

The Testing seasons

When the time of God's treatment for any believer is fulfilled, he, just as he led Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil (Matthew 4:1) allows such a believer into the stipulated tests meant to validate the impact(s) of the current training that was conducted. When this is done God puts his beauty crown on the individual. He gives his divine presence, his glory, his approval, his seal, his authority and his honour upon such a life. This he does by releasing into each person the ability to reflect the glory and grace of God everywhere He takes him to, all the days of his life.

Examples of young people God treated

The beauty treatment is that which God used to prepare and perfect the life of all who ruled and reigned in foreign lands for him [even when Christ was not yet born as flesh]. People like Joseph (Gen. 37), Daniel and his three friends, these ones revealed God's glory in other people's land, why? It was because they had received God's beauty treatment before their days of manifestation showed up. King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon ordered his chief official, to select from among the Israelite exiles some young men of the royal family and of the noble families. **They had** to be *handsome, intelligent, well-trained, quick to learn...*so that they would be qualified to serve in the royal court. Dan. 1:3-4. All Christian teenagers are also young men of the royal family and of the noble families (1 Pet. 2:9). But before you would be qualified to serve in God's royal court, you would have been prepared outside before you're been brought to serve in the royal court.

Do you remember the building of King Solomon's Temple? See the approach he used: The stones were completely finished before they were brought into the Temple area, so there was no noise of hammers, axes, or any other iron tools in the Temple (1 Kings 6:7 ERV). You see, God does not want noises to be heard in your life when some manifestations of his grace begin to find expression out there. Peter had healed some sick people, yet he rebuked Jesus when he said he would die; Thomas doubted that Jesus had risen (John 20:24-29); Judas, having participated in the grace of God with the others a short while still loved money so much he sold his Master for Money, he committed suicide later (Luke 22); Peter, again, having seen a little of God's glory in his life still fell into denying of Jesus, as soon as he was arrested (Luke 22:54-62). Samson Israel's Judge failed woefully, he had not given up [lust] which produced noise in his destiny, it destroyed him (Judg. 16). Moses lost it; he did not enter Canaan eventually due to his reaction in anger, after all the eighty years plus labour (Deut. 32:52). Release yourself to God for complete overhauling of the self life and its products (Gal. 5:19-21). God, in his plan wants to prevent noises from being heard in your life as you bear his light and glory about. Humbly release yourself to him from now as a teenager to so.

How God will treat you

Let him align you to his will in all areas of your life. In your academics, let him choose the course for you to study, with which he would prepare and use you; let him lead you into the tertiary institution he has chosen to mold you; let him fill your mind with the knowledge of his will on every other matter, and determine to do *not your will* (Col. 1:9), but try to find out his own will (Eph. 5:17) and live the rest of your earthly life controlled by it (1 Pet. 4:2). In this way you'll be bearing his yoke of divine discipline as a young person (Lam. 3:27). If you grow this way, you will become like an arrow sharp and ready for God's use (Isa. 49:2) everywhere and every time.

No one who manifests as a son of God is able to fully manifest his sonship unless he is trained and furnished, equipped and established in the life of Christ (Prov. 24:3-4); It must become the normal way of life for such. Your effective manifestation as son [like Christ] is possible depending on your upward growth in spiritual maturity. Such is attained as you abide in the finished works of Christ, and as you [willingly] remain under his disciplinary hand till he's through with you. In this way He would be able to train, teach and give approval of you as one qualified to be seen and listened to (Mark 9:7).

God makes people listen to you only when he has treated your life, and severed you from the self life in order for Christ's life to become evident. Unless your market value in the Spirit reaches the standard God has set in Christ, you may not be shown to the public by God.

The purpose of God's beauty treatment orchestrated by the acknowledgment of the power of the cross daily is to evacuate the deceptive beauty of the self life. In all its manifestations and vices, it is to bring to light the **unfading beauty** of the new life found only in Christ Jesus. This kind of beauty with its eternal value is acquired as one is being emptied of the traces of the Old sinful nature (this is what Jesus did at Calvary).

In God's harem, He provides his trainees with the appropriate articles for their use in the real world. They would train with them for the purpose of expertise. David could use his usual sling and stone in the defeat of Goliath of Gath because by it he had learnt to fight the enemies of his flock, depending on God. When he was given that which God had not trained him with, he returned it, he rather stuck to what God had used to train him in the wilderness.