

Back to Basics!

Part 5: "Getting Stuff Out Of The Way Of The Way!"

There is nothing more fundamental to the kingdom of God than us *being on* our mission! Nothing more the "norm" than God's people *being off* our mission!

"Off" Mission... Fears: "sent out as sheep among wolves," rejection/reviling others! **Frustrations:** tried and tried, and got nowhere with family/friends! **Distractions:** lusts of the eyes/flesh, pride of doing this life "right!" **Strategized assaults:** sins, snares, lullaby's taking us off track! **Or the biggest one of all, the pursuit of our needs, "the cares of this life!"**

Let's take a look at having our needs met from a perspective that includes "mission!" It's the development of one of the oldest "short-cuts" that we have used to build our lives at Life!

"Three witnesses!" Witness One! "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all things will be added unto you!" **Mt 6.33**

Supporting testimony: The Lord knows what you have need of even before you ask! **v32** Fear not little flock, it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom! **Lk12.32** Whatever you give up to follow Him will be given back to you a hundred times *and eternity in the next world!* **Mk10.30** Godliness is profitable for all things, life now and life to come! **1Tim4.8** God is faithful who will not let you be tested beyond what you are able to handle... **1Cor10.13** Therefore take no anxious thought for what you need to live on today **Mt 6.25,28,31** or for the future **6.34** or for what you must speak **Mt 10.19** but cast all your cares on Him for He cares for you! **1Peter 5.7** Trust in the Lord and do what is good and you will live and surely be fed. Delight yourself in Him and He will put His desires in your heart. Commit your ways to the Lord and trust Him and He will bring your way to pass. Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him. Free yourself of the worry, anger and wrath over evil doers who prosper! **Ps 37.3-8**

His word covers every possible experience of life... that if you are His, really His, He will take care of you! God is a responsible caretaker for every person who makes Himself His servant!

Witness Two! "And when He called His disciples unto Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and disease... and He said, "Go... and preach the kingdom and do the work... and don't be concerned how you will pay the way for the worker is worthy of his wages..." **Mt 10.1-10**

"Provision for their needs is ON THE WAY" of preaching, healing, cleansing, raising, giving, praying... MISSION! God shows Himself responsible for every need for every servant who is responsibly on mission!

Witness Three! "Do you see a man diligent in his business... that man will stand before kings, he will not stand with obscure men." **Pr 22.29** "see the one *quick* to do his business and *skillful*? *That man will stand...*"

This verse has everything to do with the quality of service we provide... Bringing us before "kings..." And bringing us before our KING!

A responsible servant who finds himself with unmet needs quickly and skillfully finds his way back to mission... Where an incredibly responsible caretaker takes care of all responsible servants needs!

How it comes together... There are times in my life when I don't have an answer... At least it's not coming thru the normal channels: word, conversations... "God speaks once, twice and a man does not perceive it..." **Job33.14** Anything from active sin, sins of omission, to simple blindness/deafness. Sometimes you just can't explain red to a sightless person!

The next thing I check is my “pursuit” of His business/my mission! Our Father is always faithful! If something is wrong, dark, clogged, it’s not going to be on His side! First presumption is “me!” Second and last presumption, “an enemy has done this!”

Never look for flaws in Perfection!

“Where am I?” How did I get “off?”

Next, I get on the way! I find a “kingdom project” and I dive into it... It can sound like trying to earn God’s favor/twist His arm... ***IMPOSSIBLE!*** First, we have God’s favor already, and only, because of what Jesus did! Second, we can’t lift His finger! Have to divorce yourself from any idea of “I did this for You, now You do this for me!” ***THAT NEVER WORKS!***

As an offering to God of our worthiness, our “works” are a heap of filthy rags! As a bargaining chip our “works” could never buy the smallest favor! The works we are talking about are the way to put us on the pathway where “provision” is!

When I... Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness... I find what I am lacking being added! When I am lacking something “here...” I find what I need, out there! When I quickly make my way to His way/business/mission... I find myself standing before the King who gives answers that none can refute or defeat!

In all the years that I served God, I have never not had an answer come, or a need unfilled!

All that is left to do is define mission: general of specific? And to get ourselves on the pathway where there is energy, provision and blessing!