

CHAIN OF COMMAND

Strong Families, Great Churches

Mar 4:23 "If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear."

Mar 4:24 And He was saying to them, "Take care what you listen to. By your standard of measure it will be measured to you; and more will be given you besides."

Mar 4:25 "For whoever has, to him more shall be given; and whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him."

It is a choice for us to hear. We must hear what He is saying. What are we listening to will shape our nature. If we keep eating healthy food, the result is healthy life. If we keep listening to lies, the nature of lying habits will come to us. If we expose our children to ghost stories, whatever they receive will become their nature. They will become frightened because of what they see. Faith comes by hearing what God is saying. If we keep listening to lies, the lying spirit will attack us. Take care of what we listen to.

Luk 8:18 "So take care how you listen; for whoever has, to him more shall be given; and whoever does not have, even what he thinks he has shall be taken away from him."

God's word must be sown deep into our heart so that it is not lost. It is so easy to lose what God is saying. When God is speaking, how do we listen? We must be careful of what we are taking. If we listen and we don't understand, the devil will take away the seed. Give an attentive ear.

Listen to the right source. Be careful of what we listen to, how we listen and who we listen to.

Mat 24:3 As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

Mat 24:4 And Jesus answered and said to them, "See to it that no one misleads you."

Who is our leader? Make sure no one misleads us. This is not just about spiritual things. It is for all aspects of life.

1. Who is above all?

This is the sovereignty of heaven. God is above all. His thoughts and ways are higher. He does not consult us but plans on His own and predestined the path that we should take. He knows all things before things happen. He knows the future. He works according to

what He has planned. He knows before our needs arrive. Every disappointment can become an appointment to God. We will not be dismayed or forsaken. God has a plan for our life. That plan is better than how we can plan.

Men can cheat us, mess up the work, or lie to us but we can trust God with all our heart. A good habit is to come on Sunday morning and pour out our heart to Him. This is the God we need and listen to. He is above all and He can see the end and the beginning. Are we ready to follow Him?

2. Who is above us?

This is spiritual authority of the pastor where we can live our life under. In the church God puts men above our life so that we can become accountable. We have God and senior pastor. Don't reject the leadership. God puts men in different position so that we can follow proper authority. Most people don't understand this. When they go to church, they do not submit to anyone and that's why they don't have authority to resist the enemy. We must subject ourselves to somebody in the house. When we subject ourselves, all blessings will be at the right place.

We must carry authority and in order to carry authority we must be under authority. If we want spiritual authority in life, we must subject ourselves. When we are under covering, we are protected. Father and mother hold the power at home. When sickness comes into the house, we as father or mother must rise because our children depend on the authority we have. If we are not subjected to authority, then the family will not be covered. Our children have no hope if we are not under authority. The enemy will be able to attack them.

When we come under authority we feel safe because we know someone is guarding our life. When we subject ourselves to God and resist the devil, it will flee from us. The devil can know if we are connected or not.

We are living in the last days and every attack that can come will come. We need the spiritual authority in order to put all these things down. If we want to win the battle we

must win the spiritual battle first. There is no victory unless we build it in the spirit. That's why we need to go up in the spirit. If we want to pray for the sick, we must have higher authority over the demons. When we are subjected properly to Papa, whatever he touched in the heavens, we will be able to touch it to. Be responsible and be accountable and whatever the leader has will flow into our life.

If we do what God wants, there will be spiritual protection. When there is covering, the blessing will flow very quickly. When we don't come under covering, we will not be protected.

3. Who is for us?

These are people who recognize our spiritual authority. If they are not for us, they will not be with us. They agree on the same thing we agree. Our submission to God's word must be veracious *???? check again.*

These people devote themselves to the apostle's teaching. Anything contrary to God's word they will cut them off. They support us because we believe God's word and practice God's word. They don't join together because of personality. At the end of the day, all of us in the church must believe the same thing. If we believe something else, we will be going through the wrong direction.

The connection these people have with us is based on God's word. They believe in us and believe in what God is doing in us.

4. Who is with us?

If we are for our leader, then we must be accessible to our leader also. We need physical presence, not just in the spirit. In order to get the job done, we need people physically there. If we have 200 leaders who are for us but they are at another country, they will be no help to us also because they are not around to get the job done. We must be able to live together, work together and do the work together.

God's government is coming down. We must know how God rules. Men rules according to their opinions but God rules by principles. Let's finish the work together so that the work will not suffer.

5. Who is around us?

We will be surrounded by people whether we like it or not. The people around us can shape our world and that's why we don't want to have bad people around us. IF we have bad workers or surrounded by bad workers, it will cripple our work. That's why it's better to fire them and get people who can do the job and be with people who are competent. Competent people can do the job of ten people. They can multitask. This kind of worker is hard to come by.

Good people around us can provide challenges to us and make us strong. Wrong people will push us down. If we are a leader, we must surround ourselves with good kind of people or else they can choke us. If we want to win, choose our friends. That's why we surround ourselves and our company or factory with good people. When we do this we will be safe for a long time.