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Preface

It has been twelve years since My Heavenly Gift Ministry given out our first gospel gift. Before the year 2009, for twelve years I have been claiming to be a Christian. I have been going to church every Sunday, attending Sunday schools, attending fellowships. For years if when people ask me, "Are you ready to see our Lord?" and my answer would be "Yes I am. I hope..." Never have I been so wrong. I was not ready. No I was totally not ready at all.

Back in the days I rarely consider, "What would happen the day I stand before Jesus' bema seat?" The only mindset I had learned was "I am a *believer* of Jesus, I could enter into Heaven after I died." This was how I had been taught, this was what I once believed. Where the Bible says about the five foolish virgins, I disregarded; where the Bible says about the wood, hay, and stubble, I disregarded. I am a believer (not a follower) and I am in, that was all that matters.

Year 2001 was when I first learned about the rapture. To my current understanding, rapture is going to be like the day of the first Passover, or the day when a woman is ready to give birth. It happens so quickly, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. Imagine if when Moses calls for the exodus, and only then when one tries to find his shoes, and packs his luggage, what is going to happen? He could be left behind, or leaving Egypt without any valuable possessions. Or if a husband only starts gathering the hospital bag essentials, at the moment his lady is ready to give birth, what is to happen to the lady? She will have to go through more unnecessary labour pains that could have been avoid.

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This book is written to help people to get prepared. It was not written from theological studies, it was not written from doctrines. It was also not written from teachings of any famous Christian theologist. This book was written entirely base on experience. Things I have personally tried and have success with, things that after continuous praying, what I believe are the filtered essentials.

Now in front of the bema seat of Jesus, that day if He asks, "Why should I let you into my kingdom?" I can answer, "I confess and believe you have washed away my sin"; that day if He asks "If this branch has produced any fruits?" I can answer, "Here are my deeds, and these are the fruits"; the day if He asks "While I was away, what have you done?" I can answer, "These were my talents, and these are the results". Know ye that on the day the rapture happens, it is going to be quick. When the trumpet blows, within the same second, you must be ready to go. Today when I encounter any days that Jesus might come, I remain in peace, for "I have prepared, and I am ready."

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Prepare For Eternity

Being a Christian or not, people do think about what happens to oneself after their life ends in this world. As a Christian, we believe there are lives to infinity, and beyond. Many people believe so likewise, but what lies beyond this life? How one should get prepared? Perhaps you could find an answer in this study of "Prepare for Eternity" book series.

Contents of Study

We have divided this study into three main sections:

The book of "Life Acquisition"

The book of "Self Elevation"

The book of "Eternal Rewards"

Within each book we will study one important element on preparing yourself for eternal life. Each can also be considered as a milestone of your Christianity progress. We do recommend to study this series in its preset order as it is essential to have a strong understanding of the previous, before you could make any meaningful progress on the next. Once you have completed this study, you are ready to run your course and "...press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:14)

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What Is Living and What Is Dead

The first step to prepare for eternity is to be alive during eternity. After all if you are not even alive, what good it is to prepare? And to be able to acquire life, you first have to understand what it means by being alive versus what it means by being dead.

Answer to this question is quite simple, being alive is: "If the subject is performing and/or fulfilling its function intended on creation." In other words, the answer to being dead is: "If the subject is <u>NOT</u> performing, nor fulfilling its function intended."

Perhaps it would be easier to understand with an example. Say an ink pen. When we make a pen, its intended function is to do writings and recordings. If when this pen is out of ink and can no longer writes, we say this pen is dead. Or a battery, when we manufacture a battery, its intended function is to provide power for devices. If the battery runs out of energy and can no longer provides power, we say this battery is dead.

There is a saying in the Bible, "For the word of God is <u>alive</u> (quick), and <u>effective</u> (powerful), and sharper than any two edged sword..." (Hebrews 4:12) When God says, it shall be done; What God's saying is intended, it shall be fulfilled. This is why the Bible says the word of God is alive, because it is effective. Now we understand what live is and what death is, we can finally get on to preparing ourselves for eternity.

What is the Intended Purpose of Human

According to the Bible, humans are made for the glory of God. For it is written in the book of Isaiah, "Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him." (Isaiah 43:7) For this reason, we are considered alive if we are actively manifesting the glory of God.

