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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. Welcome to the final segment of *Unfailing Strength*.

We left off listing some reasons Jesus gave us for not worrying in **Matthew 6:25-32.** Let's look at a third: Realizing what is truly "essential" for life. In **1 Timothy 6:8**, Paul reveals the only true "essentials" to sustain life: they are food and clothing. "**And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.**" Anything beyond that is a "luxury," for which we ought to be thankful. And that includes shelter, which many believe is a necessity. But it's a known fact that millions live without shelter and it's possible with proper food and clothing. We are truly blessed!

Since God has promised to provide food and clothing in the **6th Chapter** of **Matthew**, we can rest knowing that our "essentials" will be provided. Contentment comes by realizing what is truly "essential" for life, for then we will realize how richly blessed we really are! Jesus declared in **Matthew 8:20** that the son of man didn't have a place to lay His head. But we have that and more, and some still will not follow Him.

Next we need to understand that material things do not satisfy. Solomon was able to observe the insufficiency of material things in **Ecclesiastes 5:10**. He tells us that those who love silver (money) will never be satisfied. And the same is true with those who love abundance with increase (whatever money can buy). We know this because the more you buy, the more you want to buy. There's no end to it. Vanity!

Listen! Material things do not meet the true needs of the soul. Isaiah 55:2 declares, "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness."

God has placed a longing in man so that man might seek for Him, according to Acts 17:27-28. "That they should seek the Lord, if haply (therefore) they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: (28) For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring." The sad thing is that people try to fulfill that longing with material things. But they never succeed, for only one thing can

truly fulfill that longing: God Himself!

Lastly, true contentment is a gift from God. Solomon made another observation. He realized that the ability to enjoy the fruits of one's labor is a gift from God. But on the other hand, many are allowed to "gather" and "collect," but will not enjoy the fruits of their labor. Ecclesiastes 2:24, 26 declare, "There is nothing better for a man, than that he should eat and drink, and that he should make his soul enjoy good in his labour. This also I saw, that it was from the hand of God. (26) For God giveth to a man that is good in his sight wisdom, and knowledge, and joy: but to the sinner he giveth travail (occupation), to gather and to heap up, that he may give to him that is good before God. This also is vanity and vexation of spirit."

Only God has the ability to provide lasting satisfaction, according to Psalm 107:8-9. "Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! (9) For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness." That's a praise break!

God promises to give that which truly satisfies and makes us content. And in Christ, He enables us to be content in whatsoever state we are in. And when we are, we then can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. Listen! What God has promised is contingent upon what Jesus said, "**But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.**"Those things that you need. Those things that satisfy the soul. Those things that cause you to be content and strong in the Lord!

If you desire to be truly content, you must set your priority to the Will of God. Unfailing Strength!

#### Bishop, Dr. Willie J. Moore

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# Dr. R. Josef Moore II, Ph.D.

#### Cleveland, Ohio

#### Partnership Is God's Method of Manifesting His Purpose

Blessings be upon you as we celebrate the New Year with our Jewish brothers and sisters. Expect more and greater as you journey through this New Year! God is restoring and reviving everything the enemy thought he had destroyed! I am a firm believer; your latter will be greater than your former! Praise God!

Many of you can identify with what I am about to testify to and to those who can't, I want you to understand, God is More Than Enough for You!! One of my favorite songs is, "More Than Enough." I included some of the lyrics to the song.

"Jehovah Jireh

My provider, you are more than enough for me.

Jehovah Raffa

You're my healer, for by your stripes I have been set free.

Jehovah Shama

You are with me, and you supply all my needs.

You are more than enough,

You are more than enough; you are more than enough for me."

The words from this song profoundly resonate with my spirit. I guess this is more than a newsletter, but more of a personal testimony about the goodness of the Lord. Many of you don't know that for over six years I have experienced a great loss. I lost a six figured job, a \$300,000.00 house, a ministry, my family of over 19 years, getting fired and rehired from my job, and most importantly, the loss of my mother who died a day before my birthday. I had to move into a one-bedroom apartment and take a job paying just a little over the minimum wage.

