

CREATED UNTO GOOD WORKS IN MINISTRY

“How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil, for God was with him” Act. 10:38

The purpose of the anointing on Jesus was to do good, we've said that before, the greatest act of good that can be done is in bringing people to full salvation in Christ Jesus.

The bible defines the good that Jesus did in this way:-

“And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.” Matt: 4:23

People are sick in many ways, the reason the Church exists on earth is to bring healing to the nations of the earth by the power of the Holy Spirit.

For too long the work of the ministry has been caged by a select few, 'the minister' while the great mass of Christian have been turned into a spectating bunch, this is not the will of God.

In this days of Apostolic restoration, God is raising a new mindset as his minister begin to equip their people to fulfill their biblical mandates, It is the duty of the church to bring healing to the earth, **God is raising up an army of 'lay' minister who will find and fulfill this mandate**, they may not stand behind a pulpit, but will minister in the market place, the schools and the public spaces with the gift and grace of God on their lives, this is doing good like Jesus did.

Many times when people talk about a ministry they immediately think of an organization or a corporate body but in the language of scripture, a ministry is in act of service, it may or may not be a corporate body or organization. I see ministers to the police, hospitals, prisons, oppressed, children, women, youths etc. springing up in ever increasing numbers.

I see Jesus reaching out in the schools, the universities through his people, I once had this to say, every Christian teacher must see his/her work as a ministry to the children he teaches, to see his/her work as merely a job is a great disservice to Christ and His cause.

We are beginning to see the failure of the nation because of the failure of the Church to live up to her mandate of doing good and being salt and light to this nation. If you are a pastor I encourage you to ask for grace to train your people and release them to fulfill their God given purposes, your church will grow far much faster that it could have if you were trying to do it all alone, God is bringing the church to that place we read about in the book of the Acts, where they went everywhere preaching the name of Christ and the Kingdom of God.

God bless you.

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“Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas, this woman was full of good works and alms deed which she did’ Act 9:39

Many of us know the story of Dorcas and how she was raised up from the dead by the power of God, but have we seen the connection between the life of doing good and the miracle which brought her up from the dead?

I believe that Dorcas was so rich in her heavenly account that when the need came there was credit to her name which God could draw upon, remember that God told Cornelius, your prayers and your alms deeds, have come up before me in remembrance, can this be the reason for unanswered prayer and the fact of our barrenness before God?

The fool in Luke 16 was rich before men but poor before God, Paul had this to say in 1 Tim6:

“Warn them that are rich in this world not to be proud or trust in uncertain riches, but to do good and be rich in good works, be willing to share what they have, 1Tim6:17-18.

There is an eternal benefit to doing good, hear what the apostle says, Vs 19, laying up in heaven’s storehouse a good foundation for the time to come, remember what the Lord Jesus said”

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, but lay up for your selves, treasures in heaven were the moth and the rust cannot corrupt and thieves cannot break in and steal.

The blessings of the life of doing good are not only eternal but also have a manifest reward here on earth.

“And let us not be weary in well doing, for is due season we shall reap if we faint not.

As we have therefore opportunity, let do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. Gal 6:9-10.

God will reward on earth and in heaven the good we do in his name.

A missed opportunity to do good is a missed opportunity to walk the Jesus walk and to enjoy the benefits thereof.

Jesus said to me, do not let an opportunity to do good pass you by.

May I say that to willfully neglect an opportunity to do good, not because of inability but because of unwillingness is sinful, this is what the Apostle meant when He said,

“To him that knoweth to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin, 1 John”

What are you going to do about this? It is time to live up to the calling in your life.

