

## Are You Doing God's Will Part 2

As we persevere in offering the parts of our bodies to God as living sacrifices, as we endeavour not to conform to the pattern of this world, and be willing to be transformed by the renewing of what is in our minds of old principles and wrong things and replace them with God's Word laws and statutes then we will be able to know, test and approve what is the very good will of God, ***"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup> And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."*** (Romans 12:1-2 KJV)

***"<sup>3</sup> For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith."*** (Romans 12:3 KJV) Here is a call for humility. Everyone of us should not think of himself bigger than his size. God wants us to be humble so we can associate with one another as we are in the body of Christ. Humility will lead us to serve one another in the body of Christ, ***"For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: <sup>5</sup> So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another."*** (Romans 12:4-5 KJV)

When we are transformed and in harmony with God and with one another, and already knowing and willing to live the will of God then The Holy Spirit will fill us and bestow on us spiritual gift so that all the parts of our body will be functioning for the glory of God. This is what God had promised, ***"<sup>33</sup> But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people."*** (Jeremiah 31:33 KJV) God had promised that He will write His Word in the inward parts of our bodies, the brain, eyes, ears, mouth, tongue, heart, arms, hands, finger, chest, breast, abdomen, legs, feet and toes. God will do that when we are filled with the Holy Spirit, giving us the gifts of the Spirit that every part of our bodies will be functioning to achieve and do the will of God. Every part of our bodies will know its assignments in the new life that Christ had prepared for us to live.

***"<sup>6</sup> Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; <sup>7</sup> Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; <sup>8</sup> Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness."***

The Spiritual gifts given by the Holy Spirit is for the benefit of the members of the body of Christ. It need from us to develop them and use them willingly to serve God. The following is the brief description of these gifts:

- 1- Prophecy: Declaring the will of God and what God's about to do.
- 2- Ministry: Serving others and help them to meet their needs.
- 3- Teaching: To precisely describe to the people the Scripture and how they will apply them in their lives.
- 4- Exhorting: To encourage the people to continue to walk in the way of faith and to persevere in it,

- 5- Giving: To contribute to the needs of others.
- 6- Ruling: To lead others and help them to reach and achieve the will of God.
- 7- Showing mercy: To attend and help those who are in troubles or in crises.

With all these services the Holy Spirit will help us to achieve that and put in our heart the true love of God that will lead us to achieve and live and interact with the people around us in accordance to the will of God. The Holy Spirit will be with us and make us service providers.

***"<sup>9</sup> Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. <sup>10</sup> Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; <sup>11</sup> Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; <sup>12</sup> Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; <sup>13</sup> Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. <sup>14</sup> Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. <sup>16</sup> Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. <sup>17</sup> Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. <sup>18</sup> If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. <sup>19</sup> Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. <sup>20</sup> Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. <sup>21</sup> Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."*** (Romans 12: 9-21 KJV)

What are the things about love?

***"<sup>9</sup> Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good:*** Love should be sincere, pure with no hypocrisy. We need to check our motives. We are called and supposed to be service providers. Everyone of us should ask himself what for he is doing these things? Is he doing that for God, for the benefit of others, or for his own benefit?

Love should hate what is evil and keep what is good. ***"<sup>21</sup> Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. <sup>22</sup> Abstain from all appearance of evil."*** (I Thessalonians 5:21-22 KJV) This is pure love when we decided to hate the evil deeds that have been happening in our church and preserving what is good. The life that we had experienced in Christ as a church had led us to discover lot of truth of God and His will. Moreover we have been taught to stand firm and preserve all the truth that we had taught and discovered. We have learnt to expel and put certain things away. Scriptures teach us to hate what is evil and do only good. Scriptures teach us to hate not only the fleshly things but hate even our clothing which is stained by our corrupted flesh. ***"Hating even the garment spotted by the flesh."*** (Jude 22: 23 KJV) This is a true love when we stand for the truth, not to compromise, not to show respect for a person, but to hate evil, and this is love. We are taught to use our finances carefully to avoid debt, and this is love. We are taught to be careful about how to dress to avoid exposing our body parts, and this is love. We are taught to be careful about eating habits, to spend wisely, cooking at home and avoid eating in restaurant and wasting money, and this is love. Holding on the good and avoiding every kind of evil, is love.

