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## Fellowship in the Temple

*“I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.” John 9:4*

**You are a unique, irreplaceable member of God’s spiritual temple, the church, and of His kingdom.** Physically, life can be a challenge—I know from experience. And it was a huge challenge for the apostle Paul. God’s providence shortened the apostle’s life, and God may shorten ours as well. So, we leave the length of life in God’s hands.

But while we are alive ... that is what I want to encourage you to consider. Wherever you are with the Lord you bring intelligence, talent, giftedness, wisdom, how-to experience, and a world of insight to your relationship with Him and the church. **Each of us knows God in a different way based on the path He has laid out for our life.** Nobody has experienced with God what you have experienced. You are a unique, irreplaceable member of God’s spiritual temple, the Church, and of His kingdom. And regardless of how many years God gives you, there is more of God for you to discover and share with others.

The older we get, both chronologically and spiritually, the easier it is for us to think we know it all—or at least enough to carry us to the end of life. But think back to Paul. He knew more than most of us when he wrote the letter to the Philippians. Yet he told them he wasn’t satisfied; he was casting off everything in order to know more of Christ. That should be our attitude as well.

**We shouldn’t put off knowing God better for the future since none of us knows what the future will hold.** We should make it our goal to know more about God every day and in every way. How can we do that? How many Christian books did you read last year—Bible study, theology, biographies, practical help? How much of the Bible do you read on a daily and weekly basis? Have you lost your Bible? What is your prayer life like? Do you take notes during your pastor’s sermon? Mark important points in your Bible? When was the last time you shared your faith with a non-Christian? How often are you together with other Christians from whom you can learn?

These are all avenues that lead to increasing the depth of your knowledge of God, and improving the fellowship and mission of the church. **Followers of Christ are engaged in continual combat with the world around us, the devil against us, and the flesh within us.** It is up to us to get busy with the Holy Spirit as your guide and take new steps daily. **AMEN.**

**Dr. David Jeremiah**

*“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18 – 20*

