



Rehearsing the Word

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Overall Theme:

Our focus recently has been on phrases such as, **“We have this treasure (Christ anointing) in earthen vessels** (1 Corinthians 4:) and **“Christ in you, the hope of glory”** (Colossians 1:27-28). Also, in Isaiah 61, Yahshua, the man possesses an anointing which we too should possess and operate, **“The Spirit of the Lord YHWH is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to...do all kinds of wonderful expressions”**. So, in my simplistic thinking, wouldn't it be of paramount importance to develop your grace gift from Yahweh personally? I think it would be wonderful if we committed to cultivate and operate fully in the same anointing with which Yahshua related and functioned when He walked the earth in the first century? I could even go further in thinking that if we all individually matured in this anointing, gifted to us by the Father, how great and potent would be the power if we allowed the Spirit to join us together and we all operated in the full agreement of faith?

I am committed to providing leadership that edifies, matures, equips, unifies and activates each member of the body of Christ both on a local and regional level. It's the only path I see moving forward that will bring the ultimate outcome to the reality of establishing the kingdom of Christ in the earth as it already exists in the heavens. My hope and desire is that people will desire to transform into the very expression Yahweh created from the beginning.

Sadly, however, I know there are many who just want to live their lives in solitude and personal comfort. But I am not dismayed, because I know the Spirit of Christ is both convicting and convincing people's hearts to hear what they have never heard, to see what they have never seen and experience, in Christ, that which they have only dreamed. I know this because of the lengths Yahweh was willing to go to bring me to where I am today and He is no respecter of persons. Just say, “Yes, LORD”, and enjoy the ride.

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you believe you are anointed by Christ to do great things?
2. Have you identified any specific gifts, graces, callings and anointing that are frequent and unique to you? Consult Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12 and Ephesians 4 for some examples.
3. Have you joined others with gifts different from yours and tackled a spiritual project or assignment together before?
4. Can you prophetically visualize the body of Christ uniting together in this region?
5. Are you motivated to see the Christ in others identified, activated and expressed?
6. Do you search out other anointed people with which to fellowship and grow?
7. Is the kingdom of Christ bigger than your personally needs?

8. Have you ever been tempted to feel like you don't really want to take on the responsibilities of kingdom expression and would rather just be left alone? Explain.
9. How important is it to begin identifying and cultivating spiritual gifts and graces in your children? Are spiritual gifts and the anointing of Christ just for adults?

Appropriations:

Father, you have given me an amazing life in Christ. Now, more than ever, I want to express Christ and His kingdom come in the areas of influence you have placed me. I am not afraid to conform to the image of Christ and be transformed by the renewing of my mind, so that I am a viable member of the body of Christ both worldwide and locally. Just as Yahshua gave His all, I will identify with Yahshua and take on the attitude that all I have to give is whatever it takes. You have given me everything you require of me and I desire to live in the peace, joy and power of a Christ-empowered and gifted life. Just as Yahshua joined others in fulfilling His mission on earth, I take joy in cultivating relationships with others to see Your kingdom manifest. A life in Christ and for Christ truly is **A WONDERFUL LIFE!!**