

INFLUENCE 2019- Session 12

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RECAP, QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- ***When we looked at Why am I here? What were we talking about***

Answer: Purpose

- ***What is purpose about?***

Answer: It's finding out why we are here and knowing what assignment we are meant to fulfil.

- ***Can you have a fulfilled life outside your purpose?***

Answer: You can't have a fulfilled life outside your purpose, only Christ can give a fulfilled life. You can't have success outside purpose.

- ***How can we discover how we are here?***

Answer: It's only in Christ, we can find our purpose, also through our abilities, our Holy Anger, The example of Christ, Luke 4:16 downwards, without Christ, I cant discover my purpose, The more Christ is revealed in us, the more our purpose is revealed to us.

- ***Give two strong points from 'Why am I here?'***

Answer: We shouldn't be in a hurry to get out to start out our own ministry, we need to get soaked in the assignment of the person you found yourself, and after that, God would give you your purpose. Sell yourself into someone's assignment. Why you are here is part of the reason you went through all the things you went through in life.

Most of the times, when you go to God and asked for the purpose of your life, you might not find out the answer. There are pointers to check, from scriptures, people who the Lord called were found doing something when the Lord called them. Because you are waiting for purpose of fulfilling don't spoil another person's assignment. Don't toy with anything happening around you because God would use it for your glory, Joseph couldn't be the Prime minister until he knew how to manage Potiphar's affair and the Prisons.

Question One: For Christians in politics, what parts can we play in it?

Answer: All you do is for a people, it's not for yourself. Jesus made a painful statement that children of this world are wiser than Christians. The children of this world are smarter than the children of this God. What are you doing to improve your government, what is your knowledge about, what steps are you taking to fulfil your purpose. The people of this world might not be able to speak English, but they are dogged. They remain consistent, Christians start and stop, they spend time doing things that don't count. As a Christian, what does your life define? Know politics, go and study the history of the country, learn about all you need to learn about. The problem of the church is not willing to push.

Question two: Working under a man and having information, can we be diplomatic, does it count as a pretence.

Answer: What kind of information you are not to divulge any information given to you. Diplomacy and confidentiality are two very different things. If you can't share any information, do not disclose, don't be diplomatic, rather keep quiet. In leadership, information management is critical, don't divulge information that should be maintained. Know how you live your life, it is crucial in determining whether God can hand over information to you. To buttress that answer, if you are working with a man and you have the privileged some information, think if you weren't working with him, you wouldn't have such information, so don't divulge anything you aren't meant to reveal. Have you ever asked yourself, why till today, *Pepsi* never tastes like *Coca Cola*, it's called a trade secret, and it demands discipline not to divulge such information?

Question three: How can one work with money and power?

Answer: Set boundaries for yourself, if your weakness is the opposite sex, don't entertain them, set boundaries for yourself. Keep away from money if it's your weakness. Remember, as we learnt in a test of character, the devil would always continue to tempt you with your weakness, again and

again. Failing isn't the worst thing in the world (Helen Cole) quitting is, so don't get discouraged, continue pushing.

Question four: If I am good at a particular thing, but I feel shy doing it in public, is it safe to say that it is not my purpose.

Answer: It can't be a yardstick, it takes strength, many people called for a purpose are actually shy people, so it is crucial you eliminate shyness. Don't say you aren't bold, the man that took them to the Promised Land was Joshua, and God kept telling him to be brave and courageous. Joshua 1:3 (KJV). If you have the lion's share, you need a lion's heart. Everything God is calling you to do, there would be oppositions, make up your mind to get it done. If you know you are a blessing to people in a direction, keep doing it until one day you become very competent. Know this, "*gra gra*" doesn't mean boldness. Your boldness in your assignment is on Christ, He didn't call you to shame.

Questions five: You gave us seven questions to find ourselves, I do a couple of things, which am I called for?

Answer: keep at it, be consistent, don't stop doing what you can do. I was sincere with what I was doing in the previous assignment I was given, until you are faithful in little, you can't be given your own Luke 16:10 (KJV). Don't close at to four, when the stipulated time is four. Don't pretend over a system or pretend to a man. It brings out the best in you. Joseph at age 12 already knew they would serve him, he saw it in a dream already, what if he stole in Potiphar's house, or was wicked and rude in prison, what would his end be. Eccl 9:10 (KJV).

Question six: I see a need to apply the teachings we are learning daily, but my boss seems to think her way is the only way.

Answer: You don't know what human management is all about, know how to relate with your boss, understand how to make it happen in love. Your boss may even think all you are doing is a threat to her, see Joseph, for example, He told Pharaoh about the famine but didn't ask him to pick him as prime minister. Don't front for your boss, if it's destiny, what would be would be. Joseph told him

to find a man to look for a man that is wise and discreet to hand the famine and Pharaoh picked him. Keep showing love to your boss, keep working with her, keep encouraging, she would then ask for your opinion and idea on a matter. Even when your boss finally takes your view, let her take the credit for it.

Question Seven: When we talked on *Knowing the you in you*, we spoke on character, when its got to do with your leadership and your influence ultimately.

Answer: Character is personal but not private, Matthew 5 helped me understand when Christ said we are meant to be light, but you are not meant to be hidden under a bucket, your character would get you seated in a position you are given.

Question eight: sometimes, when I say the truth and people call it a lie, how do I not lie and end up saved from the consequences?

Answer: Self-deception leaves you with damage. If you keep lying, you would have a bad record, especially if that assignment is for a generation, people will misread you from who you are supposed to be.

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