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"THE DILIGENT HANDS WILL RULE" Pro 12:24

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Texts:

“Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find” (Matt. 22:9). ¹¹But when the king came in to see the guests, he spotted a man who was not dressed in wedding clothes. **12**‘Friend,’ he asked, ‘how did you get in here without wedding clothes?’

But the man was speechless. **13**Then the king told the servants, ‘Tie him hand and foot and throw him outside into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ **14**For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Brethren, what a pathetic case for this man who has made it to this level and now lost it all – **because he did not make the effort required to dress properly.**



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God is not concerned about whom we are before we came to the knowledge of Christ. He is, however, interested in whom we have become after we have come to the knowledge of Chris.

In Mark 2:13-17, ¹³ Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them. ¹⁴ As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him. ¹⁵ While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with

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him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him.

¹⁶When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

¹⁷On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. **I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.**"

However, having come to the knowledge of Chris, we are now expected to start cleaning up ourselves steadily:

Philippians 2: **12**Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling. **13**For it is God who works in you to will and to act

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on behalf of His good pleasure. **14**Do everything without complaining or arguing, **15**so that you may be blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and perverse generation in which you shine as lights in the world **16**as you hold forth the word of life.

Above scripture requires all that have come in to MAKE ALL EFFORTS to quickly cleanse themselves and get to the point where God can use them.

Brethren, this cleansing could be painful sometimes.... But we are encouraged by 1 Peter 5:8-10.

8Be sober-minded and alert. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

9Resist him, standing firm in your faith and knowledge that

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your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. 10 And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore you, secure you, strengthen you, and establish you....

Fact is that we cannot be used unless we go through the cleansing. Daniel 11:32, says "but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits."

So, there is a high selection process before one can do exploit for God. It will thus be a painful fall if we come this far and loose that election because we got complacent.

IT IS CRITICAL TO MAKE EFFORT:

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1. Many are called BUT few are chosen:

1 Peter 2:9 “⁹You 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.”

2. Great Kingdom authority

Matthew 16, Jesus said to the chosen: I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

The reward for the diligent is so much that the Lord will not tolerate anyone who is not dressed properly to enjoy the “ruling” right.

Matthew 7:6 says "Don't waste what is holy on people who are unholy.

3. Many bible verses emphasize the need for diligent efforts to retain our election:

Proverbs 13:4 The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied.

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Proverbs 10:4 A slack hand causes poverty, but the hand of the diligent makes rich.

I Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain."

Philippians 3:14 Paul said "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

"Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble" (2 Peter 1:10)

God Bless You All!

2017 PRAYER POINTS

1. Prayer over the message of today
2. “Lord, please extend your love to all nations through prayers offered on this alter (Psalm 117)

Let our prayers be acceptable unto you.

3. Prayer for Leadership of Nations ...

- a. Be anointed leaders of honour like Cyrus (Isa 45:1, Rm 9:21)
- b. Give them spirit of humility in leadership and wisdom to lead well
- c. Any leader that fails to obey God's Word, should be replaced

4. Troubles/Wars in nations.

5. Leave no room for diseases; cleanse our land

6. Missions/Ministries & Missionaries/Ministers

7. Marriages, Children & families

8. Members of the fellowship – grace to be diligent

9 Needs in fellowship

