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Be Useful for the Owner

In his exhortation to Timothy about the useful life of ministers to the owner, Apostle Paul illustrates it through seven objects of comparison and similarities. Vessels are useful in a house. Taking this comparison he exhorts Timothy of the use of the vessel for the Master or Owner.

God is Our Master or Owner through Creation

We have a Master or Owner. As we read in Psalm 24 "The earth is the Lords and the fullness there of the world and they that dwell there in. The scripture reminds us of this great truth. So what we have to do. We have to bow down before our maker. Psalms 95:6 O come let us worship and bow down let us kneel before the Lord our maker".

Through redemption He is Our Owner

Through the redemption of the fallen marking us to

the bottomless pit of sin, He is our owner. In Psalm 111 we read that He sent redemption to His people. He sent redemption unto His people. He redeemed us from transgressions unholiness and severe judgement punishment according to the Law. When the Lord comes we shall be glorified which in turn will complete the work of redemption. He has redeemed us not only to take us to heaven but also to lead a useful life on this earth. This is not meant for a group of the redeemed or a part of the redeemed. All those who are redeemed or purchased by the blood of Christ are expected to lead a life useful for the redeemer. As we read in the scripture "But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ" (Eph 4:7). When we study 2 Timothy 2 we can see seven comparisons in relation to us. 1. We are

the children of God (v.1). 2. Soldier (v.3). 3. An Athlete (v.5). 4. A farmer (v.6), 5. Workman (v.15). 6. Vessel (v.29), 7. Servant of God (v.24).

To be used is not our authority or our claim but it is a privilege. God has not elected or selected us on our merits He elected us when we were weak. And it is written But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty" God is not much concerned about our past. He considers our future and set plans for our future to mould us according to His will.

The Speciality of the Call

We should be useful individually (2 Chro 16:9). "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro through out the whole earth to shew Himself strong in the

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Y.M.E.F (SD) Tamilnadu Campaign

Erode: The Tamilnadu campaign in Erode is going in a blessed way and so let us thank the Lord for that. The dear brothers from Erode and Naamakkal districts actively take part in the gospel campaign. Brother J Babu of the Erode assembly, brother Velayudhan of the Thurichancode, brother Manikkam Stephen, Ramaswamy, Arjun and others too join the team. Brother Stanly John from Palani too come and help by providing a relieving hand to brother Bhaskar in driving the vehicle. These words are scribbled here to inform the saints to know the involvement of our dear brethren from Tamilnadu in the ministry. Let us thank the Lord for that. In addition to them we have our beloved brothers like Kuriakose, Praveen, Prabhakar, Bhaskaran, Muller and Karunakaran. Dear saints continue to remember this ministry in your prayers.

N Bhaskaran

Follow Up Work

If it be the will of the Lord we wish to start a follow up work in Raichur in association with brother A Joseph an evangelist in Raichur. This follow up is in the view of the expansion of the local assemblies and also for the establishment of new assemblies in the New Testament pattern. Along with this work a short term bible school is planned provided we get enough Kannada youth to learn the word. We wish to go ahead as long as the Lord enables us to help us. Kindly pray for these ministries.

THE LORD'S TABLE AND WORD MINISTRY

S G Gilbert

Many people finish of their worship of the Lord with the Lord's Table and the offering the offer. A great number of people among us still misunderstand that the breaking of bread is worship. When we worship the Lord with His Table (breaking of bread) and hear His words then only, the worship is complete. The scripture very clearly teaches us that, listening to the word of God and the prayer in connection to it is its part. If we leave the assembly hall before the completion of the worship due to some unavoidable reasons, it can be justified in front of God. But going for marriages, celebrations, political activities, society meetings, trade union meetings and for journeys are not at all justifiable in the sight of God. Some people keep all travels for Sundays and their children follow the same pattern.

