

A blessed and prosperous New Year!

Perhaps you feel you received the short end of the stick when it comes to gifts, talents and making a difference? If you feel like this at the beginning of a new year, take heart - God has good news for you for 2018. **God has good news for you if you seek to experience his dream for you this year.**

Paul wrote in *1 Corinthians 12:18*: *“But in fact, God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as He wanted them to be”*.

The Corinthian church was made up of a great variety of people. God also gave each of the Christians in this church a whole range of special gifts - Spiritual gifts. The purpose of the gifts was to help others in the church develop to full maturity in Christ and more importantly, to grow God's work in the Church to its full potential.

Yet, they forgot that God gave each church member in Corinth exactly what HE wanted them to have, according to the Lord's dream for their lives. Some failed to use the gift given to them by the Spirit, yet they were envious of the role someone else played in God's work at church.

We often forget that if God called and equipped us to serve him in a certain way, capacity, or office, that task is the most important one that we can ever do!

If we strive for someone else's role, responsibility and task in his Church, while neglecting the calling God gave us to do, we will fail twice - firstly in our own calling - and secondly in the calling we are not called to do and therefore cannot expect the Lord's blessing on, or wait for the gifts of the Spirit to be able to do it.

Believe this: God has gifted you in a very special way. And this is the only way in which you can have true joy in the Lord's work. You need to allow God to get from you what he had placed in you and also desire and pray for his amazing blessings on what he has given you to do. God expects you to do what he has given you to be able to do, and for which purpose he has given you the Spiritual gifts, in order to be blessed in that role and with that project.

The Lord has tailor made a role for you in his work. It is his choice for you, and God's choices are always the perfect choices. Do not fail by desiring someone else's gifts and role, but rather take pleasure in your own, fulfil your commission and serve the Master in the way and for the purpose he has called you.

The Word's promise is that your work for the Lord will be blessed and you will be fulfilled as you live and work according to his divine will.

You will experience a blessed and prosperous year in his Work.

Pray that in 2018 the Father will help you to recognize the gifts, calling and projects he intends for you.

Ask the Lord to take away the desires that are not his will for you to do, in the New Year.

And let's all pray for the gift of diligence when serving in his Kingdom.

Let's ask for the gift of faithfulness!

And pray for joy and happiness by living God's dream for your life.