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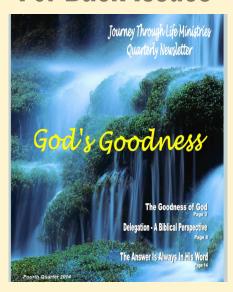
Our goal is to fulfill the great commission Jesus commanded in Matthew 28:16-20 to "...go and make disciples of all...."

This is being achieved by working with churches, professional organizations, social services, and the publication of this quarterly newsletter. As an outreach ministry in the communities, we also offer to adults and youth Biblical studies through various enrichment programs, motivational teachings, and discipleship workshops. All of these programs are created to help individuals to discover the "love" of God and who they are in Christ. And, finally these programs will help individuals to learn the "freedom" they have in Christ Jesus as they become "free" spiritually enabling them to live their lives walking victoriously in the destiny God has planned for them.

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Kingdom Living Begins With Love

Rev. Georgetta Head

"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." (1 Peter 2:9)

What is Kingdom Living? It is living as a Believer who made the wonderful decision to follow Jesus as Lord of their life. This is a Believer who realizes they are living in two homes: physically in their earthly home, and spiritually in their heavenly home. In their earthly home they are to represent God through obedience to His commandments in which some find difficult to follow. Such as Johnnie!

Johnnie was being mischievous all day! His mother at her wits end yelled, "Johnnie little boys wanting to go to heaven don't behave this way." Johnnie replied, "I know, that's why I am acting this way now, in heaven God will make me good!"

Many Believers are like Johnnie! They want to enjoy living life their way, with their old habits and traditions, waiting until they go to Heaven to be changed. The Word of God instructs us differently! 1 Peter 2:9 lists four characteristics of a Believer: 1) we are a chosen generation; 2) a royal priesthood; 3) an holy nation; and 4) a peculiar people. And, it continues that we have been called out of darkness into *HIS* marvelous light and we are to show our "praises" to Him (God) who has called us from darkness. The Hebrew definition for "darkness" is "ignorance or death;" whereas the Hebrew definition for "light" is "knowledge or life." So, we have been called from a life of gross ignorance into the Light of abundant knowledge—the "Kingdom of God."

We don't have to wait until we get to Heaven to enjoy Kingdom Living. As Believers who are in the "kingdom of light," we can enjoy the benefits of Kingdom Living while on earth. Luke 17:21 tells us that "...behold, the Kingdom of God is within you." Before Jesus ascended back to Heaven, He promised another Comforter (John 14:16). This Comforter is Holy Spirit who dwells within every Believer. He is the "Spirit of Truth." Holy Spirit will teach us: Knowledge and understanding of kingdom living; How to be the chosen generation, which is a royal priesthood and an holy nation while living on earth by being a "peculiar person."

The Holy Spirit, if we allow Him, wants to transform every born again Believer into the image of Jesus Christ, to become a "peculiar person." How does this happen, when we surrender our will for God's will. Jesus, our Savior, is an excellent example of surrendering all (John 5:30). He set aside His deity, left Heaven and came to earth to show us the way. His first sermon after 40 days in the wilderness was "repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand" (Matthew 4:17). Jesus was revealing to the world that a physical kingdom exists and repentance from sin was needed for entrance. Today He is calling people to believe what He did for them on the Cross and to receive Him in their heart as their Savior. Jesus came to teach us by example the way and will of Father God, how to live life on earth as "kingdom citizens" - hence a "peculiar person."

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Once again, how does one become a peculiar person? Through LOVE! Love is key in the kingdom of God. For God is love, which means His Kingdom is one of love! Holy Spirit records many scriptures with the knowledge of God's love for mankind and why mankind should love one another. Such as: 1 John 5:3 "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous." John 3:16 "God, so "loved" the world that He gave His only begotten Son to redeem the world through His Son's death on the Cross. God, so loved the world that He forgives all that come to Him for repentance of their sins and believes in Jesus (Romans 10:9-12). Love is what makes a Believer a peculiar person.

