COME AND SEE MY ZEAL FOR THE LORD 2 Kgs. 10:16

This statement was made by King Jehu as he was out to demonstrate His zeal in carrying out the commandment of the Lord.

This connotes that zeal cannot be hidden and zeal that cannot be seen is fake — *Jhn. 2:13-17 / Psa. 69:9*

Genuine zeal for God keeps us in pursuit of God and the interest of His kingdom with delight.

It is zeal that helps to keep the hands of believer on the plough without looking back — *Luk.* 9:62

A genuine zeal for God engenders a lifetime of stewardship both in season and out of season — *Rom.* 8:35-37

Zeal engraces the believer to serve God as a seed, which impacts on the generations of such individuals — *Psa.* 112:1-3

In the natural, when one stops serving, his name gets off the payroll of the organization where he serves.

In the military, when one stops serving, apart from being off the payroll, he also loses his command, because his authority is only retained as long as he is in service.

When a farmer stops farming, his harvest season stops.

Zeal energizes believers for delightsome and tireless stewardship that keeps him going no matter what — 1 Cor. 9:16-17/ Act. 26:22

Zeal empowers believers to not be deterred by the mockery of men — Heb. 12:1-2/ Rom. 1:16

As I have often said, 'It is foolishness to be shameful of what is gainful" — Dan.12:3/Heb. 13:13

While we have compulsory retirement age in every organisation, kingdom stewardship has no retirement age, it provides a platform for stewardship even unto the old age — Psa. 92:12-15

We have the examples of:

- ✓ Abraham began pursuing after God at the age of 75 and he did till he went to heaven at 175 Gen. 12:4/ Gen. 25:7-8
- ✓ Moses was actively in pursuit of his calling till 120 when he departed to glory — Exo. 3:7-10/ Exo. 7:7/ Deut. 34:7
- ✓ Anna was still serving God with prayer and fasting at the age of 84 Luk. 2:36-38

From the testimony of Abraham, serving God is a lifetime opportunity until one draws his last breath.

Therefore, we must "lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; and make straight paths for (our) feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed" as we engage with this life-time race of Kingdom advancement stewardship — Heb. 12:12-13

May each of us receive grace to remain on fire for God all through the days of our lives in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Jesus is Lord!

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