



The Lord shall put it in their mind

We humans are born selfish. It is as a result of Adam. It is just a natural inherent fact. Nobody tells a small one day old to be selfish. The child is just naturally selfish. The child does not care whether the mother is weak and tired but will cry relentlessly in order to get his need met and not until that is done, she will wake up every member of the family.

It takes maturity to outgrow selfishness. Some adults still throw up tantrum. We want things for ourselves only. There is an adage or a proverb that if you give hoe implement to a mentally challenged man, he will still heap soil to his own side. Selfishness and self centeredness is one of the root of the menace bedeviling the society. It makes people to be corrupt, steal and loot public fund, and do many vices.

This vice is the bane of split in the Churches, everybody wants things for himself and essence of why some are labouring or working is for what they can get from it and necessarily for the service and love of God and mankind.

It takes grace of the Lord for you to see someone who does something for you without strings attached. Ladies hardly get job from an employer unless the boss make passes at them and guys must give money or bribe before they get favour and employment.

When you see people that go out of their ways to help, assist and render unsolicited help with no strings attached, you will know that this must be God. God must have intervene and put such in the heart of such people. Such is the case study we have below:

***Ezr 1:1 KJV Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying,***

The Bible says in order that the word or prophecy of Jeremiah might be fulfilled. God is interested in fulfilling His word spoken by His servants. But God flows through people and He looks for people that understand times and season and who will pray Him into fulfilling His words.

Daniel was such a man. Daniel had been in Babylon and even though he was a statesman there yet he longed for restoration of Jerusalem and while praying at the same time studying previous scripture he discovered words that were spoken by Jeremiah many years ago.

***Dan 9:2 KJV In the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.***

Jeremiah had spoken about the times of the captivity which was almost ending but there was no indication that they will leave soon.

***Jer 25:12 KJV And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the LORD, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations.***

***Jer 29:10 KJV For thus saith the LORD, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.***

Isaiah many years ago has prophesied that Cyrus will be born and been raise for the purpose of restoring the vessels taken from Solomon's temple and even build the temple in Jerusalem.

***Isa 44:28 KJV That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.***

***Isa 45:13 KJV I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways: he shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives, not for price nor reward, saith the LORD of hosts.***

It is probable, that this decree of Cyrus in favour of the Jews was in a great measure owing to the good offices of Daniel. Cyrus, at his first coming to Babylon, found him there, an old minister of state, famed over all the east for his great wisdom; and accordingly we find, that he not only employed him as such; but, upon settling the government, made him first superintendent, or prime minister of state, over all the provinces of the empire. In this station of life, Daniel must have been a person of great

authority at court, and highly in the esteem of his prince; and it is not improbable, that he might shew him the passages in Isaiah referring to him; for it is evident from the decree itself, that Cyrus had seen those prophesies.

The Bible says that God stirred up the spirit of Cyrus. The Hebrew word for "stirred" is "ur" and it means: to rouse oneself, awake, awaken, incite

Strong's Definition: A primitive root (rather identical with H5783 through the idea of opening the eyes); to wake (literally or figuratively): - (a-) wake

What this means is that it was brought to his consciousness, his eyes was opened to see what he ought to do. He was roused to his responsibility.

Do you know that in life that there are people that God has given the assignment and responsibility to do something that will affect your destiny, promote you, give an assistance, render help, move you up, sponsor you, marry you or even employ you. Cyrus would have continue to go about running his empire and enlarging his territory and be unmindful about the people of Israel after all there were other nations that were in captivity of the King. But God stirred him up.

Daniel was the instrument that was used to achieve this. If that Daniel had not prayed, the Jews would have continue and the years of captivity prolonged but his intercession brought God on to the scene. God is looking for such.

***Isa 59:16 KJV And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.***

***Isa 63:5 KJV And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me.***

There are people languishing and many cities and countries suffering because there are no intercessor, people that have knowledge of time and season.

***1Ch 12:32 KJV And of the children of Issachar, which were men that***

***had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment.***

People who will says enough is enough. Remember it was the intercession of Abraham that saved Lot from the burning Sodom and Gomorrah Gen 19:29. It was because Moses interceded for the children of Israel that made them not to have been destroyed by God Num 14: 11-15.

The things of God does not automatically come to pass. Prayer has been defined as earthly license for heavenly intervention. God would not intervene or force His will until a man is ready to cooperate with Him and enforce His will on the earth. Daniel's prayer brought divine intervention that made Cyrus to release the Jews from captivity and also championed the building of the temple.

Whosoever God has destined to help you in life will be stirred up for you in Jesus name.

I believe it was the same thing that made Jehoiada to help the little Joash. The Queen mother Athaliah had killed all the king's sons and usurped the rulership but Joash was rescued and kept in the temple for seven years. In the days of destruction may you be delivered in Jesus name.

***2Ch 23:3 KJV And all the congregation made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And he said unto them, Behold, the king's son shall reign, as the LORD hath said of the sons of David.***

He championed the crowning of Joash. How could he have done this? I believe God must have put it into his heart. He could have mind his business as a priest in the temple after all Athaliah hardly come to the temple and his priesthood was not been challenged or threatened at any time. This is what Bible says about him in verse 1:

***2Ch 23:1 KJV And in the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself, and took the captains of hundreds, Azariah the son of Jeroham, and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, and Azariah the son of Obed, and Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of***

***Zichri, into covenant with him.***

He strengthened himself and was used to fulfil the prophetic declaration made unto David long time ago that he will not lack a man to sit on his throne.

***2Sa 7:13 KJV He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.***

***2Ki 8:19 KJV Yet the LORD would not destroy Judah for David his servant's sake, as he promised him to give him alway a light, and to his children.***

***1Ki 11:36 KJV And unto his son will I give one tribe, that David my servant may have a light alway before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen me to put my name there.***

#### **IN THE NEW TESTAMENT**

**2Co 8:16 KJV But thanks be to God, which put the same earnest care into the heart of Titus for you.**

The same earnest care - The earnest care here referred to was that the Corinthians might complete the collection, and finish what they had proposed. Titus was willing to undertake this, and see that it was done.

It was God that put that earnest desire or diligence into the heart of Titus even before Paul sent for him it was already in his heart and so there was uniformity and congruency between "spiritual father" and "spiritual son"

Titus would have continue to mind his own ministerial business but God put the care of collection for the needy church in Judea into his heart.

There are people that has been commissioned to take care of your matter and it is my prayer that God will raise them up for you. People that will champion your cause in life will come to you in Jesus name.