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\*WORKING FOR JESUS? ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES!\*

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
\*"If any man come to me and hate not his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple"\*
Luke 14:26.

Lately, someone close to me queried my unequivocal love and passion for God's work.

I raged like a roaring lion; as I have never done before!

Incidentally, I had read a post about Late Billy Graham and two of his former allies: Chuck Templeton and
Bron Clifford, in the afternoon of that day;

The story is so heart-warming; I couldn't help but to respond to it. It was posted on a WhatsApp platform of members of the Church of God.

As part of my long response, I put in: "you better roll up your sleeves".

Then God spoke to me that "roll up your sleeves" is my next message. So I quickly wrote it down in my journal.

\*HE\* woke me up  in the early hours of the next day and He took me to the Book of \*Luke Chapter 14.\*

After reading it, I was filled with amazement of the wonderful God we serve.

Working for God is not a child's play; it involves leaving your comfort zone, forgetting about your life and what tomorrow holds for you and your family, but hanging everything on Christ to carry.

It is not about self-recognition for you preach Jesus, neither is it competition with others; but serving God \*wholeheartedly\*

Paul said:
"Never be lacking in zeal, but be fervent in Spirit, serving the Lord".
\*Romans 12:11\*

Unfortunately, complacency has set in and God's Work is now being done with so much levity; devoid of any form of remorsefulness.

" \*I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish you were one or the other: so because you are lukewarm I will spit you out of my mouth"\*
Rev :3:15&16

Ordination in Church is gradually turning to honorary and a nominal event.

The wealthy and celebrities that have not given their lives to Jesus and yet to be redeemed, have been awarded titles of Deacon and Deaconess.

\*Warning\*
"I will search Jerusalem with lamps and punish those who are complacent, who say in their hearts :the Lord will not do good or bad"
\*Zephaniah1:12\*
Apparently, some doing the work of God today love God and fear Him; but they are \*lazy\* , not rooted in the Word of God.
Though some have degrees of bible college and the rest.

That's why Apostle Paul said:

"For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge"
\*Romans 10:2\*

They have poured oil on your head years back; yet you have not made any meaningful impact to bring to bear the evidence of your calling.

Idleness is not in Jesus” My Father
is \*working\* until now and \*I am working"\*.
John 5:17

Working for God is about going the extra mile, to raise the bar of service to God.

"The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed".
\*Romans 13:11\*

The time has come to uproot the weed, those that are surplus to requirement;
separating the wheat from the tares!
\*Matthew13:30\*

The story of late Billy Graham and his two friends is like "humbling thought" for all believers.

The Christian race is not about how you started; \*consistency is very pivotal\*.

It reminds me of undergraduate days in the first and the greatest: University of Ibadan, in the 90ties;

My friend and I lived beside three wonderful God-fearing and committed guys back then in Tedder Hall.

They were class mates & despite the rigours of their course; these folks were \*outstanding\* for God.

By reason of their fervency in the Lord, I was drawn to them and we became very close.

We have since lost contact:
\*"20 friends they say, cannot stay together for 20 years"\*.

The last time I asked about them, the report I got was that one  is still waxing strong in the Spirit; while the other two might have lost the savour in them.

Jesus said:
\*"You are the salt of the world, but if the salt loses it's savour; how can it be made salty again?\*
Matthew 5:13.

\*JESUS\*: who is the Owner of the work, expects us to be committed and steadfast.

"But the one who endures to the end will be saved"
\*Matthew24:13\*

\*Prayer\*:Father, everyone who knew & served you fervently at some stage of life but has gone back to the world; please redeem such back with the Blood of JESUS. 🙏🏼🙏🏼🙏🏼.

"Nothing is as wonderful as knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. I have given up everything else and count it all garbage; all I want is Christ".
\*Phil 3:8\*.

"I am the least of the Apostles and am not fit to be called an apostle because I persecuted the Church of God;..I \*worked harder\* than all of them, yet not I but the \*grace of God\* is with me"
\*1Cor 15:9&10\*

Working for God is being the " \*change agent"\*

\*"For many are called but few are chosen".\*
Matthew 22:14.

Jesus called all his disciples but Paul was \*Chosen\*

"This man is my \*chosen\* instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles, their Kings and to the people of Isreal"
\*Acts 9:15\*.

Our \*primary duty is to God\*, next is family and then others.

Working for God  is tough without doubt; one has to learn how to juggle working \*staunchly\* for God and making time for the family.

However, when you work for God you will be  fulfilled, He gives Joy without borders; joy  unspeakable!

Some disciples gave excuses to attend to family issues before following \*Him\*. \*Jesus\* said:

\*"No man having puts his hand to the plough and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God"\* Luke9:62

I have declared myself for God;
and he has assured me:
" \*I have graven thee upon the Palms of My Hands, your walls are continually before me"\*
Isaiah 49:16.

Jesus is doing wonders for me behind the scene.

\*He\* said, "I will bring your next assignment to you directly".

Therefore, to my family, friends and enemies; \*I belong to Jesus\* and I have told Him  that: whoever plans to stop or hinder me from exerting all in me for God will receive the wrath of God.🙏🏼

Trust me; I am not a "wanna be" \*He\* chose me and \*I couldn't say No\*; at the appointed time \*He\* will unveil me.

However, I need your \*Prayers\*; If you love God: please \*Pray for me.\*🙏🏼

I conclude with this song:🎤
Have got my mind made up and I won't turn back 🥁
Because I want to see my Jesus someday.🎹
Goodbye world,I stay no longer with you..
Goodbye👋🏾 pleasures of sin, I stay no longer with you..
I've made up my mind to go God's way for the rest of my life. 🙏🏼

JESUS IS LORD

Signed, Bro Cole