

An Adjutant's Resource

Two common questions we as servants in a Pentecostal church ask are, *"What do I do?"* and more importantly, *"When do I do it?"* To answer these and other questions we may have from time to time, we must know how to utilize the appropriate resources.

As Adjutants, we are expected to know the details of a variety of subjects from the appropriate occasion for, terminology/origins and proper wear of vestments; when to move and what to do during deliverance; all things pertaining to protocol, etiquette and order; spiritual discernment; Church polity...the list continues. It is safe to say that the adjutant must remain knowledgeable in all that he does and constantly strive for knowledge and understanding in order to excel in this servant ministry. The adjutant is always observing, learning and teaching, sound familiar?

In our Lord's Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter recounts how Jesus taught the masses in a series of parables specifically concerning the Kingdom of Heaven. When asked by his disciples why he taught in parables, Jesus responds, *"Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given."* This revealing of mysteries directly correlates to Paul's words found in 1 Corinthians chapter 2. We see that Paul talks about the hidden wisdom of God being revealed unto us by the Spirit. Man would have us to believe that the greatest teacher, and thus a resource, is that of experience. Not so, the greatest teacher we have at our disposal is the Holy Spirit himself.

The teaching of the Holy Spirit can bridge gaps where we have no experience and a lack of understanding. Why? Because as it says in verse 11, *"For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God."* Make no mistake, this is a spiritual walk and a spiritual work we do and we cannot hope to fulfill the work of the Lord with man's knowledge. We must lean upon our greatest resource if we are to have spiritual results in our service.

Yes, adjutancy is protocol, physical service and humility, ceremony and general knowledge. However, we find the work of the Spirit in everything we do. Everything! Take some time to really look at 1 Corinthians Chapter 2 and seek spiritual insight as to how to flow in the Spirit with the things you don't yet know. I am not saying you will 'magically' have knowledge you did not have before. I am saying the Spirit will guide you unto all truth and sometimes the Lord will simply blessing what you do in those uncertain moments of ministry. Through this interaction you will soon find that the Spirit is our most invaluable resource.