

Growth Through Service

Isaiah 40:28-31 (NKJV) Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. **29** He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength. **30** Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall, **31** But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

The basic premise of apprenticeship or internship is "growth through service". Other words for it are shadowing, Growing on the job, On the job training probation period, etc. We have all grown during one time or another in our life has been through service. We have:

- Learned to cook / clean / maintain a home by doing chores
- Learned to lead by being given opportunities in school
- Learned a sport by being a helper / ball boy etc.

Colossians 3:23-24 (NLT) Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ.

Strength is Renewed Through Serving Others

Isaiah 58:10-11 (NLT) Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon. The Lord will guide you continually, giving you water when you are dry and restoring your strength.

Galatians 6:9 (NLT) Let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

When we pour out ourselves in service to others, God replenishes us. Our strength is renewed not just physically, but spiritually and emotionally. Service shifts our focus from our own limitations to God's limitless power.

Endurance is Developed by Trusting God in Service

James 1:3-4 (NLT) For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

1 Corinthians 15:58 (NLT) So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.

Service requires endurance, and endurance grows as we continue trusting God in our tasks. The more we serve, the more we develop resilience and persistence, enabling us to stay committed even in difficult seasons.

Spiritual Maturity Comes by Walking in Obedience through Service

Micah 6:8 (NLT) ... the Lord has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.

Hebrews 5:14 (NLT) Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong.

Walking consistently in obedience to God through serving others deepens our spiritual maturity. As we walk in His ways, we grow in wisdom, compassion, and discernment, becoming more Christ-like in our service.

Trust God, serve others, and watch as your strength is renewed, your endurance grows, and your maturity deepens. When you serve, you grow.

Isaiah 40:31b (NLT) reminds us *They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.*

By embracing service, we rise higher, run longer, and walk stronger in our faith. Three ways you can grow through service:

- 1. Train under someone
- 2. Learn as you work
- 3. Train someone

Grow in Christ by Impartation!

Text: Romans 1:11 For I long to see you, **that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established;** ¹² That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.

Introduction: Next Sunday is specifically called by God! For the last 6 to 7 weeks I have been seeing and praying by the Holy Spirit for a supernatural transference of power, healings and Gifts of the Holy Spirit to release in every person at Victory. I will personally lay hands on every person in attendance and send anointed prayer cloths to all that request them on line. Invite every person of your family and friends for this very special time of <u>Laying on of Hands</u> by myself and the Elders of the church. **Every person is a minister of Jesus in His Resurrection POWER!**

Daily this week separate yourself to God in prayer for this time and "Raise your Expectation to Receive the Holy Spirit manifesting!"

You will experience Growth in the following manifestations of God's Word that will empower you to minister in the Power of God!

- Holy Spirit released to flow out of the believer
- **Acts 8:14** Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: ¹⁵ Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: ¹⁶ (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) ¹⁷ **Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.**
- **John 7:37** In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. ³⁸ **He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.** ³⁹ (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)
 - Impartation of Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Romans 1:11 For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established; ¹² That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.
- **2 Timothy 1:6** Wherefore **I** put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. ⁷ For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.
- 1 Corinthians 12:7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. ⁸ For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; ⁹ To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; ¹⁰ To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: ¹¹ But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.
 - Gifts imparted through the Elders
- **1 Timothy 4:14** *Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.* (The order of Elders)
 - Divine healing flows through laying on of hands and the prayer of faith
- Mark 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; ¹⁸ They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. ¹⁹ So then after the Lord had spoken unto

- them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. ²⁰ And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.
- James 5:14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.
- 1 Corinthians 2:1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. ² For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³ And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. ⁴ And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: ⁵ That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

Worship God with your First-Fruits, Tithes and Sacrifices

- **Psalm 110:3** Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.
- Amplified: Your people will offer themselves willingly [to participate in Your battle] in the day of Your power; In the splendor of holiness, from the womb of the dan, Your young men are to You as the dew.

When God commanded Moses to take an offering –

Exodus 35:22 And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing hearted, and brought bracelets, and earrings, and rings, and tablets, all jewels of gold: and every man that offered offered an offering of gold unto the LORD. ²³ And every man, with whom was found blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair, and red skins of rams, and badgers' skins, brought them. ²⁴ Every one that did offer an offering of silver and brass brought the LORD'S offering: and every man, with whom was found shittim wood for any work of the service, brought it. ²⁵ And all the women that were wise hearted did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun, both of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine linen. ²⁶ And all the women whose heart stirred them up in wisdom spun goats' hair. ²⁷ And the rulers brought onyx stones, and stones to be set, for the ephod, and for the breastplate; ²⁸ And spice, and oil for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense. ²⁹ The children of Israel brought a willing offering unto the LORD, every man and woman, whose heart made them willing to bring for all manner of work, which the LORD had commanded to be made by the hand of Moses.