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Welcome to a newsletter that has you in mind!



“Then answered all the wicked men and men of Belial, of those that went with David, and said, Because they went not with us, we will not give them ought of the spoil that we have recovered, save to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead them away, and depart.” 1 Samuel 30:22.

Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow! And welcome back to another exciting subject that will edify and encourage you to stay in the good fight of faith: ***You Are Important!***

I need to share with you a bit of history before we get to the meat of our text, which will cover several articles. But please read **1 Samuel 30:21-25** for context.

As we study the life of David, we find that he and Saul did not have the best relationship. In fact, David was so tired of Saul seeking to take his life that he finally decided to leave Israel and join company with Achish, King of Gath. And after spending considerable time in the country of the Philistines, David requested a place for himself and his people who were with him. And so Achish granted him the town of Ziklag (a town in the south of Judah).

During his stay there, David fought against the enemies of Israel and made sure that none lived to tell the story to King Achish. In fact, David deceived the King by telling him that he had waged war against his own people. And so a bond of trust was built between the two. And on this particular occasion in our text, David was bringing up the rear of King Achish’s army as they gathered together with the Philistines to do war against Israel.

Here we see a true Hebrew, a birthright Israelite, riding with the enemy, one who would soon become king of Israel. But we will never know what might have transpired had David been allowed to go with them because God intervened. Isn’t that like God? Read **Chapter 29**.

Listen to this: Upon seeing David and his men, the princes of

the Philistines rejected their company and mandated that they should not go with them. They were certain that the Hebrews, at some point in time, would somehow turn on them and help Israel during the fight. And so David and his men were turned away. And after returning home, they found that the Amalekites had burned their town and taken their possessions, along with their wives and children. You need to know that when you are sleeping with the enemy, anything can happen. Nonetheless, the destruction was so devastating that they wept and sought to stone David for putting them in that situation. But David sought the Lord and received a word of encouragement. A lesson to be learned here!

And so we find in **1 Samuel 30:1-20**, David’s pursuit of the Amalekites. The pursuit was so fierce that 200 of David’s 600 men (about 33%) became so exhausted that they couldn’t go the distance. Therefore, they were left at the brook of Besor. These were important men, men who had been riding and fighting with David to no end. However, at this point in time, they just couldn’t keep up!

We are no different today! Some of us aren’t as strong as others. Therefore, we might not be able to go the distance even though we are willing. Sometimes our reasons are justified, and sometimes they are not. Nonetheless, you are still important to the mission and goals of the church, if you just show up and stay at your post, watching and praying.

Stay tuned! This is going to be encouraging!

Willie J. Moore

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What Is Your Mindset? Romans 8:5-6 (NIV)

“Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace.”

There are times when we will be presented with choices to make which can and will affect the whole trajectory of our lives. The enemy’s job is to cause confusion within our minds because he knows if the mind is polluted, the choices which follow will be contaminated and polluted as well. But God is not the God of confusion. He has given us free will to decide and make life decisions; however, are the choices you are making in alignment with His will. Paul describes two options:

- Those who live controlled by their self-serving, sinful nature
- Those who follow the Holy Spirit

What decision have you made? Are you going to continue following your own way and accepting the consequences which follow? Or are you going to allow the Holy Spirit full control within your life to allow Him to lead, to guide, to teach, to convict, and to put you back into alignment with the plan and purpose God has for you.

Make this decision intentionally and with a pure heart because your decision will determine the future of your soul. You either will follow God and all His ways and leave those things which are not of Him behind or you will continue to let the enemy pollute your mind.

What is your mindset on this day? Choose wisely!!!

A Time of Surrender

Pray this prayer before God today and allow Him to truly change your mindset to that of His will:

Father God,

I come to You today knowing I have made the wrong decisions too many times to count. I have relied on my own will to solve problems and feel temporary satisfactions. But, God, I am tired of doing things my way and making the poor decisions that are out of alignment with what You have for me. Today, I come to You asking for a mind shift. Those things that are not of You, I pray You remove them and replace them with You. I surrender all that I am to You and allow the Holy Spirit FULL CONTROL to do what He must to keep me from making any decision that will cause detriment to my soul. This today I will no longer be confused. I will decide to follow You and live in a life of joy and peace. This I know You will answer because You are a God who never leaves His children in a state of disarray. I stand in expectations for the renewal mind shift I will experience from this day forward. In Jesus Name. Amen. Amen. Amen.

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Knowledge of God

Greetings, everyone!

September typically marks the period when students resume their studies, either by returning to school or commencing their education at a school or college for the first time. However, I was surprised to learn that the new academic year started in August. It is understandable that both parents and students may experience a range of emotions, including excitement as well as frustration. Regardless of students' or parents' opinions, students are required or encouraged to return to school. Why? Because we were taught that knowledge is power. The knowledge that we are encouraged and commanded to have is the knowledge of God.

