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Welcome to a newsletter that has you in mind!



"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. (6) So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." Hebrews 13:5-6.

Greetings, Saints of God! I pray that you are wonderfully blessed and enjoying this series as much as I am. One more edition and we'll

be done to move on to another exciting subject.

As we continue with the subject of *Unfailing Strength*, godliness, which is godly living, expressed in devotion to God, is of great value only when accompanied with contentment. And it is this lack of contentment, this failing strength, that renders our service to God of no value. Because we are weak and have succumbed to our fleshly desires. But let us shun these things and be strong in the power of His might!

The Apostle Paul was a man who was challenged on every hand, and so he knew what it meant to be content. In Philippians 1:12-14 he writes, "But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel; (13) So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places; (14) And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear." Again, godliness with contentment is great gain!

Paul also learned contentment, according to Philippians 4:10-12, "But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity. (11) Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned (through use and practice), in whatsoever state I am (who, which, that, what), therewith to be content (to have unfailing strength). (12) I know both how to be abased (degraded, humiliated), and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need."

Can I say something profound here? Because I need to hear it, and you need to hear it, too. Listen! We have to be so content that our very lives don't really matter when it comes to serving the Lord. Listen to what Paul declares about his life in Acts 20:22-24. "And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: (23) Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. (24) But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God." Why? Because he had learned, in whatsoever state he was in, to be content! What about you?

So if we can learn to be content, how do we go about it? What is it that we need to know? I'm sure glad you asked the question. The first thing we need to do is trust in God's preordained care. This is exactly what our text speaks of. God has promised never to leave nor forsake us. And with the Lord as our Helper, what can man do to us? **1 John 4:4** declares, **"Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." Powerful!**

Matthew 6:25-32 lists the reasons Jesus gave for us to not worry. Read it sometimes. First of all, we are of greater value to God than the birds or flowers. Nonetheless, He beneficially cares for them. Will He not do the same for us? The key to receiving this care is to put God's will first in our lives. Contentment comes when we trust that God will provide!

The second thing is knowing that we can't take stuff with us when we die. The bible says that "**we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out**," according to **1 Timothy 6:7**. So why become anxious or worked up over things that, at best, are only temporal? It's going to eventually wear out, be stolen, or burned up during the renovation of this world.

Contentment, then, comes from knowing that material things are only temporal, and that only what you do for Christ will last! I look forward to seeing you next week for a dynamic conclusion! Until then, stay strong!

Sincerely,

Bishop, Dr. Willie J. Moore

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The Resurrection of the Dead Part 1

Greetings, Everyone!

This month we will look at the fifth essential teaching that is written in the book of **Hebrews 6:1-2** (*NKJV*).

"Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment."

The resurrection of the dead has always been a hot topic, especially amongst the Jewish groups during Christ's ministry. There were four groups: Herodians, Pharisees, Sadducees, and Essenes. So, what did each group believe in, and what did they have to do with the resurrection of the dead? Before I answer those questions, let's break down the meaning of the resurrection of the dead from the Old and New Testaments.

Daniel 12:2 (*ESV*) is the most precise Old Testament reference to the resurrection: "And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt." In the New Testament (Greek), resurrection means "*anastasis*." According to the Bible Dictionary (Holman, 2003), resurrection defines as bodily rising from the dead of all persons. Believers in Christ rise to eternal life and bliss with God; unbelievers to eternal torment and separation from God. So, why was the resurrection of the dead a hot topic for the Jewish groups? Because their belief did not match the teaching of Christ.

Here is what each group believed, starting with the Herodians. The Herodians were the aristocratic Jewish group. They supported the Romans and tried to trap Jesus into refusing the responsibility to pay taxes (**Matthew 22:15-22**) and initiated the plot against Christ's crucifixion (**Mark 3:6**). Their belief in the resurrection was unknown due to their ties with the Romans. Their loyalty was not to God but to Herod. They accepted Hellenization and foreign rule.

The second group, the Pharisees, also called "the Separated One," was considered the largest and most influential religious-political group during the New Testament. They followed the Torah, oral tradition and changed Judaism from a religion of sacrifice to a religion of law (Matthew 15:1-9). They opposed Jesus because He would not accept the teaching of the law as binding (Matthew 5:17-20). However, they believed in life after death and the resurrection of the body (Acts 23:6-10). Herodian Dynasty also supported them.

