

# FIVE STEPS TO BECOME A TRANSFORMER

## God's Message:

*There was once a small city with only a few people in it. And a powerful king came against it, surrounded it and built huge siege works against it. Now there lived in that city a man poor but wise and he saved the city by his wisdom. But nobody remembered that poor man. [Ecclesiastes 9:14-15]*

*God never questions our ability or our inability, He only questions our availability.*

God has key people in the cities that will become the city's transformer. They make a breakthrough happen and as the result the city is won and filled by God's glory. These key people are called the agent of transformation or the transformer. We have to get God's wisdom so that our city and nation can be released from the devil's hands - which attack and destroy the city - and as the result the city could be won for the Kingdom of God.

In Ecclesiastes 9:14-15, we read a testimony about a poor man who was able to save his city. He was neither a rich nor a famous man, he was just a man who encouraged himself to change the city's dangerous situation. He was a man who cared and loved his city. He was a man who had God in his life. This kind of man is the person who can be called as a city transformer. John Knox said, "Give me Scotland or I die!" Let each and every one of us have a love and passion for our city and nation – so that we could become the history maker and not just a spectator.

There are five things that God wants us to do so that we could become a transformer:

### 1. Humble ourselves

To humble ourselves means we accept whatever happen in our life - we obey and submit to the situations that happen in our life. If we live in obedience, we will always be thankful. When we humble ourselves, we have to do it sincerely – don't be like some people who humble themselves because of hidden motives.

According to 2 Chronicles 7:14, the humility in the transformation process is a humility before God and other people. God has promised that if we humble ourselves, pray and seek His face, He will restore our nation. This is the time for us to humble ourselves before the Lord and pray so that restoration can happen in our country. Churches must reconcile in order to have unity, but in order to have reconciliation, churches need to humble themselves. It's not easy to leave out the existence of denomination. Humility is needed in this process. According to the principle of love which is applied horizontally and vertically, if we can humble ourselves before the Lord, we must also be willing to humble ourselves before other people so that in spite of all differences, the unity between the bodies of Christ can be established, and the churches can have agreement about transformation.

### 2. Have a sincere faith

Being His holy temple is the manifestation of sincere faith. Don't just have sincere faith in our mouth only – when we want to be blessed – or when we want something for our own interest – because if this happens, it can create a problem and become a stumbling block for other people.

### 3. Live in holiness

We have to live in holiness. Holiness is God's standard for His children. Holiness means that we are separated from the world and we belong to God, and therefore we could impart the peace and see God. (Hebrews 12:14)

### 4. Have unity

The foundation of unity is love between each other without asking anything in return. We gather because of communion, and not because of relationship. In order to have broader vision from God, we must have unity. We have to serve together as the servants of God. Of course there is a risk faced by us when we serve together in unity - when we have to leave our individual interest and give priority to group interest. We must also have a commitment. A big work requires a big place. A big thing can happen if the small or separated things are gathered. Reconciliation between churches is needed to have unity.

### 5. Pray, praise and worship

The foundation of praise and worship is our love to God and other people. Prayer is a way to communicate with God. Prayer is deeper than words, because prayer is already in our soul before we could even say it in words. With prayer we allow Jesus to intervene in all of our needs. Praise is our expression about God's goodness and miracles. Worship is a special relationship between God and us, an expression of love, adoration and sacrifice of our obedience to God.

These five factors are the things that equip someone so that he could be involved in transformation by being an agent of transformation or a transformer.

#### **Essence:**

Five things needed to become a transformer: humility, sincere faith, life in holiness, unity and life in prayer, praise and worship.

#### **Reflection:**

Do you want to be His agent of transformation and shaped according to His will?

#### **Commitment:**

Just as Isaiah said, "Here I am, send me", let Your will happen in my life. Be willing to pay the price to live as an agent of transformation.

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