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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! God is still in the blessing business and doing great things for those who love Him.

Last month we spent time discovering the weights that will hinder the race that is set before us. In this edition we want to deal with the sin that prevents us from running a successful race.

In the Greek, the term "easily beset" simply means being skillfully surrounded or overwhelmed. It means to be snowed under. And the Greek meaning of the word "sin" means to miss the mark in a moral and spiritual sense. Thank God for the forgiveness of sin. But go and sin no more!

You see, weights will cause us to fall dead in our tracks on the way to the finish line, whereas sin will cause us to completely miss the mark because we are blinded by our lust, passion, and desires, so much so that we can't even see or make the finish line. If we miss heaven's mark then we are bound to hit hell's mark. It's one or the other. Heaven or Hell! I have chosen to make heaven my home.

Let's take some time to expose the sin, particularly since it appears in various forms. We need to be aware of what it takes to be a real player in the race to the finish line.

The Apostle Paul says it best in **Galatians 5:19-21**, where he lists 17 works of the flesh along with a caveat. I will try and briefly compose them here for clarity and edification, but please read and study them. Playing by the rules is vitally important to winning!

Paul begins by saying, "Now the works of the flesh are manifest (revealed), which are these: Adultery – unlawful sexual relations between men and women, single or married, and is also covered

under **Fornication** which covers all manner of other unlawful relations, to include unmarried girls and boys, and men and women having sexual relationships. Paul also mentions **Uncleanness** – anything opposite of purity, including sodomy, homosexuality, lesbianism, bestiality, and all forms of sexual perversion. These things stem from **Lasciviousness**, which is unbridled lust, this is why worldly pleasures have to be avoided by Christians.

Paul goes on to mention **Idolatry** and **Witchcraft**, which are not unfamiliar to us. **1 Samuel 15:23** declares, **"For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry."** We must be careful!

We can group the next four together because one leads to the other: **Hatred**, **Variance**, **Emulations**, and **Wrath**. It's imperative that we love one another as Christ has loved us.

Interestingly, we can also group the following four together: **Strife**, **Seditions**, **Heresies**, and **Envyings**. These things have caused extraordinary damage and separation among the people of God.

Then Paul turns our attention to **Murders**, which is more than just taking someone's life. **1 John 3:15** declares that, "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him."

And then he lists **Drunkenness** and **Reveling**, which make for a very unpleasant ending. Just to be clear and not miss anything, he adds: **And such like** – anything that falls in line with all the rest. Paul then concludes this list with, "**Of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.**" Real players lay aside these soul-destroying things! More next month...

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What Things?

Greetings, Everyone!

As a child, I remember my brothers and I would sit in the den and talk to each other about random things that kids usually talk about. However, one day, my brothers and I whispered because we didn't want our mother to hear us. So, you already know what happened next. My mother stood in the doorway and asked, "What are y'all talking about?" The correct response would be to tell her the truth. As children, we answered, "Nothing." This reminded me of Christ doing the same thing, but His question was, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" Luke 24:17 (*ESV*). Can you imagine Christ concealing himself to you and asking you that question? Would you tell a random stranger what is troubling you? Well, two men did in Luke 24:13.

They were bothered about what happened to Christ and even sad (Luke 24:17), so Jesus asked them, "What Things?" (Luke 24:14-19a). When you talk to Jesus, He asks, "What is going on?" He wants to know what is truly going on in your life that causes you to feel like you cannot come to Him. So, you can imagine how Christ's disciples (followers or pupils) couldn't wait to share what was on their hearts. They said, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death and crucified him," according to Luke 24:19b-21, *ESV*. After they shared more with Him, Christ responded, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" (Luke 24:25-26, *ESV*). Christ continued by sharing the scriptures with them. Christ also wants to share them with you once you open your heart and mind to Him.

Once we open our hearts and minds to Christ, we will be ready to allow Him to come into our lives. The two men did just that. They asked Christ to stay with them because it was getting late, and they sat at the table to eat (**Luke 24:29-30a**). But something happened: Christ took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were open when they realized they were talking to Christ, and he disappeared (**Luke 24:30b-31**). Yes, Saints, they did not know they were talking to Christ the whole time! That is why this chapter is so essential for your spiritual formation. Christ is walking with you and wants to know what is troubling you. The Holy Spirit will place scriptures in your heart to encourage and give you peace. The two men knew in their hearts that there was something special about that man, "**Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?**" (**Luke 24:32**, *ESV*).

