

THE CALL OF ACTIVISM

Isaiah 1:17

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An activist is a vigorous advocate of a cause that helps people who are oppressed, depressed and suppressed. Activism is not a career. It is a **CALLING**. It is a passion that never dies.

It is a job that is never finished. The pain of the helpless is a burden to an activist. The pain of hurting people is a burden to an activist. People who are called by God to be activists sacrifice their personal comfort to provide justice to strangers.

Activists are **PRINCIPLED** minded people. They believe in people receiving their rights despite where they came from or what color they are. They believe in equality and fair opportunity. The call of activism is a **PURPOSE**, not a hobby!

Isaiah 1:17 says, "*Learn to do good. Seek justice. Punish those who hurt others. Help the orphans. Stand up for the rights of widows.*"

In the scripture listed above there is a command to seek justice. There will **NEVER** be a day when activism will not be needed. The truth of the matter is this, racism is not going anywhere. Classism is not going anywhere. Prejudice is not going anywhere.

This is why God stated that we are to seek justice because even though unfairness and inequality will never be eradicated from our society, it should **ALWAYS** be addressed. Think about it. This scriptures was written **BEFORE** slavery, civil rights and the Black Lives Matter Movement.

Since the beginning of time we have been battling with the challenges of injustices, moving the needle but not eradicating the problem. This is why you need the Dr,

King's, Malcolm X's, Nelson Mandela's, Ida B Wells's and many more.

THE FIGHT CONTINUES

All throughout the Bible God shows us how the poor and helpless needs to be defended. Listed below are two specific examples.

- Proverbs 31:8-9 says, "*Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; defend the rights of all those who have nothing. Speak up and judge fairly, and defend the rights of the poor and needy.*"
- Psalm 82:3-4 says, "*Defend the weak and the orphans; defend the rights of the poor and suffering. Save the weak and helpless; free them from the power of the wicked.*"

Jesus articulated the importance of having activists on the earth. Mathew 26:11 says, "*You will always have the poor*

with you, but you will not always have me." The need for activists will never go away. God will always gift different people with the passion, bravery and ability to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves.

ANSWER THE CALL

If you have a burning desire to defend the poor and helpless you are called to activism. If you **HATE** the sight and presence of injustice you are called to activism. If you are born with charisma and a fearless disposition to help those in need you are called to activism.

Activists are not appreciated in real time. They are mostly appreciated in death. The demand and responsibility is burdensome and it weighs greatly on the heart. It takes a special and **SELFLESS** person to be an activist. If God has called you to fulfill this assignment, **GO FORTH!**

If you do not accept your assignment some people lives will never be changed. They are waiting on your voice,

your bravery, your bravado and your anointing to become the best version of themselves. The first generation Israelites would have never entered the wilderness if Moses refused to accept the call of activism.

ACTIVISM IS A CALL FOR DELIVERANCE!

ANOINTING AND ATTACKS

When you are anointed to be an activist you will be attacked by the enemy. There is a specialized attack against activist. The enemies of activism form a weapon called **DISCOURAGEMENT**.

An activist is fueled and motivated when they see progress and hope. They get excited when they see change. The worst thing you can do to an activist is discourage them.

The attack against Malcolm X was to discourage his efforts in educating black people to the truth of their

condition. The attack against Moses was to discourage his belief in God's Word. The attack against Muhammad Ali was to discourage the confidence he had in himself.

Activist are gifted with a different courage to complete their assignment. To prevent their assignment from being accomplished the enemy sends people, organizations and circumstances to destroy the gift God gave them.

Discouragement will occur. Everyone will not appreciate you. It will seem you are not doing enough. When all this occurs, go to God to be strengthened so you can keep going.

It will be His strength that will restore you. It will be His word that will refresh you. It will be His light that will give you hope when all you see and hear is despair, injustice and darkness.

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