

## Receive – Retain – Release

### **James 1:21:**

Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

Receive with meekness the engrafted Word! You see, on this the Word of Truth I want to discuss three basic things with you which will just put an exuberance in your soul. I want to talk to you about the receiving of this Word, the retaining of it and the releasing of it. The three R's of power in manifestation. The receiving, the retaining and the release of this Word of Truth.

Here in James 1:21 which I just read with you it says we are to receive the engrafted Word. The word "engrafted" is in-grafted, implanted would be a good synonym for it. The implanted Word.

Now, before you can ever give out anything you've got to get it right? Now this Word of Truth I must have it. Alright how do I get it as a believer? I receive it, this engrafted Word, I receive it with meekness, with meekness, with humility.

No person ever receives anything from God in any amount or in any abundance until he becomes meek, humble. Receive this implanted Word, you receive this implanted Word with meekness, with humility. If anybody's ever going to have an abundance of God's Word he must be humble. God does not give His Word to people who are cocky or who act stupid or who act like they are somebody when they are nobody. God's Word is given to men and women who are humble, meek. And we receive this Word, we receive it if we are meek. That's what it says that's what it means.

Look at something else. In Titus, Titus chapter one of Titus. Timothy, Titus chapter one, in verse nine:

### **Titus 1:9:**

Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

Holding fast the faithful Word. As the implanted Word I receive it, how? With meekness number one. Because it's a faithful Word; it's a faithful Word I retain it, I keep it as a faithful Word that it is. Titus 1:9 says you retain with conviction; you hold it fast, hold it fast, hold it fast!

Once you've got the Word of God you just do not allow anybody to talk you out of it, just nobody and I mean nobody, just nobody. Not your wife, not your husband, not your preacher, not your theological friends--just nobody. Once you have received, once you have received the Word of God with meekness and you have the Word you hold it fast, you hold it fast. Why? Because it is what kind of a Word? It's a faithful Word, it's a faithful Word. As the faithful Word I retain it, I hold it fast, I just allow no body to touch the Word!

Ladies and gentlemen, you can touch a lot of other things in my life you can argue you can fight but once you get on the Word and you say this is what the Word says and you contradict what the Word says that just cuts me to the bone. Why? Because I receive this Word because God gave it to me. And it's a faithful Word and on that Word I just don't allow anybody to touch

the Word. Just nobody! I have no friends when it comes to the Word because the Word sets up here and that stands if nobody believes it. That's right.

I believe the Bible is God's Word, if I died tonight I still would say it is God's Word. The Word stands and therefore the first thing I have to do is receive it. And I receive this Word when I am meek. You'll receive the Word when you're humble, then you get the Word. But once you have the Word the Bible says you hold it fast because it is the faithful Word. Because what God has promised He is not only able but He is willing to perform.

And then there is another wonderful truth in the Word of God and this is written in Philippians. Acts, Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians. Philippians chapter two, chapter two of Philippians listen to this verse 16:

**Philippians 2:16a:**

Holding forth [holding forth] the word of life;...

As the implanted Word I receive it with meekness. Understand? As the faithful Word I do what? I hold it fast. Now, as the Word of life which it is I do one thing--I hold it forth, I share it, I give it out. Why? Because there is a law involved. As you give, you receive. The reason the Dead Sea is so dead is because it has only an inlet no outlet. The reason some people are so dead spiritually is because they have only inlet no outlet. They do not give. As you give you receive. As you receive you must give for it just works like this. As I receive God's Word I give it out, as I give it out I receive.

Look here, this Word of Truth we receive as the implanted Word with meekness. We retain it as the faithful Word with conviction. But we release it, as it says in Philippians 2:16 because it is the Word of life, we release it with hesitancy. NO! We release it with what? Boldness! That's right. Boldness, we hold it forth we carry it out. We release it with boldness and with conviction.

You see, this is how God's planned it. You receive the implanted Word as you're humble and you're meek. You hold it fast because it's God's wonderful faithful Word. And then you hold it forth, you share it with people because it's the Word of life. This is the testimony of the Word itself, as to God's wonderful Word and what it's all about, you see.

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