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## **IT'S NOT ABOUT YOU; IT'S A GOD THANG! JOHN 9:4**

*"I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day:  
the night cometh, when no man can work."*

### **OVERVIEW:**

LET ME SET THE PREMISE FOR THIS BIBLE LESSON. THE BOOK OF JOHN STANDS APART FROM THE OTHER THREE GOSPELS. WRITTEN NEARLY 30 YEARS AFTER MATTHEW, MARK AND LUKE, THE PURPOSE OF JOHN IS DRAMATICALLY EVANGELISTIC. JOHN'S LANGUAGE AND TONE EMPHASIZES THE FOCUS OF HIS BOOK. WORDS SUCH AS "BELIEVE," "LIFE," "LOVE," "TRUTH," "ETERNAL" AND "GRACE" ARE USED MORE IN THE BOOK OF JOHN THAN IN THE OTHER THREE GOSPELS COMBINED. THE FOLLOWING MIRACLES ARE NOTED IN THE BOOK OF JOHN:

- CHANGING WATER INTO WINE
- HEALING OF THE ROYAL OFFICIAL'S SON
- HEALING A MAN WHO WAS CRIPPLED FOR 38 YEARS
- FEEDING 5000 MEN AND THEIR FAMILIES
- WALKING ON WATER
- BRINGING LAZARUS BACK TO LIFE
- CATCHING OF THE 153 FISH
- HEALING A MAN BORN BLIND

THIS IS WHERE THE LESSON BEGINS...

### **SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:**

JOHN 9:4  
1 PETER 2:9  
JOHN 6:38

ECCLESIASTES 12:1  
JOHN 5:19-20  
JOHN 12:49



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WHILE I WAS LABORING INTENSELY WITH THIS TEXT, I UNCOVERED FIVE PRINCIPLE COMPONENTS THAT I NEVER ACTUALLY NOTICED BEFORE IN THIS VERY FAMILIAR PASSAGE OF SCRIPTURE. WE'RE SO ACCUSTOMED TO RUSHING THROUGH THE WORD AND EMERGING WITH OUR OWN INTERPRETATION THAT WE FAIL TO JUST LET THE WORD SPEAK FOR ITSELF. IF YOU'LL GIVE ME A FEW MINUTES OF YOUR TIME, I PROMISE TO UNPACK THIS TEXT. IS THAT ALL RIGHT!

I REMEMBER WHEN MY SON AND DAUGHTER, WHO ARE 22 MONTHS APART, WERE TODDLERS. WHENEVER ONE OF THEM WAS CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY, I HAD TO BUY A SMALL TOY OF SOME KIND TO GIVE TO THE OTHER ONE. BECAUSE I WAS RAISING THEM AS A SINGLE MOM, I MADE IT A POINT ALWAYS, EVEN NOW AT 30 AND 28 NEVER TO DO FOR ONE IF I CAN'T DO THE SAME FOR THE OTHER. AND, THEY WERE TOO YOUNG AND IMMATURE TO UNDERSTAND THAT ON THIS SPECIAL DAY, IT WASN'T ABOUT THEM, IT WAS THEIR SIBLING'S BIRTHDAY NOT THEIRS AND ALL GIFTS WERE SPECIFICALLY FOR THE BIRTHDAY PERSON.

I OFTEN SIT BACK AND OBSERVE "**CHURCH FOLK**". I'VE WITNESSED FIRST HAND HOW IMMATURE, SELFISH AND MANIPULATIVE THEY CAN BE RIGHT IN THE LOCAL BODY OF CHRIST. DOES THIS SOUND LIKE YOU? DO YOU SEEK TO GET ALL THE RECOGNITION AND ALL THE ACCOLADES FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE? ARE YOU FEELING SOME TYPE OF WAY BECAUSE YOUR NAME WAS INADVERTENTLY LEFT OFF THE PRINTED PROGRAM? OR DO YOUR FEELINGS GET HURT WHEN YOUR NAME ISN'T MENTIONED AT ALL WHEN THE "SHOUT OUTS" ARE GOING FORTH? OR BETTER YET, DO YOU IMMEDIATELY RESIGN FROM OFFICE WHEN YOU DON'T RECEIVE THE "MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD"; ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU THOUGHT YOU AND THE 1<sup>ST</sup> LADY WERE COOL! YOU KNOW, SHE'S YOUR BFF!

