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The Only Problem
You Will Ever Have
In Your Life Is
A Wisdom Problem.

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7 KINDS OF PEOPLE YOU CANNOT HELP

Wisdom Is The Principal Thing.

Wisdom is The Word of God. Wisdom is simply the law of God applied to a circumstance.

Wisdom is the Scriptural solution to a dilemma. Wisdom is the Divine reaction to a crisis. Wisdom is something God would do in your circumstances. Wisdom Is The Principal Thing.

Someone might ask, "Mike, I'm broke. Isn't money the principal thing?"

Your Wisdom Decides Your Wealth. If I look at your finances, I know how much financial Wisdom you possess. If I look at an empty piggy bank, I know how much Wisdom you *need*.

Your Wisdom decides your favor with other people.

Consider the importance of words.

Words are doors or they are walls. Here is an example. Oral Roberts once told me, "Everybody needs healing somewhere." What if instead of those words, he had decided to say, "Everybody is sick?" One sentence opens a door. A different sentence closes it.

Words decide what grows and what dies.

Your Words Are The Seeds For Feelings. Your words are the Seeds for feelings for yourself and for others. "A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, how good is it!" (Proverbs 15:23).

Right Words Breathe Life Into Everything Around You. "A wholesome tongue is a tree of life," (Proverbs 15:4).

Imagine David and his men. They return to Ziklag to find their homes burned with fire...their wives and children taken as slaves. David's "loyal" men contemplated stoning him. But David encouraged himself in the Lord. David enquired of the Lord and obeyed the instruction he received. First Samuel chapter 30 documents that David recovered all. You decide what you feel by the words you choose to say. David talked to himself. David talked to God. And David obviously talked to his men...because they didn't stone him. You decide what others feel by the words you sow into them.

My father was a master at "inviting" us children to do tasks. He really had a way. He rarely gave us direct commands to my recollection. He would say something like, "You boys want to help me move the sofa here?" Or he would say, "I'll let you go get my Bible for me." I grew accustomed to that approach, so much so, that if given a harsh command, something in me reacts. The words you speak and the tones you use are Seeds. My father's ways subconsciously trained me for interaction with people.

"Get Wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding," (Proverbs 4:7). Get the Wisdom of God because your Wisdom decides your circumstances.

You change your life through your Wisdom.

Wisdom is more important than anything in the world because it is The Factory for Human Desire.

Wisdom is the key to a happy marriage.

Wisdom is the key to a successful life.

Wisdom is the key to financial increase.

Wisdom is even the key to your health.

The Only Problem You Will Ever Have In Your Life Is A Wisdom Problem.

How do you know who is wise? God considers anyone willing to *reach* for Wisdom as wise. You attend Church because you are reaching. You Sow financial Seeds because you are reaching. You pray... because you are reaching! You watch Christian television...*you are reaching*.

So if you are in pursuit of Wisdom, if you are reaching for Wisdom, God qualifies you as a wise person.

Being wise doesn't mean you are not going to make any mistakes. It does not mean that you cease to make errors. It does not mean that you dot every "I" and cross every "I". It means you are *in pursuit* of God's answer to your problem. Remember that He said, "If you call for me...you'll find me...if you'll ask, you'll receive...when you knock, the door *will* be opened," (see Matthew 7:7-8 and Psalm 91:15).

One purpose of Wisdom is to protect you from wrong people. Wrong People Birth Sad Seasons.

There are 7 Kinds of People You Cannot Help.

Sound cynical? It really isn't. Notice the words of Hosea, "For Israel slideth back as a backsliding heifer: now the Lord will feed them as a lamb in a large place. Ephraim is joined to idols: let him alone," (Hosea 4:16-17).

What an incredible and shocking statement. "Let Ephraim alone." In other words, don't try to help Ephraim...don't advise them...don't preach to them... don't teach them..."leave them alone!"

He continues, "I know Ephraim," (Hosea 5:3). How devastating. "Let Ephraim alone...I know Ephraim."

Every human on earth needs help.

Every human on earth is damaged in some part of their life.

Everything arrives on earth damaged.

Through the bloodline, through experiences... something is missing in every one of us. We all know this. There is something wrong with every human. The Bible says, "Man at his best state is altogether vanity," (Psalm 39:5).

The Bible says, "Our righteousnesses are as filthy rags," (Isaiah 64:6).

David put it this way, "In sin did my mother conceive me," (Psalm 51:5).

The fall did not start the problem.

Consider our beginning.

Adam and Eve are born perfectly in the garden.

The serpent offers Eve an increase of knowledge *outside of obedience*. (We were born with the desire for increase). She reached for it...she took it...she accepted it. Every human through that choice is born on earth damaged.

