

God wants to employ me in His work!

By His own choice, God works through His church to bring salvation to the lost people of the world, and the church is composed of people like me who have been called-out of the “worldly life” to live as holy witnesses for Jesus Christ. Even God became a man to accomplish our salvation.

If God is going to accomplish His purpose on earth, much of it will be done by people, and since I am one of His people, some of that work will be done through me.

People who are dominated by the sinful nature cannot do God’s work effectively, nor do they even have a concern to do so. This means that I need the control of the Holy Spirit in my life to be able to fulfill God’s purpose for me as a servant of Jesus Christ.

Fasting & prayer is the avenue along which I must travel to become more consistently led by the Holy Spirit – there is no other way!

My three greatest enemies as a Christian and the three greatest hindrances to God’s work are:

- ❑ The **FLESH** (the old sinful nature & self-determination)
- ❑ The **WORLD** (the wicked environment around me)
- ❑ The **DEVIL** (the kingdom of darkness promoting evil)

What is my purpose in fasting and praying?

- ❑ To **DENY** the **Flesh** its basic instinct for a while
- ❑ To **DISTANCE** myself from the **World** around me
- ❑ To **SUBMIT** to **God** and **RESIST** the **Devil**

It is important that I spend un-cluttered time with the Lord so I can:

- ❑ **FOLLOW** Him more carefully
- ❑ **OBEY** Him more completely
- ❑ **RESPOND** to Him more quickly
- ❑ **SERVE** Him more willingly
- ❑ **WORSHIP** Him more deeply

Responsibilities in a God-blessed fast:

- ❑ A time to **NOT** live for myself
- ❑ A time to **REPENT** and cease mistreating others
- ❑ A time to **SHARE** with those who have a need
- ❑ A time to **REFRAIN** from eating anything
- ❑ A time to **CONCENTRATE** on prayer and Bible study
- ❑ A time to **LISTEN** to God for His direction
- ❑ A time of **PRIVACY** for me - not advertised to others

Benefits (rewards) of a God-blessed fast:

- ❑ My **SALVATION** will come like the dawn
- ❑ My **HEALING** will come quickly
- ❑ His **GODLINESS** will lead me forward in my life
- ❑ The glory of the Lord will provide **PROTECTION** for me
- ❑ God will give me **ANSWERS** when I call upon Him
- ❑ **BRILLIANCE** of God’s presence in me - dispelling darkness
- ❑ The Lord will give me **GUIDEANCE** continually
- ❑ **BLESSING** like a well-watered garden or ever-flowing spring
- ❑ A **REBUILDING** by me & my children of things destroyed

*New Living Translation of the Holy Bible:
Isaiah 58; Matthew 6:16-18; Acts 13:2 & 14:23; Romans 8:5-9*