When a Pharisee asked Jesus "which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, "Thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy self. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Love is very important in the kingdom of God. Father God loved us even when we were not deserving of salvation, He forgave us when we weren't deserving of forgiveness—why, because of Love.

Kingdom Living requires a Believer to be like Christ Jesus, loving and forgiving. The Bible tells us without love we are just like "sounding brass." Love is the greatest gift we can give. When we don't forgive, God will not forgive us! So you see, love and forgiveness are two very important gifts for the Believer to give to one another and to their neighbors.

Many Believers have a difficult time loving and forgiving others, especially when they have been hurt or offended. Unfortunately this keeps them from enjoying the abundance of Kingdom Living which is peace and joy in the Lord!

Lisa was such a person! Lisa had been saved 5 years when she confided she was having a difficult time living the Christian life. As we ministered with Lisa, we discovered her problem was that she didn't know how to love God and thought God couldn't forgive her for sins she had committed before salvation. Lisa also was a victim of verbal abuse, leaving her with feelings of rejection, which made it hard for her to relate to others.

We directed her to Psalm 103:10-11 "although we are not worthy of forgiveness, it is because of His love for us that God doesn't reward us according to our iniquities. And that God's mercy is so great that He doesn't remember our sins once confessed. They are as far from Him as the east is from the west to be remembered no more." *Isn't that awesome!* The truth of these scriptures helped Lisa in her healing process. Today, she is healthy spiritually serving the Lord and speaking God's Word of life to others through LOVE! She is now a "peculiar person!"

Are you having problems loving God and others? Let Jesus heal you! God sees your situation and hears your heart cry. He wants you to enjoy the benefits of Kingdom Living now and tobecome that "peculiar person." Begin by reading Psalm 103 and by faith believe God loves you very much and wants the best for you and your family. Kingdom Living to continue next quarter!"



The Book of Isaiah is composed of 66 chapters, divided into three sections: chapters 1-35 records the foretelling of "prophecies of punishment;" chapters 36 -39 records "history;" and chapters 40-66 records "prophecies of peace."

Isaiah's name means: "the LORD saves." He was married and had two children. As a major prophet he had a long and eventful ministry, serving the LORD for approximately 50 years during the reigns of kings Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah and was executed by Manasseh.

Isaiah lived and ministered in Jerusalem, where he was the court preacher. During the year that Uzziah died, Isaiah went into the temple and in a vision found himself standing in heaven's throne room in the presence of God, surrounded by angels. While standing in the presence of Holy God, he sees his own sinfulness and cries out for fear. God had a seraphim take a coal from the altar and touched Isaiah's lips and said "thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged." Once cleansed, the Lord then says, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? And Isaiah said; "here am I; send me." (Isa. 6:7-8). This was Isaiah's "call" by the Lord to be a prophet for the nation of Judah.

Isaiah's assignment was to warn the southern kingdom (Judah) of judgment and the coming Messiah. The judgment was because of their sins and because they had broken their covenant with God. Can you imagine being called into prophetic ministry with the assignment of warning others of impending judgment by God. Well that's exactly what Isaiah did. Day-by-day God gave Isaiah prophetic messages to an-

nounce to the rebellious southern kingdom Judah. Isaiah pointed out to them their rebelliousness and thanklessness, their religious formalism and hypocrisy, along with abandoning God for gross idolatry. Judah had fallen so deep into idolatry that they no longer had a heart for God or for the things of God! Now, before we pass personal judgment on Judah, we should take a look at our culture of today, America seems to be falling into the same sins!

Isaiah delivered God's prophetic messages with four key points: First, he pointed out their sins and warned them that they are in grave danger for living this way. Second, Isaiah encouraged them to repent and to turn back to the Lord. There was still time to come back into a right relationship with the Lord. Third, the result of not repenting; if they didn't repent judgment was sure to come upon them. Fourth point, is that of the coming Messiah. Isaiah gives detailed prophetic truth of the coming Messiah and His kingdom.

