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Inspiration

God is focused on what is going on inside of us.

Man, on the other hand focuses on the *outer man*. The way things look...

The New Birth is about our *spirit-man*. The Infilling of the Holy Ghost is about our *inner-man of the heart* ...

Inspiration, as an English word, is actually defined as *God in-breathed* ... God's breath in man.

Interestingly, the *common* definition of inspiration has changed over the years to a mental event.

Ideas are considered commonly as a *stroke of genius* or mental in nature.

Jesus, was always involved in changing the way his disciples were thinking.

The New Testament calls it *getting our minds renewed*.

As Christians, we understand the renewing of our minds to be a spiritual thing.

God's intention from the beginning is to bring His Spirit back into us.

God originally *breathed* into Adam the breath of life. He became a living soul.

Adam then chose to change *spirits*. Maybe he was not fully aware of the ramifications, but saw the choice as an *outward* expression. The fruit of the tree was good to make one *wise* ...

In reality, God's approach is exactly the opposite.
God makes man wise by His Spirit on the inside...

Hence you get the word Inspiration. *Epiphany* and *Enthusiasm* are similar in English...

Epiphany is actually a God-Idea, which comes by His Spirit.

Enthusiasm means the excitement generated in man when he receives a God-Idea...

Man, today, has gotten in the habit of giving credit to his genius... His education. His associations.

All this actually by-passes the *God-route* of inspiration.

When we give God the glory for our divine-inspirations, we are then in position to receive more.

Divine Inspirations are first of all very simple.

When Jesus taught the crowds *marveled* that He Could speak so profoundly, yet without formal schooling. They were used to accrediting their success to their schools. Jesus didn't go to their schools...

Neither did Peter, James, John... but they *had been with Jesus*...

Supernatural ability is now apart of our lifestyle.

We have the *mind* of Christ. Inspired thought is now *common* to us. We simply need to remember where it comes from...

*"God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power. And of love.
And of a sound mind. -2 Timothy 1:7*

Not only are we capable of inspired ideas, but by His Strength we are capable of *cool heads* in trouble.

Our ability to handle trouble, to function in a *high stress* environment is all a part of who we are *in Christ* ...

Down through the centuries since Christ the Church has shown an uncanny ability to surface at times of destitution and *take over* helping mankind.

One such event is recorded in the Book of Acts. The Apostle Paul's party were on a ship caught up in a cyclone. For weeks they were driven about by storm conditions.

The Apostle Paul got inspiration from a visit by an Angel.

As Paul related the Inspiration to the Roman crew, they **took heart**, and acted on the Apostle's encouragement.

They were all spared. The Apostle Paul gave God the credit. "An angel, of the God I serve..." he said. They believed him and acted on what he said... In effect, the apostle Paul took over the ship and all their lives were spared.

We are living in such times today. God is going to use you the rescue the ship we are all riding in... take courage...

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