Every person needs help...yet everyone does not receive help. Jesus expressed disappointment when people refused to reach for Him. "They that be whole need not a physician," (Matthew 9:12). They failed to see their need for a physician. They believed they were "O.K." Even Jesus could not help people who refused to acknowledge their need for Him...who refused to reach for Him.

If you carry guilt for people you have been unable

to help...this book is for you. At some point in time, somewhere along life's journey, you will encounter people whom you *cannot* help.

I am talking to you who carry an invisible burden for your spouse or your children who in spite of your every attempt to help them...they spiraled downward...unraveled before your very eyes. Your pleadings...and your tears...your aching and your crying...your instructions have been consistently disregarded and ignored. You go to bed at night with indescribable pain.

It is inherent in our nature to want to help people.

People who do not even acknowledge God can be benevolent...it is the mark of the Creator on His creation.

The most devastated human on earth wants to reach out and help somebody. It is *the God-part* of a human to want to correct somebody going on the wrong road...going the wrong way.

I have walked across the street to help a stranger...because they needed help.

On the worst day of your life...when you are mad at the world...something in you comes alive when you see someone in trouble...something in you hurts because it is the Divine nature to want to help.

When you are trying to help somebody with their life...doing everything you can...yet, you watch them continue to disintegrate...your focus moves from God and becomes fixed on their failure. You begin to identify with them in failure...feeling like a failure yourself. You begin slowly dying emotionally. *I have written this book for you*.

The Bible says, "The curse causeless shall not come," (Proverbs 26:2). The world is full of losers who do not have to lose...people in pain who do not have to be in pain. Destruction, whether in the life of a person or in the life of a nation, does not just happen without reason. The curse does not show up without a cause.

Visit the places where there is catastrophe... whether it is a tornado, an earthquake...or a Tsunami. Some of us want to cry out to Indonesia, "Why did you burn the Catholic churches down when the priests were trying to help you?" The Bible says that God uses the stormy winds to fulfill His Word. (See Psalm 148:8.) Visit the places where there has been horrifying tragedy and research what happened before that tragedy. Missionaries have been run out... the Bibles and the American Flag dishonored and burned. People who tried to bring the good news of the gospel to that locality were often refused...defied... rebelled against and even martyred. *Mysteries would not be mysteries if we knew what God knows*.

You are not God. Even *He* won't over-ride a person's will. You cannot make anyone change with your faith...with your goodness or even with your gifts.

Our giving to the United Nations 3rd world countries has been continuously dishonored. We underwrite the presence of their representatives here and some of them use their diplomatic immunity to live above the law. They openly disrespect us...yet we protect them. Something inside of me says, "Why can't I change this?"

Jesus, Himself, in Luke, chapter 13 looked across Jerusalem and said, "How often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not!" (Luke 13:34).

Face it...you have only a certain amount of energy, a certain amount of enthusiasm and a certain amount of time. You are not God Jr. You have only received enough energy and time for your Assignment.

Every hour you spend on the wrong person diminishes your ability to help somebody who would have responded positively to your help.

Qualify The Soil.

Do not waist your energy on wrong soil. Know when to stop investing in certain people and give them in to God's care. It is of extreme importance that you learn where to put your time...where to put your energy. There is always somebody waiting on your arrival who will listen to you.

Somebody is sitting in the dark...you are their answer. Every hour you spend trying to help someone who refuses to be helped, you are losing ground with someone whose life is unraveling...because your busy with someone who in reality isn't interested in your help. (This point is worthy of repetition).

Three of the 4 gospels document Jesus teaching the Parable of the Sower. Jesus talked about Seed sowing into stony ground, thorny ground and good ground. He found no fault with the sower and no fault with the Seed. His focus in this parable is the soil... and varying levels of productivity based entirely on the condition of that soil.

Truth is powerful...but not everybody is willing to embrace it. Truth is unchanging, pure...the Bible is powerful...the Word of Jesus Himself. Yet the quality of the Seed does not change the quality of the soil. *The Seed Reveals The Quality of The Soil.*

Picture looking into the face of Jesus.

You are looking in to His face.

You have an opportunity to talk to Jesus!

It is your moment.

He has just performed a miracle.

He is walking down the road in Jerusalem and suddenly...you have access to Him.

What would you say?

Now imagine the Pharisees who said, "We know you healed the man, but You did it on the Sabbath...it's against the Law."

What kind of human would correct the Son of God?

Notice what Jesus did not say. He did *not* say, "Oh...you didn't understand? Let's go back over here, and I'm going to do it again and walk you through this. I can tell you just haven't understood...you're wounded, aren't you? You have a wounded heart. You've had a bad experience in church, haven't you? Come on...let me do this over again."

