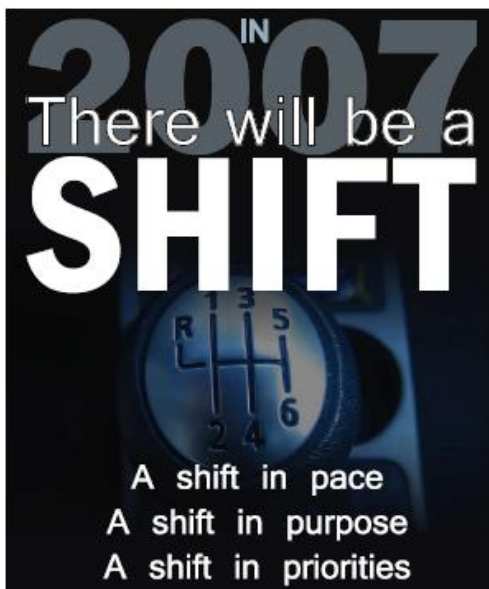




Sunday December 31, 2006

The word of the Lord for 2007:

**THERE WILL BE A SHIFT**



We learn from the first few chapters of Revelation that the Lord has a specific message for every local church. What the Lord speaks has relevance to every member of that local church.

God speaks to us in advance (John 16:13) so that we can be prepared for what is coming.

This is what I believe the Lord would say to each of us in this local body. If you are part of APC, Bangalore or connected to it in some way – then this is what God would speak to us: In 2007 – There will be a shift.

Prepare for a shift (change, alteration).

This word applies to us as a local body and as individuals.

IN 2007 – THERE WILL BE A SHIFT

Shift = change or alteration

There are 3 specific areas where we will experience a shift in 2007:

1. A shift in pace
2. A shift in purpose
3. A shift in priorities

IN 2007 – THERE WILL BE A SHIFT

### **1. A shift in pace**

Most of us will see an acceleration in the pace of things.

Things will begin to happen at a much quicker pace in many spheres of our lives.  
Get ready to accelerate.

Answers to prayer are usually accompanied with a shift in pace. 1 Kings 18:41-46  
Rapid growth and increased responsibility usually result in a shift in pace.

For a few of us, this year may bring a deceleration – a quieting down of things.



## **2. A shift in purpose**

In 2007 there will be a change in your focus, a slight alteration in what you are pursuing as your primary assignment. A change in primary purpose in this season.

This is not a change in life's purpose, but in what you are pursuing as your primary assignment in this season of life.

### *Examples*

- Some one here today may have been considering all along: "My primary focus was to make money, become a success professionally". But God is bringing a shift. You will find yourself saying, "I want to focus on pursuing something that will make a difference for the Kingdom of God. Focus on something that will be of lasting value. Something more than just making money and becoming a professional success".
- In business there may be a shift in the way things are being done or what you are pursuing as your primary focus
- Others : Homemakers – will see their purpose beyond just taking care of their home, Students – a shift in your understanding of what you should do; Ministry – a shift in your primary focus in ministry

## **3. A shift in priorities**

In 2007 there will be a change in what is really important, a re-ordering of priorities. Things that were lower in order, will come up in order.

The change in pace and a change in focus will cause a change in priorities.

### **Application for us as individuals:**

#### When there is a shift in pace:

##### *Acceleration*

- Be alert. Higher speeds require greater alertness. Accidents can be fatal at higher speeds.
- Adjust to the speed at which things happen. Don't grumble about the shift. Allow yourself to be stretched. Jeremiah 12:5
- Maintain endurance - Whether you shift from walking to running, or running to soaring, the key is to maintain endurance. Isaiah 40:31 The way to do this is through consistently waiting on the Lord to have your strength renewed.

##### *Deceleration*

- Avoid becoming restless (Isaiah 30:15)

#### When there is a shift in purpose (focus, primary assignment) and a shift in priorities, this:

- Will impact lifestyle
- Will impact allocation of resources – time, money, energy
- Will impact relationships

Avoid being double-minded (James 1:7). Go along with the shift that God is introducing.

