Title: The Word becomes flesh (The Man who changed the whole world (1))

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Luke 4:18&19

18"The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."

The Word became flesh

John 1:1-4 (NKJV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

John 1:14 (AMP)

14 And the Word (Christ) became flesh (human, incarnate) and tabernacled (fixed His tent of flesh, lived awhile) among us; and we saw His glory (His honor, His majesty), **full of grace** (favour, loving-kindness) **and truth**.

Jesus introduced grace and truth to the world. **Truth** sets us free to see as God sees. **Grace** empowers us to obey and to become doers of the word.

John 1:17 (AMP)

17 For while the Law was given through Moses, grace (unearned, undeserved favour and spiritual blessing) and truth came through Jesus Christ.

The role of the teacher in the 5 fold ministry:

The teacher presents the word of God with **understanding** and helps us to **practically apply truth** to our lives. The teacher anointing **gives us eyes to see** so that we can walk in God's will and purposes. A teacher will help us to **see God for who He really is** and **ourselves for who we really are**. A teacher helps us to see our environment and circumstances through God's eyes and perspective.

Truth enables us to understand and see

Matthew 13:4, 8 – the parable of the sower

Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: "Behold, a sower went out to sow. **4**And as he sowed, some *seed* fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them.... **8**But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

Matthew 13: 19, 23 the parable of the sower explained

19When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and **does not understand** *it,* then the wicked *one* comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside... 23But he who received seed on the good ground is **he who hears the word and understands** *it,* who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

Ephesians 1:17&18

"...that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the **spirit of wisdom and revelation** in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your **understanding** being enlightened..."

John 14:16 "And I will pray the Father and He will give you <u>another</u> Helper, that He my abide with you forever, the Spirit of Truth"

Another = "one besides Me and in addition to Me but one just like Me. He will do in my absence what I would do if I were physically present with you"

Grace enables us to be doers of the Word

Matthew 7:24-27 – building our house on the rock

24 "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: **25** and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. **26** "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: **27** and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

Greater accountability

James 3:1 (AMP)

Not many [of you] should become teachers (self-constituted censors and reprovers of others), my brethren, for you know that we [teachers] will be judged by a higher standard *and* with greater severity [than other people; thus we assume the greater accountability)

John 9:39 -41 (NLT)

Then Jesus told him, "I entered this world to render judgment—to give sight to the blind and to show those who think they see that they are blind. "Some Pharisees who were standing nearby heard him and asked, "Are you saying we're blind?" "If you were blind, you wouldn't be guilty," Jesus replied. "But you remain guilty because you claim you can see.

- **Be teachable yourself and open for correction**. Romans 12:16b "Do not be wise in your own opinion". Teachers must be willing to learn and receive from the pastor, prophet, evangelist and apostle.
- As teachers, we do not only impart what we SAY, we also impart who we ARE. You must yourself be a doer of the word, as that will qualify you to teach. Your character is as important as your ability.
- **Spend time in God's word.** Get to know the scriptures.
- Write down the revelations that you receive from the Lord and look for appropriate opportunities to share it.
- We need to learn and read all the time. However, we don't need a degree in theology to be a teacher or to speak with authority. **Matthew 7:28-29** Then Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, for he taught with real authority—quite unlike their teachers of religious law.
- We need to cultivate a **relationship with the Holy Spirit** to be an effective teacher. The teacher anointing comes from a connection with the Holy Spirit.

Hebrews 5:12 (NLT)

12You have been believers so long now that **you ought to be teaching others**.