

Have the Right Attitude

“7 But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat? 8 And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink? 9 Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not. 10 So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.” (Luke 17:7-10 KJV)

The Lord narrated the above parable that speaks about humility to His apostles who were coming to Him, asking Him to increase their faith, ***“5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.” (Luke 17:5)*** To increase faith, many people would understand it that there will be more miracles in their lives. That to some extent is correct, but that is not the whole truth. The Lord will increase the faith of His disciples either in this way, by making more miracles, or by another way. At first instance in answer to His apostles request, the Lord told them, ***“6 And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.” (Luke 17:6)*** Here faith is associated with more miracles in the life of the disciples of Jesus.

The Lord also instructed them how their faith will be increasing by their willingness to accept suffering, hard work and humiliation for the sake of Christ as He narrated to them the parable that speak about the life of that particular servant. Many who will come to Christ they would expect miracles and wonders to happen in their lives and that true and correct. But in addition to that and it will accompanying it, there will be suffering and pain and that should be expected. Many they will expect and put in their minds that coming to Christ means privileges, authority, financial gains, leisure and more and better facilities. The story of the servant that Jesus had put in front of His apostles had made things more clear to them and it will make it clearer to you this very day.

1- Expect to get involved in hard work of different kinds: The servant who was working in the field, farming and caring for the animals, was having a hard work, and two faculties was involved in his work. He was called to manage two things together. You expect the same in your life and service to God.

2- Expect to get involved in long hours work: When that servant was going home exhausted, there at home he would not rest, but he needs to continue to work and prepare the food for his master, then stand and wait for his master to finish. Therefore be patient and persevering in doing all your assignments.

3- Be thankful that you have work to work and food to eat and place to lodge and sleep: What we had read in that parable of Jesus, that servant had a work to work, a home to come back to lodge and food and drink to eat and get satisfied. Be thankful to all what you had been given, even to small things.

4- Don't put in your mind that the people would think about your hard work and offer you rest and food to eat: The servant when he came back home, he did not put in his mind that his master would think how much he had worked hard and that he need rest and would offered him food and refreshment. Many who serve God they would expect that the people whom they are serving will feel their pain and appreciate their hard work. That it should be true, but in reality, men incline to abuse and take advantage of those servants of Christ. If you are determined to follow Christ and serve Him, then the aforementioned details are good policy and strategy to adopt. It is better that you will not expect, so when you will not find people on that level of expectation then you will not be daunted and discouraged.

5- Don't put in your mind appreciation, invitation, gratefulness and gratitude toward your good service and deeds: ***“Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not.”*** If you still waiting for appreciation, invitation or reward and gratitude from the people, this will not happen, and such expectation will lead you to frustration and discouragement.

6- Review all what you need to do and be sure to do them all: Me and you are serving Christ, and from Him come salvation, eternal life, receiving promises and rewards. Therefore we are accountable to Him and our eyes shall be on Him and on His commands to do. Pride will make you look to get something from the people. But humility will make you see clearly that you are serving Christ and you do all what you are called to do in order to please Him.

7- Check yourself now and see what are the things that you did not do, so speedily accomplish them: Don't waste your time with arguments and self pity, that will not help you, but rather be wise and use the opportunity to perfect your responsibility toward Christ and His calling into your life. Continue to be diligent in serving Christ by serving Him and His people.

8- When you shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.” (Luke 17:10 KJV) Crown your humility with that statement, not only you say it but need to live it.

My dear and beloved: I pray that this Word of God had helped you and increase your faith. The standard that the Word of God teaches us to adopt it makes our journey to heaven easier and with less pain, baggage, anger, grumbling, trusting men, un-forgiveness, self pity, etc. Come back to your sense, and understand this way of life and service. Ask God forgiveness for your sins _____, and if you are running in another standard, then you need to correct yourself and once again commit your life to continue to serve Him in the above describe way 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 death to give me eternal life. Lord I thank you for your word that makes things clear to me. Lord I ask you forgiveness for _____.* *Today I commit my life to live for you and serve you as your Word in this message taught me. Lord always reminds me, helps me, sustains me to overcome and provide my needs for me to continue to serve you. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*