Things looked bleak and I was in an emotional state of depression. I had to attend the food banks to get food to sustain me from one month to the next, really one week to the next. Before my mother passed in 2022, I would call her to vent and discuss my plight. However, she kept repeating these words, "God is going to restore back to you everything you have lost, just believe, pray, and treat everyone right; you have a good education, and you are going to make it. Keep your head up, and trust God." My philosophical mind didn't want to hear that; I wanted her to say, I will send you some money. There are times when God doesn't allow anyone to get you out of the situation that you are in. He wants you to depend solely upon Him for He is the author and finisher of our faith. I would keep my head up, smile, while crying inside, spending a lot of time reevaluating my worth, rebuilding my self-esteem and remaining in praise and worship. I was alone, but I kept listening to sermons on trusting God, knowing who you are, and reading books such as: *Think and Grow Rich, The Game of Life, Acres of Diamonds, Six Pillars of Self-Esteem* and more. I would read positive quotes daily to strengthen my spirit, especially the Word of God.

I recalled writing a letter, and I wrote in the missive, I am going to rise and become wealthy, not just with money, but spiritually, mentally, and emotionally. The words from the letter would come back to my mind on a regular basis.

I didn't give up! I would attend work daily, which kept my mind from thinking and concentrating on my despair. I never missed a day of work. When I was off work during holidays, I would spend the time in bed, not wanting to go, speak, or see anyone.

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#### Continue...Partnership Is God's Method of Manifesting His Purpose

My sister-in-law would encourage me every time we spoke, and I knew my brother was praying for me, even though he never spoke a word about my conditions, I could feel his prayers. I surrounded myself with a small circle of true friends, no more than ten who didn't judge or criticize my mistakes.

Deep inside of my spirit, I knew my situation would change, the difficult question was, WHEN? I made promises to God, changed my thinking process, and trusted the Word of God. I knew God had a ram in the bush. God doesn't rain down blessings from heaven, He uses people, the most unlikely people to bless you. Even when you are asleep, he is putting your name on someone's mind and on their agenda to bless you.

Well, to get to the good part, I was at work and the former CEO had to return because of the dismissal of two past CEOs. As she was walking down the hall, she casually spoke to me and stated, I heard about you, the doctor. I introduced myself and remained unnoticed. However, one day I received a call from her office to come upstairs to speak with her. As we were talking, we noticed that we knew some of the same people. Well, days and months went on. I continue to do my job, and I must say, I did it well. She noticed my consistency and dedication to the agency, and she called me upstairs again. She told me that she spoke with some of the people that we both knew, and she wanted to bring me up to the administrative floor, 3rd floor, as an assistant to the Human Resources Director. I gladly took the position, not knowing God was working on my behalf. The former CEO became so impressed with my work performance that she created a position for me as an Operational Officer of the Clinical Department. That position provided me with a \$40,000.00 increase. God is Good, no He is GREAT! I continue to remain humble and work extremely hard. Later, the position of CEO became available, and the agency didn't want to employ anyone from the outside, due to past failures of the other two CEOs. Therefore, I began speaking and confessing that I am going to become the next CEO. I had a couple of people to stand in agreement with me and I trusted God. I never spoke a word out of season or tried to manipulate individuals to obtain the job. The Bible states, "Your gift will make room for you and bring you before great and mighty men." Proverbs 18:16. Well, the rest is history. On June 2, my mother's birthday, I interviewed for the position and on June 12, 2023, I got the position of CEO. My salary increased from \$40,000.00 to well over \$140,000.00.

Most of the intricate details I left out, but I remind you, I went to work sick, never took a vacation; people on the job and in church talked about me, mocked me, made fun of me, but I stayed focused. I didn't speak evil against them, nor did I allow their negative comments to affect my faith in God.

In closing, I want to encourage you to stand; when you don't know anything else to do, just stand and watch God see you through. He will restore everything that the cankerworm, palmerworm, caterpillar, bugs, insects, and any other destructive animals or human stole or robbed you of. I am a living witness; God will provide, and He is More Than Enough. I thank God for the prayers of my brother, Bishop, Dr. Willie Moore; my sister-in-love, Evangelist Joyce Moore; my deceased mother, and my loyal friends. The journey wasn't easy, and the process was difficult, but the promise is GREAT!

