

## Get Rid of Bad Attitudes in God's Service

*“1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD. 2 And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. 3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. 4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: 5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. 6 And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? 7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him. 8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him. 9 And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper? 10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. 11 And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand; 12 When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth. 13 And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment is greater than I can bear. 14 Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me shall slay me. 15 And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him. 16 And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.” (Genesis 4:1-16 KJV)*

From the event that we read from the book of Genesis we understand that there were two brothers who were working under God's care, Cain and Abel. Both of them knew that there is God, the Creator of the universe and He is in charge of everything on the world. Both of them knew that they needed to worship God and serve Him. Both of them were aware that there is no other gods beside Him and they needed to offer and sacrifice to Him only. Sure both of them knew there is God and His requirements from their parents. Both of them offered to God sacrifices but they have different response to God, and different attitude in their relationship toward Him. **Therefore you need to be careful that God the Creator of the universe is looking and watching each and everyone to weight their heart's motives toward Him and toward another human being.**

God created us, and even after we sinned His grace was there from the beginning to save us. He made a way for us to come back to Him and give our lives unto Him. The Lord God sent His One and only Son the Lord Jesus Christ to save us. Christ died on the cross for our sins, He was buried and rose from the dead on the third day to give eternal life to everyone who believe in Him and follow His steps in life.

Before we come to know the Lord we were living in sin, *“3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. 4 But God, who is*

*rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: 7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.” (Ephesians 2:3-8 KJV)* In order for us to go back to God, the way is there in Jesus, and we need to confess and renounce our sins so we can have fellowship with God and with one another. *“5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:5-9 KJV)* **God is light and darkness is sin. So if you are in God, you need to get rid of all sins from your life because in God there is no sin. You need to repent from each and every sin, so you can live a life that pleases the Lord. To live in the light you need to keep and maintain the fellowship with God and with one another.**

From the above Bible story from the book of Genesis we can see clearly that Cain was walking in darkness. Although he came to know the Lord but he was still following the sinful nature of the flesh. His deeds showed that. *“6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. 7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. 8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. 9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. 10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. 11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. 12 Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous. 13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you. 14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. 15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.” (1 John 3:6-15 KJV)* Cain as mentioned here was of the wicked one and he killed his brother because his works were evil but his brother was a righteous person. The meaning of Cain is this: **“I have gotten a man from the LORD”**. Cain received favor, help and good things from the Lord but he failed God because his bad attitudes had hindered him from doing God's will. **In the same way you should get rid of all the following bad attitudes if you want to be effective in your service to the Lord:**

**1. Unfaithfulness:** Cain had received everything with the help of the Lord but He was unfaithful to the Lord. **All what you have is from the Lord and you should be faithful to God to bring to Him the best of what He gave you. That will be the expression of your true faith in God our Lord.** Abel was willing to give the firstfruits of his flock, but Cain did not observe that, *“3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. 4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of*

*the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:” (Genesis 4:3-4 KJV) “4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.” (Hebrews 11:4 KJV) Giving the firstfruits to God the meaning of it is to put God first in all your priorities, and that what will help you to obey God fully and do all His requirements. Abel was able and willing to give to God his firstfruits because God was for him everything for he valued what he had received from God. But for Cain God was only one of the things he had because he was not able to see that God was the Creator and all what he had had come from Him. People usually trained to give their tithes, in giving the tenth of their income. But only few are trained to give their firstfruits. Giving the firstfruits is giving the whole salary to God, and to give the whole first increase and the first new income and the first salary of each year and so on. To train yourself to give the firstfruits you need to cut many unnecessary things in order to be able to have enough that you will be able to give your firstfruits.*

Faithfulness is needed in all aspect of life. Faithfulness is your willingness to give back of what you had received of good things. Unfaithfulness is when you received but you are not willing to give back. Faithfulness is one of the fruit of the Holy Spirit that start to appear in our lives after we receive Jesus.