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the Earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the Earth." (Genesis 1:27-28)

You see God has given men the highest position on Earth. It is because men were created in the image of God. We shall manifest God's ultimate glory by subduing and having dominion over His entire creation.

Another example can be found in this verse: "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shall not eat of it: for in the day that thou eat thereof thou shall surely die." (Genesis 2:17) Indubitably God's commands shall be kept, for if not, there shall be consequences. Again men shall emit the glory of God by demonstrating how God's command must be obeyed, and how He is with unmatched authorities.

Now we know the intended function of the creation of men, have we fulfilled our purpose of being created?

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Why Were We Dead in Eternity

As previously explained, men were created to manifest the glorious image of God. However, the moment when Adam and Eve decided to take bites on the fruit of knowledge of good and evil, they are from that instant on considered dead. Why? It was because the action of eating the fruit directly mocked the unmatched authorities of the almighty.

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man sowed, that shall he also reap." (Galatians 6:7)

How does a bite of a fruit mock the almighty you may ask? Have God not said "the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat"? Can the words of the almighty be set lightly, or His command be disobeyed? "Why do the wicked despise God and say to themselves, 'God will not seek justice.'?" (Psalms 10:13) This action of Adam and Eve directly violated the dignity of God, and consequentially ceased reflecting His glory. They are now considered dead.

"For the wages of sin is death..." (Romans 6:23)

We are descendants of Adam and Eve. We are a continuation of their lives on Earth. We are literally made from the bodies of our earthly parents, whom were made from the bodies of their parents, whom were made from the bodies of theirs all the way back to Adam and Eve. If the very origin is dead, how can we be alive? How do we make life from *within* dead? It is not possible. Not unless with an interference from outside.

How to be Alive in Eternity

In order to regain human's living status, the one and only way is to reinitiate our manifestation of the glory of God. As previously discussed, our intended function as human is to be the image of God, and to manifest His majesty over all His creations. Preserving His dignity will indeed have us being alive once again.

Since mankind has violated the majesty of God, in turn ceasing our reflection of His glory. As long as a severe enough consequence balances out such violation, God's dignity will be preserved, and our sins will be neutralized. Jesus' horrific death is the severe consequence.

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but lived (quickened) by the Spirit:" (1 Peter 3:18)

When any of the existence questions about our violation to God's dignity, we can freely point to Jesus and say, "You see what has happened to this righteous man? This is the result of men dishonouring the almighty!" From such, God's dignity has been preserved; our sins have been neutralized. Everyone is unconditionally welcome to include themselves; this is the "Gift of Gospel" from the Almighty.

We were all dead by the spirit because we were born from our earthly farther. However, when we choose to include ourselves in the sacrifice of Jesus, He promised to share into us God's own spirit (Holy Spirit). This is a living spirit. Jesus' death has neutralized our sins of disobedience to God;

Jesus' resurrection (winning over death) manifests the ultimate glory of the Almighty. He is as a man, from in and out, totally alive. When we take in His living spirit, fuse with our own spirits, we will once again become alive. This is how you "acquire life" into eternity.

"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that <u>abides in me</u>, and I in him, the same <u>bring forth much fruit</u>: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man <u>abides not in me</u>, he is cast forth as a branch, and <u>is withered</u>; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. (John 15:5-6)

Self Examination

Ask yourself, are you able to think of at least one situation where you disobeyed, and feel shameful if others discovered?

Ask yourself, do you want to freely obtain life that goes all the way into eternity, that you no longer have to worry about dying?

If your answer is "Yes" to both of the questions above, simply admit that you are not completely perfect, and believe in your heart that Jesus did come to bring you the gift of gospel (a living spirit). Submit to Him and keep this in your heart unto the end. You will have kept your ticket to everlasting life.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom comes. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.



Empty tomb of Jesus





What Does God Want From Us

As we have discovered in the previous book, our purpose as human is to bring glory to God. This is the main reason why we were created. In order to bring in such glory, one task we are meant to do is to bring forth fruits of the spirit, as it is explicitly said by Jesus:

"<u>Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit;</u> so shall ye be my disciples." (John 15:8)

Not only does Jesus affirms that "fruits" glorify the Father, He also specifically commanded us to go and produce such fruits:

"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that <u>ye should go and bring forth fruit</u>, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." (John 15:16)

Therefore, in order to make ourselves valuable to God, we *must* bear fruits. Look at the example of the vineyard (Luke 13:6-9), or the example of the cursed fig tree (Mark 11:13-14). Much fruits we bring forth, much valuable we are; no fruits we bring forth, we are to be cursed and cut off. **

In later sections of this book you will also see how bearing fruits not only brings in glory, it also forces us to keep most, if not all teachings and commandments in the Bible.

