

LIFE GROUP (18/03/2010)

LIFESTYLE OF SINGING - Zamar

Definition of Zamar

Ps 33:2, Ps 71:22, Ps 98:5, Ps 144:9, Ps 149:3

'Pluck the strings of an instrument, i.e. play upon it; to make music, to celebrate in song and music, to sing praise.' Word often translated as sing or sing praise, and includes the use of musical instruments accompanied by song.

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 6: 19 -20

'And [pray] also for me, that [freedom of] utterance may be given me, that I may open my mouth to proclaim boldly the mystery of the good news (the Gospel), For which I am an ambassador in a coupling chain [in prison. Pray] that I may declare it boldly and courageously, as I ought to do.'

BACKGROUND:

What we know is that God's grace and mercy, aligned through our faith, will prevail and that our worship (obedience) is the ultimate experience of our faith. However, 'when all is said and done, there is a lot more said than done'.

Words, along with action, must demonstrate Christ to the world, i.e. we are responsible as Christ's ambassadors to properly represent him.

Unfortunately people in western civilisation are not beating a path to the doors of the church. Why not?

Often they don't see, perceive or experience Christ's presence.

The church (corporately and globally) is still at an adolescent phase, it is not perceived as unified, enlighten or powerful (authoritative).

Paul talked about training ourselves, and each other, to properly exercise our responsibilities as ambassadors.

If we are engaged in spiritual warfare (not against people but against the enemy) our prevailing weapon is the Word. Reading and understanding the word = obedience = worship (we can't obey in worship what we don't know).

Finally our worship and obedience must be reflected in our words and actions if the world is to recognise Christ and enter the Kingdom.

Question:

Look closely at the aspects discussed, what will you do to train and prepare (as Paul did) to be a more effective ambassador for Christ? e.g. read the word more, talk about others less, build others up, complain less.