**A. Faithfulness needed toward God:** *“37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.” (Matthew 22:37 KJV) God should be your first priority; your life should be pleasing to Him. You should live in holiness and purity and doing acts of goodness and righteousness that will give glory to God, as the Word of God instruct us, “16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16 KJV) Faithfulness is to read your Bible to know God better and to obey the Word of God, “8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.” (Joshua 1:8 KJV) and faithfulness is to have life of prayers to be always in communication with God, “12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;” (Romans 12:12 KJV) and faithfulness is needed also in giving to God what is due for Him from your time, talents, resources, your tithes, various offerings and your firstfruits and the rest of your material things, that which later on makes you hear from God, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.” (Matthew 25:21 KJV)*

**B. Faithfulness also needed toward your family:** *This is by doing your responsibility and assignment toward your family that God had placed you in, “8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.” (1 Timothy 5:8 KJV) We should care for our families; parents and children and the close relationships, providing them, and giving to them the Word of God and teaching them to obey everything Jesus commanded us. Leading them in the way of righteousness and enable them with us to serve the Lord as Joshua declared in Joshua 24:15, “but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”*

**C. Faithfulness also needed in the marital life:** *“4 Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.” (Hebrews 13:4 KJV) The husband and the wife needed to be faithful to one another in their marital life, “3 Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. 4 The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. 5 Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.”(1 Corinthians 7:3-5 KJV) In time of separation from our spouses we should observe not to fall into adultery. Faithfulness and self-control will enable us to observe that.*

**D. Faithfulness needed toward the Church of God:** *The group of believers in Jesus constitutes the church. Those are also called the family of God. Faithfulness should be practiced in the church, by using your gifts to serve God and to serve His people. You should offer your time, money, efforts and whatever you have for the service to express your love and faithfulness to the Lord. “11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;” (Romans 12:11 KJV) Faithfulness also needed to be extended to your brothers and sisters in Christ, “10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.” (Galatians 6:10 KJV)*

**E. Faithfulness also needed toward the job that God had placed you in:** *You should be faithful to your employer, where you are working; doing your job precisely and honestly whether their eyes on you or not. The following Scriptures shall enlighten your mind and help you to understand what you need to do in your working place. “5 Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; 6 Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; 7 With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: 8 Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.” (Ephesians 6:5-8 KJV) “22 Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God; 23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; 24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. 25 But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.” (Colossians 3:22-25 KJV)*

**F. Faithfulness also needed to be expressed in good deeds and attitude toward the societies and the countries that we are living in:** *This includes the places and the cities that you are living; you should observe the rules and systems, keeping order, preserving the structure and obey all the laws and the regulations, “7 Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.” (Romans 13:7 KJV) You need also to be praying for their wellbeing, “7 And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.” (Jeremiah 29:7 KJV) and help to build that society in the right way. You need also to show faithfulness and love as well to people in vicinity to you as Jesus told us, “39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.” (Matthew 22:39 KJV) You should act as good example for others to give them the model that they should follow. Faithfulness shall extend also to our*

countries and nations. We are responsible to take care of our country and nation to build it in the right way.

Abel when he came to offer to God, he came with an open and grateful heart and was cheerfully giving to God while Cain was on the opposite, perhaps even was burdened how to give to God and perhaps that was why God did not look to his offering with favor; “*And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: 5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect.*” (Genesis 4:4-5 KJV) Faithfulness is to build commitment, accountability and being a responsible person. Faithfulness is to remember your promises and vows that you gave and that you need to fulfill.

**2. Anger:** “*And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.*” (Genesis 4:5 KJV) Anger is another bad attitude that you need to get rid of. When God did not look with favor on the offering of Cain he reacted and got angry. His anger was because he had bitterness in his heart. You need to cleanse your heart from anger and not to allow anger to rule over your life, “*26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: 27 Neither give place to the devil.*” (Ephesians 4:26-27 KJV) “*19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: 20 For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. 21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.*” (James 1:19-21 KJV) God showed Cain how he can overcome anger by doing what is right so he will be accepted by God, “*6 And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? 7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted?*” (Genesis 4:6-7 KJV) Overcome anger by doing what is right and you will be accepted by God.

**3. Envy and jealousy:** Cain had envy and Jealousy against his younger brother who honored God and knew how to worship the Lord better than him. You should not have envy and jealousy and try to fight to disqualify and hinder others from doing good services to God. You should be ready to do the good works of God. You need to mind your own business and be willing to obey God and do your task and assignments well.

