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Section 1

Principle of Prayer

*We give thanks to God always for you all,
making mention [of you] in our prayers;
1Thess 1:3*

Without an impeccable prayer life, you are not a
Post servant.

Why do I pray and for what?

1. Demons are holding bound the lives in your
Post and have sworn not to let go unless by
some kind of force #prayer
2. There are demons assigned to cast the spell
of discouragement on the heart of brethren
3. Souls are born. The birthing process is
prayers, intense prayer

Whenever you notice a tare, note that the enemy
must have done it. The response is to uproot
whatever the Father has not planted.

When you pray, expect results.

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And Aaron shall bear the names of the children of Israel in the breastplate of judgment upon his heart, when he goeth in unto the holy place, for a memorial before the LORD continually. EXODUS 28:29

Souls abode in the heart. Less room in the heart, few souls it can bear. Souls are to be carried. That is the Labor. We carry them in the heart. Any disciple I cannot remember frequently, is either backsliding, or I have given such one to the enemy.

The whole work of the Priest (discipler), is summed in one word---INTERCESSION.

They are to provide a bridge between God and men;

They are to plead the case of the afflicted before the righteous Judge;

They are to stand between the living and the dead while waving the sweet incense should any punishment arise from the Lord.

ALL THESE MUST HAPPEN IN THE TABERNACLE if not they will incur the wrath of God.

When you go into the tabernacle of meeting (Presence of God), the Lord checks your heart to see the names written there. Any name not found is denied of victuals.

How have your dealings been? Do you have the names of those lives God has given you in your heart?

ACTION POINT: Get a portable book, and write all the names of the brethren God has given you. And keep updating it. Start lifting them up in prayers by name regularly **AND EXPECT URGENT RESULTS.** God bless you.

Section 2

Principle of Love

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People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care—John Maxwell

If you don't love people, don't invite them for fellowship. So that you will not be making your way to hell for the sin of hypocrisy

Answer these questions to test your love rate:

1. Do you really want them to change?
2. If they change, how will you feel?
3. If they become better than you, will you still be grateful to God
4. When they sin, what is your heart response (in thought)?
5. Do you think about how they feel about a certain situation?
6. Are you as concern about their physical condition?

7. Do you pray for them?

Pause and Ponder!

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My dear children, let's not just talk about love; let's practice real love. 1John3:18 (TMB)

Love is a force. It attracts and binds. It knows no boundaries. It doesn't understand religion. It cannot be resisted.

One thing a disciple must know first is, '*my discipler loves me*'. They are not overwhelmed by your preaching as you mistakenly think. It's your love that is actually overwhelming them. With this love in heart, everything you do or preach, no matter how silly, they will learn something from it and keep growing.

Love is not a talk. Talked love, is actually lust. Love is a life. If I Love you, you know. Don't you? How do you know? Everybody will begin to point to one instance or the other I showed them real Love and they perceived it. God loves you, doesn't He? How do you know? You say He sent his only begotten son. Therefore Love is PRACTICAL.

Look for opportunities to show it. God usually provides these opportunities just that we are not sensitive enough to utilize them. Examples include:

when they're sick, in need, in pain, or someone very dear to them; also when they are celebrating any Joy event. Your actions especially your attitude at these

Page | 13 points matter. DON'T GIVE EXCUSES.

When it comes to showing Love, little things; really very little things Matter.

Suffice me to end like this, LOVE IS GOD. LOVE IS NOT A FEELING, lust is. Love is the life of God in a vessel that He is required to show to others. May the Holy Spirit shed more of this love in our hearts?

Section 3

Understanding the weapon

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. Col. 3:16

The first instruction after the great commissioning is "Teaching them". It quickly reveals where the anointing rests- The Mouth.

The words of every servant of God are quick and painful including his jokes. The secret is because God has anointed his mouth. THE SWORD IS IN YOUR TONGUE. With our tongue we kill and with it we make alive.

May I confess to you that several of us have our garments stained because of the blood of those who we have injured or murdered. Because of this, should we not talk? Why not. But we must begin asking ourselves, what am I saying?

Have you carelessly muttered, "these people are not growing" or the like?

