

*Psalm 84:7*

*They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.*

*Matthew 16:18 NLT*

*Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.*

Christ is building His church today, one strong that no power can defeat it. The church can be defined as a group of believers or can refer to an individual believer. The Holy Spirit is the teacher and builder and a believer is built on the word and knowledge of God (1 John 2:27).

Knowledge, understanding, and wisdom are the major building materials for an incorruptible and upright believer. Knowledge is basic information. Understanding is knowing how to apply that information. Wisdom is applying this to profit oneself.

Scriptures in *Proverbs 24:3-4*, says, "Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established: [4] And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches."

Everyman or professional's working knowledge is different based on the use of it to produce results. For example, a doctor's working knowledge on biology and science would differ from a foreman's working knowledge in management and leadership.

Depending on the diverse areas the Lord calls us into service, the Spirit of the Lord grants us specific wisdom, understanding, and knowledge to perform such tasks, such as He did for Aholiab and Bezaleel (*Exodus 31; 36; 37*). The way each man uses the gift differs based on how the anointing is pressed out to bring out a unique flavour. As the flavours in a marinated dish is more robust, one's gift grows with time and gets better with use.

### **The Work Is Great and Large; One for Great Men and Women.**

*Nehemiah 4:19 KJVS*

*And I said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, The work is great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, one far from another.*

Ministry (service) unto the Lord is work. It is labor. In Nehemiah's days, the Israelites were rebuilding the city of the Lord and the prophet sighed saying, "The work is great and large." Thus, there is work for everyman in the kingdom of God, for the work is plenty.

Seeing the work to be done, Jesus declared the harvest is bountiful and labourers few (*Matthew 9:37-38*). There are souls to be won; lots of work to be done. The work is a work for great people, for great men in the sight of God, like John the Baptist (*Luke 1:15*). For there

is a greatness that men celebrate. However, May we only seek after greatness in God's eyes. Amen.

A key note in Christian ministry is that everyone can be great before God. Greatness in the kingdom is tied to service. Anna was another great person in the eyes of God. Though her ministry was mostly in prayer, from God's perspective, both Anna and John's ministry were equally important. , even though Anna's ministry was hidden. The most important figure is the Lord of the Harvest. God is the employer, the husbandman.

There is a work of harvest and a work of ministry. When God works towards the work of harvest, it is towards the unsaved. However, the work of building is by the church for the church.

When God places His hand on you, he expects a return on investment. His hope is that as He spends time in fellowship with you, you will be useful in the work of the harvest and ministry where He has placed on you. With aspect to the work of the ministry, the grace God has placed on you will determine your placement, your ministry and the things your heart is inclined towards.

When you find yourself in the field, God will direct you towards certain areas that you are to focus on within the body. There is a call to release what the Lord has placed in your heart. This is how Zion moves from strength to strength.

One question you should ask yourself is; What is God placing on your heart? What are the things that God is currently communicating to your heart? Every child of God has a place in the field. Your fulfilment in God will never really find expression until that lot is known and that lot is fulfilled. What is God placing on your heart? This will define the burden. When God is building His church, He supplies understanding, Wisdom, and knowledge by His Spirit in you and He stirs you towards your placement in the field.

*Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, with all them whose spirit God had raised, to go up to build the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem.  
Ezra 1:5 KJVS*

### **Divine Relevance**

When God is building, watch the stirring. No matter what you think is an excuse for not doing what He has called you to do, it is not good enough. You will find fulfilment in doing what He is asking you to do. Psalm 69:9, John 5:17. What lasts is what God is building, not what man is building. If God uses you to break someone from an addiction, save a marriage crisis, etc, it will have eternal relevance.

What God is doing is building ministries that are to last. Ministry is not tied to Sunday service. Joseph of Arimathea was not a preacher. There were a lot of preachers, but none could use his influence to get the body of Christ. The early church was a picture of God's pattern of building his church. Many of them had different kinds of weaknesses, yet God used them

mightily. When you withhold your gift, you are cheating people of what they benefit from your gift.

### How Can I Become and Stay Relevant in the Kingdom?

- **Find your assigned post:** That is, discovering the area of service the Holy Spirit is stirring you in. Every gift, when shining in its optimal expression is beautiful to see. All gifts are for the glory of God. If you are not taking the glory, why take the shame. There is no basis for comparison. Make sure the glory goes to the same place the grace came from. 1 Peter 4:10 1 Corinthians 12:11-12.
- **Stay humble:** Decide humility. Humility is a deep discourse between God and man. You cannot know if a man is truly humble. There are three phases of pride:
  - a. The first is “I am the only one” or “I am indispensable” or “We are the only ones” kind of attitude. This was Elijah’s mistake. He was not more important than the 7000. This is pointing to the importance of divine relevance vs visibility.
  - b. The second phase is “See what I accomplished by my works”. There is a way in your heart that you begin to manifest thoughts that your strengths brought about the accomplishments you see.
  - c. Thinking more highly than yourself. You must have a right estimation of yourself. You must know what is not there. You are cheating yourself if you say “I have the Holy Ghost and so I can do all”. No man should think more highly than He ought.
- **Be faithful.** Whatever your hands find to do, be faithful. Matthew 25:23, Colossians 4:17. Ministry is given by trust. This means when God places a measure of grace in your life, there is an expectation of a return.