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"4 Dimensions of Co-laboring with God"

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Co-laborers with God

<u>1 Corinthians 3:8-9</u>

⁸ Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

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⁹ For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

Dimension 1: Co-laboring with God in **salvation**

Salvation was achieved by Christ's sacrifice

Ephesians 2:8-9

⁸ For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: ⁹ Not of works, lest any man should boast.

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Without question, salvation was made available by God in His grace. There is nothing man can do to achieve or add to it.

Dimension 1: Co-laboring with God in **salvation**

Though salvation was accomplished by the sacrifice of Christ, apart from any of our good works, God Himself chose to grant us access into this great salvation through our cooperation with His will:

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► <u>2 Thessalonians 1:7-8</u>

⁷ and to *give* you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, ⁸ in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not **obey** the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Dimension 1: Co-laboring with God in **salvation**

This is, of course, easily understood by those of us who have entered into Christ through the scriptural pattern:

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Acts 2:37-38

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? ³⁸ Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Dimension 2: Co-laboring with God in **spiritual growth**

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Spiritual growth requires your effort and faith:

<u>2 Timothy 2:15</u>

¹⁵ Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Study means to be diligent, to apply consistent effort, to engage in the acquiring and maintenance of knowledge, to do due diligence. Due diligence is an investigation of facts.

Dimension 2: Co-laboring with God in **spiritual growth**

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▶ <u>2 Peter 1:5-8</u>

5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Dimension 3: Co-laboring with God in **evangelism**

► God has chosen to work <u>WITH</u> you to save others:

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<u>1 Corinthians 1:21</u>

²¹ For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

Through the preaching (witnessing) of those who have been saved, God will bring salvation to those who are yet lost!

Dimension 3: Co-laboring with God in **evangelism**

Mark 16:15-16

¹⁵ And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶ He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

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Preach is the Gk. word "kerusso", meaning to proclaim, to publish, to make known. You don't need a license to make Christ known, to publish His name in all the world!

Dimension 4: Co-laboring with God in **manifesting the Kingdom**

God has chosen to work <u>WITH</u> you to make the reality of Kingdom evident to the world:

Mark 16:17-18

¹⁷ And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; ¹⁸ They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

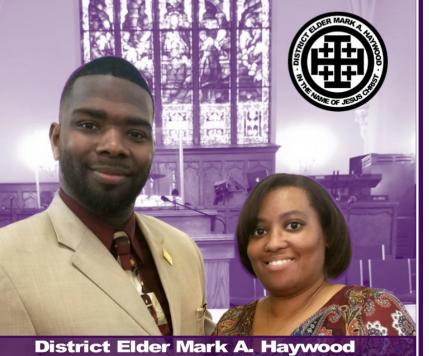
Dimension 4: Co-laboring with God in **manifesting the Kingdom**

- God's intent for the saints is, and always has been, that we would manifest the Kingdom in the realm of the earth (Genesis 1:26).
 - Jesus expects us to work His miracles through cooperating with His Spirit, which is why He said in John 14:12-13

¹² "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.







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