I will end with this quote 'it takes only a man who has a definite understanding of his weapon to make successful and productive advancement in the

Page | 16 battlefield'

Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort provided by love, any fellowship in the Spirit, any affection or mercy. Philip 2:1 NET

True is this saying, "To love without criticism is to be betrayed". Djuna Barnes

We must be criticized. Something must be wrong sometimes. In fact, that is why God put men ahead of others- to provide them with direction. If they are already perfect, they would not need you. YOUR PURPOSE, MY PURPOSE IS CARVED OUT OF MEN'S IMPERFECTIONS. So to wish or pray that they do not make mistakes is altogether vain. To pretend that they are not misbehaving is total neglect of duty. What must the Post servant do in this situation?

What is in your hand? The weapon- TALK. To shy away because you would not want to be seen as a negative fellow or a talkative is SIN. How can they know unless someone tells them? When I was grappling with this matter, the Lord told me *'knowledge doesn't transfer through osmosis'*

He insisted on me to teach all truth no matter how the brethren perceived me. It was difficult because the truth is painful and they were really reacting.

Page | 18 But the end justifies the means.

Product: Brethren who possess sound knowledge of the true gospel.

The essence of the bible. Check it critically

2 Tim 3:16

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

Though we must talk, here comes a serious problem. Some make it look as if the only thing they owe the brethren is correction or criticism. But the scriptures say there is also CONSOLATION in Christ. The Lord also confronted me and said "*If you must criticize, then be also ready to praise*" He continued "your criticism must not exceed the amount of time you affirm (praise)".

Too much correction weakens and discourages.

Sometimes it confirms the negative words the enemy must have been whispering to that soul.

Words like--You can't make it, there is no good in you, etc.

Page | 19 Everybody must feel important in your Post. Yet Genuine Love criticizes. BALANCE is the Word as we follow the Holy Spirit our Senior Partner. Apologize whenever you miss it and keep growing. You have been missing it and I know. I had been missing it too. Even now I still do but when I realize it, I apologize sincerely. Sometimes on my knees.

We have not got there yet but we will get there by His grace. My joy is that we are not where we used to be. Keep moving; keep trusting. Encourage one another with these words. The Lord is near. I'm praying for you. Shalom!

Section 4

Principle of Increase

And Jabez was more honorable than his brethren: and his mother called his name Jabez, saying Because I bare him with sorrow.

And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested. I
CHRONICLES 4:9-10

Unlike popular opinion, Jabez is not cursed. He was not a failure like some songwriters portray. HE IS MORE HONORABLE than his brethren. Though little is said about his brethren, however, we can deduce that they were also honorable. But Jabez was more honorable.

If it's you, what would you do? Begin to celebrate I guess. Or after many analytical comparisons, smile and proclaim, 'the Lord is good.' Will you dare ask for an increase? Will you dare ask for enlargement?

THE WISDOM OF JABEZ.

He prayed unto the Lord. Why?

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Because he is not satisfied with the present condition of things;

He was not comparing himself with the other brethren;

He understood that there is yonder to go;

He recognized that it will take the Almighty to change the conditions.

Gleanings:

Every positive change starts from the heart.

A big head full of revelation plus a narrow heart devoid of foresight = Perpetual Stagnation.

THOUGHT:

Those who don't need Souls until it makes you shed beautiful tears don't eventually get them.

Learn from Jabez; adjust your sight; adjust your thought. Decide to move forward. God bless you!

And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my border, and that thy hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it be not to my sorrow! And God granted him that which he requested. 1 CHRON. 4:10(ASV)

Souls stay in the heart. A big head full of knowledge and a wide mouth full of utterance will not bring the rain. When last did you look at your post and got dissatisfied with the number of persons attending meetings consistently? It is not meekness to make do with 5 or 10 persons for a month. It is sheer indifference known as COMPLACENCY.

When you are ready to have more souls, you will get uncomfortable with the current number you have. This feeling goes to the borders of your heart and enlarges them. As soon as this happens, more rooms are created in the bosom coupled with your definite prayer for more, souls will be born. **Without an enlarged heart, enlargement prayer is a mockery.**

Nothing seem to be happening until John Knox prayed and said, "Lord give me Scotland or I die". Then almost immediately, every closed door flung open. How desperate are you about INCREASE?

THE LORD GIVES SOULS TO THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR IT.

'It's a gradual process,' is not the Word of God, avoid it.

