The Wrong Diet

Why haven’t we grown?
If Apostolic people are really children of God, born of God, and we haven’t grown, it is because we haven’t had the right diet.

I don’t blame people. I am not scolding man. I am thoroughly convinced the ministry structure is to blame.

Because the ministry structure was not built on biblical principle, most churches (Asian ministries) are of one-man foundation.

Apostolic ministry must have fivefold ministry (Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, and Teacher) (Eph 4:11).

These fivefold ministers doesn’t mean they are full-grown ministers, they still have to develop and grow themselves.

It just means they have that calling on their lives.

After I was ordained as the teacher of God, I shut myself up in the Church, sometimes for days at a time, with the Word.

I would kneel and read the Bible on my knees. I read for hours, and for weeks.

I had read the Bible for years, of course, but this time I took these two prayers, which Apostle Paul prayed for the Church at Eph 1:13-19, and Eph 3:14-21, and prayed.
Every time I came into the building I would get on my knees and say, “Father, I am praying these prayers for myself.”

If I had to make a call or something arose, when I’d come back, even though I may have already done it many times that day, I’d pray these prayers for myself again.

“That the eyes of my heart may be enlightened, so that I will know what is the hope of His calling …” (Eph 1:18) And so on.

It didn’t seem to do a bit of good for a while. But I just kept on praying them.

Then — after a while — I began to get REVELATION FROM THE WORD. It began to open up to me!!

Within a few months I’d learned more than I’d learned in all the past previous years of ministry put together.

This kind of thing didn’t come just because I prayed. That was a part of it.

Beloved brothers and sisters!! I spent equal time, if not more, with the Word as I did with praying.

「You can’t build a prayer life just praying alone. It has to be built upon God’s Word.」

Apostle Cho’s emphasis
**G.O. Ministry family!**
So when the Bible speaks about becoming perfect man, the concept of the terminology in Eph 4:12 and Eph 4:13

“For the perfecting (2677) of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ” (Eph 4:12)

“Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect (5046) man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ” (Eph 4:13)

infers that it is these knowledge which will cause us to be full grown, and cause us to become perfect of the saints.

If we are going to grow, we must hence be fed on the Word of God.

Most of the ministries have failed to grow because of the lack of the right foundation and teaching.

God puts ministers (fivelfold ministers) in the Church. He sets them in there. (Eph 4:11 and 1 Co 12:28)

There are some ways all of us do some teachings from the natural standpoint that people could tell some people what they know and could teach them to some extent.

But on the other hand, there are those who are called of God, and anointed by the Spirit of God to teach. It is the lack of knowledge and the foundational problem that bring ineffective operation which causes the teaching to become failed.
We have gained a general head knowledge, mental knowledge of the Word, but never got the spiritual impartation of it.

Through the years what we’ve known as teaching has been so cold and dead and with not much to it, we almost turn up our noses at the mention of it.

But the anointing of the Spirit of God upon genuine teaching of the Word of God is alive!

Amen.