

## KEYS TO FULFILLING THE CALL OF GOD - Part 2

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WELCOME TO LIFESTYLE OF FREEDOM!!

THIS IS **PART 2** OF KEYS TO FULFILLING THE CALL OF GOD!

LAST WEEK PS. ROY TAUGHT ABOUT THE PART 1

**WE ARE SAVED BY GRACE..... FOR A PURPOSE.**

WE GOT SET FREE TO BRING FREEDOM INTO OTHERS TOO!

GOD WANTS YOU TO BE THE LIGHT..... CITY ON A HILL.

**OUR FIRST AND PRIMARY LIFE PURPOSE IS THE GREAT COMMISSION --- TO SAVE SOULS AND MAKE DISCIPLES**

PUTTING GOD AT THE CENTRE OF OUR LIVES.

BUT WE GOTTA LEARN TO **GET RID OF ALL EXCUSES!!**

AND **TEAR DOWN ALL THE OLD MINDSETS AND BUILD NEW KINGDOM MINDSETS!**

AND TODAY WE'RE GONNA PICK IT UP AND CONTINUE ON PART 2 --- KEYS TO FULFILLING THE CALL OF GOD IN LIFE.

### 1. **OUR FULFILLMENT ONLY COMES FROM DOING THE WILL OF GOD FOR OUR LIFE**

Phil. 3: 12 " .... but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me."

As humans, we all have the basic need to feel **FULFILLED** in life.

- As we look around our world..... We see many unfulfilled people.
- They may seem like they have most things in life.... they seem to be living a good one.....
- But inside they are still not happy, they feel depressed, they feel something is missing or incomplete.

**WHAT WOULD IT TAKE TO MAKE LIFE HAVE PURPOSE AND FULFILLMENT FOR YOU?**

People seek fulfillment from situations and materials in their lives.

They seem to think that if they could only **ARRIVE AT CERTAIN PLACE.... OR ACHIEVE CERTAIN GOAL LIFE.....**then they will be happy!

- *"If I can get this job and make this amount of money....I will truly be satisfied."*
- *"When I find the man for me..... When I finally have a baby / child.....my life will be complete."*

But being fulfilled in life has little to do with **WHO YOU ARE, WHAT YOU ARE, YOUR STATUS IN LIFE OR EVEN THE THINGS YOU POSSESS.**

People often go looking for fulfillment **EXTERNALLY.**

- They look for a sense of purpose in the things that are **TEMPORARY.**
- They look for it from the **OUTSIDE.**
  - *Got a new car ---- Happy, but after 3 months..... its just another car!*
  - *Go to a lavish holiday! ---- Ecstatic, living the dream!! But after its over.... back to reality, an unhappy and unsatisfied life!*

One thing that they don't understand is that.....

**TRUE FULFILLMENT DOESN'T COME FROM OUTSIDE IN, BUT FROM THE INSIDE OUT.**

Those who look for a sense of fulfillment from the external come up empty every time!

- *It runs out quickly!*
- *It's never enough!*

How many of you truly believe that..... **GOD WANTS US TO HAVE AND LEAD FULFILLED LIVES.**

**John 10:10**

**"I came so that they could have life — indeed, so that they could have life to the fullest" (CEB).**

CHURCH.....

You have to find out what your purpose in life is and then stop fighting God.

*"I will live my life my way....."*

*I will live my life on my own terms....."*

At the end of the day....

**We can get the most out of life and live it to the fullest when WE KNOW OUR PURPOSE.**

Until you quit fighting and simply surrender your will to obey God..... **you will never lay hold of your divine purpose in life (will of God for your life).**

If you're not satisfied in life..... you should ask yourself ....*"Am I doing what God wants me to do?"*

**THERE IS TRUE JOY IN FULFILLING GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE.**

- Joy is NOT anything like happiness..... which is temporary and based on happenings.
- But joy is permanent, remains forever, and is multiplied in the life of a believer when he or she is fulfilling God's plan for his or her life.

