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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.

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Bible Fact

Did you know that Joseph was taken to Egypt in 1898 B.C (From Baffling Bible Questions)

Names of God

What's in a name—a lot when they are the names of God. Throughout scripture, God reveals the character of Himself by various names—names that have "power!" As we learn the meaning of God's name and call upon His name, we will begin to experience His power and come to know his love for us more deeply.

To teach all of God's names would take an entire book, so for this article we will only focus on three of His names. Names that once we know the meaning and call upon Him by those names, will help us doing those difficult times in our life. So let's look at the names Jehovah Elohim (the strong creator God); Jehovah Shalom (the Lord is peace); and Jehovah M'Kaddesh (the God our sanctifier).

Jehovah Elohim: The strong creator God. This name is found in the book of Genesis. Here God introduces Himself by stating, "in the beginning God (Elohim) created the heavens and the earth." He is the creator of all life and anything that is created was created by Him. Jehovah Elohim transcends not only time but also space. In other words, Jehovah Elohim always existed. He predates His creation. Our creator exists outside of earth, yet Elohim fills the heavens and the earth, because He is everywhere—this is what we call "omnipresent." God is everywhere present at the same time. When Jehovah Elohim created, He just "spoke" the world into existence and into order.

When Abraham and Sarah were barren, beyond child-bearing years, Jehovah Elohim spoke the word of promise and Sarah became pregnant. He took a "dead womb" and made it alive by His Word—He spoke it and something dead became alive.

Friends, whatever circumstance or challenges we find ourselves in, don't become discouraged. Instead, encourage yourself by calling upon Jehovah Elohim—the creator of life. The living God that can restore and create something out of nothing. No human can do that! When satan attempts to make your life a mess, God's Spirit can make it beautiful again. Jehovah Elohim is a God who can transform a mess into a miracle. If He transforms darkness into light—He can restore your wounded soul. Put your faith into the hands of the "strong creator God," a God who will never leave you nor forsake you.

<u>Jehovah Shalom:</u> The Lord is Peace. We live in a world of unending drama. Our lives are full of drama. The world is looking and longing for peace, but man can never bring peace. Jehovah Shalom is our answer for peace.

Jehovah Shalom can be found in the book of Judges. In the book of Judges we see the children of Israel falling into a

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pattern—they would experience years of tranquility, then they would fall into sin, punishment (evil would befall them), repentance, and deliverance. What we learn from this is that a pattern of disobedience disrupts peace, but obedience brings peace.

When we live in disobedience, Jehovah Shalom will remove his protective hand from us, just like He did with the children of Israel. He will let us hit rock bottom when we have walked away from Him in our hearts and actions.

Having the peace of God does not isolate His children from trials, we will have trials, but Jehovah Shalom's peace gives us a well-being of mind and heart regardless of our situations or circumstances. We will be able to stand "steadfast and unmovable." Our happiness will not depend upon what happens, our happiness will be found in Jehovah Shalom—the Lord is (our) peace.

<u>Jehovah Mekoddishkem (M'kaddesh):</u> The Lord Who Sanctifies. Jehovah Mekoddishkem can be found in the book of Leviticus. In this book Jehovah Mekodishkem exhorts us to live a life of sanctification—of not allowing the worlds' viewpoint and ways to trespass our mind, body, or spirit.

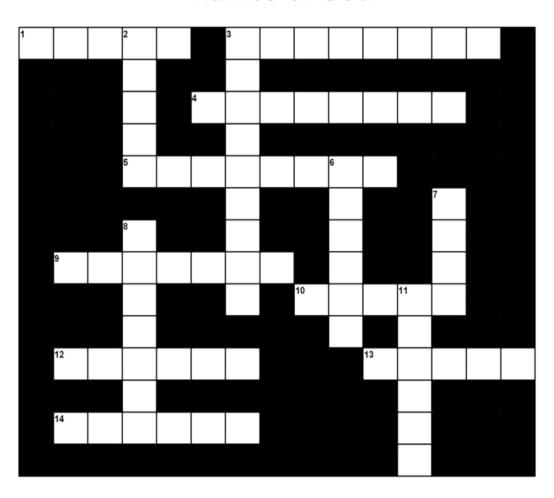
The name Jehovah Mekoddishkem is very important for believers. It is a life giving name. This name of God infuses power into our lives when we receive by faith everything He seeks to do in and through us. It signifies an action done to us—God's action of sanctifying us.