A certain brother among us labored in a certain country for two years with no results. It looked literally as if no souls were existing in that nation. Until he got tired and got thirsty for results and prayed Jabez kind of prayers. Currently, they are looking at a larger space to meet for lack of space. And in one month they had 3 Posts running, 2 waiting for commissioning, and others.

Do you really want an increase? Then guess you already know what to do. Refuse any soothing consolation to calm you down. Those who practice the word, get results. God bless you and have a great day ahead.

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?
Rom. 10:14

These scriptures once again pose a great challenge to us. Its facets cannot be exhausted in this piece since we are picking on a principle.

We are the ones sent out for this work, not angels. There are things God will do but there are those we must do. How many times have you gone to Post meetings expecting souls but on reaching there you find few or none?

Whose fault is this? Apart from being religious, we know that it is not the will of God and something is wrong somewhere. We will discover if we can answer these questions:

How many persons were you expecting?

How many persons did you invite?

Is it possible to invite 50 persons and have 5? Can people know about the meeting without being told?

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ACTION POINT: After each meeting, count the number that attended, and ensure you invite more than that before the next meeting apart from the people who attended. That is, if 5 persons attended today, before the next meeting, invite at least 6 new persons while following those who came up. All will not come but some will come. Keep doing this weekly and you will notice something.

When you notice it, don't forget to share with me what you observed. IT'S ONLY DOERS THAT ARE BLESSED, DON'T FORGET.

Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age." MATT 28:20(MGS)

It's usually a surprise in heaven that a Post is suffering when the Father has made all necessary provisions for that Post. Part of the provision for the increase is the brethren, your disciples. At a point, they'll become the catalysts for growth.

Unfortunately, very few post servants teach their disciples how to catch fish. They don't seem to see it necessary to encourage them to win souls and bring them. THIS IS FAILURE. It says, 'teaching them ALL I have taught you.'

But why?

The first reason is ignorance: Some mistake the Post as their ministry so must be taken personally. So, they lose sight of the collective efforts that can bring the rain.

The next reason is *silent pride*: something tells this guy that he is the strong man in the house and these

are not qualified or (to make it spiritual) not mature enough to get others.

Page | 28 Foolishness: Some Post servants unconsciously or sometimes consciously feel threatened by the progress of a disciple. As soon as a disciple is gathering souls, they begin to accuse the disciple of disloyalty. Many times they even voice it. Other times they begin to capitalize and overemphasize the disciple's weakness to weaken them and make them constantly know that they are still growing. THIS IS GROSS FOLLY BECAUSE WHEN YOUR DISCIPLE ADVANCES YOU GET THE CREDIT.

Come to think of it, this person fighting increase, should heaven answer such one when he turns and cries for it?

THOUGHT: Please how do you feel when your disciples increase?

AN INCREASE MEANS THE INCREASE OF YOUR DISCIPLES.

Think about this.

God blesses those who do the Word.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice, and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. JOHN 10:1, 16

Sheep stay in the fold. A 'Fold' is an in-closure designed for sheep to ensure their warmth and safety. When sheep are kept together, they generate a kind of heat that keeps them warm and healthy. Any sheep left on its own is a wanderer and it's in danger of never returning. THERE ARE THINGS THAT FEED ON SHEEP OUT THERE.

Sheep don't survive long in meetings because they are not structured to be there. INCREASE is the Net-Rise in the number of sheep a farmer has. POPULATION is better with a low Death rate and high Birth rate. No increase in the presence of a high death rate even though there is a high birth rate. The life of the sheep is the MATTER.

Create a FOLD. You can't raise a disciple in isolation. Don't make a son a stranger in his father's house. LINK them together. Consciously, make them connect with other sheep that are of the same fold.

A fellowship meeting is supposed to be a medium to achieve this. But we have also misused these weekly opportunities by insisting on vain formality. A Post where only the discipler has the phone contact of everybody DOESN'T have a future. Consciously begin to ask, James where is your brother? And Martha, where is your sister? You will notice that the goat-tendency has not been removed yet. They really don't know they need each other to survive.

SOMETIMES PEOPLE ATTEND MEETINGS BECAUSE OF THEIR FRIENDS IN FELLOWSHIP. Please it's not a Sin.