The prophet Isaiah not only warns Judah, but also announces messages of judgment condemning a number of foreign nations. God does this as a reminder to all men that the Lord God is the God of all nations and all are responsible to Him and He will judge sin and the sinner!

While judgement is the "strange work" of God, He will judge men that do not receive His salvation. Have you received God's salvation? Do you know Jesus as your Lord and Savior. Like Isaiah warned Judah, put away your rebellion and your idols and serve the true and Living God! He will welcome you into His kingdom. Hell is not fun—it burns forever!

Elder Charles S. Head

Bible Facts

Joshua captured 31 kings (Joshua 12:9-24)

When the king of Nineveh called the people to repent, even the animals were to fast and be covered in sackcloth (Jonah 3:7-8)

Saul was so afraid when they tried to make him king, he hid in some luggage so they couldn't find him. (1Samuel 10:21-22)

Paul was unskilled in speech. (2 Corinthians II:6)

The Aramic word "RACA" used by Jesus in (Matt. 5:22) was a word used as a sign of great disrespect towards someone. It meant "empty-headed."

Jesus stayed up all night praying before He choose His 12 disciples. (Luke 6:12-13)

Members of Caesar's household were Christians. (Philippians 4:22)

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The Love Of God

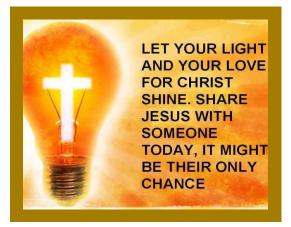
Unfathomed as the deep blue sea,
As boundless as the sky,
The greatness of a Father's love
Surrounds us from on high.

Protecting us from things that harm, Inspiring us to praise, Like sunshine are His rays of love, That brighten all our days.

Though years may change the thoughts of men,

Experience confuse,
The love of God remains the same,
For those, His way would choose.

He satisfies with deepest joy,
His matchless love is giv'n.
That we experience on earth
The joy we'' find in Heaven. (Ethel Miller)



"Journey Through The Bible":

Weekly Bible Study every Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. all are welcome to attend.

Shoe Boxes for Seniors Outreach:

The Shoe Boxes for Seniors Christmas Outreach is an ongoing program in that we accept donations year round to fill shoe boxes for Seniors during the Christmas season. You can mail donations to the ministry or drop off donations any Wednesday from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Kingdom Builder's Workshop:

Two final Kingdom Builder's workshops will be offered for 2017. One August and one in October. You can choose one or both as listed below:

- Meanings of Biblical Symbols and Types
- The Work of Holy Spirit and His Ministry

Meanings of Biblical Symbols and Types is scheduled for August 19 & August 26, 2017. Time is 10:00 to 1:00 p.m.

The Work and Ministry of Holy Spirit is scheduled for October 14th & October 28, 2017. Time is 10:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Workshops are structured to teach "Kingdom Living" as we journey on earth, in the areas of: Growing in our relationship with God; How to understand the Bible; Understanding our position as a Believer; Understanding Biblical principles, statues, commandments, and precepts; and much, much more.

Anyone interested in attending any of Journey Through Life Ministries Workshops can contact Elder Charles or Rev. Georgetta Head at 412-731-3450 or email your inquiry to journeylife@verizon.net or visit website's Event page for more information:

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"And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee." (1 Kings 17:8-9)

How To Manage the High Cost of Living: "Trust In God"

With the cost of living rising year by year, many find themselves working multiple jobs trying to make ends meet with little success. And, with much of America's working industry being done in foreign countries, many are without jobs, and if they are fortunate enough to find another job, the pay is significantly less than what they were making.

In 1 Kings 17 we find a similar situation! God told the prophet Elijah to command there be no rain in the land of Israel for three years. God was judging king Ahab and wife Jezebel for their gross idolatry and for making the nation follow them. Imagine, three years without rain causing a serious drought in the land—no food, no water, etc.