Sanctification is the process of God setting us apart from sin and unrighteousness and to His person and purpose. He makes us unique, set apart and holy. In 1 Thessalonians 5:23, we discover a method God uses to encourage the sanctification process in us. "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.." This is Gods way of saying we need transformed! God's transformation in us begins inside—in our spirits, and then proceeds out from there to our soul and finally to our bodies, changing the old man into the new man. A process that begins the day of salvation and continues until Jehovah Mekoddishkem comes in His Glory.

Friends allow Jehovah Shalom to work in your life as He sanctifies you to walk in your purpose. Call upon Jehovah Elohim when life becomes a struggle. He can restore and resurrect any situation. Nothing takes Him by surprise!

(Research from "The Power of God's Names" by Dr. Tony Evans)

Names of God



- 1. Lord Provides
- 3. Strong Mighty God
- 4. Lord Righteousness
- 5. God With Us
- 9. Lord is There
- 10. Lord Our Banner
- 12. Lord, Master
- 13. Lord Heals
- 14. LORD/JEHOVAH/YHWH

- 2. God Who Sees
- 3. Lord God Almighty
- 6. Lord God Creator
- 7. Lord is Shepherd
- 8. Lord of Hosts
- 11. Lord Our Peace

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Bible Facts

Exodus 5:7—the Egyptians mixed bits of straw with the clay to strengthened the bricks and made them harder.

(From Baffling Bible Questions)



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

FINANCIAL FITNESS-REV. GEORGETTA HEAD

The following questions have been asked by our readers:

Question: Our children are home for summer school break. We are a family of five and both my husband and I work but have limited income. We can't afford a family vacation! What are some suggestions for entertaining our family.

Answer: With the cost of living continuing to rise, and paychecks not catching up with the high cost of living, many families find themselves in the same situation. "How does a working family afford outside entertainment?"

A couple suggestions is to check out the Parks and Recreation website for your area. They offer free movie nights and live concerts for the family—some even offer free or low cost camps for the children.

Churches that offer Vacation Bible School (VBS) is another source. Most VBS's offer week long programs which is another way for the children to have an activity along with community involvement.

You can also check the web for nonprofit organizations that offer summer camps that have field trips that include a trip to a summer amusement park.

Last by not least, don't forget to have family night. It could be "game night" that excludes electronic games. Board games are a great way to bring the family together and it's a lot of fun! You could also allow the children to invite one of their friends over on family night. This is a great way of teaching children hospitality and extending love to those who have not. One of my favorite things for a family to do together is community service. Do something for those who are less fortunate. Visit a nursing home, help out at a food bank. You will be amazed at the valuable lessons your children will learn.

You may think you don't have much and your money is limited, but if your family is healthy and love abounds, you and your family are very rich, so don't sell yourself short. Enjoy the summer planting seeds of love and kindness to your children and others.

Question: My credit scores are very low. I need to purchase a car and don't want to pay high interest to purchase a new or slightly used car?

Answer: Good question, but without seeing your credit report it would be hard to pinpoint specific areas of change. I could however make some suggestions.

First, stay away from those buy here, pay here car lots. The interest rates are extremely high and you will never pay that car loan off.

Creditors look at your "Trade Lines" to determine your credit history. Do you pay your bills on time, how often are you late making your payments, and how close you are to the limit of your credit cards.

It is extremely important to pay your bills on time-and consistently. This will make your credit score higher.

Next, they look at charge offs. How many, why, and amount charged off. Charge offs are called "derogatory" credit. Derogatory credit information is very harmful to a credit report. It is very important to verify that this information is accurate. Credit reports tend to have a lot of erroneous information on them. If you discover erroneous information on your report, you can solicit the reporting agency to have it removed. This can be done via their website or in writing.

