

# IMMERSING YOURSELF IN THE LORD- NOV 18 -2018

Immerse means

- Dip or submerge
- involve oneself deeply in God's words and commands - so that all may see your progress clearly.

**I Timothy 4:15 (ESV), Paul advised Timothy (Us) to:**

<sup>15</sup> Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress.

KJV says “That thy profiting may appear to all.” – brethren there is tremendous benefit when we immerse ourselves.

**I Timothy 4:15-16 MSG**

<sup>15-16</sup> Cultivate these things. Immerse yourself in them. The people will all see you mature right before their eyes! Keep a firm grasp on both your character and your teaching. Don't be diverted. Just keep at it. Both you and those who hear you will experience salvation.

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**The steps to getting ourselves immersed are very clear**

**In John 3 MSG, Jesus thought Nicodemus:**

<sup>2</sup> Late one night Nicodemus (a prominent leader for the Jews) visited Jesus and said, “Rabbi, we all know you’re a teacher straight from God. No one could do all the God-pointing, God-revealing acts you do if God weren’t in on it.”

<sup>3</sup> Jesus said, “You’re absolutely right. Take it from me: Unless a person is born from above, it’s not possible to see what I’m pointing to—to God’s kingdom.”

<sup>4</sup> “How can anyone,” said Nicodemus, “be born who has already been born and grown up? You can’t re-enter your mother’s womb and be born again. What are you saying with this ‘born-from-above’ talk?”

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<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.

<sup>6</sup> Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

<sup>7</sup> You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

## 1. Study to show yourself approved

2 Timothy 2:15 (AMP)

“Study *and* do your best to present yourself to God approved, a workman [tested by trial] who has no reason to be ashamed, accurately handling *and* skillfully teaching the word of truth.”

## 2. Dedicated Prayer Life with thanksgiving

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18:** <sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

## 3. Flee from Sin

Stay away from every kind of evil. (1 Thess. 5:22 NLT)

**Isaiah 33** 15 He who walks righteously, and speaks with sincerity, He who rejects unjust gain, And shakes his hands so that they hold no bribe; He who stops his ears from hearing about bloodshed, And shuts his eyes from looking upon evil; 16 He will dwell on the heights; His refuge will be the impregnable rock; His bread will be given *him*; His water will be sure.

## **4. Our weapons of warfare are not carnal/worldly**

### **2 Corinthians 10**

<sup>3</sup> though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. <sup>4</sup>The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. <sup>5</sup>We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. <sup>6</sup>And we will be ready to punish every act of disobedience, once your obedience is complete.

## **5. Have a service or ministry**

<sup>13</sup>We, however, will not boast beyond proper limits, but will confine our boasting to the sphere of service God himself has assigned to us.

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## 6. Your Word becomes fire

“whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven”

There is strong connection between heaven and earth

**In Luke 1, while John was still unborn, God said to Zachariah concerning his unborn son (John):**

<sup>15</sup> for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. <sup>16</sup> He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. <sup>17</sup> And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah,— to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.” Lord.

<sup>18</sup> Zechariah asked the angel, “How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years.” I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. <sup>20</sup> And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this

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happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their appointed time.”

Brethren, that conversation on earth was registered in heaven

- When Jesus came and John hesitated to baptize Him, Jesus said “let it be done so for now”
- Zachariah became blind and remained so until the son was born

## **7. You position Yourself for God’s call/ministry**

Some are afraid to be called into ministry because of the responsibilities that come with God’s calling. However, the bible says:

- “<sup>28</sup> And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28)

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- “For those God foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son. **30** And those He predestined He also called; those He called He also justified; those He justified He also glorified.) **(Roms 8)**
- “For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.” **(2 Chronicles 16:9)**
- “The hand of the diligent will rule,” **(Pro 12:24)**
- “Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, and seek Him with all their heart. **3**They do no iniquity; they walk in His ways” **(Psalm 119:2)**
- Jesus said “Greater things than I did you will do also.”
- **If this is the case, then we must at least follow His foot steps:**



## **Matthew 3:13-17 – Jesus immersed into water**

**13** Then Jesus arrived from Galilee at the Jordan *coming* to John, to be baptized by him. **14** But John tried to prevent Him, saying, “I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?” **15** But Jesus answering said to him, “Permit *it* at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he permitted Him. **16** After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water (after being immersed); and **behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove *and* lighting on Him, 17** and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.”

**2. Matthew 4:2 Continuing to immerse himself, He fasted.** <sup>2</sup> After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

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## **3. He launched into ministry**

**Matthew 4:** <sup>12</sup> When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. ... <sup>17</sup> From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

## **4. Jesus Calls His First Disciples (Matthew 4)**

<sup>18</sup> As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. ... <sup>19</sup> “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” <sup>20</sup> At once they left their nets and followed him.

From there, Jesus continued to progress into His ministry.

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BRETHREN, IT IS CRITICAL FOR US TO IMMERSE OURSELVES IN THE LORD.

**Going deeper into the Lord allows us to reap deeper and accomplish more for the Lord.**

**God Bless You!**

## 2018 PRAYER POINTS

1. Pray over the message of today. Ask God for grace to immerse fully in Him.
2. Pray that KCM will continue to fulfil its mandate as “the house of prayer for all nations” (Isaiah 56:7), extending God’s love to all the nations.
3. Prayer for the Leadership of Nations and pray for upcoming elections ...
  - a. Pray against corruption and corruptive minds/practices in our nations
  - b. Ask God to turn the hearts of leaders to Himself so they can trust God in full
  - c. Ask God to give leaders humility for service and committed heart for citizens.
4. Commit Troubles/Wars in nations into God’s hands and ask God to cleanse our environments so people will freely serve God.
5. Ask God to have mercy, forgive our sins & rid our land of calamities (2 Chro 7:13-18).
6. Pray for Ministers and Missionaries for grace to immerse themselves.
7. Pray: Marriages, Children and families stay together and serve God in full.
8. Pray for Members of the fellowship – grace to immerse fully in God.
- 9 Needs in fellowship & and any special request we have not covered
10. Ask for God’s unprecedented favours and grace this week and pray for next Sunday.