In verse 9 we read God is going to take care of His prophet and answer the prayer of a widow woman in Zarephath. God put this widow woman to a test of faith and revealed to her the economy of heaven. Elijah asked the widow woman to give him a morsel of bread. She said to him, I don't have but "a handful of meal in a barrel and a little oil in a cruse." Then Elijah gave her the test: "fear not; go and do as you have said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for you and your son."

What would you have done in this situation? God wants to show Himself strong in His children's lives! Are you having financial problems that will take a miracle? Read verse 15-16; "and she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and her house did eat many days. And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which He spoke by Elijah." The widow woman put her faith into action and her faith activated God's Heavenly bank. Will you believe God for your financial situation? The famine in Zarephath was very bad, but because of this woman's faith and obedience, God multiplied her meal and oil for many days.

The lesson to be learned here is that the widow woman by faith gave to the LORD by giving to Elijah first, and God multiplied her giving. God tells us in Matthew 6:33 to "seek first the Kingdom of God, and His Righteousness; then all of these things shall be added unto you." Put God first in your life and surrender all of your burdens and cares to Him. God is not a respecter of person, what He did for the widow woman, He will do for you! Do you need money for food, need to pay your utilities, looking for a better paying job, then put God first in your life by giving into His kingdom whatever He lays upon your heart to do—by faith do it and you will receive the benefits from God's Heavenly bank. Remember, obedience is better than any sacrifice!

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



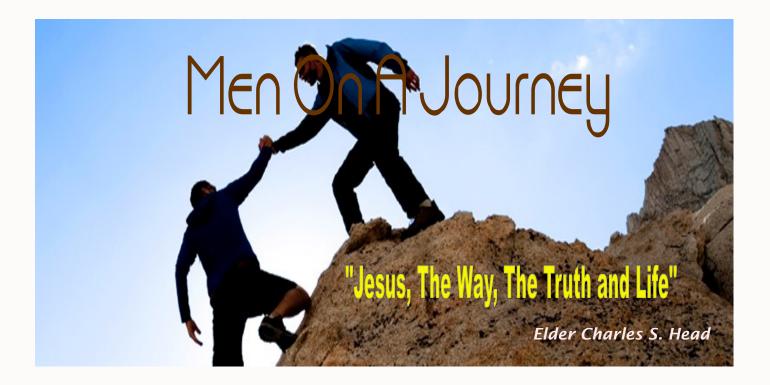
Satan called a worldwide convention of demons. In his opening address he said, we can't keep Christians from going to church. We can't keep them from reading their Bibles and knowing the truth. We can't even keep them from forming an intimate relationship with their Savior. Once they gain that connection with Jesus, our power over them is broken! So let them go to their churches; let them have their covered dish dinners, but steal their time, so they don't have time to develop a relationship with Jesus Christ. This is what I want you to do, said the devil. "Distract them from gaining hold of their Savior and maintaining that vital connection throughout their day!" How shall we do this his demons shouted?

Keep them busy in the nonessentials of life and invent innumerable schemes to occupy their minds, he answered. Tempt them to spend, spend, and borrow, borrow, borrow. Persuade the wives to go to work for long hours and the husbands to work 6-7 days each week, 10-12 hours a day, so they can afford their empty lifestyles. Keep them from spending time with their children. As their families fragment, soon, their homes will offer no escape from the pressures of work!

Over-stimulate their minds so that they cannot hear that still, small voice. Entice them to play the radio or cassette player whenever they drive...to keep the TV, VCR, CDs and their PCs going constantly in their home and see to it that every store and restaurant in the world plays non-biblical music constantly. This will jam their minds and break that union with Christ. Fill the coffee tables with magazines and newspapers. Pound their minds with the news 24 hours a day. Invade their driving moments with billboards. Flood their mailboxes with junk mail, mail order catalogs, sweepstakes, and every kind of newsletter and promotional offering free products, services and false hopes. Keep skinny, beautiful models on the magazines and TV so their husbands will believe that outward beauty is what's important, and they'll become dissatisfied with their wives. Keep the wives too tired to love their husbands at night. Give them headaches too! If they don't give their husbands the love they need, they will begin to look elsewhere.