Other erroneous information that needs corrected are multiple names and addresses. If more that one name is reported on your credit report, you can request that it be removed and corrected via the reporting agency's website or in writing. Make sure that you contact only the agency that is reporting erroneous information and not the agencies that have not reported erroneous information. Otherwise the non-reporting agencies will add that erroneous information to their records for future credit reports.

Also, too many inquiries on your credit report will lower your credit scores. This tells lenders you are shopping around for credit and are being denied. It takes two years for inquiries to drop off. If you have judgments on your credit report, it takes ten years and bankruptcy takes 7 years to drop off. Tax liens never drop off.

Good credit is valuable. Protect it by paying who you owe and making sure information is reported correctly on your credit report.

rates. How can I get my credit scores high enough

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



Holy Ghost Fun Outreach Ministries

Mother and daughter team Rev. Carmelita Kirvel and Portia Kirvel, are founders of the *Holy Ghost Fun Outreach Ministries*, a small group whose weekly Bible study is, in part, a vehicle to bring people together to discuss the power and love of God. Bible Study is held every Thursday at the Homewood Library from 6pm-7:45 p.m.— all ages are welcome. The ministry however is not limited behind four walls, so it's not unusual to see the pair on the streets ministering to loss and hungry souls with natural food and spiritual food. They were acknowledged in the Pittsburgh Post Gazette for helping a young expectant homeless mother.

Holy Ghost Fun Outreach Ministries, Inc. is a non-profit organization with a team of spirit-powered and spirit-guided ministers to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ based on John 20:22 and Matthew 28:19. Rev. Carmelita says "our mission is to provide nourishment to the soul as well as the body through sheltering the homeless, counseling in areas needed to strengthen the weak, encourage the self-esteem of the community on a personal level, assist in job training and the education of the children and adults, feed the hungry, teach through regular worship services and vacation bible school."

The ministry also brings forth the word in mime dance. Rev. Carmelita and Portia have taken the *Holy Ghost Fun Outreach Ministries* on the road by ministering the word to hundreds of people via their Mime Ministry. The Mime Ministry has them performing for God in several churches in the Pittsburgh area. You can find them on the web at *www.holyghostfunoutreachministries.com*

Did you Know REV. CHARLES S. HEAD



God sent His angel by night and delivered Peter from prison to preach His Word. (Acts 5:1-20



It's very dangerous to try to stop God's work through His people. (Acts 13:6-11)



At times God goes to the fullest extent to stop us from getting in trouble, but we need to pay attention. (Numbers 22:21-34)



Temptations can cause us much trouble if we yield to them and not allow God to help us. (James 1:12-15)



God is all the strength we need. (Psalms 73:25-26)



Jesus gave His disciples a "Great Commission" to do His will and the same holds true for the Church today. (Matthew 28:16-20)

Men On A Journey (Altoona Outreach Report) REV. CHARLES S. HEAD



Our "Men On A Journey" Outreach was exciting during the month of June. I had the privilege of being the keynote speaker at New Creation In Christ Ministry (Altoona, PA). Invited by Pastor Gary Jones to present a message at the Men's Annual Retreat.

The conference theme was "Sacrifice, Suffering, and Surrender. This was a very interesting topic because it was based on the life of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, Why? Because Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice for the sins of the whole world at Calvary. The main focus of His sacrifice and sufferings brought Him to the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36-39). At this place He made a choice to surrender by using the word "nevertheless" during His time of prayer.

The key point of the message to the men at the conference was that Christ had a choice in all that He suffered for us, and He loves us so much that He paid a great price in order that we may have eternal life if we accept what He did for us. It's free to all who will believe, accept and follow His words in obedience. Also, along with these facts, we have to make a decision on our individual journey to surrender. The tests of adversity, obstacles along with persecution and other sufferings are allowed to bring us to a place of surrender.

