

Praise the Lord Jesus, my dear brother. Let us reflect together on some life-giving truths.

When we read the Bible, we are receiving God's revelation (2 Timothy 3:16). Anyone who rushes into serving God without carefully studying His Word puts themselves at great risk. God's Word is our ultimate authority, and all visions, callings, or experiences must be tested against it (1 John 4:1).

It's like going into business without researching its challenges, benefits, or risks.

Today, we'll explore how ignoring God's commands leads to failure—even death.

## 1. The Example of Moses

Moses was called by God through the burning bush (Exodus 3), sent to deliver Israel from Egypt. Yet, on the journey, God sought to kill him (Exodus 4:24-26):

“At a lodging place on the way, the LORD met Moses and was about to kill him. But Zipporah took a flint knife, cut off her son's foreskin and touched Moses' feet with it. 'Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me,' she said.”

Why? Because Moses had neglected the covenant sign of circumcision (Genesis 17:9-14), a non-negotiable sign of the covenant between God and His people. This reminds us that no spiritual calling exempts us from obedience to God's commands.

Many today reject biblical ordinances, such as water baptism (Matthew 28:19), claiming direct revelation from God is enough. But Jesus commanded baptism as a mark of discipleship, and neglecting it disregards His Word (Mark 16:16).

## 2. The Example of Balaam

Balaam was a prophet who received a clear command from God not to curse Israel (Numbers 22:12):

“Do not go with them; do not curse those people, because

they have been blessed.”

Despite this, Balaam was enticed by Balak and disobeyed God's direct command. On his journey, God's angel was ready to kill him (Numbers 22:22). His disobedience nearly cost him his life.

This shows that even prophets are accountable to God's Word. Trying to override God's clear commands with personal visions or desires leads to destruction (Proverbs 14:12).

### 3. The Principle: God's Word Is Supreme

The Apostle Paul instructs us to “test the spirits to see whether they are from God” (1 John 4:1). No matter how powerful a vision or calling seems, it cannot contradict Scripture.

For example, Paul writes:

“I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man; she must be quiet.” (*1 Timothy 2:12*)

Yet some claim divine calling as female pastors or elders, disregarding this clear instruction. Such claims must be weighed carefully against Scripture.

Many receive visions and callings but never fulfill them because they neglect God's Word. Our lives and ministries must be rooted in the Bible, not in dreams, voices, or personal revelations.

Let us obey the Word of God first, and then other things will follow (Psalm 119:105).

May the Lord bless you richly.

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