

# PARTNERSHIP WITH GOD

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Eph 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

Phil 2:12-13 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

1Cor 3:9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

Jn 15:4-5 "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. 5 "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

## God doesn't need anything.

He is self-existent; (adjective); existing independently of other beings or causes.

He is self-sufficient; (adjective); needing no outside help in satisfying one's basic needs, emotionally and intellectually independent; synonyms: self-supporting, self-reliant, self-sustaining;

He is self-sustaining; (adjective); able to continue in a healthy state without outside assistance.

## God decided to need you.

Gen 1:26-28 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

## He needs you to coexist in the earth.

He made Adam to have dominion, or to have authority.  
To have authority is to have responsibility.

God has Adam name all the animals with his authority.

Gen 2:19-20 Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the sky, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name. 20 The man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him. 21 So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place.

When Eve is brought to Adam he also names her.

Gen 2:22-23 The LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man. 23 The man said, "This is now bone of my bones, And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man."

### Bible Examples:

Ref.	Man's part	God's Part
Heb 11:4	Abel offered a better sacrifice	God testifying about his gifts,
Heb 11:5	Enoch walked with God	God took him up
Heb 11:7	Noah built the ark	God closed the door, sent the rain
Heb 11:8	Abraham went out	God showed him where to go
Rom 4:17-21	Abraham believed for a heir	God gave ability to conceive
Heb 11:17	Abraham offered up Isaac	God provided the lamb
Heb 11:25	Moses chose identity with the Israel	God chose Moses
Ex 3:1-4	Moses turned to look at the bush	God called to Moses
Ex 14:21	Moses lifted his rod	God parted the sea
Heb 11:24	Rahab welcomed the spies in peace	God spared her section of the wall
1Sam 17	David picked and slung the stones	God made it hit in the right spot
Mk 16:18	We lay hands on the sick and pray	God heals

### **Satan seeks to destroy man's partnership with God through sin (Gen 3).**

If he gets us not to cooperate with God, he limits His power on earth.

Satan tempts us to sin.

Sin makes us stupid; the more we sin – the more stupid we become.

Sin takes away from the Logos of God; - the logic of God. The result:

We read the Bible and don't understand it;

We question God and charge Him as "unfair", etc.

There is nothing wrong with the Bible, only with our understanding!

Psa 73:2-5 But as for me, my feet came close to stumbling, my steps had almost slipped. 3

For I was envious of the arrogant As I saw the prosperity of the wicked. 4 For there are no pains in their death, and their body is fat. 5 They are not in trouble as other men, nor are they plagued like mankind.

Psa 73:16-18 When I pondered to understand this, It was troublesome in my sight 17 Until I came into the sanctuary of God; Then I perceived their end. 18 Surely You set them in slippery places; You cast them down to destruction.

### **Have you decided to do your part?**

#### **In your marriage**

Husbands

Col 3:19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be embittered against them.

Eph 5:25, 28-29 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, 28 So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; 29 for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church,

## Wives

Eph 5:22 Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. (Col 3:18)

1Pt 3:1-2 In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives, as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior.

## In your family

Eph 6:4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Col 3:21 Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they will not lose heart.

To love and care for your children (Ps 103:13; Dt 1:31; Job 1:4-5; Mt 7:9-11; Lk 11:11-13)

To discipline your children Dt 8:5; Pr 3:11-12; 13:24; 22:15; 23:13; 29:15; 1Ti 3:2-5,12; Heb 12:7-11

To instruct your children Ps 78:2-8; Dt 4:9; 6:6-7,20-24; 11:18-21; 31:13; Pr 13:1; 22:6; Eph 6:4

## In your ministry

1Cor 12:4-6 For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. 6 Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly ...

## God is never going to do your part.

Often in prayer we ask God to do our part.

We pray – heal my marriage – God says “Why don’t you lay down your life, love, honor ...”

We pray – bless me financially – God says “When are you going to tithe?”

## Our part is never supernatural.

Noah built the ark.

Moses lifted his rod.

David slung the stone.

We lay hands on the sick.

## Our part is first, He already has done His part.

Mat 16:19 “I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.”

Mat 18:18 “Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.

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Mk 16:18 ... they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

Mal 3:8-10 ... Bring the whole tithe ... I will open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing until it overflows.

Rom 10:13-15 “WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.” 14 How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? 15 How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, “HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!”

We tell them – They believe and call on Him – God saves