

THE APPEARANCE

APOSTLES AND
PROPHETS
PREPARING THE
EMERGING
ARMY
RELEASING THE
ABILITIES AND
NATURAL
CALLINGS OF
EVERYONE



Ephesians 2:20-22

Ephesians 4:11-16



GROWING IN FAITH #9



Luke 17:5-6 *"And the apostles said to the Lord: Increase our faith. And the Lord said: if you had faith as a grain of mustard seed, you could say unto this sycamore tree, be plucked up by the root and planted in the sea and it would obey you."*

There are two mistakes that people often make in their lives. The first one is trying to solve all their problems without consulting the LORD; the second is thinking that they need to do nothing thus leaving all the results in the hands of the Lord. What happens in the first case is that you fall flat on your face without accomplishing anything. Whenever this happens, then you react in one of several ways.

You might start to worry, because you can't solve the problem; you may be filled with fear or you might even begin to panic. You start running in all different directions not knowing what to do. You might even give in to depression and want to just give up. Those who leave everything to the Lord to do might look like they are exercising great faith and trust; however, many times *they make the grave mistake of thinking that whatever happens is God's will.*

When you do this, you are actually allowing what someone else planned to take effect. Then when things don't work out, you may start to complain to God for giving you a raw deal. I see this happen all the time in the lives of believers. *You need to understand that there are two sides to a victory.* There is the natural, practical side and then there is the spiritual side. Both need to be done. One without the other will not produce the circumstances and victory that will glorify the LORD.

You need to do the natural things that need to be done, but remember that without the LORD you cannot achieve victory.

You need to do your part and you need to let the LORD do His part. Sometimes it is hard to know what to do and when. That is the time when you need to use common sense and do what you think is right. *Whenever you have to make an important decision, you always need to remember that God is a God of righteousness and justice.*

As a matter of fact, the Bible says that righteousness and justice are the foundation of His Throne.

Psalms 97:2: *"Clouds and darkness are round about him: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne."*

On the other hand, there are times when we have to wait and depend on the Lord to do His part. There are a few things to keep in mind in regards to this. First, you need to remember that the Almighty often works with what we give Him; *start by giving Him what you have.* If there is something that you need to do to help things along, then go ahead and do it. *If there is someone you need to contact, then do it. If there is an obstacle that should be removed, then remove it.*

If you hit a wall and are not sure what to do, then you need to ask Him. The LORD promised that if you need wisdom, all you need to do is ask Him and He will give it to you. *Then, once you have done what you can do, and you have done what He tells you to do, then you must learn to hand the rest over to Him.* You have given Him all that He needs to complete the work. Now all He requires of you is that you trust Him. He will make sure that you get the victory.

James 1:5: *"But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach; and it will be given to him."*