

The Compelling Spirit Of God

Definition of Compel: To force, drive, or constrain: To necessitate or pressure by force;
exact: To exert a strong, irresistible force on; sway:

Also I believe it means to persuade the minds and hearts of people to follow God before it is too late.

Luke 14:16-24

16 Then said he unto him, a certain man made a great supper and bade many:

Definition:

1.commanded

2.ordered

17 And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, come for all things are now ready.

18 And they all with one consent began to make excuse. (They all agreed)

The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground and I must needs go and see it: / *pray thee have me excused.*

19 And another said I have bought five yoke of oxen and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.

20 And another said, I have married a wife and therefore I cannot come.

21 So that servant came, and shewed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.

22 And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.

Their obligations were more important than his command!

23 And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

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He wanted his servants to convince them that they needed to come!

24 For I say unto you, that none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

I believe this scripture is a revelation of the end time when men and women will make every excuse why they can't serve God except at their convenience.

I could go through all the excuses that I have heard and even given myself as to why I could not fulfill all the calling of God.

Listen to this warning from the Lord himself as to how he looks at the excuses of mankind.

We are to do our best to sway people to come to Jesus to be saved. But what if the servant is as disobedient as those who refuse to come?

Luke 14:26-30

26 **If any man come to me** and hate not his father and mother and wife and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

These are the eight things that will keep us from the kingdom of God.

27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

28 For which of you intending to build a tower sits not down first and counts the cost, whether he has sufficient to finish it?

29 Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it all that behold it begin to mock him,

30 Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.

Is there a legitimate excuse to put God other than first? What is more important than your relationship with God? Well look at the excuses these offered. Did it make the master of the house angry?

I believe he is saying before you say you want to follow me maybe you better sit down

and count the cost.

1. Do you have what it takes to finish what you are starting?
2. If you fail, if you backslide if you lay the foundation but you aren't able to finish it what will people think.
3. A lot of people start out but they fail to count the cost of being a servant of Christ.
 - It is more than church attendance.
 - It is more than tithes and offerings.
 - It's more than preaching it is a full sacrifice:

Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present ***your bodies a living sacrifice***, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable ***service***. ***Are you willing to make that sacrifice? Jesus did.***

Definition of Sacrifice

- a.*** Forfeiture of something highly valued for the sake of one considered to have a greater value or claim.
- b.*** Something so forfeited.

Hebrews 12:1-3

- 1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,
- 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; *who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*
- 3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

The Israelites wanted God to deliver them from bondage and he did, but they failed to count the sacrifice of the wilderness experience their total dependence on God to

supply for them.

I believe that people today want him to supply their extra wants. The things they can heap to their own lust.

Today God is treated as a piece of merchandise people trying to misuse his power and his authority.

Paul in his day told Timothy what to watch for: 2 Timothy Chapter 3

1 This know also that in the last days perilous times shall come. (Dangerous)

{A time when it will be very difficult being a Christian}

2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

It means that people will love only themselves and their money; they will be proud and boastful, sneering at God, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful to them, and thoroughly bad.

3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

Definition of incontinent: lacking in moderation or self-control, not able to control their lust:

The meaning of verse three:

2 Tim 3:3-5 they will be hardheaded and never give in to others; they will be constant liars and troublemakers and will think nothing of immorality. They will be rough and cruel and sneer at those who try to be good.

They will betray their friends; they will be hot headed, puffed up with pride and *prefer good times instead of worshiping God.*

They will go to church, but they won't really believe anything they hear. Paul was telling Timothy "Don't be taken in by people like that".

4 Traitors, heady, (Head strong you can't tell them anything) high-minded, (Full of themselves) lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; (To gratify or to fulfill their own lust) with no regards to Gods will.

5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. (They have religion in their creed, but none in their hearts.)

In verse 7 he said they would be “Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.” Only accept what they wanted to hear and do.
Paul said in verse 12: Yes and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

**13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.
God compels us to strive to have the best relationship possible in this present world with him.**

Living bible translation: "Anyone who wants to be my follower must love me far more than he does his own father, mother, wife, children, brothers, or sisters-yes, more than his own life-otherwise he cannot be my disciple.

And no one can be my disciple who does not carry his own cross and follow me.

God spoke something to me about relationships what I believe he said was this
“Relationships cannot be built unless both parties are willing to sacrifice and bear one another burdens.”

Forgiveness has to be present at all times and especially in difficult times.
We must remember that Christ sacrificed his life and carried our burdens so that we would have a relationship with him.

Preachers when they preach are compelling people to turn to God.

I realize that satanic forces are trying to steal or desire to worship.

1. The reason we are struggling to worship and pray is a lack of desire.
2. Worship without desire becomes a habit and it can be a bad habit.
3. It has no victory because it has no desire.

If our worship becomes fleshly then it's not real worship!

You know the scripture says, “God is a Spirit and they that worship him must worship him in Spirit and truth.” John 4-24

Satan doesn't care for you being a church member as long as you have no desire to

improve.

Satan doesn't care if you are healed as long as you have no desire to follow him and obey Christ.

Jesus healed multitudes that only wanted a miracle and some food but they didn't want to follow him for their salvation.

They were concerned about their flesh not their souls

Desire will not only lead us to the miracles but also to a closer relationship with the creator!

Ps 21:2-3 **Thou hast given him his heart's desire , and hast not withholding the request of his lips. Selah.**

3 For thou prevent him with the blessings of goodness: thou set a crown of pure gold on his head.

Ps 145:19-21 **He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.**

20 The LORD preserved all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy.

21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

When Jesus said: Matthew 5:6 **Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.**

That is desire, a longing to be in the presence of God.

When we get in the presence of God he will set our souls on fire!

1. You will stop complaining about having church on the holidays.
2. You won't miss church but you will have burning desire to be here,
3. You won't even schedule family events to keep you from church
4. You won't miss church for school activity.

It's a shame that so many people come to church singing the song *"lately all I got is leaving on my mind."*

Complain instead of praise! People do that because they have lost their desire!

Kind David said this: Ps 122:1 “I was glad when they said unto me; Let us go into the house of the LORD.”

We have got to get our desire and our priorities in order.