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How To Start A Messianic Congregation, Part III

Gifts And Authority, Additional Thoughts

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The Infinite Gallery Of Talents

In the last part of this series I had mentioned the “Gifts Test” that many evangelical churches are giving their members (including brand new Believer in ‘Discover’ and ‘Pastor’s’ classes). This test consists of 20 or so area’s of giftedness, which many believe to be the theological summation of God’s gifts of talents to His servants. This simply isn’t true. I had meant to include a listing of the real talents that people possess – in an attempt to show how real Saints can use their real talents for the building of the Kingdom of God. Space did not permit this, hence this addition.

MINISTRIES WE SEE FROM OBVIOUS OCCUPATIONS AND TALENTS:

Mechanical Insight (car repair)	Building Insight (home repair)	Electrical Insight (appliance repair)
Culinary Preparations (canning)	Sewing Talents (blankets for seniors)	Writing Abilities (books, articles)
Story Telling (children)	Financial (debt reduction)	Health (healing)
Health (wellness)	Health (in-home care)	Compassion (grief support)
Language (interpretation)	Language (teaching immigrants)	Computers (internet ministry)
English Language (editing)	Mechanical Insight (teaching skills)	Camping Skills (teaching youth)
Sports (teaching youth)	Sports (rehabilitation)	Sports (evangelism outreach) ¹
Teaching (poor children)	Medical (wellness check-ups)	Medical (free school physicals)
Cooking (feeding the homeless)	Cooking (teaching young couples)	Cooking (feed forest fire fighters)
Computers (webcast services)	Computers (teach classes to jobless)	Gardening (tend garden for shut-ins)
Gardening (flowers for rest homes)	Administration (teach people to de-clutter)	Executive (teach management ideas)
Lawyer (set up trusts)	Lawyer (set up home corporations)	Lawyer (:30 minutes legal advice)
CPA (help elderly with IRS)	Accountant (debt reduction)	Accountant (teach basic math)
Organization (scouting)	Advocate (political candidate)	Speaking (discipleship classes)
Speaking (talking to youth)	Cheerleader (youth leader)	Listener (youth leader)
Builder (delegate to Chile’)	Diplomat (suicide prevention line)	Lawyer (teach marriage skills)

OCCUPATIONS WHOSE TRUE TALENTS MAY JUST NEED TO BE COAXED OUT:

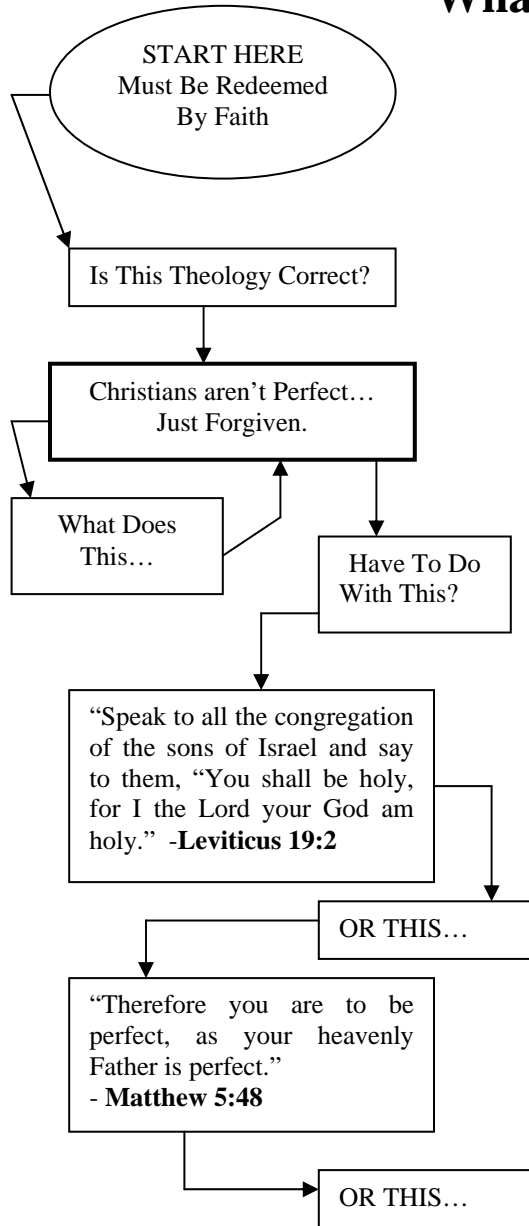
CPA (teach golf)	Nurse (fly children on Angel Network)	Pilot (teach geography to poor)
Lawyer (cook meals for homeless)	Police Office (knit blankets for seniors)	Fireman (scout leader)
Receptionist (repair cars)	Dentist (read books to the blind)	Gardener (help people with taxes)
Executive (deliver meals)	Politician (collect toys for poor)	Teacher (food boxes for poor)