No. Jesus didn't address them at all. He spoke up aloud to His protégés and said that the Pharisees were white-washed tombs filled with dead men's bones...full of devils.

Paul was a gifted lawyer who had studied under the number one lawyer of his day, Gamaliel. Paul was extremely articulate in his writings. In the midst of all of his revelation, in the midst of all the good things happening, and in spite of his drive and unparalleled passion to help people, Paul takes time to express, "Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works," (2 Timothy 4:14)

Hold it...Hold it...Hold it...Hold it Paul!

You are a master word-smith. You are the man who can take profound truth and simplify it in bite-size elements. You can take a universe and break it down to make it understandable, and you are saying here, that there is a man who has made life hard for you? What about your communication skills? What about your gifts? Paul, you are a master at logic. Nobody can present sequential truth more consistently, more understandably than you. Paul you are a master at discussion. You are an authority on conversation. Kings have begged for you to communicate to them. And you are telling me there is a coppersmith over here in the corner of town that you cannot get along with?

There are people you cannot help. For you to use your energy, your life, your enthusiasm...all that you have got and pour it on wrong soil is one of the greatest tragedies of a good life.

My first preaching engagement was a Sunday evening service, when I was 8 years old for my father in Waco, Texas at Waco Gospel Tabernacle at 18th and Sanger. When I was 15, I would preach in the summer months. I entered Bible School after completing high school. On February 4th, 1966, I left Bible school. On February 9th, I started my first crusade and I have been traveling, preaching this gospel non-stop since then. I have poured my entire life out to help people get answers to their problems. That's why I've written over 300 books. That's why I've traveled millions of miles. I have given my whole life to try to help people.

I have spent hours and thousands of dollars paying their house notes...paying their bankruptcies off... paying their hospital bills...bailing them out of jail... visiting them in the hospital. I've poured my life out and watched them continue to fail.

There are people you cannot help. Don't use your time on people that you can't help. Pour the oil where it's respected. There are 7 Kinds of People That You Cannot Help.

1

YOU CANNOT HELP SOMEONE WHO REFUSES TO BELIEVE THEY HAVE A PROBLEM

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Truth Is Necessary For Solutions.

Jesus said that the "whole" don't have need of a physician. "I've come to people who know they're sick…people who know they need help." Your ability to embrace truth regarding a problem is really significant. Without it, you can't be helped; nor can you help someone who isn't honest regarding their problem.

Zacchaeus was up in the tree, but he knew he had a problem. Can I tell you something? A man in a nightclub watching the stripper strip and on his fifth beer who knows he has a problem is closer to God than a church member who sits in the house of God on a Sunday morning and doesn't think they have a weakness and doesn't believe they have a problem.

You can't help someone who will not acknowledge something out of order in their life.

Imagine with me for a moment. You become ill. Your stomach is hurting intensely. You schedule a visit to the doctor. But, you refuse to tell him where you are hurting. Can he help you? Of course not. Taking your temperature may reveal a problem. But, if you refuse to identify the truth about where you

hurt...that doctor is helpless. No nurse can assist you. No medicine can be prescribed. The doctor cannot help someone who refuses to tell him the truth about their problem.

Every lawyer knows this. Imagine that you're sitting in a chair in your lawyer's office. He is questioning you about the case. It is important to a lawyer that no surprises occur in the courtroom...that he can predict and anticipate whatever will be spoken by the opposing counsel. He wants to even be able to predict the accusations or statements made by the adversary on a witness stand. If you refuse to give him truthful facts, he will not be able to help you effectively win your case or defend you successfully.

Picture a scenario in the garage of a mechanic. Your brakes failed and you ran through a stop sign almost smashing into a building. The mechanic asks you, "What is wrong with the car?" You reply, "Nothing." How long do you think it will take him to locate the problem with the brakes without any information from you? Undoubtedly, he will refuse to permit you to leave your car there...for him to experiment with what could be wrong. Even the mechanic cannot repair your car if you refuse to tell him the truth about the problem you are having.

Every marriage counselor knows that if one of the marriage partners begins to lie in the counseling sessions, restoring their relationship is practically impossible. Accurate solutions require the truth. When one of those counseled insists on lying in any session, all hope of finding a workable answer is lost.

The Scriptures record an interesting scenario with the disciples who were distraught and destitute

after toiling all night for fish...with no results. Jesus asked a simple question. His question to the disciples prompted an embarrassing answer. They were professional fishermen. This is what they did for a living. But, they did not lie nor misrepresent themselves to Jesus when He asked, "Children, have ye any meat?" (John 21:5). They admitted, "no"... they had not caught anything at all. It must have been a humiliating, embarrassing moment of truth. Admitting to Jesus their empty nets, their futility and failure was not an easy thing to do. Whatever the reason, they confessed their failure, loss and emptiness. At that specific moment of their truthful confession, the answer became possible.