WELL I NEED TO TELL YOU THAT IF YOU ARE ONLY WORKING IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A PAT ON THE BACK, ROUND OF APPLAUSE, A PLAQUE TO HANG ON YOUR WALL, A DOZEN ROSES OR A GIFT CARD TO MACY'S AND YOU'RE NOT WORKING BECAUSE YOUR WILL IS ALIGNED WITH THE WILL OF GOD, GET OVER YOURSELF.

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—*Teaching point one:* **WHO MUST WORK?**

NOTICE WHAT THE TEXT SAYS, “**I MUST WORK**”. THE KEY WORD HERE, BEING “I”. MERRIAM WEBSTER’S COLLEGIATE DICTIONARY SAYS THAT “I” IS A PRONOUN. “I” IS THE ONE WHO IS SPEAKING OR WRITING. COMPARE ME, MINE, OR MY. PREVIOUSLY IN VERSE 3, JESUS EXPLAINS TO HIS DISCIPLES THAT NEITHER THE MAN NOR HIS PARENTS SINNED THAT HE WAS BORN BLIND BUT THAT THE WORKS OF GOD SHOULD BE MADE MANIFEST IN HIM.

JESUS SAYS, “I MUST WORK.” HE DIDN’T POINT HIS FINGER AT OTHERS AND TRY TO TELL THEM WHAT THEY SHOULD BE DOING. HE CONFIDENTLY SAYS, “**I MUST WORK.**” HAVE YOU EVER ENCOUNTERED PEOPLE WHO CAN ALWAYS TELL YOU WHAT YOU SHOULD BE DOING, HOW YOU SHOULD BE DOING IT, WHEN YOU SHOULD BE DOING IT, AND WHERE YOU SHOULD BE DOING IT, BUT YOU NEVER SEE THAT PERSON LIFT A FINGER TO DO ANY OF THE THINGS THEY ARE SO ADAMANTLY TELLING YOU TO DO?

THESE KINDS OF FOLK ARE MEMBERS OF THE TATOR FAMILY. YOU KNOW THE TATORS. DON’T YOU? – THE SPECTATORS, THE PROCRASTINATORS, THE AGITATORS, THE MANIPULATORS, THE ASSASSINATORS, AND THE PLAIN OLE PLAYER HATERS. THEY DON’T WANT TO WORK AND THEY DON’T WANT TO SEE ANYONE ELSE WORKING. THEY ARE THE ONES WHO ALWAYS SIT BACK AND COME UP WITH EXCUSE AFTER EXCUSE WHEN THE PASTOR OR THE SERVANT LEADER ASKS THEM TO SIGN UP FOR A COMMITTEE OR ATTEND A PLANNING MEETING OR MAKE A SACRIFICIAL PLEDGE FOR THE BUILDING FUND. OH THE EXCUSES -- IT’S TOO LATE! IT’S TOO EARLY! IT’S TOO COLD! IT’S TOO HOT! THAT’S TOO MUCH MONEY! THAT’S NOT ENOUGH MONEY! WE TRIED THAT ONCE, BUT IT DIDN’T WORK!

WHAT DOES JESUS SAY? “**I MUST WORK.**” HE ALREADY KNEW WHAT THE MISSION WAS THAT HE ACCEPTED. HE CAME WITH A PURPOSE AND A PLAN TO ACCOMPLISH IT, WHILE ALSO LEAVING A BLUEPRINT BEHIND FOR THOSE OF US WHO WOULD FOLLOW. ALL HE DID AND SAID WAS WHAT THE FATHER WANTED, NOT WHAT HE WANTED. **(JOHN 6:38)** SAYS – “**FOR I CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN, NOT TO DO MINE OWN WILL, BUT THE WILL OF HIM THAT SENT ME.**” **IT’S NOT ABOUT YOU. IT’S A GOD THANG!**



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**QUESTION?**

**Which one of the following members of the Tator Family can you identify with?**

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| Spectator      | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Procrastinator | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Agitator       | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Assassinator   | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Player-Hater   | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Whose will did Jesus come to do?**

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**Whose will do you find yourself doing more often?**

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—*Teaching point two*:.**WHAT MUST BE DONE?**

**SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT ... “WORK THE WORKS”**

EACH OF YOU WAS BORN WITH A PURPOSE AND A DESTINY FOR YOUR LIFE! THERE ARE TALENTS AND GIFTS THAT GOD PLACES IN YOU, WHICH WILL SOME DAY, EDIFY THE BODY AND GLORIFY HIM IF USED PROPERLY. **(JOHN 5:19-20)** – “THEN ANSWERED JESUS AND SAID UNTO THEM, **VERILY, VERILY, I SAY UNTO YOU, THE SON CAN DO NOTHING OF HIMSELF, BUT WHAT HE SEETH THE FATHER DO: FOR WHAT THINGS SOEVER HE DOETH, THESE ALSO DOETH THE SON LIKEWISE.** <sup>20</sup>**FOR THE FATHER LOVETH THE SON, AND SHOWETH HIM ALL THINGS THAT HIMSELF DOETH: AND HE WILL SHOW HIM GREATER WORKS THAN THESE, THAT YE MAY MARVEL.** “

THE BIBLE SAYS THAT **THE WORKS YOU MUST WORK** ARE GIVING MEAT TO THE HUNGRY, GIVING DRINK TO THE THIRSTY, TAKING STRANGERS IN, CLOTHING THE NAKED, TAKING CARE OF THE SICK, AND VISITING THOSE IN PRISON. THE BIBLE GOES ON TO SAY THAT GOD REQUIRES YOU TO DO JUSTLY, TO **LOVE MERCY**, AND TO WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD. IT ALSO SAYS TO **LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND; AND YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF.**

ALL THE WORKS THAT YOU DO IN GOD’S WILL SHOULD BE DONE WITH LOVE, JOY, PEACE, LONGSUFFERING, GENTLENESS, GOODNESS, FAITH, MEEKNESS AND TEMPERANCE. YOU MUST ALSO LOVE YOUR ENEMIES, BLESS THEM THAT CURSE YOU, DO GOOD TO THEM THAT HATE YOU, AND PRAY FOR THEM WHICH DESPITEFULLY USE YOU, AND PERSECUTE YOU; NOW I KNOW THAT IS A LOT TO ASK. BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME FOLK YOU KNOW, YOU LIVE WITH, ARE RELATED TO, WORK WITH, LIVE BY, CHURCH WITH, AND SOCIALIZE WITH WHO ARE SIMPLY UNLOVING AND UNLOVABLE. BUT **(ISAIAH 54:17)** ASSURES YOU THAT, “NO WEAPON THAT IS FORMED AGAINST YOU SHALL PROSPER; AND EVERY TONGUE THAT SHALL RISE AGAINST YOU IN JUDGMENT YOU SHALL CONDEMN. THIS IS THE HERITAGE OF THE SERVANTS OF THE LORD, AND THEIR RIGHTEOUSNESS IS OF ME, SAITH THE LORD.”



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YOU ARE NOT CAPABLE OF ACCOMPLISHING ANY OF THESE WORKS ON YOUR OWN  
WOMEN. HAVEN'T YOU FIGURED IT OUT YET?

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**QUESTION?**

**What is your Special Assignment?**

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**What are they?**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

God requires you to \_\_\_\_\_ justly, love \_\_\_\_\_

walk \_\_\_\_\_ with your \_\_\_\_\_.



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—*Teaching point three: WHO SENT YOU?*

THE **SOVEREIGN ARCHITECT** ... “HIM WHO SENT ME” (**JOHN 12:49**) – “**FOR I HAVE NOT SPOKEN OF MYSELF; BUT THE FATHER WHICH SENT ME, HE GAVE ME A COMMANDMENT, WHAT I SHOULD SAY, AND WHAT I SHOULD SPEAK.**”

SOMEONE READING THIS MAY NOT YET BE ACQUAINTED WITH OUR GOD. CAN I TELL YOU A LITTLE ABOUT HIM? LET ME START OFF WITH SOME OF HIS ATTRIBUTES. HE IS: ABSOLUTE, GOOD, HOLY, WISE, MERCIFUL, LOVING, KIND, AWESOME, WONDERFUL, INDEPENDENT, IMMUTABLE, IMMEASURABLE AND HE IS ETERNAL. I HEARD DAVID, THE PSALMIST ASKS THE QUESTION, “WHO IS THE KING OF GLORY?” AND THE ANSWER, “THE LORD STRONG AND MIGHTY, THE LORD MIGHTY IN BATTLE.”