^{**}if time allows we must bear fruits, otherwise repentance to God is sufficient to live.

Preparing Soil of Our Heart

We know growing fruits of high quality on Earth requires rich and nutrient-dense soil. In the same way bearing fruits of high quality in the spirit also requires good and healthy soil of our heart. It is our responsibility to prepare the soil of our heart that God can use to farm for quality fruits.

"For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." (1 Corinthians 3:9)

To nutrient-dense the soil of our heart, there are three main elements to consider: Faith, Hope, and Love. Let us tackle each of these elements one by one.

<u>Faith</u>fulness: One must first believe that there is a God, and that His trustworthiness is real just as described in the Bible. After all if one does not even believe that there is a God, or that God will reward the ones who lived an abundant life on Earth, why would one wants to give effort to prepare for a future that requires a God to be?

"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." (Hebrews 11:6)

The faithfulness explained here not only stop at believing in Jesus Christ's salvation to mankind, it goes further to believing all the other attributes and promises of God recorded in the Bible: God is a loving God and He is *willing* to bless the ones who please Him greatly.

Blessed <u>Hope</u>: After faithfulness, what we need next would be a "hope" of the future. People only work when they are hoping to achieve a desired result. No matter if it is a material return, or an inner happiness experience. No one goes to labour without a desired result in mind.

"...because it is right for the ploughman to do his ploughing in hope, and for him who is crushing the grain to do his work hoping for a part in the fruits of it." (1 Corinthians 9:10)

Sure we can believe in the existence of God, we can also believe that He is a reward giver. But what motivates our effort is to *look forward* to His promises. Do you hope for just a satisfactory, or a superior eternity?

Greatest Love: Last but not least, in fact it is the greatest and most important of all, "Love". Without love, any good deeds we've done still do us no good. If one is working only for the wage, once their wages reach a desired level, they cease improving (or even backsliding). Only when we actually love what we are doing, we will commit into it wholeheartedly, and will enjoy its continuation even without extra benefit intakes. God wants His people to work out of love, not to work only for the benefits.

"We have the power of loving, because He first had love for us." (1 John 4:19)

Once we have our spiritual farmland prepared, we can start planting and watering, also praying to God that He blesses our heart that we may bear quality fruits to glorify our heavenly Father.

Fruits of the Holy Spirit (One)

According to the Bible (Galatians 5:22) the fruit of the spirit is made up of nine "delightful" attributes. A fruit of high-quality should be at all time radiating the fragrant of most, if not all aspects it comprises. Take actions and practice on each is the farming work to yield for fruits of the spirit. Below let us look at each aspects of the fruits listed here one by one.

Attribute of Love: "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me:" (John 14:21). So what did Jesus commanded us to do? In one sentence, "love thy neighbour as thyself." If we do to others just as how we want to be treated, we will have fulfilled all commandments of God. As Paul teaches, "For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shall love thy neighbour as thyself." (Galatians 5:14). Keep this one commandment, we are bearing love.

Attribute of <u>Joy</u>: Jesus has once comforted his disciples saying, "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." (John 15:11). What had Jesus spoken to His disciples? That is to remain in His love that we can take part in His promises, and to joyfully wait for our anticipated eternity. The hope and faith in Jesus' promises is the ultimate "joy" we are demanded to maintain inside our heart.

Attribute of <u>Peace</u>: Jesus has given His disciples peace by revealing to them the things that are to come, as said by the Lord, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace." (John 16:33) Today we do not have Jesus physically standing in front of us telling us

things. However we do have the Bible and the Holy Spirit with us. By actively reading the Bible, and letting the Holy Spirit to remind us of the words, we can also have the knowledge unto the end. We need not to worry about oppressions or tribulations of the world. Having hope and faith in the salvation of God, we too will have the peace of Jesus within us.

