

I. Introduction

A. What is God dealing with you about?

1. **God is always dealing with us about something. His dealings may include many areas in our life; however, they are usually within three basic areas.**
 - a. Correctional Dealings – God will deal with us about areas that need correction or adjustment.
 - b. Directional Leadings – God will deal with us about what, where, who, and how. *Where are we to do life? What are we to be involved with?*
 - c. Developmental Leadings – God will deal with us about areas of our life that need development. He will lead us into areas of discipleship. *He will impress you to research or study a specific topic such as love, faith, peace, Holy Spirit, healing, etc.*

2. **Every person will experience all these various dealings from the Lord. It is imperative that we PAY ATTENTION to His dealings.**
 - a. They are always for our Good.
 - b. They always take us forward.
 - c. Cooperate with His leadings and you will be BLESSED!
 - d. **Hebrews 12:7-11 (GWT)** – ⁷*Endure your discipline. God corrects you as a father corrects his children. All children are disciplined by their fathers. ⁸If you aren't disciplined like the other children, you aren't part of the family. ⁹On earth we have fathers who disciplined us, and we respect them. Shouldn't we place ourselves under the authority of God, the father of spirits, so that we will live? ¹⁰For a short time our fathers disciplined us as they thought best. Yet, God disciplines us for our own good so that we can become holy like him. ¹¹We don't enjoy being disciplined. It always causes more pain than joy. But later on, those who learn from that discipline have peace that comes from doing what is right.*
 - e. Discipline = Chastening KJV – The whole training and education of children which relates to the cultivation of mind and morals. It is training and cultivation – correction – instruction.

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- f. All the dealings of the Lord – are for my benefit!
Pay Attention!

II. Being Led of the Spirit

God deals with us in our spirit. We must cooperate to follow His leadings.

- A. **Romans 8:14 (NKJV)** – *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.*

There are different levels of being led:

1. A new convert is not as developed in following the leading of God's Spirit as much as someone who has been saved for many years.
(Hopefully)
2. We grow and develop in being led.
3. **Led:** to lead – to bring one to the point of destination; *to lead, guide and direct – to move*

Note: To be led of the Lord – is to be guided and directed by Him. Through his leadings – He is MOVING me – His direction is always FORWARD. *The only way to reap the benefit of this is to pay attention to His dealings – and follow His leadings. His dealings make me aware – His leadings direct me forward.*

4. Those who have developed in following the leading of the Spirit are the MATURE sons of God!

- B. **Psalm 23:1-6 (NKJV)** – ¹*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.* ²*He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He **leads me** beside the still waters.* ³*He restores my soul; He **leads me** in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.* ⁴*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For **You are with me**; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.* ⁵***You prepare** a table before me in the presence of my enemies; **You anoint** my head with oil; My cup runs over.*

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⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever

1. This entire Psalm is a declaration of the blessing of being led by the Lord as our good shepherd.

- a. Notice the references to “*He Leads.*”
- b. Notice all that the shepherd does for the following sheep.
- c. Notice the blessing of following His lead.
- d. Notice the commitment of the sheep

I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever – I refuse to be separated from the house of my good shepherd.

2. As the good shepherd, the Lord DEALS with us – then He LEADS us – but we must be willing to follow His lead!

Follow the leader – Follow the right leader!

C. When dealing with people, Jesus never hesitated to deal with them about the issues that needed to be addressed.

1. He dealt with the religious leader’s self-righteousness.

Matthew 23:23-24 (NLT) – ²³*“What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore the more important aspects of the law—justice, mercy, and faith. You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things.*

²⁴*Blind guides! You strain your water so you won’t accidentally swallow a gnat, but you swallow a camel*

2. He dealt with the woman caught in the act of adultery.

John 8:10-11 (NKJV) – ¹⁰*When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, “Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?”* ¹¹*She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said to her, “Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.”*

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NOTE: *He exercised love, compassion and grace toward her sin, but didn't hesitate to DEAL with her sin issue – “Go and sin no more”. Many want the grace revealed in this passage, but they don't want him to DEAL with the issue that created the need for grace.*

3. He dealt with the rich young ruler.

Mark 10:20-22 (NKJV) – ²⁰And he answered and said to Him, “Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth.” ²¹Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me.” ²²But **he was sad at this word**, and went away **sorrowful**, for he had great possessions.

4. Notice – He Dealt!

He didn't ignore the issues that needed attention – He dealt with them by dealing with those who had issues.

HE WILL DEAL WITH US! PAY ATTENTION!

- a. His dealings will enable us to grow into mature children of God!
- b. Mature children of God can handle the things that come their way.
- c. They know their covenant rights!
- d. They know their authority over the enemy
- e. They know how to use their armor listed in Ephesians 6.
- f. They know how to use their sword of the Spirit – the Word.
- g. They know how to resist the devil – and he will flee.
- h. They are not ignorant of Satan's devices.
- i. They are sober and vigilant when their enemy the Devil seeks to devour.
- j. They know who they are – what they have received and what they can do in Jesus Name.

WISDOM PREVAILS – ALLOW HIM TO DEAL WITH YOU!

What is He dealing with you about?

Is it to correct?

Is it to lay aside?

Is it to begins doing?

Is it to pray?

Is it to give?

Is it to serve?

Whatever it is – the benefits outweigh the sacrifice!