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The Spirit of Grace

Since ALL blessings have been given in Christ in the New Testament through the finished work of Christ, our motivation and goals are no longer for this world or for mammon. This means that we seek to live a sanctified life free of selfishness.

1. Living a daily sanctified life implies a letting go of a worldly motivation in our daily lives. Our motivation and methods are not like that of the world (Mark 10:42-43; Matthew 6:32; 1 John 4:14-17).
 - a. For the fulltime minister this means that one should not be doing the ministry for the sake of earthly gain (money or recognition). During the apostle Paul's time, there were those who do the ministry work for the sake of selfish gain (Philippians 1:16). In our modern times, there are ministers like those that Paul described whose goal in the ministry is either money or recognition. Some of these will not go where the Spirit leads but would only go where the dollar leads. Others would use every opportunity to promote themselves rather than to promote Christ and others before themselves. All such behaviour is un sanctified and unholy in the sight of God. Although the innocent sheep would still get ministered to, in spite of all these imperfections; for these ministers they have robbed themselves of eternal rewards by

focusing on temporal rewards. In the Spiritual World, when a minister lowers his motivation to that of worldly gain, his entire spiritual vibration and light becomes more coarse and lower in quality. The extreme worldly ones radiate darkness around themselves; this means that their messages and lives while helping some are also causing many to be led into the realms of darkness in the Spiritual World.

What then should be the correct sanctified motivation for the minister? He should fulfil the ministry out of a pure love for God and a pure love for his congregation. He should love as Christ loves, willing to sacrifice for those he loves that they may grow and be nurtured under his care. I do believe in the principles of tithing and giving to ensure that a fulltime minister is properly supported but as far as the minister is concern, with or without worldly gain or reward, he or she should seek to do his best to express his love for those under his care by giving his ministry free and without charge. This is the highest motivation and causes the spiritual light of the minister to grow bright and powerful in the Spiritual World.

- b. For all Christians this means that whether you work or are in business for yourselves, you DO NOT work NOR do business for the sake of worldly gain (money or

recognition). Jesus told us to NOT be like the Gentiles (people of the world) (Mark 10:43; Matthew 6:32). We are told specifically to NOT love the world NOT the things in the world (1 John 2:15). We do not serve mammon but rather serve Christ (Matthew 6:24). Sanctified daily living means that when you go about your professional work life, you do it because you love to do what you are doing; with financial gain being incidental. If you are an architect, you love designing and creating things and work out of a pure love to do so; getting paid at the end of the day is only incidental to you. If you are an engineer, you love doing engineering stuff for the joy of doing those things. If you are a doctor, you love helping others get better with your skills. If you are a clerk or an assistant, you love being an assistant to help others achieve their goals. If you are a business person, you go about doing the business because you see it as a means to help and serve others in that particular area of meeting a need with goods or services; that would be the main eternal reward that you seek – of serving and helping others – with the temporal rewards as incidental. While outwardly those of the world do the same jobs for the sake of money (they are serving mammon); the sanctified Christian goes about the same jobs for the joy of doing those jobs in themselves; the temporal rewards being incidental. For those who are afraid that they will lose out in the natural because they now focus on the daily eternal rewards, remember Jesus' words that ALL these things shall be added to you because your eyes and motivation are always on the kingdom of God

and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33).

Freedom from Mammon

What happens when such a drastic motivational change occurs within all Christians? Firstly, they will begin to find the true place of joy and fulfilment that God wants them to be in. In this life, we are suppose to find our natural and spiritual gifting (everyone has both natural and spiritual gifting). It may take time for some of us to discover them and also even after discovering them we might require a period of training in them. Search your heart, those things that God has placed in your heart would be those things that you desire to do; and your training and qualification for them (natural and spiritual) are merely to help you become a function of the natural and spiritual gift within you. Once you discover your function and gifting, your motivation would then be to daily fulfil it for the joy of seeing your gifting become a blessing and avenue of joy to others. This should be the ONLY reason why we work. We should NEVER, NEVER work just for money (no matter how much you need it). It will sap your energy and joy; and in the end destroy yourself and your home and family. Mammon does not a good master make. Only Jesus is our only Saviour and Master. And He wants us to work out our daily lives by living for Him; which would be using all the natural talent and spiritual gifting He gave us to be an avenue of love and joy to others. This is what it means to do service as unto the Lord and not unto men (Ephesians 6:7). See yourself as a creative being releasing creatively your gifting on a daily basis. Do not see yourself as a dutiful slave working just for the pay check at the end of the month. The difference between the two is like the difference between light and darkness. One is sanctified, the other is unholy. From the Spiritual World perspective, the difference in the light radiating from a person is great between the sanctified motivation and the unholy motivation (darkness surrounds the unholy motivation). Whatever you do in word or deed, do ALL in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him (Colossians 3:17).

