

Great Joy In The City Ministries

“With God all things are possible”



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Dear BSCMF Member,

"I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us. Let all who are spiritually mature agree on these things. If you disagree on some point, I believe God will make it plain to you."

- **Philippians 3:12-15**

I have been praying lately about my life and life goals, and I came away with a few revelations that I want to share with you this month. Firstly, I believe that among Church leaders, there is too much worry, anxiety and stress regarding 'doing ministry work'. Meaning that too many pastors and Church leaders are too concerned and preoccupied with the belief that they need to be seen by the Church World, to be busy doing the work of the ministry – that you need to show to the Church World that you are "productive". Too many Church leaders around the world are constantly engaged in ministry projects – no matter how big or small – so that they personally feel they have "ministry worth": Their success is measured by their "Busyness". I believe this a false and worthless ministry pursuit in these Last Days. A Man of God once said, "Spiritual preparation takes years, and accomplishment comes suddenly." I believe that the Word I am currently receiving from the Spirit of God is saying, **"It is a time for Preparation; and you need to patiently spiritually prepare for the End-time work that lies ahead."** That is the first spiritual impartation that I want to make into your life this month: Use your time wisely, and patiently prepare for the End-time work that lays ahead for you, as we prepare the way for the Lord's return.

The second revelation that I want to give you, is stop pressing to "succeed" in ministry – I am not talking about pursuing Kingdom success (the pursuit of producing the true Kingdom Fruit of "Expansion" and "Multiplication"); but the pursuit of worldly success – you need to understand that will come as a result of seeking first the Kingdom of God and your righteous position in God's Kingdom: You are on a life's journey, and you need to be patient and wise to travel the road that God has place you upon. The Christian life journey is one where you never reach an ultimate goal or a final satisfying level of earthly 'success'. Indeed those who think they have 'reached the pinnacle', and (as is human nature) rest upon their success, are the ones who start diminishing in power, impact and results in life (we see that throughout the Church World with established Christian leaders); sadly, there will be many when they get to heaven, who will find that measuring earthly success by all their 'stuff' and 'busyness' was a useless, unfruitful non-Kingdom pursuit...The Kingdom Truth is, there is always another revelation to receive, another spiritual development stage to grow into, another challenge to overcome, another assignment to complete and another Kingdom level to reach and impact to be made...That is why earthly measurements of success are useless in a Believer's life **(and why you should never measure yourself against others in ministry)**: Your individual life journey is YOUR LIFE'S JOURNEY - Our only ultimate life goal is standing before Jesus, seeing his smiling face and with a loving hug saying, "Well done, good and faithful servant..."

May God bless you richly,

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