When we use the same word as Jesus, "nevertheless," followed by our obedience to follow at any cost we will have a life of victory and growth in God's Kingdom. The men in Altoona were very excited about the message and Father God was faithful in allowing me to be His messenger for the day. We had great fellowship after the conference as we glorified the Lord together.

As part of the fellowship, I was invited to a beautiful lake for fishing with Pastor Gary and some friends. The fishing trip was both fruitful and fun as Father God gave us a beautiful sunshiny day on the Lake. I thank the Lord for both the spiritual and the natural, it's all about a life of abundance.



Uring the spring season many feel a need to do spring cleaning or de-clutter their home or office space. De-cluttering not only refers to a place or space but it can also apply to your life or soul and is a practical time management tool.

De-cluttering brings order to your life or space and helps you to get rid of what you don't need in order to focus your time, energy and attention on the items or areas in your life that matter.

A cluttered environment is usually a sign of a cluttered or confused soul.

Impact of Clutter:

Clutter, whether in your home/space or in your life/soul, can lead to procrastination—preventing you from being relaxed or productive. It collects dust and creates disorder on the one hand while causing frustration and confusion on the other.

Soul Destroying Clutter:

A cluttered environment is usually a sign of a cluttered or confused soul. Since your soul includes your mind, will and emotions, clutter in your soul can be detrimental to your health. It can put your soul in bondage to anxiety or depression and prevent you from moving forward in your life. God wants you healthy and your soul healed, free and prosperous so that you can be who God purposed you to be. (Isaiah 61:1, Matthew 9:35-38, Matthew 22:37, 3 John 1:2, Jeremiah 29:11).

Soul De-Cluttering:

- helps you identify and let go of negative thought patterns and habits (offenses, unforgiveness, bitterness) or any
 area in your life that is weighing you down and keeping you from being free
- gives you clearer insight into who you "genuinely" are
- presents you with a fresh start to help you move forward in your life

Comparison between De-cluttering Your Home/Space and Your Life/Soul:

There are many similarities between de-cluttering a home/space and your life/soul. There are **four** major steps—Inventory, Toss, Organize and Start new.

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De-clutter your life

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Home/Space	Life/Soul
Inventory	
Go through each room, drawer, nook or cranny of your home or space and take an inventory.	Seek God for a cleansing of your life or soul, He will bring to remembrance those areas that need to be released because He knows everything about you and has great plans for your life. Pause and take an inventory of your life/soul. Jeremiah 29:11, Psalm 139:1-18, <i>Philippians 1:6</i>
Toss	
Get rid of the things you no longer use or need.	Get rid of anything that is burdening or blocking you from moving forward in your life. <i>Hebrews 12:1</i>
Organize	
Put things where they belong and add space, light and organization to your home/space.	Organize your thoughts, think and hear the Spirit of God more clearly and focus on what matters most.
Don't be surprised if you find things you'd forgotten about or thought you'd lost.	Don't be surprised if you uncover or recover the hidden things you'd forgotten about or thought you were healed from. <i>Galatians</i> 5:1.
Start New	
You now have the freedom to do new things with the space—redecorate, restructure, etc.	You now have the freedom to do new things in your life—the soul killing clutter is removed. <i>Matthew 22:37, John 8:36.</i>

Recently, I started de-cluttering my home office—tossing out and shredding anything that I considered clutter. I avoided tackling my office in the past because the task was so overwhelming. I held onto items for many years, thinking that I needed them, realizing that they were only taking up space and causing disorder and frustration. My plan for approaching my office so that it would not be overwhelming was to set aside 2 days a week to work on the office and work on tasks that would only take 2 hours or less to complete. This technique has proven very effective for me.