Many people don't understand your process, nor do they understand your pain. Therefore, they can't understand or celebrate your promises.

Let'this be a testament to you: God knows your end, before your beginning; trust Him, keep the faith, and know your season will CHANGE!

Blessings,

Humbly submitted,

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The Resurrection of the Dead Part II

Greetings, Everyone!

This month, we will continue to look at the fifth 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."

The Resurrection of the Dead. There were four Jewish parties: Herodians, Pharisees, Sadducees, and Essenes, who didn't believe in the resurrection of the dead. Last month's article shared what the Herodians and the Pharisees thought about the resurrection of the dead. In this article, I will discuss the Sadducees and Essenes. In Hebrew, Sadducees can be translated as "the Righteous One," the Essenes have been identified with various groups: Hasidim, Zealots, Greek, or Iranian influence, and they are not mentioned in the New Testament.

According to the Jewish Virtual Library, The Sadducees were elitists who wanted to maintain the priestly caste. Still, they were also liberal in their willingness to incorporate Hellenism into their lives, something the Pharisees opposed. They claimed to be descendants of Zadok, the High Priest of David (**2 Samuel 8:17**). The Sadducees rejected the idea of the Oral Law and insisted on a literal interpretation of the Written Law; consequently, they did not believe in an afterlife since it is not mentioned in the Torah. In **Matthew 22: 23-33** (*ESV*), they question Jesus about the resurrection; they think physical death is the end of existence. So, they asked Jesus, "In the resurrection whose wife would the widow be? For they all had her?" Jesus answered them, "You are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God. For in the resurrection, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven." So, from their question and response, they still didn't believe.

According to the Jewish Virtual Library, the Essenes emerged out of disgust with the other two. This sect believed the others had corrupted the city and the Temple. They moved out of Jerusalem and lived a monastic life in the desert, maintaining a non-Levitical priesthood, adopting strict dietary laws, and committing to celibacy. The Essenes are particularly interesting to scholars because they are believed to be an offshoot of the group that lived in Qumran, near the Dead Sea. In 1947, a Bedouin shepherd stumbled into a cave containing various ancient artifacts and jars containing manuscripts describing the sect's beliefs and events. The oldest known copies of the Old Testament were the most important documents, often only parchment fragments that had to be meticulously restored. The similarity of the substance of the material found in the scrolls to that in the modern scriptures has confirmed the authenticity of the Bible used today. They consider the afterlife as "Spiritual Survival."

Learning about the Jewish parties during Jesus' ministry was interesting. Even though their belief system was different, they had one commonality: Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior's demise. What are your thoughts now that we know about the various parties and their behaviors towards Christ's teaching? Did it affect Christ's teaching regarding the resurrection of the dead? No, it didn't. Next month we will continue with The Resurrection of the Dead Part III.

Blessings,

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"You are the light of the world-like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it give light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father." Matthew 5:14-16 (NLT)

#### It is Time to Flip on the Light Switch

In a world full of darkness and chaos is where the light of the believers of God should stand. We are the light bearers within this world and if we are consumed in this darkness, then we are ineffective in bringing souls to the Kingdom of Heaven. The light within us should be so brightly lit that there is no interpretation of whose we are and what our purpose is within Him.

When people walk in darkness, they bump into each other, they get angry at each other, they plot against each other, they resent each other, they despise each other, and they judge each other to name a few. There is no direction in their lives, just utter chaotic behaviors and tendencies. What kind of life is this to live?

When we as a believer, whose light of the Lord lives within us, walks into the room, all the things that were being done in the darkness is acknowledged and must go away in the name of Jesus Christ. The power and authority which is inside of us can drive evil away because we know there is no room for this in the Kingdom of Heaven. A lighted believer is the forerunner to help change the lives of those in darkness.

There is no competition when it comes to what is better between the light and the darkness. The light will win continuously. The light cannot be hidden. The light was meant to shine through the darkest of clouds and darkest of hearts. Once the light has been received and accepted into your heart, it is our obligation to spread the light onto others.

