

## WHAT ABOUT YOUR MINISTRY?

“If it is God’s will, He will provide” was the rather smug response to the Christian’s God-inspired idea.

How often have we hidden behind that idea while waiting to see if a ministry will “make it” before getting involved? All too often it has been an excuse to not listen closely to God or his people, or to not become involved in the work he has called you to.

I wonder how many people are interfering with God’s work? Have we become so brash as to challenge God on each and every move so that he has to provide us with a miracle? It would seem so.

Scripture gives us many examples where God is so kind as to allow us our foolish ways. He is benevolent in his judgment of our resistance.

There is the example of Lot’s wife. It makes me wonder if she had a history of disobedience so that, when she looked back one last time, God had finally had enough.

In the case of Jonah, God wanted to speak to Nineveh so much through Jonah that he went to extraordinary lengths to get him there. Johan never did appreciate the miracles on his behalf.

If God has made us a “holy nation, a nation of priests”, then why wouldn’t he expect us to be the vehicles through which he moves?

In the New Testament, Jesus spoke and said “greater things than I do will you do.” That becomes personal. The “you” is you and I. And some of those things we shall do require some organization.

Jesus performed “miracles” in his ministry. Few, if any, men could be trusted to do likewise because of our human tendency to self-importance. Maybe this is the reason for the establishment of “ministries” so that, in our imperfect way, we can police ourselves.

This brings me back to the first point of expecting miraculous financing, organizing, recognition of ministry, and perfection before becoming involved. God still works miracles today, but how many of us are hindering his work? The miracle is that he has given someone a vision, a direction to proceed for him.

He wants to use us as imperfect individuals to establish his kingdom on earth. When we sit back and “watch” and “see” if it is truly God’s work, have we not become a hindrance?

How much time is wasted in God's precious work while he moves someone else in to fill the position he had created for you to fill. As a believer, can you not hear your Father's voice in the quiet of your own soul? Why do you wait for man's confirmation? Have you ever considered how many times God wanted you "to do" but you chose not to do? How often have you decided to wait when action was called for?

There is a typing phrase that most beginners learn. It is, "Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country." I would reword it to say, "Now is the time for all Christians to come to the aid of their Lord and King."

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