Refer to "Avoid Procrastination" article in the Journey Through Life Ministries Second Quarter 2014 Newsletter, Pg. 9, for additional Time Management methods. http://www.journeythroughlife.net/files/2nd qtr 20142.pdf

Ironically, I am also continuing a 40 day soul fast, where I am identifying and cleansing my soul (mind, will, emotions) of negative thoughts, habits, mindsets and distractions that are keeping me from moving forward in my life. *The 40 Day Soul Fast, created by best-selling author*, teacher, empowerment specialist and former senator—*Dr. Cindy Trimm,* is an eightweek study of the life of the soul, the practice of fasting, and the process of living more authentically. For more information about Dr. Trimm and her soul fast program refer to her website: http://www.soulfast.com

I am learning a great deal from both the soul fast and my home office de-cluttering. As I identify and release burdens and clutter from my life, I am beginning to walk in the freedom that God desires for me to walk in. (Galatians 5:1, John 8:36).

Annual Women's Retreat

New Creation in Christ Ministry-Altoona



















New Creation in Christ Ministry held their Annual Women's Retreat on June 7, 2014. Women from various Congregations came together for fellowship and a word from the Lord. The theme for the Retreat was "Sacrifice, Suffering, and Surrender."

Messages were presented by Pastor Katina, Rev. Karen and Rev. Georgetta. Rev. Tracie, Sis. Roseann, and Rev. Sharon presented a skit enacting the Retreat's Theme.

Pastor Katrina's message included the presence of the Holy Spirit's role in our lives through "sacrifice, suffering & surrender and how the anointing oil is used in our lives. Everyone was given an opportunity to make anointing oil.

Rev. Karen presented the Retreat's Theme in praise and worship dance.





June 7, 2014



The man whispered, "God, speak to me" and a meadowlark sang. But, the man did not hear.

So the man yelled, "God, speak to me" and the thunder rolled across the sky. But, the man did not listen.

The man looked around and said, "God let me see you."

And a star shined brightly.

But the man did not see.

And, the man shouted, "God show me a miracle." And, a life was born. But, the man did not notice.

So, the man cried out in despair,
"Touch me God, and let me know you are here."

Whereupon, God reached down and touched the man.

But, the man brushed the butterfly away.

And walked on.

I found this to be a great reminder that God is always around us in the little and simple things that we take for granted ... Even in our electronic age..

So I would like to add one more: The man cried, "God, I need your help!" And an e-mail arrived reaching out with good news and encouragement.

But, the man deleted it and continued crying .

Don't miss out on a blessing because it isn't packaged the way that you expect.

Author Unknown

YOUTH CORNER - REV. GEORGETTA HEAD



JTL's Youth Ministry has been under construction for the past year. On July 5, 2014, the Youth Ministry will start up once again with a new program. The new program is entitled "Me, Myself, and I" and will consist of participants 14 through 20 years of age.

The program will focus on inspiring, teaching, and equipping youth for the future by helping participants to come full circle within themselves spiritually, emotionally, and vocationally.

Participants will learn the importance of putting God first in every area of life. They will learn to love self and to be inspired for a life destined by God; and to love and respect others so that they can become the next generation living life as originally

designed.

Program facilitators are Rev. Georgetta Head, Minister Kim Hatfield, and Sister Menwhe Redd. For participants going from school to career or school to college, the facilitators will assist them in becoming "job ready" or "college bound" through resume writing workshops, mock job interviewing, personal development workshops, financial workshops, research writing, etc.

The program will also instruct participants in the art of becoming an entrepreneur. Participants will learn how to develop and write a business and design a mock business. Field trips to businesses to encourage youth who are undecided in their career path are also part of the planning.

Last but not least, participants will learn the importance of community service through the missionary outreach program. Participants will develop a fundraiser program to help others, and will have planned field trips to promote community outreach.

This program has been in the making for a couple of years and we are excited about the July 5th launch date. Inquiries about the program and participation, call 412-731-1856 or email journeylife@verizon.net. (See page 15 for meeting dates and time.)

Take My Son

A wealthy man and his son loved to collect rare works of art. They had everything in their collection, from Picasso to Raphael. They would often sit together and admire the great works of art..

When the Vietnam conflict broke out, the son went to war. He was very courageous and died in battle while rescuing another soldier. The father was notified and grieved deeply for his only son.

About a month later, just before Christmas, there was a knock at the door. A young man stood at the door with a large package in his hands.

