

You **will** be challenged, possibly even provoked. But then that is my objective; to “**provoke**” you unto love and good works. (**Heb. 10:24**)

Let’s say you are living in one nation yet the citizen of another which is on the other side of the planet and you’ve no way to get back to it. You function daily as a local resident going to work, paying your bills, participating in your local community as an individual or family and serving those around you in whatever capacity is appropriate or necessary. You take a sincere interest in what goes on around you socially and geographically because it affects you and your family. You engage in whatever is necessary to maintain a civil existence, but you are **not vested** in that place. It’s a very challenging life because this place your living in is contrary, **in most every way**, (belief systems, customs, attitudes, recreational activities, etc.) to the nation and people you come from and you are eagerly waiting for the day you can return. Your every heartbeat is toward that day. So you set your face like flint and maintain your lifestyle, your attitude, your values and your faith, in spite of the opposition, in order to maintain and pass that hope on to your children. Now although there are numerous pleasurable things about the place you live in your **joy is NOT** derived from your material possessions, geographic location, or the government controlling it but rather from the yearning desire and hope of one day being restored to where you really belong; your people, your lifestyle, your government, your faith. It is clear to ALL around you that you are a citizen of another kingdom.

What are the things causing them to know this? What does it mean to “not be vested” in that place. Here are some examples. You do not put your **trust** in their government and your **allegiance** is to the country you are from and hope to return to. Be it good or bad, you answer to a higher authority and boldly let that be known. You obey their laws but only to the point that they do not conflict with the laws and precepts of the nation you hold citizenship in. And you put **no faith** in their

You may take advantage of what they have to offer, financially, medically, socially, but you chose with **great discretion** as to how much you participate in them and to what you degree you allow yourself to become dependent upon them. Should those things disappear, at any given moment, neither your faith nor your resolve would change. Your faith in your citizenship, (your relationship with, and allegiance to, your King) and that alone, would sustain you.

A good example of those who live like this that all can see and recognize are missionaries. They willingly set aside all that this world has to offer for a higher purpose disregarding all the creature comforts of the modern world, some for a season, some for a lifetime. But they are not the only ones. The Amish have also chosen to set aside the same. Although I do not adhere to their legalistic doctrine I admire and respect them greatly for their strength and resolve to live “separate” from this world. Were I to find a “Spirit filled” Amish settlement that understood grace I’d join them in a heartbeat. The Quakers are another. But one does not have to be a part of some extreme separatist group to be pleasing to God.

God made His intentions known to me very early on but, like most people, I had almost no clue as to what He meant. He said very clearly, “**I want you to live as a missionary among your own people**”. (Hmm, man hearing God?) My interpretation; “I would be sharing the gospel and lead many to Christ”. **NOT**. It took me some time to see the correlation between what He said to me and how He was dealing with me. I was never **allowed**, you heard right, to get “**vested**” into a great paying job with all kinds of benefits. I had the skills, work ethics, physical abilities and even the desire to do so; but for naught. Yet His provision was ALWAYS enough to meet the basic needs of me and my family WITHOUT going into debt. I never so much as even had a credit card and only tried twice in 65 years (around 35 years old) to buy something on payments to try and establish credit.

That was not **His** plan, **for me**. I was never allowed to become dependent upon medical science, retirement programs, insurance or drugs of any kind. It was clear that I would never put in my “20 years” and retire with a fat pension. It was not that there was never a need, quite the contrary, it was just that when the need arose He was there to fulfill it. Many believers discover that “when God is **ALL** you have, (like those in the mission field) **GOD IS ALL YOU NEED**”, some never do. But there is a better way and He delights in proving Himself to us if we just give Him the chance. It was not until God raised my daughter from the dead, and totally restored her in three days, that I began to understand what he meant. Once you fully understand your citizenship, AND all the benefits that go with it, the victorious life becomes far more attainable.

If you wish to know what I am talking about please visit the website on the back of this pamphlet. There you will find numerous true and powerful testimonies as to how God fills in all the gaps, “**SUPERNATURALLY**”, that man so inadequately tries to fill; just as He does with those out on the mission field.

Now does this mean that I think that God requires “**ALL**” to live this way? Of course not, no more than I believe all are called to the mission field. But then those “called” are those who have a desire, those who burn with passion for their God and compassion for those He died for; to be sent, you must have “**ears to hear**”. **Mt. 11:15**

Isaiah 6:8 Also **I heard** the voice of the **Lord** saying, “Whom shall I **send**, and who will go for Us?” Then said I, “Here am I Lord, **send me!**”

Notice the plea was **NOT** directed at Isaiah, he merely **overheard** the plea and chose to respond.

Anyone anywhere can live a life pleasing to God.

But, one MUST have FAITH.

The level of faith that one has determines, to a great degree, how “much” of GOD one experiences.