words.

12/31/13 - Be focused on the positives.

01/07/14 - Lay the foundation...obedience...positive thinking...trust in Me, Hold on to Me and not the world.

Focusing on the negative and not the positives would be wrong and our motivation would be affected. We instead are to follow the Lord's example of walking in righteousness even in the review of ourselves.

Basically, we walk in righteousness when we **Follow after truth, justice, mercy, sacrifice and love** in other words we do - just as He did - by observing justice, by pursuing faith, love and

peace, by denying ourselves, by being honest, basically, as we conduct our reviews, as we move forward in each day then what we are doing is, we are progressing forward in our walk by following His steps and we do all this from the standpoint of a pure and positive heart.

September 5th God Calling – Progress

Progress is the Law of Heaven. Higher, ever higher, rise to Life and Beauty, Knowledge and Power. Higher and higher.

Tomorrow be stronger, braver, more loving than you have been today.

The Law of Progress gives a meaning, a purpose to life.

Yes we become stronger, braver, we have more love, we make progress, as we continue to move forward in our walk with Him all the while following His example:

John 13:15 *For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.*

12/31/13 - Look to Me in all things I lead the way by example/ Follow Me and follow life.

01/04/14 - Continue to push forward, I am by your side, we overcome together. Be not afraid for you will succeed. It will be by your obedience. Stay focused I am blessing your efforts you put forth and will continue to.

01/05/14 - My Bride will be delivered through following the leading of My Spirit.

01/06/14 - Co-exist with Me My righteous ones, bear not Satan's woes, refuse, refuse, refuse, quick to refuse him. I'm giving you time to set yourselves completely free of him and his... Cherish My Time. Dilute not My Truth. It is as it is. Speak it. Save, save, save, time to be bold, time to light fires. I saw a line of fire burning. Behold, behold, behold, My Purity, Purity in all I do, in all that I Am, behold. Partake of Me, with Me. Come, truly behold My Kingdom. See Me working in the beyond. Know, understand all that is possible. See with Me. Cherish with Me, My Beloved, eyes, ears, minds focused on Me. Walk the fire line with Me. Hesitate not. Hesitate not. Come, come because I ask, from this day forth, forever changed. Unity of Power.

What the Lord has taught us here is that we are to **be righteous** just as He was righteous, in other words, we are to **walk in righteousness**. We are to **Live My example**. This is how it should be for us. We are to **walk in this, live it**.

Summation

This lesson has been about relinquishing or putting our will aside and following after the Lord. This message was initiated through these words: **Relinquish your will to Me. Do it voluntarily and from your whole heart. Follow after Me and My will.** Therefore we not only put aside our will but we also follow after His will. Essentially what we learned is that we keep our minds focused on the Lord, removing all distractions in order to stay on course with Him.

What we are saying here is that we should be following after the Lord, conforming to and/or complying with Him. We are to act in accordance with His guidance and instructions, or you could say, that we are to copy Him, His character, His behavior, and His ways which are all

about **truth, justice, mercy, sacrifice, love and walking in righteousness**. We are to behave in a pure and saintly manner having a dutiful spirit of reverence and devotion to our God Jesus.

Therefore, we should no longer be moving through life with a veiled face, convicted and bound by sin, but we should and are instead being transformed into His image, not only through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, but also through the relinquishing of our will for His. Consequently, we can indeed confirm that following after the Lord and being transformed into His image this not only means moving in the same direction as Him but it also means acting in accordance with Him by emulating or imitating all that He is. This is facilitated by a review of our actions just as we would do at Yom Kippur. This is how we learn to be transformed into His Image.

This message was delivered to us today through these words:

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And remember the Lord assures us through words like these:

01/03/14 - **I will direct.**

01/04/14 - **I will lead you.**

Therefore relinquish your will to Him and allow Him to lead and direct your life. Follow His example and become the person He would have you be.

May The Lord Bless you in This,
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