We should always live for eternity, and examine all temporal motivations and goals in the light of eternity. Our motivations are like anchors. When we anchor our motivations to those of God and eternity we are pulled upwards towards glory and light. When we anchor our motivations to this temporal world or on temporal things we are pulled downwards into realms of darkness. Jesus said that the devil is only mindful of the things of men and not of God (Matthew 16:23). The temptations of Jesus by the devil are all in the temporal realm: satisfying his physical hunger, pride in showing off, kingdoms and riches of this world (Matthew 4:3-8). Where our treasure is, there will our heart also be; and if it is with mammon, then it is full of darkness (Matthew 6:21-24). We are spirit beings destined for eternity and should never lower our motivations to the realm of bread and butter. There should be no fear of the lack of material needs for Jesus promised to take care of us more than the birds of the air (Matthew 6:26-33).

The Spirit of Grace

The gift of prosperity is purely the after-effects, the natural consequence, and the side benefits that come from the spirit of grace that is received. Spiritual grace is received first, and as the grace works in and through the vessel, prosperity results as a side benefit. The key to receiving prosperity is not natural and outward, but rather it is spiritual and internal. When you focus on the outward acquisition of money, you not only pollute your soul but also you become reliant on the natural laws to meet your daily physical needs. When you focus on the acquisition of the Spirit of Grace with a pure motive, you tap on the higher spiritual laws to meet your daily physical needs. Do not love the world or the things of in the world; if anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him (1 John 2:15). On the other hand when you love God with all your heart and seek to abound in His mercy and grace, the overflow of natural blessings far surpasses anything that the lower natural laws can bring into your life. Indeed, it has been hidden from the previous ages but now made known through the New Covenant to

principalities and powers in the heavenly places what the great extent of this unsearchable riches of His grace can do for us (Ephesians 2:7; 3:8-10). It is like the laws of flight and rocket science versus the bullock cart. Would you rather walk on the lower laws of the bullock cart in the daily provisions in your life or would you rather have the higher laws of grace operate in establishing your spiritual life for all eternity while bringing the side benefits of super abundantly providing for your daily needs?

Invisible Grace Before Physical Prosperity

Despite his desperate situation of being sold as a slave, Joseph received the grace of God before he enjoyed prosperity. The Bible says that the Lord was with Joseph and he became a prosperous man (Genesis 39:2). He received grace and favour BEFORE he was given the rulership of the entire household of Potiphar. And when things became worse and he was thrown into prison, Joseph was given grace and favour by the Lord BEFORE he was given charge of the entire prison (Genesis 39:21). All he had was the spiritual covering of grace upon his life BEFORE he saw any physical benefits. There could possibly be a period of time when the grace of God was operating upon Joseph before he was noticed by his masters. This invisible powerful and prosperity-attracting grace was working in his life BEFORE any tangible physical prosperity was his. When Joseph finally stood before Pharaoh, the main thing that Pharaoh noticed was that the Spirit of God was upon Joseph (Genesis 41:38). Joseph then became the ruler over all Egypt under Pharaoh (Genesis 41:40-43).

Daniel, like Joseph, began as a slave after the Babylonian conquest but he was blessed with favour and grace by the Lord (Daniel 1:9). Daniel was not interested in physical pleasure or luxuries but chose to please God alone (Daniel 1:8). This invisible and powerful cloak of grace around him brought him into service to King Nebuchadnezzar himself with Daniel attracting great power, authority and riches to himself (Daniel 2:48).