Jesus immediately answered, "Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find," (John 21:6).

Note the incredible solution. "They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes," (John 21:6). The moment they were honest about their problem, the answer emerged.

One of the tragic errors and losses that lying creates is credibility with others. When someone ceases to trust you, you lose so much in life.

One of the greatest losses that any liar will experience is...the inevitable failure of finding the answer.

Every financial advisor knows this. If a couple is having financial difficulty but the husband refuses to admit that he is using cash to gamble in secret, the solution to their financial dilemma may never be discovered.

God has made it easy to escape hell. He has made it easy to prepare for Heaven. Nothing on earth is easier to do than to radically change your life...if you are honest about your problem.

1. You Must Willingly Confess Your Sins. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness," (1 John 1:9).

You must honestly confess that Jesus Christ is the only answer. "He that cometh unto God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him," (Hebrews 11:6).

How important is the truth? Recently, television reports showed the thousands of pieces that remained from the crash of a 747 aircraft. Millions of dollars were invested in searching out the cause of the crash. Think about this for a moment. The company was investing millions to find the truth about the accident. Why? If they did not find the true cause of the accident, it would reoccur in the rest of their planes!

The truth would prevent further tragic losses and disasters.

- 2. If You Are Refusing To Be Truthful With Someone Attempting To Help You...You Are Wasting Valuable Time...Yours And Theirs. They will never be able to give you an adequate solution as long as you lie or keep things hidden. I urge you to open up, disclose the full details...to hasten the moment of your full recovery. It will work for you.
- 3. Stop Wasting Your Time With Someone Who Is Refusing To Reveal The Truth About Their Problem. You will end up exhausted, empty and even permanently disappointed. You cannot help

anyone until they are ready to be truthful with you regarding their problem. Their desire for attention or justification...may keep you involved. But, their unwillingness to be truthful will forever paralyze your ability to bring full recovery and answers.

4. Confession Is The Catalyst For Help... For Change...For Healing. You cannot help somebody who refuses to admit that they hurt. When someone won't admit their problems...even to themselves, you cannot help that person. They will probably blame somebody else.

The first thing you want to do when you're talking with somebody that's in trouble is to ask some questions like, "What do you believe your problem is? How do you see your problem? Do you believe you have a problem?"

5. There Is No Power Like Admitting You Have A Problem. There is help for *anybody* who says, "I really need help; I have a problem in my life. Something is wrong in me...would you help me?" "I can't handle money; would you help me?" "I have a problem with my children; I don't know how to talk to them. I don't know what to do; would you help me?" Thank God, there is help for that kind of honesty.

Confrontation Is An Attempt
To Preserve A Relationship.

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YOU CANNOT HELP SOMEONE WHOSE CONSCIENCE HAS BEEN SEARED



Within every person, God places a basic conscience that is responsive to the Divine law of God. Almost everyone you meet will have a sensitive conscience towards right and wrong. Even criminals will hide their schemes because of a sensitive conscience. It hinders their boldness. It keeps them open to plea bargaining with a prosecutor. They know they were wrong.

But, occasionally you will meet someone whose conscience has been seared...even desensitized. One psychologist was explaining the Iraqi dictator, Saddam Hussein. When asked how this man could annihilate entire villages and bury thousands in holes in the ground, he replied that he had no conscience. This permitted him to destroy people by the thousands and never think about it again. He could continue his own life, plans and financial schemes because he did not have the burden of self-accusation. It is tragically true.

Throughout history, there were men, such as Adolph Hitler who destroyed millions of Jews, who did not have a sensitive conscience to the Divine law of justice, mercy or human rights.

Human counseling has been hopelessly ineffective in describing what creates a loss of conscience. Scripturally, we know that those who refuse to tell the truth...who lie to The Holy Spirit... something begins to die in them. Sensitivity to truth is not permanently in the heart of man.

Sensitivity to truth is a gift from God...for a season. When ignored, defiled or trivialized, the conscience begins to lose sensitivity and responsiveness to Divine condemnation and guilt. It is dangerous because it makes any recovery virtually impossible.

Loss of conscience may explain the shocking judgments of God that occur suddenly. We see this in specific cases in Scripture. Korah was a significant leader of the Israelites. He had direct access to the Chief Minister, Moses. The act of slandering the character of a godly man, revealed his loss of conscience. Those who can easily defile and stain the name of a proven man of God...reveal loss of conscience. Notice God's response to Korah. God opened up the earth and swallowed Korah and 250 of his family members.