Attribute of <u>Patience</u>: Also translates as longsuffering in the Bible. Meaning one can endure an unpleasant situation over an extended period of time before retaliation. This is different than simply waiting for an event to happen, but to hold our tantrum and forgive the others. As the Bible teaches, "The discretion of a man defers his anger; and it is <u>his glory</u> to pass over a transgression." (Proverbs 9:11). Do not try to avenge ourselves as we might accidentally sin against God. Rather, have faith in Him, and believe that God will avenge for us.

Attribute of <u>Kindness</u>: According to the Greek lexicon, this word consists the meaning of being useful, or meeting the real needs of others. That is to have mercy to provide for the others. Don't you say to your brothers "...Go in peace, be warm and full of food; but you do not give them the things of which their bodies have need, what profit is there in this?" (James 2:16). Instead, do as Jesus teaches, "And whoever makes you go one mile, go with him two. Give to him who comes with a request, and keep not your property from him who would for a time make use of it." (Matthew 5:41-42). Doing such, we are being kind in the eyes of God.

Fruits of the Holy Spirit (Two)

Attribute of <u>Goodness</u>: Oppose to doing wicked, being just and not be poisonous to our community. This is the "good" God wanted from us. As says in the Bible, "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to <u>do justly</u>, and to <u>love mercy</u>, and to <u>walk humbly</u> with thy God." (Micah 6:8). There are countless examples and teachings in the Bible, reference to the book of Proverbs for more practical examples.

Attribute of <u>Faithfulness</u>: We have already talked about faithfulness in the section "Preparing Soil of Your Heart". Relying on the words of Jesus, trust in His promises without a doubt. Besides keeping such quality within your heart, also reveal it to others such "That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus." (Philemon 1:6). Doing so would exalt the name of Jesus Christ and the Father may also be glorified.

Attribute of <u>Gentleness</u>: When speaking to others, be gentle and kind. Do not burst out our anger easily. As teaches in the Bible, "In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;" (2 Timothy 2: 25). Also teaches in the book of James, "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God." (James 1:19-20)

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Attribute of <u>Self-Control</u>: Literally speaking, ability to control ourselves. This is somewhat difficult to achieve. Even Paul once said, "For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do." (Roman 7:19). Though by the grace of God we have peace in us knowing Jesus' salvation is enough to cover us, nevertheless we should try our best to manifest such aspects of the fruit. As Paul also says in the letter to the Corinthians, "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection:" (1 Corinthians 9:27). Make every effort to do only good, have faith in God on the ones that we fell short on.

Self Examination

Are you bearing fruit of the spirit that Jesus commanded us to bring forth? Which aspect of the fruit you are bearing or are currently lacking? Try the below method and start labouring with God on His husbandry.

- 1. Construct a chart or a list and list out the nine attributes of the fruit of the spirit.
- 2. Next to each attribute, write down three recent situations in life that proves you are lacking in that specific category.
- 3. If you filled all three slots with negative examples, work on eliminating those situations.
- 4. If you are unable to think of three negative examples, fill the remaining slots with positive examples.
- 5. Once you see the positive examples are overtaking the negative ones, you are doing excellent in farming for the fruit of the spirit.

Example of a Farmland

Farm	Example 1	Example 2	Example 3
Love	Still hoping the turtle car I just pass over misses the green light.	Still jealous of others whom I see have a better live then I do.	Trying my best to do things listed below for the benefit of others.
Joy	Complaining how life is unfair and focus on what I am lacking.	After a day of hard work, somehow I feel relax & regain happiness singing hymns.	Excited about the rapture because I know I am ready!
Peace	Still wondering sometimes if I am worthy in the eyes of God?	I know as long as I hold tightly on Jesus, I will not be in hell.	World War III is coming? No worries, I will be out of here.
Patience	Parents holding different political views, I shut my month and listen.	Overwhelming work is killing me. Controlled my anger, knowing I'll regret if I burst.	Forgave an unpleasant doing a co-worker have done to me
Kindness	It was not my duty on HR, but I still help out since I have the ability to do so.	Gave up my seat in the subway to an elder woman last month.	A homeless asked me for food, I bought him a hot dog and gave a gospel note.
Goodness	Told a few lies at work to escape myself from harsh times.	Knowing that homeless guy was born like I was, I am just lucky to have better parents	I waived the \$200 I lent to a friend after I see he has no "intention" of repaying.
Faithfulness	Still looking forward to the day I am crowned king by God.	Wrote a book to share the gospel trusting God will reward me in heaven.	Things went wrong after praying. I am still praying.
Gentleness	Co-worker took my comments personal. Instead of argue, I rephrased my wordings.	A co-worker keeps making same mistakes, tried my best to help and explain calmly.	Exhausted after work. A friend called whining over tiny things. I listen and comfort.
Self-Control	It is a bad habit, why am I still doing it today?	Sleeping at 3:19 AM in the morning from playing computer!?	Used to eat until stomach hurts at buffet. Now I know when to stop.

