

# What are the Distinguishing qualities of a Labourer for God

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So Today I was relaxing and meditating on the scriptures desiring that increase and growth, and that God will send to me the labourers the faithful ones who will commit the same message we are teaching, God was reminding me that we commit to faithful men/ women that shall be able to teach others also

God's vision and desire is that all men will be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth

God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance

This repentance is a turning to God from \*idols\* to serve the living and true God,

I am Desiring increase and growth which comes from God, Jesus exhorted his disciples to pray to the Lord of the harvest that God would send forth the Labourers,

I am sure Jesus pray to His Father to send for the labourers, and he was encouraging the disciples to do the same

The labourers are followers, just like the disciples followed Jesus, and the labourers are faithful ones who receive the word with meekness and follow the encouragement and example being giving to them. Jesus encouraged His

followers to go to God, to pray to the Father, and to do the work that God gave to them.

They did not follow other men's doctrines, they followed Jesus right where God had led them and connected to him, they didn't go after the pharisee doctrine, they did not go and check things out with John the Baptist. Although some of Jesus followers came from John the Baptist and connected to Jesus.

Despite the disciple challenges and faults and failing they continued with Jesus and he taught them God's perspective as they drew close to Jesus,

Jesus gave them the keys of the kingdoms, he revealed to them the parables, those same parables he spoke to the masses but the masses didn't understand them.

Jesus would have revealed them to anyone who had a desire to understand them, but the only ones who had that desire and hunger to ask him, were the disciples and because they had desire to know they drew close to Jesus in their fellowship and he gave them the understanding and meaning of the parables he spoke.

He was training them and guiding them and helping them, and when it came time for them to received holy spirit, they were ready to move with the Father just like Jesus did when he was with them. They knew what to do they had instruction and God was working in them and with them.

So now they had a direct connection and access to God through Jesus Christ accomplished works, Jesus encouraged

them before he ascended to use this power from on high, and that they were going to be witness unto him, both In Jerusalem, and all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

They were not going to accomplish this in their own effort or ability or strength but by the spirit of God living in them, and being led by the spirit of God.

Now that we received holy spirit we can do the same works as Jesus done and greater, we too can move in the same way he moved.

How did Jesus move? he was led by the spirit of God.

How did Jesus speak? Jesus spoke by the spirit of God.

How Did Jesus Heal People by the spirit of God in him

How did Jesus cast out devils by the power of God dwelling in him, Jesus's word was with power and authority

He spoke the words the father gave him to speak, he spoke by the spirit of God and we are to speak by the spirit of God, those words God gives us to speak forth to others we bring people light and faith and hope and healing.

We have an example to follow, Jesus knew the work of reconciling men back to God could not be done alone. He is what Jesus Said.

**Matthew 9:36** 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.

**Matthew 9:37** Then saith he unto his disciples, the harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few;

**Matthew 9:38** pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

If we desire to see growth and labourers for the harvest, we would be wise to follow the encourage and instruction Jesus gave his disciples.

So, we see our beginning point is to pray to and beseech the Lord of the Harvest we are to pray with desire for the labourers we give our desire to God that God will send forth those labourers.

We are to look to God for that one labourer and not go looking for the labour ourselves with our own effort. God gives the increase, God adds to the church daily such as should be saved, it by His grace, which means it is God that does the work.

**How do we know that God has given us a labourer? What are the Distinguishing qualities of a Labourer for God?**

I was sat down with a believer very recently and this believer was asking me so many questions good questions, and the answers would flood to my mind very easily and other questions I was asked, got me quietly asking God for answer, it reminded me when Jesus was asked by the Scribes and pharisee's who had caught a women in adultery, in the very act, they brought her to Jesus and quoted what the law said should happen to her and asked Jesus what do you say about

it, Jesus took His time, and once the answer came to him from God, Jesus spoke forth the answer to them. You can read the record for yourself **John 8:1-11**

**People may come to you with a question about what the scriptures say, but God in the perfect time will give the right way to answer, as we see Jesus answer to the Pharisees when they told Jesus what the Scriptures said, He did say yeah your right there go on stone, now he went to God the source of supply for his answer.**

A labourer is someone who really want to know and move and live for God, they will ask you questions as they desire to learn and grow so they can walk in truth and be fruit a labourer will come and seek you out and draw close to you ready to receive the answer and move with it.

Jesus was asked many questions, and many times answered their question with a question, and He would also ask people questions

Jesus was asked.....

“Where do you live Jesus answered come and see”

The disciples asked Jesus why do you speak in parables, why do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first, they ask Jesus why we couldn't drive out the demon, they asked who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven, Peter asked Jesus how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me,

They say unto him, why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?

Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have, therefore?

And when the disciples saw [it the fig tree], they wondered, saying, how immediately is the fig-tree dried up!

And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

“Lord, is it at this time you are restoring the Kingdom to Israel?”

“Who sinned? This man, or his parents, that he was born blind?”

