

Serve God's Purpose

Part 7

***“For when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation.” (Acts 13:36a NIV)
“For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God.” (Acts 13:36a KJV)***

The life we live on earth, in every moment of it God wants us to achieve certain thing for his glory so that his purpose for us in living on earth will be achieved as we endeavour to finish the race and keep the faith in walking in the fear of the Lord. From the life of David we can learn more things to apply in our lives.

8- David was responsible toward his parents: *“³ From there David went to Mizpah in Moab and said to the king of Moab, “Would you let my father and mother come and stay with you until I learn what God will do for me?”⁴ So he left them with the king of Moab, and they stayed with him as long as David was in the stronghold.” (1Samuel 22:3-4)* David after he fled from King Saul he was afraid that his parents might be attacked by Saul, so he was responsible enough to find a secure place to put them in.

Jesus also was responsible toward his mother Mary, while he was on the cross, ***“Near the cross of Jesus stood His mother, His mother’s sister. Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw His mother there, and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, “Dear woman, here is your son,” And to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.” (John 19:25-27)*** Jesus’ mother was not yet deep in faith about Jesus’ mission; she was in constant fear about her son because of the threat of the Pharisees and their evil plans against Him. But here now Mary faced with the truth that Jesus crucified for the sins of the world to save the people. Here she is in need for someone who will guide her and care for her spiritually. And the Lord saw there is opportunity now for His mother to be cared spiritual by the beloved disciple. When Jesus saw His mother and the beloved disciple standing nearby He saw an opportunity for God’s service and to fulfill His responsibility toward His mother by putting her together with the beloved disciple who will be going to care for her spiritually. That what Jesus did was so effective because we can read later on in the book of Acts that Mary and Jesus’ brothers they were among the hundred twenty who were waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit upon them as we can read here, ***“They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.” (Acts 1:14)*** Truly Mary stayed with the disciples witnessed with them His resurrection from the death and His ascension to heaven.

As David and Jesus cared and concerned for their parents to be in the right atmosphere and away from threat, we ought to care for our parents and do our best to mobilize them and bring them into the right atmosphere and away from threats. You ought to care for your parents not only physically but above all spiritually. If they are not in faith in Christ Jesus you ought to bring to them the word of God by all possible means so they will be with the Lord and they will be with us together in heaven.

Usually parents are old age people, so there is urgency in giving them the gospel message before their death. But parents being old people that do not mean they will die soon. They may live very long and beyond expectation. So as you care for your parents praying for them, providing and securing their physical as well as their spiritual needs then they will live long and their lives will be blessings to many others.

Many who are hero of faith God calling for them started in their old age. For example Abraham and Moses God called them in their old age and they led many to God. Who knows may be our parents are the next one to be called by God and lead others unto Him. Therefore let us do our parts and fulfill God’s purpose showing that by our willingness to care for them.

9- David was able to work and operate with imperfect people: ***“All those who were in distress or in debt or discontented gathered around him, and he became their leader. About four hundred men were with him.” (1Samuel 22:2)***

A- People in distress: Those are the people who live in emergencies like having chronic sicknesses, jobless, disabled with infirmities, etc. Those people they are not in the position to give, you need to give them in order for you to bring them out of the emergencies of their lives. So you have to give them relief and then after their recovery they need to be rehabilitated to manage life and finally you train them and equip them to be fruitful. We love to work with people who are relieved so we can receive from them because we don’t want to suffer and we don’t want to invest in people’s life. Jesus worked with people who are in distress. He entered their lives and rescued them and took them out of their troubles, showing them the new life that he had prepared for them and by equipping them with His word and his ways and with the gifts of the Holy Spirit they became fruitful people. That is how to start: simply let us work with the Lord in rescuing those people, rehabilitate them and equipping them with the Lord to bear fruit.

B- People in debt: No one likes to work with people who are in debt because the first thing they will ask you is to give them money. But who tells you that you need to give them money! Direct the people with God’s word of how to manage their lives, to work and earn their living, to pray to God and ask Him to provide for them and to budget well their expenses according to what they have. Teach them tithing so that the Lord would open the flood gates of heaven and bless them. Teach them to buy cheap but good quality things for their daily needs and living. And teach them after they had finished their debts of how to save.

C- People who are discontented: Those are the people who are pessimistic and always thinks negatively. Or they are the people who keep grumbling and complaining about all aspects of life. No one like to work with people who keep giving you headache and troubles, every one like to work with calm and clear minded people. But not every time we will have people like that. As well as you don’t need to work with such kind of people but some time you have no other choice but to accept to work with discontented people. God would enable you to be effective in your service with them. He will give you more patience, endurance, and will give you extra grace to tolerate them until they are delivered from their bad character. The Lord will grant you the wisdom of how to handle them and direct them to be fruitful and to see life in different perspective.

It is very difficult to start to serve God and operate with people like the above categories but as we read there is a way, and God’s word teach us that; the way of God in applying his love and grace and that will enable us to achieve much. This is what God had called us to do and to be.

My Dear and Beloved: Jesus left his comfort zone in heaven being at the right hand of God the Father, so He came to save us from sin and from death. Me and you are called to do the same; leaving our comfort zone and go forward in serving others and achieve God’s purpose in our lives as we agree to pray:

My Prayer: *“Father God I come before you in Jesus name who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your word that teaches me how to fulfill your purpose in my life. Lord gives me more insight and teach me how to apply the message in my life in a practical way, give me patient, wisdom and perseverance to do that, this all I ask and pray in Jesus name, Amen.*