

What Do I Still Lack? – Part 2

There are six separate levels to the answer Jesus Christ gave the rich young ruler in Matthew 19:21 (KJV). "Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me." Last month we covered the first two: "If thou wilt be perfect" and "Go..."

Number three thing that Jesus Christ told him was that he should sell all his treasured possessions. That means

Jesus said a man cannot serve God and Mammon. It is either you hate one or the other everything that was tying that man to this world. He said, "Sell it." In Matthew 6:24, Jesus said a man cannot serve God and Mammon. It is either you hate one or the other. What is tying you down? Sell it. Anything that is creating that kind of mind-set in you, that you are bragging about, sell it. It may not be something that you take money from but throw it away. Discard it. Just as Saul of Tarsus said in Philippians 3:8, "...I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus... and do count them but dung that I may win Christ" That is what Jesus Christ told this man.

Number four thing he said, coining it in my own words, "Then give the proceeds from the sale to the poor who cannot repay you." He said, "Go and sell all that you possess and give it to the poor." Do you know why Jesus Christ talked about the poor? It was because the poor cannot repay a rich man. He said, "Go and sell it and give it to them." Why was Jesus Christ telling this man to go and give to the poor? Look at what He says in Matthew 6:19-21 about having treasure in heaven, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will vour heart be also." He was telling this man, "Go and sell and give it to the poor and then you will have treasure in heaven." When He tells you that you have treasure in heaven, He is saying in essence that when you give to the poor and they cannot repay you, God is the only one that can repay.

Number five answer that Jesus Christ give this man. He said, "Then come back and follow me." That means, in my own words, 'come back'. What did He mean by him coming back? He meant come and fellowship with me. You see, when Jesus Christ says in Matthew 11:28, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest", the first thing he wants you to do when you come is to turn your burdens over and then be with him. A lot of people in churches do not know how to fellowship with God. Many in the church have put the cart before the horse. They remove the engine of their vehicle, sit inside it and say, "This is my pleasure car". Look at what the scriptures say in Mark 3:13-14. This was Jesus Christ calling the twelve. "And he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth unto him whom he would: and they came unto him. And he twelve, that ordained thev should be with him, and that he send them forth miaht to preach." The first thing is that

Do you know why Jesus Christ talked about the poor? It was because the poor cannot repay a rich man they would be with him. That is important. A lot of believers are missing this. They do not know how to fellowship anymore. They know how to come to church and then just say, "Well, I like that message... Oh, I like the prayers we pray", and then they go. No, he wants you to fellowship with him. That is why a lot of people are not getting the best of the benefits of coming together in churches because the fellowship vou come into is unto Him first. It is only when you fellowship with Him properly that you will now know how to fellowship one with another. Jesus was talking in Revelation 3 to the believers in the Laodicean Church and this is what he said in verse 20. Note that he was talking to believers unbelievers, here and not "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Do you see that? It is fellowship with him first. He told that man, "After you have done away with all these things, come back and fellowship with me." After you fellowship with him appropriately, that is

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when you can now go to the next thing he said to the man.

Number six. And then he said. "Follow me." Follow me means, "Be my follower. Be my disciple." Now a lot of people, because they bear Christian names and go to Pentecostal Evangelical or churches, say, "Oh, I am a Jesus follower." Really? There are some marks of those who actually follow him and who are his disciples. Look at Matthew 16:24-25. "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." He said, "Follow me. After you have gone, you have sold and you have given to the poor, then come and follow me." In verse 25 he then says, "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for Beloved, there is something that God requires to make you perfect and you must give it to him

my sake shall find it." That is the mandate of a follower and of a disciple. You are not a disciple of Jesus Christ because you carry the card of a church. "Oh, I am a card-carrying member of such and such church. I am a staunch member of such and such..." That is not the thing. The mark that he put there is that you carry your cross, you deny yourself and then you follow him.

Beloved, there is something that God requires to make you perfect and you must give it to him. This man asked, "What do I still lack?" You may also ask, "What do I still lack?" because you want to be made perfect. What you lack may be that you are friendly with the world. Anyone who is befriending the world is an enemy of God. That is what James 4:4 says. Somebody shared something with me. He said a member of his family had a very close friend and this friend was not a Christian. The friend talked anyhow, did anything and was a womanizer. Then this person sharing with me said, "I now began to look at this my family member and began to see the traits of that friend in my family member. So I said, 'Watch out. This person is influencing you."" But the family member said, "No, it is nothing." Until he now began to talk like the person was talking. There are some people who, when you hang around them, you do not know when you start to talk like they talk. For some people, when you are around them, you do not know when you start getting angry like they get angry.

