

YEAR OF GLORY TO GOD:

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

“STAY FOCUSED AND CONSISTENT”

... the diligent hand will rule (Prov. 12:24)

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FOCUSED

When the Lord talks about staying focused, it means He has already shown/given you a lot to occupy. He needs you to stay focused on that lot.

Unless we are focused on our lot, we run the risk of scattering our seeds on rocky ground instead of sowing them on grounds that would produce good yield.

Matthew 13: 3-9

³ Jesus told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹ Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

Brethren, only about one-quarter of the farmer's effort/seed fell on good soil.

If the Lord is telling us today to be focused, it means He has shown us something before and He expects us to stick to that path has shown.

VS ¹⁶ But “blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. ¹⁷ For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.”

If the Lord has shown you direction or a path or a lot, you must respectfully be grateful because it is not every righteous person that gets that revelation from God.

Psalm 25:14

“The secret of the LORD is for those who fear Him, And He will let them know His covenant *and* reveal to them its meaning.” (**AMP**)

“The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear Him, and He makes His covenant known to them.” (**NRSV**)

If we don't stay focused, we will be putting our efforts on rocky grounds.

Often, we hear people say “I am not God, I cannot know everything.” While that could be true, however, bible says that God has given us the secret of His power.

Colossians 1:26-27 NLT says “And this is the secret: Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing His glory.” ²⁷**To them God has chosen to make known, among the Gentiles, the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.**

This means we have the power to tap into the secrets that God has for us. He has revealed them to show so that they are now longer secrets.

In Psalm 31:19 David said, “How great is Your goodness, which You have stored up for those who fear You, Which You have prepared for those who take refuge in You, Before the sons of man!

Evidence abound in scripture that God works closely with only those He has selected and can trust them. **WE MUST GET OURSELVES INTO THIS SELECT FEW!**

Reason **Romans 8:28** says: “We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.” (NIV)

It is, therefore, in our interest to listen to the Holy Spirit, receive our path and follow through. God’s commitment is for those who are on chosen path.

1 Peter 2:9 says these are the people God has selected to show His might on earth. “**9**But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.” “**10**Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. **So, brethren, God wants us to stay focused on this path.**

Eph 5: **17** Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

CONSISTENT

Proverb 12:24 says “The Diligent Hand will Rule.”

Consistency will show itself in various parts of a chosen’s life:

Example:

1. PRAYER

Luke 18:31 “Jesus told His disciples a story to show that **they should always pray and never give up.**”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 says: “**16**Rejoice always, **17**pray continually, **18**give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. (NIV).

Ephesians 6:18 “Pray in the Spirit at all times, with every kind of prayer and petition. To this end, stay alert with all perseverance in your prayers for all the saints.”

If you are a chosen, you must bring many others along (Rev 21:26).

2. FAITH

Hebrews 11:1 “Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.”

You should not stop having faith until you get what you want.

Hebrews 3:6

But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are His house, if we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope of which we boast.

Isaiah 62:7

6You who call on the LORD shall take no rest for yourselves, **7**nor give Him any rest until He establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth. **8**The LORD has sworn by His right hand and by His mighty arm: “Never again will I give your grain to your enemies for food, nor will foreigners drink the new wine for which you have toiled

3. WORK

Prov. 22:29 “Do you see a man who excels in his work? He will stand before kings; He will not stand before unknown men.”

1 Samuel 16:21

“When David came to Saul and entered his service, Saul admired him greatly, and David became his armor-bearer.”

Genesis 41: 46 Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt. **47**and in the seven plentiful years the ground brought forth abundantly. **48**So he gathered up all the food of the seven years which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up in every city the food of the fields which surrounded them... **54**then the seven years of famine began to come, as Joseph had said. **55**So when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. Then Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, “Go to Joseph; whatever he says to you, do.” **56**The famine was over all the face of the earth, ... **57**So all countries came to Joseph in Egypt to buy *grain*, because the famine was severe in all lands.

1 Kings 11:28

When Solomon noticed that the young man Jeroboam was industrious, he put him in charge of the whole labor force of the house of Joseph.

4. PRAISE

David understood the power of praise.

Psalm 34:4

I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise will always be on my lips.

Psalm 148:14

He has raised up a horn for His people, **the praise of all His saints**, of Israel, a people near to Him. Hallelujah!

Revelation 4:8

And the four beasts had each of them six wings about *him*; and *they were* full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

5. REJOICE

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 “¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:4 “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!”

Philippians 3:1

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16 “Rejoice at all times.”

Romans 12:12

Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

6. ALERT

1 Peter 5:8 “Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.”

Ephesians 6:18 “And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the LORD’s people.

1 Peter 1:13 “Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming.”

1 Corinthians 16:13 “Be on your guard (alert); stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.”

Conclusion

Brethren, God says that so long as we are focused and consistent in important of life, we must have testimonies because the hand of the diligent must rule.

So let us go and just obey.

God Bless You!