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God is Love

1 John 4:8

Scriptures/Notes

Living in the Spirit

Disciples, Stewards, Priests & Prophets

*For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But **we have the mind of Christ.** 1 Corinthians 2:16*

*Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, **the works that I do shall he do also;** and **greater works than these shall he do;** because I go unto my Father. John 14:12*

Disciples & Stewards

When we are reborn into a spiritual life in Christ for the Father, do we have a responsibility within the Kingdom, and if so, what would it be? The answer is simple; yes, we are to continue the teaching of God which began with Christ and carried on through His disciples. Today, for each believer, we are the disciples on earth that Christ uses to continue the ministry of the Father's Word; for we are the temple of Christ (His Spirit entwined with our spirit to quicken/awaken our spirit person and given a birth into the Kingdom of Heaven), and the Holy Spirit (our tutor of God's Word and intercessor before our heavenly Father). We are equipped to carry the gospel of Christ through our daily communications and actions. Each believer living for the Lord is a representative of His ministry.

It becomes our *duty* as the temple of God with the spirit of Christ and the Holy Spirit within us, to be good steward and carry on the teaching of the Word of God. As Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father with all spiritual power, He is able to do greater things through us than He did as a man on earth. If we allow the Holy Spirit to direct our pathway in this lifetime, we will do great things in Christ for the Father. Each believer should realize this responsibility and be excited to do good diligence (stewardship) within the Kingdom. Just as the twelve disciples of generations past, we should approach our faith and trust in the Lord with the same exuberance.

First, the example of Christ:

*And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, **teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.***
Matthew 9:35

Secondly, the example of His disciples:

*And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, **he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.***
Matthew 10:1

Third, Christ's Ministerial gifts.

Gifts of Christ - Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, Teachers

*Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things. **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.*** Ephesians 4:9-12

Christ anoints those He specifically chooses to carry His ministry. However, this does not disqualify our individual responsibility to be good stewards with the Kingdom. In our rebirth in Christ and because of His grace, we should desire to be disciples and stewards within the Kingdom for the glory of the Father. We are to carry on the gospel of Christ just as Jesus' disciples did when they received the Holy Ghost at Pentecost. Our personal performance to our family, friends, colleagues, and even strangers reflects the depth of our faithfulness in Christ. The administration of our faith should always be apparent.

It begins with the gift of grace. To be disciples, stewards, and priests within the Kingdom, we have to understand and accept the **gift of grace** given in Christ. We, the children of God, must know of the spiritual blessings that are an integral aspect of living the blessed life; a life dedicated to God. When we are dedicated to the Father as revealed in our faith, He is likewise attentive to His children with His many blessings, promises, and supernatural power.

Because Christ's Spirit lives in you, and you have received the gift of the Holy Spirit, you have spiritual blessings inside of you because of Jesus. If Christ and the Holy Spirit (2-parts of the Trinity of God, who is God) lives on the inside of you through your spirit person, then ***all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ*** are within you because of Christ!

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath **blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.*** Ephesians 1:3

Therefore, you are equipped with all the necessary spiritual gifts needed to handle all situations in your life, at any time. The "tools" are supplied and ready for use whenever you choose to call upon any given **spiritual tool**. Christ did everything that you would require at Calvary; therefore, all is done: "It is finished." There is no waiting on the Lord, but rather Christ is waiting on you to enforce what He has given to you. He paid the price with His blood and death on the Cross.

Now that we understand the structure and discipline of our life in Christ, we operate solely in **faith**; meaning, we trust in what Jesus did at the Cross, we trust in His Word, and we therefore, trust in His spiritual gifts to be enough and everything in our life. In our faith, we accept that by His **grace** (gift) all heavenly things are available and manifested into the carnal/natural realm. Provided in grace, we **may ask and receive** because our faith is our calling card, our *line of credit* within the Kingdom. It is **grace** that grants and **faith** ensures we receive!

