

Motion for Promotion 5

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God has given us a very powerful weapon, and the weapon is to show our trust in Him. He recognises and reveals Himself more to us because we trust Him. Our biggest challenge that we face on a daily basis with our lives is that we have to trust God that He can do a better job in our lives than we can. He wants us to trust Him more than we trust ourselves.

Tithing is a way for us to show God we trust Him. It's not a matter of money, it's about faith and trust. If you believe and trust Him with your money, it means you trust Him with your possessions and your future.

Say: Lord, I trust You with my possessions and my future. Even if I don't see the results as quickly as I would want to. I believe that I am building my financial future on The Rock.

We are renewed into the new man and we have to put on that new man after the image that we have been recreated to. (Colossians 3:10)

Say: I identify with Christ. My new identity in Christ is greater than and overrides all other identities.

When Jesus becomes our Lord, we have an option to be a slave where I need to be whipped all the time, but inside I say, "I'll do what You tell me to do, but I really don't wanna do it. I really wanna do what I wanna do, but I'm forced to do what You say." Or you can be a bondsman that says, "Jesus, you're my Lord, not because of how bad You are, but because You're good, and so command me with everything that You want to command me with. I'm now Your bondsman. I'm Your servant."

There are not many Christians, today, that are prepared to make themselves a bondsman, a bondsman of Jesus. Most people want to have a relationship with Jesus on their terms, not on God's terms, and so that's part of the reason why the church is in such a pitiful condition.

Looking at the life of Daniel, he was the king's slave to command. He didn't have a choice about where he was to serve. It didn't matter how smart he was, he was still a slave. God gave him the wisdom because God wanted to preserve the children of Israel and He needed a people in a slave environment that could protect the people. Daniel had the choice to obey God in that environment. He was never captured in his heart.

If we don't obey God, it doesn't matter how wise or how smart we are, the Babylonian system, the world system, can capture us.

We as a people have been taken by God. He has taken our children, He's taken the families. He's taken us as a people and He's called us to Himself, and we have crossed over into a new place and position with God.

If we disobey God, we can still be captured. It doesn't make us immune from being captured. The world system out there is so strong. It is so powerful. It needs a mighty God to keep you and prevent you from being captured by that system. And it's a relentless system that is after you night and day.

Even though we make a spiritual stand against these things that want to capture us and even though we are the people of God, we are not immune to that. It's around us all the time, everywhere, every day. It's trying to intrude into your world to try and capture you somewhere.

Christ in you has delivered you from the power of darkness. Jesus didn't come to allow us to live in a state of having someone steal, kill and destroy us. He came to give us life and give us life more abundantly. But we got to trust Him, not us.

One of the biggest captures that the devil's got, is getting you to believe that you are the most important person in your world, and that you are the only one who can make the right decisions for you. This will get you in a place where you believe in yourself more than you believe God.

Another one is thinking that because you tithe, pray, read your bible, speak in tongues you cannot be captured. Thinking you are perfect in the way you set your life up, perfectly in the will of God. We have to constantly watch that we don't find ourselves smarter than everybody else, but we're actually still in a captured system.

It doesn't matter in Christ what you can identify as. We are all equal in Christ. The important thing is no longer what your status is in life, but it's what you are in the body of Christ. Jesus never called us to be in the church so that we could live separately from the church. He called us to be actively part of the church and for our gifts to be part of the church. Every one of us is completely identified uniquely in Christ Jesus. But we are one body and it's the fingerprint of Jesus.

Say: I am part of the body. My talents and gifts are used in the church.

We have the moment right now to step into the body function that God has called us to be. There's no baggage, no past, no history, no anything that should prevent us from being what God has called us to be. This is the moment where God is saying, "Come on. Let's move. Let's move. Let's do some things."

Pray: Jesus, I thank You that I am Your body. I am Your servant on the earth. I will do what You ask me to do. Because I am a child of God and I am a bondservant of the most High God. It's why I call You, Lord. Because You live in me and I want to be used by You.

Declaration over congregation:

I declare and I speak by faith in the name of Jesus that there is a great spirit of joy that rises up inside of you, a great wisdom of God rising up inside of you, a great ability to understand the signs of the times and that you will make use of the opportunities that come your way that no one else can see, but God will show you and you will see it by the Spirit and you will have boldness on it and you will act on it and God will show you signs and wonders in your life because you are children of the Most High God, because you are the Body of Christ. And He Himself is the One who wants to bless you and increase you and make His face shine upon you and make His peace come upon you in every way, in Jesus' name! Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Glory to Jesus. Glory to Jesus. Praise the Lord.