

**LETTER TO GOD'S SERVANTS INVOLVED
IN MINISTRY IN THE CHURCH**

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This note is addressed first of all to pastors and leaders who are involved in the Lord's work in our country, in the hopes that God will awaken us to do as he wants, and lead us to do things his way and not ours, understanding that the church is divine in nature and that the design belongs to its creator.

There is no doubt that we have all been surprised by what has taken place during the last six months, which is something that obviously leads us to a deep reflection to try to understand what is happening at this time. I believe that no one has been indifferent to the events that have occurred so quickly and explosively. This has given rise to a tremendous change in the world; in other words, we are now living in a different world.

What we can affirm is that the only one who has not been surprised by these events is God, which is due to the simple fact that he is the Lord of creation and of history, as expressed in the Scriptures: "The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it." In the light of this scenario, there can be many interpretations, and one must be careful when judging other people as well as the situation itself. In fact, more questions exist than answers. But we must begin to examine ourselves and ask: Is this God's judgment? Is it a warning or a wake-up call?

The tendency is to look at the world and point out its sin, but it is necessary to turn our gaze inward and see if we are responding to God as He expects. I think we must understand God's concern for his church. He has spoken to us many times in different ways. There are several very serious prophecies that have been spoken to the church in Chile. We hear them but do not act. Now the Lord has allowed two startling events that have us concerned, the social outbreak and the coronavirus; notwithstanding, few are the steps we have taken in this regard.

Something that the Lord has spoken to us over and over again concerns unity. One of the most powerful elements to fight evil and attract God's blessing is this: being united as one. However, what is actually happening? What we do and how we act is this: we share with some fellow servants for a few moments, very diplomatically, as almost everything is on the surface. I believe that the time has come to put our little crowns before the King and our little kingdoms under his authority, and then, with an open heart, open up to get to know each other and help one another. We need to spend time together. I'm not thinking about the amount of time, but the quality of time we spend in the presence of God, seeking his direction without any urgent, pending agendas. I am the first to repent of having been careless in seeking stronger and deeper relationships at the church level, especially in ministerial relationships. How many of those reading this note are being shepherded? With whom do you open your heart when you have

difficulties? Because apart from being a pastor, you are husband, father, grandfather, citizen, etc. Dear servants of God, let's please wake up to this reality.

The problem is not in the flock; we who guide the flock are the problem. God, with one stroke, has changed the scheme of things. What we once held as a priority has already been displaced. Gender identity, homosexual marriage, abortion, etc., no longer matter much. It's not that they don't matter; it's that God turned the pointer in another direction. Today many have to worry about where they will spend eternity, together with inner related issues, i.e., broken relationships, unnecessary offenses, personal and collective criticism.

Oh, dear brothers, today our Father is giving us the opportunity to make amends. He is a Father of relationships and has entrusted us with the ministry of reconciliation. I know that we have some religious attachments that tend to curtail sincere and deep relationships. In the name of the Lord of the church, let us overcome institutionality and take steps towards a family-style life in the Body of Christ. This does not have to do with whether we are from the same group or not. What we must be clear on is that we are all part of the only Church that exists, no matter what our personal or collective style is. Life is what matters...your life.

Another thing that occurs on a somewhat superficial level is mutual honor and recognition. I don't know if this is a Chilean or universal ailment. The opposite of honor and recognition is competition and comparison, also criticism, etc. These are just a few things that we must overcome. May the Lord forgive our individualistic way of life, and may we desire true fellowship.

I pray the Holy Spirit will bring us to a deep and real repentance so that the desired revival for which we have long awaited may truly come.

Everything that is taking place indicates that we must react and take the steps that correspond to each of us. As I write this note, I do so with the fear of the Lord, looking at myself and keeping in mind every servant of God who reads this note.

This has nothing to do with any locality in particular, rather it is for all the servants of God, wherever they are in our country, obeying that which the Lord tells us to do.

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