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Greetings once again in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I pray that you are wonderfully blessed.

As we continue with the subject of *Unfailing Strength*, the word *covet* isn't a bad word. It's the act outside of desiring the things of the Lord. Paul declared in **1 Corinthians 12:31**, **“But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.”**

So what is the solution to covetousness? How do we stand and guard against it? Well, the first line of defense is to be content with unfailing strength. **Hebrews 13:5-6** declares, **“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.”**

Notice the word *conversation* in the above passage. In the Greek it means a manner of life, character, and deportment. In other words, you can identify a covetous person by their way of life. They want to live like the Jones'. They want stuff they can't have or afford. And when their strength starts to fail, and their lust increases, they will go into debt to have it and then mourn and cuss until they get rid of it.

Now look at the word *content*. It means to be possessed of unfailing strength; to be strong, to suffice, to be enough; to defend, to ward off; to be satisfied. I love the words unfailing strength. Covetousness will break you if you allow it. When you lust after someone or something that is not yours, your strength will begin to fail, leaving you helpless and without power to overcome your carnal desires.

Listen! If we are content, we won't be covetous. Contentment is an important virtue for Christians to develop. So let's take some time to examine the virtue of contentment.

Webster defines “content” as desiring no more than what one has. Wouldn't that be a novelty? In the Greek it means “to be satisfied.” When one is content, they are satisfied with what they have; with no desire for more, covetousness no longer becomes a problem! That means

that you have unfailing strength in the matter. Now that's virtue, which is uncommon excellence by the power of God!

Allow me to share the value of contentment through the eyes of others who are long gone: 1) Socrates said that “He is richest who is content with the least.” 2) William Shakespeare said, “He is well paid that is well satisfied.” 3) An old Chinese Proverb declares, “He who is content can never be ruined.” 4) Someone else said, “He who wants little always have enough.”

Some of us haven't realized that if we are not satisfied with little, we will not be satisfied with much. Because the more we get, the more we want. Look! The contented man is never poor, and the discontented man is never rich.

Paul wrote something very profound in **1 Timothy 6:6-12**. Let me share it with you. **“But godliness with contentment is great gain. (7) For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. (8) And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. (9) But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition (or eternal misery in hell). (10) For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. (11) But thou, O man of God, flee these things (run for your lives); and follow after (covet after) righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. (12) Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life (rather than destruction and eternal misery), whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.”** In truth, let the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit free you from the lust and desires that have you bound.

Sincerely,

Bishop, Dr. Willie J. Moore

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Laying on of Hands

Greetings, Everyone!

This month we will look at the fourth essential teaching that was 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.”

In these past few months, we have learned about repentance from dead works, faith in God, and the doctrine of baptisms. This month I will discuss “laying on of hands.”

After a sermon, the pastor or evangelist would allow people to pray to God while still meditating on the message from the service or responding to the prompting of the Holy Spirit, and they would come to the front of the church and pray in a space designated as the altar, this is called altar call. During the altar call, the pastor or evangelist will pray over the person by applying oil and laying their hands on the individual’s head, shoulder, or area that needs healing. So, what does laying on of hands mean? Before I answer the question, let’s break down the laying on of hands in Hebrew and Greek.

In Hebrew, laying on of hands means “*semichab*.” In Greek, it means “*epithesis*.” The act of laying hands has many significant meanings: in consecration (**Leviticus 1:4**), in ordination (**Numbers 8:10**), in healing (**Mark 7:32**), in blessing (**Mark 10:15-16**), and solemnizing testimony (**Leviticus 24:14**). However, the writer of Hebrews was referring to imparting spiritual gifts. Paul affirmed in **1 Timothy 1:6-7 (ESV)**, **“For this reason, I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.”** Through the laying of the hands by the elders, Timothy not only received his spiritual gift. He also received authority, love, and self-discipline. Receiving a blessing and a spiritual gift from this symbolic act is truly a divine confirmation from God. However, laying hands on someone without consulting God can lead to misinterpretation and confusion.