There is a subtle way I have noticed in Canada. If you are not careful, you become angry with things that you are causing yourself and you will want the government to do something about it. When you get to your office, have you noticed that the kind of talk that goes on in the lunchroom is about the government? And before you know it, you also begin to get angry with the government. When you come to pray, you shout loud when you pray for yourself, but when you pray for the government your voice goes down because you are angry with them. In reality. everv government that is instituted all over the world has the hand of God in it. So your anger is indirectly against God. When the Pharisees came to Jesus Christ to tempt him, they asked him if it was right to pay taxes. He told them to bring him a coin. When they brought it he asked, "Whose inscription is on it?" In Matthew 22:21, "They say unto him. Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's." If you then are giving something to Caesar, who was put in position

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While I was in Nigeria, I was talking to one of our pastors and I asked him if he had paid his taxes. He said, "Sir, what did you say? In Nigeria? Did you say tax?" He then said laughing. "Out of how much salary sir? The thing is not even sufficient" He was a fulltime pastor. I asked him if he was praying for the nation. He said, "Yes, things must change in this nation." I said, "The nation will never make you prosper." You think it was a curse? I was just stating the truth. Will the governor use his own money to fix the road to your house? Someone else then said, "Well, they are stealing the money..." Yes, that is what will now give you good reason to go to God with your petition against them. But when you do not pay your taxes and then you start praying against leaders that are embezzling funds, the prayer is just going to bounce back on your head because you are not part of those who are giving. But if you pay your tax and then say,

"Father, you said I will not labour for others to eat. This entity that is sitting there, I know you put them in place, but they are making my life miserable in spite of my contribution to this society..." Many of you do not know that is part of the mystery of prayers. A life that is not right with God cannot pray right. When your life is right with God, then you can pray right, then God will answer and heaven will manifest in your situation.

What you still lack may be that you are carnally minded. You twist every spiritual thing and you only understand it from the fleshly perspective. Maybe what you lack is forgiveness. You say, "That person? No, no, no. I will never forgive." Maybe what you morality. lack is There is immorality of the mind and there is immorality of the flesh. Are you impure in what you put your hand into? What Jesus Christ may be pointing to in your own life maybe that you are a doubter. You doubt his promises. A lot of people doubt God's promises and are running ahead of God.

The following is something that somebody posted online. He said, "If you ever ask me to wait on God again, I will stone you. Maybe you don't have an idea of how long I have suffered. I do not care anymore. I have suffered for the gospel believe me. Years ago, I started this journey and was faithful to core. We prayed for people and when they got their miracles thev ran to mega to testify and only churches returned with 'God bless you.' After preaching deep revival messages with great anointing, I came back home to hunger. This continued but I remained focused on the Holy Scriptures, believing the God of our fathers. God kept coming to me in dreams and revelations saying, 'Son, I am coming'. I was faithful to God in holiness.

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"Many friends who started with me left my city and suddenly I started watching them on TV and hearing them on air. Some were boys I led to Christ who I knew I was better than. Yet I was not moved. I continued my life in Christ and after 10 years, still nothing happened. After 15 years, my family started asking me if I was truly called by God. They had fed me for so long. Brethren, I saw hell. The highest honorarium received 1 was N10,000 for which I shouted, "This is breakthrough!" Coming back home after that, we had an issue that involved the police and I was expected to settle the case financially. The police had arrested my dad. I cried because the money I previously thought breakthrough was was just peanuts. I lifted my eyes up in tears and shouted with a loud voice asking, 'Where is God? Oh where vou?' God are We managed to settle the case with lots of debt. But didn't God say the righteous shall not beg for bread? I became a hungry pastor and this reduced my prayer life. One day, I met one of my old pastor friends who told me, 'Boy, wake up!" He had a fleet of cars,

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houses and lots of property. I came home with tears saying, 'Oh God, don't let me shift. I love you." After 17 years, the suffering increased. I then changed cities, finally compromised and started doing what others were doing. One month after, I saw changes.

