



THE LORD'S FLOCK GROWTH DIGEST

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Make God Your Partner

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People who decide to come together under a specific cause and work toward a mutual goal are considered to be in a partnership. There are so many partnerships in life, in business, financial endeavors, marriage, etc. Today, we are called to enter into a partnership with Jesus, to be dead to sin and alive in Christ (Rom 6:7).

1. Roles of the Holy Spirit in our Lives

When we come to the Lord, he gives us the Holy Spirit because he knows we cannot change on our own (Acts 1:8).

1.1 We need to walk in the Spirit so as not to satisfy the desires of the flesh (Gal 5:16).

1.2 The Holy Spirit is our advocate, who will be with us forever (Jn 14:16).

1.3 The Holy Spirit will teach us the things that we have not heard before (Jn 14:26).

2. Partnership with Jesus' Mission

God provides the means of salvation. We must decide if we want to partner with Him in proclaiming the good news of salvation. Then, we will be co-heirs in the treasures of His kingdom. (Lk. 19:10; Jn 10:10; Jn. 3:16; 2 Pet. 3:9).

2.1 Partnership with the Church

We become members of the Body of Christ; we are God's co-workers (Lk 10; 1 Cor. 3:5-9).

2.2 Partnership with our finances

We are in the season of pandemic; we need to hold on to God's promise, just as he blessed the land for Abraham's descendants (Gen 26:1-3, 12-13).

God provides all that we need to do his work.

1. God is the owner. He owns all the silver and the gold (Hag. 2:8). The earth is the Lord's and all it holds (Ps 24:1). We are the industrial partners.

2. We enter into partnership or covenant with the Lord. When we make a vow, let us not delay its fulfillment (Ecc 5:1-7; Gen 17).
3. We must agree with the Owner. He keeps the covenant and love towards those who walk before Him with their whole heart. (2 Cor 6:14; Amos 3:3)
4. We must follow exactly, so that we may live and prosper (Deut 5:33; Jn 14:23).
5. We must trust Him. Let us cast our worries upon Him. (1 Pet 5:7-8). His blessings bring wealth (Prov 10:22).
6. We must be wise stewards of all the gifts given to us: time, talent & treasure (Mt 25:14-29).
 - a. Invest our talents (Jer 32).
 - b. Give and share. When we give, gifts will be given to us (Lk 6:38; Mal 3:10; 1 Tim 5:17).
 - c. What we sow, we reap (Gen 26:12-13; 2Cor 9:6 ; Gal 6:6; Prov 11:24-26).
 - d. Support God's work; preach the Gospel (Rom 10:13-17).
 - e. Be rich in good works (1 Tim 6:17-18).
 - f. Return on investments. The measure by which we measure will in turn be measured out to us (Lk 6:38; 2 Cor. 9:11; Psalm 112).

As we enter into partnership with the Lord in His mission, may the Holy Spirit continue to walk with us so that we will be witnesses, who trust, believe and obey the Lord. Let us give back the most precious time, the best of our talents, the best of everything with a cheerful heart to give glory to God our partner.

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