

Serve God's Purpose Part 7

Be Responsible Toward Your Parents and Be Able to Work and Operate With Imperfect People

“3 And David went thence to Mizpeh of Moab: and he said unto the king of Moab, Let my father and my mother, I pray thee, come forth, and be with you, till I know what God will do for me. 4 And he brought them before the king of Moab: and they dwelt with him all the while that David was in the hold.” (1 Samuel 22:3-4 KJV)

David was responsible toward his parents. After he fled from King Saul he went to seek refuge for his parents in Moab. He was afraid that his parents might be attacked by Saul, so he was responsible enough to find a secure place for them until he comes.

Jesus also was responsible toward his mother Mary, while he was on the cross. ***“25 Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! 27 Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.” (John 19:25-27 KJV)*** Jesus' mother was not yet deep in the faith about God's plan of salvation; she was in constant fear about her son because of the threat of the Pharisees and their evil plans against Him. When faced with the fact that Jesus was crucified for the sins of the world and to save the people, Mary was in need for someone to take care of her and to guide her spiritually. When Jesus saw His mother and the beloved disciple standing nearby He saw an opportunity for God's service, and to fulfill His responsibility toward His mother, so He called his beloved disciple to care for his mother. What Jesus did was so effective because we read in the book of Acts that Mary and Jesus' brothers were among the 120 disciples who were meeting, praying and waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit. ***“14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.” (Acts 1:14 KJV)*** Truly Mary stayed with the disciples and she witnessed with them the Lord's resurrection from the dead, His ascension to Heaven, and then later on she also received the Holy Spirit baptism.

As David and Jesus cared and were concerned for their parents to be in the right atmosphere and away from threats, we ought also to care for our parents and to do our best to mobilize them and bring them into the right faith. We ought to be concern for our parents not only physically but above all spiritually. If they are not in the faith in Christ Jesus we must present to them the Word of God by all possible means so that they will be with the Lord and with us serving God and later on together with us in Heaven.

* In reality, there is urgency in giving the Gospel message to our parents because they are aged. Yes, they may live still longer and beyond expectation but they need now to know the Savior while they still have time to serve Him. * As we care for our parents, praying for them, providing and securing their physical and spiritual needs, they will live a joyful, meaningful and productive life, sharing and blessing others as well.

My Dear and Beloved: Many heroes of faith were called by God in their old age. God called Abraham and Moses in their old age and they led many to know God. ***Our parents could also be called by God in their good old age and would lead many others to Christ. Therefore, let us***

do our part and fulfill God's purpose showing our willingness to care, and keeping our responsibility toward our beloved parents.

We will continue to study the life of King David and we will see how he was able to work and operate with imperfect people to fulfill God's purpose in his life. ***“2 And every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men.” (1 Samuel 22:2 KJV)***

Despite that David worked with imperfect people, his mission succeeded. He was able to work and operate with the services rendered by the people who were with desperate need. He did not lose hope, he did not panic. Instead, he received all the people who gathered around him with whatever problem or imperfection they had. ***Like David and as servant of the Lord, you must learn to work and be able to operate with imperfect people as described below:***

A. People in distress: These are the people who live in emergencies like having chronic sicknesses, cancers, disabled with infirmities, jobless, etc. These kinds of people are not in the position to render services instead you need to give and to minister to them. You need to be a compassionate person, ***“12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;” (Colossians 3:12 KJV)*** You need to take them out of the emergencies in their lives. You have to give them relief, and then after their recovery they need to be rehabilitated to manage life. Finally, you must train and equip them to be fruitful.

Hence, you simply work with the Lord in rescuing these kinds of people. Give them some aid to take them out from their troubles and emergencies. Rehabilitate them and equip them with the Word of God. Above all, help them to see the good plan that the Lord has prepared for them and with the Lord's help they will soon bear fruit.

Oftentimes, you love to work with people who are relieved so you can receive from them, because you don't want to suffer or you don't want to invest in people's life. But Jesus worked with people who are in distress. He entered their lives and rescued them and took them out of their troubles. He showed them the new life that He prepared for them. He equipped them with His Word, trained them through His ways, endowed them with the Holy Spirit, and they became fruitful people.

B. People in debt: No one likes to work with people who are in debt because the first thing they will ask you is to give them or lend them money. But who tells you that you need to give them money! What you need to implement are the following:

1. Don't give money, or if you will give them or lend them should be with some or all the remaining items in the list.
2. Their first need is God and not money.
3. Give the message of God and His Word.
4. They need to give their lives to God. Direct them to give their lives to God.
5. Direct the people to God's Word on how to manage their lives based on His Word.
6. Instruct them to work and earn their living.
7. Give them a helping hand to aid them in their burdens.

