

GIVE THEM WHAT YOU'VE GOT

When we look at the problems in our world they seem completely and utterly overwhelming. It appears that every system on the planet is broken and people seem to have gone totally crazy.

The apostle Paul warned his young disciple Timothy, that these things would come.

In 2 Timothy 3.1-5 he says that, in the last days difficult times will come. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, slanderers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding to a form of godliness although they have denied its power; avoid such *people as* these.

Paul also explained to the Roman believers why these things would happen.

He said that God has made Himself visible through His creation of everything, and even though they recognized Him as God, man chose to serve himself instead of God. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie and claiming to be wise, they became fools. Romans 1.20-32

People may ask, is there anything that one person can do to make a difference in this worldwide turmoil?

Well, God reminded me, that when He wanted to deliver His people from Egyptian bondage, He sent an 80 year old man with a walking stick to free them from the most powerful country on the planet.

But, Moses had a list of reasons why he should be disqualified to be the deliverer and he even asked God to send someone else.

He argued with God saying, I don't even know your name, and what if the Jews don't believe that you sent me? I even stutter. Why would Pharaoh, the most powerful man on the planet listen to me?

God asked Moses, what do you have in your hand? He said, my staff. God told him, just do whatever I tell you to do with that stick and I'll take care of the rest.

He told Moses that I will make you as God to Pharaoh. He will let my people go and they will not leave empty handed. They will plunder Egypt. Exodus 3+4

Of course, these things happened just as God said they would.

Although God possesses all authority and creates reality with His words, He chooses to use His people to accomplish His purposes in the Earth, because He gave man delegated authority over the earth. Genesis 1.26

Pharaoh ruled Egypt, but God overruled Pharaoh and Moses was just the vessel to bring God into the situation.

In Matthew 14, there were 5000 people sitting on a hillside listening to Jesus' teachings. His disciples came to Him and suggested that He send the people away to go and purchase food. Jesus said, they don't need to go away, you give them something to eat.

They complained, we only have 5 loaves and 2 fish. Come on Jesus, be realistic! There's no way we can feed all these people. Jesus said, give them to me and I'll show you how to do it.

Even though His disciples had been walking closely with Him for years, their evaluation of situations and circumstances was still by the perception of their natural senses. Jesus showed them how to draw from the unlimited supply that God made available to His children as their inheritance.

Most Christians on the planet today have been taught to ask God to forgive their sins, and start straightening up their carnal lives, and get busy serving God in the best way they can.

So, we attend church as regularly as we can. We continually pray for more love, more joy, more peace, and all the other fruits of the spirit. We try our very best to wrestle our flesh into being more like Jesus. But, when it comes to having a major positive effect on this world, we are pretty powerless.

We read in the Gospels about the awesome miracles that Jesus accomplished in this world, as well as the incredible feats that His disciples did in the book of Acts.

We are stirred in our hearts, but we quickly disqualify ourselves saying, but that was Jesus. His apostles did some incredible things too, but they walked with Jesus for 3 years.

I'm just a sinner saved by grace. I do the best that I can, but I can't do what they did.

The only reason we feel powerless against all of the negative things in this world that Satan is creating is because we just don't have a revelation of who we are in Christ and what God's made available to us as His children, as His heirs, and joint heirs with Christ.

Let's look at a few statements of reality from God about what He has made available to His children as their inheritance.

John 1.12 amp

But to as many as did receive and welcome Him, He gave the right [the authority, the privilege] to become children of God, that is, to those who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) His name-- who were born, not of blood [natural conception], nor of the will of the flesh [physical impulse], nor of the will of man [that of a natural father], but of God [that is, a divine and supernatural birth--they are born of God--spiritually transformed, renewed, sanctified].

We've actually been into God's family as sons, heirs, and joint heirs with Christ.

Romans 8.16 amp

The Spirit Himself testifies *and* confirms together with our spirit [assuring us] that we [believers] are children of God. And if [we are His] children, [then we are His] heirs also: heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ [sharing His spiritual blessing and inheritance], if indeed we share in His suffering so that we may also share in His glory.

1 John 5.11

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. The one who has the Son, has the life; the one who does not have the Son of God, does not have the life.

There's only one life in the universe that's eternal. That's God's life. He didn't send Jesus to come and help us fix up our old lives inherited from Adam and Eve. He gave us His eternal life. The same one that Jesus demonstrated here on Earth.

God didn't skimp on the outpouring either.

John 10.10 amp

The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows].

The Gospel is not a set of Bible teachings for us to study and attempt with our own human effort. It's the supernatural act of God to transform us back into our originally created state.

God is the only one who can do it. He did it without our help.

2 Corinthians 5.17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ [that is, grafted in, joined to Him by faith in Him as Savior], he is a new creature [reborn and renewed by the Holy Spirit]; the old things [the previous moral and spiritual condition] have passed away. Behold, new things have come [because spiritual awakening brings a new life]. Christians profess that Jesus was supernatural,

but their assessment of themselves is completely different. God's intention from the very beginning was that all of His children would share the attributes of their Father.

These next 3 scriptures also confirm this.

For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters; and these whom He predestined, He also called, and these whom He called, He also justified, and these whom He justified, He also glorified. Romans 8.29

Blessed *and* worthy of praise be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms in Christ, just as [in His love] He chose us in Christ [actually selected us for Himself as His own] before the foundation of the world, so that we would be holy [that is, consecrated, set apart for Him, purpose-driven] and blameless in His sight. Ephesians 1.3

His divine power has granted us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. Through these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature. 2 Peter 1.3

God also never intended for His children to try to expand His Kingdom in this world with our own limited natural resources.

God is able to make all grace [every favor and earthly blessing] come in abundance to you, so that you may always [under all circumstances, regardless of the need] have complete sufficiency in everything [being completely self-sufficient in Him], and have an abundance for every good work and act of charity. 2 Corinthians 9.8 amp

Jesus explains how He does it in John 16.14 amp.

He will glorify and honor Me, because He (the Holy Spirit) will take from what is Mine and will disclose it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Because of this I said that He [the Spirit] will take from what is Mine and will reveal, disclose, and transmit it to you.

God's commitment of Himself to His children as their inheritance is beyond all natural comprehension

He has committed to us, things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the human heart, all that God has prepared for those who love Him. 2 Corinthians 2.9

God's commitment to His children's inheritance is truly mind boggling. He has held nothing of Himself back from them. When we consider the scriptures that I've shared in this video, God has made it very plain what His intentions are for His children.

In the United States alone, nearly 2 out of every 3 Americans claim to be born again children of God, and there are millions more worldwide.

From the current state of our country and this world it appears that most of us are unaware of what God has made available to us to overrule the effects that Satan has had on this world.

The Apostle Paul was very aware that the natural mind of man cannot understand the things of God. It requires revelation of the Holy Spirit.

He prayed for the Ephesian believers,

I do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers; that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the boundless greatness of His power toward us who believe. Ephesians 1.15

God wants ALL of His children back.

He left us here on this planet to be the Ambassadors of His Kingdom, and He has made every provision for us to be fully equipped to accomplish His ministry of reconciliation.

Here is an awesome example of God's children drawing on their abundant inheritance and imparting it to others. They received it freely so they could give it freely.

In Acts 3.1, a man lame from birth was begging arms from Peter and John. They told him, silver and gold we do not have, but what we do have we give unto you. Rise up and walk in the name of Jesus.

This world asks for what they want, but God wants to use us to give them what they need - His eternal life.

Let's repent of our natural lives, and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal what God has made available to us. Then we can receive it like little children, and give this world what we've got.

God bless you.

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