

ENGAGE-D!

The best picture is found in a car. The transmission is an awesome piece of equipment but totally useless if not in gear. When it is put into, placed in gear then the car moves and stays that way until it in **dis-engaged**.

Like the car when we have been put into, placed in GEAR – we will move without interruption in God

The opposite of “IN GEAR” is to be in “NEUTRAL” – which is NON-ACTIVITY, DIS-ENGAGED, NON-INVOLVMENT, ETC.

THE DEGREE OF ENGAGEMENT IS DIRECTLY PROPORTIONAL TO THE DEGREE OF FORWARD MOVEMENT OR ACTIVITY

1st gear, 2nd gear, 3rd gear and so on -

Too many people are stuck in first gear, maybe 2nd We have only engaged to a certain level

God wants ALL of us ALL of the time, IN FULL MOTION IN HIM

This engagement is personal - WE MUST EACH KNOW Jesus FOR OURSELVES –A ONE ON ONE RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.

God has endowed and empowered us for service to Him –

ENGAGEMENT - (has activity once it happens)

To connect with person or project causing a plan or purpose, an activity, an action to come to pass –

Take part, to participate, partake, to be involved, to contribute, to become active in or with, to move into purposeful action to accomplish an end.

We see the ultimate explanation of “engagement” between one another from this verse:

Eph 4:16 From whom the whole body fitly **joined** together and compacted by that which every **joint supplieth**, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

We see the ultimate explanation of “engagement” with God in these verses:

Mat 6:33 But **seek** ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently **seek** him.

Col 3:1 If ye then be risen with Christ, **seek** those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

- Engage God first. Do it on purpose! Never let Him become lower than 1st place - -
- We must get past our wants, desires, agendas, etc and reach out to engage God's plan and purpose. **God has called us to a higher purpose, a higher fulfillment – (too much tunnel vision or short sightedness)** This is the only thing that will bring about all that we really want in our lives – and fulfill God's plan.
- **Seek** peace, pursue it – we are to be peacemakers, not peace keepers!
1Pe 3:11 Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him **seek** peace, and ensue it.
- *Going after God, with relentless, passionate pursuit!*

The connection to God is and should be an everyday continual part of our lives -

Our part is to constantly “engage” the presence of the Lord – by the proper attitude of our heart, mind, will and emotions and by the position of our body (giving Him time, going to church, to meetings etc.

- Sometimes we do not want to go to certain functions – but God wants us there to receive what He has for us.

We find engagement in scriptures in the words: **Seek, pursue, connected, joined or dependant upon.**

Our first engagement is to completely lean on and trust the Holy Spirit. To be one with, to be in unity with, to humble ourselves

Zec 4:6 Then he answered and spoke unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

Co 6:17 But he that is **joined** unto the Lord is one spirit.

- 1Co 6:16 What? know ye not that he which is **joined** to a harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.
- Luk 11:23 He who is not with Me [siding and believing with Me] is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me [**engage** in My interest], scatters. (amp)
- 2Co 4:1 THEREFORE, SINCE we do hold and **engage** in this ministry by the mercy of God [granting us favor, benefits, opportunities, and especially salvation], we do not get discouraged (spiritless and despondent with fear) or become faint with weariness and exhaustion.

A true statement, God is waiting on us when we think we are waiting on God.

We are to be engaged (active) with Jesus, with the Father and with the Holy Spirit.

We are to be actively approaching, calling on, communicating with, obeying instructions, praying, reading, studying, learning, growing, increasing, manifesting Him, transforming, changing, and becoming what He said.

What does it mean to engage someone in conversation, to engage an enemy in battle?

Engagement can be found in many actions or activities – manifestation, prayers, miracles, visions, dreams, spiritual activities, and so on. –

How does God engage us?

The Spirit woos, God talks to us, by dreams, visions, by His word, personal study of the Word, books, tapes, TV, through an impression, through prophecy, through preaching, from Pastors, teachers, through the gifts of the Spirit, through a supernatural encounters, through the inward witness, the audible voice, a still small voice, through nature, through everyday situations or circumstances.

Engage the new from God

We are in a new place in God and in a new season – we have never been here before – God is going to require us to change – If we do not change we will struggle with victory and with doing what God wants done.

Isa 60:1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the **glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.**

Isa 60:2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and **his glory shall be seen upon thee.**

A comment on ministry -

The authority we must aspire to and demonstrate in this generation to meet the great demands and level of darkness that will define the final days before the Lord's return. **It is the realm of Christ's authority that the Bride must come to know in fullness in order to gather the great harvest in gross darkness over the people.** "What has previously been relegated to India and Africa is coming to America and somebody had better get authority with Me and in a hurry."

We must be ready to embrace and take action on a "Suddenly" from God – this could be a change in method, procedure, location, structure, time, habits, attitude, service, and so forth – anything can and will undergo a change for this season.

Finally, we must "Engage" the sinner – the lost, the sick, the demonized, and present them with Jesus!

2Ti 4:1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. 5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, **make full proof of thy ministry.**