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THE IMPORTANCE OF HOUSE VISITATION

The Greek verb επισκεπτομαι translated in English as TO VISIT, which means to inspect, to look upon or to exercise oversight. It signifies four things:

- a. TO VISIT - with the help of divine action [Acts 15:14, Hebrews 2:6].
- b. TO GO AND SEE -meaning to pay a short visit [Acts 7:23, 15:36].
- c. TO LOOK OUT for certain men for a purpose [Acts 6:3]
- d. TO VISIT THE SICK AND AFFLICTED [Matthew 25:36, 46 James 1:27].

VISITATION (επισκοπε –EPISKOPE) that could mean INSPECTION by God for the purpose of rewarding, blessing [1 Peter 2:12], or punishing, or for the judgment His people for their deeds.

There are two primary Divine visitations –FIRST: the visitations of God for the purpose of blessing the believer [Genesis 50:24, Ruth 1:6].

SECOND: The visitation of God for the purpose of punishment [Jeremiah 5:9 and Lamentations 4:22.

Jesus Christ visited (inspected) the homes of his disciples FOR ONLY ONE PURPOSE and that are to preach the Word of God. His visitation was to preach the Gospel and the Word of God- NOT TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL OR worship service.

THE HOMES were often the venues of His proclamation of Gospel since there were no church building for preaching and teaching the Word of God.

The only purpose of house visitation is for preaching and teaching the Word of God –not for raising funds.

The apostle Paul visited homes for the purpose of preaching and teaching the Word of God.

Today, in areas where we have church building as the proper venue for preaching and teaching Bible doctrine, our gathering and coming for fellowship is a matter of free will volition [Hebrews 10:24-25]. We are responsible to exercise our volition.

Every believer is under obligation and responsibility for him self to grow and mature spiritually. Because we are mandated by the Word of God not to neglect our gathering for the fellowship in the Word-there is no need to invite the members.

House visitation is for the physically sick and afflicted church members who cannot come to church venue- not for lazy and negative volition church members.

The pastor and the church leaders are not mandated by God's Word to keep visiting the church members in routine basis.

The New Evangelicals not the Lord Jesus Christ or any of His disciples invented House visitation. They are using it for monkey business [2 Timothy 3:1-6].

Fetching church members to attend the regular worship services is like forcing a bull to drink water when it is not thirsty.

Visiting female church members in unholy hours in unholy situation is very dangerous for any pastor.

Those who are ignorant of Bible doctrine and especially the emotional are very fun of visitation because they feel accepted and recognized.

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