I hope you can see what I’m talking about when I say that leaders need to enable people to fulfill their callings and to exercise their talents. You may not think that the man who owns a \$200 million dollar company – simply has a burden to deliver meals to people who can’t get out of their homes. *But Abba gave him a talent for listening and compassion and a desire to comfort people who are disadvantaged.* The same may be true of a gardener who has an accounting degree – but makes more money tending lawns in California. *Abba gave him a desire to help the poor, disabled, and elderly pay as little tax as possible – and the skills to do it.* Because we tend to look at people’s outsides – while God prepares them on the inside for His work.

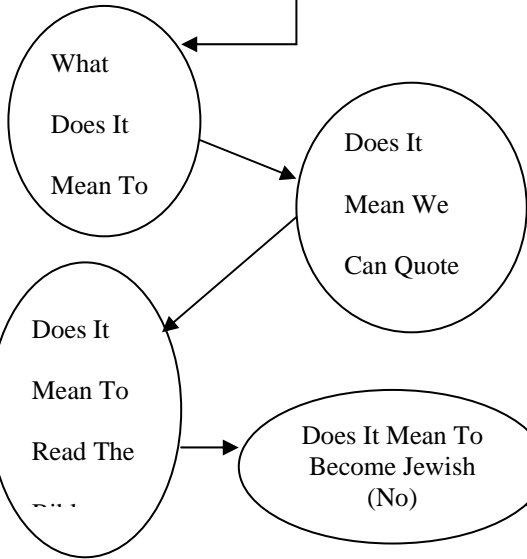
Leaders need to have a bit more faith in the people whom Abba sends to them for protection. Leaders need to have a little more faith that Abba sees the blueprint for the entire Body of Messiah – while we usually just see the tube that it came in. Sometimes leaders simply see a person as a foot – but God has in mind that that person is actually the index finger that will point the way to salvation for a thousand new Believers! There is a wonderful song that has a simple line that says: “*Samuel saw just a simple shepherd boy – but God saw a warrior and a king!*” **Leaders, try to see what God sees – in everybody!**

¹ Let me explain this one since it is a different idea than building a gym or soccer field. Many business deals are made on the golf course and many promotions are made on the golf course for instance. A man or woman wants to rise in the business world and doesn’t know how to play. But a man in the congregation plays very well and can teach. He could use his talents to teach Believers how to play golf so they can pitch a deal or get a raise and better support their families financially. Also the Believer would get to know more people in the executive ranks of his or her company. As these executives have a chance to see their *Torah Observant Lifestyle* – they too might want to know their God (Deuteronomy 4:1-8).

What Does It Mean – “To Know God?”



“Does the Lord take delight in thousands of rams, in ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I present my first-born for my rebellious acts, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” “He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” - **Micah 6:7-8**



WHAT DOES IT MEAN THEN... TO KNOW GOD?

“Do you become a king because you are competing in cedar? Did not your father eat and drink, and do justice and righteousness? Then it was well with him.” “He pled the cause of the afflicted and needy; then it was well. Is not that what it means to know Me? Declares the Lord.” -**Jeremiah 22:15-16**

“Thus says the Lord, ‘Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord who exercises lovingkindness, justice, and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things,’ declares the Lord.” -**Jeremiah 9:23-24**

How Did He Intend For Us To LEARN To Know Him?

“Make Me know Thy ways, O Lord; teach me Thy paths.” “Lead me in Thy truth and teach me, for Thou art the God of my salvation.” -**Psalms 25:4-5**

“Good and upright is the Lord; Therefore He instructs sinners in the way.” “He leads the humble in justice, and He teaches the humble the way.” All paths of the Lord are lovingkindness and truth to those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.” “For Thy name’s sake, O Lord, pardon my iniquity, for it is great.” -**Psalms 25:8-11**

“Torah (instruction/teaching) is God’s written expression of His heart and mind. It gives us the freedom to be the New Creatures He has made us to be – those who walk by faith, in an intimate relationship with our Father and Bridegroom.” *Torah Rediscovered* **Matthew 5:17-21. 4:15-16. John 1:14-18. 1 John 2:1-6**

THEREFORE...

Christians Are Forgiven... So They Can Be Perfect.
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By Striving to be perfect – to walk as Messiah walked, we learn to do those things that delight God – thus we begin to know Him. **Matthew 25:31-46**