

## God's Calling Requirements

### Part 7

(I thank God for ...)

**5- Paul thanked God for the Romans:** From Paul letters to the Romans you can outline further requirement to fulfill God's calling in your life.

**A- "8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world." (Romans 1:8)** The Romans were having a good kind of faith that was reported in other places in the world. For sure they were doing remarkable things for the Lord, that their faith which was accompanied by action was reported all over the world. That what made Paul thanked God for their lives.

**B- "17 But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance." (Romans 6:17 NIV) "17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you." (Romans 6:17 KJV)** Further reason that made Paul give thanks for the Romans that they obeyed the pattern of teaching and the doctrine from their heart; they were not forced but willingly obeyed the word of God, the pattern of life and the teaching that was delivered to them. And that obedience brought deliverance into their lives.

Your commitment to keep the pattern of sound teaching and doctrine is the manifestation that you are achieving God's calling requirements.

**6- Paul thanked God for the Corinthians: "4 I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. 5 For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge." (1 Corinthians 1:4-5)** Paul thanked God for the Corinthians because God was good to them for He had given them kinds of speech and knowledge. As if Paul is telling them, you had received much from God, then you need to be faithful to Him. Paul thanked God for what God had given to the Corinthians, but when he wrote that to them, was a kind of a rebuke, exhorting to continue to be true to God and they need to pay back His faithfulness to them. In the same way, as you received much then you are called to be faithful and pay back to God what He gave you and that is how you respond and achieve God's calling requirements.

**7- Paul thanked God for the Ephesians: "11 In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, 12 in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. 13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory. 15 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, 16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. 17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better." (Ephesians 1:11-17)** Paul was seeing in the life of the Ephesians the good plan of God and how His will is achieving in their lives. The Ephesians were chosen by God and they had accepted and complied and went along God's call. Paul spoke and told them, **"When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit." (Verse 13)** And for sure they were marked with the Holy Spirit because their believe was in line with God who **works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will (Verse 11)**

For this reason, Paul has not stopped giving thanks to God, remembering the Ephesians in His prayers. Paul therefore gave thanks for genuine believers who accepted the **message of truth (Verse 13) in conformity with the purpose of his will (Verse 11)**. Paul went further and prayed and keeps asking, **"That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better." (Verse 17)**

God called you to do and to be the same; as you believe then you need to consent to God's will and purpose for you in life, and that is how you achieve the requirements for God's calling.

**8- Paul thanked God for the Colossians: "3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4 because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people." (Colossians 1:3-4 NIV)** Paul here gave thanks to God in his prayer for the Colossians people because of

**A- Their faith and action in Christ Jesus: "Because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus."**

**B- Their love for all the saints: "and of the love you have for all God's people." In Colossians 1:4 KJV** we read as this, **"Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints."** Here the Love of the Colossians not to everyone but to **all God's people**, and more specific than **all God's people**, but to **all the saints**. The saints are those who live in holiness and had committed their lives to follow God and do His will

The Colossians as a church was not planted by Paul. It was planted by Epaphras, who went to Paul while he was in prison and opened up to him certain issues in the church that need to be corrected and rectified. Epaphras had mentioned to Paul the love of the Colossians for all the saints. Furthermore, Paul said about Epaphras to the Colossians. **"8 Who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit." (Colossians 1:8)** And that had encouraged Paul, that if he will send his letter to them, they would accept him and respect his instruction since they love the saints whom Paul is one of them. So Paul gave thanks to God for the Colossians who were open to correction and further teaching, for they showed their love to him from the first time they heard about him. Are you a person or a church open for correction and rectification? If your response is 'Yes,' then you are attaining God's calling requirements.

**9- Paul giving thanks for the Philippians: "3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, 4 Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, 5 For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now." (Philippians 1:3-5 NIV) "3 I thank my God every time I remember you. 4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." (Philippians 1:3-5 KJV)** Paul thanked God for the Philippians because they were in partnership with him from the first day they met him and heard the Gospel from him. Such persistent and long term commitment and without wavering or turning back had encouraged Paul to give thank to God. Your perseverance in your commitment and partnership to the Church of God that God had placed you it showed your willingness to achieve God's calling requirements.

**My Dear and Beloved:** Read and meditate on the message, then you will find yourself discovering the qualities and the various aspects that God called you to achieve in your life in your response to God's calling as you agree to pray. **My Prayer:** *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus. Lord thank you for words that teaches me and makes me discover new things about myself. Lord I repent of the following sins \_\_\_\_\_.* *Lord I commit myself to be at the level of expectation that you want me to be. Give me perseverance, love and patience to achieve what you want me to do. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*

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