

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

Purposed, Poised, Positioned & Practical September 5, 2023 Suzi Armstrong

The five "Ps"

Purposed, Poised, Positioned, and Practical = POWERFUL. These are key words as we enter the fall season.

- Purposed – what is the end goal? What are you focusing on? What is God speaking to you? Keep your eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of your faith.
- Poised – ready to move, prepared, composed, and confident of who God says that you are and who He says that He is!
- Positioned – standing on Jesus Christ the solid Rock. All else is sinking sand!
- Practical – actively engaged in a course of action that aligns with the promises of God.
- Powerful – the dunamis power of God working through you.
 - Ephesians 6.10, Be strong in the Lord and the power of His might.
 - John 8.37, Overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.
 - Philippians 2.13, For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

Isaiah 50.4-7 NLT

⁴ **The Sovereign LORD has given me his words of wisdom,** so that I know how to comfort the weary.
Morning by morning he wakens me and opens my understanding to his will.

⁵ **The Sovereign LORD has spoken to me, and I have listened.**

I have not rebelled or turned away.

⁶ I offered my back to those who beat me and my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard.

I did not hide my face from mockery and spitting.

⁷ Because **the Sovereign LORD helps me,** I will not be disgraced.

Therefore, **I have set my face like a stone [flint], determined to do his will.**

And I know that I will not be put to shame.

- The above scripture passage is a prophecy about Jesus. It details some of the characteristics He will exhibit as He completes the assignment that is given to Him.
- Wisdom, understanding, a hearing ear, determination – all come from God.
- BELIEVE that God will give you wisdom – it is His promise that He will. Expect wisdom to come to you. How will you know when you have received wisdom? It will break out in your thoughts and your understanding. You will have new insight and knowledge that brings advancement, creativity, and strategies.

Proverbs 4.18, 20-24 TPT

¹⁸ But the lovers of God walk on **the highway of light,**
and their way shines brighter and brighter
until the perfect day.

²⁰ **Listen carefully,** my dear child, to everything that I teach you,
and **pay attention** to all that I have to say.

²¹ **Fill your thoughts with my words
until they penetrate deep into your spirit.**

²² Then, as you unwrap my words,
they will **impart true life and radiant health
into the very core of your being.**

²³ So above all, **guard the affections of your heart**, for they affect all that you are.

Pay attention to the welfare of your innermost being, for from there flows the wellspring of life.

²⁴ **Avoid dishonest speech and pretentious words.**

Be free from using perverse words no matter what!

- Key instructions on how to position yourself.
- I heard the Lord say, "Put on blinders, set your face like flint and stand firm on the Rock that is Jesus".
- A barrage of worldly narratives is coming to distract, discourage, isolate, and bring fear.
- Jesus has overcome the world – the earth is the Lord's and everything in it. We are framed in the victory of the cross – the enemy has been defeated. No weapon formed against us will prosper, and we pray God's Kingdom come and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

1 Corinthians 16.13-14 NLT

¹³ **Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong.**

¹⁴ **And do everything with love.**

1 Corinthians 2.5 TPT

⁵ For **God intended that your faith not be established on man's wisdom but by trusting in his almighty power.**

1 Corinthians 2.10, 12-13, 15 TPT

¹⁰ But **God now unveils these profound realities to us by the Spirit.** Yes, he has revealed to us **his inmost heart and deepest mysteries** through the Holy Spirit, who constantly explores all things.

¹² For **we did not receive the spirit of this world system but the Spirit of God**, so that we might come to understand and experience all that grace has lavished upon us. ¹³ And **we articulate these realities with the words imparted to us by the Spirit and not with the words taught by human wisdom.** We join together Spirit-revealed truths with Spirit-revealed words.

¹⁵ **Those who live in the Spirit are able to carefully evaluate all things, and they are subject to the scrutiny of no one *but God.***

PRAYER AND DECLARATION:

In the mighty name of Jesus and in His wisdom, we declare to Detroit that transformation has come upon you. You are being reformed and what has been lost is being restored. **Detroit, God is restoring your ability to influence this nation and the nations of the earth for His glory. Detroit, you are a city with an ear to hear the voice of God and the ability to resound His voice into this nation. Detroit, you are a trumpet of God and God is blowing His trumpet in Zion.** He is calling for the nations to align with His heart and His purposes.

God is restoring nations back to their God-given destinies. **He is releasing His wisdom and strategies for restoration, awakening and revival.** Detroit, you are a key city to the nations. God is dethroning rulers of darkness that have held cities and nations and their people captive to oppression and fear. Rulers of darkness know nothing of God's secret wisdom. **The wisdom of God is unattainable by reasoning.** God has marked out ahead of time the boundaries of nations and He will finish His predetermined plan perfectly. **The Kingdom of God is not understood by the intellect. The mysteries of God are revealed by the Holy Spirit.** The Holy Spirit is the wind of God. **We call forth the wind of God to blow through Detroit.**