

# Doing Godly Assignments

## Introduction

Did you know that God has a unique plan for you? No, I am not talking of a plan that one day I will know what those plans were.

No, God has a plan for you right now, today! And He will often “push” you in a direction or will prompt you by allowing you to do something, and if you chose to do His plan, He will do amazing things through you and for you and you will be blessed.

However, if you choose not to do it, that is fine God will go to the next person and offer him/her the same opportunity, however you will not experience the joy of doing His will for that tasks.

I am always aware that I am might not be the best person for our church or to do evangelism in Malawi

But I know one thing for sure, I heard the call of God and I am doing what He called me to do and that is SO energising, I cannot explain it, it gives you something to focus on, something to wake up to and to do with all your effort, not because you are going to get a reward and you will but because you heard God talking to you and so you are doing your best for God!

## No one is super spiritual or better than anyone else

Now let me start by saying God will speak to anyone who will listen to Him, anyone who will make time to hear Him speak to you and then to do what He asks!

So when God does speak to you and He will (**John 10:14-15** *“<sup>14</sup> “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.”*)

If you KNOW God, then you will HEAR His Voice – that is a promise, but you have to know Him, and you can only know a person and especially God by spending time with Him and His Words and to talk to Him.

So you are not special when and if you hear God’s speaks to you, that is the natural for a born again Christian because this is natural for any Christian who will spend time with God and be sensitive to Him and His Word.

And sometimes God gives you an assignment to do and please again do not think I am so super-spiritual that God speaks to me only!

I like to call it God giving me assignments! It not like mission impossible, “this is your mission if you choose to accept it click accept! Once you select an option, the mission is displayed and then self-destructs in 10 seconds!

No, it usually comes as a physical call from someone or an idea or a thought in your head, and sometimes you see something, and you do something to fix that issue.

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But that thought is there and you know this is God and so you do it!

If you think that I was someone special is wrong because I am not, to think like that would be plain pride and arrogance. No, I am no better or more spiritual than anyone else and I am not trying to boast, exalt myself, that is not my plan or what this message is about but I do spend a lot of time with God in his Word and He really speaks to me as He will do to anyone who will take/make the time to be with Him.

Hear me! The basis of this message today is that God can speak to ANYONE who will listen and DO what He asks you to do! Yes God can speak to even YOU and He does and is speaking to you daily, the problem is that just like with a radio station, if we are not tuned in we can't hear the signal, so you need to tune into God.

About 5 years ago I became aware of God giving me assignments, they were like good ideas, but I knew I had to do them.

I remember my first assignment was a method God taught me to pay for an outreach in Malawi – He would prompt me when to give and I would log onto my bank account and give 10% of whatever was in my account – you know I never lacked a thing? I received money from the strangest places paid legally into my account, one was share I have in Hewlett Packard that just paid out thousands of Rand and in just over two months I had collected all the money to pay for a 16day outreach from me and my team of 3 people.

Another one was to write a booklet for new Believers explaining what to do one you are saved! I cannot tell you how much this book has blessed new believers!

### The Great Commission

There have been many assignments that I have accepted and completed which have brought me great joy and satisfaction, but sadly there are also many I have missed, and I never experience the joy of what God can do through me!

So, let me tell you of an incredible assignment Jesus gave to every one of us and then I will tell the assignment I have been on for the past week.

This assignment was given by Jesus Christ to his disciples and is found in the last verses of the book of Matthew and the parallel is found at the end of Mark in **Mark 16:14-20, Matthew 28:16-20** *“<sup>16</sup> Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

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This assignment that Jesus gave to His disciples but also to you and me today, was to GO not stay at home but get up and GO into all the world, but God I don't have money, He said GO, God, I am not a good speaker, God said GO, I am not a pastor, God said GO – no matter what excuse we could think up the COMMAND was to GO.

Go where and to do what? Go into the World and make disciples of ALL NATIONS and to do two things, to be baptized them and to teach them to obey everything that Jesus has commanded us.

Sounds simple, right? So then why are we not doing what Jesus Christ our Saviour has commanded us to do?

### Love is spelt TIME

The reason why we do not want to follow this command is that we are not in a relationship with God, we are not speaking to Him and we are not hearing Him speak back to us and therefore we don't hear or know of this commands, so we live our lives the same old way and never achieve anything because we are too busy spending time on other things.

### Love is spelt T-I-M-E, where you spend your time is where your love is!

Are you spending time in front of the TV then your love is the TV, are you spending it on sport then your love is the sport or anything else good or bad that you spend your time on.

Jesus said it this way, **Matthew 6:21** *"<sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*

Where is your TIME being spent – that is where your treasure is!

Now whatever you love you treasure and whatever you treasure you protect and feed! So, my question to you today is, what is your treasure? What are you spending your time on?

Is it God? That will answer why you are not hearing His voice or doing exploits for Him according to **Daniel 11:23**.

To hear God's voice we need to spend time with God! We need to hear His voice and do His will!

There is tremendous power, excitement, motivation when you are doing things for God and may I add finances too.

Life is too short not to spend time with God, with whom you want to spend eternity with! If you don't have time for God now how will that change in eternity? It won't and reality is if you have no time for God now, are you really saved?

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If you do not have time for someone can you say you love them? No so why would you say you love God if you do not spend time with Him or his Word?

Family of God, It is time for us to change, to fall in love with God again, to spend time with Him and get to know Him so that we can truly call Him our ABBA Father!

So I want to encourage you during this lockdown period to spend time with God! It is time to put aside the things that draw you away from God and run towards Him. Life IS too short to be running away from God, so spend time with God!

And Start today!

God bless you all, let me share a testimony about what I have been up to this last week. Maybe you have heard but let me tell you shortly.

### Testimony

#### Let us pray

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## Scriptures

### **Matthew 6:19-24**

*“<sup>19</sup> Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup> But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>22</sup> The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. <sup>23</sup> But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! <sup>24</sup> No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”*

**Matthew 28:16-20** *“<sup>16</sup> Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

**Mark 16:14-20** *“<sup>14</sup> Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating; he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen. <sup>15</sup> He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. <sup>16</sup> Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. <sup>17</sup> And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; <sup>18</sup> they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.” <sup>19</sup> After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. <sup>20</sup> Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.”*

**John 10:14-18** *“<sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”*