



Praying Parents Prayer Group Christian Ministry

3pG Preparatory Prayers and Lessons – REASON FOR THE CALL

Saturday 5th October 2019 - Day 4

WE ARE HIS BODY

Breaking of Bread: 1 Corinthians 7:17-24

The Lord reminds me lately of a statement a sister made in response to a post on the Group page that as many that are trusting and waiting on God for a miracle or answers to prayers should do what all waiters do while waiting: **“They serve with joy and gladness”**. While you wait for that perfect answer, find opportunity to serve and there can be no better place to serve than in the Calling of God for each one of us and for all of us as a Group. There is something you are doing, that you so love to do, a service of love that brings you joy and fulfilment. That's your service point. That's your calling. The more you do it, the more it evolves until you have the perfect picture of the purpose of God and His mind for you and all yours. We are called to serve, that's the reason God saved us and brought us into this Community of Praying Parents. The issue is knowing what the Call is and knowing where we are called to serve. This however, should not be an issue for concern, for as many who have committed themselves to serve Him in love, and are led by His Spirit, He will direct their footsteps to where He wants them to serve Him a step at a time. Just be faithful where you are, you will surely get to where He wants you to be, at the time He wants you to be there.

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REASON FOR THE CALL: WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE

Thank God for the call He has called you, especially the call to be a parent and to serve with any other special abilities He has given to you.

Theme Song:

When He calls me, I will answer...

3x

I'll be somewhere working for my Lord...

I'll be somewhere working for my Lord...

I'll be somewhere working... 2x

I'll be somewhere working... 2x

I'll be somewhere working for my Lord...

1. WE ARE HIS BODY

We are all part of Him, called into His Body and therein serve for the general purpose of edifying, profiting and adding benefits to the general good of the Body.

a. We all have our individual gifts (endowment, ability and grace) for service. There is something you do better and with relative ease than other people around. Just like the body parts: hand, eye, leg, head, brain, heart, liver etc planners, committee members, community organizers, teachers, helpers, pastors, mothers etc so are we in His hand. Get busy with what you have till you find yourself where He wants you to be. Simeon and Anna, both fragile with age, must have been busy serving God in many other ways all their lives, till their eyes saw and their hands handled and mouths blessed Baby Jesus and testified of Him, which were the very reasons God kept them for so long (Luke 2:25-38).

Ephesians 4:7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

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Ephesians 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

b. For perfecting of the saints (to make better and help to improve the saints) as tool for ministry and edifying of the church (to instruct morally and intellectually in order to make better).

Ephesians 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

c. Till we grow to the fullness of Christ in unity of faith. That we grow into maturity in Christ. To help grow the church (ourselves and the people of God) into maturity in knowledge and spiritual understanding.

Ephesians 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Ephesians 4:14-15 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

Ephesians 4:16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

2. VISIBLE AND INVINCIBLE ROLES

Our points of service varies according as His will and the abilities He bestowed upon us. For some their works are open, visible for the world to see, the world will 'celebrate them' and some their works are hidden, the world

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may not see them, yet their work is so vital and important so much that without them we are nothing. They are rarely 'celebrated' because they are mostly unknown to men but God sees and knows their works.

a. God gives to every man as He pleases.

1 Corinthians 12:18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

1 Corinthians 7:20 Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called.

b. Before God, no service is of better value and importance than the rest.

1 Corinthians 12:23 And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness.

1 Corinthians 12:24 For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked:

1 Corinthians 7:24 Brethren, let every man, wherein he is called, therein abide with God.

c. No room for pride, segregation and division in the Body.

1 Corinthians 12:25 That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.

d. We are all part of His body. None can survive alone.

1 Corinthians 12:27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

2 Chronicles 7:6 And the priests waited on their offices: the Levites also with instruments of musick of the LORD, which David the king had made to praise the LORD, because his mercy endureth for ever, when David

praised by their ministry; and the priests sounded trumpets before them, and all Israel stood.

3. DIFFERENT YET INTERWOVEN

We are all called, differently endowed and given different assignments, yet it does not matter where you are called to serve or what you do, our works and services are highly linked and interwoven. We are dependent on each other.

1 Corinthians 12:4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

1Coriinthians 12:7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

1 Corinthians 12:15-16 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

1 Corinthians 12:11-12 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

4. MINISTRY AND TYPES

So numerous and so many, find out your point of service and stay there.

1 Corinthians 7:24 Brethren, let every man, wherein he is called, therein abide with God.

I. Spiritual offices and Spiritual Gifts: Covets spiritual offices and gifts and then exercise (practice) them.

Spiritual Offices: Ephesians 4:11-13 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Spiritual Gifts: 1 Corinthians 12:4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:8-11 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

II. Secular Offices and Talents: These are your natural endowments, skills and abilities God has given you to excel in life and ministry. They can be used for the purpose of bringing more sons and daughters to the Kingdom and to the glory of God. Dorcas was a philanthropist (Acts 9:36), Joseph had natural ability to interpret dreams plus excellent management skill (Gen.41:38-41), David was a leader, a king and an administrator per excellent (2 Chro.8:14), Luke a physician was also a historian (Luke 1:1-3; Acts 1:1-2) Paul, Aquila and Pricilla aside being missionaries were also tent makers (event organizer - Acts 18:1-3), there were midwives (Exo.1:15-21), shepherds (Luke 2:8-18), carpenters (Joseph, Jesus etc), wives and mothers (Elizabeth, Mary, Lois, Eunice etc), husbands and fathers (Zachariah, Joseph etc), ordinary men and women too many to number who did extra ordinary things in the Bible, people who used their offices for God and the work of the ministry and so many more like them in our contemporary time. We hope to still expand more on these in the course of the Big Event, God's willing.

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5. EVIDENCE THAT SHOWS WHAT YOU ARE DOING IS YOUR CALL AND MINISTRY

- a. It will bring you joy.** Luke 10:17-20.
 - b. It will give you fulfilment and a sense of purpose.** Luke 2:25-30.
 - c. It will bring blessings to you and others.** 1 Cor.12:7; Eph.4:12.
 - d. You will see God in it and there will be testimonies.** Acts 5:12.
 - e. It will glorify God and by it others will come to the Lord.** Any service (secular or spiritual, committee or plans) that does not point to the Master is not of Him. John 12:32.
- 6. Meditate deeply on these things and ask God for help to identify and fulfil your ministry. Ask Him to also help your children to do the same.**
- 7. Cover all prayers and understanding of the study with the Blood of Jesus Christ and seal all with Amen.**

May God count you faithful and worthy of His Calling and purpose for you and for your family in Jesus Name and may you find the grace to fulfil the good pleasure of His goodness in faith and with power in Jesus Christ Mighty Name. Amen and Amen

Happy Covenant of Words - Isaiah 59:21.

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