

YEAR OF GLORY TO GOD:

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

“MAKE THE WORD OF GOD THE LIGHT ON YOUR PATH”

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MAKE THE WORD OF GOD THE LIGHT ON YOUR PATH

In 1 Corinthians 1:17, Paul said “¹⁷ Christ sent me to preach the gospel —not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.”

Brethren, Paul knew that to be a successful preacher, he must speak in a compelling manner. He also recognized that by nature he is not eloquence and he did not have “a street sense –wisdom.” But he understood that those weaknesses were the reasons for the cross.

In 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 God said “my grace is sufficient for you; for my strength is made perfect in weakness.”

Brethren, this is the reason we must “Make the Word of God the Light on our Path”

Romans 8:11 “If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”

To get our testimony on the glory list, God tells us to “Make the Word of God a light on our path”

Brethren, 1 Corinthians 1:18 says, ¹⁸ the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

So, it is not about our natural intelligence or capabilities BUT about the intelligence and capability of God’s Spirit, demonstrated on the cross and the resurrection of Christ ----- even when Jesus had NO LIFE in Him!

After Jesus took His last breath, there was NO LONGER LIFE in Him, yet earth quaked, graves opened, curtains tore etc. And while he was in the grave, there was NO LIFE in Him, yet the stones were rolled away, He resurrected, etc.

This means that it is not about what we can do or our intelligence BUT about what the Spirit of God can do.

WE MUST LIVE BY THE SPIRIT AND MAKE THE WORD OF GOD THE LIGHT ON OUR PATH.

Those who do exploit on earth are not those who naturally have what it takes but those who are willing to allow the word of God light and guide their path.

In 1 Corinthians 1, Paul said: “²⁶ Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸ God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹ **so that no one may boast before Him.**” ... ³¹ **“Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”**

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Brethren, we will be short-changing ourselves; denying ourselves of what we can accomplish if we rely on our own strength and do not make the Word of God our light on our path.

In the world today, there are many people who have accumulated wealth without working with God BUT go and check their history and you will not be proud of their path.

Question then is “how can you accumulate even greater achievements (exploits) and yet through a path you can be proud of.

The only way to do this is by drawing from the power of the cross – the power of the Spirit who can do impossible things.

God created the entire world in 6-days while this Spirit was hovering around. You will do mighty and impossible things through the power of this Spirit.

In 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, Paul narrated how he succeeded by leaning on this Spirit:

“¹ And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. ² For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. ³ I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. ⁴ My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God’s power.

1 Corinthians 2 (contd.)

⁷ We declare God’s wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood it, (Reason people accumulate wealth in a very ungodly manner) ⁹ However, as it is written: “What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived”— the things God has prepared for those

who love him—

¹⁰ these are the things God has revealed to us by His Spirit.

¹¹ For no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.

Brethren, Paul urges us to follow their examples, and bring glory to God.

“¹⁷ Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. ¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ.

(Many people who accumulate wealth do not follow God’s secret strategy/plan. They do things on their own. They are enemies of the cross as they do not tap into the power of the cross (the Spirit).)

¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach. Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven.

HOW DO WE “MAKE THE WORD OF GOD THE LIGHT ON OUR PATH”?

- Be filled with the Holy Spirit; Study the bible and ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and give you understanding of the content (1 Corinthians 2:14 “But people who aren’t spiritual can’t understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means.)
- Learn and hear from God. It is again through the Spirit of God in you who ministers the voice of God to you.
- Always ask God for His strategy/plan and timelines (when to execute) on anything you need to do. And **write down clearly the plan He gives you**
- Obey the Word you read/heard and follow through with instructions/plans from God.
- If you need clarification, go to God. **Do not seek clarification from man on God’s plan.** (Come to me, I will teach you great/mighty things you do not know (Jer 33:3))
- Do not expect that the steps in executing God’s plans will be easy. Prayerfully follow through to the end. “The end justifies the means.”

Daniel 11:32 “the people who know their God shall prove themselves strong *and* shall stand firm and do exploits” Go & Make God’s Word Light on your Path. **GOD BLESS YOU!**