

"Time To Develop Spiritual Senses"

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Text: **Matthew 10:16-42**

Turbulent Times

Matthew 10:21 "Now *brother will deliver up brother to death*, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. 22 And *you will be hated by all for My name's sake*. But he who endures to the end will be saved.

Survival is the Key

Matthew 10:23 *When they persecute you in this city, flee to another*. For assuredly, I say to you, you will not have gone through the cities of Israel *before the Son of Man comes*.

Divine Strategy

Matthew 10:16 "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be *wise as serpents* and *harmless as doves*.

Wise: To reign in your Feelings, emotions and sensitivity

Actions vs. Reactions

Time to develop "Spiritual" senses

Hebrews 5:13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. 14 **But solid food belongs to those who are of full age**, that is, *those who by reason of use have their senses exercised* to discern both good and evil.

Natural and Spiritual Connection

Luke 16:8 And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for *the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light*.⁹ And I say unto you, **Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness**; that, when ye fail, *they may receive you into everlasting habitations*. (KJV)

Harmless as a "Dove"

Matthew 10:19 But when they deliver you up, **do not worry** about how or what you should speak. *For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak*; 20 for it is not you who speak, *but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you*.

Truth will manifest

Matthew 10:26 **Therefore do not fear them**. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and *hidden that will not be known*. 27 "Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops.

God Knows

Matthew 10:29 Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. 30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 ***Do not fear*** therefore; **you are of more value than many sparrows.**

God is Watching

Genesis 16:13 Then she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, ***You-Are-the-God-Who-Sees***; for she said, "**Have I also here seen Him who sees me?**"

What are you looking for?

Matthew 10:38 And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. 39 ***He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.***