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II Timothy 2:2 “And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.”

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost.”

ON BEING FAITHFUL

Most of LBNF newsletters are just that, sharing the news of what God is doing in the remote areas of West Africa among the unreached muslims. I want to deviate a little this time, not that there is a lack of news, I just want to bless you with some words about faithfulness.

I see you all as faithful men and women of God. You are committed members of houses of Christ (churches), giving of time, money; prayer intercessors and doing the little things that God has required of you. You are faithful to spouses, children and good managers of your homes. It is people like yourselves whom God is looking to bless, teach, and entrust His Kingdom and the deeper things of Himself.

Jesus said that he who is faithful in a very little thing will be faithful in much. And to whom much is given, much is required, and it's not hard, in Him.

Mat 24:45-47 "Who then is the faithful and sensible slave whom his master put in charge of his household to give them their food at the proper time? "Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes. "Truly I say to you that he will put him in charge of all his possessions."

As the Lord sees you being a faithful servant of God you will receive greater responsibilities then you may have considered. **Mat 25:29** "For to everyone who has, more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away. In the parable of the talents/minas, Jesus said the same thing to each slave who managed His investment well: **Mat 25:21** "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' There is an abundance, and abundant joy waiting for everyone who is faithful with the things that God has given you.

From the word faithful there is the implication of being "full of faith". **Heb 11:6** And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him. Anything not done by faith is sin. That includes all the "good things" we try to do for God in the power of the flesh. On the other hand **Eph 2:10** says: "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them."

What is the difference between doing works in the flesh and those that please God? Probably a couple of things, 1) motivation and 2) the presence or absence of faith.

1Ti 1:12 I thank Christ Jesus my Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful putting me into service. I have been in the service of the Lord for about six years now and 2.5 years in my own African ministry. LBNF strives to follow II Tim 2:2 and entrust the Word of reconciliation to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

Although we have had great success and God has granted us the souls of many, the object is not just a few unreached people groups. The goal is to bring the rule and reign of Christ to all of the currently muslim villages of West Africa. I am modeling evangelism and courage to the locals, also leaving PA and projection equipment with suitable individuals who will continue the evangelism effort, but this is not enough.

The only way to accomplish the goal is through spiritual multiplication, something I have hinted at but have not pursued as aggressively as possible. God has given me much. Much education, talents, spiritual gifts, perseverance, anointing, vision, and that for which I am very thankful, YOU. In order to be faithful to Him, I must become even more diligent to seek Him and fulfill His call on this ministry.

Therefore beginning sometime after the spring of next year I am going to pursue a greater leadership role in teaching, training and imparting to some of the young men who have surrendered themselves to the Lord. The greatest concentration of candidates at this time seems to be Zigage, Cameroon, the first church plant. I envision an evangelism conference for a select few but with a twist. After teaching and impartation, we will release several teams of men to go to muslim villages in the area then have them return to give testimony of God's goodness. Please pray for this and that God would strengthen my faith for the favor I need for resources (the men want a van, 4x4's, etc).

M and E are back from Chad, four mostly Buduma and Kanembou (both Kanuri), villages have been selected. Pastor P finished a Christian teachers conference in Zigage. Going to the unknown, to make Him known,

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