In the Old Testament, five books are classified as wisdom literature: Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon (also known as Songs). The Book of Job addresses the sovereignty of God and demonstrates faithfulness during adversity. Psalms teach us to communicate with God and the principles of worship. Proverbs offer guidance and practical wisdom for adherents. Ecclesiastes examines the pursuit of meaning and truth. The Song of Solomon depicts the joy and significance of genuine love within the context of marriage. Even though throughout the Bible we learn about human nature and conduct, what to do, and what not to do, we still have questions. Paul even mentioned this to the Romans, **“For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.” Romans 7:15 (ESV).**

This reflects Paul's perspective; however, his understanding of Christ prompted a different response: **“For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.” Romans 7:22-25 (ESV).** Paul possessed a comprehensive understanding of the law as well as a meaningful relationship with Christ. This connection with Christ provided him with insight into both legal principles and human nature.

Developing self-awareness and an understanding of God equips Christians to confidently guide others toward faith in Christ. So, in the next few months, I will be discussing: The Doctrine of God, Pneumatology (Holy Spirit), Christology, and Soteriology (The Cross). Learning more about the Bible is essential, even if we have been in church all of our lives. God is calling us to reach the lost and the unsaved, and for us to do that, we have to truly study the Bible and stop flipping the pages or swiping if you have an eBible. Satan is studying us and our behavior. Now is the time to counterstrike with the knowledge of God. Who is with me?

Take care everyone and God bless.

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Focus on the Marriage & Family – *Choices Have Consequences* (A) (Part 12)

I have often said that if God did not give humans the ability to choose, we would be much better off. Nevertheless, the ability to choose is an attribute God bestows on all living creatures. Even after we are “born again,” we have the ability to choose. That is why we still sin and need forgiveness. In the wonderful land of the free, we have the legal right to make choices, both good and bad. Beware, choices have consequences.

All too often, people make bad choices and simply decide to live with the consequences, even when there is a way out of the mess they created. After years of working with couples and families, I have concluded that many people enjoy “hell on earth.” In fact, they thrive on the thrill of chaos, dysfunction, and illicit activities. I confess that I do not completely understand why some people embrace chaotic environments. More alarming is why Christians relish in chaos and toxic environments rather than seeking peace as instructed in **Psalm 34:14**, “**Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.**”

“Hell on earth” can be defined in several ways. In the context of marriage and family, I define it as living a messy, chaotic, and drama-filled lifestyle. Examples of hell on earth are arguing daily, sleeping in separate bedrooms, disagreeing even when you know the other person is right, lying habitually, infidelity, discontent with church, discontent with your job, discontent with your spouse, no relationship with your children, etc. These are all unfortunate situations. But here is the odd truth: some people like the drama and chaos. It gives them an adrenaline rush much like a narcotic gives a junkie a buzz. **This is a form of mental illness and maybe even demonic forces.**

There is an overwhelming number of families that are dealing with broken and drama-filled relationships unintentionally and wish they could be delivered from their “hell on earth.” As a counselor, in almost every instance, I see that one spouse is intentional and sincere, while the other is more laissez-faire. This is already a problem, but at least they are willing to admit they have a problem and seek a resolution. It is the couples who don’t seek help and prefer to embrace the madness that accompanies poor choices that have me most concerned.

If you are honest with yourself, you can determine why you are where you are in life by recalling specific decisions you made over the course of your life. I have a friend who is a brilliant person, but continues to make poor decisions that negatively affect her life as well as her family. Several years ago, she and I exchanged emails concerning the invitees for an upcoming event. Much to my surprise, she brought up a man she was shacking with and told me they were expecting a child. In a lengthy message, she eloquently argued why the young man should be invited to the gathering. There was one sentence that stood out, and I quote: “*I understand that we are living outside the spiritual bounds of marital context, however, that is my **CHOICE**, and it will resolve itself in time.*” The word “choice” was not capitalized (or bold), but that is how it stood out to me. Fast forward to today, she is no longer with the young man, is now married, has six children, and is struggling to make ends meet.

There is so much to say about this topic, it requires a Part 2. So, until next month, I leave you with this: “Never underestimate the power of your choices. The results will have current and future consequences.”

