

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR THE GOSPEL? (PART 1)

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Isaiah 52:7 (KJV)

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

Isaiah the prophet saw this from far away, he saw the beauty of the preachers of the gospel (glad tidings or good news). He saw how beautiful their feet were upon the mountains. Mountains always represent challenges. We will talk about how preaching the gospel can deal more effectively with your challenges than praying for them in the next episodes.

When I keep reading in the history of the Gospel, when I read how Africa was evangelized, my tears always come out. How some men and women left everything they had in good countries to come to hostile environments to preach the Gospel. Some used their personal investments to fund themselves to go to Asia and Africa with the glad tidings, to bring you and me the gospel of Jesus Christ. Some would separate with families for many years just for the gospel not for money or wealth. Some were killed brutally because of this cause.

I will not forget a certain American woman who allowed her two daughters to go on a missionary journey to China to preach. It was all that she had. Her husband had died in the Second World War, her only comfort was her two daughters. Then at the age 19 and 21, she watched them as they leave for China to witness Christ in such a hostile country. She said to God, "You said I should give you my all, this is all that I have." I ask myself everyday whether I am doing enough for the gospel of Christ, whether I am playing my part in this Great Commission. The testimony of this woman still touches me each time I think about it. I will always say God, I want to give you my all for the gospel. I will not withhold anything that I have for the sake of the gospel. God does not regard those who do not take seriously his work. The only reason some people never receive answers for their prayers is because of their attitude towards God's work. Some will not give their all for God but still want God to give them His all. Surrender yourself and everything you have for the sake of the gospel. Whatever God has

blessed you with, let it be for the sake of his gospel. When you do this, you will not even need to pray for your own things. God will take care of them himself.

Nowadays believers think about themselves, they think about how to be rich and be better than the next person. They think in the same way the world thinks, because of this the power of the Holy Spirit is disabled in them. When they go out of their cities, it is only to make money not to bring glad tidings to that city. They do not consider the gospel at all and as a result when they call to God for anything, God ignores them. Never think that God does not answer prayers but in most cases our prayers are for selfish gain and have no consideration for the gospel.

One young man said if God blesses me, I will do well for the gospel and will do His work. I was able to help him with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit and told him that God wants you to serve him now before you get what you want from him because the future is not yours it is His. Most believers are praying saying to God, if you give me a lot of money, I will support the gospel and will preach better but God is saying, serve me today with the little you have. Do with little what you would do with plenty. Before you preach with a pa system, preach in houses, before you visit people in a car, go on foot, before you give 1 million dollars to missions, and give a dollar. Anyone can do something where they are today, where you are and what you are right now is the best time to be effective for the gospel. Whether you are pregnant or have a little one, do the best you can do in that situation for the gospel.... No excuses at all.

Women should put babies on their backs to spread the gospel. It is not a good reason before God to use children as an excuse, how will God bless the children that are always used as an excuse for not preaching the gospel. Some will use their jobs as excuses.... never take any job offer that opposes your identity as a believer. If you do not see any opportunity for you to grow in the Lord there, then it is a good reason not to accept it. Nothing is more important than the gospel. Nothing even comes a distant second.

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WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR GOSPEL (PART 2)?

1 Corinthians 9:16 (KJV)

For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!

Oh my God! What a powerful statement from the Apostle Paul. He says "necessity is laid upon me; woe to me if I preach not the gospel! I find this to be one of the most profound statement of commitment. When one says "necessity is laid upon me". We need to be motivated and encouraged by such statements from heroes of the gospel

Like Apostle Paul.

We preach the gospel because necessity is laid on us. Responsibility is now upon us to take the good news forward. God has no one else except you and me to advance His gospel. Do not think of anyone else. It is you whom God is relying on. There was a time for Paul, Peter, Timothy, Silas and all those great Apostles we read about but now there are no more. The person who God has is you. It also came a time of Katherine Kuhlman, Reinhard Bonnke, T.L Osborn, Benson Idhahosa, Jonh G. Lake and many others who were all generals of God but they are all gone and God is now looking at you. It is your time, it your season to be important because of the Gospel. Nothing can make you more important to God and to people except being a minister of the gospel. God is laying the necessity upon you to preach the gospel and you simply have to take it up.

