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Teach - Inspire - Equip

Welcome to Journey Through Life Ministries' Quarterly Newsletter. We pray you will be blessed by the reading of these inspirational articles.

Our goal is to fulfill the great commission Jesus commanded in Matthew 28:16-20 to "...go and make disciples of all...."

This is being achieved by working with churches, professional organizations, social services, and the publication of the quarterly newsletters. As an outreach ministry in the communities, we also offer to adults and youth Biblical studies through various enrichment programs and motivational teachings. These teachings will help individuals to know the "love" of God, and who they are in Christ. These programs are also designed for individuals to learn how to become "free" spiritually enabling them to live their lives in the purpose God has them.

Charles & Georgetta Head

Jacob had two wives: Leah and Rachel. Did you know that Leah means "cow," and Rachel means "ewe." These names were popular with herds people because they symbolized prosperity.

The Goodness of God! Rev. Georgetta Head



During my journey as a Believer, I have discovered there are two types of Believers – 1) those who know the “goodness” of God and, 2) those who don’t know His goodness.

The first type live a life of contentment and joy. A life trusting God for everything. They learned the secret of living a life of victory instead of defeat.

The second type live a life of discontentment and discouragement, which brings on grumbling and complaining. These Believers are living a “famished” spiritual life, while the first type of Believers have learned to live the life of abundance promised to us in John 10:10.

So why is it that some Believers know and experience the goodness of God, while others are living a famished life? First, we need to know that one of the attributes of God is that of “goodness,” which is kind, beneficent, friendly; known to do good, one who is righteous. *Psalm 33:5 tells us that “...the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord” and Psalm 31:19 “...How great is your goodness, which you have laid up for those who fear you and trust in you.”*

Believers who are not experiencing God’s goodness, as listed above, is because of choices they made which caused undesired consequences in their life. For instance, a Believer makes a poor choice in the area of money management. They max out their credit cards, then life happens and they find themselves not able to pay back the credit cards. Creditors then torture them day and night with constant phone calls. The Believer ends up with poor credit history which prevents them from future credit when an emergency occurs. They feel stuck and defeated. Then complain

to others about their situation and blame God for not bailing them out. Have you even experienced this scenario? I have? I didn’t wait for God to supply my needs. I chose the world’s way of supplying my needs. Whenever we choose the world’s ways for what we need instead of God’s way, this causes us to live through undesired consequences, which can cause us to become famished spiritually.

If you don’t know God’s goodness, let Him show you through the Bible. The Bible gives us testimony after testimony of God’s goodness through His love, protection and provision for His creation. Also, His handiwork all around us is a daily reminder of His goodness.

When we live a life of fear (which is respect & obedience), trust (believing God) and gratitude toward God, we will begin receiving all the goodness God has laid up for us, such as: protection, provision, peace, joy, contentment along with all the promises available to us as written in the Bible. Unfortunately, too many Believers forget the goodness of God, especially when life is going good—when they think they have it all. Friends, get in the habit of appreciating all that God does for you, including the air we breath, the sun for light, the freedom to worship Him, and most importantly, the gift of salvation.

Do you want to live the abundant life Jesus tells us about in John 10:10? You can! Begin by **submitting** yourself to God! The Word tells us that His commandments are not grievous, instead they are good for our well being. Partner with God to be transformed by the renewing of your mind into the ways of God and not the ways of the worlds. The world’s ways are death, while God’s ways bring life into dead situations.

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Spirit of Thanksgiving

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The town of Beersheba was founded on the spot where Abraham dug a well. Beersheba means “well of seven.” Abraham gave seven lambs to the local king in order to settle a dispute over the ownership of the well. (*Genesis 21:30*)



FINANCIAL FITNESS—REV. GEORGETTA HEAD

The article this quarter will be on money management for teens. Too many teens are graduating from high school with limited or no knowledge about money management. Most teens can't even write a check and they think a debit card or credit card is free money! These teens are being pushed into "the real" world ready to fail in the knowledge of saving, purchasing and repaying others.

In today's culture, parents and educators are focused on the 3 R's and forget the area of financial education. I encourage parents or guardians to please take the time to educate your children in the area of money management—the earlier the better!