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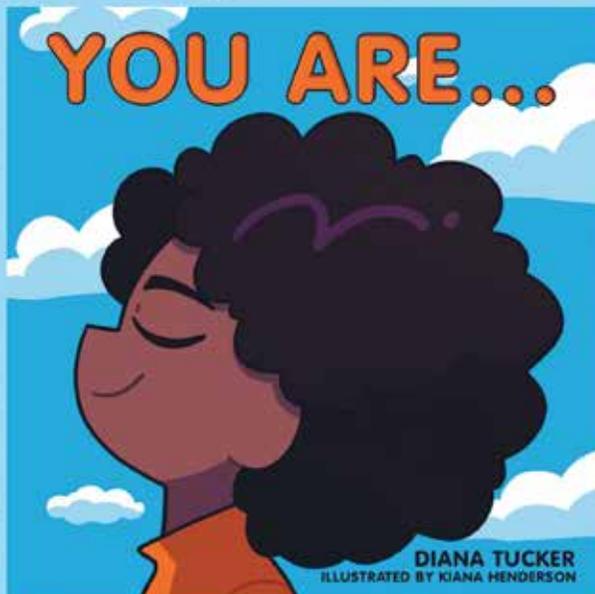
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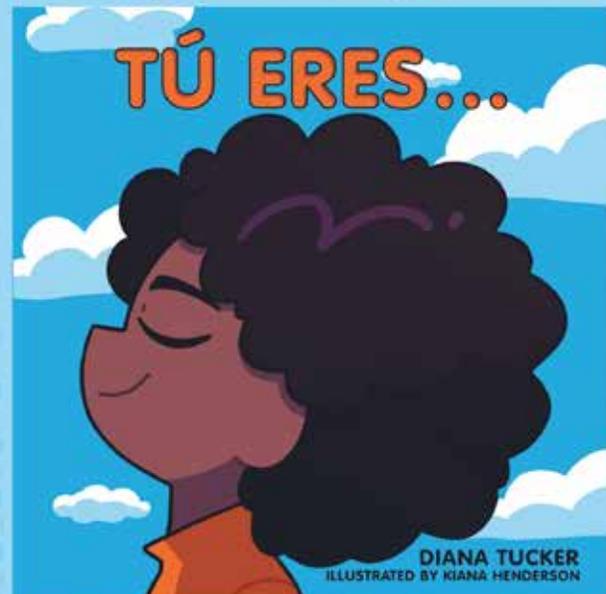
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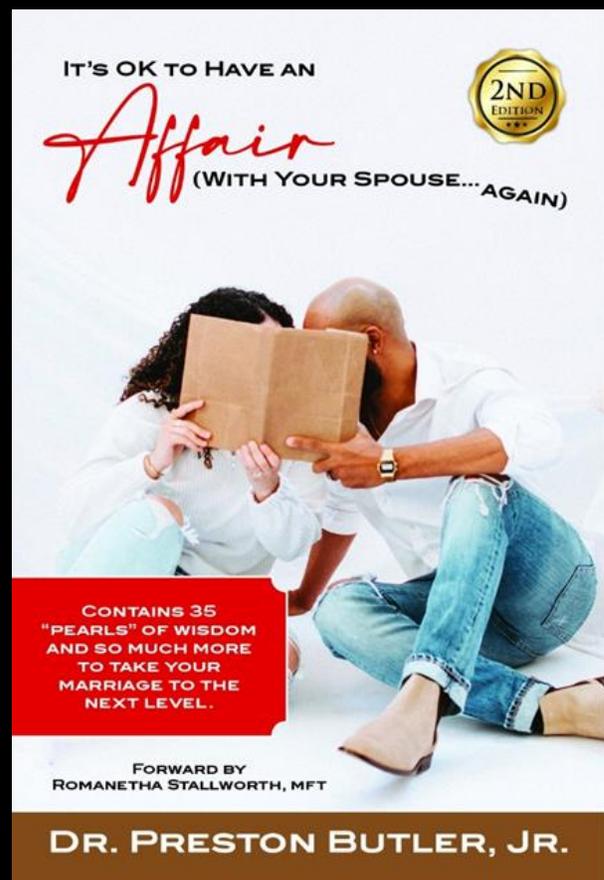
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Parting Words from The Publisher

“A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.” Proverbs 17:22.

The Word of God teaches us that having a cheerful heart is like good medicine. And rightly so! Joy and laughter relieve stress and anxiety, leaving the body feeling young and refreshed. On the other hand, sadness and anxiety will pull the life right out of you. Therefore, take the time to laugh and enjoy life with others while enjoying the goodness of God. Live!

In this issue, Sister Arkeshia Brown explores our mindset. In this day and time, the hearts of many are turned toward worldly activities and the sins of the flesh. The Word is calling for a change. It's time to get our mind stayed on Jesus. Evangelist Black-Tucker begins a series on the knowledge of God, so we can better be equipped to lead others to Christ. Dr. Butler continues with invaluable information on strengthening the marriage bond: *Choices Have Consequences!* No truer words have been written. This article calls for self-examination! All three articles are a must read! Don't forget to share.

As always, I'm very grateful for our writers and their unswerving devotion to sharing words of encouragement that will strengthen our faith in God. And remember, if you have a word of encouragement that you would like to share, please let us know. Email us at: admin@voices-of-victory.com. We will love to hear from you!

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