Grace from Old Testament to New Testament

The Old Testament Hebrew word for 'grace' is 'chen' which has the root meaning of 'favour.' The New Testament Greek word for 'grace' is 'charis' which includes the meaning of 'unmerited favour from God' but also means 'an unmerited energy substance from God' – and, of course, in the NT it is based on the finished work of Christ. We need to remember that the grace and favour given in the OT is also given based on the finished work of Christ, except that the OT people look forward through types and shadows to the finished work of Christ. Because the OT people were not born again nor have the Holy Spirit indwelling in them, they could only receive grace upon (positional grace) and not the substance energy of grace (spirit-energy substance grace). This situation is the same in terms of the coming of the Holy Spirit – He is only upon the OT saints but can be both upon and within the NT saints. Thus we have a better covenant because we have all the benefits of the Old Covenant plus more in the New. In the experiential and subjective operation of grace in both the OT and the NT, the person through which grace is operating would still have to have a sense of the reception of God's love and the outworking of that love.

Even though the operation of grace and favour is limited to positional grace in the OT, it was still a very powerful force that changes people, nations and provides miracles. The story of Joseph in the book of Genesis is a story of the grace of God working. Sold by his brothers into slavery and estranged from his father's love and care, Joseph started at the bottom of the ladder in society and 'work' his way up. The reason I highlight 'work' is because although Joseph was a very hardworking and diligent man, it was not what he did alone that brought him promotion but rather the grace and favour of God. The most hardworking man without the opportunities or doors that God and His angels open for him would still be nowhere and nothing. I believe in hard work and diligence but it needs to be matched with an

even greater surrender and faith in God (Hebrew 11:6).

The Key to Tapping on the Flow of Grace

The key to tapping on the grace of God is to at the same time – simultaneously - realise that you are nothing and yet abiding in Him you could be everything (John 15:4-8). It is not a paradox, it is the ONLY way – the key - to realize grace and favour in our lives. God was WITH Joseph and he was a prosperous man (Genesis 39:2). His prosperity and success came only AFTER the Lord was WITH him. In fact, Potiphar took note of the fact that the Lord was with him and not just because he was a hardworking man (Genesis 39:3). When Potiphar made Joseph overseer (ruler) over his entire house, the blessing of the Lord was on ALL that he had in the house and in the field (Genesis 39:4-5). When a business, church or country is under a man or woman full of the grace of God, the entire dominion of that same person will be filled with the grace, favour and blessing of God. Unfortunately, the opposite is also true – when a person is under condemnation and curse, everything under the person suffers along: humans, beast and things. Which brings the point that if you are not experiencing the grace of God in your life, you need to learn to humble yourself and fellowship or come under the ministerial accountability to one who has the grace of God upon their lives – you will begin to experience the overflow of grace from them. Even bad old Potiphar was humble enough to recognise that he was blessed because of Joseph (Genesis 39:3-5). Potiphar's association with Joseph brought blessings into his whole household.

Importance of Spiritual Association and Partnership in Grace

It is also important to whom we bring our tithes, offerings and support to – if it is a ministry that does not walk in the grace of God, you are also responsible for the condemnation that the particular ministry or church continue to propagate – tithes and offerings are the outward expression of our

spiritual partnership; you are a partner to whomever you gave and will be call to account in eternity: you can give without love but you cannot love without giving. Giving should never be coerced or compulsory but like in everything else in life – if we are careful in what foods we eat, in what clothing we buy, in the expenditure for education, home, etc, in our family; then we should also be careful to whom we become a spiritual partnership with. Watch your life – have you been blessed with grace with all your sincere and faithful and careful giving – if you have not, although this is not the only cause, of course, check you history of giving and tithing – your spiritual partnership. If all things being equal, generally, there should be more grace increase in your life – your own in God plus that of which you became a partnership with. In one of my spiritual conversations with ministering angels in the Spiritual Word, I was told about the importance to whom we partner with through our giving. The angels told me that humans value money and although the love of money is the root of all evil, stewardship of it is one of the tests of our relationship with God – if one is not faithful with money – mammon – one will not be faithful in the things of God – Matthew 6:19-24).

Love and the Flow of Grace

When Potiphar threw Joseph into the prison, the Lord was WITH Joseph and gave him favour with the chief jailor (Genesis 39:21). No prison or darkest pit can stop the grace of God. Joseph was innocent of his crimes. A lot of people in the world suffer injustices and cry to God. Yet, it is only the grace and favour of God that will redeem and free us as it freed Joseph. We need to understand what is going on within Joseph's heart. With all that he had suffered, he could have develop unforgiveness or anger, etc. Instead he continue steadfast in his faith in God and sought to do right even when tempted to do wrong. Doing right seem to put him in an adverse position in the natural but the grace of God is above all. We could say that Joseph love God enough to want to please Him in his life in everything. This love that he had also

overflowed to his care for others. Note his love and concern for the prisoners under his care (Genesis 40:6). I am sure that at the back of Joseph's mind, he would still have the dreams that God gave him (Genesis 37:1-11). It certainly would take the grace of God to establish him to greatness as his situation in prison looks hopeless. Have you notice how often God allows His people to come to the end of themselves before He acts?

