

YEAR OF GLORY TO GOD:

“HOW WILL MY TESTIMONY MAKE THE "GLORY LIST OF 2021"?”

“THE ROAD MAP”

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FOLLOW THE ROAD MAP

Each of us has a road map... Road map of professional pursuit, road map of life, etc.

Genesis 1: ²⁷ God created man in his own image, ²⁸ And God blessed them, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion.

God created us, gave us freedom but He still controls the affairs of men.

Daniel 4:17

“The decision is announced by messengers, but the holy ones declare the verdict, so that the living may know that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone He wishes.”

In Acts 13:12 “God removed Saul and replaced him with David, a man about whom God said, 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart. He will do everything I want him to do.’”

Jeremiah 29:11 says,

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.”

Jeremiah 1:5 “I knew you before I formed you in your mother’s womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations.”

John 16:13 “When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on His own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future.”

To follow our Road Map, we must lean on the Holy Spirit.

Because God rules in the affairs of men,

- He replaced Saul with David
- He made Nebuchadnezzar to eat grass for 7 years

In Daniel 4: ³³ Immediately what had been said about Nebuchadnezzar was fulfilled. He was driven away from people and ate grass like the ox. His body was drenched with the dew of heaven until his hair grew like the feathers of an eagle and his nails like the claws of a bird. ³⁴ At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever.

FOLLOW THE ROAD MAP – HOW DO WE DO THAT?

The case of Jesus:

Luke 1:40 (before birth)

³⁰“the angel said to Mary, ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call Him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David, ³³ and He will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; His kingdom will never end.”

Luke 2:11 (at birth)

⁷ Mary gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. ⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all people. ¹¹ **Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.** ¹² **This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”**

Luke 2:40 (before age 12)

⁴⁰“the child grew and became strong; He was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on Him.”

Luke 2 (by age 12) ⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover, according to the custom. ⁴³ After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. ⁴⁴ ... they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶ ...they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers (wisdom). ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.” ⁴⁹“Jesus said his parents, “Why were you looking for me? Didn’t you know that I had to be here, dealing with the things of my Father?” But they had no idea what he was talking about.

By Age 12 Jesus had started stepping into the shoes God planned for Him with zeal and leading of the Holy Spirit - Everyone who heard him was amazed at His understanding and his answers (wisdom). _____ Understanding enables one to make the right decisions.

One of the prophecies about Jesus:

Isaiah 11:1-2

¹ There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.² The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.”

Brethren, no wonder Luke 2 says: ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers (wisdom).

The steps Jesus was taking enabled the Spirit of God to begin to manifest its characteristics in Jesus.

Anyone who embraces the Holy Spirit enjoys the manifestations of the above attributes of the Holy Spirit.

By Luke 4 (Jesus' wisdom and understanding were tested) before He could be released to do the work that God has planned for Him on earth.

How: He was exposed to hearing the voice of strangers. A test to know how He was going to handle the voices He heard:

Luke 4

1“Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, ... was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, **2** where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.”

Daniel 11:32 “The people who know their God will firmly resist him.”

(The devil was speaking voices to Jesus. And Jesus responded with UNDERSTANDING and WISDOM).

Luke 4

³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”

⁴ Jesus answered, “**It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’**”

⁵ The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. ⁷ If you worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered, “**It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’**” ⁹ The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. ¹⁰ For it is written: “He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; ¹¹ they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’ ¹² **Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’**”

¹³ When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time. **Jesus counteracted every negative voice he heard from the devil. He replaced it with positive proclamations and affirmations. And the devil left Him alone.**

James 4:7 says

“Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you”.

As soon as Jesus proved His Spiritual maturity, wisdom and understanding, God launched Him out into His road map.

Luke 4:14

¹⁴ Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. ¹⁵ He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised Him.

Brethren, from that moment Jesus did not look back.

John 4:34 “My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work.”

Psalms 40:8 “I delight to do Your will, O my God; Your law is within my heart.”

John 5:30 “I can do nothing by Myself; I judge only as I hear. And My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.”

Similar stories go for others like Peter Paul who did not start at young age:

- Peter (Simon)

Luke 5: ³ Jesus got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.” ⁵ Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.” (**Obedience and demonstrating wisdom and understanding**). ⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!” ⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon’s partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.” ¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

- Paul

Acts 9: 1 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³ As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

⁵ **"Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.**

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. ⁶ "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

,,, ¹⁷ Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ **Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength. From that moment, Paul never looked back.**

Brethren, we must follow the road map

- Each person has a role to play in the master plan of God for men to have dominion and subdue the earth.
- Each person must work with the Holy Ghost to discover this road map and follow through
- Even on our own road map you will hear negative voices. These are meant to test your maturity, your wisdom and understand.
- You must resist the voice.
- Once you resist the voice you win and will be launched into your ministry
- As you launch out into your road map, no looking back
- Our testimony and our victory come along our road map

God bless You!