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COMMITMENT, PATIENCE AND SERVICE (PART 1)



In any season, there are key factors that can allow one to maximise that season and enjoy it. Ignoring these keys will result in one not enjoying the best that every season comes with. The keys are as follows:

1. Commitment

It needs to be established that there is a difference between interests and commitments. Commitment is the state or quality of being dedicated to something, whereas interest is a feeling based on the desire to want to know. Without commitment, one can't progress or excel because interest wears away when the excitement begins to fade.

Whatever excites you doesn't necessarily keep you, so there's a need for something more than a feeling. Commitment goes beyond interest. There has to be a greater purpose than your interest or excitement for you to commit. You cannot follow God solely based on excitement. If your dedication to God is based on excitement or only what you think you can get from Him, then your commitment won't last because what happens when you don't get those things?

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We live in a time where people are so quick to move from one thing to the next, hence a lack of commitment. The things that attract you are not necessarily things that will keep you. If what you do is based on interest alone, you will never excel. Move from a place of interest to a place of commitment. It may start as an interest, but you have to go beyond it if you want to move with God. We know you are committed when your interest fades, but you continue. Where interest fades, commitment exceeds.

Going deeper into commitment, you need to ask yourself, why do you follow God? Your reason for following God will determine your level of commitment to Him. If your motivation to follow God is shallow, then your commitment won't last. You cannot move forward with God until you move away from mere interest to a place of committing to Him.

There are ways to develop commitment;

(i) Commit yourself to God

Committing to God is done in two parts. The first part is an internal commitment (personal devotion to God). We live in a world full of pressure and where compromise is the day's agenda. This internal commitment is how you conduct your life according to God's word and raise your life in light of His will. If you are not committed to God, whatever you are committed to will not stand because God is the rock that holds our lives together, so anything outside of God cannot stand.

The second part is external commitment. This type of commitment is visible to men. This external commitment is an expression of your internal commitment. It is impossible to commit to God if you're not committed to the people He has set to lead you. Your Commitment to God is measured by how you commit to the authority He has placed before you. As long as you're rebellious or go against God's authority figures before you, you disobey Him. You need to commit to the people that God has set before you. Most of us will achieve so much more if only we commit ourselves to the leaders God has placed for us than trying to do things on our own. Elisha inherited double the anointing by obeying the person God set in front of Him (see 2 Kings 2:1-4).

If you are obedient to your authority, it will take you less time to reach your achievements and goals than if you are entirely dependent on yourself with no submission to any leader. You can benefit from the anointing of a mentor because of how you commit to them. 'Show me which master you serve, and I will tell you whom you will become'. Serving under a certain vision puts you in a position to become successful in your vision. Resist the temptation of exposing yourself before the time. It is a curse to expose yourself before your time. God has to keep you in the dark long enough to grow and groom you so that when He reveals you, nothing can take you down. One of the greatest forms of humility is acknowledging that someone has a higher grace or higher anointing than you and that you can learn under them and benefit from what they have.

*The best thing that you can
do with your time is to be in
God's Presence.*