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OCCUPY AS A SERVANT

Yesterday we preached a message called "Occupy till I come", ([click here to watch](#)) which is a command from the Lord to those that he gives gifts to. Every single believer has received a gift, and that is salvation. This is the greatest gift that you can ever receive. There are many other gifts than that, but this is the most valuable. Without this gift there is no way to enter heaven.

Jesus is coming back to set up his kingdom, and he wants us to be doing works that prepare his kingdom for that time. So, how do I occupy until he comes, you may ask. It is simple. It is just listening to Holy Spirit and doing what he leads you to do.

Some giftings require training, such as a Pastor, Teacher, Apostle, Prophet, or Evangelist. One may have this gift given to them, but it takes training to walk these gifts out. Not everyone has that kind of call. It takes total commitment to carry out these giftings and patience in the preparation process until you are ready. So, how do you train? You make sure you sit under someone that has already been trained and learn everything that you can. It doesn't happen overnight. Sometimes it requires going to Bible College. The greatest way to be trained is to be like Joshua was. He was with Moses every step of the way. He was his servant.

Servanthood is not a bad thing. It is the training ground that it takes to become the master. Don't expect God to elevate you to the "master position" until you have served. If you are in a church the leadership will look for those that want to serve. When you have proven yourself loyal in menial area, like cleaning or greeting people, then any good leader will promote you to something higher. This is where you are tested and proven. God puts order in his kingdom, and it all starts with servanthood.

If you are not called to be in leadership, you may just be called to be the best mother or the best father. That is a great responsibility in itself, because you are training tomorrow's generation. Make it your responsibility to get your children into church, but also to teach them the things of God at home. In II Timothy 1:5, Paul writes to Timothy and tells Timothy how he remembers the faith that dwelt in his grandmother Lois and his mother Eunice. He then goes on to say, **"I am persuaded that in thee also."** Timothy was taught by both his mother and grandmother the things of God. You can do the same!

Maybe you aren't married and have no children, but you have chosen a career. You can be the best witness for Jesus on the job. Sharing how God saved you with those you meet is occupying and being a servant for Jesus. Without a witness no one will hear the gospel.

Whatever your call is, do it as a servant. Do it as Colossians 3:23 says, **"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men."** This means that whatever we do we do it as if we were doing it to and for the Lord Jesus Christ. That is true occupying as a servant. Remember you are building God's kingdom, not your own. It is all about Jesus.