

Which Operating System?

Our Current "Bible Church" Operating System

- 1) We are headed for End Times, Things will continue to get worse.
2 Tim 3:1 *But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come.*
- 2) Teach the Word, God's word will accomplish God's purposes.
Is 55:8-11 *So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth, It will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.*
- 3) God is Sovereign, God will accomplish His purposes.
Ps 115:3 *But our God is in the heavens, He does whatever He pleases.*
Is 14:27 *For the Lord of hosts has planned, and who can frustrate it?*
- 4) The Sign Gifts are no longer functioning today.
Eph 2:20 *having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets*

Therefore:

- a) We are _____, Teach the Word, and God will work, (in our lives)
- b) We have low _____, Things are getting worse, and
We do not expect to see God work in miraculous ways

A Different Operating System

The believer is invited, (commissioned) to participate in God's Kingdom Work.

The "Kingdom" Operating System

- 1) God Created, and Loves the World. He is working to Restore His Creation.
Rom 5:8 *But God demonstrates His own love toward us...*
- 2) Jesus Christ died for the sins of the whole world. 2 Cor 5:21; 1 John 2:2
The Gospel invitation goes out to "whoever" John 3:16; 1 Tim 4:10
- 3) God desires all men to be saved. 1 Tim 2:3-6 Acts 17:30-31; 2 Pet 3:9
- 4) Jesus Christ calls every believer to continue His Kingdom work of seeking the lost.
Lk 19:10; Matt 4:19; 16:24-26; John 14:12-16; 17:18-21; Matt 28:18-20

Therefore:

- a) We are to adopt a Kingdom _____, & Kingdom _____.
Matt 6:33 *Seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness...*
- b) We are to devote ourselves to Kingdom _____.
Matt 6:9-10 *Pray in this way: ... Your kingdom come, Your will be done...*
- c) Kingdom Work requires God's _____. (Kingdom Work is supernatural)
Acts 1:8 *but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you*

God is expending maximum effort to Rescue People,
and He invites us to join Him in that Work.

The Required Power Source (Do a word study on "Power" in the NT)

- Acts 1:8 You shall receive _____ when the Holy Spirit...
- 2 Tim 1:7 You have a spirit of _____
- Rom 1:16 The Gospel is the _____ of God
- 1 Cor 4:20; The Kingdom of God is more than words, but _____
- 1 Thess 1:5 The Gospel comes with more than words, but in _____
and in the Holy Spirit
- Paul's Prayer for Power
- Eph 1:15-23 Eyes enlightened to the surpassing greatness of **His Power**
- Eph 3:14-20-21 You be strengthened with **Power** through His Spirit
- Rom 9:17 God is looking to demonstrate **His** _____

What must We Do, What is the Level of Effort?

- 2 Tim 2:20-22 We must be clean vessels, useful to the Master
- Col 1:28-29 *We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom so that we may present every man complete in Christ. For this purpose also I labor striving according to His power which mightily works within me.*
- 1 Tim 4:10 *It is for this we labor and strive, because we have fixed our hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers.*
- 1 Cor 15:58 *Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.*

Could it be;

- That God is looking and wanting to demonstrate His Power through us?
- 2 Chron 16:9 *For the eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His...*

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen. Eph 3:20-21