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DIVINE ENCOURAGEMENT

Divine encouragement is different from human encouragement and there is no point of similarity but only of contrast.

Divine encouragement plays a vital and indispensable role in transforming the believer's positive volition (Phil. 2:1). The invisible resources that God provides for every Church Age saint surpass the human imagination. As the advancing believer begins a trend of making right decisions his spiritual assets produce their powerful results. He grows up spiritually.

Pressures only accelerate his spiritual advance. He achieves spiritual self-esteem, spiritual autonomy, and finally spiritual maturity. The results of executing the protocol plan of God encourage him to advance further as his confidence in God continues to grow and establishes in truth. This confidence from his own cumulative experience of God's grace strengthens his determination with his positive volition to keep on fulfilling God's very own purpose for his life (Philippians 3:12-14).

As the believer is continually filled with the Holy Spirit and filled with the Word of God as result of his spiritual progress he is now qualified to take the series of spiritual board exams or testing called undeserved suffering for blessing aims to encourage the saint and not to destroy him.

There are three major categories of sufferings in the world:

Self-made miseries

Divine Discipline

Undeserved Suffering

Self-made miseries are the results of bad decision from ignorance of God's Word and or lack of relationship with God. Both believers and unbelievers experience self-made miseries when ever OSN in control.

Believers faces divine discipline when –ever they violate the laws of divine establishment or the divine protocol plan of God. Divine discipline is for the purpose of waking the believers from spiritual slumber (operational death or temporal death). Divine is just a wake call for the carnal or reversionist believers.

The advancing believer is learning to apply Bible doctrine to solve his problems but in spiritual maturity his spiritual ability to use Bible doctrine in life's circumstances will be tested severely. Each of the three stages of suffering for blessings are aimed to encourage the believer to advance further rather than to slow down. Suffering for blessings is God's way of manifesting and pouring out his bountiful grace to advancing believers under fire.

Believers will experience the brutality of the world –the cosmic system and of the devil. The whole system of the devil's world will be against him; he will be left alone with no one to turn to except God. Satan can use everyone against the advancing believer even the very people he cherished most. Everything can be used against him and so he needs the maximum Bible doctrine in his soul to remain victorious. The world will reject and despise the believer because of his faith in Christ. Satan will curse him to death.

Advancing believers will fail several times before reaching the summit. The strongest believer, the apostle Paul failed in several occasions but he did not permit himself to be a loser. This phase of the Christian life is something that all of us must aspire, the glorification of Christ in time. Suffering for blessing is not only an asset but also a grand privilege and opportunity in the Christian life.