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Nineteen **What Is God Wanting From Us?** **Apostle Tony Wade**

As Divine Life Church celebrates nineteen years of ministry, we want to reflect on what God told us to do and how we have impacted the Kingdom. During the nineteen years, we started a youth outreach ministry (Repairing the Breach), planted Alcy Ball Community Church (now DLC), started a community development corporation, and have led thousands of souls to the Lord through intentional outreach methods. We also want to think about the number nineteen from a biblical point of view. The number nineteen encourages you to reach your goals and dream big, as well as spiritual growth and enlargement.

Key Points

1. We would not be a church that crosses to the other side of the street, but we will allow compassion to be the fuel that drives us.
2. Don't live a life of regret.
3. Stay committed.
4. It is worth the sacrifice.
5. We must put to death all entanglements in our life.

Luke 10:25 – 36 (point #1)

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" ²⁷ So he answered and said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind," and "your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." ²⁹ But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead." ³¹ Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. ³³ But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him;

and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' ³⁶ So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?"

- ⇒ As believers, we don't go to the other side when we see trouble coming.
- ⇒ It's one thing to feel sorry for people, but when you have compassion it makes you do something.
- ⇒ Compassion drives and stirs up something in you and says, "I got to do something about this."
- ⇒ Compassion driven people look at the problems in our society and find solutions.
 - Do you cross over to the other side, or do you stay on this sidewalk so you can see the problems that are around?
 - Does compassion cause you to do something about injustices?
 - If you have the ability to do something about societal issues, do you sit on the sideline or allow your compassion to fuel you into action?
 - Does your compassion cause you to create change?

Matthew 9: 35 – 38 (point #2)

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. ³⁶ But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. ³⁷ Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. ³⁸ Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

- ⇒ The world is crying out for true laborers.
- ⇒ You're going to live a life of regret if you're not laboring for the Kingdom, because God is calling you to be one of His laborers.
- ⇒ Anytime God wants to create a change, He looks for a vessel that He can pour His spirit in.
 - Are you willing to be a vessel that God can pour His spirit into?
 - Do you make yourself available to God to create change?
 - How does your availability, laboring, stewardship profit God's Kingdom?
 - Explain how your lifestyle reflects the Father's business?

Luke 9:57 – 62 (point #3)

Now it happened as they journeyed on the road, that someone said to Him, "Lord, I will follow You wherever You go." ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head." ⁵⁹ Then He said to another, "Follow Me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." ⁶⁰ Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God." ⁶¹ And another also said, "Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house." ⁶² But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

- ⇒ Go wherever Holy Spirit leads you to go.
 - Do you intentionally allow Holy Spirit to lead you during the course of your day?

John 12:24 (point #4)

Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. ²⁵ He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.

- ⇒ Whatever we do for the Kingdom is worth the sacrifice.
- ⇒ What you do for the Kingdom has eternal rewards.
 - Do you feel like you have left all and wonder what are you getting out of this (walk with Christ)?
 - What causes you to press forward towards God and not return to your former state?

II Timothy 2:4 (point #5)

No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.

I John 2:15 – 17

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

- ⇒ Entanglements are distractions that take our focus away from God and the things of God.
- ⇒ God is looking for those that are sold out and committed fully to his Kingdom.
- ⇒ Do not love the world's system.

- What natural things are stealing your affection from God?
- Are you sensitive to Holy Spirit?
- Can Holy Spirit correct you?
- Is your heart aligned with Holy Spirit?

PRAYER

Lord, forgive me. I want my heart right with you. Forgive me for losing my sensitivity, for being entangled with other things, and for losing my sensitivity to Your spirit. Forgive me and cleanse my mind from unrighteousness. Forgive me for turning my affection toward other things more than You. Father, You know what my heart says and what's in it. I don't want to be the same. Take out this stony heart and give me a heart of flesh. I want to be sensitive to You, Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit please forgive me for grieving You. Thank you that the blood of Jesus cleanses me from all unrighteous. Refresh me with Your presence again. I surrender my spirit, soul, and body to You; renew my intimacy with You, Holy Spirit. Allow me to feel a fresh touch from You. In Jesus' name, amen.

Mission

The mission of Divine Life Memphis is founded in Ezekiel 34:16. To reach the lost, bring back the scattered, heal the broken, and strengthen the weak.

Vision

The vision of Divine Life Memphis is to raise up a Faceless Army of equipped believers.

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