SOME CALL HIM **ELOHIM**; GOD. SOME CALL HIM **YAHWEH**; THE LORD. SOME CALL HIM **EL ELYON**; GOD MOST HIGH. SOME CALL HIM EL ROI; GOD WHO SEES. SOME CALL HIM EL SHADDAI; GOD ALMIGHTY. SOME CALL HIM **JEHOVAH YIREH**; MY PROVIDER. SOME CALL HIM **JEHOVAH NISSI**; MY BANNER. SOME CALL HIM **JEHOVAH SHALOM**; MY PEACE. SOME CALL HIM **QE-DOSH YISRAEL**; HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL. SOME CALL HIM **EL OLAM**; THE EVERLASTING GOD. SOME CALL HIM **JEHOVAH TSIDKKENU**; GOD OF MY RIGHTEOUSNESS AND SOME EVEN CALL HIM **YAHWEH SHAMMAH**; THE LORD IS THERE. BUT I CALL HIM MY FATHER BECAUSE HE IS ABLE TO SUPPLY ALL MY NEEDS ACCORDING TO HIS RICHES IN GLORY. LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION. “WHO IS HE AND WHAT IS HE TO YOU?”

GOD IS THE AWESOME CREATOR OF THE WORLD. HE WHO ALWAYS WAS, ALWAYS IS, AND FOREVER SHALL BE, STEPPED OUT OF HIS PRE-EXISTENCE, TOOK FRAGMENTS AND REMNANTS OF THE FUTURE, AND HURLED A NON-EXISTENT UNIVERSE INTO EXISTENCE BY SIMPLY SPEAKING WHAT WAS NOT AS THOUGH IT ALREADY WAS! GOD SPOKE IN THE VAST DARKNESS AND SUDDENLY THERE WAS LIGHT! GOD SPOKE AND MADE THE FIRMAMENT AND DIVIDED THE WATERS BELOW IT AND THE WATERS ABOVE IT (HEAVEN); GOD SPOKE AND THE WATERS GATHERED (SEAS) AND DRY LAND APPEARED (EARTH); GOD SPOKE AND BROUGHT FORTH GRASS AND FRUIT-YIELDING TREES;



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GOD SPOKE AND MADE TWO LIGHTS; THE GREATER LIGHT (SUN) TO RULE THE DAY, AND THE LESSER LIGHT (MOON) TO RULE THE NIGHT; GOD SPOKE AND BROUGHT FORTH CATTLE, AND CREEPING THINGS; GOD SPOKE AND CREATED GREAT WHALES AND EVERY LIVING CREATURE THAT MOVES; AND EVERY WINGED FOWL; IT WAS ONLY WHEN GOD MADE MALE AND FEMALE THAT HE USED HIS HANDS TO CREATE THEM.

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**QUESTION?**

God the Sovereign \_\_\_\_\_ sent Jesus to do the works?

**What are some of the attributes of God?**

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| 2. _____ | 9. _____  |
| 3. _____ | 10. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 12. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 13. _____ |
| 7. _____ |           |

**Who is He and what is He to you?** \_\_\_\_\_

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—*Teaching point four: WHEN SHOULD YOU WORK?*

### **SPECIFIC AGE OR ERA – “WHILE IT IS DAY”**

IN 1854 ANNIE LOUISA WALKER, AN EIGHTEEN YEAR-OLD CANADIAN GIRL, PENNED THE LYRICS TO AN OLD FAMILIAR HYMN, ... WORK, FOR THE NIGHT IS COMING, WORK THROUGH THE MORNING HOURS; WORK WHILE THE DEW IS SPARKLING, WORK 'MID SPRINGING FLOWERS; WORK WHEN THE DAY GROWS BRIGHTER, WORK IN THE GLOWING SUN; WORK, FOR THE NIGHT IS COMING, WHEN MAN'S WORK IS DONE.

**(1 PETER 2:9),**”BUT YE ARE A CHOSEN GENERATION, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, AN HOLY NATION, A PECULIAR PEOPLE; THAT YE SHOULD SHEW FORTH THE PRAISES OF HIM WHO HATH CALLED YOU OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS **MARVELLOUS LIGHT**; LET’S LOOK AGAIN AT THE TEXT. IT SAYS, **“I MUST WORK THE WORKS OF HIM WHO SENT ME WHILE IT IS DAY;”** “DAY” REPRESENTS YOUTH, VIBRANCY & HIGH ENERGY. DON’T GET ME WRONG. GOD WILL RECEIVE YOU AT WHATEVER AGE YOU ARE. HIS WORD SAYS IN **(ECCLESIASTES 12:1)**, “REMEMBER NOW THY CREATOR **IN THE DAYS OF THY YOUTH**, WHILE THE EVIL DAYS COME NOT, NOR THE YEARS DRAW NIGH, WHEN THOU SHALT SAY, “I HAVE NO PLEASURE IN THEM;”