First children/teens should be taught that money doesn't grow on a tree in the backyard. Parents should explain to their children how money really works - beginning with having a job and how they are paid for working at that job, and how deductions are taken from each paycheck i.e., difference between gross pay and net pay.

Second, children/teens need to know that as a family, bills need to be paid. Let them physically see the invoices from creditors. Make them aware that it cost to live—creditors do not give us the necessities of life for free.

Thirdly, if you are working from a budget (and you should) let them see your budget/plan for paying back your obligations. Let them know that you have an emergency fund for unexpected expenses, such as car repair, medical expenses, etc.

Fourth, let them know that you plan for future purchases. Explain to them that It is not a good idea to spend without planning. Such as school clothes, vacations, eating out, family outings, etc., need to be budgeted. By budgeting you are able to save on a monthly basis to purchase these items and to enjoy vacations and family outings.

Finally, I believe all children should have an allowance. This is a good way to teach them what you have explained above. So, please try to include allowances for your children on your weekly or monthly budget sheet and let them see that they are apart of your budgeting. This will mean a lot to them.

Now it's time to teach your children/teen how to manage their money. They should have three categories: savings, tithing and spending.

Tithing should always be 10%. I believe savings should be 10% also, or an agreed upon amount by the two of you. Now spending is where most children/teens have the problem. They want to take what's left over and spend it immediately. This is an area that they will need help in. Teach them to think about their purchases. If they want an item that cost more than they have, then tell them it would be a good idea to wait and save for the item. This will teach them "delayed gratification." Most children don't want to wait and parents end up paying the difference for the item. Unfortunately, this is sending them the wrong message. As adults we know "real life" doesn't work that way. If we want something and don't have enough money, we need to save for it or charge it on a credit card, which is not learning to wait for something we probably do not need anyway. Let them know the importance of waiting. They will appreciate the item more, because they had to wait and save for the purchase.

As your children start reaching teenage years and work outside the home, have them open a bank account. They will receive a debit card and checks. Teach them how to write a check and when to use them. The same should be done with the debit card. They need to know how to use the debit card and that it is not "free" money. They can only use the money in the account. When money is gone, spending is done.

It is very important to teach them how to keep track of their spending. Teach them the difference between "debit and credit." Explain how to use a ledger, recording every transaction!

And finally, teach them how to balance their checking account. Explain to them that using the banking machine to find out the balance of their checking account is not an accurate way of balancing their account. They may have pending transactions.

The best education is learning by example! Lead your children/teens so that they will not be setup for failure when they start out on their own.

If you give, you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full measure, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more and running over. Whatever measure you use in giving—it will be used to measure what is given back to you.

Luke 6:38

Satan promises the best, but pays with the worst; he promises honor, and pays with disgrace; he promises pleasure,

Testimony of God's Goodness



Testimony by James G. Earhart, Jr.

My relationship with God began when I was a child. I was baptized and attended the Presbyterian Church with my parents. My parents stopped attending church because of a disagreement my father had with the church. I did not return to church (and God) till many years later when I was married in the Catholic Church. I began attending the Catholic Church with my first wife. Even though my mind was in it, I must confess my heart was not. My first wife and I separated and divorced after seventeen years of marriage and two wonderful children. That time in my life had me very distraught and saddened, I believed marriage was for life and this was not my choosing. My mother lived in a large house by herself so I moved in with her. This was to be the beginning of my present relationship with God. My mother was a member of the local United Methodist Church and invited me to attend with her. Around the same time I also met my present wife and after some months of dating she began attending with us. In 2005 we were married in the church. As my relationship with God became stronger I started to realize that doing God's will transformed one of the darkest times in my life to one of the best times. I met my new wife and also became very much closer to my mother. In the five years, that my wife had known my mother, their relationship was stronger than my first wife after seventeen years. On one occasion a really nasty conflict occurred at home with my stepson and I left and went for a drive in the car. I stopped along a rural road at a secluded spot and sat down along a river bank and began to pray. A large butterfly landed on the toe of my shoe and I began to feel a sense of calm. Was this a large miracle? No. But I definitely believe it was a sign from God. "You do my will and I will be there to help solve life's problems and guide you."

