

THE RUG, THE TUG and the PUZZLE CHAPTER 1

To bring an understanding, to show how ministry is truly meant to work. To highlight service as a real possibility to meet the needs and problems in the world. The pattern of this unfolding particularly in Ephesians 4. I am starting this journal in the most unlikely of places to prove my argument. The word of God in the original Greek language. The most exact, real and organic meaning. Why the Greek ? There is no bias in the original meaning. The major translation to English issued by King James is a dangerous place. He issued many directions in the translation to adhere to his theology for the church of England. In order to keep and reflect its doctrines and structures including the ordination of clergy. This has deeper roots for which we can blame Rome. To which I have devoted a few chapters you will encounter later on.

The impact and benefit of the original Greek stands out as most important. It is more accurate and often changes the whole meaning of a scripture and its function. It contains none of the bias of King James and it is more accurate to events taking place at that time. It does not allow us to fit our church experience into the word of God. It shows us plainly the meaning of the word. Most of this pure, organic exposure leads to an entirely different meaning and most often a much better interpretation of the text. As the original Greek continues to be exposed

from dark corners of history and in the word, and used as truth, it will lead to a higher function in the body of Christ.

Unfolding the pattern of real ministry that has been neglected, misunderstood and covered. To hear for the first time that we are interpreting the new testament through old testament eyes. To show the new testament definition of ministry, authority and function. To understand all that has been redefined from the old testament. You will be able to hear what they are not telling you. Among biblically based truths you will find many quotes from heaven. Always in quotations and citing God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost as sources. Let's begin peeling back the layers.

The Rug

What is the rug? It is years and years of accepted tradition. The rug sits on us well, like an old rug. We are unaware of its presence.

When we do have a vague understanding, or notion, our comprehension remains incomplete.

We are even more unaware of its mal intention.

We have accepted the rug of tradition from those preceding us in faith. Those we think are more learned, older in the Lord. Therefore the rug must be correct. It is a fast, almost unconscious or subliminal agreement.

It appeals to us as it is easier and shifts our responsibility elsewhere. It does not require our study, our involvement or any sacrifice.

“ Our founding fathers did not have it all right” A quote from Papa the first of many. I hope you enjoy them as I do.

It extends to us from years of accepted tradition. We have accepted it from the unstudied. From those we believe are in authority over us. Yet they are the most unstudied. They have accepted their authority based on old covenant practices.

The ministry gifts have not been thoroughly studied. Or they have been studied briefly but not applied. Even worse. We think we have it. This has an unfortunate result. The old testament practices now have a right to enter and cover their optimal function. This journal will explain how that has happened. They have been falsely represented.

When Ephesians 4 is studied, it is done so briefly. Only to reinforce the notion of nobility in the body of Christ. This is the subtle lie that remains unquestioned lest we are pushed out or persecuted. We fear to inquire any further concerning our doubts or heaven forbid, our rights.

When we knowingly or blindly accept the tradition of church going that has “been passed to us” we accept a spiritual covering. It takes hold and roots inside of us. It becomes a kind of home to us. We are so familiar, we hardly notice the impingement on our full rights, even that is put aside. For those of us who have noticed, silence is required to maintain acceptance.

This is the rug. It is heavier than lead in the spirit realm. Yet it seems beneficial. It is preached as a benefit.

The lead covers our spiritual growth, it covers our ministry. It covers the full knowledge of ministry described in eph 4. We shall never rise about the heavy rug covering if we do not perceive it. It can be tested. Try to present your ministry, your way of making a difference, your own ideas, how the spirit of God is leading you. One will find the rug rising and sitting upon all of it with unchallenged authority. It is protecting the church service. You do not matter. Even if you are called to move in the gifts of eph 4 or 1 Cor 12, where is your place?

The church service will take precedence. And in order to survive you must submit and agree. You will not be able to move into the places that God has put in your heart easily. The guards are holding the rug firmly in place. Things have already been established, the slot for that has already been filled. Not understanding that this attitude is the trick of the enemy to keep souls out of heaven. There is no cooperation in the rug. Cooperation in godly gifts is a fruit of the spirit. Control is not a fruit of the spirit.

We have not studied ministry. We have not grown. We have not recognized His need for us to be His body functional in His gifts.

We have been pushed out of our rights, we surrender them.

We have accepted a person's title (pastor) over the word of God.

We have believed what others have taught us without examining the word of God for ourselves. It is easy. They said so. It is this way. They are the leaders. But I ask this important question; have they studied ministry?

“A true study of ministry and understanding of ministry will result in the release of ministry” quote from Papa. True ministry will overwhelmingly allow others to join, enter and use their gifts for the kingdom of God. He is not the God of begrudgement. He needs all of our employment for the salvation of souls. It is the enemy that has flipped His generosity into something small, strict and even jealous. Our perfect Savior, the perfect mind and intention of God would be no less.