TO THE YOUNGER WOMEN...GOD WANTS TO USE YOU WHILE YOU ARE ABLE TO WORK; WHILE YOU ARE STILL INNOCENT & HAVE NOT YET BEEN TAINTED BY THE SNARES OF THE PRINCE OF DARKNESS. THE BIBLE SAYS, “TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO & WHEN HE IS OLD HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT.” HE WANTS TO RAISE YOU UP TO BE A NATION WHO WILL OBEY. IF YOU LIVE FOR HIM WHEN YOU’RE YOUNG (**“DAY”**), GOD WILL BE WITH YOU WHEN YOU ARE SEASONED (**“NIGHT”**). HE DESIRES YOU TO LIVE A LIFE OF PURITY & HOLINESS SO THAT YOU CAN BE THAT LIGHT IN THIS DARK WORLD.

TO MY SEASONED SISTERS, GOD WANTS YOU TO WORK WHILE IT IS DAY AND YOU’RE ALERT AND HAVE STRENGTH TO FIGHT THE ENEMY. HE DOESN’T WANT YOU TO DO EVERYTHING AGAINST HIS WILL THEN COME TO HIM AFTER SATAN HAS STRIPPED YOU OF ALL YOUR PRIDE, DIGNITY, SELF-RESPECT AND SELF-WORTH AND YOU’RE ALL



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WASHED OUT AND CAN'T DO ANYTHING ELSE EXCEPT CRAWL TO HIM. HE NEEDS YOUR RIGHT MIND, ABLE BODY AND GENTLE SPIRIT TO WORK FOR HIM WHEN HE WANTS YOU TO; NOT WHEN YOU GET READY.

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**QUESTION?**

**What does "Day" represent?** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**What is synonymous with "Seasoned"?** \_\_\_\_\_

**God desires the younger women to live a life of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.**

If you wait until you're "seasoned", what will satan have had time to strip you of?

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, self-\_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_-worth.



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—*Teaching point five: WHY WORK IN THE DAY?*

**STARTLING ANNOUNCEMENT – “THE NIGHT IS COMING WHEN NO ONE CAN WORK.”**

“NORMAL” HOURS OF WORK ARE GENERALLY TAKEN TO MEAN A WORKING DAY WITH HOURS LEFT FOR RECREATION AND REST. REST IS A NIGHT TIME ACTIVITY, WORK A DAYTIME ACTIVITY. A SHIFTWORKER, PARTICULARLY ONE WHO WORKS NIGHTS, MUST FUNCTION ON A SCHEDULE THAT IS NOT "NATURAL". CONSTANTLY CHANGING SCHEDULES CAN: 1) UPSET ONE'S CIRCADIAN RHYTHM (24-HOUR BODY CYCLE); THESE RHYTHMICAL PROCESSES ARE COORDINATED TO ALLOW FOR HIGH ACTIVITY DURING THE DAY & LOW ACTIVITY AT NIGHT. 2) CAUSE SLEEP DEPRIVATION AND DISORDERS OF THE GASTROINTESTINAL AND CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEMS. 3) MAKE EXISTING DISORDERS WORSE, AND 4) DISRUPT FAMILY & SOCIAL LIFE.

IF YOU JUST HAPPENED TO BE A LATE BLOOMER, WORK FOR THE NIGHT IS COMING AND YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO WORK. HE ACCEPTS YOU WHENEVER YOU COME. THE RACE ISN'T GIVEN TO THE SWIFT NOR TO THE STRONG, BUT TO THE ONE WHO ENDURES TO THE END. EVEN IF YOU JUST GOT IN THE RACE, HOLD ON AND SEE WHAT THE ENDS GOING TO BE. HE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. HE DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE. THERE IS WORK THAT YOU CAN DO IN YOUR SEASON THAT CAN IMPACT THE BODY OF CHRIST.