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Fruit of the spirit consists of all attributes



Treasures in the Kingdom of God

From the book of Revelation we know a Christian will reign with Christ in heaven for ever to come. We will also be with Jesus forever and be joyful and full. But do you know there are different levels of reward given in Heaven?

"Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. And he said unto him... have thou authority over ten cities. And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. And he said likewise to him, be thou also over five cities." (Luke 19:16-19)

People who worked more will receive more in the kingdom of God; people who worked less will receive less. For this reason Jesus once taught his disciples to lay up treasures for themselves:

"But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:." (Matthew 6:20)

Some say that "reigning in heaven" points to we are kings of ourselves and free from oppressions, and that the "treasures of heaven" is Jesus himself to be with us. While this is not incorrect, it is not precisely accurate either. Reigning in heaven literally refers to we can have control over our own domain; and Jesus himself is a gift from God that we did not

work for. That said, what kind of domain could we be ruling over, and what might the treasures be that we have to lay up by doing work?

Work For the Domain You Are Aiming For

Different people might be hoping for a different inheritance. For some it could be land; for others it could be higher position. Let's look at a couple examples of desired inheritance mentioned in the Bible.

When the Israelite enters Canaan, God measures out land area for each tribe to inherit. However, to the faithful Caleb and Joshua, they have inherited an entire city they have asked for:

Caleb inherited the city of Hebron:

"Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day.....And Joshua blessed him, and gave unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh Hebron for an inheritance." (Joshua 14:12-13)

Joshua inherited the city of Timnath-Serah

"According to the word of the LORD they gave him (Joshua) the city which he asked, even Timnathserah in mount Ephraim: and he built the city, and dwelt therein." (Joshua 19:50)

Caleb and Joshua not only lived in the land within their tribe, they even had control over the domain (a city) they desired for. Another example would be asking for a higher position, such as the sons of Zebedee:

James and John were asking Jesus for a ranking (an intangible domain) in the kingdom of God:

"They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory." (Mark 10:37)

As a human everyone must have a desired area (a domain) in mind where he or she would like to take control of. No matter if it is physical, or intangible. While it is true that any Christian made it to heaven will receive their own share of rewards (from farming fruits of the spirit, which are by all means works that please God. Except some who repent on their death bed, they may not have time to work for their heavenly treasures), the extent of our rewards varies depends on how diligently we worked on Earth toward the kingdom in heaven.

"In the knowledge that for every good thing anyone does, he will have his reward from the Lord, if he is a servant or if he is free."

(Ephesians 6:8)

One approach we found to store up greater treasures in heaven is to start your own personal ministry. We are not saying that you become a fulltime over-sea minister, or that you go obtain a theology degree and build up your own church. This could be a ministry, but not everyone is called to do the same. However, you can look for the spiritual gift you received from the Holy Spirit, and make use of it to become a ministry of your own.

For example, if you have the gift of praying for others, make praying to be your ministry. Set a goal to pray for X amount of people every day; or if you have the gift of cooking, set a goal to cook for your community every week, while sharing with them the name of Jesus in between. In any case make yourself constantly being useful to the kingdom of God.

Choose Your Profession (One)

The first step to start your own ministry is to find out what your calling from God is. For whatever God calls you to do, He will give you the ability to accomplish. Praying and seeking for your spiritual gift is one way to understand what position God has planned for you to be in Christ Jesus.

"See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, to devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass" (Exodus 31:2-4)

It is unfortunate that churches today have to encourage people to take positions that are unoccupied, rather than finding the calling of God for that particular person, and provide to them a position accordingly. While it is good having a desire to serve God, and it is good to rely on God on your incapability, it might not be the calling God have planned for you.