**YOUR LIFE WILL BE MOST FULFILLED WHEN YOU ARE LIVING IN GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOU.....  
WHEN YOU ARE DOING THE WILL OF GOD FOR YOU!**

## **2. PLOW FORWARD AND NEVER LOOK BACK**

- To follow GOD requires a total HEART Transformation
- To follow GOD requires a radical change of DIRECTION.
- To follow GOD requires a radical altering of our PRIORITIES.

**Luke 9:62**

**"No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."**

### **WHAT DOES "PUTTING YOUR HANDS ON THE PLOW" MEAN?**

- "PUTTING YOUR HANDS ON THE PLOW" is an expression that signifies **WE HAVE DECIDED THAT WE ARE GOING TO COMMIT OUR LIVES TO GOD'S WORK**
- Jesus lived in an agricultural age where His audience is very well familiar with what Christ exactly means.
- For a plowman to be successful in His work, he *must* **CONCENTRATE** on the job he started n never look back
- He knows that the **only way is FORWARD** and not being distracted by the things left behind.
- In case the plowman starts to look back..... his plow line would become crooked.
- If that happens..... the field he is plowing will **NOT** yield a full harvest.

### **WHY WOULD HE BECOME UNFIT FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD?**

- We are commanded to **BEAR MUCH FRUIT.**
- When we keep on looking back..... we won't be able to plow our field properly and because of that..... we will NOT have plenty of harvests.
- *God called us out of this world* and once we responded to that call.....**WE MUST NEVER TRY TO GO BACK TO THE "WORLD".**
- However, because of the many pleasures this world could offer – ***the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life*** --- we tend to look back and be regretful of our calling.
- *We looked back at the 'old fun, crazy party days', 'the thrill or adrenalin from the old lifestyle, what the world offers' and thought about what we're missing out.....*

- When this happens, we are preventing ourselves from bearing much fruit.
- When God calls us to His church, we are expected to give **OUR WHOLE HEART**.
- GOD needs to be **THE FIRST PRIORITY**, at the **CENTRE** of all the things we do.... Not just a part of our life, not just our life on Sundays....
- *“You can’t serve two masters”* --- You can’t love God but also love the world / money!
- We are called to **LOVE GOD** with **ALL OUR HEARTS, SOUL, AND MIND**.
- Looking back prevents us from doing this.
- Worst of all, we might even *let go of the plow* and go back to our old sinful ways.
- A man who did NOT finish the job God has given him..... will NOT be fit for God’s kingdom.
- How can God entrust the rulership in His Kingdom if we haven’t done our part?

When Jesus made this statement, His audience knew that Jesus was referring to [the story of ELIJAH and ELISHA](#).

- God commanded Elijah to anoint Elisha as a prophet who will be his successor.
- Elijah found Elisha **“plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before Him”** (1 Kings 19:19).
- Elisha **immediately** LET GO OF HIS PHYSICAL PLOW and to HOLD THE SPIRITUAL PLOW that God has called him to do.
- Elisha’s response was incredible.  
**1 KINGS 19:21**  
**“He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant.”**
- In an agricultural society..... **it is unthinkable TO KILL YOUR ONLY SOURCE OF INCOME.**
- Elisha is ready to **FORSAKE EVERYTHING** just to answer the call of God!
- He made it clear to everyone that he doesn’t intend to go back to his “old life.”
- This is the type of **COMMITMENT** God expects from us, Christians.
- **WE MUST BE READY TO LET GO OF EVERYTHING** if we are to obey God’s will for us.

*I refuse to believe that people who sacrificed and following God’s will in their life will NOT be blessed!*

*When you put God first.... God will pour favour, resources, open doors that no man can open!*

- The good news is when we put our complete trust in God..... He will never forsake us nor leave us.
- We can have the assurance that God will supply all our needs.

### ARE YOU STILL LOOKING BACK?

- If we are still looking back at our old ways, we must **RECONSIDER OUR PRIORITIES IN LIFE.**
- If we regret answering God's calling, then we might be in danger of being counted as unfit for the kingdom of God.
- We must fully be **CONVINCED** that *the best way to live this life is doing God's will and purpose.*
- Yes, this world may entertain or give us pleasure, but these pleasures are only temporary.
- **God is the only Source of TRUE blessings – blessings that will last forever.**
- So let us NOT exchange our spiritual calling to something temporary and physical.
- Therefore, let us do our best in *"forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead!"* (Philippians 3:13).