Abraham who was promised a child when Sarah was barren, was still not sterile – as he produced Ishmael with Hagar – when the promise was given (Genesis chapters 15 and 16). He need one miracle in the opening of Sarah's womb. God waited until he needed two miracles, when Abraham himself was sterile (Romans 4:19) before He announced the giving of the child (Genesis chapter 17). Why did God do this? So that Abraham would understand that it is 100% the grace of God and there was nothing from him (except faith and trust in God) that wrought the double miracles – the paradox of being nothing in ourselves but able to do everything in God. Why did God take His people through the wilderness? It was to humble them and test them (Deuteronomy 8:2). God always wants to bring us to the position to recognise that we are nothing without Him before He can do miracles through His grace in us. Did God choose the Israelites because they were powerful or intelligent or great? No! He chose them because He loved them and frankly told them that they were the least of all the nations (Deuteronomy 7:6-7). All the nations around them were greater and mightier than they (Deuteronomy 7:1). He wanted to show them His mercy and grace! (Deuteronomy 7:9).

It was only when Joseph is at the lowest point in his life, knowing that nothing he can every do will make his dreams come through, that God begin to work His grace and favour in Joseph's life and create the set of circumstances for His promotion (Genesis chapters 40 and 41). Yes, indeed! It was not Joseph alone, but the grace of God that established and set him upon the highest authority possible in Egypt. Joseph tapped upon the grace of God through understanding that in all circumstances, God still loved him

and he still loved God (and love others). Grace and love always work together because grace starts with God's love for us. We then respond with love towards Him and towards others. We must be secured in God's love for us; then we respond by loving Him with all our hearts, minds and souls through all circumstances – and our neighbours as ourselves. In a sense it is not even our love but God's love through us. Holding ourselves in this position produces the firepower of the grace of God upon our lives. Not circumstances or situations can hold us from being freed into the grace of God as long as we keep responding to God's love and never every doubting His love for us (Romans 8:28).

Total Dependence on the Grace of God

The secret and key to discovering and releasing the grace of God in our lives is in the paradox of understanding that we are absolutely nothing without Him but we can do everything in Him. Paul discovers the grace of God powerfully in his early life and first missionary journey (if we count his visions in 2 Corinthians 12:1-5 – tracing back fourteen years from the epistle of Corinthians - as the same time as when he was stoned to death in Acts 14:19-20). He learned the secret that when he is weak THEN is he strong (2 Corinthians 12:9, 10). He understands that it is the grace of God in him, through him, upon him that will make him successful and strong in every area of his life and ministry. Every minister and every anointed business person would have to discover this truth experientially in their lives. If you haven't discovered that you are nothing yet, you will never discover the secret of the grace of God. But the day you discover that Christ in you is everything and that there is nothing that you can and will receive base on your own merit – but that it can only be received BASE ON THE LOVE AND MERCY of God – then and then only will you be able to say I can do ALL things THROUGH Christ who strengthens you (Philippians 4:13).

Thanksgiving and the Flow of Grace

To those who read New Testament Greek, there is an expansion of the understanding of the revelation of grace by noting the words from which the root word (chairō) for grace (charis) is derived. The following are all related to grace (Greek words Romanised for the benefit of non-Greek readers):

Chairō – the main root which has a sense of the meaning of joy and well being – to rejoice, to be merry, to be delighted, etc.

Chara – joy, merriment, delight, etc.

Charis – that which delights, grace, favour, etc.

Charizomai – to be delighted, to be favoured, etc.

Charisma – a gift of grace, a gift of favour, etc.

Eucharisteo, eucharistia – to be thankful or grateful, thanksgiving, gratitude

From the relation in the above words through their root (chairō), we can surmise the following:

1. That thanksgiving and gratitude are both the pre-requisites and the after effects of the reception of grace (chairō and eucharistia being related from the same root).

