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\*THE CHURCH OF GOD\*  
  
"If I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the Church of the living God; a pillar and buttress of the truth".  
\*1st Tim.3:15\* .  
  
God woke me up very early on the 11th of February 2018 and told me to prepare a message about  His Church.  
  
Apparently, He has given me about 3 other messages waiting to be released but HE prompted me to release this over others for reasons best known to Him.  
\*HE does that once in a while.\*  
  
Whenever I get the prompting of the Holy Spirit to do or say anything I do not quench the Spirit; I just obey Him willingly especially when the Word is clear.  
  
The Church of God is not the building or structure but the collection of believers in the building.  
  
"For we are God's fellow  workers. You are God's field, God's building"  
1st Cor 3:9.  
  
According to scriptures,the Church is made up of fivefold ministry which are: Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers.  
Ephesians 4:11.  
Each of the five ministry play a different function but are meant to work together with full cooperation of their giftings.  
  
In the same vein, all departments in the Church are distinct from one another; but there should be synergy amongs them to have a smooth service.  
  
The Church is of God and Jesus is the Head of the Church.  
Ephesians 5:23.  
  
The disciples, who made up the early Church served based on gifts bestowed on each person.  
Romans 12:6.  
  
Accordingly, all believers in the Church today should function in the area of their calling and not turn Church of God to a political party; where the Truth (Bible) is not preached or where fractions, sentiments and loyalty to people thrives.  
  
There are some risky deviations in Church now:  
  
How often do you hear words like: the Altar belongs to a particular pastor or "My ministry"  
  
Everywhere the word "Altar" is seen in the bible; is often followed  by :"To the Lord"  
  
Aptly puts, an Altar is a place of sacrifice to worship God.It belongs to God.  
Romans 12:1  
  
Gen 8:20  "And  Noah built an Altar to the Lord"  
  
It is not a forbidden place for believers to worship God.  
  
Noah; who built the first Altar left it behind.  
  
\*Warning\* to everyone occupying any position; tread cautiously. No condition is permanent!  
  
Elijah said " I am the only Prophet left" ;but God replied him "I have remaining to Me in Israel seven thousand  
all whose knees have not bowed unto Baal.  
1Kings 19:14-18.  
  
In the same vein; HE (Jesus) gave some Apostle, Prophet  
....for perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry edifying of the body of Christ.  
Ephe 4:11& 12.  
  
Consequently, the "ministry" belongs to God but He gave you for the time being to operate in accordance to the gift or calling He has put in you.1Cor 12:28.  
  
No one should get"puffed up"; we are all doing the work of God in our different role as He has called us to function according to His unction.  
  
Titles like :Air Commander, Marshal are basically for military and they have no place in Church of God.  
  
Ebenezer Obey, who used to call himself Chief Commander, has changed after he became an evangelist for Jesus. He now attributes the title to God.  
  
Food for thought  
  
"For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a \*jealous God\* " Deu. 4:24.  
  
Contrast such titles with scriptural title: "General Overseer"- meaning person that supervises; put in charge to monitor others.   
  
The person that is well known with this title (G.O) is very humble indeed. Take a cue from such person.  
  
The work of God cannot be done with canal mind. It is only done by the prompting of  God; through the Holy Spirit.  
  
However, In the course of doing the work of God as He puts His Words in me to share; someone puts out this post below:  
As shared -  
  
("In a street accident, a woman tried to help the victims but suddenly a nurse came and said…   
'Miss, excuse me! I am a nurse and i can do it better. Step back.. I’ve had a course in first aid and I’m trained in giving first aid and CPR.’  
The woman stepped aside and watched the procedure and said,   
‘If you need a doctor, I’m just behind you.’  
The nurse turned and looked at the woman in dismay.   
Humility counts! Stay humble, If you wanna go far in 2018, you will need to drop your pride and treat people right. Pride only drives people away because IT STINKS! ")  
  
When I read the above post I was taken aback; mainly because of the source:  timing and most importantly that it lacks support of the \*Word of God:\* which is the \*only\* dictionary for every believer.  
  
Apostle Paul said: "How did I know you are canal? Because you are jealous, envious and a gossip; you are acting like worldly people.  
1st Cor 3:3.  
  
I said to myself:   
"A great door and effectual is opened before me; but there are many adversaries".   
1st Cor 16:9.  
  
Have I now become the enemy for preaching the truth? humm.  
Gal 4:16.  
\*Note\* : there is a vast difference between \*confidence in God\* and pride.  
  
\*Prayer\* God please help them; for they teach your Word but do not act nor make use of your Word. 🙏🏼  
  
They will smile😂 at you and yet they ploy against you.  
Jeremiah 17:9.  
  
"All lizards lay their stomach down;but no one can discern which one has stomach pain".  
  
However God has revealed them unto us by His Spirit, for the Spirit searcheth all things.  
1st Cor 2:10.  
  
The Church of God still has people like Eli; Spirit of Sanballat & Tobiah is there and hypocrisy is on the high.   
\*Believers, flee from such.\*   
  
"But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.  
2 Tim :2:16.  
  
✝Lately, God gave me a Word for the fellow that posted the post in bracket above: It came in form of an illustration:  
  
"A scenario of a bus driver and a conductor. The  
driver was fond of driving recklessly and one day the conductor decided to caution him; as the people in the bus were not  comfortable with the way the driver was driving. Instead of the driver to heed to correction; he started removing his clothes to fight the conductor;  
  
Without much ado, the driver was disgraced by the conductor to the extent that he naked him in public".  
  
The above illustration is from God- Spiritual; so it's not for babes to comprehend.  
  
\*Prayer\*:As the Lord lives; I will go far in life and my testimony shall shake the world in Jesus name.🙏🏼  
\*Jesus\* started the Church with this:  
" \*I will build my Church and the gate of hell shall not prevail against it"\*   
Matthew 16:18.  
  
I remain ever loyal to the Word of God.🤚🏾  
\*JESUS\* reigns.  
  
Signed, Bro Cole