

Three powerful keys for being used by God

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The Word of God notes in Matthew 22:14 that "many are called but few are chosen".

What was Jesus talking about? What does it take to be used by God? What is the difference between being called and being chosen?

Point one: God is calling man. **To qualify for being used, one has to first be called by God** in order for God to manifest and show Himself through the life of the believer. "**For the gifts and the calling of God are without repentance**" (Romans 11:29).

Point two: One has to be chosen. What does that mean? **One has to say yes to the call. Additionally, one must go through the process of preparation.** For example, as an athlete prepares himself/herself, the one called should prepare himself/herself. Paul the apostle makes reference to this in 1Corinthians 9:27, "**But I keep my body under and bring it into subjection.**" Prayer and fasting, meditation in the word of God (Joshua 1:8), and practicing being led by the Spirit of God (Romans 8:14), especially in the small matters in life, will prepare the believer for being led by God in the great tasks in life. (Matthew 25:21)

For example, Paul could have ignored the leading of the Lord when he was instructed to pray and fast for three days, without even drinking water. Jesus could have disobeyed the Father when He was told to go into the desert to pray and fast for forty days straight.

In another instance, the disciples could have disobeyed Jesus when He told them to remain in Jerusalem, specifically until they had received power from on high, "dunamis", in order for them to be witnesses or representatives for Jesus and the Father in the Earth (Acts 1:8). As a matter of fact, the Bible notes that Jesus appeared to many more than the 120 who were gathered on the day of Pentecost during Jesus' forty days and nights before His ascension to the Father (Acts 1:3). In 1 Coianthians. 15:6, it states that at one occasion Jesus was seen by more than five hundred brethren. **Where were they on the day of Pentecost? Watching TV or drinking coffee?**

Point three: The Lord showed me that it is essential for the one who is called and prepared **to have compassion and love for the people who the Lord wants him/her to minister to.**

The Word tells us: **But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then said He unto the disciples: The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few: Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest. And when he had called unto Him His twelve disciples, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.** Matthew 9:36-38, 10:1.

The driving force behind Jesus' ministry was compassion.. It is still the same today in the life of the called believer.

I remember when the Lord called me to minister to the people in Latin-America. I had received a prophesy from a well-known evangelist from the Caribbean, who prophesied that the Lord had given me a very large door of ministry in Latin-America, and that within a year, I would preach in Spanish in a campaign in the continent.

I received that word into my heart by faith and then purchased a bilingual Bible, English-Spanish. I began to read and memorize scriptures in the Spanish language for hours every morning.

A few months later, I received an invitation by a dear brother and pastor in Caracas, Venezuela to preach and to minister in a campaign in Caracas. Three week before the campaign I felt led to begin to fast, only on water, and to pray that the Lord would bless and pour out His Spirit in the campaign.

The more I prayed and fasted, the more I felt God's love for the people and for the nation. I was so engulfed in God's love and compassion for the people that when I came to the airport to catch my flight to Venezuela, I began to cry profusely when I heard the people speak in Spanish. I cried for no other reason but for God's compassion that I felt in my heart for the people he had sent me to.

Needless to say, the campaign yielded many miracles and salvations, although I had never really studied and learned Spanish. Before the campaign, I had only read the Spanish bible translation, Reina Valera, three times, and also memorized scriptures.

Yet God confirmed his Word and gave me a supernatural ability to speak and to preach in Spanish during that week. All the glory to his holy name!

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