

#2 "HEAD IN THE CLOUDS, FEET ON THE GROUND"

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Our stance before the Holy Spirit is **HAVE OUR**

HEAD IN THE CLOUDS AND FEET ON THE GROUND

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the <u>Spirit of wisdom and revelation</u>, so that you may know him better... ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength²⁰ which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. Eph. 1:17-23

I. Acts 1:8-11 - Authority through the Holy Spirit

⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ AFTER HE SAID this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. ¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

We keep our Head in the Clouds by **USING JESUS**'

<u>AUTHORITY</u>

And our Feet on the Ground by **CONTINUING HIS MISSION**

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

II. Acts 1:12-14 - Waiting on the Holy Spirit

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. ¹³ When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

We keep our Head in the Clouds through RELATIONSHIP And Our Feet on the Ground through OBEDIENCE

So Jesus said to them, "When you lift up the Son of Man, you will know that I am he. You will know that these things I do are not by my own authority but that I say only what the Father has taught me. ²⁹ The One who sent me is with me. I always do what is pleasing to him, so he has not left me alone." ³⁰ While Jesus was saying these things, many people believed in him.

John 8:28-30 NCV

III. Acts 1:15-26 - Discernment through the Holy Spirit

... ²¹ Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection." ²³ So they proposed two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." ²⁶ Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

We keep our Head in the Clouds by **DISCERNMENT**

THROUGH PRAYER

And Our Feet on the Ground by **DISCERNMENT THROUGH**

CIRCUMSTANCES

Be assured that from the first day we heard of you, we haven't stopped praying for you, asking God to give you wise minds and spirits attuned to his will, and so acquire a thorough understanding of the ways in which God works.

Colossians 1:9-10 MSG