I have known Elder Charles for many years and had not seen him since my wedding in 2005. One night very recently he rode my bus with his grandchildren. I told him I would like to get together sometime and he invited me to his monthly prayer breakfast. What a great experience this has been to share fellowship and kindness with others and the young people attending. This has been another avenue for sharing and learning God's word. I have come to learn that most of the time God is not about the really big miracles but a few small signs of God's presence much more often. We just need to recognize His presence and do His will.

Did you Know

REV. CHARLES S. HEAD

Did you know that when Paul reached Rome under custody of soldiers, he was given freedom to preach to people for two years out of a home which he resided in. (Acts 28:23-31)

Did you know that Philip after he had led an Ethiopian to Jesus and baptized him was literally transported from one place to another by the Holy Spirit? (Acts 8:26-40)

Did you know that Absalom (David's son) was very handsome and had very healthy hair, so that when he weighed it once a year it weighted 6 lbs.—while wet? (2 Samuel 14:25-26)

Did you know that anxiety does not empty tomorrow of it's sorrow, but only empties today of it's strength? (Psalm 55:22)

Did you know about God's answer to arguments and losing your temper? "A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." (Proverbs 15:1)

Did you know what God thinks when we tell Him we are not capable of doing the task He asks us to do? (Exodus 4:10-12)

Do you know the secret to having peace? "You will keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose mind is* stayed on *You*, because he trusts in *You*." (Isaiah 26:3)

Men On A Journey Fellowship Breakfast



Our last monthly meeting was an important subject. A subject that gives us an uplift as we put it into action! It was all about "cheer and encouragement." This is something we can all use continuously. Our world is full of stressful and angry people, whether on the job, school or even at church.

God's Word has solutions for all these things, only if we would study and apply it to our lives, then we can be changed for the better. How can a cheerful heart produce good health like medicine? The answer is found in Proverbs 15:13 – "*a merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.*" Laughter is good for all of us, if we take a good dose of it each day. It can save us from many of our diseases that are brought on by stress. In the Book of Matthew, Jesus encouraged His disciples

to "*be of good cheer*" in the midst of the storm (Matthew 14:22-27). They were in the midst of a literal storm and he encouraged them that He would take care of them.

So whether we need cheer to make us laugh more or encouragement when we are afraid of something, there are ways of wisdom and instruction God has provided to help us. In the book of Nehemiah, Ezra the priest had God's law read to all the people, then while it was being read the people began to weep. Ezra then encouraged them that it was not a time to weep, but a time to be joyful for the goodness of God (Nehemiah 8:10). Then He said unto them, "go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for who nothing is prepared: for this day is Holy unto our Lord: Neither be ye sorry; for the *joy of the Lord is your strength.*" The same holds true for us today, allow "*the joy of the Lord to be your strength.*"

Next Men On A Journey Fellowship Breakfast

November 8, 2014

Kings Restaurant

Harmarville, PA

Call 412-731-1856 to reserve your seat

Delegation - A Biblical Perspective! *By Gerry Hickman*



Many time management problems are a result of not delegating enough or delegating ineffectively. When we don't delegate properly, we and others may suffer.

What is Delegating?

"To delegate" means "to entrust to another; to appoint as one's representative; to assign responsibility or authority." (*Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*) So delegating requires entrusting others to complete tasks and logically leads to them sharing responsibility and being given authority for the tasks. Delegation also involves partnering with others to complete objectives and saves

time and energy if done successfully. We can accomplish much more when we are able to partner with others. (*Eccl. 4:9*).

Some Reasons Why We don't Delegate

- Belief we can complete the tasks faster or better
- Afraid to give up authority or responsibility
- Mistrust (Unsatisfactory results from others in the past)
- Perfectionism (Too focused on the details)
- Money Restrictions (Can't afford to pay for help)
- Resource Restrictions (No one is available to help)

Biblical Examples of Successful Delegation

The Creator God was the first to delegate. He could have created everything by Himself, but decided to let His Son (Jesus Christ) share in His creative and redemption work. (*John 1:1-3, John 3:16, Mark 8:31, John 10:11*) While on earth, Jesus Christ imitated his Father in delegating responsibility. He steadily trained his 12 disciples and later 72 other disciples to manage the preaching work. (*Luke 9:1-6; 10:1-7*) Before leaving the earth, Jesus delegated greater responsibilities, including the global preaching work, to his trained disciples.—(*Matt. 24:45-47*). He gave them power and authority to continue this great work (*Acts 1:8; Matt. 28:16-20*) and after leaving earth, sent His Spirit to live inside of them (*Acts 2:1-4*). Because of the effort of the disciples and the early church, we are able to experience the blessings of Jesus Christ today.

