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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!

So far, we have discussed three things that **Real Players** do: 1) They realize that they have real fans, 2) They lay aside every weight, and 3) They lay aside every sin that easily beset them.

Now let's talk about a very important thing that real players do, one where we often fail: **Real players run with patience the race set before them**. Two words I want you to pay close attention to: **patience and race**. The Greek definition of patience means steadfastness, constancy, and endurance. It does not mean stopping and going. It does not mean up and down, or if you feel like it or not. It does not mean sitting in a corner with your arms folded, talking about being patient. In the New Testament we find that it is the characteristic of a man who is not swerved or turned away from his deliberate purpose and his loyalty to faith and righteousness regardless of how great his trials and sufferings are. He is not moved, I tell you! He is not shaken by what he is going through. Instead, he keeps doing what he has been called to do! He does not quit! No matter what he is faced with, he does not quit!

The word "race" simply means conflict, fight, or contention. The Apostle Paul teaches us throughout his epistles that we should never give up the fight. In **1Timothy 6:11-12** he says, "**But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. (12) Fight the good fight of faith** (contend with your adversaries),

lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses." We have got to fight through the race! We have to strain every nerve and muscle to reach the finish line!

Paul speaks of himself again in 2 Timothy 4:6-8. He says, "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. (7) I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: (8) Henceforth there is laid up for me (no doubt about it) a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

Real Players stay on course and fight their way to the finish line! Just as you know when your players aren't playing well, others know when you are not playing well. You are not fooling anyone but yourself. Real players run with patience and perseverance the race set before them!

I don't know about you, but I'm running for the cause. I'm running to do His will. I'm looking to Jesus and being cheered on by a dense cloud of witnesses. Those who have gone on before me. Those who have fought the good fight of faith. I writing to tell you that I will not give up. I will not slack. I will not relent. I will not swerve. I will not quit! How about you?

Next month we'll continue with some more important things that **Real Players** do. Stay tuned!

Bishop, Dr. Willie J. Moore

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Choose This Day

Our lives are filled with daily decisions, but God has given us free will to choose. We decide what to wear, our consumption of food, family, work, etc. I think as believers we're lacking in our daily commitment to God. We should choose Him as He did for us. **John 3:16** (*KJV*). We confessed Jesus as our Lord and Savior by faith, including baptism and being filled with the Holy Spirit. Since your rebirth have you chosen God in your daily walk? Think about your conversations, are they holy and pure? What about your light, is it shining so that men might see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven, according to **Matthew 5:16** (*KJV*)? God has given all believers a charge according to **Ecclesiastes 12:13** (*KJV*). "**Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.**"

Whenever we pray, a good practice is to give God's Word back to Him because He has told us, that His Words will not return void, according to Isaiah 55:11 (*KJV*). Ask yourself about your commitment to God, is it returning void because of your lack of discipline, and commitment to him? If so, choose today and start over and get back on track. Repent of your sins and follow Christ by keeping his commandments. According to IJohn 1:1 (*KJV*), "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." We serve a merciful loving God who is ready to forgive us of all our sins. Getting back in alignment is easier than we think. Go back to the foundation scriptures. Galatians 5:22-23 (*KJV*) declares, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." The Father knew we would get distracted by the cares of this present world and our fleshly ways, so He gave us the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us back to Him. God is a consuming fire that can burn up all our sins no matter what it is. No sin is beyond God's grace and mercy!

As you think about your daily commitment to Christ, remember John 10:10 (*KJV*). "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." Enjoy your time here on earth serving and pleasing God by having a deep reverence for Him in worship, prayer and keeping a pure heart, upholding His commandments as a disciplined steward of the Living Word. God loves you, you're the apple of His eye and we're His children. He cares about your daily decisions as well, according to 1 Peter 5:7 (*KJV*). "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." So, choose our Father today in all your decisions to strengthen your relationship and keep Him in first place and I believe we'll be doing the work of the ministry.

Twanna Wilcox



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Whatever God Says, Do it!

Greetings, Everyone!

Over the years, I have read multiple articles and books on obedience to God. Going to Sunday School as children, we are taught to listen to our parents and God because it comes with a promise. "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you." (Exodus 20:12, *ESV*). However, Saints, this is one of God's many promises regarding being obedient to Him and to those He places over you. "Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine." (Exodus 19:5, *ESV*). "Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you." (Heb. 13:17, *ESV*). Even Jesus said, "You are my friends if you do what I command you." (John 15:14, *ESV*).

Ok, Sister Diana, I understand God wants us to be obedient. But does He know how hard living in this sinful world is, so why even try? God wants you to obey because He wants to save you from yourself. Sister Diana, what do you mean? God speaks to us through His Word. The Word of God will be the same whether people believe it or not. God loves us. I know for a fact that people pray to God to change the circumstances in their lives. We want to listen to God, then. However, some of us are not ready to listen to God when He tells us to accept Christ as our Lord and Savior.