God's response to Korah's family suggests that they had been infected with Korah's bitter, critical spirit. God's response is also a strong indicator that they were beyond help or correction. Their conscience had become defiled, void of good judgment and insensitive.

This is a Divine Warning. When The Holy Spirit Convicts You...Respond Instantly And Swiftly With Your Prayer of Repentance. Don't

trivialize His voice. Be continually thankful for the sensitivity of your conscience. That sensitivity is linked to the mercy you receive.

Obey The Holy Spirit...He works with your conscience attempting to preserve and protect you. Confrontation Is The Attempt To Preserve A Relationship.

There are some things that even God cannot do. (See Mark 6:4-6.) He cannot significantly help someone who dishonors Him. He cannot lie. He cannot help anyone whose rejection of The Holy Spirit has seared and voided the sensitivity of their conscience...and neither can you.

Change Is Proportionate
To Passion.

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3

YOU CANNOT HELP SOMEONE WHO REFUSES TO REACH



You Cannot Help Someone Who Refuses To Reach For Help.

You cannot help someone who will not reach for advice.

Even the blind man had to cry out to get his healing. The woman who had an issue of blood for 12 years, had to crawl to get to Jesus.

Even the prodigal son who had broken the heart of his father had to get up out of the pigpen.

"Mike, what's wrong with my child?"

The pigs don't stink enough where he's at right now. When your kid is running from God, just wait... the stench of the pigpen will become so strong...they'll wake up to nothing.

"Mike, maybe if I just send them another \$500 to get them through the month..."

No..! They dishonor you. They continually disrespect you. They don't honor God.

Mercy Is Not An Ostrich With Its Head In The Sand. God didn't ignore the sinful state of man in the name of mercy. He shed blood over the situation. The crucifixion was violent and extreme.

"Well, Lord...if you really loved me...you know I need help."

No. You Must Seek...You Must Knock.

"You mean I have to do something?"
"Uh-huh."

Jesus is hanging between two thieves. One is cussing Him...not just a thief...but obviously an idiot as well. Here's a man facing death...the last page of his diary. His life is over. He's finished. He's dying. He's not about to reach for help. Here we have a perfect example of a fool.

On the other side of Jesus, a man asks Jesus, "Would You remember me?" Jesus looks over at him and says, "Today you'll be with Me."

Why didn't Jesus look at the first man and say, "Your cussing indicates that your father must have abused you...you seem wounded. If they had just counseled you...bless your heart. Were you adopted? I bet the reason you're so upset is because you were raised in a foster home...weren't you? Bless your heart. You come on in, too."

I am not making light of any of these things. All of us have been imprinted by life...pain too deep for words. *Your attitude though*, is revealed by your reaching or by your refusal to reach.

Life is full of paradox. One atheistic woman, full of the devil, was the driving force behind removing prayer from schools. Yet her son though, turns to Jesus.

We have preacher's children who refuse to get dressed and go to the house of God on Sunday morning. It's the soil, friend...it's not the Seed...it's the soil.

Reaching is vital. Reaching is required. Many want prayer for their finances, but refuse to sit down with a financial advisor. (God gave us a brain to *think* with.)

One day I was trying to figure out something for 20 minutes on a computer...20 minutes. At the end of 20 minutes, I look across the room at the computer teacher and say, "How do I do this?"

He said, "Oh this button, here."

Click.

That should show us something about the power of mentorship. I simply had to ask for help.

Some men would rather drive two hours than stop at a convenience store and ask for directions.

You can't help somebody who won't reach for help. You can't help somebody who won't pursue change.

You've got to reach.

You could be on a cross right next to Jesus...but you are still in trouble unless you reach.

Jesus would have walked right past the blind man. The blind man would have remained untouched. The man had to cry out. The disciples told him to be quiet, but he cried out all the louder. Change Is Proportionate To Passion. You must reach!

The First Step Toward Success
Is The Willingness
To Listen.

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YOU CANNOT HELP SOMEONE WHO REFUSES TO LISTEN AND FOLLOW YOUR INSTRUCTIONS

Listening Is As Important As Talking.

Have you ever talked to somebody that the whole time, you could tell they weren't there?

 $Swift\ to\ hear.\ Slow\ to\ Speak.\$ Silence is pregnant. It's powerful.

One day I asked a young man on staff, "Is it possible for you to listen?" I asked because time matters to me. (When your goals matter to you, your time matters to you.) I didn't want to be wasting my energy. "Do you have the capability?"

The Bible says, "Having ears, they hear not." Some people *will not listen to you*.

You *cannot* help someone that thinks they are God, Jr. If their automated response to any and all situations is, "I know. I know, I know" or "I've already tried that," you *cannot* help them.

