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"YOU THINK IT IS NOT TIME TO BUILD?"

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To strengthen and prepare people for their destiny is a crucial part of the Body of Christ. The Church or Body of Christ becomes the vessel of God. Can an unhealthy body be fully operational? The stronger the Body the more effective and with greater impact will be the works of the Body be. It is very easy to fall in a pit of self-focus while losing focus on the vessel of God for the earth. All together we are lovely. It is spiritual pride to think myself better or independent from the rest of the Body of Christ. In a local House we form a structure that awakens unto its purpose in God. I believe that the time has come to consider the worth of our own lives in Christ. Like Nehemiah said: "You think it is not time to build.." There might be a specific purpose of this worth that we have to add. It might be interpreted as a value or worth that we add to His Body instead of building itself up for self-honour and exaltation. It is therefore critical to consider our worth in the context of His Body on earth as well as in the heavenlies.

There comes a moment in the heart of every believer when you have to determine whether you will become a legacy unto the next generation or will you be satisfied with the status quo. The status quo is only a means to a greater destiny. God's destiny is our ultimate goal and not our own pre-conceived ideology of comfort or achievement. We are a Divine people with a Divine destiny. We exist to accomplish God's purpose for this generation and those to come. We are here to do the will of our Father. We are a focused people with a clear mandate and we can be catalysts of the restoration for this generation. Your life is a means of ministry of truth unto others around you in your world. Wherever you find yourself, you bring an atmosphere of God's purpose for the lives of people around you. We realise, comprehend and appreciate the

reasoning of the ministry that God entrusts us with belongs to the Body and is for the purpose of the Body. I now know that it is incorrect to refer to 'my ministry'. Every gift, talent and ability is for the edification, perfecting of the saints and strengthening of His Body for His pleasure.

Building the Local Body for God's Glory

We can not force God or fool God in the manifestation of His Glory. God measures His house and the members of His family with His standard. It is therefore important for all of us to really search God's heart for our lives and the life of God's House. It takes a committed family to establish the purpose of a house. As sons of God we are called to belong and not just to believe. One believes in order to demonstrate God's reality. It will take a great commitment to the great commandment and the great commission to grow a great Church according to God's blueprint for His Church.

God's way is the only accurate way

It is not our task to re-invent the church but to discover its true purpose. There is no one perfect, no not one. The strength of our faith is the effect of the presence of Christ. He is the perfect One among us. As we direct our ways based on His Word, we are actually creating a portal of perfection to be manifested. The more we do everything in the Christ-like manner, all the more we will find that He dwells among us in His House for His Glory. Accuracy represents correctness, exactness and preciseness in the House of our father.

God's concern for His Church

God doesn't need us to defend Him. When we love God, we will love what and whom He loves. Our concern for the things of God breeds a desire in us to be concerned about what concerns God. More than ever we hunger for more growth and progression. Have I become stagnant and complacent? Am I comfortable and have I created my own little den of surety? What is the next level for my life, my family, my business and my place in the Church and God's Kingdom? God is about to show us a more excellent way of life itself.

Following Christ demands our life

God is a demanding God. God is not concerned to give anyone an easy going, mediocre and comfortable life. Following Christ will cost us our own life. How much of my own life, am I prepared to give? A tenth, a quarter, maybe half of my attendance, dedication, commitment and faithfulness? If it is true that we become whatever and to whom ever we are committed to. God re-aligns the sons of His church to become the leaders and spear of faithfulness. God has called us to be faithful in

representing Christ, doing the work of the ministry and standing with the Set Ministry and Father of the House. If I purposefully change enough, I create a culture of change around myself and enable others to do the same. I have set my priorities and will manage my time and resources towards the Body of the House of God. If this is the place where God has set me as a member and as a son then I will have to work this out with God. The ultimate goal is entering the Kingdom of God. The portal remains to be Christ. Progressing beyond the Church, which is His Body, leads to His Kingdom.

There can be no order without proper honour

In order to understand what we ought to do, we will also need to confirm what we shouldn't do and be. As in the natural, God expects and commands of sons in the House to honour those whom He has appointed to function in the Body. God sets a leader and then guides the leader to entrust faithful people with the vision and the work. To honour the brethren of the House of our God will establish order and effectiveness. The greatness of a House is not measured by the number of people but rather by the quality of the sons. Honour is not expressed in mere words but also in acting according to the code of honour which is based on loyalty to a predetermined course.

Qualification of membership and sonship

As in the temple of God, there is an order to those who minister and work in the Church. Membership requires true repentance, baptism and regular attendance. A member will be involved in activities of the body and the life of the church. A member that is inactive in a body is dysfunctional. We should be fitly framed and joined together. Members should also be active in a home group where the objective will be on personal guidance of the Sunday's teaching, reaching out to the community and caring for one another.

Sonship requires the above plus representing the vision in active ministry in the House of the Lord. Sons will also have to complete the necessary training before being considered for ministry. The Set Ministry of the House deals with appointment and acknowledging of ministerial activity.

Procedures for operating as a House and family of God.

It is the objective to have every member active in the life of the Church as well as fitly framed and joined to one another in the body. Therefore it is of utmost importance to rather focus on function. Prestige from position or any abuse of authority for self gain is not Godly. A good tree produces Godly fruit and lasting result. Even a natural household requires order, respect and way of functioning.

Vision for the House

God calls a House into existence with a specific mandate to act in the nation as a Fathering ministry. What good will a body with a specific purpose be, without first gaining result in itself before attempting to reproduce itself? The seed will only reproduce the very nature which conceived it. Ever since the inception of this ministry God has been restoring His Body through:

- ? Dealing with truth on a personal basis
- ? Bringing forth purpose for our life
- ? Maturing us into greater understanding.

This however was only the preparation and introduction of why God saved us, anointed us and glorifies Himself within us. It is time to strengthen the body. God's focus has progressed from a season of eating and producing fruit unto reproduction within the Body. This initiation into the Body becomes the next level that leads us closer to our destiny as a corporate body or family.

A father establishes the inheritance for his sons, identity, blessing and purpose for His sons. The Church as a whole is in desperate need for this ministry. Looking at the current generation and those following after them, they are in serious need for us to establish God's purpose for this Body. Let us produce these results in our local families, the household of God, our extended families, this nation and finally the nations of this world.

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