That will fragment their families quickly! Give them Santa Claus to distract them from teaching their children the real meaning of Christmas. Give them an Easter bunny so they won't talk about his resurrection and power over sin and death. Even in their recreation, let them be excessive...have them return from their recreation exhausted. Keep them too busy to go out in nature and reflect on God's creation. Send them to amusement parks!, sporting events, plays, concerts, and movies instead. Keep them busy, busy! And when they meet for spiritual fellowship, leave with troubled consciences. Crowd their lives with so many good causes they have no time to seek power from Jesus. Soon they will be working in their own strength, sacrificing their health and family for the good of the cause. It will work! It was quite a plan! The demons went eagerly to their assignments causing Christians everywhere to have little time for their God or their families. Having no time to tell others about the power of Jesus to change lives. I guess the question is, has the devil been successful at his scheme? You be the judge! Does "busy" mean:

Being **U**nder **S**atan's **Y**oke?



John chapter 13 leads us to a setting in John 14:1-14. First, in John chapter 13 Jesus had just finished teaching his disciples a few valuable lessons. Why were these lessons so important? Because the lessons Jesus portrayed to his disciples are the same principles that apply to us today.

Acknowledge God

In all your ways and

He will direct your path. Prov. 3:5-6 Jesus during this setting demonstrated: love, compassion and patience. Before He went on to tell them later that he was "the way, truth and life" His actions were to carry-out a few things.

First, He taught them a lesson about both humility in having the heart of a servant by washing the disciples feet. Second, He revealed to his disciples that one of them - Judas, was going to betray Him before his death. Then finally Jesus had a little conversation with Peter another one of the disciples, revealing to him that he would deny him 3 times before His (Jesus') death.

As you read this you can see a strong understanding and compassion Jesus had for His disciples. in John 14:1-14 Jesus finally gets to the part that expressed His purpose and reason for being our Lord and Savior. His first words were those of comfort, "let not your heart be troubled" His second words were to let the disciples know that he was preparing a place in heaven for them and some day they would join Him in heaven. Then we discovered that even though his disciples walked with him during his ministry, they didn't really understand who he was or what his purpose was. Thomas, another one of his disciples, present during all of Jesus' preaching, healing and miracles just as others were, he was the one who Jesus told in John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth in the life, and only way to heaven." Then there was Philip, the disciple didn't know that Jesus represented the Father and was His image.

Jesus took the time with both, out of love and compassion to explain to both who he was. The question we also must ask ourselves is, do we really know who Jesus is and what he did for us at the cross? He is willing to show with us his love, "I am the way, the truth in the life."

The Prophet **ASSYRIA** HEZEKIAH SACRED JUDAH **IMMANUEL** SIGN **JUDGMENT** ISAIAH UZZIAH



Meet Rev. Gerald Miller. He is married to Cheryl A Baldwin. Rev. Miller met First Lady Cheryl November 1991 and proposed to her December 1991. They were then married in March 28, 1992. Rev. Miller says, their love for each other grows stronger and stronger each and every day.

Rev. Miller tells us that his walk with the Lord began the year of 1984. He states "my life was falling apart and I didn't know which way to turn or who to turn to when the spirit of God touched me in December of 1984." Rev. Miller says while attending a watch night service on January 1, 1985 at the Cornerstone Baptist Church, he made the greatest decision of his life! Rev. Miller received Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior and became a member of the Cornerstone Baptist Church, under Rev. Theodore T. Pollard. He then served in many ministries at the Cornerstone Baptist Church such as: President of the Men's Usher Broad; President of the Men's Fellowship; Chosen and Ordained Deacon; and Superintendent of the Sunday School.

