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## COMPLACENT LEADERS

*Ecclesiastes 4:13 (Amplified) "Better is a poor and foolish king who no longer knows how to receive and warning)—"*

Saints, none of the leaders of the five churches mentioned in the parables were aware of the true spiritual condition of their churches. **They were unaware of the true condition of their own lives, they even had no spiritual insight into the spiritual state of the churches they led. All of them suffered from pride and self-satisfaction. They had a high opinion about themselves.** Perhaps others also had high opinion about them. They could not receive a message from the Lord. They could not say to them, because they were not open to the Holy Spirit.

Saints, if we walk according to our own ideas, judgments, evaluations, and decisions, by the appreciations and opinions of other people, then it will be a hindrance to the Lord our God. **The leaders of the five churches in the Book of Revelation were not the ministrations of the Spirit and were caught up with their own plans, their missions, their plans and programmes. They were so busy preparing messages for others that they could not receive a message from the Lord! What a**



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in? They were running 'the show', 'the ministry', and 'the organ' they were reaching out to others with what they had received for no time to hear the voice of the Spirit in their lives. They could say to the churches. **They were not available to the Lord to tragedy can happen to those who are complacent and are so c** Hence, they could not be freed from the things of the flesh and for every true disciple of the Lord in these last days:

Most of the leaders of these churches in Revelation felt their appointments and positions as leaders; they felt that the anointing was a permanent matter, something they could hold on to despite their personal lives. That is a dangerous place to be in. I have met many who would never lose their anointing because they had been placed in it. In the first century, we see that the leaders of the church were appointed or chosen by a selection board or a governing body. The practice in the early churches was not like what we have in most churches today. They were appointed of God like Paul and the other apostles. This was true in the early church, right till the beginning of the second century. These were giants in comparison to the leaders of today. Be that as it may, it is that the thought of losing their anointing would not have crossed their minds though they were great leaders, pride set in and they became self-reliant; they became lukewarm; they compromised with the world and became a stumbling block. Pride brought them to a place of spiritual hardness where they could not hear the Lord. They could not even scrutinize and measure the reality of the Word. They felt their lives were readily accepted because of their status, their positions and the honour that others gave them. They became blinded and lost their ability to hear the Spirit, as happened in the Old Testament. Remember, King Saul had a good and humble beginning, he was anointed and the kingdom as well. This is what is happening in the church today. Spiritual understanding is very different from natural understanding.

that we hear the Word, but miss the Voice! Apostle Paul realized to be, for he said in 1 Corinthians 9:27, "But I keep under n subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to o castaway." Paul realized that God had no favorites. He also over his own life first, so that he would be able to experience s his life which was not like that of Christ, and only then in turn others to such a salvation as well.

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