When someone says that God has given them private information..."God told me"...you have to step away.

A woman in Tulsa had written me some inappropriate letters. The basic content was that I was supposed to be her husband. I saw her in one of my seminars, and I said, "Come over here." She came over

and I said, "I got all your letters about me being your husband. I'm not your husband. God has not chosen me to be your husband." And she just kept on, "Yes, you are." "I said, "No, no." She said, "I'm your Ruth." I said, "No, I'm not Boaz, and you're not Ruth." I said, "God has not given me that, but I want to pray with you that God will bring the man that He has for you into your life." She blew up and said, "You're just being rebellious." I said, "Well there's your first documentation. Have you asked for a rebellious husband? No, you didn't ask God for a rebellious man, so if you didn't ask God for a rebellious man, I'm not the man you've been praying for." Finally she just exploded. She said, "How do you know I'm not the one?" I said, "I don't want you. The Bible says the desire of the righteous shall be granted. I have no desire for you. Have you noticed I've never called you? I've never taken you out on a date. Have you ever noticed that? That should tell you something."

She continued to write me letters.

You cannot help somebody who won't listen to what you're saying. Don't go any further with it... don't wear yourself out. A prominent minister friend of mine had a girl show up in her wedding dress on the front row in a service. She had announced to every one that God told her she was going to marry this minister. They had to usher her out.

When someone says, "God told me. God told me. God told me,"...you can't go past their presumption. For you to even make any suggestion beyond that statement could be viewed as interrupting or challenging God. *There are some people you cannot help*.

You can judge whether a person is really hearing you by their response to your instructions.

This sounds simple, but it's profound.

If all of your children are serving the Lord, be thankful. Don't be cocky. You have no idea the sorrow a child can bring into your life who disregards your instruction. People we love can cause pain. It's important to keep perspective when interacting with loved ones.

John Wesley traveled and preached thousands of miles in England...preached thousands of sermons. In his meetings, his wife would stand with the crowd outside in a drunken stupor and yell, "He's a liar...he's a hypocrite. Don't believe him!"

Access is a gift. If someone refuses to follow your cotton-pickin' instructions, remove access.

A young protégé called me some months ago and said, "Dr. Murdock, my wife and I have been thinking of you...we wanted to get your advice." I said, "Oh no, no, no...Why would I waste my time with another instruction? I won't give you any...no; no...I won't give you any advice."

You can't help somebody who thinks they know more than you.

You can't help someone who disregards the smallest instruction.

I was impressed with one of my staff recently. She's been working in our ministry for 13 years. I have never known of her to disregard my instruction...ever. Recently she said, "I want to buy a certain car...what is your opinion?" I knew she wanted it. It was important to her. It was big to her. I also knew it was going to break down and when it

broke down, it would cost her 4 times more than she'd ever paid for repairs. The more a car costs, the higher the repairs.

I said, "This is my opinion. I know you want to feel good driving around in this car, but this is my experience..."

She didn't respond, "Well, I know that God told me to buy it."

If God is talking to you about something, why would you consult me? I mean if you sat down and communicated with God for an hour, why would you call me to verify it?

This staff member emailed me with this response, "I will do what you have said."

Now I wouldn't have been angry with her if she had said, "I really want this car so badly." But there is an established trust. The advice I gave was not for my benefit. I didn't care if she got the car or not. That was her business. But I knew down the road, it was going to bother her. Instead of a \$60 repair...it was going to be \$300.00.

If you have someone in your life that gives you wise counsel without anything involved to their benefit...honor them, value their input, celebrate their advice... listen and follow their advice.

There are people that I consult for various things in my life. I'm so thankful that I've learned to reach... to listen, to discern truth when I hear it, and to follow instruction.

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YOU CANNOT HELP SOMEONE WHO DISREGARDS THE DIVINE CHAIN OF AUTHORITY IN THEIR LIFE

You Cannot Help Someone Who Disregards, Disrespects or Rejects The Divine Chain of Authority.

Your reaction to your parents determines God's reaction to you.

Authority is a *God* thing...it's not a *man* thing. *It* is a *God* thing.

God has established a boss over a staff. Your reaction to your manager is your reaction to God.

It is of real importance to assess a person's reaction to established authority in their life. How do they react to those in authority over them?

You Cannot Help Someone Who Disregards or Disrespects The Divine Chain of Authority In Their Life.

"Mike, how do you know this?"

Remember when God said, "Let Ephraim alone?" Let's go further. A church service is in progress...

Peter is in authority. In walks one of his leaders.

"Hello, Pastor Peter, here's the money that Sapphira and I got." His name was Ananias (not the prophet...Ananias the liar). He continues, "This is the money we received from the sale of real estate...we're giving it all."