Each member of Christ should track down the spiritual gift the Holy Spirit has given to them, and make it their expertises. The superior body of Christ forms when experts from all professions come together in one.

"For, as we have a number of parts in one body, but all the parts have not the same use, So we, though we are a number of persons, are one body in Christ, and are dependent on one another" (Romans 12:4-5)

Choose Your Profession (Two)

Here are some of the spiritual gifts listed out by Apostle Paul. There are more gifts of the spirit that God is distributing compare to what is listed below, but it gives you some ideas on how you could make use of *your* speciality given by God. You then turn it into your life long ministry for the kingdom of heaven.

Gift of Prophecy – Keep talking to others in the name of Jesus. Some might just believe you from your previously came true predictions.

Gift of Deacon – Devote yourself to a church until you have a chance to serve. Diligently carry out visions of your leaders for the benefit of the group.

Gift of Teaching – Upgrade yourself in studies. Lead a Sunday school service with your knowledge and skills.

Gift of Comforting – Go meet people, and show them the love and support of Jesus whenever you notice a mental need of others.

Gift of Giving – Donate to people in need, or join a sandwich run program and give to the poor. Do it persistently.

Gift of Ruling – Work your way up in the church community if you feel moved to manage a church. Help the church to run flawlessly when chances come.

Gift of Mercy – Serve God as a cell group leader. Guide and learn with your group members. Be a merciful leader whenever your cell members are in need or in distresses.

Above are just a few examples of what you could do with your ability given by God. There are more listed in the Bible, there are even more not listed in the Bible. In any case, make yourself *constantly* being useful for the kingdom of God. That would be your life long ministry.

Strengthen Your Knowledge and Your Ministry

Now there is one important thing you must do in order to protect and strengthen the standing of your personal ministry. That is you must be familiar with the teachings of the Holy Bible. Read it front to back, study it in and out. "Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart" (Proverbs 7:3).

There are two reasons why you must be thorough with the teachings. For one, you do want your ministry to be aligned with the word of God. Do not be "the blind and lead the blind" (Matthew 15:14). Instead, if you find anything your ministry is contradicting the Bible, repent and adjust. You are doing your ministry for the "good", not for "to be working".

"If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself." (John 7:17)

Secondly, there will be challenges and obstacles in the course of your life long ministry. Overcome them with the word of God, lest you doubt and step back on your path to victory. However, you need not to memorize the Bible verse by verse, for "... he (the comforter) shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I (Jesus) have said unto you." (John 14:26). Remember how Jesus also once tempted by Satan and overcame it with the teachings of the Bible? Let the Holy Spirit be your guide and overcome these obstacles just as Jesus did. Doing such, you will be full of rewards entering into eternity.

Self Examination

Have you figured out what your expertise is and what your gift of the spirit is? If not, pray to God that He leads you to find out the plans He has for you and what your purpose of life could be.

Have you been using your gift of the spirit to benefit the community around you, in the name of Jesus? If not, start today to think of a way you could serve your community that also glorifies the name of Jesus.

Have you been working toward a goal, or made a commitment that the service you are doing would be a life long journey, which you will continue be doing until the kingdom comes? If not, remember...

"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." (Galatians 6:9)



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More on Christianity

Getting to Know Christianity

In the perception of many, being a Christian is to obey a set of rules. Once committed to be a follower of Jesus, they restrict themselves from doing certain actions, or limiting themselves from certain freedom of choice. This is far from being correct. Christianity is more than just a religion. It is a lifestyle, it is an understanding. It is an acknowledgment of the reason behind how this world has come to be.

"For the invisible things of him (God) from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being <u>understood by the things that are made</u>, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:" (Romans 1:20)

When one comprehends the purpose of this world and the creator's intention, it is only natural for those who reside within to pursuit a life that aligns with the creator's expectations. Christianity is to live out such a lifestyle. Followers of Jesus recognized the truth and decided to go along in the *correct path of living*.

"Lo, this only have I found, that <u>God hath made man upright</u>; but they have sought out many inventions." (Ecclesiastes 7:29)

Finding the Learning Sweet Spot

There are numerous paths to become a righteous individual, yet one practical approach stands as entirely adequate. While further learning certainly holds benefits, it is not at all imperative.