He said, 'Sir, you don't know me, but I am the soldier for whom your son gave his life. He saved many lives that day, and he was carrying me to safety when a bullet struck him in the heart and he died instantly. He often talked about you, and your love for art. The young man held out this package. 'I know this isn't much. I'm not really a great artist, but I think your son would have wanted you to have this.'

The father opened the package. It was a portrait of his son, painted by the young man. He stared in awe at the way the soldier had captured the personality of his son in the painting. The father was so drawn to the eyes that his own eyes welled up with tears. He thanked the young man and offered to pay him for the picture. 'Oh, no sir, I could never repay what your son did for me. It's a gift.'

The father hung the portrait over his mantle. Every time visitors came to his home he took them to see the portrait of his son before he showed them any of the other great works he had collected.

The man died a few months later. There was to be a great auction of his paintings. Many influential people gathered, excited over seeing the great paintings and having an opportunity to purchase one for their collection.

On the platform sat the painting of the son. The auctioneer pounded his gavel. 'We will start the bidding with this picture of the son. Who will bid for this picture?'

There was silence...then a voice in the back of the room shouted, 'We want to see the famous paintings. Skip this one.' But the auctioneer persisted. 'Will somebody bid for this painting? Who will start the bidding? \$100, \$200?'

Another voice angrily. 'We didn't come to see this painting. We came to see the Van Gogh's, the Rembrandts. Get on with the Real bids!'

But still the auctioneer continued. 'The son! The son! Who'll take the son?' Finally, a voice came from the very back of the room. It was the longtime gardener of the man and his son. 'I'll give \$10 for the painting...' Being a poor man, it was all he could afford.

'We have \$10, who will bid \$20?' 'Give it to him for \$10. Let's see the masters.' The crowd was becoming angry. They didn't want the picture of the son.

They wanted the more worthy investments for their collections. The auctioneer pounded the gavel.. 'Going once, twice, SOLD for \$10!'

A man sitting on the second row shouted, 'Now let's get on with the collection!'

The auctioneer laid down his gavel. 'I'm sorry, the auction is over.' 'What about the paintings?'

'I am sorry. When I was called to conduct this auction, I was told of a secret stipulation in the will. I was not allowed to reveal that stipulation until this time. Only the painting of the son would be auctioned. Whoever bought that painting would inherit the entire estate, including the paintings. The man who took the son gets everything!'

God gave His son over 2,000 years ago to die on the Cross. Much like the auctioneer, His message today is: 'The Son, the Son, who'll take the Son?'

Because, you see, whoever takes the Son gets everything!

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, WHO SO EVER BELIEVETH, SHALL HAVE ETERNAL LIFE...THAT'S LOVE!

Author Unknown





MEN ON A JOURNEY (FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST) REV. CHARLES HEAD



The June 14th fellowship breakfast subject for devotion and discussion was "A Balanced Home." It takes discipline for us to have a balanced home as a husband, father and a spiritual leader. That's why we need help from Father God and He has provided our help in His Word.

The Book of Proverbs is known as "The Book of Wisdom," the answer to having balance in our home and life begins in Proverbs 3:5-6 "trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." Even as a single person or a youth we all need balance in our life and home. When we acknowledge God first in our decision making, He will give us wisdom that will save us a lot of confusion

and unnecessary stress in a world that's already full of stress. Father God knows that we are not perfect, but He wants us to talk to Him and include Him in our life, not just when we are in trouble, but all the time, that's what fathers expect from their children, and so does our heavenly Father. He wants the very best for us and He will surely help us keep our life in balance if we ask Him.

The houses we live in are just building materials, the people who live in them make it a home. Let God make your house a home with balance. Our actions are vain without including God. This is how Father God builds our house, it's found in Psalm 127:1, "except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." Let us allow Father God to do some building.