Ananias looks at the man of God over his life... his Pastor...his leader and lies right to his face. To look at a man of God...a man of God...right in the eye and lie to him...that is dumb on a whole different scale.

Does God kill *liars? Of course not...we'd all be dead.* God is obviously merciful beyond comprehension. But Ananias and Sapphira fell dead. Why? *There was no regard for their man of God.*

Moses was a pretty brilliant man. If you recall, he was trained as a son of Pharaoh, and he was one of the generals in the Egyptian army. Moses was known throughout the land.

Moses, Moses...the guy who could throw down a rod and it became a snake...the man who talked to God in person.

Korah enters the picture. He looks at Moses defiantly.

It isn't always what you say, but how you say it.

Korah was arrogant in his tone, his attitude and his words...he was fearless in his public slander of Moses.

Now Moses could have said, "Well Korah, we left you out of that board meeting...that's why you got your feelings hurt. You didn't understand...poor thing. Let's talk this through."

No. Moses looked up at God and in essence said, "I can't take any more." And God said, "Me neither." Thump...Korah and 250 family members died in a moment.

Do not become a harbor for spiritual rebels. Do

not harbor their complaints. Don't let them speak into your ear and speak into your life. There will always be somebody disgruntled. But, when they attempt to destroy something God is doing through their words, they become an adversary of God. You can't help them.

Once I had a staff member say, "Well, I just don't understand what you're doing." I said, "Well, there is an IQ difference."

Ladies that are single, don't date a "man" who is disrespectful to his mother and father. That is the first clue.

You cannot help someone who disregards, disrespects or rejects the Divine chain of authority in their life.

The *Word* of God Is
The *Wisdom* of God.

-MIKE MURDOCK



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YOU CANNOT HELP SOMEONE WHO DOES NOT ACCEPT THE BIBLE AS THE STANDARD OF TRUTH

You Cannot Help Someone Who Does Not Accept The Bible As The Standard of Truth...Because Everything Is Based On The Word.

There is no standard outside the Bible...there is none. All the teaching concerning drinking, homosexuality, abortion...these are all easy issues, if you believe the Bible is the standard for truth. But if you do not accept the Bible as the standard for living, the standard of conduct for your life, nobody can help you. There is no other standard.

Do you know what is being taught now in Harvard?

Do you know the new wave of world view coming through television?

Many voices are now teaching that experience is the standard for truth...that you can only measure truth by an experience that you have had.

Ignorance nauseates me.

The Bible is the truth. Mahatma K. Gandhi made a statement that if he believed in a Heaven and a hell like Christians say they do, that he would crawl on hands and knees to the 4 corners of the earth to convince people to accept Christ... "if he believed that."

I wouldn't want to live in a city where there was no prison. I wouldn't want to live in a country where there were no police.

Law and Order is very important. The purpose of the law is order.

That's why there is a stop sign. It's not to help you save on your gasoline.

It's to avoid disorder...disorder leads to a crash... to injury. That is why we have signs. Signs are to keep order. Order is for your safety.

Daddy and I were about to leave a restaurant the other day, and we stopped in the men's room. When leaving the men's room there was another door there...so we just walked in that room. It was the women's restroom.

We started laughing. I said, "Whoops, whoops, whoops." There should have been a sign on the door. The purpose of signs is order...it isn't to demonstrate ownership...but for order. If the Bible is not the standard for truth, what else would be? You cannot help anybody who doesn't believe the Bible is The Word of God.

Three things convince me that the Bible is inspired of God. When I was a teenage boy, the greatest battle of my mind was over the infallibility of the Scriptures. I had a real problem over Scriptures because I saw what to me looked like contradictions, at the time.

How did I know this was the Bible? I studied the scientific background.

Kepler, the scientist, said the lightning was

necessary for rain. Then I would read in the Bible, "He maketh the lightening for the rain."

Aristotle, the philosopher who is so often quoted, taught that the earth was on the back of two turtles in the middle of the ocean, and people believed him. At the same time he was teaching that, the prophet wrote, "He hangeth the world upon nothing."

When people believed the earth was flat, the Scriptures declared, "The earth turns as the clay does to the cylinder."

Fourteen to 17 elements in the human body can be found in the soil. The Bible tells us that He made us from dirt.

No human would have written a standard this high. No teenager would have written, "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child, but the rod of correction will drive it far from him." No wife would have documented, "Obey your husband woman." So you know your wife didn't write the Bible. No husband would have written, "Love your wife like Christ loves the church." So you know that your husband didn't write the Bible. No human would have written a standard this high.