Christ wants to know what is happening in our lives because you may have to step away from your security to step toward your destiny. Christ wanted to reassure the men that all of what they discussed had to happen for Christ to enter His glory. Christ is telling you not to be sad or disheartened because of the "things" in your life. To grow spiritually in Christ, you must experience life's difficulties. Tell it all to God, no more hiding. Break down your strongholds so that you may see Jesus in His glory. So, what things do you need to tell Christ?

Blessings,

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Your Life Is A Sermon

Job was called a perfect and upright man because his character and actions exemplified the glory of God. He stayed away from evil and didn't allow sin to creep into his soul or his life. Being a righteous person means both loving God and obeying His Word. Job made a deliberate effort to please God. Do our lives show this kind of effort to please God?

As we go about our busy lives, we must remain aware that our actions make a difference. Like Job, the way we live says more than what we say. The way we live literally preaches a sermon. Most of us observe (or see) more than we hear. On one occasion when I was speaking, I asked everyone to touch their ears as I touched my nose and not surprisingly, most people touched their nose because they were watching more than listening. The truth is it takes more effort to listen than to watch.

Many make the mistake of thinking that preaching is only for Ministers and Elders, and the only way to preach is to stand in the pulpit and proclaim the Good News. We traditionally identify preaching as expounding emphatically on the infallible written Word of God. But I have news for you today. If you are a born again Christian, you are an Ambassador of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. According to **Leviticus 20:7**, you have been commissioned to live HOLY! You have been commissioned to let people know that Jesus lives by the way you live your life. And you do NOT need to be a licensed or ordained minister to do that.

I find it interesting that we never read where Job preached any sermons in the traditional role as a minister. Yet he was considered perfect and upright. The Bible lets us know that God asked the devil in **Job 1:8**, "**Have you considered my servant** (my warrior, my champion) **whose name is Job.**" God will never put you out there unless He knows you are ready. God was sure that Job could handle the test because he was righteous, and He loved God with all his heart. As with Job, God will never allow Satan to tempt us above what we are able to handle.

When God sent me to Saudi Arabia to work in 2014, I was a little bewildered. A few months into my first year, I received an email from one of the Elders at my church in California. He wanted to know if I was preaching and teaching the Gospel there in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. As I pondered how to respond, the Holy Ghost began to speak to me and gave me these words, "Yes I am preaching the Gospel and ministering every day, just not as ye suppose." What God was showing me is that you can preach a sermon without opening your mouth! In other words, there is traditional preaching and nontraditional preaching. Traditional preaching is when we exegesis the Word of God verbally. It's all about the words. But untraditional preaching is all about the actions. That is when I realized that my "life" was preaching a sermon even when I wasn't speaking. Preaching without speaking is doing the Book, as the late Pastor Dr. Thomas E. Hammonds would say. It is often better that men/women see a sermon than hear a sermon.

Every time I help somebody, I preach a sermon. Every time I shun evil for righteousness and resist temptation, I preach a sermon (even if only to myself). When I honor my pastor and wife, I preach a sermon. When I seek and follow peace with all men (and women), I preach a sermon. When I hold my peace and let the Lord fight my battle, I preach a sermon. Sometimes, my best sermons are wordless, but full of actions!

So remember, it's not just what you say, it's also what you do. There's an old saying, "actions speak louder than words." How true. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." ~ Matthew 5:16.

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- To provide a venue for ministries to share what they are doing to enhance the Kingdom of God.
- To make these resources available electronically to God's people globally.

Parting Words from The Publisher

"Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost." (Romans 15:13).

What a declaration! We can be filled with joy and peace simply by trusting and believing in Him. And when we do, we will overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. We will overflow with hope! Let's trust in the Lord always!

I'm really inspired by our contributors' commitment to write and share a time-sensitive word of comfort and exhortation. In her article *What Things*, Evangelist Black-Tucker calls our attention to the fact that we have to open up our hearts and minds to the Lord because He is concerned about us. Moreover, confession is good for the soul, even though our Savior knows everything about us!

Dr. Butler reminds us that our life is a sermon and speaks loudly of our character and relationship with the Father. We don't need an elevated platform to shout out what we believe. We simply have to live the life we sing and talk about. The Apostle Paul said it best in **2 Corinthians 3:2**. **"Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men.**" These articles are a must-share!

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