It is clear from the Old Testament that thanksgiving is the first door into the presence of God (Psalm 95:2; 100:4). Even the general goodness of God becomes cut off when men become ungrateful in their hearts towards God (Romans 1:20-21). Being ungrateful attracts a whole multitude of circumstances that leads from bad to worse into one's life – whether the person is good or bad. All things work together for good to those who love God (Romans 8:28). When one is in love with God (who has created us and given us freedom to access all of His creation), one naturally would be grateful and filled with gratitude. All nature naturally sings with gratitude to God (Psalm 148) but mankind with free will has the ability to deny God and become ungrateful. The first step towards evil and sin is to lose the

ability to be thankful and grateful to people and to God. The path towards life, grace and favour is entered through the gates of thanksgiving and marked by the milestones of grateful praise. For this reason we are exhorted to give thanks in everything (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Never let any circumstances, no matter how difficult or tough, robbed your ability to give thanks to God. All the onslaughts of the enemy were designed with one purpose and one purpose alone, to take away your grateful and thankful heart to God and replaced it with a heart of dissatisfaction and complain. Once the devil succeeds in this, you are on the road of sin and destruction (Romans 1:21-24). Be thankful to God. Be thankful to the people around you. Be thankful in good circumstances. Be thankful in bad circumstances. Be thankful in ALL circumstances. It is not just a little exhortation to keep us happy; it is the KEY which will bring power and grace to ALL your circumstances. It is the ONLY way to enter into the road of grace and favour and it is also the ONLY way to keep yourself (to maintain) on that road without losing the position of grace and favour.

Practical application: If you are having problems coming out of difficult circumstances, this is the first place to check. Until and unless you are able to give thanks while in your present circumstances, your circumstances will never change. You must change your heart attitude first before your circumstances change.

2. That to be filled with joy is to be filled with grace; and to be filled with grace is to be filled with joy (chara and charis being related from the same root).

When Jesus spoke of the disciples' joy being full, He was speaking of the reception of grace that was to be released upon His finished work (John 15:11; 16:20-24; 17:13). The

unspeakable joy that is full of glory, which Peter spoke about in his epistle is the result of the reception of the grace which the prophets had prophesied would come upon the New covenant people (1 Peter 1:8-10). The joy of the Lord is the strength for the Old Testament people (Nehemiah 8:10). The grace (and joy) of the Lord is still our strength (and glory) in the New Testament (1 Pet 1:6, 8; 2 Timothy 2:1). The only way to overcome all manner of temptation and trials is through the joy of the Lord (James 1:2). James was not just telling us to keep the right heart attitude; he was giving the KEY to come out of the trials and temptation unscathed. Faith is the substance of things hope for (Hebrews 11:1). Abundant hope results in abundant faith. The God of Hope fills us with joy/grace causing us to abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:13). If you find it hard sometimes to hold fast in faith, it is because you are holding on by your own strength. When the joy/grace of God is in you, the power of the Holy Spirit enables you to hold fast in faith because He causes the supernatural abounding of hope. The evidence of the grace of God being in your life would be the joy of the Lord. The signs of you beginning to depend on yourself rather than the grace of God within you is the loss of joy in your life. When you are truly abiding in the vine, the joy of the Lord is your strength (John 15:5-11).

Practical application: Watch your joy meter every day. If your joy meter is low, get back into the presence of God where there is fullness of grace and joy (Psalm 16:11; Hebrews 4:16). Jesus conquered the cross through the joy that was set before Him (Hebrews 12:2). It is the eternal desire of Jesus that His joy be fulfilled in us (John 17:13).

3. That both the pre-requisite for the operation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the results of the operation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is joy/grace (charis) and charisma/eucharistia being related to the same root).

The kingdom of God is the domain of righteousness, peace and joy (Romans 14:17). When Peter raised the lame man from the ground, we can safely assume that the words of Jesus (that he can ask the Father in Jesus Name that his joy may be full) was on his mind when he said that what he had (grace, joy and life) he gave to the lame man (Acts 3:6). There is no doubt that the tidings of great joy (grace) that was to be upon all people would have included all that Jesus declared would come in the acceptable year of the Lord through the anointing of the Holy Spirit - healing and deliverance (Luke 2:10; 4:18-19). When the seventy returned with joy to report the power of the Lord, it is obvious that the joy they experienced was just the continued result of the power of the Holy Spirit upon them (Luke 10:17). The miracle ministry of Philip resulted in great joy (Acts 8:8). This is no ordinary joy but the aftermath of the abundance (greatness) of grace/joy that God was working on the whole community to whom Philip ministered. Despite opposition, this supernatural joy/grace continued upon the disciples in Paul's ministry (Acts 13:52; John 16:22). The only thing that Jesus did in releasing the power for the miracle of the bread in feeding the thousands was in giving thanks (John 6:11). This was particularly noted by John in writing the gospel (John 6:23 – they did eat the bread after that the Lord has given thanks). The supernatural filling of the Holy Spirit in our lives enables us to give thanks for all things (Ephesians 5:18-20). We are told not just to intercede for all men but also to give thanks for all men (1 Timothy 2:1). If we stop in