The second reason I believe that the Bible is God's inspired Word, is found in the changes that occur in those who embrace The Word of God...purely supernatural. Drug addiction has been broken. Alcoholics have been set free and delivered. Those who are violent have become meek and submitted.

Thirdly, I believe that the Bible is God's Word because of its sheer magnetism. The very presence of a Bible often produces an aura and change in the atmosphere. Lay an encyclopedia on a restaurant table and no one will look at you twice. Lay your Bible on the table, and people will stare at you the whole time you eat.

Do you really think it was 10 little sentences on a concrete monument that infuriated people down in Alabama? No. It was the Words of God penetrating their heart like a knife. Unholy men *hate* holy words.

Ungodly men hate godly words. *That should tell you something*. Of all the things that are written that nobody reacts to, you put 10 little sentences out of the mouth of God a concrete stone and the whole world goes crazy.

Do I wonder about someone suing...trying to remove the words "In God we trust," off of a dollar bill? No. If your character is satanic, any mention of God unnerves you.

You cannot help somebody who rejects truth.

7

YOU CANNOT HELP SOMEONE WHO BELIEVES YOU ARE THEIR PROBLEM

Stephen, In The Book of Acts, Was A Deacon, Full of The Holy Ghost...Full of The Spirit...Full of Power.

Stephen began to preach to the people. Instead of listening to him and saying, "We need to think about that" or instead of them just walking down the road, they immediately went into a devilish rage.

They rushed on Stephen and began to stone him until he was dead. Why? Obviously they saw Stephen as their problem.

You cannot help someone who believes you are their problem.

You cannot help your child if that child thinks that you are their problem. You can't help them.

"Well somebody needs to."

Yes, somebody needs to...but you can't. You can't! Have you ever told your child something over and over...only to have that child disregard your instruction and continue in life without any consideration of your words?

Then, someone your child really likes, gives them the same instruction and they respond, "Boy, that's good advice...yeah, I'll do that!"

That's when you begin to wonder if they switched

the bassinets at the hospitals. "I got the wrong kid!"

If somebody believes that you are their problem, you are not the tool God will use to help their life.

Korah didn't get into trouble for disagreeing with Moses. There is nothing wrong with disagreeing with your leader. But when you attempt to infiltrate the influence system and turn people against their leader, that's a whole other issue.

It is not wrong to question the decision of a leader. It's not wrong to approach him and talk to him about an issue you don't understand. But if you begin to rally support for your cause, you have crossed the line into rebellion.

Those without your memories cannot feel your pain.

Those who cannot feel your pain, will disagree with your goals.

Those who disagree with your goals, will not understand your decision-making.

Those who despise your decisions, will eventually become your adversaries.

I make a lot of decisions that are not understood. Every parent does. Every leader does.

Never permit an acorn to become an oak tree.

Everything is at its weakest at its beginning.

Remove something wrong before it gains momentum.

When God Wants To Bless You, He Puts A Person In Your Life. When He Wants To Protect You, He Removes Somebody From Your Life.

You cannot help somebody who sees you as the source of all their problems. Disconnect. Leave.

You can't help everybody. When Jesus left, He

cried out, "It is finished." In other words, "My work is done."

If you and I had been there, maybe we would have said, "Pardon me? It's a mess. All Your disciples have left. *Nobody is here*. What do You mean, 'Your work is finished?"

Jesus obviously didn't mean that everybody had received help, but the part He was supposed to do, had been completed.

There are people who *cannot* be helped. Not everyone will receive help. Let the burden fall from your shoulder. Let the stress dissolve. If you've obeyed the voice of the Father, nothing else matters. *I said, nothing else matters.*

DECISION PAGE

Will You Accept Jesus As Your Personal Savior Today?

The Bible says, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." (Romans 10:9).

Pray this prayer from your heart today!

"Dear Jesus, I believe that You died for me and rose again on the third day. I confess I am a sinner...I need Your love and forgiveness...Come into my heart. Forgive my sins. I receive Your eternal life. Confirm Your love by giving me peace, joy and supernatural love for others. Amen."

□ Yes, Mike, I made a decision to accept Christ as my personal Savior today. Please send me my free gift of your book, "31 Keys to a New Beginning" to help me with my new life in Christ.

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Right relationships matter more.

The Scriptures reveal much about the different qualities of soil that exist.

Jesus spoke differently to different people.

Jesus never gave altar calls to Pharisees. Why? He discerned those who were beyond His help. "They that be whole need not a physician," (Matthew 9:12). The quality of the soil matters. Focus your life where you see results.

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- Anyone Who Believes You Are Their Problem.
- Anyone Who Refuses To Embrace The Scriptural Solution To Their Problem.
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- Anyone Who Refuses To Work.
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