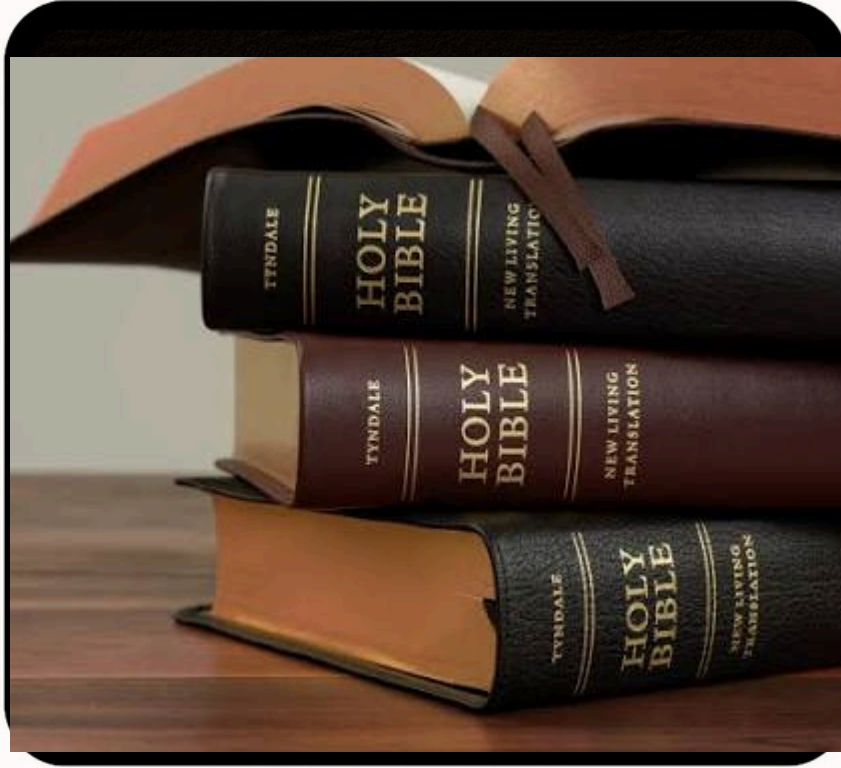




WHY SHOULD WE OCCUPY?



Theme Scripture: Genesis 1:27-28

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Occupy means to keep something that has been given to you intact, it means to fill up actively. The bible in Gen 1v25 expounds the order of creation, it teaches that God made everything before man was made, however, they could not fulfill their purpose because there was no man to till the ground. Then, God made man, blessed him and said to him "be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth and govern it". He was given dominion over all God created; hence man is the leader of everything God made. We have the duty to occupy the earth because it is the essence of man's creation, from the very beginning as long as you are a man, you have been given this assignment.

This is our conviction; it has been written that we are to govern, occupy, and be in charge, ignorance does not nullify this, because it has been written.

All end time armies have been given the mandate to occupy in different ways, through prayers, healing, deliverance, evangelism, giving, politics etc. In IWMI we occupy through intercession; that is our focus Jeremiah 1v10.

We are occupying through intercession, colonizing the earth and bringing the will of the father (the culture of heaven) to earth through intercession.

As we are doing this other end time armies are also playing their roles; ours is significant because it has an influence on the roles of others. The pastor preaching on the street needs prayers, the pastor on the altar needs prayers, the president ruling the nation needs prayers, every end time army needs prayers to fulfill their assignment. Our assignment is very unique, that is why the devil fights intercession, many are standing because the intercessors stand.

Important Assignment for all Intercessors

Intercession is our daily task, going forward examine yourself on a daily basis, how many times do you present yourself on our altar of intercession. We have 6 prayer times daily, get a book score your attendance daily over 60%.

"Important Warning for All Intercessors from the Executive Director. "

Those intercessors within IWMI that have neglected 9pm meetings, be warned nobody has been authorized to stop or be absent from 9pm prayers. Go back to your 9pm meeting, it is a very important part of our assignment, it is not negotiable. 3pm meeting is not meant for some people, go and occupy that prayer time, it is for everyone. We must occupy all our prayer times; necessity is laid upon us, this is why we were born.



Benefits of Occupying

Exo 23v25-26 says Worship the Lord your God, and his blessings will be on your food and water...

We worship God in service: Service is carrying out a responsibility, in IWMI it is presenting ourselves in our prayer alter for intercession, including availing ourselves for leadership meetings. You are either in service to God or out of service, when you are out of service it means you are not useful to God. Never make yourself out of service, no matter what you go through.

In the book of Genesis 37, 39, 40, 41 Joseph went through a lot from being sold by his brothers, to the false accusation of Potiphar's wife and being forgotten by the king's cupbearer, but he remained in service. 2 years after interpreting the dream to the King's (Pharaoh) cupbearer, he was remembered. He gave the interpretation of Pharaoh's dream and directed him on how to prepare for the famine by the wisdom of God, and Pharaoh set him in charge over all the land of Egypt even his household. His brothers who sold him off came to the land of Egypt due to the famine, they did not recognize him but he did, yet he did not withhold food from them.

Abraham and David are other men who remained in service despite the situations confronting them. No matter the situation confronting you, be on duty. If a challenge is beyond you inform your leader, do not wait until you have been consumed by it, don't wait until the tree is caused before informing anyone, then it may be too late. Jesus caused the tree due to its lack of productivity, no one can regenerate that tree anymore because it was caused from the root. If you stay off duty or out of service, you will become unproductive and irrelevant to the kingdom. Jesus says that every branch that does not produce fruit will be taken away John 15v2.

These are some of the benefits of occupying and remaining in service: Exo 23v25-26

1. Your food and water will be blessed
2. Sickness will be taken away from you
3. There will be no miscarriage nor infertility in your land
4. You will have full long life
5. You will lack no good Psalm 34 v 10

Increase in service, more talents and more grace is given Luke 19 v17. Strength is for service, if you neglect the work God has given to you, your strength will keep reducing.

In conclusion, we have been called to occupy and stay in service, for this purpose we were created.