In Genesis 41:55 we find that at the height of the famine in Egypt, Pharaoh had assigned absolute authority over all of the storehouses in Egypt to Joseph the son of Jacob. When the people cried to Pharaoh for bread, he sent them all to Joseph to decide exactly how to allocate the portions. Joseph was not simply Pharaoh's "distributor" of the provisions in the storehouse that had been accumulated under his direction over the seven years of plenty, but it is also clear that Pharaoh did not want to assume the responsibility of feeding the people. He entrusted and empowered Joseph to handle everything and Egypt prospered tremendously under the direction of Joseph. (See *Gen. 41 Entire Chapter*)

Biblical Example of a Delegation Problem/Solution:

The bible also points to examples of delegation problems (*Acts 6:1-7*). One set of scriptures is found in Exodus 18:1-23. In Exodus 18, Moses is leading the Hebrews through the desert when his father-in-law (Jethro), a priest of Midian (*Exodus 18:1*), shows up.



Jethro observes Moses as he tries to handle every civil disagreement among the Hebrew people. Jethro advises Moses to delegate some of his work and not try to handle everything on his own. When Moses begins to share some of his responsibilities, he has fewer disputes to resolve and more time to do his higher priority tasks of seeking God for direction, teaching and leading his people.

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Effective Delegation Tips

We can learn so much about delegating from this biblical example. Consider the following tips:



Delegate, don't dump. It is important for a leader to become skillful at delegating and not pass off unwanted chores, busy work or tasks they can complete themselves. Every task should be weighed and distributed to the qualified (experienced, mature, committed) person to carry out the assignment. *Remember you can delegate upward (to your boss) as well as downward if necessary or possible.*

Delegate the challenging and rewarding tasks. Assign tasks that encourage growth in others. Remember no one is perfect and training is necessary for growth. It is easy to give directions, but harder to keep from interfering after a task is delegated. Sometimes another may have a better way of approaching the tasks.

The key to delegation is TRUST. Always give others sufficient training, time and authority to make necessary decisions and choices. Never delegate with strings attached (*Genesis 29:15-28*) or if you know the person is not able to do the task.

Don't give to others unwanted tasks or assignments you can do yourself

Every task should be prioritized, weighed and given to the qualified person to carry it out

Let others have time to train, for it is a necessary for growth.

Experience, Maturity and Commitment are key when deciding who should be assigned a task

Give direction when necessary but resist interfering after handing off the task

Authority and Trust are necessary for others to have the autonomy to complete tasks

Take time to listen to others; they may see what you can't. (*Remember Jethro*)

Enjoy the time to focus on high priority tasks as you learn to delegate effectively.

Personal Experience:

It is very rewarding when delegation and partnering (teamwork) works successfully. In my past experiences, I worked as a leader who delegated and one who was delegated to.

In one assignment, I worked on a team of two people. My partner and I met and planned our approach to tackling the assignment by first discussing each other's strengths and then assigning tasks based upon these strength areas. We both received training and were committed to completing the assignment and working together. As a leader, my focus was on planning, marketing and managing the overall project. My partner was responsible for the daily activities and handling customer requests and details. We met frequently to discuss progress, opportunities and problems.

The partnership was very successful, for I encouraged and empowered her to make daily decisions without meddling and trusted her to complete the tasks her way. She also trusted me to do my part and respected my decisions. We were able, as a team, to complete our assignment with extreme success and even received awards for our efforts.

Annual Fruit of the Spirit Awards Luncheon



The "2nd Annual Fruit of the Spirit Awards Luncheon" was held on October 11, 2014. Thanks to the Worship Team of Rev. Lloyd Massie and wife Tannie Massie, for leading us in anointed music magnifying the Lord in praise and worship. Rev. Carmelita and daughter Portia followed by honoring Father God in mime dancing.

