



“Therefore, prepare yourself and arise, and speak to them all that I command you. Do not be dismayed before their faces, lest I dismay you before them. For behold, I have made you this day a fortified city and an iron pillar, and bronze walls against the whole land – and they shall fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you; for I am with you,” says the LORD, to deliver you.” Jeremiah 1:17 – 19 author’s paraphrase

It is the Lord who delivers us. His deliverance comes through His anointing that is upon us and within us. And that anointing is ever present for us to accomplish His will and to fulfill His commands. Those that He sends us to and the words that He places in our mouths have a sovereign design and will produce His intended results!

Yet we have our part to play, don’t we? “Prepare yourselves and arise.” The responsible believer prepares himself and acts. The anointing of God manifests itself in those who are obedient. To be successful before the Lord we can see in these verses a four-fold duty of the believer.

First, prepare yourself – that means be prayed up and full of the Word! Next, arise! Act! Do something! Third, speak exactly what the Spirit has instructed you to say – nothing more, nothing less. And fourth, protect yourself from discouragement. Don’t allow people’s reactions to your ministry or your life (your appearances or personality) – good or bad – dictated your judgment of the ministry’s or life’s success – that judgment is the Lord’s alone to make! (1 Corinthians 4:1 – 5).

“Oh, don’t worry; I wouldn’t dare say that I am as wonderful as these other men who tell you how important they are! But they are only comparing themselves with each other, and measuring themselves by themselves. What foolishness!” (2 Corinthians 10:12 NLT)

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