WAYS OF PARTICIPATING IN THE GOSPEL

1. Preach it to anyone and everywhere you go *Acts 8:4 (KJV)* Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word."

Everywhere you go, preach the gospel. Set up cell groups, cell churches and churches and even missions. Anyone can do this. You do not need to be a pastor to do so. Any born again believer can do this. Try doing this and you will never miss your reward in this world and the world to come. In whatever part of the world, you are, preach the Word to whoever you meet. Tell them the good news. Anyone is a candidate for the Gospel. ***Romans 1:14***, Paul says I am under obligation to preach to everyone the gospel, to the rich, poor, Jews, Greeks, educated and to the barbarians.

2. Fund the Gospel.

Luke 8:3 (KJV) "And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others,

which ministered unto him of their substance." These women were amazing women. They were not necessarily preaching but they were funding Jesus to preach the Gospel. They used their substance to help the advancement of the Gospel. The Gospel is preached free of charge but the MEANS is not free. If you cannot go out to preach then send your money/substances, your cars, everything you have to assist those who are preaching. Of the income you get, how much is committed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Always remember the work of God. Do not neglect it. All missions we see today were built by monies from people like you. The little you have may make a difference. As far as the Gospel is concerned be very generous. No one in the history of the Gospel ever got poor by funding the Gospel. Never!

3. Support those who go out preaching.

If you read *Mathew 10:40-42* you will see that those who support preachers of the Gospel will always get their reward. Some will be preaching in places far away from their homes, you have to give them accommodation, give them food and water to drink, give them transport if you have. Investing in the Gospel is the best kind of investment ever. Put your resources to support those missionaries that you see. They have left everything on account of the Gospel, they are God's laborers.

Remember the instruction of Jesus when he was sending them, he said they should not carry silver and gold of their own, they should not carry extra clothes and blankets of their own for or even two pairs of shoes for a workman is worthy of his reward (*Mathew 10:9-10*). Jesus knew there will be those who will be raised to supply such things and you are one of such people.

Hallelujah!

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WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR THE GOSPEL (PART 3)? I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL!

Romans 1:16 (KJV)

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

It is indeed true that some folks are still ashamed of preaching the Gospel. They still think it is low class to be a minister of the Gospel. Apostle Paul had to make that declaration that he is not

at all ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ for it is only God's way to get people saved.

What is the Gospel? The Gospel is the good news of what Christ did for us on the cross of Calvary. How He took away our sin, how He endured the punishment of our sin. The good news is when you tell someone that, you do not need to fear, your sins are already taken care of. You do not need to fear punishment or responsibility for what you did, Jesus has already taken that on Himself, only chose to believe Him today. That is the Gospel. How can you be ashamed of such good news?

Why I should not be ashamed of the Gospel

1. Because I know that there is no other way of getting my beloved ones saved except by preaching to them. If you love anyone but you do not tell them about the Gospel then your love for them is fake...how would you love a person and still not make an effort to connect him or her to God.
2. Because the Gospel is the good news of Jesus Christ. The scripture declares that the feet of those who spread the good news are beautiful and blessed (***Isaiah 52:7***). In God's eyes, I am beautified by spreading the Gospel.
3. The other reason I am not ashamed of the Gospel is because Jesus promised those who will go to preach that He will be with them always. ***Matthew 28:19-20***, Jesus clearly said if you go out to preach I will be with you even unto the end of the world. We do not guarantee God's presence in our lives by praying for it but by going out to witness. Anyone who is witnessing the Gospel does not even need to pray for Jesus to be with him because He promised to be with everyone who does.
4. The Gospel is the only way of dealing with sin. You cannot deal with sin without the Gospel. It's impossible! Sin has no solution except the Gospel of Christ. When Jesus died, He took away our sins, not only our sins but He also took away the guilt of sin and the punishment of that sin. Most people define a sinner by acts of sin but a sinner is not only that. By simple definition a sinner is anyone who is not born again. As long as you are only born once by your father and mother you are a SINNER. It does not matter how good you are, your nature is still sinful as long as you are not born again. The only way to get one to be born again is through the good news of Jesus Christ as defined above.

Counseling someone cannot make him or her any better as long as the person is a sinner.

Counseling is not the Gospel. The Gospel is telling someone the good news that Jesus has taken

away his/her sin away. It is telling a person that he does not need to worry about his sin anymore....

Moral lessons are not the Gospel. Many people move around giving people moral lessons thinking that it will change them, but they will not. Give people the Gospel. The Gospel has power to turn a prostitute into a preacher, an armed robber into a minister. The Gospel is the only way to change a person. Hallelujah!

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