Coming back home later with my car, my mom rushed to me and shouted, 'The Lord is good! The Lord is good!' I thought it was because of the changes she saw in me but she said, 'You know you left without a phone and we don't have a phone too. One day after you left home, a man drove in and dropped this paper and this complimentary card.' I looked at the paper. It was a cheque for N5 million. I quickly checked the complimentary card. Lo and behold, it was from a man I had prayed for 15 years ago. Tears

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dropped from my eyes. My mom said. 'Why the tears when you know this is long overdue?' Ah! God was coming tomorrow, but I left today.

"This is the ordeal of certain folks today. God was coming while a lot of us were already leaving. The God of the Gospel never forgets his own. Soiled hands became a journey of no return. I would have stayed genuine. The tears were for running faster than God. Sir and Ma. those labours are not in vain. The evangelism is not in vain. That fasting is not in vain. I don't know where you are going. Run back. God is already looking for you, to bless you in your waiting place. God does not come late. Do not run ahead of Him. Keep following. He has never come late before and he won't in our time. Keep waiting. Waiting is

not wasting. Become a fool now and keep getting filled with **Become** power. а nobodv. Tomorrow will tell. Genuineness a platform that engineers is dominion that can stand the test of time. If it is God driving you, relax. He knows the way. They cannot challenge you if you are on the track. God never forgets his own. Keep aligning yourself with God. You will soon shine. God has never changed. He is faithful. Most times we don't wait well. Maybe tears are your food now. One day those tears will pull his hand for mega assistance. I just feel it that help is around the corner. Thousands of people scattered around the globe have suffered while waiting for God. A lot have been mocked. This suffering is nothing compared to the glory that is to be revealed. Do not forget. 'I am coming' says the Lord. Keep waiting. God only comes where he keeps a man. I feel it. He is coming. Wait a little while. Change will envelope you. God has heard our cry. He knows we have suffered. He is aware we need help. Maybe somebody is about to rebel against God, please give this note to such a

fellow. God won't abandon his own."

What do you still lack? Are you currently frustrating the grace of God in vour life? Is it because vou hate holiness? Or is it because what you lack is that you are compromising your stand? Or do you have a proud look, a lying that tongue, hand sheds а innocent blood, a heart that devices wicked plans and feet that are swift to run to evil? Are you a false witness? Sowing discord among brethren? Are you rejecting knowledge? Beloved, that man went away sorrowful. I do not want vou to be sorrowful because God is on the throne. He is waiting for you and He is going to connect with you where He has his appointment with you. Jacob left Canaan to go to Laban's Country and when he went there,

Go to God. Let God fix you because He is the only one who can perfect you he only suffered. He had a family but he could not enjoy it because the sword of Esau was hanging over his head. Until he connected with God, he did not enjoy. He went back to Bethel. Let me ask you, where is your Bethel? Go back to your Bethel and fix what you lack. Do not go away sad because you have possessions. Do not go away sad because you think you are going to lose a lot of things. What you are going to gain with God is more than what you are going to lose. Do not think that you will have some people desert you. That was what happened to King Herod. Because the damsel danced and he made a promise in the presence of his friends, he could not go back on his promise. If you make a promise to men, you can break it, if it is not something that is relating to eternity. If the promise you made is going to hold you down here and God is not going to help you, break that promise. Walk away from that promise and cling to God. If you made a promise and it is sinking you already, go and tell the person, "Excuse me, I made a promise in error to you. I fear God now. I want to go back to God. Release

me of my promise." If he says, "No. I will not release you", say, "Well, whatever you want to do, go ahead and do. I'm turning to God." Go to God. Let God fix vou because He is the only one who can perfect you. He told that man, "If you want to be made perfect, go and remove this mindset and then come and follow me. Fellowship with me and follow me. There is a place in God for your blessing. There is a place in God for your glorification. There is a place in God for your favour. You will connect with it in the name of Jesus Christ.

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Prayer Points

1. My father, I have come. Give me strength to follow you, in the name of Jesus.

2. O God my father, give me strength for life, in the name of Jesus.

3. Oh God my father, make me whole and perfect before you, in the name of Jesus.

4. My father, make me into what you want me to be, in the name of Jesus.

5. Oh God my father, help me not to leave your presence sorrowful, be my joy, in the name of Jesus.

6. Oh God my father, let the joy of knowing you overflow in me, in the name of Jesus.

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