

Impartation – Creating a Growth Environment.

We have during the last few weeks been coming into a season of impartation. A time when through the moving of the Spirit and the Laying on of Hands Gifts & Ministries are raised up and released.

This is rooted and based on a Biblical concept; namely 'The Priesthood of all Believers'. Simply put this is the belief that everyone of us is a priest and a minister before God.

As a church we do not accept nor believe in the concept of Clergy and Laity. The idea that some who can and some who can't!

The scripture is clear - the church is a body and all members function and all members have something special to do. (1 Cor 12:27-28)

How do we promote and stimulate this sort of life and activity, one of the things we have to do is create a Growth Environment.

1. ***What is a Growth Environment?***

- It is an environment which inspires growth and '*let's do it*' attitude (Eph 4:16 - "when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.")

- It is an environment that affirms attempt and effort – '*we believe in you*'. (2 Cor 1:20, Phil 4:13, Rom 8:37, 1 Tim 4:12)

- It is an environment that resources and supports initiative - creating space and opportunity. Spiritual parenting (1 Cor 4:15 ... parents pay the bills and provide the car!)

2. ***How to live in a Growth Environment***

Be yourself ... God is not really into clones. You are a unique and special individual in God. Be comfortable in your skin!

Be responsive ... everything important in life requires a decision. Rachel – 'will you go with this man'. Say 'yes' to the purposes of God! (Samuel ... say 'yes')

3. ***You are called! You need to say 'yes'***

We are ALL called to Salvation
We are ALL called to Witness
We are ALL called to Serve
SOME are called to fulltime ministry

Will you do what Samuel did – say 'yes' to the call of God!