

The Church, The Whole Church, and Nothing But The Church, So Help Us, God- Part 12

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We're living in a season of the awakening, and you can see it everywhere you look, but you have to kind of look with spiritual eyes to see it, because we're constantly getting bombarded with bad negative news.

We really need to be offsetting the negative by hearing from the Lord and committing yourself to be faithful and focused on Him, because God is doing something very significant.

In my 35 years of doing what I do, I've never seen the moving of the Lord and souls coming to Him, addictions broken and people being set free like I am now.

It's so important to get some God perspective. The best way to do that is to set aside some time, just you and Him and spend time pressing into the Lord.

If I go to the Lord, I don't go looking for the things that I need, but I just go looking for Him, to experience His presence. When I do this, God tells me things that I would have normally had to ask Him for. **You just have to put your hand to the plow and make it a priority, and your life will be transformed.**

Jesus gave some as apostles, some prophets, some evangelists and some pastors (shepherds) and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry, and for the edifying of the Body of Christ, for bringing the body together for blessing and imparting the good news to God's people, because there are no unimportant parts of the body.

Jesus said, "I'll build My Church". The church that's rising up will never be the church that Jesus wants until the people receive, embrace and start to walk in the truth right here. So get ready, because these five fold ministries are being set apart, which is the call of God on people's lives with a particular anointing.

Most people would tell you that there are no apostles and prophets today. But the Bible says that the five fold ministries were given "*until we all come to the unity of the faith*", Eph. 4:13. So, has the whole body of Christ come into unity yet? That would be a **NO**.

It's so important to read Ephesians 4:11-16.

Apostles and prophets:

- "Apostle" basically means one who is sent to set the church in order, someone obsessed with the health of the church and someone who's obsessed with the direction of the church.
- Prophets are seers. They are very discerning and very skeptical.
- Apostles and prophets work very closely together.

- They are both instrumental in bringing individuals into their own ministry.
- They help people to understand the call of God on their lives, and how to get moving in their call and how to mature in it.

Things that pertain to an Evangelist:

- What we've seen in the Bible Belt is someone who holds crusades and those kinds of things. That's only one part of it.
- Evangelism is best done through relationships.
- Must know how to follow the lead of the Holy Spirit, so you don't run past the Holy Spirit. You can have everything right about evangelizing or telling someone about Jesus, or helping someone to pray to receive Jesus, but done out of the timing of God, it drives people away rather than draws them to Him.
- Non of us have to be experts to move in evangelism.
- It's interesting that when God starts talking to you about someone, more often than not, He's already prepared their heart for it.
- God's going to use everybody to evangelize the world. Some of it is going to happen at the church, but most of it is going to happen out there with you in your relationships. But some, you might not have a relationship with.
- I think you need to decide because God wants to use you. A lot of that is just telling your story.
- You need to get used to telling your story. Your story is not about you, but it's about how God rescued you.
- Evangelists have a special anointing, but He will use any of us if that specific anointing is not available at that moment.
- A true evangelistic ministry is one called by God.
- A true evangelist is not only called to evangelize, but he trains up and teaches the people in the Body of Christ how to do it.
- There are some people out there who take pride in, and get so good at getting people to sign on the dotted line to receive Jesus, I worry about that.
- A lot of times people will have a zeal for the Lord, and get so excited about what God's doing in their life, that they get a little overzealous at times and possibly run past the Holy Spirit and end up being pushy. Please be cautious in that.
- It's God's responsibility to cause the hunger to come on the heart of man, but it's our responsibility to recognize that hunger and to move accordingly.

- We need to pay attention to what God's doing and what He's saying and allow Him to do whatever He wants to do in us, even when it's not logical. When God sends you to do something unorthodox, the chances are really, really high that He's already done the work in that person's heart. It just needed someone to come along and tell him what was happening with him.
- When people are asking you these questions, are telling you their problems and their struggles in life, pay close attention to them. Anytime someone's telling you their problems, they're basically asking you for help.

It's very important that you read Acts 8:26-40. Phillip was recognized by the Apostles of that day as an evangelist. What Phillip did in this story ended up affecting the whole country of Ethiopia and caused the whole nation to come to Jesus.

I'm going to start gathering together with some of the younger generation. I call them young lions. Those are the future leaders of the Body of Christ.

Jesus said, *"The works that I do, you will do also and greater works than these will you do"*. When you embrace the truth and cause yourself to be available to God, He will use you for signs and wonders.

God will use you as much as you'll allow Him to. So, shouldn't our goal be to fulfill everything that God has called us to do, both individually and corporately?

The Church that's not equipped for this kind of stuff (the awakening, transformation and all) is not a place that God would want to bring the lost to. This is something to think about.

I think a lot of the Body of Christ is in a place, suspended between a lot of miraculous stuff that God used to do and a lot of miraculous stuff that we believe God is going to do. If you're not careful, you'll be stranded in this place between the two. But when you take a Kingdom mindset and a Kingdom perspective of that, we understand that God wants to and will use you right now, today.

Some people think that elders are more important than deacons. **NOT SO!** God used Phillip in such a miraculous way, and he was a deacon.

Wherever you are in your walk with God, He will use you right where you are. You can impart these things that God has shown you into the lives of other people.

You carry the presence of God, and the Spirit of God lives in you. And the atmosphere in a room or a stadium changes because of you. You are more important to the move of God and what God's doing than you think you are. You carry His presence.