

Introduction

Poetic license used here: God is reading the collected data report from His instant message service, which allows Him to see, hear and speak to all those connected to Him simultaneously. He is reading, then He looks to Jesus and says, "Son, remind me what business we are in?" The Son looks into His Father's eyes and says, "We are in the building and reconstruction business." "That's right, Son, so we are.... then why does my report say we are in the entertainment business, the psychotherapy and other therapy business? Why does my report tell me that we have entered into social reconstruction? Why does my report tell me we have pulled back from the building and reconstruction of people's lives and the reconstruction of entire cities and nations? Holy Spirit, will you go down and tell my prophets, apostles and leaders to pull out of all the unnecessary business and get back to the purpose of their assignment, which is the building and reconstruction business? Can you tell them they are supposed to be the government of God down there? Tell them that we are not happy with their self-interest ministries. It's time to get back to their assignment."

***Ephesians 1:21-22** Far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be head over everything for the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills everything in every way.*

I am building with a theme for where God is taking us. I have previously spoken to you regarding how spiritual ignorance is not welcomed in the body of Christ and how ignorance and opinions tend to be strands of the same DNA, in that not only do people's opinions cause people to waver, but highlight the extent of people's ignorances within them. In a democracy people get the right to make choices as well as being allowed to make their opinions known and make them counted as they can vote with their opinion.

Democracy means: Living in a society where everyone is entitled to fair treatment and representation. A system where all the people can vote to elect their representatives.

Now, because we live in a Western free society where opinions and expressions are allowed, we the church, then think that we, the people of God, in the house of God, are legally entitled to form the government of our own choice, thinking that our opinions count. **How wrong can we the people of God really be?**

Because we express our opinions freely we are more likely to create a church coalition government, which means we form a government based on the perceived spirituality of individuals as well as the political interests and opinions being aired by differing crowd members within the church.

The Church is not a **democracy**, it's not a **coalition** of forces, but it is what we call a **Theocracy**, which means it's run by God-appointed leadership, not PCC council members, nor a panel of church favourites, nor is it run by the wealthy people, but is instead run by the Elders and Senior Pastor, as this is God's accurate church government.

God's government in the local house

Acts 14:23 Paul and Barnabas appointed **elders** for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord, in whom they had put their trust.

Acts 15:1 Some men came down from Judea to Antioch and were teaching the brothers: "Unless you are circumcised, according to the custom taught by Moses, you cannot be saved: This brought Paul and Barnabas into sharp dispute and debate with them. So Paul and Barnabas were appointed, along with some other believers, to go up to Jerusalem to see the apostles and **elders** about this question.

Acts 16:4 As they travelled from town to town, they delivered the decisions reached by the apostles and **elders** in Jerusalem for the people to obey. So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers.

Short version: Leadership is the ability in which to bring the government of God into the lives of the people of God. (which include His will, word and His righteousness) This is it in a nutshell.

Judges 2::20-23 Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel and said, Because this nation has violated the covenant that I laid down for their forefathers they have not listened to me, I will no longer drive out before them any of the nations Joshua left when he died. I will use them to test Israel and see whether they will keep the way of the LORD and walk in it as their forefathers did. The LORD had allowed those nations to remain; he did not drive them out at once by giving them into the hands of Joshua

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I am sick of seeing believers struggle in their lives, in that they always seem to have contention in so many areas of their life, with no peace or joy and if this is **you** reading this article, then **you** should check **your attitude and behaviour to that which God has placed over you.**

When God's government and leadership is not allowed in people's lives, people tend to be defenceless, irrespective of how many times they have been prayed over and prophesied to.

When God's government and leadership is not allowed to cover people's lives, people will commit sin and do wicked things.

When God's government and leadership is not allowed to cover people's lives, the people will forsake the God of their father.

When people become willing to stay under God's government and leadership, God's blessing, protection and prosperity comes upon them. .

It is the governmental role of every pastor to build the nature of God into the people of God, for when the people take a hold of this nature, then governmental power is given for them to escape the corruption of this age.

2 Peter 1:3-4 *His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and excellence. Through these he has given us his very nature and escape the corruption by evil desires. For this very reason make every effort to add to your faith goodness and to goodness knowledge and to knowledge self control perseverance.*