Laying on of hands is performed during an ordination ceremony. The candidate is being installed as an elder or in certain offices in the church (**Acts 6:6 and 1 Timothy 4:14**). Church leaders are encouraged not to appoint someone (laying on of hands) too quickly. In **1 Timothy 5:22 (ESV)**, Paul encourages Timothy not to be impulsive when laying on of hands. **“Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, nor take part in the sins of others; keep yourself pure.”** Even as a church leader, be God-led, not emotionally led, before giving someone a leadership position. Use that time to observe the candidate and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in selecting someone. **Acts 6:3 (ESV)** says, **“Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty.”**

There is no power in laying on of hands in itself. The power comes from being in the will of God. We should always stay in prayer, fast, and study the word of God (**Acts 14:23**). So when we lay our hands on someone, it can be a blessing.

Next month, I will be discussing the resurrection of the dead.

Blessings,

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“And why worry about the speck in your friend’s eye when you have a log in your own? How can you think of saying to your friend, ‘Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,’ when you can’t see past the log in your own eye? Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend’s eye.” Matthew 7:3-5 (NLT)

Are You Done Judging Me Yet?

According to Cambridge Dictionary, to judge means, “a person who has the knowledge to give an opinion about something or is able to decide if someone or something is good or bad.” We live in a world where everyone can be judgmental one to another. Opinions are formed of others long before the person walks through the door.

“Who does she think she is?” “He must think he is the greatest thing walking this earth?” “Is that the preacher in the strip club that is now giving us a message on Sunday morning?” “Those children do not have any home training; such bad parenting could only be the cause.” There are many other judgments that are easily being spoken from people’s tongues. Be careful what you say because life or death lies in the power of the tongue.

What is unique to some and blind to others is the very same judgment we are giving about someone else is the same judgment we are guilty of. We are the ones whose children are misbehaving because we have no discipline to provide for them or ask for help to train our kids. We are the same ones who party on a Saturday night and then put on this “Christian face” on Sunday and try to tell others about repenting and giving their lives over to God. We are the same ones who walk like “our stuff does not stank” because we feel we are the best looking, the best gift anyone could ever have on this earth. We act like we were created to be worshipped to instead of giving God the true worship.

Instead of judging people, how about we self-evaluate ourselves and go to God and ask Him to reveal what is it that we are doing and needing fixing on the inside of us before we go and address someone else. It is so easy to see the faults in other people but totally ignore the faults of ourselves. There are many things on the inside of us that need changing. A change that only our Heavenly Father can perform. Rest and lean upon Him and watch Him do the best transformation surgery you have ever seen.

Once the issues of ourselves are correctly dealt with, only then can we help someone else. The first step involves admitting our wrongdoings so others can see that we mean what we say as we prepare to help and show them how God can bring them out too.

Are you done judging me yet so we can walk in the true victory and purpose God has given to each of us? We do not have time or energy to do such frivolous things when there is a battle we need to prepare for.

Let us walk together in the love and solidarity of that which is Jesus Christ.

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Hold The Line!

Today, modern warfare, for the most part, is conducted digitally and remotely. However, centuries ago, warfare was conducted by hand-to-hand combat. One of the commands given by an officer was, “don’t shoot until you see the whites of their eyes.” That’s how close enemies were to each other during warfare. When one force began to overrun the other and gain the upper hand, the command often given was, “hold the line.” In other words, hang in there and keep fighting because failure is not an option.

In many respects, the command “hold the line” is appropriate for the church today. There are so many secular protocols and ideas infiltrating the sanctuary, misinterpretations of scripture, proliferation of false religions/doctrines, and intentional deceptions that it is becoming a task to know the truth from a lie. Right is taken as wrong, and wrong is considered as right. Those who subscribe to holiness are being characterized as mean-spirited and judgmental by the media and those who are in authority.

Make no mistake, we are at war...war with the forces of evil and have been since the beginning of time. It is the longest war in history that started in the Garden of Eden as recorded in the book of **Genesis, Chapter 3**, when the serpent (the devil) had a conversation with Eve. (Sidenote – I find it interesting that the devil didn’t talk to Adam. That is something to ponder.) He is still having conversations with people today directly as he did with Eve and indirectly through others and, of course, the Internet. Therefore, it is imperative that those of us who profess Jesus as our Lord and Savior be diligent and unapologetic concerning the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Word of God is the Word of God. We should govern our lives according to scripture and not buy into the foolishness of man’s errant interpretation of the scriptures that is often done to validate their sinful ways.

It may feel as though we are being overrun and the enemy has gained the upper hand. But I say to you today, “hold the line.” Failure is not an option. We cannot forfeit our heavenly mansions that are not made by man. We know in the end, we win! **Revelation 11:15** says, “**And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever.**” I submit to you that not only in the end do we win, but we have already won. We are on the Lord’s side. He has never lost a battle, and He never will.

