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How to Be a Producer Christian

A while back I wrote an article on Christian Leadership and especially around the area of taking leadership and making a choice which side you are on, this can be found in <http://b2m2q.com/2019/12/31/do-you-like-your-drinks-hot-or-cold/>. I have been reflecting throughout this season on this topic today and I was convicted to write this article today especially after I was in a similar discussion today with a few friends of mine. In the recent past I have been engaged in various meetings and discussions with the topic, should the church resume fully or should the church continue to pursue the online agenda but still focus on its mandate to care for people and build disciples?

From such discussions, we have this divided group of Christians, those supporting full church operations for the various reason some being because they are deprived, or rather they feel deprived, not cared for, their spiritual temperatures are falling or have drastically fallen and the church is what pushes it up, so they feel let down deprived, especially if their church is not active in follow-ups at this time, they complain and say they are not being cared for and in instances have already shifted churches to those that have opened now and they feel for now comfortable; the question is whether they will maintain that or they will shift again to another church if they feel the place is not addressing their pertinent needs. Then we have those who are okay and comfortable with online as is for various reasons some being because it gives them time to also do other things on Sundays that were dedicated to the church, they get to listen or watch church while still sleeping or in bed, so no pressure of the drive the early morning rush on Sunday, they are cool. Both these groups are right and okay in their own right, preference, and push for their fulfillments. Which side are you on?

Covid has come with its effects, both positive and negative and the majority of the sectors have had a negative effect and I continue joining each of us in prayers and pushing particular policy agendas that will see some cushion or at least some improvement in the heavily affected areas. However, Covid has also come with positives, which are a shift, a spark, a new focus for each of us and even organizations to move from their status quo to new territories, new grounds, and new beliefs without forgetting our foundational bearing in Christ.

This means for Individual Christians to STOP, REFOCUS & RECALIBRATE on our Purpose on Earth as individuals - Christians. The bible talks to us of it as below:

Matthew 28:16-20 (English Standard Version)

The Great Commission

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in^[a] the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

So why are we yearning for Sunday resumption of the church?

Don't get me wrong, I am not refusing the resumption of Sunday church, but challenge those who are yearning, feeling lost, feeling, and low in spirits. Our purpose for all of us as Christians or those who feel Christians is the Great Commission, which is not a Sunday thing, we are not consumers or not supposed to be consumers but producers.

How do you know you are Consuming?

1. You just want to be served, the church to care for you, the church to call you, the church to tell you what to do next - Why can't you start producing, add value, contribute positively to the plans, call the church share your views - SERVE.
2. You feel entitled, that the church should be doing things for you for it to be a church - start having a GRATEFUL HEART - The church did something for you, why not start doing something too.
3. You keep asking your church what they are doing - why not change that to - what do you need? - What Can I do?
4. You have an issue with your cell group, missional group, or whatever your church calls, you don't feel that is church enough to fill your spiritual cup -



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Why not join that group and champion for the things that you need to fill your spiritual cup so that every one spiritual cup can be filled too at that level?

Is that you or you are the Producers?

What are you Producing this season? Or rather what have you been Producing?

1. A Producer Christian is focused on advancing the mission of Jesus - the Great Commission.
2. A Producer Christian understands the truth - it is more blessed to give than to receive.
3. A Producer Christian does not expect everything to go their way.
4. A Producer Christian is open to sacrificing for an opportunity for someone else to come to know Jesus.

Jesus says in Matthew 20:28, that he "did not come expecting to be served by everyone, but to serve everyone..."

The above are not Sunday stuffs, they are everyday stuff as producer Christians we should be engaged on, plus our focus on Jesus, our prayers, our fasting, our engagement at community level frequently is what we should be yearning and is what this season is teaching us to take leadership on as Christians - Producers.

I challenge you today to start, make small steps towards being a Producer. As a Producer Christian, embrace this moment, both the beautiful and the messy parts of your Church community noting that Jesus embraced both the beautiful and the messy parts of You and Me.

Let's go out and be PRODUCERS.



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