

Cultivating Love

We could ask the holy spirit to search our hearts and try us in order to see if there's any that is not of God, else it'll be terrible. You won't know you have unripe fruits of the spirit, love for example, until your heart is searched and tried.

Let's share a little story, a true story. A young man once had a broken bucket, it was broken right at the bottom, but amazingly he had used it for more than a year without any leakage even though it was broken. But, all of a sudden, when he was least expecting, the bucket broke again, and this time it was beyond use. He was worried at first, not angry, but worried, then he remembered that as a child of God nothing happens in our lives as mistakes or coincidence, nothing.

He immediately went shopping, he bought a bucket and on his way back he met a poor boy whom he had once given money several times in the past. Then, two things happened; naturally because of the fullness of the spirit of God in him, he manifested love and humility and he bowed a little and greeted the boy " Good evening." Then, he knew it was about money and so he gave the boy the change he was given and they both went separate ways.

As he walked down the streets, then it dawned on him, " all these was a design by God." God broke his bucket in order for him to spend money to buy another and a boy was led to ask him for money and out of the change he sacrificed all and gave to the boy. The Lord did this to stir his heart by breaking the bucket to see if his heart will be heavy when the boy comes for the money. But his heart was revealed and he passed the test.

When he passed the test then, the fruit of the spirit " love " in him was ripened and he entered a new dimension of love, a love without withholding, even his enemies. This made him more relevant and trust worthy in the sight of God. Such a man God can use as a vessel unto honor by Investing in him His kingdom without worry.

When all began, he complained about the broken bucket for a few minutes, but then he realized God is always aware of every tiny detail pertaining to His life. Until he saw the end, then it was proven he wasn't lacking in love and his love's fruit was ripened ready to be used even more by God.

We children of God need to be careful to listen and discern the little event that plays out in our lives these events may seem little, but they are the very catalyst for a bigger event in our future with God. They are the catalyst that shapes our life, our destiny, our true purpose in God, if we fail to discern and acknowledge God for it we'll be far from where God wants to take us. God does not only judge spiritual things, He does also take the leisure to use physical things to judge your heart spiritually.

For example; I did tell a friend of mine about his friend I always help with something. Anytime I helped him with that particular stuff, he always becomes careless and keeps it, not minding if I or others will be needing it and then I'll be the one to go get it in the end. Then I told his friend; " if man cannot trust you with anything, then God also can't entrust anything to you." And so, no matter how you pray and fast, He'll not focus on you, because through your actions He has

judged your heart isn't capable of handling spiritual investment. It's not all about fasting and prayers, there are events, trials designed by God to test us also, if you fail the test, you've failed in your prayers, and all will be in vain. We should be conscious of the holy spirit, he's always there to give report on our heart.

In everything, we should learn not to complain, but to see the God behind it. As we live a holy life, nothing happens in our lives without God knowing, even if your spoon falls on the floor, God is aware of it. How much more the little things that God's chooses to use as a design for our test to elevate us spiritually. Without test, without trials, there's no promotion. We want to rank higher in the realm of the Immortals, we want God to greatly manifest Himself through us, but we won't get there if we fail the little test He gives.

They're like college courses, if you fail any, you won't go further, you'll have a do over until you pass it, even if it takes you years and years. If you're not serious there are possibilities you might forfeit it all.

God is never in the business of making men who'll fail, not especially in this end time where an army of precision are being made. If God should allow you into the ministry or His service with a lacking in love, the devil will use it as a loop hole to get to you, and not only will it affect you, in fact God does not care if it affects you after all He can raise another, He's more concerned about the damage caused in the body of Christ and the lives of many. It'll have a negative affect in His kingdom establishment. So, if you say you want to fast, pray and not nurture your nine fruit of the spirit, then you should go sit back and relax, because God won't beckon at you. In this end time God is making a perfect army that won't falter at any cost.

If that brother had failed to discern it was a design by the holy spirit, a test to increase his ranking, he would have failed. If he had compromise, he would have had an unripe fruits of love and God will not have much business with a man lacking in without love. He doesn't want to waste investment that's why He sets events, trials to examine us. It is when we passes these trials or exams He then qualifies us to become vessel unto honor, you become filled with love in higher dimensions, people will see you and begin to wonder, " how can man love such as this."

Those of you who wants to be ministers and God hasn't yet called or sent you, check you heart once again, are your fruits of the spirit all fully harnessed and ripened? You know, you can have the fruits, but they'll always be unripe unless you're being led into the wilderness to be dealt with and chiseled into a fine vessel. Having an unripe fruit doesn't mean you won't go to heaven, it's just that there's a second phase of ripening for any who has begin to walk in his ordination.

It's more than just spiritual exercises, it is the life of Christ cultivated in you, you only need discernment to obey.

Love is interwoven in the ministry of God, I'd wonder how you'd want to preach or deliver someone you know who has offended you when you haven't shown love by apologizing even though you were in the right.

A time someone did offend me, still the holy spirit told me to apologize, as if that's not enough he told me to serve him from the food I cooked. I tell you my heart was heavy, you won't know how it feels until it happens to you. But, when I did give, I was ushered into a new and higher dimension of God's love. If someone offends you or tries to invoke anger in you, or even steals from your property just ignore and play the fool, to men you might look foolish but to God, He sees the heart.

We only give what we have, we sanctify ourselves that ye shall be sanctified, just as Jesus said. If Jesus was lacking in love when he went on the cross, no one would be able to have love, it'll be a missing link in your Christian life, same way if a preacher has lust, he can't bring a man bound in lust out of it. If your love is not fully mature, when you speak God's word you can't impart in others the love of God. Have you ever wondered why you listen to some men of God and suddenly you began living a life of humility like they do, it's, because they imparted in you with the life of humility they had.

Swallow up anger and show love in return, if you don't do this there'll be a huge stone on your head, your heart will kill you until you yield to the holy ghost and obey, and I tell you if you delay and miss it, it'll cost you time. You're the one affected by time, time doesn't affect God a trial course that was supposed to take you one month, you'll make it ten years. No, no that's not bad, you'll amount to little in God's kingdom even if he calls you.

All these are designs, being in the wilderness is not all about fasting and prayer, it is a specific design by the holy spirit to chisel our the old nature to harness and cultivate this fruit to maturity. Until, his fruit is cultivated to maturity, he won't be able to maintain the anointing of God when given, and this is the hour were God doesn't want to invest on irrelevant people. It'll be a waste of time. Spirit entities are plotting and strategizing how they can use men who is the perfect fit, match for the experiment, will you be the perfect test subject for God?

You think Jesus only went to the wilderness to pray, he went to be tempted, chiseled to see if there is anything of the flesh that'll hinder or cause him to crash. You must be tested before being sent into the field, nations and whatever. You see why some anointed by God crumble? Because they didn't finish their wilderness processing. That's why at times imparted life or anointing not refined is often time dangerous. If you don't cultivate your fruit of the spirit, then you'll know you don't have love when you taste power.

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If you don't love you can't deliver, heal and more importantly proclaim the gospel with power and life or Intercede for a territory. How can you heal your enemy when there'll be guilt in your heart which will nullify the presence of God in you to manifest His healing power.

We preach out of the life of Christ in us, it is an Impartation, and where love is deficient, you might preach the gospel, yet the lives of those who are being imparted with your life will have a missing link of the love of Jesus.