our thankfulness towards the world, we stop the flow of grace from our lives to all the world. We are the custodians of the New Testament flow of grace; we should be as willing as God to bestow unconditional love and grace towards all men. The manifold wisdom of God of this dispensation of grace is to be manifested through the church (Ephesians 3:2, 8-10). The devil will seek to make us ungrateful for our country, our leaders, our fellow countrymen, our world so that our prayers for them become ineffective. We should endeavour through thick and thin to have a grateful thankful heart for everyone around us. For the atmosphere and attitude of thanksgiving is essential for the working of the power of the Holy Spirit.

Practical application: Be thankful for your spouse, your family, your children. Don't let the enemy make you an ungrateful person and hinder your prayers for your own loved ones. The seeds of divorce are found in the attitude of ungratefulness and the lack of thanksgiving. A strong loving marriage is built upon the foundations of thanksgiving and love. Always be thankful for your leaders, your country and your fellow countrymen. For you release the grace of God (and the power of God) upon their lives when you hold them before God in thanksgiving for them and in your prayers.

In the New Testament, this grace of God through Christ is so powerful it can even fill the atmosphere and the whole community. When great grace is upon the church, great power ensued such that even the shadow of Peter brought healing to thousands (Acts 4:33; 5:12-16). The great growth of the church was called the grace of God (Acts 11:19-23). With the grace of God at work, Gentiles begged to hear the gospel and Paul exhorted them to continue in the grace of God (Acts 13:42-44). God granted signs and wonders only because He wants to confirm

the word of His grace (Acts 14:3). To his dying breath, Paul was willing to testify to the grace of God in his life (Acts 20:24; 1 Corinthians 15:10; Galatians 2:9). It is only the grace of God that can establish us and give us an inheritance among the sanctified (Acts 20:32). Besides being a powerful

anointing upon, this grace is working from within us powerfully (2 Timothy 2:1; Galatians 2:8,9; 1 Corinthians 15:10).

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PROPHECY NOTE: On recent prophecies for Australia

In the Canberra Times today (30th September 2007) there was an article discussing a letter sent by Pastor Danny Nalliah to Christians and church leaders telling them to vote for certain political parties and candidates based on his 'prophecy' – attached at the ending below.

My comments:

Pastor Danny has erred in the following areas:

1. It is alright to gather facts and information about election candidates to provide guidance to Christians to make a more informed choice but it is wrong to use prophecy to influence the vote of Christians.
2. If he has such a prophecy, and God instructs that it be revealed, then the audience should be only to the person to whom the prophecy concerns – in this case, the candidate. There is no reason why anybody else should know about it. The object of such prophecy would be to encourage the candidate that God is with him and confirm whatever leading the individual candidate would have.
3. Although it is inadvisable, some Christian leaders make it known to people as to who their favoured candidate is and exercise their influence in the way their followers vote. To me this is unethical and crossing the line. We should never take away the free choice of followers and overly influence them such that if their choice differs from us, they may feel condemnation. The most that a leader should provide, if they are interested in such matters of this world, is to provide information and data of each candidate's stand on issues of righteousness; and without telling what the leader's personal choice is (in case it causes a subconscious influence), allow the followers to make their own intelligent and informed decision without fear or condemnation.

I have written directly to Pastor Danny to correct his error. I have also written to Mr Kevin Rudd, who is a Christian, so that when he reads the papers he doesn't have the impression that all Christian leaders are against him or that evangelical Christianity would be so immature and so unethical as to use 'prophecy' (to me it is false prophecy) to influence the Christian community. It is my preference to live quietly and support our leaders privately in prayer and supplication but Pastor Danny's public letter needs to be corrected publicly.

