

## Matthew 26:17-19

*Now on the first day of the Feast of the Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?" And He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, 'My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples.' ' ' So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them; and they prepared the Passover.*

Today's verses are Jesus' instructions to His disciples about preparing for the Last Supper (Passover Meal), and I love the question in the beginning in verse 17 where the disciples ask Jesus, "**Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?**" I love it because notice they didn't say, "Hey Jesus, we are celebrating the Passover at Peter's house, come and hang out with us there." Kind of like we do, when we say, "Hey Jesus, I am doing this, join me and bless me."

But it wasn't like that at all, it was all a matter of, "Hey Jesus, what do You want us to do, and where do You want us celebrate the Passover with You?" Jesus had taught the disciple over the last three years how to be servants, and we can see that taking form in today's verses.

But that's not the end of it, because in verse 19 it says that "**the disciples did as Jesus had directed them; and they prepared the Passover**" They simply asked Jesus what He wanted and they did what Jesus told them to do, no questions asked, and not even giving their thoughts on the matter of how things should be done, and not giving Jesus alternatives or even saying, "No thank you Jesus, I don't want to go there. Can we go somewhere else instead."

I know that sounds crazy, but do we do the same thing sometimes? The Lord will give us instructions, or even someone in the church will ask us to help out, and we say yes, but then try and take it and run with it, doing things are own way? Sure, it's ok to have ideas, or even know better how to do things, but it's not a matter of giving advise, but more of giving your instructions where it is almost to the point of you telling them what to do, when to do it, and how to do it.

There is one gentleman who used to be in our church who loved to tell everyone else how to do things and how their ministry is to be done, always giving his opinion and advise, yet he didn't do a thing in church. He simply shows up on Sunday morning for one service, then gives everyone his advise and then leaves until the next Sunday. Now I have read the bible many times and even started my teaching ministry with a teaching on the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and nowhere in the bible do I read that giving everyone your opinion on how to do things as being a gift of the Holy Spirit. Sure, there are gifts of administration, but that is a gift of organization, not a means to tell everyone how you think things should be done.

So if you see something wrong or see something that can be done better, does that mean you should be quiet and not say a word? No, not at all, **Proverbs 2:6** says, “*For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding.*”

The Lord gives us all wisdom, not so we can be super smart and sit back and tell everyone else what to do, but rather to help others as you give wisdom and help out with that wisdom yourself.

† **Ecclesiastes 10:10** *If the ax is dull, And one does not sharpen the edge, Then he must use more strength; But wisdom brings success.*

Or as it says in the Message bible:

† **Ecclesiastes 10:10 (MSG)** *Remember: The duller the ax the harder the work; Use your head: The more brains, the less muscle.*

As we read in today's verses, the disciple sought wisdom to do for the Lord, rather than telling the Lord what they thought they should do for Him. We should all be the same way, asking the Lord what He has us to do for a ministry. But also what He would have us do today, and once He tells you, go and do it, no questions asked, not over thinking it, and no arguments, because once you simply do what the Lord has for you to do, then you will have a happy life and a happy today, just like the disciples enjoyed the Last Supper with Jesus, by simply doing what He told them to do.

† **Proverbs 3:13** *Happy is the man who finds wisdom, And the man who gains understanding.*