

## **Submit under God's chosen governors early**

Esther was most likely a growing adolescent as at this time. To have yielded to Modecai's disciplinary terms was one great work that prepared her life for the throne. She remained under trainers (Modecai and Hegai) for the proper formation process to be completed.

God is interested in beginning with your own life too while a teenager. Josiah began to pursue God from teenage, and as soon as he had been trained by the administrators, he began to destroy the standing works of Satan in Judah (2 Chron. 34:3). "But now to continue—the son who will receive his father's property is treated just like a slave while he is young, even though he really owns everything. *While he is young*, there are men who take care of him and manage his affairs until the time set by his father." Gal. 4:1-2 GNT. "*It is good for a young man to be under discipline*, for it causes him to sit apart in silence beneath the Lord's demands, to lie face downward in the dust; then at last there is hope for him." Lam. 3:27-29 TLB. Peter warns believers thus, "So be humble under God's powerful hand. Then he will lift you up when the right time comes." 1 Pet. 5:6 ERV

God is committed to using you when he's done working on your life. Every Christian teenager has the potential to serve God's purpose in their lifetime. God has an honorable purpose for them to fulfill, it is the plan he said he has for his people (Jer. 29:11) -to become mighty in his hands.

God has an inheritance in you, and for you, because you are a co-heir with Jesus (Eph. 1:18). "And if we are [His] children, then we are [His] heirs also: heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ [*sharing His inheritance with Him*]; only we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory." Rom. 8:17 AMPC.

It is for this reason that God trains his children. He places them under the care of elders, and others he chose to train them up until they grow up with the needed maturity, fully equipped and prepared to take over the inheritance that God has set aside for them to oversee on earth. Even you today, God has an inheritance of his that he wants you to be the one to manage it for him. That was one of his major reasons he created Adam before he fell and the whole plan dashed. No man was good enough to be used of God to be Lord over his inheritances until Jesus came. That is why he treats the people he makes use of, it is to remove impurities and make them spotless for his holy use. If you have God's plan being fulfilled over your life, you'll be placed under some people to help you mature enough before you are released into that which God preordained for you.

In Ephesians 4:11-16, Paul shows that: Some of us have been given special ability as apostles; to others he has given the gift of being able to preach well; some have special ability in winning people to Christ, helping them to trust him as their Savior; still others have a gift for caring for God's people as a shepherd does his sheep, leading and teaching them in the ways of God.

Why is it that he gives us these special abilities to do certain things best? It is that God's people will be equipped to do better work for him, building up the Church, the body of Christ, to a position of strength and maturity; until finally we all believe alike about our salvation and about our Savior, God's Son, and all become full-grown in the Lord—yes, to the point of being filled full with Christ.

Then we will no longer be like children, forever changing our minds about what we believe because someone has told us something different or has cleverly lied to us and made the lie sound like the truth. Instead, we will lovingly follow the truth at all times—speaking truly, dealing truly, living truly—and so become more and more in every way like Christ who is the Head of his body, the Church. Under his direction, the whole body is fitted together perfectly, and each part in its own special way helps the other parts, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love -TLB. You must humble yourself under the hands of the people God places you under so that you can truly learn. They include your *parent, guardian, church pastor, human disciples (i.e. other mature believers), etc.* Jesus returned with his parent from the Temple at Jerusalem and submitted to them (Luke 2:51). Although he knew why he came, he had to wait for another eighteen years before finally showing up publicly. That you're discovering your purpose in life, and God's grace over your life now does not mean you can jump out at will, there is a set time for your manifestation.

From this time that you are a teenager, give up all of your being so that *God [who will use you for his glory]* might sit over your life, using the *different people, different methods, and different platforms* he appoints. It is the period of growth, when the character of God will be formed in you by the things you will suffer, and required to endure. Jeremiah said, "it is better that one should bear this yoke of divine discipline while he is still young" (Lam. 3:27).

Beloved Christian teenager, God has an inheritance in you, the divine nature; he cannot afford to let it be under-utilized. He also has an inheritance for you to possess and manage even here on earth, it is the fulfillment of his long planned divine purpose, for which he saved you to accomplish (Eph. 2:10). **You are God's workman!**

Let him treat you. Gladly accept the demands he might be making over your life at this time, to give up anybody in your life he asks you to; any habit of yours that you grew up with naturally,

your natural human plans, your human principles, the way of life of the environment you grow in, which militates against your training, for the fulfillment of his divine mandate for your life. You need to give up the various *schools of thoughts* and human ideologies that hinder you from learning of Christ. Give up that which disallows you from living the life of Jesus here on earth, since as he is, so are we in this world. Simply deny yourself, and all your natural ways of doing everything as it pleases you, take up your cross and choose to follow him in all your ways, ever acknowledging him (Prov. 3:5-6).

You have been called by God to serve his course here on earth. He will gladly lift you up in his own time for his glory as you yield to his leadership in the process of being disciplined. Accept his training scheme now. Josiah, though a king, yet at sixteen submitted completely to the training set up by God for him as King over his people, and carried out by the men God had chosen. After four years, he was matured enough, fully ready to fulfill the divine assignments God had trained him to do. ***Your time to be treated through discipleship is now! Submit your neck.***