

Good Attitude In God's Service

(Part 2)

“¹⁰ When the apostles returned, they reported to Jesus what they had done. Then he took them with him and they withdrew by themselves to a town called Bethsaida, ¹¹ but the crowds learned about it and followed him. He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing. ¹² Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to him and said, “Send the crowd away so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here.” ¹³ He replied, “You give them something to eat.” They answered, “We have only five loaves of bread and two fish—unless we go and buy food for all this crowd.” ¹⁴ (About five thousand men were there.) But he said to his disciples, “Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.” ¹⁵ The disciples did so, and everyone sat down. ¹⁶ Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people. ¹⁷ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.” (Luke 9:11-17)

When God sent His Son the Lord Jesus Christ He sent Him to save us from sin and death and from the power of darkness, *“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.” (Ephesians 2:8-9)* But when God entered our lives and saved us He saved us for a purpose and for a task that we need to do for Him, *“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” (Ephesians 2:10)* We are called to be instruments in the hand of the Lord to reach the Lost and to help them to know God and follow His ways.

Jesus told His disciples and us the following: *“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:13-16)* Salt is to preserve the food and to give it the taste, and light to show the way. We are called to bring changes in the world and in the life of the people around us. The people as they are coming to Jesus, the Lord want us to be great aid to Him by adapting the good attitude in God’s service:

4- Have faith In the Lord and In His power of doing miracles: *“¹² Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to him and said, “Send the crowd away so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here.”* The disciples requested from the Lord to send the people away because they need a large amount of food and they are in a remote place. They lacked the faith that Jesus can do miracle and provide the food and the other needs for the crowd. Many times you are about to take wrong steps and wrong decisions in failing to reach the lost because you lack faith in the Lord. Also you may take wrong steps because you fail to believe that God can supply all your needs.

5- Present your request to God and not your command: The disciples when they came to the Lord they said to the Lord, *“Send the crowd away”* But the Lord said to them, *“You give them something to eat.”* You need to learn that when you have a problem and you cannot manage don’t come to the Lord and suggest to Him what he needs to do. What you need is to present your request to the Lord, *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6-7)* And the Lord will solve the problem according to His ways and will and His glorious riches in Christ Jesus our Lord. Don’t even reason with the Lord or argue with Him. When the Lord told to the disciple to give them something to eat they answered the Lord *“We have only five loaves of bread and two fish—unless we go and buy food for all this crowd.”* God is not bound with what you have, heaven and earth belongs to Him, and God is not bound with the way you think and the way you practice. God has His own way and His own understanding as He declares: *“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. ⁹ “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” (Isaiah 55:8-9)*

6- In the presence of the Lord your big need can be satisfied with what you have: When the Lord said to the disciples give the crowd something to eat it means that with what they have still can manage and feed the big crowd and satisfied the large number of the multitude. Just have faith in what He says and your problem can be solved and the big need can be met with the help and the grace of the Lord.

7- Listen carefully and obey the instruction of the Lord: *The Lord instructed the disciples to do the following: “Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.”* The Lord for each and every problem He have a solution but He will request to do certain things before the relief will come. *The disciples did so, and everyone sat down.* The same for you, whatever problem you have now as you are presenting that problem to the Lord, trust in the Lord and obey and do the instruction that He is asking you to do.

8- God will speak not only to you but to the others confirming the way for you to come out from your problem: The disciples they were facing a big challenge and problem that needs to be solved. As they came to the Lord He spoke not only to one person about the solution but to the group of disciples. It is good to share your burden with the disciple of the Lord and present your request to the Lord in prayer, and the Lord will confirm what He is about to do not only to you but to others around you who belong to Him.

My Dear and Beloved: Around the Lord there is salvation, healing, guidance, direction, blessings and abundance. You need to have more humility and more willingness to be changed and transformed by the Lord. As you are around the Lord be willing to renew your mind and accept God’s instruction as you 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 dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord gives me more faith and more trust in you and in your word. Lord renews my mind and helps me to believe and do of what you said to me. Teach me your ways and guide me to the whole truth, this is my prayer in Jesus name Amen.*