Eight awardees were presented a Crystal Cross and Certificate of Appreciation for their work and dedication for the Lord. **Awardees were:** Evangelist Victoria Hodge; Rev. Lloyd & Tannie Massie; Rev. Carla Gregory-Beckton; Menwhe Redd; Dolores Mitchell; Thelma Showell; Evelyn (Peaches) Dunkin; and Rev. Karen Longcrier. The next Annual Fruit of the Spirit Luncheon is scheduled for October 10, 2015 at the Rankin Christian Center.





*If a child lives with criticism,
He learns to condemn.*

*If a child lives with praise
He learns to appreciate.*

*If a child lives with hostility,
He learns to fight.*

*If a child lives with fairness,
He learns justice.*

*If a child lives with ridicule,
He learns to be shy.*

*If a child lives with security,
He learns to have faith.*

*If a child lives with shame,
He learns to feel guilty.*

*If a child lives with approval,
He learns to like himself.*

*If a child lives with tolerance,
He learns to be patient.*

*If a child lives with acceptance and friendship,
He learns to find love in the world.*

*If a child lives with encouragement,
He learns confidence.*

Dorothy Law Noltz

YOUTH CORNER - REV. GEORGETTA HEAD



The youth program “*Me, Myself and I*” have been meeting since August between the Penn Hills Library and YMCA. Youth from 14 to 17 years of age are currently attending the program. The program format is designed to teach and mentor youth about future career paths and skills to become future entrepreneurs.

The youth are learning the importance of setting goals and mapping out plans to achieve their goals for their desired career path or becoming future entrepreneurs.

To help in this area, they have put together individual “Scrapbook Dream Collages.” The Dream Collage is designed to be used from high school into adulthood because the pages are interchangeable as their dreams and goals change.

Also as part of the program, the youth will learn how to do a “mock” business and market it on the internet. Mrs. Carol Moye, retired educator from the Pittsburgh School District, met with the youth in September to teach them how to design a website to be used in marketing their mock business. The youth are very excited about designing a mock business because they said it will help them in their future endeavors, as hopefully “young entrepreneurs.”

Youth are also being taught the importance of loving God, loving self, and loving others. A half hour of each meeting is devoted to this important topic. They are being taught by books entitled: “*God Girl*” and “*God Guy*.” These books are written to encourage children that it’s “ok” to be different—they don’t have to copy others; and most importantly that being a Christian in today’s culture can be a rewarding experience with knowing and loving God. For information about the program, call Rev. Georgetta Head at 412-731-1856.

Marriage

God, Change, and His Results

By Evangelist Victoria Hodge

The enemy has been like a cancerous tumor eating away at the marriages. It has erupted like an inferno of lava trying to destroy everything it touches. Its destructive devices are deadly and poisonous at a place of total annihilation. The eruption appears outwardly to be silent, but inwardly it is loud and clear of its intents.

Just like cancer you generally cannot see or feel it until it has already taken root and caused sickness. Most of the time when it reaches that stage, it can be very dangerous and deadly, but the Lord will allow His mercy and grace to put things back into perspective, by removing the sting and reversing its purpose. Because the Jesus we serve is greater than any blow that the enemy will bring upon God's people; deliverance will happen. The word of God says, Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added. There is nothing too hard for God.

When things are darkest, is when God will shed the brightest light. Situations that look most impossible allow our Lord to shine greater than the sun He created. In our silence sometimes it gives the enemy more ammunition to release the fiery darts of destruction. Division is a subtle but deadly weapon used by the adversary.

Divide and conquer is his mission. We know that a house divided against its self cannot stand. One might think that silence would disarm the bomb that is about to explode, but in all actuality it is what feeds the bomb to become more potent and explosive. In order to disengage the bomb, you must approach it with humility and patience. This process has to be done with precise focus and complete dependence on the Holy Spirit. Pray without ceasing asking our Heavenly Father for guidance and direction. Then ask Him to give you discernment, wisdom, timing and a tamed tongue that will disconnect the bomb in a peaceable manner leaving nothing in disarray and all things intact. Most importantly trust God's word that says, we can become angry but sin not since, it is an emotion that He placed in all mankind. (This means that we can become angry because it has been a part of our DNA from the beginning of time long before we were created.)

