

"GOD'S DESIGN FOR LEADERSHIP" Part 9 "RESTORING THE WAY OF THE LORD" V. THE CHURCH, THE RESTORATION BY GOD OF A PEOPLE WITH HIS HEART (cont)

- C. Commissioning His church to carry on His mission and <u>empowering</u> them to do it Jn 20:21; 14:12; Mat 28:18-20;
- D. From the beginning the <u>church</u> is engaged in justice and compassion Acts 2:42-47
- E. The Way of the Lord restored to humanity
 - 1. <u>Power</u> the grace of God Responsibility: Accept it; surrender
 - 2. <u>Person</u> Our great God and Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ

Responsibility: consciously change authorities for your life. Put off one and put on Christ

3. <u>Purpose</u> - His own special people, zealous for good works

Responsibility - consciously change the focus of your life's purpose and mission (put off) to that of serving Christ (put on)

4. <u>Principles</u> - Saved by and empowered by grace; deny ungodliness and worldly lusts (put off) and live soberly, righteously, godly (put on) in this present age Responsibility: Ignore the principles of the world that have produced greed (put off)

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begin practicing the principles of love, justice, compassion, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit (put on)

5. <u>Process</u> - Obedience to your responsibility leaving God to perform His Responsibility: stop pursuing results (put off)

and commit your life to obedience to the things God has given us in His Word (put on)

F. Compassionate and just ministry is that for which we have been called and left here on the planet Titus 2:14 (11-14); Eph 2:10

- 1. *Evangelism* and *discipleship* Mat 28:18-20
- 2. Meeting needs 4 areas Js 1:26-27; Gal 2:9-10
 - a. <u>Widows</u>
 - b. <u>Fatherless</u>
 - c. The <u>poor</u>
 - *d*. One another as it happens
- 3. It was <u>foreordained</u> that we are to be engaged in them Eph 2:10
- 4. The church is urged to have <u>every</u> member be engaged in, ready for and prepared for good works Titus 3:1,8,14

5. We are to be the l<u>eaders</u> in this continued ministry of Jesus on earth. We are <u>destined</u> to lead.

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