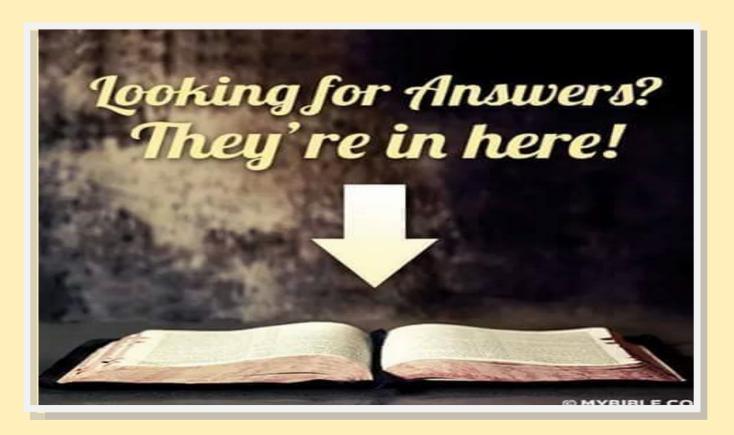
Rev. Miller attended Harty Bible School during the years of 1987 to 1991; and Geneva Urban Theological Seminary from 1991 to 1993. During this time, Rev. Miller was called by God to preach the gospel the year 1992; and he became ordained as a minister of the gospel in 1993.

Rev. Miller became Pastor of the Christian Bible Church in Pittsburgh from 1995 to 1998. He also served as the former Associate Pastor of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church; former Associate Pastor of the Holy Trinity Baptist Church, East Liberty; and former Associate Pastor of the Cornerstone Baptist Church, Pittsburgh Pa.

Presently, Rev. Miller is Pastor of the Abyssinian Capernaum Baptist Church in Homewood. Since becoming Pastor of Abyssinian Capernaum in 2004, Pastor Miller was instrumental in installing a Baptismal Pool. He started a "Turkey Drive" during the holidays in which he and the congregation reach out to the community by distributing turkeys to the those in need.

Pastor Miller along with his brother Deacon Miller are both retired Steamfitters and they have used their skills to maintain the upkeep of the church when equipment fails. The church members say they appreciate the Pastor and Deacon's handyman abilities because it has been a "definite asset" to beautifying the church.

Church services are every Sunday 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. for Sunday School; Main Service 10:45 a.m.; Prayer Meeting every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. followed by Bible Study at 7:30 p.m. Pastor extends a huge welcome to all to attend any service. Pastor Miller wants all to know that the most important thing is that "He is a child of God."



Register today for the Kingdom Builder's workshop listed below; or join us for Journey Thru the Bible; Youth On A Journey Meeting; Men On A Journey Fellowship; or Woman's Fellowship. Workshop will be held on Saturdays (see times below) and are open for ages 13 to adult. Each workshop is \$55.00. Payment is required in full before workshop date. You can register online: **JourneyThroughLifeMinistries.net or call 412-731-3450** to reserve your seat. Seating is limited so call today! All workshops will be held at Journey Through Life Ministries' Facility; 10529 Lindberg Avenue, Penn Hills, PA 15235.

"Kingdom Living" Workshops & Events

Saturday Morning Workshop October 14 & October 28, 2017 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

"Holy Spirit: His Work and Ministry"

Rev. Georgetta Head

Cost: \$55.00 per person

Journey Through the Bible
Bible Study—Wednesday Evenings
7:00—8:30

JTLM Teaching Facility 10529 Lindberg Avenue Penn Hills, PA 15235

Cost: Free

Daughter's of Wisdom & Virtue Fellowship

2nd & 4th Thursday's of the Month

7:00—8:30

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Cost: Free

Youth On A Journey Meeting 1st & 3rd Thursday's of the Month 6:30—8:00

JTLM Teaching Facility

Cost: Free



"When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also."