### **Application for us as a church:**

As a local church/Body in 2007 there will be:

#### A shift in pace:

- Acceleration in growth

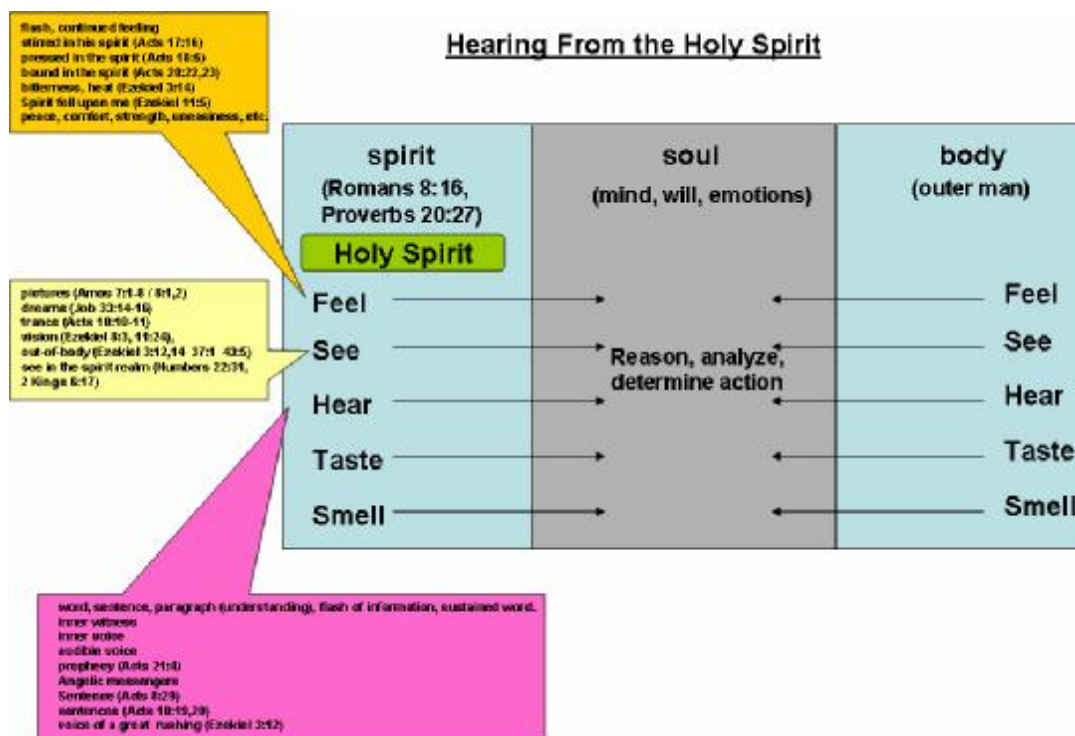


- When there is accelerated growth – there is a tendency for people to (a) feel neglected (b) feel left behind/left out. The key is to “get in” rather than being on the fringe/extremity where you risk feeling neglected or left out.

#### A shift in purpose (focus, primary assignment) and a shift in priorities:

- Change in focus
  - Evangelism – change from inward focus to outward focus John 4:35
  - Change from our church focus to Kingdom focus
  - A change from our city focus to our nation focus
- Change in priority
  - Strategic prayer – individually and corporately
  - Emphasis on the supernatural
- Change in focus or priority usually makes people feel uncomfortable/uneasy and in some cases resistant. The key is to learn to go with the flow. Let God navigate.

#### Hearing From God



#### **FEEL**

flash, continued feeling  
stirred in his spirit (Acts 17:16)  
pressed in the spirit (Acts 18:5)  
bound in the spirit (Acts 20:22,23)  
bitterness, heat (Ezekiel 3:14)  
Spirit fell upon me (Ezekiel 11:5)



peace, comfort, strength, uneasiness, etc.

#### SEE

pictures (Amos 7:1-8 / 8:1,2)

dreams (Job 33:14-16)

trance (Acts 10:10-11)

vision (Ezekiel 8:3, 11:24),

out-of-body (Ezekiel 3:12,14 37:1 43:5)

eyes opened to see in the spirit realm (Numbers 22:31, 2 Kings 6:17)

from spirit to mind

#### HEAR

word, sentence, paragraph (understanding), flash of information, sustained word.

inner witness

inner voice

audible voice

prophecy (Acts 21:4)

Angelic messengers

Sentence (Acts 8:29)

sentences (Acts 10:19,20)

voice of a great rushing (Ezekiel 3:12)

#### SMELL

#### TASTE

The Spirit and the Word agree (1 John 5:7)

We must learn to receive from the Holy Spirit through our spirit.



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