*For by grace are ye saved through **faith**; and that not of yourselves: It is the gift of God; Not of works, lest any man should boast.* Ephesians 2:8

We are the **righteousness** in Christ for the Father within the Kingdom of Heaven; therefore, we are the **just**, the chosen and anointed child of God, able and capable of living with all spiritual blessings. These spiritual gifts are given through the Holy Spirit on the authority of Christ. If you need a healing, it has been done: prosperity, it has been done: wisdom, it has been provided and so forth. There isn't anything that is not readily available to the child of the Father on the *provision* of our faith in His **Word** and His **Works** in Christ. Not by our works, but Christ's Works on the Cross at Calvary.

*For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from **faith to faith**: as it is written, **The just shall live by faith.*** Romans 1:17

*But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident for, **The just shall live by faith.*** Galatians 3:11

*Now **the just shall live by faith:** but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.* Hebrews 10:39

Hold steadfast and trust by *faith* that through *grace* everything has already been taken care of and it simply becomes a matter of receiving. Remember, faith is like an *unlimited line of credit* within the Kingdom, and we are always welcomed to ask and receive that which we need. Christ has given us His authority to call upon heavenly, spiritual blessings and the Holy Spirit provides the gifts.

Priests & Prophets

In the Old Testament, God called forth His chosen people to be priests that the Israelites would have a mediator before Him; today, our mediator is Christ. God appointed individuals to prophesy of future events, for God always wants His people to know of His plan and purpose for them. Prophets continue throughout generations for the same reason, to foretell of upcoming occurrences. God does not withhold from His children the things of His Kingdom and the things to take place on earth before the return of His Son, Jesus. Our heavenly Father wants us to know and understand His will, His ways, and the mysteries of His Kingdom.

Priests

God gives a command to Moses for the people.

*And ye shall be unto me a **kingdom of priests**, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.* Exodus 19:6

Christ gives a new role to each believer.

*And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath **made us kings and priests** unto God and His Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen* Revelation 1:5-6

*And hast made us unto our God **kings and priests**: and we shall reign on the earth.* Revelation 5:10

*But ye are a chosen generation, a royal **priesthood**, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 1 Peter 2:9*

Prophets

Though we become disciples, good stewards within the Kingdom, it is God who appoints those to be His prophets. We do not have the ability to foretell God's plan. God knows His plan and to whom He will appoint to prophesy it. We don't get to decide to be a foreteller of God's plan. If we had the capability of doing so, our soulful self would most likely get in the way.

*And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the **law of Moses**, and in the **prophets**, and in the **psalms**, concerning me. Luke 24:44*

*It is **written in the prophets**, And they shall be taught of God. Every man therefore that hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me. John 6:45*

*Ye are the **children of the prophets**, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, and in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed. Acts 3:25*

*Then God turned, and gave them up to worship the host of heaven; as it is **written in the book of the prophets**, O ye house of Israel, have ye offered to me slain beasts and sacrifices by the space of forty years in the wilderness? Acts 7:42*

*Therefore also said the wisdom of God, I will send them **prophets and apostles**, and some of them they shall slay and persecute: That the blood of all the **prophets**, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation. Luke 11:49-50*

*The law and the **prophets** were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it. Luke 16:16*

*Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the **prophets**; let them hear them. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the **prophets**, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead. Luke 16:29,31*

*And beginning at Moses, and all the **prophets**, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. Luke 24:27*

*Think not that I have come to destroy the law, or the **prophets**: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. Matthew 5:17*

*Wherefore, behold, I send unto you **prophets**, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city. Matthew 23:34*

*But all this was done, that the scriptures of the **prophets** might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled. Matthew 26:56*

*As it is written in the **prophets**, Behold, I send my messengers before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. Mark 6:15*

*And he spake by the mouth of his holy **prophets**, which have been since the world began. Luke 1:70*

*Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven for in the like manner did their fathers unto the **prophets**. Luke 6:23*

*Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the **law of the Lord**; and in his law does he meditate day and night. Psalm 1:1-2*

Salvation belongeth to the Lord: thy blessing is upon thy people. Selah. Psalm 3:8

*He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, **He is my refuge and my fortress**: my God; in him will **I trust**. Psalm 91:1-2*

*A Psalm of praise. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. **Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.** Psalm 100:1-5*

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