I will stop here and finish the four Jewish groups and how they connect with the resurrection of the dead next month. I want us to learn more about these groups because their teaching and conduct played a role in Christ's death and resurrection. The Bible encourages us not to believe every spirit but to test the spirits (**1 John 4:1**). Just because they said that they are from God, we must allow the Holy Spirit to give us discernment to test the spirits. So, let's continue to study God's Word, apply it to our lives, and be ready for Christ's return.

Next month: The Resurrection of the Dead, Part 2.

Blessings,

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Hold The Line Christian Parents

Raising "PG" rated children in an "XXX" rated society is becoming increasingly difficult. Every authoritative institution, from the Government to educational establishments, is advocating for the acceptance of wicked and dreadful behaviors. The more the Christian community holds firm to principles and commandments clearly delineated in scripture, the more the enemy lobs grenades to distract and discourage us. Nevertheless, I want to encourage you again to "hold the line."

We are in battle, a war, to be more precise, against the forces of evil with a predetermined outcome. The devil is defeated, and God is exalted all the time. It may not appear that way, especially when we look at the enormous family dysfunction today, even in the church. The devil has been trying to destroy the family structure, and now redefine it, since the beginning of humanity. I am convinced that the way to destroy the foundation of a society is by disrupting the family unit. Whenever I see a teenager gone astray, I cannot help but wonder what the parents did (or did not do) that may have contributed to the child's disorderly behavior.

As Christian parents, we must understand that we have three ministries. Our first ministry is to our spouse. Our second ministry is to our children. Our third ministry is to everyone else. I realize this may sound complex, but it is not complicated. If we engage life in the order God designed, we can maintain some semblance of balance and a quality lifestyle that keeps the joy bells ringing.

As Christian parents, we must live holy before our children and raise them in the fear and reverence of God, not in the fear and reverence of us. The other day, a gentleman told me that he believed he had to be hard on his seven-year-old son to keep him on the "straight and narrow." I offered a different approach and suggested he just be firm and fair. Words make a difference. Using the four-letter word "hard" sends negative shock waves and turns people off. Think about it: do you honestly want to do anything that is hard? How would you feel if someone told you, "I have a really hard project I want you to lead?" Your first instinct would probably be, "Can you find someone else?" When people say, "Marriage is hard," I always say it's not as hard as you think. Challenging? Most definitely. We typically do not mind taking on challenges, but hard stuff…well.

As a Christian parent, I have discovered the best way to encourage family and friends to hold the line for Christ is by example. Paul said, "Follow me as I follow Christ." (1 Corinthians 11:1). As born again Believers, our behavior, language, and kindness will do more to positively influence others than anything else. Being a positive role model is underrated these days. Too many adults are quick and proud to say they are not trying to be a role model. That's a mistake! We need to be positive role models for our spouses, children, and everyone else. Isn't that what living a Christian lifestyle is all about? If you are not intentionally trying to influence others to come to Jesus and live holy 24/7, then you have totally missed one of the major responsibilities of being a born again Christian.

The only way we will win the war against humanity is to win the war against the family. If we lose the family structure and allow lasciviousness to abound, we can forget about society. More legislation will not produce an increase in morality. More laws will merely give the Government and local authorities more power to continue the poor jobs they are already doing because they don't want to recognize the origin and the basis of morality...the Bible. If not the Bible, then what is the origin of morality in the modern world? A Godless nation will not survive and will eventually implode. Examples are Rome and Egypt, which were once superpowers greater than the USA. Now, they are relegated to being tourist attractions filled with museums.

Christian parents, I urge you to be positive role models, honor your marriage (if married), minister to (and have fun with) your children, minister and respect others, hold the line, and watch God move in mighty ways.

Dr. Preston Butler, Jr.



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What a lasting promise of healing! Even in our old age, when our hair has grown gray, He will yet be our healer! I'm a living witness! Immediately following shoulder surgery last month, I began to heal quickly with no annoying after-surgery pain. There was no need for medication, not so much as a Tylenol. His Word is ever so true, even in our golden years! What a mighty God we serve!

In this edition, Evangelist Black-Tucker speaks to our hearts about the resurrection of the dead. If you are a believer, then you welcome your resurrection at the rapture. The Word teaches us that there is life after death. And I long to put on immortality!

Dr. Butler now calls on Christian Parents to Hold the line! We have a responsibility to live a godly life before our children and set an example that will cause them to fear and reverence God. Daily they face a combat zone of evil and corruption. Their lives depend on us holding the line!

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