The key to managing anger is to respond to the things that make you angry and not react to the anger itself. This is only possible through much prayer, fasting, and consecration. As the ticking bomb ticks we are being tested, taunted, and

tormented by evil and wicked spirits. Jesus was persecuted so we shall surely be persecuted for His name sake. When you are truly a child of the Most High God adopted into the family of salvation, recognizing that we are of a royal priesthood these things come to make us stronger and bring us closer together in unity as **One** in our walk as husband and wife. In every aspect of our lives we must walk together in complete agreement and develop an unbreakable bond allowing nothing to interfere or disconnect our oneness.

The number **two** represents **agreement** and a three-fold cord is not easily broken. The three-fold cord represents: The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit as one, and the husband and wife as one and the word of God. How can two walk together unless they agree? Remember God's word reminds us that all things work together for the good of those that love God, who have been called according to His purpose. Once we understand that there is nothing that can stop God's plans for us as a couple **chosen** by God to fulfill great purpose for Him it will happen.

Manners & Customs of the Bible

On Clothing: The wardrobe was fairly basic. The tunic was an important garment. It was made from two pieces of material, seamed so that the seam came horizontally, at waist level.

Because the tunic was so basic, it was identical for men and women, except that the man's tunic was often shorter—at knee length. The woman's tunic was longer—ankle length. The material could be of wool, linen, or even cotton, according to the wealth of the wearer.

(By Ralph Gower)

Journey Through Life Ministries

"Women's Ministry"

Invites You To A "Tea Party" Games

Location:

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GRATITUDE— REV. CHARLES HEAD



Gratitude is something we all should continue to remind ourselves to practice. This is the definition of “gratitude;” “the quality or feeling of being grateful or thankful – synonyms – thanks, thankfulness, appreciation, gratefulness.

It’s so easy for all of us to sometimes forget to have gratitude when we are about our daily life. In today’s society there are so many distractions that can cause us to take for granted the things we should be thankful for. We work, go to school or even church, yet there are negative influences that affect us. Each day I look to find something to be grateful to God for. As I look back over my life where the Lord has brought me from it makes me very emotional to know that in spite of all my faults and failures, He still has loved me unconditional. Without God’s mercy and Him giving me many second chances I don’t know where I would be today. That is why I love king David as a Bible character. In spite of all his faults and failures, he loved God with all his heart and was very grateful for God’s mercy.

One of my favorite Psalms in reference to gratitude in king David’s life is found in Psalm 16. David continued to speak to God’s people and encouraged them to have gratitude for God’s goodness. This should be an example and reminder to us to do the same. Each day when we open our eyes and our heart is still beating, look around you and find something to be thankful for. We all have a choice to be thankful and to allow the Lord to give us His joy or find something to complain about which leads to misery and a lot of company who will join you singing the blues as your partners. The Lord is not only my Savior, He has been my strength, my joy, my peace and everything else that has made me complete in Him. *“To God be the glory for what He has done for me, and I have been kept by Him.”*

INVEST IN PEOPLE—BECOME A JTL FINANCIAL PARTNER

- Now is the time to take action -
Journey Through Life Ministries needs your help!

I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me. (Matthew 25:37)

Yes! I want to be a partner and commit to a monthly amount of:

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“Though wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established. By knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches.” (Proverbs 24:3-4)

The Answer is Always in His Word

"IT'S NOT HOW YOU START—IT'S HOW YOU FINISH" —

REV. CHARLES HEAD

As we go about doing God's ministry it takes much perseverance and persistence to complete the task before us. There are times we will have obstacles, setbacks, discouragement, persecution and many other trials, along with the attacks and oppression from the devil.

We may be used mightily to proclaim God's Word to others through both teaching and preaching. Then there comes the times that we get so involved that as people are continuously giving us words of encouragement for things the Lord is doing through us, that we forget it is God working through us. We often forget we carry with us our flesh at all times, which likes the praises of men along with the fact that if we are not careful we begin to think it's us doing these things rather than God doing them through us. We are suppose to be humble messengers for God.

The scriptures tell us of king Asa, a king who started off humble and ended up compromising with his enemies (2 Chronicles chapters 14 through 16). During his reign he had a reform to bring God's people back to Him through righteousness. He also humbled himself and prayed to God for help when Judah was involved in a war. King Asa began to compromise and to give away many treasures from the House of the Lord and the treasures found in the king's house. When the Lord sent His messenger to rebuke Asa for his actions, he had the messenger put in jail. When Asa became ill, his heart was so hardened he would not ask God to heal him, but chose to depend on man for help.