“Beloved, be not weary in well doing; for in due season, we shall reap if we faint not” (Galatians 6:9). “Be strong and courageous” (Joshua 1:6, 7, & 9). “Be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Corinthians 15:58). We used to sing a song when I was a boy that says, “I shall not be moved; just like a tree that is planted by the water, I shall not be moved.”

The crazier the world gets, the greater our opportunity to demonstrate that God is NOT dead. He is yet alive. We have an opportunity to show the world that Jesus is the answer. We can even show the world that the COGIC’s eighth Affirmation of Faith is true: We believe in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy and separated life in this present world. Amen!

As we continue on this faith journey, our righteousness and position of “heaven or hell” is going to receive continuous scrutiny and challenge from those who are not of this fold. The devil knows his time is soon to end. The signs of the end times are happening right now. We are certainly living in the last and evil days.

Don’t let people make you feel bad because you are holding up the blood-stained banner of Jesus. Instead, rejoice in the Lord always! Don’t give up, don’t give in, and don’t compromise the gospel. Stay the course because there is too much at stake. Hold the line, my brother! Hold the line, my sister. We got this. Shalom!

Dr. Preston Butler, Jr.

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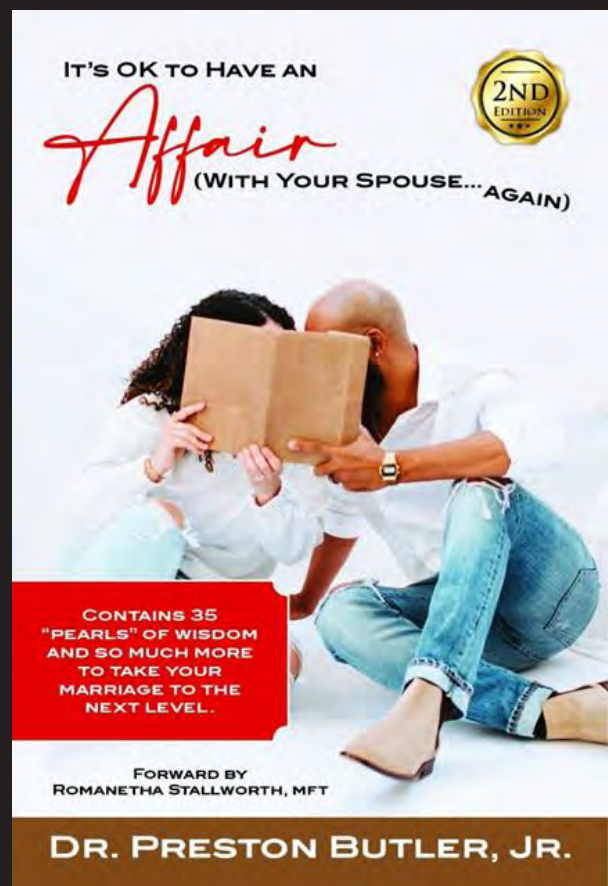
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“But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.” (Malachi 4:2).

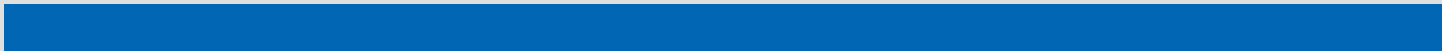
For those of you who are sick and going through a period of poor health, it can be confusing and frustrating. And there are times when you feel stuck with no way out. But the Word of the Lord is yet true and speaks to your heart and condition today! **“Ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.”** What strength! What nourishment! There is healing in His wings!

Thank God for His Word and for those who have sacrificed their time to share a meaningful word of encouragement and instruction. This is really a dynamic and exciting edition!

Evangelist Black-Tucker returns with biblical insight on the laying on of hands and its importance. Therefore, we are admonished not to be quick to lay hands upon anyone without the leading of the Holy Spirit. Sister Brown awakens our conscience to the fact that we need to self-evaluate ourselves before we judge others and point them in the right direction. Dr. Butler charges in with the command to “Hold the line!” Yes, we are in an unending battle with the enemy. And it's imperative that we hold the line at all cost and do not surrender or fall back. Our lives depend on it! These articles are worthy of sharing. Now!

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