The contents of my letter to Pastor Danny Nalliah to correct his error are as follows:

30th September 2007

Hi Ps Danny

I appreciate what you are trying to do for the nation of Australia in raising the standard of righteousness. My concern is that you should differentiate between the call to Christians to vote in a particular manner through providing facts and data on all candidates from various parties (thus giving them good guidance on making a more informed choice in their voting) and making a prophetic prediction. By all means keep up the good work that you have been doing. However, the prophetic arena of prediction is another field all together and one should not jump to a prediction with a Thus says the Lord.

Although my personal voting choices will definitely be based on what I perceive to be the candidates that encourage righteousness in our country, I perceive a different outcome from your prediction, having also have visions and revelations from the Lord. When I ask the Lord and sought understanding of the opposite prediction from yours, I receive the following:

1. It is to save lives - the current administration will keep the status quo but the new administration will seek closure for current wars.
2. Pride has crept into the present administration.
3. The Lord through the new administration will cause a closer relationship between Australia and China which will also open doors for the gospel there in ways that we cannot imagine yet.
4. The Lord (much as Christians might dislike it) said that He is the one who is preparing the way for Kevin Rudd for the Prime Minister role even before he was born, for things He wants to bring Australia into and it is His destiny for him to do so, even whether Kevin himself knows it or not. God knows things we do not know but in time we will understand His reasons.

I have also asked the Lord the reasons why you might have missed it in this area of prediction and these are the reasons:

1. Your own good and personal desires for the cause of the present more Christian candidates have affected your hearing in the predictive area. A common mistake when personal desires hinder hearing from the Lord.
2. Your past successful prediction has caused over-confidence leading you to make another prediction; but this time it is presumptuous and some element of pride is involved.

Do not let what I have written discourage you; they are only written in gentle correction as I know that as front line leaders, there are not many people who are brave enough to speak out when something is perceived as wrong. You have done much good and right, the fault here is in mixing prediction with providing good guidance.

By all means, keep up the good work that you are doing and we hope to see you become a polish vessel for the Lord in the last days.

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The following is Pastor Danny Nalliah's letter to Christians and leaders

Dear Family in Christ,

A few weeks ago while I was seeking the Lord in prayer, He told me that I must meet personally with the Honorable Prime Minister John Howard and the Honorable Federal Treasurer Peter Costello.

In obedience to the voice of the Lord, I set out to arrange a personal meeting with both national government leaders. The Lord spoke clearly to me about how Prophet Samuel in the Word of God was sent to anoint David as the future King of Israel. When David's father Jesse presented all his sons (except David) to the Prophet of God, Samuel could not find the Lord's leading to anoint any of these sons, so he asked Jesse if he had any other sons and he brought his youngest son David to be anointed by the Prophet as the future King of Israel. Although this was controversial, Prophet Samuel had to obey the voice of God! (not man's political correctness)

The Lord told me to spend some personal time with Prime Minister John Howard and to prophetically prepare Federal Treasurer Peter Costello as the future Prime Minister of Australia. (I don't know the exact timing, but I was obedient to the voice of God).

I thank the Lord that I just had a one to one meeting with Peter Costello on Thursday 9th August and John Howard on Friday 10th August. The Lord had given me a clear prophetic Word for both of them and I thank Him I was able to deliver His Word in addition to praying with both of these Federal Government Leaders.

Unfortunately, I'm not at liberty to share the details of these private encounters, but I will boldly declare that Prime Minister John Howard will be re-elected in the November election (if the Body of Christ unites in prayer and action) and pass the leadership onto Peter Costello sometime after.

I know this prophetic declaration is very controversial, but at this critical crossroad in our nation's destiny, it's not time to tickle the ears of man, but to please the Father in Heaven, by boldly proclaiming His Authoritative Word of Righteousness, Justice, and Truth to the Church and Nation!

Both of these national political leaders demonstrated sincere humility, honesty and openness with me and the Lord. I thanked Prime Minister John Howard for calling the nation to pray for rain and we discussed about calling a Christian Thanksgiving Service in Federal Parliament to thank the Lord for sending the rain in response to the nationwide call to prayer. This was well received by the PM and he expressed his willingness to personally attend. Please pray for the Lord to lead us as we continue to prepare for this historic Christian Thanksgiving Service in Federal Parliament!

Truly, I give all the praise, honor, and glory to the Lord Jesus Christ for what he has done, is doing, and will continue to do by His Holy Spirit!