*From the Pastor’s desk:*

**WillingNESS + Obedience = Good (of the land)**

“If you be willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land.” (**Isaiah 1:19 AKJV)**

God does not bully people into obedience because he gave every man a soul. When the Israelites were going to be rescued from slavery, God was so concerned, "And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people.... I am come down to deliver them.... and to bring them up out.... to a land flowing with milk and honey...." **(Exo 3:7-8 NKJV)**

Moses raised a concern. He said that the people will not believe him. God could have mandated them to believe in Moses. Rather, He gave Moses a set of signs and miracles to perform. They were to witness these signs and miracles and develop the willingness to be free from slavery. Then, they must obey divine direction to enjoy the Good of the Land.

I don't know how much impact this verse of Scripture has on you. Are you willing? There is an adage, *'If wishes were horses, beggars would ride.'* Anyone may aspire to have anything, but you MUST back your willingness up with an action of obedience. Willingness is good but insufficient to yield the Good of the Land.

What about Obedience? Being obedient is a great virtue. But your obedience must combine with willingness. No wonder, a lot of Christians today can be boastful of their obedience to God. Undoubtedly, they have been made rich spiritually and otherwise. Yet, they languish in abject poverty. Why? They fail to add willingness to their obedience. Willingness to ask. Willingness to act. Willingness to plunder.

Beloved, God is a God of principles. That verse of the Scripture can be mathematically represented as,

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Are you willing? You must also be obedient. Are you obedient? Then, you must be willing. Do not allow the devil to steal your joy. Anything short of this equation will yield nothing but disappointment. I pray that you will not labour in vain in Jesus' Name. AMEN.