WHATS IN YOUR HAND

The common becomes mighty when God anoints it

Exodus 3-4

Sunday April 8, 2018

Exodus 4:2 (NIV)
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"What is that in your hand?" "A
staff," he replied.

Mark 1:16-17 (NIV) 16 As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 17 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

2 Timothy 1:9 TLB "It is he who saved us and chose us for his holy work not because we deserved it but because that was his plan long before the world began — to show his love and kindness to us through Christ".

1 Corinthians 7:20-21 (NIV) 20 Each one should remain in the situation which he was in when God called him. 21 Were you a slave when you were called? Don't let it trouble you--although if you can gain your freedom, do so.

Proverbs 18:16 (NKJV) 16 A man's gift makes room for him, And brings him before great men.

1 Corinthians 7:23 (TLB)
23 You have been bought and paid for by Christ, so you belong to him ..."

Colossians 3:23-24 (NASB) 23 Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.

There Are Four Types of Christians. Which one are you?

- 1. The Christian who is simply trying to survive.
- 2. The Christian who is living by Christian principles.
- 3. The Christian who is living by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- 4. The Christian who is transforming their workplace for Christ.

1. The Christian who is simply trying to survive.

Eccl 2:20-23

So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. For a man may do his work with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then he must leave all he owns to someone who has not worked for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. What does a man get for all the toil and anxious striving with which he labors under the sun? All his days his work is pain and grief; even at night his mind does not rest. This too is meaningless.

2. The Christian who is living by Christian principles.

Gal 5:18
But if you are led by the Spirit,
you are not under law.

3. The Christian who is living by the power of the Holy Spirit

Rom 8:14-16

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father".

Acts 4:30-31 (NIV) 30 Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." 31 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

4. The Christian who is transforming their workplace for Christ.

Acts 4:13

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus

Titus 2:7-10 (TLB)

7 And here you yourself must be an example to them of good deeds of every kind. Let everything you do reflect your love of the truth and the fact that you are in dead earnest about it.

- 8 Your conversation should be so sensible and logical that anyone who wants to argue will be ashamed of himself because there won't be anything to criticize in anything you say!
 9 Urge slaves (employees) to obey their masters (Bosses) and to try their best to satisfy them. They must not talk back,
- 10 nor steal, but must show themselves to be entirely trustworthy. In this way they will make people want to believe in our Savior and God.

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV) 15 But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

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