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WHAT A COMPLIMENT!

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"I thank God for your fellowship (your sympathetic cooperation and contributions and partnership) in advancing the good news (the Gospel) from the first day [you heard it] until now." Philippians 1:5

Paul wrote this from him and Timothy to the saints, bishops (overseers) and deacons (assistants) at Philippi. What a compliment! I have been active in church for many, many years and I have never heard a pastor or leader speak such high words of commendation to the body of Christ. Have you? If so, then please share it with me, it would be so refreshing.

It would be wonderful to hear every church Pastor say that the congregation of believers displayed 'sympathetic cooperation' in advancing the Gospel. That would mean their 'touch' doing outreach would attract more people's involvement to talk to others about receiving Jesus as their Lord and Savior. There would be continued enthusiasm in their voice when speaking about salvation to others and it would not fade because they have been walking with God for several years or something is not to their liking at the moment.

Imagine being able to compliment the congregation where you attend church for their consistent touch, time, talent and treasure (financial) support (which is a summation of our contributions) in advancing the Gospel. Then take it to the next level of recognition because the contributions support has not diminished over time. WOW!

The people of God during this era suffered heavy persecution for supporting the Gospel and to think it did not discourage them in their touch, time, and talent and treasure involvement. For some us when we take the mirror of life and our face is reflected, it shows a slowdown since the first day we heard the gospel until now.

We must all look into our lives and see where has the momentum changed in the drive to advance the Kingdom of God through the Gospel being shared by word and deed. Ask yourself, "Do I fellowship with a spirit of cooperation as I should in my touch, time, talent and treasure?" Then honestly ask yourself, "Have I diminished in any of these areas since the first day I believed until now?"

We should not do this to get a compliment from our leader per se, but moreover to hear the compliment of the Lord our Great God and Deliverer when He says, "Well done, my good and faithful servant. You've been faithful over few things and I will make you ruler over many." WHAT A COMPLIMENT!

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