God has YOUR BEST DAYS AHEAD OF YOU!.....not Behind.  
 PLOW FORWARD..... and NEVER LOOK BACK!

### 3. UNDERSTAND THERE IS A DAY WHERE WE MUST GIVE ACCOUNT FOR OUR LIVES.

#### 2 Timothy 4:7-8,

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing."

#### Phil. 3: 14

I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

### FINISHING THE RACE MATTERS.

- YOU CAN BE THE FIRST IN THE START.....
- BUT IF YOU DON'T FINISH, YOU DON'T REACH THE FINISHING POINT.....
- YOU ARE DISQUALIFIED FROM CLAIMING THE PRIZE!

- YOU MIGHT 'HAVE' THE FAITH.
- BUT DID YOU **KEEP** THE FAITH THROUGHOUT THE END?
- DID YOU REALLY LIVE BY FAITH?

THERE WILL COME A DAY.....

WHERE WE STAND IN FRONT OF THAT THRONE..... THAT JUDGEMENT SEAT OF CHRIST.....

### 2 Cor. 5:9-10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

**Matt. 25:19** - "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them.

**THE MASTER WILL SETTLE ACCOUNTS WITH THE SERVANTS.....YOU AND ME.**

- We will all stand before God one day to give an account of what we did with our life.

### Matt. 25:26-30

"But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. 27 So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. 28 Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. 29 'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. 30 And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

- God expects to find **INCREASE**. The servants knew that. We need to know that.
- The non-productive service is " ... **wicked, slothful, and unprofitable** ... "
- Wicked and slothful means lazy or idle.....  
It carries the idea of a person who has a do-nothing, lethargic, lackadaisical, apathetic, indifferent, lukewarm attitude toward life.
- When it comes to kind of person, the lukewarm..... Jesus said "*I will spit you out.*"

### Rev. 3:16

So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

GOD EXPECTS ALL OF US.....HIS SONS AND DAUGHTERS.....TO BE **FRUITFUL**.

WHEN THAT ONE DAY COMES.....

WHEN WE SHOULD GIVE ACCOUNT TO OUR LIVES.

GOD WILL ASK.....

- *"What did you do with the life I have given you?"*
- *"What did you do with the gifts I have given you?"*
- *"What did you do with my son, Jesus that I have given you?"*

I don't know about you.....

But we don't want to be found as the wicked, slothful, lazy and unprofitable servants that God said *"Who are you? I did NOT know you."*

THESE ARE THE 6 WORDS THAT WE SHOULD ALL LOOK FORWARD TO HEAR INSTEAD.....

***"Well done, good and faithful servant."***

- ***You have done well with sharing about Jesus.***
- ***You have done well in stewarding all the gifts I have given you to build My Kingdom.***
- ***You have done well in multiplying and raising army of disciples to carry My mandate.***

So church.....

Let us strive towards fulfilling the call of God in our life!!

- Because **TRUE FULFILLMENT ONLY COMES FROM DOING THE WILL OF GOD FOR OUR LIFE**
- But we need to **PLOW FORWARD and NEVER LOOK BACK!**
- Understand that **ONE DAY, WE MUST GIVE ACCOUNT FOR THE LIVE THAT GOD HAS GIVEN US!**

I pray that as you decide to pursue God's true calling in your life....

As you choose to put God first in every aspects of your life and strive to be Fruitful.

## **DISCUSSION GUIDELINE**

**TRUE FULFILLMENT ONLY COMES FROM DOING THE WILL OF GOD & LIVING IN GOD'S PURPOSE.**

- **CONSIDER YOUR LIFE NOW --- IS GOD (AND HIS CALLING) AT THE TOP OF YOUR PRIORITIES?**
- **EVALUATE OUR FRUITS NOW --- HAVE WE BEEN A GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT THAT GOD EXPECTS US TO BE? HOW CAN YOU FULFILL HIS PURPOSE TO BEAR MORE FRUITS?**