

Are You Available?

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few (Matthew 9:37). The hearts of many have been stolen by the world. The Lord is counting on us to leave our comfort zones and reach out to those who have not yet heard the Good News of Salvation. Are you available?

Some believers have been left wondering if they are good enough or mature in the faith to be used by God. They have been made to believe that they are either too young or too new in the faith. It is not how long you have been in Church and what other believers think of your capabilities that determine your eligibility to be a vessel. Availability is what the Lord needs from you. When that is ascertained, He will empower you for His work. David's father presented his older sons to Prophet Samuel as candidates for the throne, but God said He wasn't interested in any of them. He wanted the little errand boy, David. David's father thought the bullies (Joseph's brothers) were better off because they were older, but God had someone else in mind.

You may have given your life to Christ earlier than other people and not even be considered, eligible, to be a vessel. For example, I gave my life in the year 1992, but spent the first seven of those years napping. I just wasn't serious. I had my own plans, and working for the Lord was certainly not one of them. By the time I knew what was going on, precious time had been wasted. Those who met me as a believer and the ones that I led to Christ left me behind for greater things. It was not until I got my act together that the Lord gave me the privilege to be of service to Him.

On the other hand, you may have given your life to Christ just last year and find you are available to be used because you already have the zeal to do exploits for the Lord. Some turn over their lives to Christ and grow very quickly in the faith.

It's a good thing to thank God for the lives of those He has called to labor in His vineyard; but don't be content with the role of an onlooker or a bench-warmer. God is no respecter of persons (Deuteronomy 10:17, Acts 10:34). Do not be another familiar face in your church or assembly. Make yourself available, to go out there and snatch souls for Christ. Someone told you about Him when you were yet a sinner; you should do the same. With that said, not every believer aspires to be a laborer in the Lord's vineyard. In that case, this message may not be for you. You are blessed, regardless!

Shalom!

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