Paul explains why people are like that, "They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart." (Ephesians 4:18, *ESV*). The less time we spend in the Word of God, the condition of our hearts will slowly turn away from God, and we will start depending on ourselves. Remember, Saints, we are sinful by nature. It is embedded in us to sin. We need the Holy Spirit to save us – the cause of all deterioration in our lives may be the refusal of the Holy Spirit. "For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries." (Hebrews 10:26-27, *ESV*). Yes, Saints, we are imperfect, but we serve a perfect God.

I encourage you to listen to what God says to you in prayer, in a message from a fellow Christian, and from reading the Bible. God is everywhere. Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand." (John 10:27-28, *ESV*). Also, allow the Holy Spirit to soften your heart so that you can hear from God. Jesus said, "Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God." (John 8:47, *ESV*). Remember, there is a difference between hearing and listening. Hearing is the process, function, or power of perceiving sound. Listening takes notice of and acting on what someone says, responding to advice or a request. That is why God wants you to listen rather than to hear Him.

God is always waiting to speak to us. We need to listen and to do what He says. This will help us to stay obedient and have spiritual transformation in our lives.

Blessings,

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The Good News Is – The Bad News Is Wrong

Life is full of ups and downs...smiles and frowns. The song writer, Walter Hawkins, said, "tragedy is commonplace. All kinds of diseases, people are slipping away (i.e., people are dying all around us every day). The economy is down, and we just can't seem to get enough pay." It appears that problems hang around like they have been invited. If it's not one thing, it's another thing. Many are climbing up the rough side of the mountain and just trying to make it from day to day, week to week, month to month. Struggling to hold on to a job. Struggling to pay bills. Struggling to pay off debt. Struggling in our marriages and key relationships. Struggling with our health. And the list goes on and on.

In the midst of all the bad news we deal with, there is good news. The ultimate good news is the infallible written Word of God. All 66 Books represent Jesus, and we have them at our disposal. That's good news! But there is more good news.

In 2008, a lady who I am close to went to the doctor for her annual medical checkup. During the visit, they found a lump on her breast and told her it was most likely cancerous. We prayed and asked people all across the nation to pray that God would move and deliver. A few months later, she went back for a follow-up so they could discuss the next steps. The medical team re-checked and searched for the lump. The doctor came into the room and said, "Mrs. Butler, we can't find the lump." We began to rejoice and give God glory because the GOOD NEWS WAS, THE BAD NEWS WAS WRONG.

When I lived in Louisville, Kentucky, one of our church members went to the hospital for a surgical procedure and died on the operating table. An attendant who was in the operating room fell to her knees and began to cry out to God in prayer. And while she was praying, life came back into the body of our sister, just like the damsel in the 5th Chapter of the Gospel of Mark. So, suffice it to say, God stills works miracles.

In Mark 5:23, Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, fell at the feet of Jesus and besought Him greatly to come to his house and lay His hands on his sick child who was at the point of death, so she could live and not die. When news came to Jairus, by way of a messenger, that his daughter had died, Jesus simply said five (5) powerful words to him, "**be not afraid, only believe.**" Or said another way, "don't worry, I got this." Jesus didn't flinch because He knew that no matter what state He found the damsel, she would be all right. When you are walking with Jesus, you can rest assure that He will work it out. We walk by faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7). Greater is He that is in us than He that is in the world (1 John 4:4). No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper (Isaiah 54:17).

When Jairus and Jesus arrived at the house where the 12 year girl laid dead, Jesus took the damsel by the hand and said, "**Tali-tha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise. And straightway the damsel arose, and walked.**" (**Mark 5:41-42a**). Therefore, Jesus shows us that even if you have a dead situation on your hands, such as debilitating health, a divorce or separation, or unfulfilled dreams, God has the power to restore and resurrect.

Even Jesus died on an old rugged cross at Golgotha's Hill. He was buried in a borrowed tomb. But on the 3rd day, He got up from the grave with unlimited power. And that power that raised Jesus from the grave is the same power that Christians have access to today. Greater is He that is in you – than he that is in the world. Jesus has already overcome the world. We just need to tap into His resurrection power.

When you receive bad news, I encourage you to LEAN on the Lord. Secondly, remember and trust in the Word of God. Finally, understand that the Good News is that the Bad News Just Might be Wrong.

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Parting Words from The Publisher

"This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. (22) It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. (23) They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness." (Lamentations 3:21-23).

We must never forget that His steadfast love never ceases or comes to an end. And for this reason we are not consumed or brought to an end. What a heavenly blessing! Moreover, His compassions are renewed every morning. Bless His Name!

I'm inspired and encouraged by your positive feedback on the articles that are presented in this newsletter. Our writers are Spirit-filled and enjoy sharing a word of encouragement to enrich your lives. In this edition, Sister Twanna admonishes us to choose God first and foremost, allowing Him to be the center of our lives, daily! Evangelist Black-Tucker reminds us to do whatever the Lord commands us to do. In doing so, we will be blessed! Dr. Butler speaks pointedly to the fact that God is far greater in us than the devil of this world. Taking hold of this fact gives us divine hope in knowing that the good news is that the bad news is wrong! These articles are anointed and real page turners, speaking loudly of the Power of God in the life of the believer! Don't forget to share!

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