Asa's life started out good, because he was humble and obeyed God, but ended up bad because he chose not to seek God anymore. What a sad way to end his life after all the Lord had done for him. In reading the story of Asa, let us not forget to examine ourselves and to keep our hearts humble and keep giving God the glory lest we start off on the right track and end up derailed. In order to finish strong, we must continue to diligently seek God and not depend on our own strength.

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Women of the Bible - Deborah

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The history of Deborah is found in Judges chapters 4 & 5. Holy Spirit introduces her as a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth. This is an interesting statement made by Holy Spirit concerning Deborah. He is revealing to the reader her character by introducing her as “wife.”

God used Deborah on His behalf for His people because she was a faithful woman of God. We know this because, although she had the position of a prophetess, she did not neglect her position as the wife of Lapidoth. She was obedient in following God’s principles for a wife as a helper for her husband and she respected and loved her husband. So, Deborah’s training as prophetess, judge and

mother of Israel, began with her serving as wife of Lapidoth.

Deborah did not seek to be judge or leader to Israel. She was called by God because of her obedience and faithfulness in her home and to God. So, God called her to the position of prophetess and leader of the children of Israel.

Deborah was called to serve during very dark times for Israel. They were being oppressed by the enemy Sisera for 20 years. God told Deborah to send for Barak and to tell him to setup troops and asked the question, “*has not the LORD God of Israel commanded, ‘Go and deploy troops at Mount Tabor?’*” and she

shared with him that “*God will deliver the enemy into his hands (Judges 4:7)*.” Unfortunately, he refused to go unless she went with him, so Deborah complied and went with him.

From what Holy Spirit tells us of Deborah she: 1) took care of her home; 2) was submissive to others; 3) she administered God’s law and wisely managed and counseled His people; 4) she was a worshiper; and 4) she was a humble woman who loved the Lord. She could easily be identified as a “virtuous woman!”

Do you want to be used by God as Deborah? Start by spending time in the Word. The word will equip you to be a Deborah.

Spend time in prayer. Ask God for wisdom, greater faith, and devotion to Him.

Live a life of obedience. Become a doer of the word and you will become a person filled with God’s word with a heart of obedience. Last, but not least, stay humble and you will be blessed and become a blessing to others.

The Goodness of God (cont’d)

Next, learn to “**trust**” Father God. He is a “good” God. He tells us in Matt. 7:7 “*to ask and we will receive.*” Trust Him to provide for your needs, not the world!

We read in Ephesians 2:10 that “*we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.*” We are God’s masterpiece created in His image. Father God has a plan for your life, which includes doing good works for Him. Before you were born, God already “saw” you walking in the “good” works that He prepared especially for you. Don’t disappoint God, allow Him to fulfill His plans in you — they are “good!”

Father God also tells us to “*taste and see that the Lord is good, blessed is the man that trust in Him.*” (Psalm 34:8). Father God is inviting us to *try and to experience* His “goodness.” Try Him for your healing needs; experience Him in a personal walk

with Him. Experience a relationship with Father God by talking to Him about your day, your needs and other’s needs. Try Him by thanking Him for your daily benefits. Try Him by allowing Father God to be generous to you. Don’t be like the second type of people complaining and asking: “*What has God done for me?*” I say if you woke up this morning, then that should be enough!

Finally Eph. 5:9 tells us that the attributes of the “*fruit of the spirit*” is in all **goodness and righteousness and truth.**” Since we are created in the image of God and born again into the Kingdom of God through salvation, we should also possess these attributes. I encourage you to be generous and walking in truth to others—showing them Jesus Christ by doing good works for Father God at every opportunity. As you do this, you won’t have to want for any good thing.

Know Your Bible

The Book of Leviticus means, “Holiness.” It means “*about the Levites*” people of Levi. The Levites were to be ministers for God.

The word holy appears 150 times in Leviticus. It means to be pure and set apart for God.

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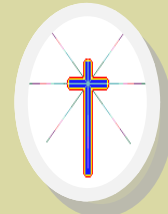
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I believe that you are the Son of God. Forgive me for my sins and all wrong doings I have done to others and help me to forgive those who have hurt me. I believe that you died on the Cross for my sins and the sins of the world. I accept You, Jesus, into my heart as my Lord and Savior.

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