

Are You Doing God's Will Part 2

***"1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."* (Romans 12:1-2 KJV)**

As we persevere in offering the parts of our bodies to God as living sacrifices, as we endeavour not to conform to the pattern of this world, and be willing to be transformed by the renewing of what is in our minds of old principles and wrong things and replace them with God's Word, laws and statutes, then we will be able to know, test and approve what is the very good will of God.

***"3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith."* (Romans 12:3 KJV)** Here is a call for humility. Everyone of us should not think of himself bigger than his size. *God wants us to be humble so we can associate with one another as we are in the body of Christ. Humility will lead us to serve one another in the body of Christ,* ***"4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: 5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another."* (Romans 12:4-5 KJV)**

When we are transformed and in harmony with God and with one another, and already knowing and willing to live the will of God then The Holy Spirit will fill us and bestow on us spiritual gifts so that all the parts of our body will be functioning for the glory of God. This is what God had promised, ***"33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people."* (Jeremiah 31:33 KJV)** God had promised that He will write His Word in the inward parts of our bodies, the brain, eyes, ears, mouth, tongue, heart, arms, hands, fingers, chest, breast, abdomen, legs, feet and toes. *God will do that when we are filled with the Holy Spirit, when we are given the gifts of the Holy Spirit that every part of our bodies will be functioning to achieve and do the will of God, and in such a way every part of our bodies will know its assignments in the new life that Christ had prepared for us to live.*

***"6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; 7 Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; 8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness."* (Romans 12:6-8 KJV)** *The Spiritual gifts given by the Holy Spirit is for the benefit of all the members of the body of Christ. It need from us to develop them and use them willingly to serve God.*

The following is the brief description of these gifts:

1. Prophecy: Declaring the will of God, and what God is about to do.
2. Ministry: Serving others and help them to meet their needs.

3. Teaching: To precisely describe to the people the Scriptures and how they will apply them in their lives.
4. Exhorting: To encourage the people to continue to walk in the way of faith and to persevere in that.
5. Giving: To contribute to the needs of others.
6. Ruling: To lead others and help them to reach and achieve the will of God.
7. Showing mercy: To attend and help those who are in troubles or in crises.

With all these gifts and services, the Holy Spirit will be with us and make us service providers; the Holy Spirit will put in our heart the true love of God that will lead us to achieve and live and interact with the people around us in accordance to the will of God.

Now we will discuss the true love that God wants to see in our lives: ***"9 Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. 10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; 11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; 12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; 13 Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. 14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. 15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. 16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. 17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. 18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. 19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. 20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. 21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."* (Romans 12: 9-21 KJV)**

***"9 Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good: "* (Romans 12: 9 KJV) *Love should be sincere, pure with no hypocrisy.* We need to check our motives. We are called and supposed to be service providers. Everyone of us should ask himself what for he is doing these things? Is he doing that for God, for the benefit of others, or for his own benefit?**

Love should hate what is evil and keep what is good: ***"21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. 22 Abstain from all appearance of evil."* (1 Thessalonians 5:21-22 KJV)** ** Our love toward God had become pure when we decided to hate evil deeds, cleanse our church from evil, and persevering in doing what is good. * The life that we had experienced in Christ as a church had led us to discover lot of the truth of God and His will.* Moreover we have been taught to stand firm and preserve all the truth that we had taught and discovered. We have learnt to expel and put certain things away. Scriptures teach us to hate what is evil and do only good. Scriptures teach us to hate not only the fleshly things but hate even our clothing which is stained by our corrupted flesh. ***"Hating even the garment spotted by the flesh."* (Jude 1: 23 KJV)** *It is a true love when we stand for the truth, not to compromise, not to show respect for a person, but to hate evil, and this is love.*

** We are taught to use our finances carefully to avoid debt, and this is love. * We are taught to be careful about how to dress to avoid exposing our body parts, and this is love. * We are taught to be careful about eating habits, to spend wisely, cooking at home and avoid eating in*

restaurant and wasting money, and this is love. * Holding on the good and avoiding every kind of evil, and this is love.

“10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another:” (Romans 12: 9 KJV) Again here we need to check our motives. Are we doing what we are doing to satisfy our selfishness or for the good of others? **“3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. 4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.” (Philippians 2: 3-4 KJV)** * If we are not in the centre of God's will, our love is impure and selfish. * Certain times we need to forfeit our privileges in order to honour God. * We may need to forfeit our privileges in order to do it. * We do nothing out of selfishness and vain conceit but to do it unto God for other's benefit. * We need to esteem others better than ourselves and we show that by catering toward their needs.

“11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord:” (Romans 12: 11 KJV) We need to overcome our tiredness and serve God with zeal and enthusiasm. We need to put aside our laziness and be willing to work hard. We need to be willing to persevere, to be of service to God, and He will strengthen us, so that we can do everything cheerfully and patiently.

“12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer:” (Romans 12:12 KJV) Certain times we are taken through some painful procedures because we had been crooked and did wrong in the past. For example, Abraham made wrong choices listening to his wife. This led to a lot of problems. God had to cut Hagar and Ishmael from his life. It was a very painful procedure. But he had to go through it. God works through very painful procedures especially when it comes to our emotions. * We had put ourselves in the past in wrong scenarios; therefore today we have to go through these painful procedures. * We need to be joyful with hope, keeping the smile, trusting God that He will be the one to take us out of it. * Mountains will be climbed and trials will be passed through faithfulness in prayer and in waiting upon God to make a way and get us out of it.