Next Men On A Journey Fellowship Breakfast August 9, 2014

Kings Restaurant Harmarville, PA 10:00 to 12:00 Noon

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: □ \$5.00 ☐ \$10.00 □ \$20.00 □ \$30.00 □ \$40.00 □ \$50.00 ☐ Other \square Send a one-time gift of any amount. **Ministries' Outreaches: Adult Ministry** Youth Ministry Senior's Ministry **Prison Ministry Biblical Counseling** We at Journey Through life ministries, thank you for helping us to reach our neighbors in need. Send your tax deductible gift to: Address: City:_ Journey Though Life Ministries P.O. Box 17968 Email:_ Pittsburgh, PA 15235 Phone: Cell For teachings and workshops call: 412-731-1856 or Log onto our website: www.JourneyThroughLife.net

"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

"REWARDS FOR OBEYING GOD'S WORD" -REV. CHARLES HEAD

Have you ever noticed how children want to be rewarded for everything, especially in their early years? It's just the nature of us as humans to want to be rewarded for our efforts. Being rewarded gives us a good feeling inside when we have done things that's worthy. Even though many of us may not think we are being rewarded for things we do on behalf of God's Kingdom, there will be a time when God Himself will reward us for our faithfulness and obedience to Him.

Psalm 19:7-11 gives us a good example of our rewards when we align ourselves up with God's Word through obedience. As we read these verses think on ways to apply them into your own life. "The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them Your servant is warned, and in keeping them there is great reward."

God's Word works when we apply it to our lives, even when we may not think it is. We must understand that our Heavenly Father has a time schedule that's set according to His will, and when we wait without being too anxious, He will always come through (Psalm 27:13-14)

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Women of the Bible - Martha REV. GEORGETTA HEAD



When talking about women found in the Bible, what is the first thing that comes to mind when talking about Martha?" Let me help! People will say, "don't be a Martha! Always busy about nothing!"

Luke 10:40-42 tell us that Martha "was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him (Jesus) and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.'

Martha's gift was that of hospitality, and her name means "lady of the house." She wanted to serve the best meal ever for the most important guest in the world-Jesus.

Have you every been there? So busy with serving in ministry that you forgot the "good part?" But, before we embed in our minds negative thoughts about why we shouldn't be a "Martha" let's look closely at her life.

We find in John 11:5 that Jesus loved Martha and sister and brother Lazarus and that Martha loved Jesus. In verse 20 Martha was the first to greet Jesus when He came to Bethany when He heard Lazarus died. Martha was a follower of Jesus and supported Him. Martha's priorities were just out of balance!

I believe what Jesus was teaching Martha the importance of priority! Yes, hospitality is important, but worshipping Him and listening to what He had to say was more important, and that is why Mary had the "good part." Mary wanted to hear what Jesus had to say. Mary wanted to worship and Martha wanted to serve! Martha

was distraction and it was causing her to be anxious and complaining. Mary was resting at Jesus' feet. Jesus also says in Luke 10 that Martha was troubled about many things. He wanted to teach her an important principle to "cast all her cares on Him" and to "rest in Him."

Distractions come from Satan. He knows if he keeps us distracted, he is keeping us from the "good part."

Jesus wants us (men & women) to have the "good part" by sitting quietly at his feet and listening for his voice and guidance. John 15:15 tells us "I (Jesus) have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you." Isn't it reassuring knowing that Jesus calls us His friend and wants to make known to us what Father God tells him! This can only be accomplished by spending time with Him.

Jesus wants us to use our gifts to help others, but not at the cost of missing out on the "good part" - spend time with Him. Martha loved Jesus, she just had her priorities out of balance. Are you troubled about many things. Do you have an imbalance with your priorities? Put Jesus first and He will take care of everything

"The Lord will provide a sacrifice" Gen. 22:13

The Lord that healeth thee" Exo. 15:26

VAH-SHAMMAH

"The Lord is present" Ezek. 48:35

JEHOVAH-SHALOM

"The Lord our peace" Jud. 6:24

JEHOVAH-NISSI

"The Lord our banner" Exo. 17:8,15

IVAH-R

The Lord my Shepherd"

Psalm 23

The Lord our righteousness Jer. 23:6

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