(2 Timothy 1:5)

Very little is written about Lois and Eunice, but what we do know is that they were godly women. Lois was grandmother to Timothy and Eunice was his mother. We are introduced to these two women of God in 2 Timothy 1:5 in which Paul is acknowledging them for having sincere and genuine faith in God and for instilling that same faith into Timothy.

Eunice was a Jewish woman married to a Greek man who had died, leaving her to raise Timothy as a single parent with help from her mother or mother-in-law Lois. Raising children as a single parent during biblical times was very difficult, due to the times and customs, but Eunice and Lois didn't let that stop them. In spite of the difficulty, they looked to the one that could guide them, protect them, and give them wisdom in raising a "godly child." Who is that? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob! How do we know that to be true? 2 Timothy 3:14-15 exhorts Timothy to "continue thou in the things which thou has learned and has been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

Timothy's mother and grandmother instilled in him wisdom and riches of the Word of God; and Paul encouraged Timothy to "continue in all that he learned." What a testimony of the faithfulness of these two women influencing their son/grandson to become a godly man for God!

Ladies, whether you are a mother or grandmother, single or married, we too have been given the same influence to raise our children or grandchildren to become godly people serving the Lord for their generation and the next to come. Be a role model, modeling godly behavior. Take time to read the Bible to your children revealing to them who God is and the importance of having a relationship with Him. Pray with them and for them. Deuteronomy chapter 11 instructs parents to speak of Him (God) to our children morning, evening, and night. When we plant those seeds of truth into them, Holy Spirit will water those seeds to grow into a godly flower. Start today! It's never too late! Like Lois and Eunice you will be raising "godly children!"

The Answer is Always in His Word

"THE GREAT INVITATION"

One thing about God's unconditional love is that it's for every person on the face of the Earth. Even more than that, it's all free to all those who will accept his love. All are welcome to God's table. We are to come and dine with the king of kings and Lord of lords, the Lord Jesus is the one who made it possible for us to come freely.

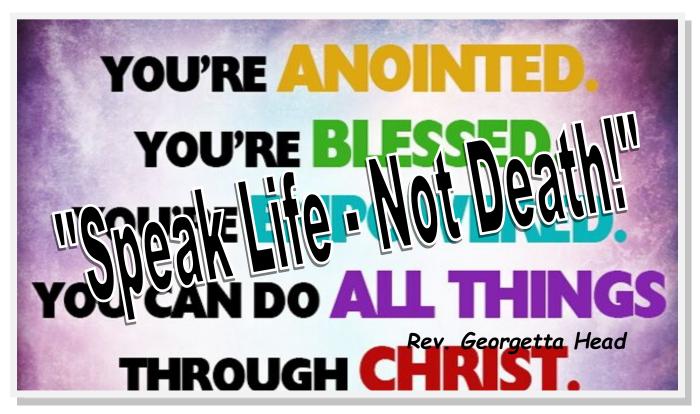
in the book of Isaiah 55:1-11 we have a prophetic invitation to come to Jesus our savior, and yet He had not been born to walk this Earth yet. (This was written over 700 years before Christ was born.) The word "buy" is used in verse 1 of this chapter, but it does not mean money; it is referring to the heart of man. Romans 10:9-10 is what Isaiah was referring to. Simply said, "give Jesus your heart" in return for the price already paid with His life for you.

The phrase "eat" in this same verse is referring to the fact that men must partake of Christ, before they can become a part of Christ, which is faith in Christ and what he did at the cross for them. "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶"Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it

Since we know we have this invitation to come to Christ freely and give him our heart, there is no excuse for any of us to spend eternity separated from God. Christ paved our way to heaven at the cross, all we have to do, as instructed in Hebrews 4:6-11, is enter into his rest.

