

Impartation – ‘Girding your Loins’

I would like to bring this part of this 'Impartation' series to a close and in so doing I want to spend a few moments with a curious scripture.

In the KJV translation 1 Peter 1:13 is translated ‘gird up the loins of your mind’, it’s a really interesting and curious metaphor.

It is the picture of tucking up the folds of a long garment into a belt or girdle so that you can move freely; a more literal translation *‘would be prepare your minds for action’*.

I find the phrase ‘loins of your mind’, literally ‘the waist; the midriff’ ... this part of our anatomy is incredibly important. It holds some ‘core’ muscle groups; it contains reproductive organs – if it is damaged you can be immobile or non productive.

So this encouragement is not just prepare your mind for action; it is a specific prepare those areas that affect your mobility and productivity for action. i.e. get ready to move and get ready to spiritually reproduce/multiply.

To help you with this mental ‘girding of the loins’ I want to revisit a few points and then just lay down a few new ones that I believe are key.

1. ***Embrace this Growth Environment***

Three great positions to take as a believer – ‘this is my home; these are my leaders; and this is my function!’

A growth environment particularly addresses the last of these positions; it is an atmosphere; it is a culture; it is a spiritual climate.

It says ‘you have a Ministry – you are a provider, not a consumer!’

It says ‘do it’ – try, fly, ask, push, think ‘Green not red’.

It says ‘we will help you’ – the DreamCentre; we are like Aaron & Hur (David's drink)

2. ***Change the way you see things***

Change the way you see your world and change the way you see yourself

In John 4:35 Jesus says – *“Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes (CHANGE YOUR VIEW) and look (SEE THE PEOPLE) on the fields, that they are white for harvest.”*

Sometimes we think that our situation is what limits us - Jesus spoke like this of the harvest being plentiful in at least three different situations.

In Matthew 9:37 - This statement is made in Galilee. (Cf Vs 1) It had a 'nickname' - "Galilee of the Gentiles". A cosmopolitan, comfortable playground of rich Roman and Gentile communities. You could say that it was a PLACE OF NO SPECIFIC RELIGION!

Thank God that the Harvest is plentiful among those without any clear faith.

In Luke 10:2 – it is possible that this statement was made in an area East of the Galilee/Jordan. An area associated the tribes of Israel that did not enter into the full promise and purposes of God. They are like backsliders. You could say that it was a PLACE OF FORGOTTEN RELIGION!

Thank God that the Harvest is plentiful among the backsliders.

John 4:35 - This third statement was made in Samaria, a place where foreign tribes were imported and settled and an attempt at social and ethnic engineering was attempted. This was a PLACE OF ALTERNATE RELIGION!

Thank God that the Harvest is plentiful among the confused/deceived.

There are places and situations in your life that you have written off, your mentality has become negative, begin to think Harvest!

3. *Expect a Miracle Today*

Begin to see the blessings and provision of God in your life. Your life is already filled with the 'goodness' of God.

See His hand; expect His blessing – have this attitude 'God, what shall we do today!'