

MACHAIRA
CHRIST COMMONWEALTH-COMMUNITY

The Love-Life Agency

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(Pronounced makh'-ahee-rah)

- Daily revelatory thoughts to sharpen you and to help you grow in deep spiritual understanding and knowledge.
- Scriptures for your daily meditation.
- Daily Christ-centered and apostolic-prophetic prayers.

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ARE YOU PLEASING GOD OR MEN?

"For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I

should not be the servant of Christ." Galatians 1:10 (KJV)

Let me first make this clear, men are important in everyone's success. Nobody rises or does something great without committed and loyal people.

There are people who act as though they don't need any man to help them. That is a mere assumption.

Everyone will need help from a man. Have genuine love and respect for people.

However, in the fulfillment of God's plans and purposes, you don't run your race to please men.

You don't labour to prove others wrong. Labour with the Lord to fulfill the purpose of His will.

Pleasing the Lord should be the focus of your heart.

"But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts" 1

Thessalonians 2:4 (KJV)

Your life and ministry should not be directed by what others are doing.

Do what God has called you to do. You can be inspired by what others do. However, you must do what you do not to impress anyone. You do what you do because God has inspired and affirmed that you do it.

What has God called you to do? Where has God called you to be?

Beloved take heed!

"Tell Archippus, "Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the Lord, that you fulfill it." Colossians 4:17

What is the Lord inspiring you to do?

Are those ideas derived from your sense of competition with the brethren or what God is telling you to do?

Or you are taking steps simply because your colleague ministers and friends are doing the same?

Let no man force you or threaten you into doing things the Lord has not instructed you to do.

Let no man lure you to go where God has not called you to go.

I remember, two years ago, I received some invitations to minister in some cities outside Africa, and this minister inviting me was part of a certain ministerial circle where they invite each other to programs and travel all around, sharing platforms.

I asked why I should join his circle of friends, why I should host him. He only spoke of the importance of traveling as a minister and places he has travelled to. Sent me pictures, and even asked me to visit his Facebook page. Which I did, but didn't experience ministry. I only saw his pictures with 'great' men of God. He was ready to send me the invite, afterwards, I will also host him.

Thank God I have a strong word and instruction within me:

It is not how far you travel around the world.

It is how deep you grow in the Lord.

At a point, it looked like I wasn't daring enough. It looked like I was missing out on an open door and I was not ambitious enough.

"Cease ye from man, whose breath [is] in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?"

Isaiah 2:22

Yes it's good to run... It's good to do big things,
YET WE RUN IN PATIENCE!

The fear of men shouldn't influence your decisions in life. The fear of men is a snare. Put your trust in the Lord. (Proverbs 29:25)

You can be encouraged by the good works of other brethren. Be provoked unto good works ordained by God not selfish desires.

Be inspired and directed by the Spirit!

Spend time in prayer...

Handle instructions from the Lord.

Don't be influenced merely by social media influencers.

Don't try to be like everybody. Don't try to fit into the society.

Obey the Lord not the trends.

"Then Peter and the [other] apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men" Acts 5:29

Don't be scared of the outcome of your commitment to what the Lord has instructed you to do.

"Faithful is he who has called you; it is he who shall perform it" 1 Thessalonians 5:24

Don't compromise!

BE INSPIRED BY THE LORD!

Selah!

DIG DEEPER: (Ephesians 6:6; Acts 4:19-20; Acts 5:29; 2 Corinthians 5:9-11; Colossians 3:23)

WE PRAY

That we will take heed to the ministry we have received in the Lord and to fulfill it.

BIBLE READING IN THE YEAR 2023

Day 205:

Psalms 106 -108

Luke 8-10

DECLARE THESE WORDS:

- I am not moved by the trends.
- I refuse to compromise my ministry.
- I take heed to my ministry.
- I am what God says I am and I do what God has called me to do.
- I run my race in patience.
- I am inspired and directed by the Holy Spirit always.
- I don't run with the mindset of pleasing men.
- The focus of my heart is pleasing the Lord.

OH Hallelujah, GLORY TO GOD!!!