Nicodemus sought Jesus out by night, he made effort to go and get his answers he wanted to find out more about Jesus

Nicodemus asked how can a man born when he is old and how can these things be.

But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.

“How is it that you, being a Jew, would ask me being of Samaria?”

The were great answers and lessons to learn for the one asking questions, a new perspective, and enlightening answers as well as challenging responses from Jesus to those that ask.

So we see that the disciples, ask Jesus questions, they grew in there relationship as they spent time with Jesus, and they watch Jesus set the example before them, then Jesus put them to work, by sending them forth to preach the gospel to heal all manner of sickness and diseases they followed and the example, and went, they were not perfect but faithful and desiring to know and understand, they wasn't resisting the words of Jesus.

They sometimes must of had doubts, and fears, but they kept on moving and learning and growing.

The only time they all for sook Jesus was when he was arrested, but after he was raised from the dead and appeared to them, they received His final instruction to them to wait for the promise of the Father, which they receive on the day of Pentecost, we see through their steadfastness, they received holy spirit and God added to them about 3000 souls.

We can see these 3000 souls continued in the Apostle Doctrine, fellowship, and breaking of bread, and prayers. Respect was among the people and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles, they were now putting into full practise what they had see their Lord do, being inspired by the

holy spirit in them, no one had lack people fully shared, they continued in the temple and from house to house, people were edified and happy they were praising God they were having favour among the people and God was adding to the church daily such as show be made whole.

We see through **Acts 3** the healing of the lame man and 5000 being added through that one healing, Peter and John were brought before the council because and the council were grieved that they taught the people and preached Jesus resurrection from the dead. Being let go they went to their own company and reported all that that the chief priests and elders had said unto them.

They prayed for boldness, the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and one soul they moved with great power the resurrection of the Lord Jesus and great grace was upon them they lacked nothing among them, they brought the price of the things they sold and laid them at the apostle feet every need was meet and the power of God was in operation through the apostles preaching of Apostle.

Leaders lead the way; it starts with one person whose heart is truly turned to God one hundred per cent and are not conformed to man's ways or traditions or religious traditions.

**We see through Acts chapters 2 - 4** the heart of the Leaders and those that were joined to them and how God moved greatly in each person. No organization, but the one body of Christ the Church of God was on the move.

God adds to the church the labourers, He opens the doors for us to preach and teach, the new labourers heart **receives the**

**word gladly, they continue steadfastly they continue in the apostles doctrine, they continue daily, fellowship breaking of bread and prayers they honour God, with their substance** and with this heart God is able to add to the church, daily such as are being made whole. but it come through the sound doctrine first, those words from God that penetrate the heart, to believing action. And the hearts of people are turned for idols unto the living God.

So spending time praying and desiring my own new fields and labourer these things came back to my mind and pondering the things I have learnt, checking my thinking, where I am, where I want to be how far can I go with God, examining my own heart and checking my motives are God motives. We can see from the life of Jesus Christ and through the book of acts the Distinguishing qualities of a Labourer for God, these are just some I have seen and have learnt and God brings these thoughts back to me

A labourer is will be a faithful one a faithful man or woman, this is who we are to commit the truths we know and what God puts into our hearts to speak. A faithful man/woman they will do and teach the same things. Just like with Paul who encouraged Timothy

**2 Timothy 2:2** And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

**1 Timothy 1:3** As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightiest charge some that they teach no other doctrine,

**Ephesians 4:13** That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive.

**Colossians 2:6** As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:

**Colossians 2:7** Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

**Colossians 2:8** Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

**Colossians 2:9** For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

**Colossians 2:10** And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

**Titus 1:9** Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

Timothy taught the same message he learnt from Paul, we see when Timothy was at Ephesus, Paul instructed Timothy to

make sure they teach no other doctrine, save that which they had learnt from Paul.....

The believers in Thessalonica became followers of the Apostle and Silvanus and Timothy these believers like Timothy showed the distinguishing quality of labourer.

**1Thessalonians 1:1** Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**1 Thessalonians 1:2** We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers.

**1 Thessalonians 1:3** Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father.

**1 Thessalonians 1:4** Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.

**1 Thessalonians 1:5** For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.

**1 Thessalonians 1:6** And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:

**1 Thessalonians 1:7** So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.

**1 Thessalonians 1:8** For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every

place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak anything.

**1 Thessalonians 1:9** For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God.

**1 Thessalonians 1:10** And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

**1 Thessalonians 2:13** For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

This is God heart and wisdom, the words Paul spoke was effective in them that believed Pauls words as if they were the word from God, as if God spoke them Himself to them, it is those words that produce fruit in the believers that received them and from them the Thessalonians believers sounded out the word of the Lord

Paul said, to them ye became followers of us and of the Lord having received the word in affliction with Joy of the Holy Ghost. they became imitators of Pauls example 1 Thessalonians 1:5- 8 and verse 7 it say and your were ensamples which we know is the Greek Word Tupos which mean an exact type, they were just like Paul. and were an example for other believers to follow,