Your meeting is boring without this understanding. And somehow, it results in a death rate. Don't you notice that people don't like hurrying home immediately after meetings? Because that is when the real fellowship that brings results starts. If I'm smart, I'll deliberately close earlier sometimes to allow brethren to mingle and commingle.

Remember, sheep are not used to a new fold, so you will need some patience to keep guiding them back into it until they become used to it.

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WISDOM IS PROFITABLE TO DIRECT.

The Holy Spirit will guide you.

And the word of God increased, and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly, and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith. Acts 6:7

What is an increase? The measure of the Word of God accessible in a Post. The increase in disciples is a consequence. Whereas many have taken upon themselves to pursue the consequence rather than the action, the Scriptures still hold for us the divine key (*For everything in life has a key*). Some have taken to witchcraft means to get souls like biscuit night, barbecue after service, chicken pepper soup service, etc. All these carnal methods just to get the souls to come.

Without arguments, we know it's not laid upon the FOUNDATIONS of the Apostles and Prophets. They are only man's earthly method to do heavenly business which by its definition, it's an abomination.

Come to think of it, let's answer this heart-searching question- if you had your choice; why would you go back to a particular meeting?

Why are you bold to invite your friends to a particular meeting?

Page | 33 Why do you think that brother or sister should come back to your meeting, not to talk about bringing another?

People are hungry for the Word. Our Lord described this condition as a *sheep-without-shepherd condition*. See yourself always as the **possessor** or **custodian** and **dispenser** of their heavenly provision. Your own ultimate concern after (every mobilizing) must be to ensure that everyone present is fed. Don't speak big words to confuse the newly converted in the meeting. Feed both the lamb and the sheep. This requires some degree of consciousness and deliberateness.

For it takes a healthy flock to conceive and reproduce their kind. And this could mean the increase you are praying for.

ACTION POINT: Don't allow anyone who came to your meeting to go back without learning something new.

Refuse to be the leader of unbelievers. That makes you an automatic unbeliever and sends an overall

wrong signal about your meetings: **CONVERT ALL YOUR MEMBERS.**

Page | 34 Add this to your philosophy—*when Insiders are changing, the Outsiders Will Be Attracted.*

I appreciate your zeal and efforts in trying to see the Kingdom of God established on earth. The Lord will bless your efforts.

Section 5

Principle of Partnership

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Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man?

I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase
I COR 3:5-6

No one man can build a house. It is the truth that for every building project, there is a Master builder. But the truth remains, 'it must take the collective efforts of several workers to achieve a successful building project'. So also, no one man can raise a soul. In this vein, no one fellowship can successfully raise a Christian.

It is only pride that makes a Post servant kidnap a soul and hide that soul from the reach of brethren in the name of discipleship. This spirit of anti-Christ leads to spiritual stagnation.

We must understand that we were only given SOME according to EPHESIANS 4:11 and not all. We do not possess in ourselves all that is needed for a soul to become like Jesus. A skillful Discippler, who really wants results will usually create an avenue

where other brethren can make input into the lives of his disciples.

Page | 37 Abuse of this principle is in the church just bringing anybody to mount her pulpit. It's not what it means. The principle is ok, but its application is wrong. The Pulpit is a sacred place of the Holy Spirit and He alone must exclusively decide who goes in there. Just like in the hospital, the theatre is sacred.

ACTION POINT: Free your disciples. In meetings where there are more brethren, deliberately force them to mix up with the other brethren (I mean brethren) and even make friends.

EXPECTED RESULT: They will trust you more;
They will be challenged;
They will grow more rapidly.

In all things, the Holy Spirit **MUST** lead.

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:

EPHESIANS 4:11-13

To have a healthy church, as a priority we must have healthy disciples. But that's not all. Each member of the body must be encouraged and allowed to supply the provision Heaven has deposited in him/her.

In some quarters, a few people are all over the place while a majority is totally ignored. Many times, in the disguise of humility, these ignored majority decided on their own to keep their provision away from the church. Other times, they were simply not given opportunities to function in their capacity.

Who is a discipler? A miner; one that looks within the earth crust of a life and sees beyond mesh of clay. He discovers jewels and goes ahead to draw them forth. **In the heart of this brethren are the provisions you need to run the post.**

A discipler that has an eye problem sees some sets of people higher or more important than others. In terms of leadership, there are those who have made progress more than others but in relationships, we are all equal.

