

HELPING OTHERS LEARN TO HEAR GOD'S VOICE

When it comes to the area of discipleship, it would become very easy to just tell new Christians what God's Word says and doesn't say as to their walk in obedience with Jesus Christ.

I have found that those individuals who would tend to be co-dependent that it is best not to be enabling them in every area of the Christian walk. I would not advise doing this at the very beginning of their new life in Christ but when they begin to understand how to look up Scriptures in the Word and where to find these then this idea might work.

Recently, I had an individual who falls into the category of co-dependent. This individual just seemed to become even more dependent upon me for answers in their life. Without having them feel further rejection or feeling "put down" in any way, I have resorted to following this exercise.

1. When they don't know what to do, I will ask them, "Well, what do you think God would have you to do in this situation?"

2. If they don't know or if they give you an answer, say, "I would like for you to accept the following assignment. (Pray with them to hear God's voice after you give them the assignment).

- *Spend the next few days in prayer before the Father asking Him for an answer to this area.

- * If you feel you have an answer, go to God's Word and see if you can back up the answer you have with Scripture.

You can have them either contact you when they feel they have an answer or you contact them in a reasonable amount of time if you have not heard from them.

This exercise helps them to begin hearing God's voice for themselves and also helps them to learn how to go to God's Words for answers in their life. You may need to make sure they know how to look up Scriptures regarding a topic before giving them this assignment. My recommendation has always been for them to have a good topical concordance to use as a resource. Be sure you give instruction on how to use these as well.