If a man goes out before the word ministry, that means he does not like to hear what the Lord has to speak to him. After offering the spiritual sacrifice, if we do not have the desire to

listen to Him, then we have to put a question mark on our assumption that our spiritual sacrifice- worship -has reached heaven. Word ministry has got great importance in the worship meeting. Almost all the people usually gather on the first day of the week meetings. Some of them will not come for the weekday meetings. So the Sunday message should be given with much prayer and preparation.

The believers should get good encouragement to live in this cruel world according to the word of God. This ministry should not be entrusted upon people, who have not prayed and prepared for the same. Uninvited guests, unexpected visitors whom the assembly has no knowledge and people without maturity and knowledge should not given the privilege of sharing the word of God. The believers and teachers who go to other churches with different doctrines for the ministry and those who accept remuneration from such groups should think twice before delivering the word of God. Likewise those who come from other denominations of evangelical background

should not be given the chance to proclaim His word quickly. The fluency in language, foreign travel, professional qualification and financial and political status should not be the criteria to offer the privilege of word ministry. Their public appearance also should be a good example. In recent days those who disfigured their edges of the beard are increasing in this field. (See Lev.19:27). It is better that this ministry to be done by the elders of the same assembly, teachers those who work in the spiritual field from the same assembly or by the invited servants of Lord. The shepherd should know the sheep and he who pastures them have to hold the lame in his shoulder and search for the lost one. The above qualities should be seen in the person who ministers the word of God. Our Lord is present in our midst always. If our Lord is leaving after the breaking of bread, let us also join him.

Six days of the week we spend for our own needs. But two hours on Sunday let us spare for the Lord. If it is not possible where is our love towards God?

Editorial

VILLAGE LIFE OF A MINISTER

Recently our state minister A.K.Balan visited the Adivasi colony of Wyanad and stayed there for 3 days. He was able to understand the problems of Adivasi's and receive their complaints for further actions. Previously the Calicut Collector had done the same thing. He reported that only a small percentage of the financial aid is reaching there for the adivasi's support. This is the first time that Government officials had done a good thing. Let us hope that the benefit of these visits will reach to that poor people.

The above lines are written to remind us about the village evangelism. It is a matter of great pleasure that the village ministries are at a constant growth. Two teams of Y M E F are concentrating the work in Punjab and Tamilnadu villages. Every day morning we have the responsibility to remember these ministries in our prayer. In the same time many of our evangelists are working among the villages of north India. And it is a great blessing for the gospel work. Recently when I tried to contact an evangelist in Rajasthan I came to know that he has gone to the villages for ministry. Second time when I called he was staying in the village with his wife for the ministry. It is a good testimony. In Rajasthan men are not expected to talk to women. It is a taboo. In that case going to the village with the family is very admirable. Years before when I was in Rajasthan I saw a FMPB missionary travelling to the village for ministry on a cycle with his wife.

In Madhya Pradesh one of our workers worked in the villages and there are two gatherings at different places and new assembly halls have come up. Previously evangelists were hesitant to go to the villages. It was a great drawback for evangelisation.

When Rahul Gandhi visited a village in Maharashtra one village woman called Kalavathi became world famous. Report says that she is going to be a candidate for the next assembly election. The world leaders learned that the life of the nation is in the villages.

The 80% of the population of India is in the villages. The villagers are generally hospitable. When some of our brothers visited villages in Idukki they got a very good reception from the villagers.

We should go to the villages regularly and stay with them, eat their local food with them, love them and live like one among them. When we share our love to them they will accept the gospel and many new churches will be formed. Many may commend that writing and preaching is very easy, because they are not aware of the real fact. But when the author of this editorial was working in Andhra, he went to the villages, worked among them, ate their food, slept in the veranda of their huts and worked for the Lord. Some assemblies were started there for the glory of God. Do not run away due to the troubles of north India. The villages are calling us with love. If we bore the seeds with tears we will bring sheaves with much joy. Let our God help us for that.

E.J.Paily

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behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him". He is seeking those who are ready for a total submission. God tells I said that He is looking for a person to stand in the breach. The Lord God choose some to carry out His purpose in any time at any place. Noah Abraham, Moses Gideon, David, Peter and Paul are some of the examples of chosen men of God.