Unfortunately, some post servants do not even know that there are some virtues in the life of their brethren that they really need. Just hope you are not like that.

This is necessary:

For the **perfecting** of the saints and the **edifying** of the body. Try this out and see how lively and interesting the family will turn out.

The Lord will help us!

Section 6

Principle of Networking

#1

And he said, if the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me: but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will come and help thee.

Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people, and for the cities of our God: and the LORD do that which seemeth him good. 2 Sam 10:11-12

Networking is the connection of two or more systems to enable the sharing of resources.

Two people of the same pursuit can network. **We are stronger when we are together.** This battle is about the city of God and the citizens of the kingdom. We must stand back to back and fight.

People don't like networking because they think it will make them irrelevant in the revival. Some are grappling with 'who takes the glory'. I have brethren who are running their post as if it's their own kingdom. They're just on their own having an attitude that refuses every input from anywhere.

But they forgot that the battle is on both sides.

My brethren, while we are fighting, we must know that it is not about your post but the kingdom. It's not about Bro Mike or YPF it's about the city of God; the ark of God. While we pray for our Post, we must pray for other posts; we must be filling direct people to other Post closest to them; we must learn from others. **WHAT MATTERS IS THE KINGDOM.**

We must encourage one another and say "Courage brother"; we must behave like men and not children. We must FIGHT and not FAINT.

And let the Lord do what seems right to Him.

Section 7

Principle of progress

#1

*A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to
break down, and a time to build up; ECCLES
3:3*

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Lately, I have been wondering if I should share this very principle due to its nature. But the Holy Spirit says, "*Teaching All I have commanded you*".

The anointing on your life is not only to heal but also to KILL. There is a time to kill souls. There's a time to let people backslide and go to hell. It doesn't sound religious right? However, if you are a soldier, perhaps a captain, you will quickly grasp what it means. There is a time the death of one wounded soldier could mean the life of the entire army. PROGRESS!!!

The Lord told me, 'if you cannot lose a soul, you can't save one either'. Doctors would not have problems understanding this because they take a whole course to learn how to give up on souls.

Either you like it or not, some people will not make it especially through you. Hanging around these people who don't want to move is dangerous to your own life, captain! It's not the Holy Spirit that is

keeping you there but emotions. The Spirit doesn't strive.

Page | 45 Imagine a sister who would not want to attend meetings with other brethren but will prefer you to come to her for personal tutorials. And she is not growing either but wants you to keep coming anyway. Then IT'S TIME.

Some disciples will not be serious until they notice that you can actually let them go. Several arrogantly think they are doing you good for attending meetings so they will not come. But forget them, they may change. Some people will even come later.

And some people will never come unless you make room by allowing some unserious souls to give way. I have been applying this and it works. Don't forget to pray before acting. HOLY Spirit Will GUILD YOU.

Section 8

Principle of Insight

Take away the dross from the silver, and material comes out for the refiner; Prov. 25:

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When you see a Soul, where do you look? If you look at the outwards, then you have a spiritual eye problem. Many times the way a soul appears at the onset can be distracting. You may be tempted to feel like saying, 'what good can come out of this?'

Sometimes there are people we wish would attend our meetings. Foolishly at times, we can bypass hungry souls by our corner to keep running after some arrogant fellows who think without them God won't make progress.

How we perceive these seeming feeble souls quietly reflects in how we behave towards them. We don't take them seriously.

THE DROSS IS BLINDING SOMEONE'S EYES.

God doesn't see as men see because He doesn't look where men look.

So, Man of God, follow God.

Look inward at that soul. Look beneath that mass of clay you may find great eternal Jewels.

Page | 48 Take away the dross!!!

Section 9

Principle of foresight

I have to warn you, the time is coming when everything in this palace, along with everything your ancestors accumulated before you, will be hauled off to Babylon. GOD says that there will be nothing left. Nothing.

And not only your things but your sons. Some of your sons will be taken into exile, ending up as eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon."

Hezekiah replied to Isaiah, "Good. If God says so, it's good." Within himself, he was thinking, "But surely nothing bad will happen in my lifetime. I'll enjoy peace and stability as long as I live." ISAIAH 39:6-8(TM)

Far be it from you Child of God that you will be insensitive; that you will be so selfish; that you will be shortsighted to the point of disdaining the Coming generation.

