



Getting in Position for Harvest !

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Dear Partner,

I pray that this letter finds you experiencing sudden breakthrough! God is setting up His people for greater manifestations of His glory. Recently the Lord spoke to me about the Body of Christ getting into position for great harvest. As I thought about the faithfulness of the members of our congregation, I felt an overwhelming desire to pray for the blessing of the Lord to increase in their lives. The overwhelming passion that I felt as a Pastor for my congregation is only a portion of what God our Heavenly Father's passion is towards us. He truly desires for us to be in a position where He can pour out His blessings. **Matthew 7:11** says If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him? He desires so much to give to us! Our obedience to His Word will always place us in the position for God's best. We see an example of this in **I Kings 3:4-5** which says ⁴And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for that was the great high place: a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar. ⁵ In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee. Because Solomon was willing to give his best and sacrifice for the Lord, he set himself in a position for receiving his harvest! (*Read all the way to verse 13 to see what awesome things Solomon received from God.*) We see in **Acts 10:2-4** that a certain man named Cornelius was called a devout man that feared God with all his house. He also gave much alms to the people and spent quality time praying to God and being in His presence.

Acts 10

² A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.

³ He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.

⁴ And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.

This man's faithfulness got God's attention. His faithfulness put him in a position for God to move on his behalf. The Bible says in **Proverbs 28:20** A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent. No matter what you are called to do, do it heartily as unto the Lord. Be faithful to God and your local church. In doing so, you will set yourself up for great harvest.

God is faithful to his Word. No matter what distractions have come your way, keep your eyes on God! Whatever you do, don't let go of your faith in Him. Every time I depend on God, He ALWAYS comes through. I thank God that we serve a God that backs up His Word with manifestations. Some people have gotten stuck on the wrong paths like Bad News Boulevard, No Better Alley, or Depression Avenue. It's time for us to allow God to order our steps and direct our paths down God's Streets like-- To Good To Be True Avenue, Manifestation Boulevard and Ephesians 3:20 Lane. God is so FAITHFUL to His Word! Hold on to it and don't let go. Keep fighting the good fight of faith and you will NEVER loose. When you go God's direction, you always know the end result..."You Win!" By continuing to fight the "good" fight and walking in obedience, you will position yourself for a victorious life of continual harvest!

STEPS to Keep Yourself in Position

1. *Don't let the devil talk you out of the greatest harvest season ever.*
2. *Get your eyes off of distractions and people and put them back on God.*
3. *Don't stop giving into God's work.*
4. *Don't allow your prayer life to decrease.*
5. *Realize that your right standing with God is a gift.*
6. *Make a decision to cross the finish line.*
7. *Be confident that God is with you*

Preparing for Harvest,

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Ministry Update

- Pastor Deirdre was on the Live Radio Show WCLY 1550 AM last month. It was a powerful discussion on the importance of prayer in the body of Christ.
- The Women Of Excellence had a Bed & Breakfast Retreat this month. The ladies had a great time of food, fun, laughter and motivation.
- Pastors Harold & Deirdre are scheduled to speak at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in LaGrange, NC on Saturday, July 17, 2004. Pastor Harold will be ministering to the men & Pastor Deirdre will be ministering to the women. Please contact the church office for more information.