***"<sup>10</sup> Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another:*** Again here we need to check our motives. Are we doing what we are doing to satisfy our selfishness or for the good of others? ***"<sup>3</sup> Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory;***

*but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. <sup>4</sup> Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.” (Philippians 2: 3-4 KJV)* If we are not in the centre of God's will, our love is impure and selfish. We need to forfeit our privileges in order to honour God. We need to forfeit our privileges in order to do it. We do nothing out of selfishness and vain conceit but to do it unto God for other's benefit. We need to esteem others better than ourselves and we show that by catering toward their needs.

<sup>11</sup> ***Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord:*** We need to overcome our tiredness and serve God with zeal and enthusiasm. We need to put aside our laziness and be willing to work hard. To be willing to persevere, to be of service to God, and He will strengthen us, so that we can do everything cheerfully and patiently.

<sup>12</sup> ***Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer:*** Certain times we are taken through some painful procedures because we had been crooked and did wrong in the past. For example, Abraham made wrong choices listening to his wife. This led to a lot of problems. God had to cut Hagar and Ishmael from his life. It was a very painful procedure. But he had to go through it. God works through very painful procedures especially when it comes to our emotions. We put ourselves in the past in wrong scenarios; therefore today we have to go through these painful procedures. We need to be joyful with hope, keeping the smile, trusting God that He will be the one to take us out of it. Mountains will be climbed and trials will be passed through faithfulness in prayer and in waiting upon God to make a way and get us out of it.

<sup>13</sup> ***Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality:*** Through all these painful procedures, we need to be service providers to the saints. In spite of all suffering we are called to be a blessing to other saints, who are following Christ with us,

<sup>14</sup> ***Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not:*** It is not our job to curse or fight but we need to stand firm and endure. We are called to protect ourselves but not to revenge. We need to do what is required from us and we should not do the things that God has not told us to do. We don't have time for cursing and revenging. If we do that then we are running out of time.

<sup>15</sup> ***Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep:*** We need to rejoice with people when they are rewarded and support them in times of need.

<sup>16</sup> ***Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits:*** We need to be of the same mind with one another. With different minds we cannot be in harmony. We have to have the mind of Christ. Lot and Abraham separated because they were not of one mind. ***Mind not high things*** is to mind not worldly things and things and thoughts against Christ. Our minds must be transparent and consistent with God's word and instruction. Sometimes people come with their own plans that contain high things because of pride and conceit. Pride blinds our eyes. **THAT IS WHY WE SEARCH SCRIPTURES FOR** God's direction. Those who are not in harmony with God's word, they will certainly mislead us. There we need to avoid them. Our consistency with God's Word and laws will protect us and take away from us harmful and worldly people.

<sup>17</sup> ***Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men:*** We must not waste time revenging them. We need to use our time to do God's will. The principles that we learn from God's Word we need to live and we need to practice. ***Provide things honest in the sight of all men.*** We need to explain them and expound them to others so they will know our stand.

<sup>18</sup> ***If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men:*** It is painstaking to live in harmony and peace. We need to do it tactfully. Apostle Paul said, <sup>21</sup> ***Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.” (2 Corinthians 8:21 KJV)*** We take pain to do God's will. We do honest things not only in the sight of God but also men. We take what is required and leave everything else.


<sup>19</sup> ***Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. <sup>20</sup> Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.*** Do not take revenge. God will punish the wicked. We need to take care of other things. The enemy (people who hate God and who persecute us) should not be revenged but should be given the gospel. ***Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink:*** We spend in reaching new people, time, finances, effort, money and we may feed them and give them something to drink. People those days used to share the fire in times of cold. There was no match. But they will carry the coal to their houses to light the fire, by a vessel they carry on their heads. In the same way, by giving the gospel to those who hate God and us, we are providing them with initiative for a better and everlasting life.

***My dear and beloved: <sup>21</sup> Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good:*** We overcome evil with God in doing God's service. The devil will try its best to tempt us and shift us away from doing the things of God, but the Holy Spirit is our guide, the fire in us, to propel us to move forward in our service and ministry unto God, as we agree to 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 death to give me eternal life. Lord I thank you for your word that teaches me more of your ways. Lord I repent from the following sins \_\_\_\_\_.*** ***Lord I surrender my life to you. I am willing to abide with the principle that I learn from this message. I commit my life to serve you, to be honest and faithful to the end, and serving you away from revenge but fighting evil with good. Lord teaches me as I am going forward in my service to you. Makes me Lord a service provider and blessing to others, sustain me with good health and strength and provide for my needs. This is all I ask and pray in Jesus name, Amen.***

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