It is laziness. We cannot grow spiritually in a place of laziness. We will miss out every time. We will miss what He has for us. In service. In rewards after service. Regarding spiritual matters, there is no room for laziness. When we give the study of ministry our attention, it is then we realize He has always deserved this place. We may have missed something after all.

The tug

What is the tug? It is the pressure to conform to the tradition. Don't look out of place, don't challenge the status quo. Be a sheep. Sit in a pew. Be accepted nice and easy. There are guards in the body today, ready to defend the authorities position upon your speaking out. And even more, upon your attempt to do any ministry without consent. These are strong forces. Make no mistake.

As if the consent of the Holy Spirit is not enough. We need the consent of man. Nothing could be further from the truth. We have overridden God himself with man's authority. This is what makes the church corrupt.

It would be an almost impossible task to find your own ministry and purpose under these conditions.

You may be able to sign up to clean, or usher, but never consider yourself an important member of the body of Christ.

This is the tug of conformity. Uniformity. Not unity. It guards and protects the church service. If you move in the gifts of the Holy Spirit or the gifts of ministry- the tug to conform will be upon you in an instant. Even though your gifts are biblically based and the church service is not.

The pressure to conform to the church service has already been agreed to. This happens spiritually as you enter and belong to a body that does not truly practice release of ministry. It is everywhere. It captures your true purpose and holds it under layers and layers of false authority. It will do so for a lifetime if you allow it to. Not biblical at all. Not the heart of God at all. Who wants all men to be saved, and would never hold you under a structure that is not releasing you to ministry. He who wants all

men to be saved would never throw your participation away. His word is clear.

We sign the contract of uniformity the minute we walk into a church and begin following its rules. It is a contract in the spirit realm.

Intimidation, fear, cower, group pressure hold the contract in place.

Try stepping out of your sheepish cower and see what happens.

The real super glue that holds the tradition in place is the lack of education. There is a misunderstanding of the word of God. And the work He was always hoping to give us rising from that understanding.

This has been a great stronghold of the enemy.

I had a friend who told me a story one day. He was always ready to pray for the sick. He had a word in church for someone who needed prayer.

While beginning, he was not allowed to start. He was just forbidden.

The word was so important, and so vital inside of him he could not stop.

So he took the person to a local restaurant to finish the word and prayer.

That person was healed and delivered of affliction right there while munching down a hamburger. By not conforming to church rules, the greater had been accomplished.

The puzzle

BUZZWORDS-ISMS-and ½ truths- A MEDIEVIAL FORGERY

What is the puzzle ? The BUZZ words that fly about our heads in church like small bumblebees. It is these words that fly around church members posing as solid truth. They are false words with no real biblical foundation. It is no surprise that they work to hold tradition in place. “Buzzwords will distort the original Greek meaning and actually present another gospel” quote from Papa. Unless exposed in the original Greek they will continue to be used to prove authority.

Office - not in the original Greek translation. This word was inserted by King James himself to enforce his rule and create taxable income for himself. Used only in the old testament to describe the Levitical priesthood- Hierarchus- meaning hierarchy. Levitical priests had a closed rank and authority over Israel and collected the tithe as payment for sin.

The church service- there is no mention in the bible of a service we must attend. It is a ploy to deny God the fullness of service the body of Christ holds that is meant to honor Him. The goal is to serve God- not attend another service.

Forsake not the assembly” in the word but -always attributed to *the church service*. Except the early church was only meeting briefly to decide where to go out into the world and witness the gospel. They assembled in order to disperse.

Feed the flock- typically taken to mean the pastor feeds the sheep the word of God. Delegating sheep forever in need. Jesus describes in John 9 and 10- “feed the flock” means to go out and witness. The gate, the door is Jesus who opens the doorway to our ministry. It means to release people as Jesus did.

Tradition has turned this into authority of one man over a congregation.

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Obey the rule submit- expounded in chapter 2

Take the land- we are destined in Christ primarily to take souls with us to heaven- there is no reference to a military take over of land in the new testament that Christians are to partake in.

The meek will inherit the earth in the millennium.

Infallibility of the pope- this would require that one would not have sinned, a tradition that claims his papal authority and his decisions supersede scripture, 1200 years ago- this spirit has not been fully repented of. The word of God says Jesus is the only Potentate.

Apostolic succession - any believer is meant to be an apostle- it simply means to be sent- there is no mention in the new testament of mantle or passing down of titles or offices

Don't muzzle the ox- Paul was witnessing the gospel and traveling to bring food to the poor and was using some of it to live on while doing that ministry. Not mentioning the tithe or a permanent job title of anyone who lives off the tithe.

