

Ministry of Reconciliation (Part 2)

Home Church Network Gathering

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1. We struggle between our desires and accepting God's WAY.
 - a.) Psalm 73:3, 16-19 (NKJV) 3 For I was envious of the boastful, When I saw the prosperity of the wicked..... When I thought how to understand this, It was too painful for me— 17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God; Then I understood their end. 18 Surely You set them in slippery places; You cast them down to destruction. 19 Oh, how they are brought to desolation, as in a moment. They are utterly consumed with terrors.
 - b.) God has a **different priority** for our lives than just temporary earthly prosperity.
2. God's priority is the reconciliation of mankind to Himself.
3. 2 Corinthians 5:19 (NKJV) 19.... **God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself,and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.**
4. We have been called to make God's priority, OUR priority: The Ministry of Reconciliation.
5. When we make what is important to God, important to us, then God will make sure that we are FREE to operate in the ministry of reconciliation.
6. God may use education, positions and prosperity to get the message of Reconciliation across, but those things are never to be our goal.
7. God says seek first the Kingdom of God
8. Jeremiah 29: 10-11 ---*For thus says the Lord: **After seventy years are completed at Babylon, I will visit you and perform My good word toward you, and cause you to return to this place. 11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.***
9. Don't let go of what God spoke to you.
10. 1 Corinthians 10:13 ---*No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be **tempted** beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.*
11. The way of escape is to go back to what God told you in the beginning.
12. Ask God for wisdom (Get God's perspective). Psalm 73:17 ...*Until I went into the sanctuary of God.*
13. God allows us to go through situations in order to get accustomed to His Way, His Timing and get connected to the right people.
14. Mark 12 and Luke 21 (*The widows who gave the two mites*).

15. You may be qualified to receive and partake of blessings, and **feel disqualified** to be in the service of God; but understand that you are an ambassador for Christ and you are called to GIVE.

Notes/ Comments/ Questions: