



Morning Life Ministries / What God is Saying

**“But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,
That shines brighter and brighter until the full day.”**

Proverbs 4:18 NASB1995

Hello partner family!

The Lord Bless you and keep you in all your ways of service and obedience to Him. Recently I endeavored to write a simple admonition (warning and encouragement) to the disciples in our ministry. As I was doing so, it became clear to my heart that there was much more to what the Father wanted said than what I had originally planned. In that moment the Spirit spoke to my heart saying, "This is your partner letter."

So I welcome you to the reading of our very first partner letter – with the expectation of more to come! Hallelujah! Partnership is such a big deal because no one man or woman can accomplish the work of God apart from a divinely ordained supply coming through the other parts of the Body of Christ. We need God! But we also need each other! Each of us need what God has given us for each other, and *I want you to know the divine supply God has for you through this ministry.*

Allow me to begin in Ephesians 4:11-13 NLT, which reads — **[11] Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. [12] Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do His work and build up the church, the body of Christ. [13] This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.**

Purpose is a big word with God. Purpose has to do with the *Why* of something and as that all [good] things were created by God – there is a Divine purpose for every thing and every person. Especially concerning His work in the earth. The word *ministry* simply means *service*. And though each member of the Body of Christ has a service to God to be involved in, the passage above tells us about God's purposes for the ministry gifts or offices of ministry such as apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers.

There is a 5-fold purpose to the 5-fold ministry. The first 4 of those purposes are,

1. Equip — **"Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do His work..."**
2. Edify — **"...and *build up* the church, the body of Christ."**
3. Unify — **"This will continue until we all come to such *unity* in our faith..."**
4. Educate — **"...and *knowledge* of God's Son..."**

Just as the call to ministry is not intellectual, but spiritual – the equipping, edifying, unifying and educating are not intellectual, but spiritual. Holy Spirit-ual. The first 4 purposes climax in the final divine purpose of the 5 fold ministry gifts,

5. Growing — **"...that we will *be mature* in the Lord..."**

This is further confirmed by the following verses that speak explicitly about spiritual growth and development from babyhood to being just like the full grown, first born, Son of God, Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 4:14-16 NLT — **[14] Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. [15] Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of His body, the church. [16] He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.**

All 5 of these purposes (equipping, edifying, unifying, educating and growing) God accomplishes throughout the Body of Christ as they submit their lives to the ministry of the Anointed Word coming through the person standing in an office of the 5-fold ministry. Jesus gave His Bride, the Church, the ministry gifts not to constrain us, but to make us what we ought to be – in Him. Hallelujah! For apart

from Christ we can do nothing. But In Christ! – all things are possible for Him who believes!

What is so sad is that +90% of those who call themselves believers do not receive from the 5 fold ministry gifts to whom God has connected them. Or they are only partially partaking of the rich flow of help God intended them to receive. We really are a Body! Partnership is a big part of being connected as a Body. It is not man's idea, but God's! And it is for our certain good.

Let there be no confusion. We are all supposed to have a personal relationship with God the Father through faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Bible reading, praying and obeying are things we have to do on our own before God whether other people are involved or not. Jesus is the only man that stands between us and the Father for salvation! And He is not in the way; He is the Way, the Truth and the Life! No one comes to the Father but through Him!

But when it comes to God's work in the earth – from the local church or evangelistic crusades, to TV and radio broadcasts, to traveling ministries or charity services, missions and outreaches etc. etc. – God requires different Body parts to unite with each other to supply a flow of God's provision to each other related to what each Body part possesses from God. No man can accomplish alone what God has ordained for the whole Body of Christ to accomplish together!

How has He called you to support or be a part of the ministry of God's Word in the earth. What has God put in your heart to accomplish in life, in your family or business? It is my job as Christ's servant and representative to tell you how to find out what God has called you to be doing, what God has already provided for you to get it done and be a channel of God's Blessing and Anointing to you. Why? So that you – and all that we will reach by our union – may know God better!

Do not let your mind focus on only one aspect of being connected. See, the supply between the Body parts is neither exclusively spiritual or exclusively financial/material. The Holy Spirit through Paul said it this way,

1 Corinthians 9:11 NASB1995 — If we sowed spiritual things in you, is it too much if we reap material things from you?

And...

1 Corinthians 9:14 NASB1995 — **So also the Lord directed those who proclaim the gospel to get their living from the gospel.**

Not everyone is called to stand behind a pulpit, but all of us are called to support the ministry of the Word going forth through the earth, reaching all nations with the Message of Jesus. My lovely wife, Sister Claire, and I thank you very much for your prayers and partnership with Morning Life Ministries. By the Blessing of God and your support we are establishing a church here in Santa Monica, California, reaching more people online than ever, and more and more churches and pastors in Kenya and Uganda are being Blessed by coming under us regularly.

Recently one pastor in Uganda testified that being under our ministry of the Word for 1 month was like he had never learned anything from his 3 years in seminary and having pastored churches for some time after that. For that we give glory to God for His gracious Spirit and merciful kindness to us. I encourage you to visit our websites listed below and follow along with us as we get into the Word in our recent series called 'The Good Life'. It will Bless you and feed your faith to receive every good thing Jesus came to give us.

As the Scripture says,

Ephesians 2:10 AMPC — **For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live].**

As you give, give in Love, give in Faith and give in the Hope of your harvest that I am believing with you to receive. It is exactly how I am giving to you the most valuable thing God has given me : the revelation of God's Word, His Truth that makes free and His Anointing that empowers me. Much love and overflowing Blessing to you all in The Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

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