For example, there are multiple ways people could travel from one country to another. They can drive, or they can take public transit. In either case, there is no need for them to study the routes and obstacles of both. If they choose to drive, they can safely disregard security check requirements and boarding procedures; or if they choose to go by plane, routes planning and fuel consumption are not of their concerns. Similarly, once you have obtained the essentials for the method you've chosen, run diligently within. All other teachings or studies are no longer necessary.

"And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh." (Ecclesiastes 12:12)

Therefore, once you are fully equipped and are moving forward, stop forcing yourself in learning more and more. Enjoy the world God has created for his people to reside in. Enjoy every sight of scenery, every note of music, every taste sensed by your tongue, every breath of the fresh air, and the entire work of His hands that surrounds all his creations. It is because "This is the day that the LORD hath made;" and "we will rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalms 118:24) It is to His good will that we enjoy everything He made!

"Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." (Luke 12:32)

A Status that Lasts Forever

Even though we will have an infinite amount of time in heaven, we are better to earn our treasures now, or it could be never. No matter we are

crowned kings or saved so as by fire, the status of our salvation might remains forever.

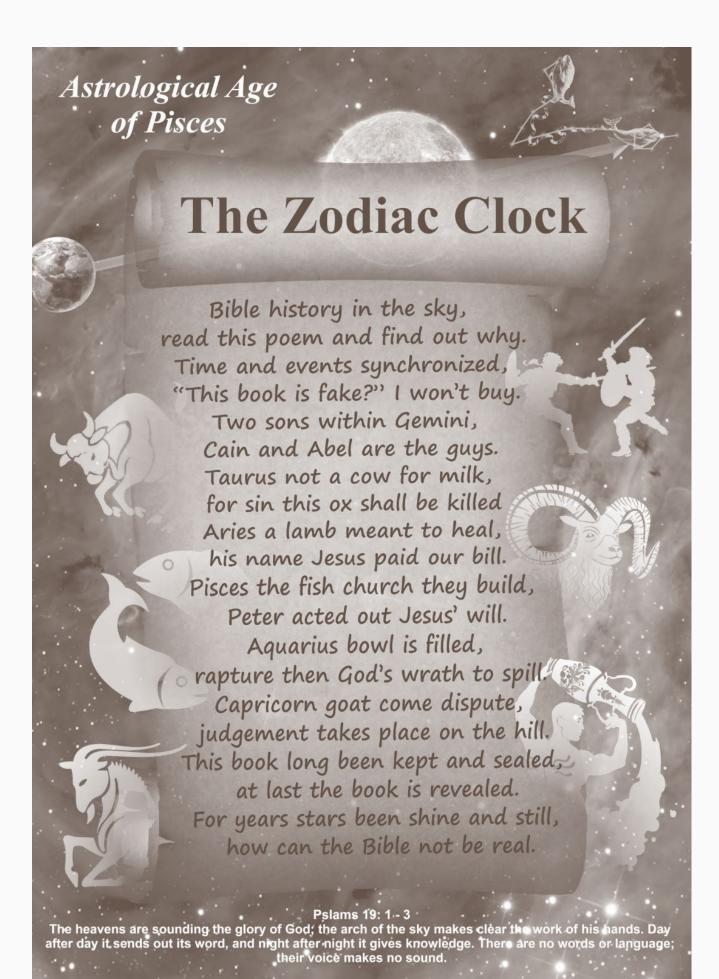
The works we can do to lay up treasures in Heaven, no matter if it is preaching, or giving, or helping, or comforting, these are no longer relevance in the Kingdom of the Lord. To preach, the Lord Himself is there with us; to give, no one is lacking in Heaven; to help, no one remains in distress; to comfort, no one will ever again cries, let alone dies; to praise God, every single entity in Heaven is doing the same, what makes that meritorious? This is the reason why there are poor, sicknesses, distresses, unfairness, unrevealing, and unrighteous here on Earth. It is much encouraged to work while there are still chances to take action on.

On another hand, if we diligently worked here on Earth, our kingship would also last forever with us.

"They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands." (Isaiah 65:22)

This "long enjoyment" does not simply mean an extended period of time. Rather, looking at the Hebrew text *(Strong H1086)*, this phrase literally refers to "enjoy until it wears out". And according to Jesus, treasures in Heaven *never* wear out. Hence go now, and work …

"... for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever." (Revelation 22:21)



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