Pour you out a blessing you cannot contain- this snippet from Malichai is used over and over to give expectation to believers who tithe. It is a promise to the Levitical priests who will be blessed if they stop sacrificing lame animals. God was asking for perfect ones as Jesus would be a perfect lamb.

Church attendance-still preached today as a rule. Mandatory church attendance is good for you"- not in the word of God anywhere. According to the word of God- we *are* the church- meant to go out with the gospel.

From the pulpit - no example or use of the word pulpit found anywhere in the word. Jesus gave no demonstration of pulpit and allowed others to freely talk and discuss and even oppose Him. Comes

from ancient senatorial Rome to convert pagans and found in Rome for governmental uses.

Pastoral authority- the idea comes from what we ***see*** in the church service. The word pastor only 7 times in the new testament. The word apostle is used over 100 times. Our strong definition comes from what we think and see ministry is. Pastor not listed as a leadership role, but as the least important of the ministry gifts in Ephesians 4. We have given the tug boat the lead and forgotten the rest.

Bring to the storehouse- there is no reference in the new testament referring to a storehouse. This is referring to the holding place for grain and animals that had to be offered for sin in the old covenant before Jesus died.

Shewbread-the old offering for sin. Christ is the new eternal offering. The work is complete, there is no more work of shewbread to offer.

Offerings; first fruits- not to be found in the new testament- He alone is our offering for sin

Anointed appointed delegated authority- the only delegated authority were the Levites in the old testament to bring in the tithe for the offering for sin. Used in many churches to slap down the gifts of ministry in the sheep.

Covering- our covering for sin and his protection is complete in the blood of Jesus- there is no reference that we need a pastoral covering in all of the new testament

Ephod- the vest of Levitical priest- claim that it passes to us now- The priesthood has changed- there is no going back to the old testament we have a new priesthood in Christ

Mantle- pass the mantle-from the old testament- dealing with who was going to be the king of Israel. New testament Christ is the Head of the church and every man. What He wants us to do on the earth for Him is far more relevant, effective, coordinated and interesting. We miss it by going back to the old covenant rules. We miss it by waiting for some illusive mantle to be passed to us.

Deacon- a word only used a few times in the new testament. 1 Tim 3 Traditionally speaks of someone who is under the pastor as a minister Actually means a 5 fold minister - the same greek word- Diakonos. Eph 4 says the gift of “ministry” which in the Greek is Diakonos.

Any one who could make the qualification for a peaceful home meeting should be allowed to function in the ministry gifts.

Pressed down- shaken together- scripture used from the book of Malachi the Old Testament. Used to describe our blessing we may inherit after we tithe. In context this scripture is directed to the old testament priests in Israel. Trying to correct them for offering blind and lame animals. God was trying to correct the farmers. Who were looking for a deal. God wanted the whole animals to get their sin forgiven. The whole healthy animals were a proper representation of Christ who had to be honored with a healthy, whole animal.

The 5 fold ministry- thought of as only for leadership roles only. We are the 5 fold ministry as explained in Ephesians 4.

Appoint-used in both old testament and new. In the old testament language of Hebrew it means to have authority over others”. It was written and used for Moses and Aaron to carry their authority as leaders with guidance over the children of Israel out of Egypt and to bring them promised land

Appoint- used in the New Testament- Jesus appointed the 12 disciples who became apostles. The original Greek word for appoint is (to arrange in groups). This is how Jesus arranged ministry. The church has yet to learn how to arrange Christians in groups for the work of the ministry.

This word “appoint” is misused in churches today and abused. It is incorrectly taken out of context and used as a “Slap down” Being staged as : the appointed anointed authority” And incorrectly fashioned into a tool to exercise false authority over the sheep. When in essence it is meant to set free and release ministry as Jesus did.

More Buzzwords

Church home-not in the word of God. We are meant to go out in apostleship with the gospel. Our home is the entire body of Christ. All over the world. If we are willing to listen to each other and cooperate in ministry- we are home within a family who has Christ giving instructions.

Local assembly- tradition says you attend a church-bring your children there and pay money. Not what anyone was doing in the new testament. Not what Jesus was doing. He never advocated for that. Not His idea.

Church Attendance-not needed for new testament function as described in Ephesians 4

Planted (in a church)- the idea that one must find a church home and stay there the rest of their lives as a paying member. The early church never planted themselves- they went out in groups to distribute the gospel.

Trunk theory- the thought that the real wisdom is passed down from the head of the church- the pastor to the body of Christ.

All other ministry gifts become recessed and unimportant

The only head of the church in the word of God is Christ

In leadership, governing and authority over His body

Most biblically accurate that each member is used for ministry

Preach-this word in the original Greek means simply to speak.

associated and attached to pastoral authority. Simply means to speak” in the original Greek

Pulpit- created and founded in ancient Rome for governmental reasons.
It has no biblical foundation for new testament function.