We, believers, are the examples this world should be following because of the Light of Jesus Christ that lives within us. If our light switch is not flip to the ON position, then what good are you in this darkened and chaotic world? If your light switch is not flip to the ON position, then your saltiness has been lost and you are not performing the duties of a believer of God.

There should be no reason why our light is not shining as bright as it needs to be. It is time to flip your light switch back to the ON position because there are souls that need to be saved. Allow your light to be what people see and desire more of.

FLIP YOUR LIGHT SWITCH TO THE ON POSITION!!!!

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#### Hope and Faith Make Us Winners

Hebrews 11:1 records, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Here we see the two powerful words, Hope and Faith, in the same sentence because they are similar and somewhat inseparable. Without HOPE, it is nearly impossible to have FAITH. And without FAITH, it is nearly impossible to have HOPE. HOPE and FAITH are relatives. They complement one another. They depend on one another.

HOPE is an internal concept that deals with our thoughts, desires, and aspirations. Hope provides us internal motivation and helps us weather the storms of life. Hope serves as the portal to Faith. "Now FAITH is" an external concept because it goes beyond what we can ascertain or comprehend. It dwells in the action realm that demonstrates what we believe even in the absence of sufficient or rationale evidence.

- Hope is our conscious and subconscious thoughts that fuel our Faith.
- Hope deals with our head and Faith deals with our feet.
- Hope motivates and stimulates, and Faith propels us into action.
- Hope plants thoughts and Faith executes the thoughts.
- Hope says, "I believe that the Lord will bless me to buy a home and Faith says, "I'm going to the bank to apply for the loan."
- Hope says, "I hope it doesn't rain today. Faith says, "I'm leaving my umbrella at home."
- Hope looks at today. Faith marches into tomorrow.
- Hope is the possibility, and Faith is the surety.
- Hope is the raw material from which Faith gathers to build the house and accomplishes the mission.

Therefore, I conclude that HOPE and FAITH work together to lift us to a "higher level" so we can fulfill God's promises and our purpose.

**Romans 8:37** states, "**No in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us**." As born-again believers, we are on the Lord's side, which is the winning side. God gave Noah an assignment, made him a promise, and that promise created his purpose, which he fulfilled by building an ark that saved his family and subsequently the human race (Genesis 6:14).

**Revelation 7:14** says, "**Heaven is made up of those who come through great tribulation...**" which means there are no Quitters in Heaven...only Winners!

- 1. Winners believe they can do all things through Christ Who provides divine strength.
- 2. Winners are strong and courageous, as was Joshua (Joshua 1:6-7).
- 3. Winners stay in the race.
- 4. When things look bad, Winners see HOPE.
- 5. When we are troubled on every side, Winners are not distressed.
- 6. When we are perplexed, Winners are not in despair.
- 7. When we are persecuted, Winners are not forsaken.
- 8. When we are cast down, Winners are not destroyed.

Winners GET UP, SHOW UP, AND NEVER GIVE UP! Winners never quit and quitters never win. Winners hold on to hope and demonstrate faith. Are you a winner?

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#### Parting Words from The Publisher

## "My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. (21) Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. (22) For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh." (Proverbs 4:20-22).

The Lord, our Great Physician, is concerned about our spiritual and emotional healing as He is concerned about our physical healing. Sin, abuse, rejection, neglect, and betrayal can cause severe emotional and spiritual pain. But if we keep the Word firm-ly planted in our hearts, it will give us life and health to heal our emotional and spiritual pain. We must attend to His Word!

In this edition, Dr Moore returns with a powerful, personal testimony that speaks loudly of the fact that God is more than enough. Evangelist Black-Tucker continues with Part II on The Resurrection of The Dead. You don't want to miss it! No pun intended!

Sister Brown reaffirms our position that we are a light for the world. Therefore, we must flip the switch and let the light shine. The world needs to know that we are the righteousness of Him and that He is still the way to eternal life. Dr. Butler calls us to believe that hope and faith are relative, and that they work together to lift us to a higher level so we can fulfill our purpose and the promises of God. These articles will lift your spirit and cause you to soar! Don't forget to share!

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