8. Teach them to pray to God and ask Him to provide for them.
9. Teach them to budget their expenses according to their income.
10. Teach them to pay their tithes so that the Lord will open the flood gates of Heaven and bless them, and will rebuke the pestilence in their lives.
11. Teach them to buy cheap but good quality things for their daily needs and living.
12. Instruct them to pay their debts.
13. After they have paid their debts, teach them how to save.

C. People who are discontented: These are the people who are pessimistic and do always think negatively. They are the people who keep grumbling and complaining about every aspects of their life. The fact is, 'No one likes to work with people who keep giving headache and trouble.' Everyone likes to work with calm and clear minded people, but not every time you find such. You don't want to work with discontented people, but sometime you have no other choice but to accept to work with them. **And if you willingly accept, God will enable you to be effective in your service to them. God will give you more patience, endurance, and He will give you extra grace to tolerate them until they are delivered from their bad character. The Lord will grant you the wisdom on how to handle them and how to direct them to be fruitful. Soon you will see their lives in different perspective.**

It is very difficult to start to serve God and operate with imperfect people but the Word of God instructs you how to apply His love and His grace, and He will enable you to achieve much. This is what God has called you to do and to be, to serve His purpose and the generation around you.

The following food (Spiritual and Physical) we can share are:

1. We can pray for the people and intercede on their behalf and ask the Lord to reveal Himself to them and satisfy their needs.
2. We can share with them the message of salvation, that Jesus had died for their sins on the cross to give them eternal life.
3. We can advise them and instruct them from the Word of God so their problems would be solved and that they would have the right direction in their lives.
4. We can share with them material things that they need like food, dress, lodging, transport, medical aid, medicine, and offer medical advice.

The Lord Jesus Christ in His mission on earth He worked with ordinary people who were imperfect. He raised them up and they became effective workers, faithful disciples and fruitful apostles who served God's purpose. They carried the mission work to other places and to their next generations. Today the Lord is raising you as well to evangelize, to disciple and to train workers who will be effective, fruitful and productive to carry God's Word to other places and to the next generations to come.

My Dear and Beloved: The Lord Jesus Christ left His comfort zone in Heaven. He came down to save people from sin and from death. **Today He is calling you and me to continue the work. So leaving our comfort zones we should go forward serving others and achieving God's purpose in our lives.**

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 dead to give me eternal life. Lord, thank you for your Word that reminded me to care for my parents physically and spiritually, that they will serve you and do your works and will. Lord thank you for reminding me and teaching me to work with imperfect people. Lord thank you for all the rebukes, corrections and admonishments that I received from you in this message.

Confess and renounce now all your sins. Confess your carelessness and lack of concern towards your parents needs, physical and spiritual. Confess and renounce your lack of patience and your non willingness to serve God and suffer for Him. Confess and renounce your lack of faith in God and in His power. Confess and renounce your selfishness and your non willingness to help others and stand with them in their troubles and hard times. Confess and renounce your lack of compassion and kindness toward those who are in distress. Confess and renounce your worldliness, your bad stewardship, your yoke with non believers friends, and your wasting time on the Media, News and games. Renounce doing your own plan and will and not the will of God. Confess your lack of reading God's Word and your lack of prayers. Lord forgive me, I repent of the following sins _____.

Lord God, thank you for what I learned from your Word. Lord, I commit myself to apply your Word in my life; to care for my parents and provide for their physical needs in their old age, and to care for them spiritually by giving them the Gospel and your Word so that they will be your servants, and their lives will inspire others to follow you. Lord I commit myself to reach out people who are in distress, in debts and those discontented in order to help them to come out from the crisis and the troubles they are in and so they can know you and start to serve you. Lord, give me more insights and teach me how to apply your message in a more effective way. Lord, help me to evangelize, make disciples and train workers to serve you. Give me patience, wisdom and perseverance. Lord, enable me to do those noble tasks in order for me to serve your purpose. This is my prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.

Lord I ask you to help me to reach out the following people in order to bring them to you _____.

Lord thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who committed themselves to take care of the physical and the spiritual needs of their parents, and who are willing to reach other imperfect people who are in need of you. Lord help them to reproduce more fruit of the Spirit, love, joy, peace, gentleness, kindness, faith, patience, self-control, and long-suffering, so people can see Jesus in their lives. Lord sustain them and give them perseverance in serving the good purpose of yours in their lives. Lord protect them and provide all their needs so they will continue to serve you.

Lord, we commit ourselves as your church to apply what we learned in the message today in reaching out our parents and the people who are in distress, debts and discontented and making out of them new disciples and workers of yours. Lord continue to lead us with your Holy Spirit to do the things that you wants us to do. Lord refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts that we need to go and evangelize, and make new disciples and train new workers to go and plant more Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord fulfill

the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.'
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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