

HOW IS YOUR SERVE? ... HOW'S YOUR MINISTRY?

The following article was written to my Christian brothers and sister in 2013.

Scripture read, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me’” (Matt 25: 31-40, NIV).

As Christians operating in authority of God (by Jesus) and under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, we have so many opportunities and our everyday walk to be the man or woman of God that He has called us to be, to reach a lost a dying world for Him. Everything I think, everything I plan, every word I speak, every gesture, every work should be pleasing to Him, and in reality it should be Christ who lives within me and not my flesh, or sinful (carnal) nature. As a Christ follower, it is so vitally important to remember who I am in Christ and who I’m representing as it “is not I but Christ living in me” (Gal 2:20). Paul says in the Scripture that “I die daily.” Simply meaning, we must deny our “self” daily to attain Christ, or be as Christ would have us be and that being is in tune with His will and purpose for my life. I know it’s not so easy when faced with stresses of life, so many demands of your time, sickness, etc., but such is expected of all of us.

I say all of this to remind myself and hopefully remind you too that in all that we plan for and all that we do, as brother and sister Christians that we remember who we are ultimately serving. I recall the most recent hospital visit, we were intermingling among the family members and friends in the ICU waiting room when we stopped to speak with a group of four there. After speaking with them a bit, I asked if they minded if we prayed. The four of them joined us in a circle of prayer over the loved one who was in ICU. I was touched during that time and I recall a couple of them weeping as we closed in prayer, realizing we had touched lives. We were Jesus with skin on to them at that appointed time.

During this past month I also had a “first-time” opportunity to interact with a minister at a Prison Work Release in Hamilton, AL where 50-60 men from various Christian motorcycle ministries came together, in spite of affiliation or denomination, to reach out and demonstrate we

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sincerely care about “the least of these.” The result, 20 salvations, a number of re-dedications and many prayed for. Praise the Lord!

The time we spend serving and ministry has eternal rewards. When you get weary, step back and lean on Him and He will sustain you.

I know each of you have busy lives, as I do, and I sincerely do very much appreciate every one of you, and thank the Lord that you are a part of my life. You are valued friends and an extension of my “blood” family. We are related in Christ.

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