THE POWER OF REVELATION
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Apostle Paul revealed in his letter to the Ephesian Church that revelation is the key to a successful and productive life as a Christian. He also revealed in his letter to Philemon that the communication of our faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is already in us in Christ. This means that revelation makes us to become aware of who we are and what God has done for us and in us, and this ultimately helps us to manifest effectively as God’s sons here on earth.

Eph 1:15-23
15 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, 16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. 17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. 18 I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, 20 which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 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. 22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.
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Philem 6
6 That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.
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1. Knowledge of who we are strengthens our confidence in God and energizes us to resist the temptation to quit following Christ and continue to the end (Eph 1:15-23).

Paul’s prayers for the Ephesian Church revealed this. He prayed that the believers might know in deep revelation:
- The hope to which God has called them (Rom 8:31, 37-39)
- The riches of God’s glorious inheritance in the saints – His set apart ones (Eph 1:18)
- The immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His power in and for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength (1 John 4: 4)
2. The unfolding or simplified teaching of the word of God gives revelation which brings understanding that enhances the quality of life of the believer.

Ps 119:130
130 The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.
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3. Revelation restricts a man from doing wrong things.

Prov 29:18
18 Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but blessed is he who keeps the law.
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Revelation enlightens a man and opens his eyes to the things that are right and wrong. He is able to make just and wise decisions on what to do and what not to do. Revelation restricts a man – it brings discipline to his life. Lack of revelation makes a man to live a loose and unguarded life where anything goes.

4. Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists Pastors and Teachers are sent by God to bring light to the people in darkness.

Isa 49:6
6 Indeed He says, 'It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob, And to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, That You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.'
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Acts 13:47-48
47 For so the Lord has commanded us: 'I have set you as a light to the Gentiles, that you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth.' 48 Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.
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It is your duty to receive the men and women of God and allow them to impart light into you so you can shine on earth in every way. To learn from them, you have to let go of what you previously knew and open up your heart to receive the light from God’s word.

5. Every man gives from the light he has.

Gal 1:11-12
11 I want you to know, brothers, that the gospel I preached is not something that man made up. 12 I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.
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Matt 16:13-19
13 When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"
14 So they said, “Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."
15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
16 Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."
17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. 18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. 19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed* in heaven."

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Apostle Paul taught from the light he received from Jesus Christ direct. Apostle Peter believed and taught from the light he received from God. We all teach from the light we have. I can only teach what I know and understand. To be a good and effective communicator of the word of God, one must have deep, clear and working revelation of God's word.

6. Revelation makes the mystery of God to become open and understandable.

Eph 3:2-6
2 Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, 3 that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. 4 In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5 which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. 6 This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

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Mysteries are hidden things or secrets that are not open or understood. It is only through revelation that insights are given and received. Revelation takes away secrecy – It makes a secret to seize from being a secret.

- Revelation brings understanding which brings empowerment.
- Revelation makes it possible for us to know who God is, and who we are in Him.
- Revelation makes it possible for the believer to take His place and reign in life.
- Revelation makes it possible for the believer to rule His world and make life say yes.
- Revelation puts the secrets of God at man’s disposal which makes the possessor (of such secrets) a commander on the earth.
- Revelation puts you in charge of situations and circumstances of life.
ESSENTIALS FOR REVELATION

1. A hunger and thirst for insight and a close walk with the Lord.
   
   John 7:37-38
   37 On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as c the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."
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   Matt 5:6
   6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
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   Prov 2:1-6
   2 My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, 2 turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, 3 and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, 4 and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, 5 then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. 6 For the Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.
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3. Great attention – a listening ear.
   
   Prov 4:20-21
   20 My son, pay attention to what I say; listen closely to my words. 21 Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart;
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4. Willingness to abandon and throw away anything (teaching, belief, ideology, principle, mindset, lifestyle and theories) God’s word tells you is not God’s way and will for your life.
   
   Mark 1:15
   15 "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"
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James 1:21
21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.
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5. Willingness to believe and practice God’s revealed knowledge.

Isa 1:19
19 If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land;
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Ps 119:9-16
9 How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word.
10 I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands.
11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.
12 Praise be to you, O Lord; teach me your decrees.
13 With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth.
14 I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches.
15 I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways.
16 I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.
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SCRIPTURES TO PRAY FOR REVELATION KNOWLEDGE

Ps 119:18
18 Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.
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Ps 119:33-40
33 Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end.
34 Give me understanding, and I will keep your law and obey it with all my heart.
35 Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight.
36 Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain.
37 Turn my eyes away from worthless things;
preserve my life according to your word.

38 **Fulfill your promise** to your servant,
so that you may be feared.

39 **Take away the disgrace** I dread,
for your laws are good.

40 How I long for your precepts!
Preserve my life in your righteousness.

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