“13 Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality:” (Romans 12:12 KJV) Through all these painful procedures, we need to be service providers to the saints. In spite of all suffering we are called to be a blessing to other saints, who are following Christ with us.

“14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not:” (Romans 12:12 KJV) * It is not our job to curse or fight but we need to stand firm and endure. * We don't have time for cursing and revenging. If we do that then we are running out of time. * We are called to protect ourselves but not to revenge. * We need to do what is required from us and we should not do the things that God has not told us to do.

“15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep:” (Romans 12:15 KJV) We need to rejoice with people when they are rewarded and support them in times of troubles and when they are in need.

“16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits:” (Romans 12:16 KJV) * We need to be of the same mind with one another, for with different minds we cannot be in harmony, therefore we have to have the mind of Christ. For example, Lot and Abraham separated because they were

not of one mind. **Mind not high things** is to mind not worldly things and things and thoughts against Christ. Our minds must be transparent and consistent with God's word and instruction. * Sometimes people come with their own plans that contain high things because of pride and conceit. Pride blinds our eyes. THAT IS WHY WE SEARCH SCRIPTURES TO REACH God's direction.

* Those who are not in harmony with God's Word, they will certainly mislead us; therefore we need to avoid them. Our consistency with God's Word and laws will protect us and take away from us harmful and worldly people.

“17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men:” (Romans 12:17 KJV) **Recompense to no man evil for evil**, it means that we must not waste time in revenging, but we need to use our time to do God's will.

Provide things honest in the sight of all men. The principles that we learn from God's Word we need to live and we need to practice. We need to explain them and expound them to others so they will know our stand.

“18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men:” (Romans 12:18 KJV) It is pains taking to live in harmony and peace, and we need to do it tactfully. Apostle Paul said, **“21 Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.” (2 Corinthians 8:21 KJV)** We take pain to do God's will. We do honest things not only in the sight of God but also men. We take and do what is required and leave everything else.

“19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. 20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.” (Romans 12:19-20 KJV) **Do not take revenge. God will punish the wicked, and we need to take care of other things. The enemy, people who hate God and who persecute us, should not be revenged but should be given the gospel. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink:** We spend in reaching new people, time, finances, effort, money and we may feed them and give them something to drink. People in those old days used to share the fire in times of cold. There was no match. But they will carry the coal to their houses to light the fire, by a vessel they carry on their heads. **In the same way, by giving the gospel to those who hate God and us, we are providing them with initiative for a better and everlasting life.**

“21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good:” (Romans 12:21 KJV) We overcome evil with good in doing God's service. The devil will try its best to tempt us and shift us away from doing the things of God, but the Holy Spirit is our guide, the fire in us, to propel us to move forward in our service and ministry unto God,

My dear and beloved: Let us take heed of the Word of God and the timely instructions that we received in this message. Let us endeavor to apply all these Godly principles that we learned in our lives and in our ministries. Let us be willing to be transformed by renewing our minds with the Word of God. Let us be willing to humble down and see our real size before God and be willing to go along His will. Let us be willing to use all the spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit for the glory of God and to serve the members of the body of Christ. Let us humble down and be

in harmony with one another. Let us be filled of pure love and be willing to be service providers for others. Let us refrain from all kinds of evil. Let us be faithful in prayers. Let us have zeal in serving the Lord. Let us endeavor to do His will and let us be firm in our faith having full trust in His Word that He will sustain us in times of troubles. Let us forgive our enemies. Let us not revenge from those who hurt us. Let us love our enemies and let us be willing to overcome evil with good. Let us fully trust God in our suffering while doing His will, and as Paul said, ***“For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.” (2 Timothy 1:12 KJV).***

Let us stand. Come now to God in repentance, and renounce all your sins and shortcomings. _____ Renounce your evil ways _____, and surrender your life and your heart and even all your plans to God. Persevere in the painful trials that you are passing through. God is cleansing you from your past sins and wrong doings, and is doing new things in your life. God is making out of you a real man of God, a real woman of God, who will do all what He desire of you to do and to achieve the very purpose of God and His good pleasant and perfect will.

Let us pray.

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the death to give me eternal life. Lord I thank you for your word that teaches me more of your ways. Lord thank you for declaring to me your will. Lord thank you for placing me in your church and you consider me as your child. Lord thank you for the good plan that you have for me. Lord I am willing to abide with the principle that I learned from this message. I commit my life to serve you, to use and develop the spiritual gifts that you give to me for the benefits of other members in the body of Christ. Lord I commit myself to be honest and faithful to the end; serving you away from revenge but fighting evil with good. Lord teaches me as I am going forward in my service to you. Lord, makes me a service provider and blessing to others, sustains me with good health and strength and provide for my needs.

Lord I repent of the followings sins _____.

Lord I repent from doing my own will _____.

Lord I surrender my life into your hand. Lord let your will be prevail in my life.

Lord I pray for my brothers and Sisters who delight to know you and do your will. Lord open their eyes and enlighten their minds with the truth and let them see the richness of the inheritance that you had prepared for us in Heaven. Lord help them to manifest the fruit of the Holy Spirit in their life that people will see Jesus in them. Lord sustain them, protect them, and continue to provide for them so they will continue to serve you and live according to your will.

Lord bless your church and make it grow. Lord I pray for more evangelism and more people will be reached out for Christ. Lord I pray for more Bible study groups and congregations to be planted. Lord those who are obedient anoint them with the Holy Spirit and use them to reach the lost and to bring the fruit that you desire to see in the life of your church. Lord help us and protect us as we persevere in serving you. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let you

hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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