Acts 10:1-23

Divinely Directed Ministries

- **1. The Manly Ministry**
  - **Acts 9:1-2**, "There was a man at Caesarea named Cornelius, **a centurion of the Italian cohort**, a **devout man** and one who **feared God with all his household**, and **gave** many alms to the Jewish people **and prayed** to God continually."
  - **1 Timothy 4:7b-8**, "**Discipline yourself** for the purpose of godliness; for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable **for all things**."
  - **Joshua 24:15b**, "As for me and my house, **we will serve** the Lord."
  - **1 Timothy 2:8**, "I want the men in every place **to pray**, lifting up **holy hands** without wrath and dissension."
  - **Am I disciplining myself for godliness?**
- **2. The Mysterious Ministry**
  - **Acts 10:3-6**, "He clearly saw in a **vision an angel of God** who said to him, 'Cornelius! Your prayers and alms have **ascended as a memorial before God**..'"
  - **Hebrews 1:14**, "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out **to render service** for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?"
  - **Revelation 5:8**, "The twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb…with golden bowls full of incense, **which are the prayers of the saints**."
  - **Acts 10:10-15**, "Peter **fell into a trance**…A voice came to him, "Get up, Peter, kill and eat!" But Peter said, "**By no means, Lord**." Again a voice came, "What God has cleansed, **no longer consider unholy**."
  - **Mark 7:18-20**, "Jesus said, 'Do you not understand that whatever goes into the man from outside **cannot defile him**, because it does not go into his heart, but into his stomach, and is eliminated?' (Thus He declared all foods clean.)"
  - **Acts 10:19-20**, "While Peter was reflecting on the vision, **the Spirit said to him**, "Behold, three men are looking for you. But get up, go downstairs and accompany them **without misgivings** (doubting nothing), for **I have sent them Myself**."

- **1 Thessalonians 5:19**, "**Do not quench** the Spirit; **do not despise** prophetic utterances (gifts). But **examine everything** carefully."
- **Song of Solomon 8:6**, "Put me like a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm. For love is **as strong as death**, jealousy is **as severe as Sheol**; its flashes are flashes of fire, the very flame (a vehement flame) of the Lord."
- **Jeremiah 2:2**, Thus says the Lord, "I remember concerning you **the devotion** of your youth, **the love** of your betrothals, **your following** after Me in the wilderness."
- **Am I on fire for God?**

- **3. The Majestic Ministry**
  - **Acts 10:22**, "They said, 'Cornelius was **divinely directed** by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and **hear a message from you**.'"
  - **Revelation 14:6-7**, I saw another angel flying in midheaven, having **an eternal gospel to preach** to those who live on the earth…and he said with a loud voice, "**Fear God, and give Him glory**, because the hour of His judgment has come; **worship Him** who made the heaven and the earth."
  - **People need a message from you!**