DON'T BECOME ONE OF THOSE MEAN, BITTER AND CRANKY SEASONED SISTERS WHO ARE SET IN YOUR WAYS AND YOU'RE ANGRY BECAUSE YOU JUST CAN'T DO WHAT YOU USE TO. YOU'RE JEALOUS OF THE YOUNGER WOMEN WHO ARE COMING AND GIVING THEIR LIVES TO CHRIST, AND YOU SIT THERE WITH YOUR NOSE TURNED UP, TALKING BAD AND LOOKING DOWN ON THEM AS IF YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN SAVED, SANCTIFIED AND FILLED WITH THE PRECIOUS HOLY GHOST! IT WASN'T THAT LONG AGO THAT YOU GOT CLEANED UP. YOU NEED TO CHECK YOURSELF, 'CAUSE YOU MAY DISCOVER THAT YOU STILL GOT SOME DIRT AND GRIME THAT NEEDS TO BE SCRUBED AWAY. EMBRACE THOSE YOUNG WOMEN AND SHARE YOUR TESTIMONY WITH THEM IN



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LOVE. IF YOU SEE YOU CAN HELP THEM, DO SO WITHOUT SAYING A WORD TO ANYONE ELSE. 'CAUSE IT AIN'T ABOUT YOU; IT'S A GOD THANG!

“NIGHT” SIGNIFIES TRANSITION FROM EARTH TO GLORY. DAY IS DONE & YOUR WORK IS COMPLETE. REST ASSURED, GOD WILL NOT CALL YOU HOME UNTIL YOUR WORK IS FINISHED. SINCE YOU KNOW NOT THE DAY NOR THE HOUR WHEN THE SON OF MAN WILL APPEAR, KEEP WORKING AS IF HE'S COMING BACK TODAY.

WHERE THERE IS DARKNESS, LIGHT DOES NOT ABIDE & GOD DOES NOT ABIDE. INSTEAD, EVIL LURKS AT THE VERY GATE WAITING TO POUNCE ON THE NEXT PREY WHO STUMBLES BY. IT'S HARD TO SEE YOUR WAY IN THE DARK. HAVE YOU EVER TRAVELLED SOMEPLACE & THERE WERE POTHOLES, BROKEN GLASS, UNEVEN CURBS, UNPAVED ROADS, NO STREET LIGHTS, & ALL SORTS OF DISTRACTIONS & DETOURS TO KEEP YOU LOST & TURNED AROUND? THOSE ARE SATAN'S TACTICS. HE KNOWS GOD HAS A JOB FOR YOU TO DO. HE'S ALWAYS GOING TO KEEP YOU OFF TASK TO MAKE SURE YOU DO NOT COMPLETE YOUR WORK. BUT I'M REMINDED THAT IF I DO MY JOB FOR THE LORD, IN THE END WHATEVER IS RIGHT HE'LL PAY.

### QUESTION?

What does “night” represent? \_\_\_\_\_

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The race is not \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ or to the

\_\_\_\_\_ but to the \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_

to the \_\_\_\_\_.

There is work that you can do in any “season” of your life that can impact the body of Christ.

True  or False



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**THINGS TO PONDER...**

**WOMEN OF GOD**, I EMPLORE YOU TODAY CONTINUE WORKING IN THE WILL OF GOD. IF YOU ARE ONE OF THE ONES WHO HAS NOT BEEN WORKING IN THE WILL OF GOD, BUT OPERATING AS IF IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU, WAKE UP & SMELL THE ROSES, **IT'S NOT ABOUT YOU; IT'S A GOD THANG!** YOUR STRENGTH & YOUR EFFORT IS FUTILE UNLESS YOU ARE FLOWING IN HIS WILL. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO CHANGE YOUR MINDSET TODAY. LET THIS DAY BE THE FIRST DAY OF THE REST OF YOUR LIFE LIVING, LOVING AND WORKING IN THE WILL OF GOD.

WHY? IT IS IMPERATIVE FOR YOUR SAFETY AND WELL BEING IN THIS LIFE AND THE LIFE TO COME. THE SAFEST PLACE IN THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD IS IN THE WILL OF GOD. IN THE WILL OF GOD YOU WILL FIND PEACE. IN THE WILL OF GOD YOU WILL FIND FULLNESS OF JOY. IN THE WILL OF GOD YOU WILL FIND LOVE. IN THE WILL OF GOD YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOUL. IN THE WILL OF GOD YOU WILL FIND HEALING FOR YOUR BODY. IN THE WILL OF GOD YOU WILL FIND LIBERTY. IN THE WILL OF GOD YOU WILL FIND DELIVERANCE. IN THE WILL OF GOD YOU WILL FIND EVERYTHING YOU NEED FOR THE JOURNEY.

IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE TO FIND THE WILL OF GOD, PRAY AND STUDY HIS WORD! THERE YOU WILL FIND THE ANSWER TO EVERY SITUATION, EVERY STORM, EVERY SETBACK, EVERY SET UP, EVERY STUMBLING BLOCK AND EVERY STRUGGLE!

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