

## Slaves or Sons

The Lord has been examining His people. Do we have a paradigm of working for the Lord or with the Lord? In our assignments, if we see ourselves as working for the Lord, we will easily tire out or grasp for anything that will work, or we will maneuver to meet that 'bottom line'. The Lord has declared that we are sons and daughters, and not slaves. As a slave, we will strive to succeed or climb the ladder but a son or daughter lives in a state of rest because of God's ability at work in and through him or her. A barometer for the sons or daughters would therefore be 'How much rest am I living in or working from?' God has prepared a 'rest' for His people and we are only to strive to enter into that rest alone and nothing else. I have heard Graham Cooke say that 'rest is the ultimate weapon for a believer'. Let us lay aside every weight and encumbrance that robs us of rest in Christ. As his children, we are partakers of Christ's inheritance, we cannot earn it. Philippians 4:13 says that 'we can do all things through (with) Christ who strengthens us'.

When His sons and daughters realize the surpassing greatness of His power that is available toward us who believe, we can live from that realm of being a joint heir with Christ and see Him do the impossible through us. It is God who is at work in us, both to will and do His good pleasure. So, let us allow Him to examine our hearts to see where we stand as one that works for Him or with Him.

Let us forsake any self-inspired perspective and gain our Father's view that empowers us to be His children who have access to all that He is and all that He has, to see His kingdom advanced over all the earth. They that are led by the Spirit are the sons of God. In case you have not noticed lately, the whole earth is groaning, waiting for us to manifest a mature son-ship. Let us continue on the path as sons and daughters, ambassadors with our King, executing His will in our families, businesses, various spheres of influence and throughout the earth. May the Father bestow upon us, this ultimate weapon of His 'rest' in all that we are and all that we do, as His children.

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