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## Preparation for a Transformation: The Joy of Preparing to Serve

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As a teenager, I would often paint the outside and inside of houses in order to earn money. I remember that I agreed to paint someone's basement, and I spent several hours painting alone while the mice, crickets, spiders and ant's took delight in watching me as a busy, but uninvited, guest. Actually, painting was the easiest part of the job. I learned that the most difficult part of the job was preparing to paint. I had to tape the walls, tape the doors, spread the drop-cloth, stir the paint, lay out the brushes, scrape off the old paint, sweep up the paint chips, put spackle in the holes, and wait for the spackle to dry before I put the first drop of paint on the walls. However, when the basement with a hue of a melancholy gray was transformed into a bright and friendly atmosphere for gatherings and functions, I knew that the time spent in preparation was well worth the ultimate transformation.

Aaron, the brother of Moses, highlighted the significance of a human preparation that leads to a divine transformation. The author of Exodus describes Aaron's elaborate and detailed preparation process before he pronounced his first blessings upon the people as a high priest. Exodus 28 states that he put on a breast-piece, an ephod, a robe, a woven tunic, a turban, a sash and many other items as he prepared to bless thousands of Israelites. Indeed, Aaron's story tells us that human preparation can lead to a divine transformation if we allow God to assist us in the preparation process.

College is often a challenging experience for many young people; however, I attempt to remind them that God is only preparing to transform them from a struggling student to a successful person who is committed to serving humanity and worshipping God. Life often presents couples with financial, emotional, and

spiritual challenges; however, God is often preparing them to be transformed into a stronger, smarter, resilient and God-fearing couple. God has even called certain people to revive failing ministries or to continue with a moderately successful career. By allowing God to participate in a new preparation process for success, God will ensure that their ministries and careers are transformed into successful and prosperous endeavors. According to John 9:4: "We must work the work of Him who sent us, while it is day, for the night comes, when no one can work." As we do the work that God has placed before us, let us look for new ways for God to be involved in our preparation process. If God (both Alpha and Omega) is involved in the preparation process, our work will truly be transformed in the end.