God was pleased to choose Noah from the crooked and perverse generation because Noah was righteous in His sight. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. He lead a faithful and uncorrupted life in his generation. Noah walked with God. Abraham was called from Ur which belonged to Chaldees (John 24 : 2,4) Abraham lived on the otherside of the river and worshiped the idols. Then he was called out from Haran which famous for prosperity and worldliness was not because of his personal merits or qualifications.

Moses tried to evade the call of telling that "I am not eloquent neither therefore nor since thou has spoken unto thy servant but I am slow of speech and slow tongue. But God used the same Moses most effectively. Gideon knew that he belonged to the smallest of the tribe and so he hid himself behind the winepress and threshed what to save it from the Midianites. David was not qualified as his brothers But God chose him. Peter was a fisherman with all the human limitations. But Jesus Christ made him fishers of men. Apostle Paul was a brutal and cruel man who was trying to exterminate christians. But his face to face meeting with the Lord brought a total transformation in his life. No one can be proud on their personal selection. God is not more concerned about your availability rather your efficiency.

The Peculiarities of Gods Selection

1.The right conviction about the one who has called
We should have a correct or right vision about the one who has called us. When He calls us He reveals or manifest Himself to us. That should and would change our vision and mission. The glorious God appeared before God. The Lord who appeared in burning bush was presenting Himself to Moses. He declared to Moses that "I am that I am where by the Lord was revealing to God that He was sufficient for him in his sufficiency God manifested Himself to Gideon who was a coward and who doubted everything. God addressed him as the mighty man of valour and thus removed all his doubts and cowardice. God encouraged him and told him to go with this might. When Isaiah saw the Lord seated in a throne high and lifted up he realised that he was a man of unclear lips. When apostle Peter and John confess that we are the witness of His glory it was an evidence of their total submission and transformation. When Jesus Christ appeared to Saul at Tarsus at Damascus in a light over powering the light of the sun he realized that it was the Lord. The Lord send us to His ministry with His divine vision. Today too we get the vision of the Word of God. That word equiped and encourage us. It is the same word that strengthened those disciple who went to Emmaus.

2.Total Transformation is a must

When we are called to be useful for the master there should be total change in our life. The life of the great men of faith about whom we were thinking are a perfect example for it. When Abraham was called he left everything without knowing wither in faith. He lived as a sojourned and pilgrim in the promised land. When he was put on a trial he sacrificed his son on the altar. Abraham believed. The Lord God will bring him back to life though he had never experienced such a thing. So he came to be known as the Father of the faithful.

Moses came to be known as the meekest on the earth. Once he was not like that. The vision of God made him humble and meek. By faith Moses when

YMEF News

Wayanadu: A one day out reach of the Wayanadu unit took place on 21.09.09 at Vadivanchal a place near to the Tamilnadu. House visiting, Bible Class and evening meeting took place. Brother Jose Mankudy took the Bible Classes and delivered the message in the town. Many heard the gospel. Brother P V Kunjumon is working there with a desire of establishing one assembly in the New testament pattern. There are some people who has shown interest. Kindly continue to pray for the ministries here.

P V Kunjumon

SBS News

Valakom: By the grace of the Lord and because of the prayer of the saints the ministries of the Valakom unit SBS is progressing well. The monthly prayer meeting of the SBS will be held at the Kuruppumpady Asembly on 14.10.09 from 4pm. A one day meeting and presentation of awards for the SSLC And CBS students will be held on 21.10.09 from 9.30am at the valakom Brethren Assembly. All the children and workers of SBS are requested to attend it with prayer.

Babu Paul Secretary

Assembly News

Kannur: Two people witnessed the Lord in the waters of baptism under the auspices of the Kannur Pilathara Brethren Assembly. Brother K N Thomas conducted the baptism. 30 saints witnessed the ministry. The campaign at Pilathara Ezhilodum and Embettu were conducted by the Kannur District Gospel Team. Many people came to the Lord. Brother K J Abraham is in the ministry at Pilathara and the worship meeting is taking place in his house. Kindly continue to pray for this ministry here.