**4. Non teachable personality:** Cain did not learn from the good example of his brother Abel, as well as He did not take warning from God to control and master the sin that God had showed him and warned him about. You should be humble and teachable and take warning when God is warning about sin in your life. As you know what is right you should do it. In this way your service and what you are going to offer to the Lord will be acceptable. Take notice also from the good examples of the people that God allowing you to see daily in your life; take heed of that and consider to follow the pattern that you are seeing that God is bringing to you.

**5. Malice:** Cain told his brother Abel, “*8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.*” (Genesis 4:8 KJV) Cain acted in Malice; he hid his anger to his brother and when they were in the field and saw a good opportunity he killed him. He had a bad motive and evil intention toward his brother. Malice should not be there in your heart and ministry. The field is the field of harvest that God call us to evangelize and make new disciples and we should neither have malice nor ill feeling and play politics against one another. ‘*Cleans our hearts O Lord, we pray, Amen.*’

**6. Lack of Self-control:** You should control your heart, emotions, your mouth talks, your hands and feet and get rid of anger. Otherwise you may end up with mess, quos, spiritual murder and injuries in the field of God’s service.

**7. Lack of accountability:** “*9 And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?*” (Genesis 4:9 KJV) You must be accountable by caring for one another, and not fighting or biting one another, “*14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.*” (Galatians 6:14-15 KJV)

**My dear and Beloved:** Although Abel was killed and died but till this day his ministry is alive and he still preaching; the Bible tells us that, “*4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.*” (Hebrews 11:4 KJV) \* Quality of service is important and the attitude of the worker is of great worth. Wrong attitudes and bad behaviors bring you away from God’s service and the true fellowship with Him. \* Take heed and warning from the message put your faith into action and repent to correct yourself. Take the opportunity today to come back to the Lord and to follow Him. \* As God had done great miracle for you and had saved you through Jesus Christ our Lord, then be faithful and come back to Him and serve Him. Commit your life to Him, be responsible and accountable to all what you had received from Him and He shall reward you. Let us pray ...

**My Prayer:** Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word and the teaching that I got in this message that showed me my wrong doings, my responsibilities and my failures. Lord thank you for all the teachings, the rebukes, the corrections and the admonishments I received in this message.

Confess and renounce all your sins. Confess your unfaithfulness, your ungratefulness and your disobedience and the lack of fear in God. Confess your non willingness to give your tithes and offerings and your firstfruits to God. Confess your unfaithfulness toward God, toward your family, toward the Church of God, toward your job, toward the place that you are living and toward your country. Confess and renounce your marital unfaithfulness and non willingness to do your marital responsibilities. Confess and renounce your laziness and your lack of commitment. Confess and renounce your anger, your envy and jealousy, your non teachable personality, your malice, your lack of self-control and your Lack of accountability. Confess and renounce your fight and quarrels and the rest of the work of the flesh. Confess your lack of reading God’s Word and your lack of prayer. Confess and renounce your yoke with non believers, with the Media, News, games and with friends. Lord forgive me. I repent of the following sins \_\_\_\_\_.

Lord I humble myself down at your feet. Lord I commit myself to be faithful to you in my life, obeying your Word and commands and the teaching we received in this message. Lord I commit myself to change the following wrong attitudes \_\_\_\_\_. Lord I am willing to live my life for you and to do your will. Lord I commit myself to reproduce more of the fruit of the Holy Spirit, love, joy, peace, faith, self-control, perseverance, long-suffering,

*patience, gentleness and kindness, that people will see Jesus in my life. Lord I commit myself to serve you and to do your will till the end of my life.*

*Lord thank you for my brethren who repented of their sins and committed their life unto you and to the principles that we learned from this message. Lord help them to live a life pleasant to you and to fear you and to do your will in full. Lord fill them once again with the Holy Spirit and use them to go on and serve you and proclaim your Word to others.*

*Lord bless us as your church; Lord we ask you once again to refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts so we can go and evangelize, making new disciples and training new workers to go and plant more Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord we pray for more people to be water baptized and more disciples to be baptized with the Holy Spirit. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.' Lord take the message and spread it to reach the rest of the church congregations, workers, members and the lost souls. Lord prepare us for your coming to go with you when you come. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your 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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