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Welcome to a newsletter that has you in mind!



"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, (2) Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising

the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. (3) For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds." Hebrews 12:1-3.

Welcome back to another exciting edition that I'm sure will enrich you spiritually.

Last month we finished exploring eight things that real fans do. Now we want to switch our role from that of fans to that of players, which centers our focus on our text today: *Running for The Cause*. As I have already said, as Christians we must play the roles of fan and player. I believe that if we learn to be a good player then we can easily be a good fan.

The Bible makes very clear our role as a player. For the scripture reads, in Hebrews 12:1-4, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about (or having around us) with so great a cloud (a large, dense multitude) of witnesses (those who have proved the strength and genuineness of their faith in Christ by going the distance), let us lay aside every weight (burdens and encumbrances), and the sin (those things that cause us to miss the mark) which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience (perseverance) the race (contest for the prize) that is set before us."

And in order to do so, we must be "(2) Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. (3) For consider him that endured such contradiction (rebellion) of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. (4) Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin."

With that in mind, I want to begin sharing with you eight things that real players do. The first one we want to explore is the fact that: (1) **Real players** realize that they have real fans – if you have entered the Christian playing field and are abiding by the rules, then you have some real fans. If you have made a commitment to the game of holiness, then you certainly have some real fans.

Just as we should get excited about one soul coming to Christ, others are excited about the fact that we are serving God with all our heart, soul, and mind. When people see you playing your heart out for the Lord, they get excited and began to root and to cheer for you.

Wherefore seeing we also are surrounded with a large dense multitude of witnesses, those who have proved the strength and genuineness of their faith in Christ by going the distance, let us, too, become the players that we ought to be! Real players realize that they have real fans! I'm often reminded of a very dear friend who became a real fan in my life because he saw the God in me and knew that I was a real player in the kingdom. He has since gone on to be with the Lord, but he was a stellar player in God's kingdom.

The second one we want to look at is the fact that: (2) **Real players** lay aside every weight that so easily besets them. No athlete weighs him- or herself down with unnecessary baggage when they are training and getting ready for a game. Notice that the writer uses the words weight and sin. We'll talk about those next month, so don't miss it. Whenever the Bible warns us against anything, then there is a danger of missing out and our soul being lost. Stay tuned!

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Praise Is What I Do

Psalm 33:1 says, "**Praise is comely** (normal or common) **among the upright.**" Just who are the upright. The upright are those who have been born again. Those whose robes have been washed in the blood of the Lamb. David said, "**I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth**" (**Psalms 34:1**). Why would David make this claim? Allow me to offer two reasons.

Firstly, David trusted God and God trusted David. In **Psalm 25**, he states, "**O my God, I trust in thee...**" David faced many situations where the odds were not in his favor such as the famous "short" fight against Goliath (**1 Samuel 17**). David had learned the value of praising God before, during, and after a trial. We should do the same.

Secondly, David understood that we were created to praise the Lord. This is evident by reading the accounts in his life where he praised God with all his might, and then authored the book of Psalms that is filled with scriptures that reveal his unique relationship with God. The book of Psalms serves as a living "Word" to encourage the saints to praise God, no matter what. Here's a sampling:

Psalm 113:3 – From the rising of the sun, to the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised.

Psalm 135:1 – Praise ye the Lord, Praise ye the name of the Lord; Praise Him, O ye servants of the Lord.

Psalm 146:1-2 – Praise ye the Lord; Praise the Lord O my soul. While I live, will I praise the Lord...

Psalms 147:1 – Praise ye the Lord! For it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant and praise is comely.

Psalms 150:1 & 6 – Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in His sanctuary. Praise Him in the firmament of His power. Let everything that hath breath, praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

When we praise God, the atmosphere changes. When we praise God, things begin to turn in our favor. Praise ushers in the presence of God and increases our faith. Praise puts feet on our faith and helps us to SEE the victory before we RECEIVE it! And RECEIVE the victory before we SEE it.

In 2001, William Murphy revealed his understanding of praise in the song, "*Praise is What I Do*." He says, "I vow to praise You, through the good and the bad. I'll praise You, whether happy or sad. I'll praise You, in all that I go through because praise is what I do. Cause I owe it all to You." Murphy's sentiment in this song is very similar to David's in the book of Psalms. Praise is not conditional. Nor is it based on circumstances.

When we place priority on praising God, possibilities are endless, and it compels God to release His favor on our lives. The benefits of maintaining a spirit of praise are numerous. Here are just a few: 1) Life is sweeter, 2) Joy is more complete, 3) Burdens become lighter, 4) Relationship are more healthy, 5) Prayers are more fervent, 6) Peace stands still and rests upon your soul, 7) Strength is renewed, 8) Vicissitudes of life are more bearable, and 9) God is glorified and the devil is defeated.

Since David was a man after God's own heart, it behooves us to heed to his examples. So, praise the Lord and watch God move. "**Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice!**" (**Philippians 4:4**).

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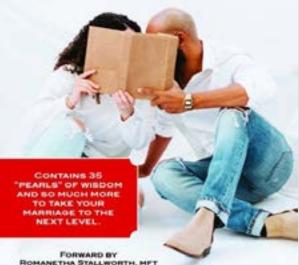
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- To make these resources available electronically to God's people globally.

Parting Words from The Publisher

"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).

The blessings of the Lord are many, particularly where our health is concerned. The Word makes us to know that if we revere His name and obey His Word, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wing and cause us to go out and leap like calves released from the stall! What a picture of health, strength, and happiness! I stand in testimony of His healing power. He will do it!

In this edition, Dr. Butler clearly expresses the power of praise. Our praises cause things to happen in the spiritual realm which affects our earthly realm. It's been said that when praises go up, blessings come down! Truer words have never been spoken. A powerful and moving article! Please share it with others.

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