K J Abraham

Thrikkaikuth (Malappuram): The ministries of this assembly is going good. Many were able to receive Christ as their Lord. Out of them 5 people of other religion witnessed the Lord in the water of baptism. Brother Jose Mankudy did the ministry. Continue to pray for this assembly. V A Thomas

Monthly Prayer Meeting

Kottarakkara: The monthly prayer meeting of the evangelists held in the southern Kerala will be held on 6.10.09 at 10am in the Gospel Hall, Kottarakkara. All the evangelists are requested to attend the programme with prayer.

Sam Zachariah

For Prayer

Ponga: The ministries of this assembly is going good here. Follow up work in the Pulinkunnu area bore fruit and bible class are going on in the three places. Once a gospel camp was conducted there under the auspices of the Y M E F (SD). Kindly pray for the dear brother. P P Augustine who is labouring for the Lord here.

Monthly Meeting

Aarakuzha: The monthly meeting that takes place in Ernakulam and Thrissur district for the month of October will be held on 10.10.09 at the Ettumanur Brethren Assembly. All the saints are requested to attend it with prayer.

Gospel Meetings

Pathanamthitta: If it be the will of the Lord gospel meetings are planned to be held in the Gospel Hall Auditorium Pathanamthitta from 20th December 2009 to 27th December 2009. The proposed speakers are Dr.O M Samuel, Varghese Kurian, Thompson B Thomas and P J James Baharin. We are expecting others also to minister the Word. Kindly pray for the spiritual blessings of these meetings.

Kumbanadu: The arrangements for 107th gospel meeting are progressing. The meetings are expected to take place from 2009 December 27 to 2010 January 3rd. The main speakers are M M Zachariah, Dr. O M Samuel, Varghese Kurian, Dr Joseph Madhuram, Jose Mankudy, Thompson B Thomas and Albert Sunil. Kindly pray for the blessings of these meetings which is combined effort of 125 assemblies around Kumbanadu.

Gospel Meetings and Youth Retreat

Mathure UP: If it be the will of the Lord gospel meetings are planned from 1.10.09 to 4.10.09 at the public ground in Mathura under the auspices of the Mathura Brethren Assembly. The main speakers are R A M Swaroop Mishra and Shalu T Ninan. Kindly pray for the spiritual blessings of this meetings. Samuel B Thomas

The Brethren Assemblies in Kerala

Continuation

Brother Nagal who worked in Malabar and Kochi reached India as a Bazal missionary. He left that church and followed the Brethren doctrine and pattern. He was a scholar in Malayalam. He had written almost one hundred songs in Malayalm. Kunnankulam, Angamaly, Kochi, Thrissur and Vadakkara Paravur were the main regions he worked. His main disciples and followers were Varghese Upadeshi, Chackoupadesi and Lonappan Upadesi. The Angamaly Brethren Assembly is popularly known as an assembly which has its origin amidst strong objection. The assembly was formed by the hard labour of Lonappan Upadesi. When we remember the Angamaly Assembly I am reminded of brother E P Varghese a great orator and a good writer.

The first Brethren Assembly had its worship meeting in the house of brother Mathai, Kuttiyil at Kumbanadu. But the following week they broke bread under the shadow of a Jack fruit tree because of the opposition from other christian denominations. Today we have plenty of halls, auditorium etc. But better not to forget the beginning.

I am not forgetting the fact that our assemblies are progressing in the foreign countries. Let our God enable us to remain grateful to Him and also to stick to sound doctrine

Obliged

In the Presence of the Lord

Trivandrum: Brother John K Varghese (85) of the Kunnukuzhi Brethren Assembly went to be with the Lord on 27.09.09. The mortal remains of the dear brother was buried on 2.10.09 under the auspices of the Kunnukuzhi Brethren Assembly. Pray for the bereaved family.