The Lord will do it for us; surely the Most high will send the rain. But it shall not end with us; this mantle must be transferred, In Jesus Name!

Who is a Post servant with Foresight?

Page | 51 While he is Laboring, he is thinking within himself, what happens to these people should I leave tomorrow;

What is the future of this labor should strong temptation strike suddenly;

If I send this life beyond the seas, what will be the fate of this effort?

What happens 20, 30, and 40 years coming?

If I fall now and die, will Jesus still be Lord?

With these questions in mind, he organizes his strategy to soothe posterity. He goes in with agonizing prayers in order to get SINCERE milk and bone of the Word. He will refuse every strange inferior material. He will insist, 'a building that will carry generations, should not the foundation be stronger than this?' He will not leave any stone unturned, by prayers and fasting; in rebuke and exhortation.

His eyes are on the TOMORROW. This is FORESIGHT.

Where were your eyes before you went for that meeting; before you chose that topic; before you gave that instruction?

THE MASTER ASKETH THEE, 'O child where is your eye?'

Burden: Correct my eyesight o Lord! That I may rightly perceive! O that I see as you see.

Section

Principle of expansion

#1

Make your tent larger, stretch your tent curtains farther out! Spare no effort, lengthen your ropes, and pound your stakes deep.

For you will spread out to the right and the left; your children will conquer nations and will resettle desolate cities. ISAIAH 54:2-3

The sin of Israel that made her wander 40 years in the desert is not fornication neither is it murmuring. It is DISOBEDIENCE due to UNBELIEF- they refused to go forth and possess the land by the Word of the Lord through his prophet.

Brethren, the land before us lieth furlong. What are you doing? Are you comfortable in your small cubicle? Are you already 'glory-ing'? Shall we not go up and possess the land the Lord has given us?

The Lord says 'stretch and keeps stretching' There is no limit. We can have 50 or more posts under your jurisdiction (region). You can run your meetings as the brethren pray for you. When we call the Great Assembling, and you report with your host; shall it not be a burnt offering unto the Lord?

Spare not! Stay not! Have I not commanded thee?

Page | 55 **We are able to go up and take the Mountains**

Nor do we boast beyond certain limits in the work done by others, but we hope that as your faith continues to grow, our work may be greatly expanded among you according to our limits,

So that we may preach the gospel in the regions that lie beyond you, and not boast of work already done in another person's area.

But the one who boasts must boast in the Lord.

2 Cor. 10:15-17(NET)

Should men be Lazy in the vineyard of God?

But indeed several are lazing about, being, busybodies in other people's field; looking for finished works to glory about.

Some who have the Spirit of Absalom will not dare to fight to establish the kingdom but will stand in the gate to talk the heart of the people away from their king. They pretend to be more caring to another man's disciple and thus commit the abomination of kidnapping.

Does this call for competition? Far be it!

Page | 57 It's expansion. If we work where others have finished, did we do anything good for the kingdom? Unless we recover new lands and keep moving to new places are we doing the enemy harm?

If a brother visits another, it is for PARTNERSHIP in order to return to his Post.

You must be a true Soldier and die in your Post.

O' Jesu' Send down the rain upon our lands.

Discipleship

What is Discipleship?

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Discipleship is a systematic and cumulative method of raising a disciple to become rounded and fitted in his calling, purpose, life, ministry, education, marriage in the perfect will of God, and to become like Jesus in all ramifications. Also imparting the life of teacher to someone.

Secondly: Who is a disciple?

He is one who has voluntarily yoked his neck to learn from the master.

- 1) A disciple is a learner.
- 2) A disciple is not choosy.
- 3) A disciple is willing to carry the cross.
- 4) A disciple does not think about self.
- 5) A disciple loses his life in order to gain etc.

Thirdly: Role of a discipler.

A discipler is a teacher.

A discipler is a watchman that watches a disciple.

A discipler is an intercessor.

A discipler ensures that a disciple is walking in the perfect will of God.

A discipler inculcates into his disciple all that the master has taught him.

Fourthly: Who the master is?

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The master is Jesus.

Discipleship is fulfilled when the disciple becomes like the Master. It is a life-long process.

Are you a disciple?

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