Spirit of Life Community Adventist Fellowship Pastor William Dawson "Understand God's Perspective"

The most misunderstood being on earth is God. From the days of Adam, and Eve in the Garden, human beings have misunderstood God's intentions. Eve choose to agree with the serpent because she did not trust God. Adam choose to side with Eve rather than God. 1 Tim. 2:14. God got the short end of the stick every time. He was rejected from the beginning, and is usually the One who receives the most blame for problems on earth. We decide to disobey Him, do things our own way, and then blame Him when the pain comes. In the middle of our tears we come crawling back to God, begging for His help to get out of a mess we created. He gives us the grace and power to be free, yet He is still blamed for the damage we did. God is misunderstood.

What is the one thing most Christians misunderstand about God? What have you learned about God that gave you a different opinion of His way of doing things? When was the last time God surprised you? What was that like?

Psalms 27:11; 32:8; 37:5; 103:7 Ways – walk, course of life, mode of action, conversation, custom, manner. As you are seeking to grow spiritually, stay focused on the things that really matter. You want to know God's ways, and not just experience His miracles. You want to know God's heart. You want to commit your life to Him, as a being you love, and respect; not as some divine concept.

Read the following texts in the order presented. When you have finished reading each passage, see if you can understand what God expects from you. What should be your conclusion after receiving the teaching of these texts? Remember, each scripture is a personal message to you from Him. John 15:7, 8, 11; Matt. 12:35; John 16:23, 24. Now - - What is God expecting you to do, believe, or say after reading these texts?

When God's Word is **conceived** in your heart, **then** formed by your tongue, and **spoken** out of your own mouth, it becomes a spiritual **force** releasing the ability of God from within you. When your heart receives the Word of God, and you understand it, you will want to stay with Him. You will want to speak as He speaks. If you choose not to speak as God's speaks, you will be choosing to speak as Adam, and Eve. We know the reward for their misspeaking. Both of them should have blasted the serpent for his suggestions. Instead, they showed their agreement with the serpent by their behavior. They voted for Satan by their actions. What specific actions are you taking in order to stay in the flow of God's blessings?

Our church has changed from denominational driven to Word driven. Our focus and calling is in the Word. We are focused on learning His ways while demonstrating His acts. We are abiding IN HIM. And as we abide in Him, He gives us what to desire. As we desire what He gives us to desire, we have what we pray. Each level of change is demonstrated by our actions. We act like the changed people of God.