

swHw Mastermind: January

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#1. How do we determine if "it" is from the Lord? I have been feeling like there is something on my heart, but I've run ahead of God before, and I don't want to do that again. However, I don't want to be disobedient if it's truly from Him. I feel stuck.

Psalm 37:4 - "Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart."

There is a command before there is a promise. - MM

Desire God and not merely His answer. - MM

When I want to hear from God, I need to spend time with God, spend time in prayer. - MM

When we want to hear God talk, we can open the Bible. His Word is LIVING and ACTIVE. - MM

If we want to hear from God, we need to be seeking a relationship with Him. - MM

Stop seeking the answer, just seek God. - MM

John 16:7 - "But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you."

We were given a gift in the Holy Spirit. - SP

It is Biblical and wise to seek wise counsel. - SP

The more you chase God, the more you hear Him. He is not just a being above us; as believers, God is living inside of us. - SP

#2. Sometimes I feel guilty to admit to other Christian women that I like to work, especially when they are stay at home and homeschooling mom, I feel that I should want to just want to stay at home, but I know God did not design me that way. I work from home and I like my job. What do you think?

Jesus sends conviction. Guilt is for our absolute destruction. - SP

We cannot feel guilty for the way that God designed us. - SP

Your gifts aren't about you, they're about the Kingdom. - SP

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#3. I'm a certified life coach for Christian women, which I love!!! Recently, I've considered sharing that I'm now part of an MLM through my biz IG. I'm super excited about the idea (for various reasons, but am also weighing a few concerns (that my husband is especially weary of): that it'd devalue what I'm doing (would run it through my business IG as I don't use a personal account), that it'd create a perception that the business is not doing well if I'm starting it, that it could be distracting to my current followers, that I would be including more content that's not directly faith based, and would need to mitigate the negative connotation that comes with MLMs. With all this, I would still like to say yes & share, but also am worried to disrupt the amazing work God is doing through my life coaching business. Hopefully, this all makes sense! What is most important to consider?

Network Marketing is a relationship business. - MM

In order to be able to sell, your customers have to be able to connect with you, so it would hard to run a network marketing business on social media platform that is connected with a brand, not a person. - MM

Clarity is either the biggest asset or enemy in your business. - MM

If someone doesn't understand what you do, they likely will not work harder to understand. They will unfollow, and find someone to follow who is easier to understand. - MM

#4. I work for a nonprofit that connects teenagers to Christ and the church. We did a big fancy fundraiser at a country club and almost doubled what we did last year! The glory to God for that! We are at capacity at that venue and we can't change. My question is... we are considering doing a special event for bigger donors. But my fear is about other donors, who might feel not cared for if they are not invited to those smaller events. Also, what do I do about the big event... do I continue to invite everyone? Should I exclude others? Any advice would be appreciated!!

Donors are similar to volunteers. They are really important. - SP

Excluding donors is not an option. Figure out a way to make everyone feel loved. - SP

#5. Can you recommend a good devotion for couples and a good devotion for kids?

Couples: What does your marriage need? [Examples: If you are both solid believers, pick a book of the Bible. If you just lost a parent, find a devotion on grief.]

Kids: His Mighty Warrior and His Little Princess By Sheri Rose Shepherd; Faith Forward Family Devotional:

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The Bible Project + The Bible App (YouVersion)

Don't feel like you have to do a specific devotion. Start by asking, "What is God teaching you?" - SP

#6. My faith is a huge part of my life, but as I'm building a business online, I struggle with sharing spiritual disciplines, etc., like Bible reading publicly when I keep thinking about Matthew 6. Can you talk about how to navigate this?

It's about your motives, not your actions. "Don't do it to be noticed by men." - MM

Pray before you post. - MM

#7. We are currently in personal and professional bankruptcies, and it's escalating. How do I focus?

You're going to have to surrender every step of the way. - SP

If you are feeling shame or guilt, God forgives. - SP

Prioritize ways to encourage one another during this time. - MM

#8: I am a network marketer and so many different sources of training get thrown at you. Mindset, leadership, industry, how have you guys determined the best sources for yourself and how much is too much to do at once? I'm afraid of saying yes to the wrong things and then getting clouded vision for what is most important. I feel overwhelmed with all of the resources/books out there. How do you recommend we manage the overwhelm and information overload?

Filter the amount of influence that you allow in. - MM

When you allow yourself to get into information overload, you get into a place where you learn so much, but you never do anything. - MM

Applied knowledge = wisdom; unapplied knowledge = entitlement - MM

If you're always doing and never learning, you'll get bored and burnout or become boring to others. - MM

Make sure you're implementing what you're learning. If you don't have time to implement, you're giving yourself too much information. - MM

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#9: A friend asked me to help her with some VA (virtual assistant) skills, and now that I've been doing it a year, I feel like I could pursue starting a VA business, but I'm not sure how to make it profitable. My photography business is really more just "hobby money" so I'm praying to see if this is how God opens another door so I can bring in income while my husband is working and in seminary. Thoughts?

Walk towards opportunity. Walk through open doors. Ask God to close doors. - SP

Where we are is where we're called. -SP

The more we stand back and wait for the Lord to roll out the red carpet, the more we are putting off our obedience. - SP

#10: When you're doing something you know God has called you to do but it feels like all you hear are crickets (or maybe it's just very slow growth) how do you keep moving forward? Write, speak, share for the One is how I'm doing it now. Thanks!

Crickets are the best preparation for critics. - MM

If silence discourages you, criticism will destroy you. - MM

The crickets need to be your test. If you can keep going through silence, you will build up strength to be able to endure criticism. - MM

Don't look at crickets differently on social media vs. real life. - SP

#11: I'm an insecure leader. There. I said it. I keep thinking I am missing something. Maybe I'm still striving and not surrendering? I know that's too simple of a question... but what's the roadmap?

Insecure leaders struggle with fear. - SP

Pride is the root issue. - SP

What God has called you to, He will equip you, He will walk you through, make you good at, etc. You just have to be obedient. - SP

Make a list of things you are fearful about. - SP

Drop the title of "leader". - MM

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Don't desire to be a leader; desire to be a servant. - MM

Leadership is a byproduct, not the goal. - MM

#12: What are some practical ways you keep focusing on God God first when you feel overwhelm coming for you?

Our time is a gift, we need to use it wisely. - SP

Be a good steward of your time, resources and productivity. - SP

The only way to drown out the overwhelming feeling is to rest in the Lord. - SP

Hand Jesus the overwhelm. - SP

When you're overwhelmed, the worst thing you can do is try to work harder. Overwhelm doesn't do good work. Rest, pray, ask for prayer and accountability, then get back to work when you are at a place of overflow, not overwhelm. - MM