

Fill us Lord Fill us...

Hello everyone

How should we minister? Somehow these days we hear messages from leaders coaxing the believers only to spend for the Kingdom and not encouraging them to personally do what God had called him/her for. Ministry is the portion of every new born believer in the body of Christ. Peter puts it so clearly that we have been saved from darkness into His marvelous light so as to declare His praises. And hence ministering in the Kingdom of God should not merely be an outcome of our purses but should be from an overflow of the anointing of the Spirit of God, knowing clearly what positions we have in the Church of Jesus. When the Spirit of God flows out of a filled heart we would not only automatically help the poor, destitute and the orphaned but first and foremost we will share this great priceless treasure of salvation, leading of God in our lives, anointing of the Spirit to all those whom we encounter. The love of God which has so filled our hearts will then push us to do what hurts the heart of the Father.

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me to preach good tidings to the poor, He has sent me to heal the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and the opening of the prison to those who are bound, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God , to comfort all who mourn to console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, that they may be called trees of righteousness the planting of the Lord that He may be glorified.

Isaiah 61,1-3

Could there be a more exhaustive list? This was the scripture read by Jesus when He entered ministry and He sat saying that the scripture He read is just getting fulfilled. If Jesus has challenged us to follow His footsteps(John 13, 15) should not we just continue our Master's job. The only reason and foundation for any ministry and any good work should always be the fullness of the Spirit of God in our lives. My ministry or helping should not be based on me feeling sorry or feeling pity for a person or situation, but should come from the Love of Christ and the fullness of the Spirit of God in my life. If I am driven by anything less, like pity, sadness etc chances are that I am stranded somewhere in the middle or I am burnt out.

Our pattern for ministry should always be based on the Word of God. Paul is one of those spiritual giants who exactly knew the right key revealed to him by the Spirit of God. As greater revelations come to him, Paul keeps on dumping the world, rubbishing all the world holds good and simply says, "OH Lord, Oh Lord, knowing you, knowing you alone, there is no greater thing..." (Philippians 3,7-11)

My dear brothers and sisters, this is the secret, knowing God more intimately. That comes only through revelation, and revelation comes when we take time and seek the face of God earnestly. Read His Word and learn His ways. God is seeking for men and women who would wait on Him everyday taking time exclusively for God, seeking to be filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit. God will only lay His burden on the soul which seeks Him

diligently and earnestly. To be closeted with Him alone and seek Him, seek Him and keep on seeking Him till He be found. This is the secret.

Sadly in this fast paced world, quiet time with God is just slowly melting away (like those glaciers) with hectic schedules stealing God's time. Some time ago I listened to a conversation between two young professionals who leave home at 6.30 am and return at 10 pm. One of them said, I don't have time to have quiet time, I get to pray as I commute. It really pained my heart. Not that I am blaming the person, but somehow satan has subtly cut into the most Holy of Holies of our lives (the private quiet time with God) and even we feel it is ok, we can somehow compensate it somehow. This is another damaging destructive deception. My question is will your earthly boss take such an answer happily? (I don't want to be at my workspot but I will be in my bed and work mentally) Then why this dalliance with God alone? Mustn't God be the topmost priority in my life? Stop and think how long are you lingering with God alone? Remember the time you spent with God when caught up in the early fire of God's love. It is for you to decide my dear friend. Do not toy with God according to your own schedule. When you take Him earnestly you would not believe the wonders God would do through you.

Wait on Him let Him fill you and then you will flap your wings powerfully and rise up among the nations of the world in the INVINCIBLE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST. You will preach good news, bind the broken hearted , heal this sick world, bring laughter into mourning nations, beauty for ashes, speak about the day marked for

eternal life and eternal judgement. The secret is bolt with God alone and you will shine with His Glory.

Oh Lord, give us grace to seek You with all our hearts, all our minds, all our strength, all our time, all our talents. Fill us with the knowledge of knowing Jesus more and more. Let Him increase and let us diminish, melt and disappear. May all of me be Christ and Christ alone, His smile, His words, His love, His touch, His resemblance, His grace, His tenderness, His anger , His mercy Oh Lord turn our hearts to you and restore us Lord. In Jesus Name. Amen Amen Amen.

P.S If possible listen to Graham Kendrick's song. "All I once held dear, built my life upon.." (chorus : Knowing you Jesus, knowing you, There is no greater thing...) This song never fails to move me. God bless. Have a great penultimate month of the year.