

Dear Gloria;

I got home this evening and Wanda was all excited about talking to you on the phone. You were a real encouragement to her.

I'm glad to hear about the exciting things happening in your home. Because of a number of reasons last year (1985) and part of 1984 were very difficult for me. I felt God was calling me to a special purpose, and yet everything around me was falling apart. But through it all I learned one important thing. I can do anything in the will of God if I'm willing to pay the price for it. I am convinced I can be taken into a miraculous healing ministry if I pray 8 hrs. a day. This summer I started to fast regularly and lives completely turned around. Matt 11:12 says "the violent take the Kingdom by force." I learned that this does not mean a casual prayer before bedtime or at mealtimes. It means sacrificing to show God the urgency of our petition. For me it was giving up some sleep to pray, giving up T.V. to read the word, and giving up activities in the evening to spend time with my family. When Wanda said that you were giving up things in the day and evening I got real excited. Also, I believe God will give us the desire to give things up to accomplish his purposes. Just remember there are still quite a number of people fasting and praying with you. You are not alone.

As for the topic of music Wanda and you discussed on the phone, I'll say a few words also. There is just my opinion so it is not scripture. I do not believe that angels in heaven or saints around the throne sing rock & roll or a form of rock and roll. However many kids growing up today have made

music a large part of their life. Most kids coming out of the world are not willing to move right into praise and worship. I don't feel I really want to judge different music groups, but some of these groups can minister to kids who need this. Paul talks about leaving the milk of the word and going to meat. Most of this type of music is for the Christian who is on milk. A young baby must be fed milk before it eats meat. Also, as a person grows up (in the Lord) you lose your desire for milk and want something more solid and with more taste like meat. Then after eating steak you don't want to eat hamburger. So it is with the Christian experience - after you have experienced true worship you won't desire anything less. One way I like to evaluate music groups or any ministry is by their anointing. I don't care if a Pastor has a degree from a Seminary, if he does not have the anointing of the Lord he is wasting his time. We need to remember it is the Holy Spirit which draws us to Christ. I believe God is in the process of purifying the church and therefore will also purify this music.

To do anything well we must pay a price to achieve or accomplish it. In America today we have become lazy and have taken on the characteristics of Judah before they were taken into captivity, as told in Jeremiah and other Old Testament books. Yet there are a growing number of people who have a heart after God and want to hear from him at any cost. Thanks for being the kind of person who is willing to believe the word of God and act upon it. God Bless You

Robert Schmidt