Chengannur: Brother D Thomas of the Karakkad Daya Bhavan went to be with the Lord on 26.09.09. The mortal remains of the dear brother was buried on 28.09.09 under the responsibility of the Angadical North Brethren Assembly in their own cemetery. Kindly pray for the bereaved family and also to continue to pray for them so that they can withstand the challenges from the religious zealots of their own family.

Kanakamala: Brother MK Varghese (73) of the Kanakamala Christian Brethren Assembly went to be with the Lord on 21.09.09. The mortal remains of the dear brother was buried under the auspices of the Kanakamala Christian Brethren Assembly. Pray for the bereaved family

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he become two years refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. He rejected to be known as the son of the princess of Misraim and also all the wealth and treasures of Egypt. When Isaiah saw the vision of the Holy God he realized that he was an unholy man. God Himself cleansed him and sent to him to His ministry. The Lord gave him enough strength to speak

against the evil of the society. Peter who went back to fishing with his friends come back to ministry after getting a vision of the Lords love and care at the Tiberias beach. Though once he forsook his beloved Master the vision of Jesus Christ at the Tiberias encouraged and strengthened him to give his life for his Master and Guru. The vision that Saul of Tarsus had made him a pious disciple of Christ. The light which is brighter than the light of the sun changed his life. The light he saw in

Acts 9 became the light for the path of his life. Later that light from heaven turned out to be a light brighter than the light of the sun. On the other side he was humbling himself least of the apostles 1Cor15:9 least of all the saints Eph 3:8 and first among all the sinners in his confession that we see in Timothy. He was confessing that he was the bond servant of the Lord who saved him. The vision of Christ made Paul seeker or a searcher. He deserved to know more and more

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about Him. When he grew to the spiritual maturity he counted everything but loss for Christ Jesus of

We can see people who responded negatively to the Lords call. Samson and Demas belongs to this group. Though they were called for the ministry they did not produce any fruits. They lost their vision. They did not surrender completely. Though it may seem that there are fruits but is mere hypocrisy. Lord Jesus Christ cursed the fig tree with plenty of leaves. Though He sought fruits there was none. The cursed fig tree is a clear cut illustration of false piety and fake spirituality (Matt21:18).

Let us lead a life useful for the Master in submission. Let us disregard or ignore the past and let us be convinced of our call and one who has called us. Let us have the right vision about Him. Let us lead our day to day life enjoying the great vision which will enable us to lead a life much useful for our Master and Guru. May the Lord help us to lead



At the Unexpected Time....

Those who are called as God's children are living in a waiting period. Whom they are waiting for? What is special in Him? From where is He coming? That personality is the groom who redeemed His bride or the church from this world through His precious blood. He went to prepare a place for her. He told that once when he finished the preparation, He will come to take her. He didn't tell anything about His arrival time. Instead He gave some clues about the signs of His coming.

Once the prince of Wales was travelling through the places which he didn't visit earlier. During this journey, it happened that he visited a normal employee. The prince visited his house in the unexpected time. He told that "I never expected you here;

my wife also didn't expect you. My house and the surroundings were not clean. I was also not in position to stand before him by bathing or by putting nice clothes. Our flaws and faults are not unforgettable. If we were informed about his immediate visit, we would have done some preparations according to our ability. We would not be ashamed in front of him.

Thus the thought that he was not able to treat the prince properly hurt his heart very much and he was pushed into utter depression. What is the point of telling it now? What should be happened happens very fast. That fault cannot be resolved. Dear brethren, the king of kings and lord of lords is our saviour is coming soon. Let the thing that happened to the

employee and his family should not happen to our family. Our saviour is coming is going to happen shortly in clouds. We are hearing regularly through various means the sound of the second coming of our dear Lord. Even if we don't know the time, the signs that he has told is matching to the present scenario. He is very near and is at the doorstep. Let us be ready to greet our Lord. Let us purify ourselves. Let the surrounding of our life be clean to welcome Him. Let us light our lamps with Holy spirit as the oil. The one who is to come will come. Are we ready in the unexpected time?

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