

# WISDOM JOURNAL

## DAY 17

### SUBJECT: DYSFUNCTION

Working in a dysfunctional environment **PREVENTS** you from being effective and maximizing your potential. Living with a dysfunctional person will **PREVENT** you from progressing. Residing in a dysfunctional environment will stifle your efforts.

Whether we realize it or not we are working or residing in some form of dysfunction. If you are having problems progressing in any area of your life it's because your surroundings are **DYSFUNCTIONAL!** I have experienced this personally. Whether it was at my job, family or church. For years I would work hard, do more than the norm and wonder why I wasn't moving forward.

I thought it was me. I blamed others. I doubted my abilities. All of these reasons were not valid. I didn't realize that I was in the center of dysfunction. My

intelligence, knowledge, work ethic, wisdom and education did not trump the power of a dysfunctional environment.

When I found out what the issue was I started removing myself from the environment and people who were dysfunctional. It wasn't easy. However, it was necessary. Jesus had this same problem.

The only time King Jesus was unable to do miracles was when He was in a **DYSFUNCTIONAL** environment. King Jesus ability was **LIMITED** due to Him residing in a dysfunctional environment.

Mark 13:53-58 says, "When Jesus had finished these parables, he moved on from there. Coming to his hometown, he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed.

"Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?" they asked. "Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph,

Simon and Judas? Aren't all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?" And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own town and in his own home." And he **did not** do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.

The power of dysfunction is **MORE** powerful than your abilities. I've learned this the hard way. Hopefully, you will learn from my mistakes. If you are frustrated because you are not progressing and you find yourself doing everything right you may be a prison to the power of dysfunction.

WHEN SOMETHING OR SOMEONE IS  
DYSFUNCTIONAL PROGRESS CANNOT OCCUR.

**TAKEAWAY:** Your abilities, talents, education, intellect and wisdom will only flourish in an environment of **ORDER**. Find places where structure is established and you will shine. Find people who do things in **ORDER**

and your value will increase. God is a God of order.  
Not confusion.

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