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Life and Death are in the power of the tongue. (Proverbs 18:21)

And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. (James 3:6)

Growing up we sang a nursery rhyme with a phrase that said: "words can never hurt me." Unfortunately, that is not a true statement. Words do hurt! If they didn't hurt, we wouldn't have to use "politically correct" words and phrases to keep from offending others; and children wouldn't grow up having to seek counseling from emotional pain caused by harmful words spoken over them. Words bring forth life or death into ones heart or situation!

The Bible tells us words are very important! With our mouth we can encourage or discourage each other; or with our mouth we can speak life or death over an individual or situation. Words are so important, that after God created the universal, He spoke a blessing of life over man, animals, solar system, etc. (Genesis 1:1-31).

If we would learn how to shape our spoken words, we would soon discover the power to shape our lives. We are created in the image of God and have been given a powerful tool—the mouth, so our heart, mind, and thoughts should be in agreement with God's will for our lives. When God spoke "let there be..." life came forth, so imagine what God wants to do through our mouth. God can use our words to bring us into our own personal destiny. Our words hold power beyond our wildest imaginations. But beware—satan also knows the power of our mouth, and he will try to distract us into using our mouth to bring about death to self or others. Pastor Tony Evans says, "whoever controls the tongue, controls the future!" What do you want your future to be? Life or death? Blessing or Curse?

What are you going through right now? Financial problems, marital problems; problematic children; work related problems? Use the Word of God to speak life over these dead situations! The Bible is full of promises and benefits for every Believer for every situation! Two of my favorite scriptures are found in Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all they ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths" and Psalm 37:25 "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." I pray these scriptures over myself and family every day and Father God has never disappointed me. He gives us our daily provisions and guides us through this life according to His will. Starting today, develop a "good habit" of praying scriptures over your life trusting God to bring it about. Remember words do matter and the words we speak have the power to bring life into any dead situation or to bring death to any situation. Stop the devil and defeat him with the power of your words! Use your words to influence for good and not for bad! You are a victorious winner!! You can do all things through Christ!



"What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" 1 Corinthians 6:19 (KJV)

We need to change our lifestyle when it comes to eating. We tend to eat too many processed foods and fastfood makers are deliberately putting "unpronounceable" substances into the foods they make. It is a known fact that the additives added by food manufacturers artificially stimulate our appetites and we can become addicted to these foods. The result of these food addiction can make you obese and shorten your life. We need to learn how to eat healthy by balancing our food with "good carbs" and protein. Eating high levels of carbs, such as junk food, increases blood glucose levels causing inflammation in the body, makes you over weight, causes diabetes and is damaging to our joints.

Protein is a super food. It replenishes the body; builds and maintains muscles; strengthens bones; supplies energy to the body; and prevents inflammation. We need both good carbs and protein for our bodies to function healthy.

The problem that many of us have is that we don't want to take the time to cook foods from scratch because we feel our schedules don't allow it, so we grab fast-food, junk food, or frozen TV dinner meals as an option.

How about rethinking how we eat. For instance, for breakfast instead of eating pancakes or waffles try eating a small egg omelet with a little cheese and a side of fruit. For a

snack, instead of eating chips or pretzels, eat some sliced raw vegetables with cream cheese dip or hummus.

Clean out your cupboards and refrigerator of all junk food and juices that are high in sugar and unhealthy carbs. To keep from binge eating unhealthy carbs, prepare small snack bags of raw vegetables, fresh fruit, or nuts.

It is said it takes 21 days to develop a good habit, so let's take the next 21 days to detox our bodies from being a "food junky" - your body will thank you, you will feel healthier and prayerfully add more years to your life.

People In The Bible

Anna: Anna was a prophetess whose name means "grace." She was married to Tobit, who died after seven years of marriage. Anna, then devoted herself to serving God, living in the temple at Jerusalem. When Mary and Joseph brought Jesus into the temple, she announced Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah, and she praised God for fulfilling His promises.

Artaxerxes: Noted for his generosity to the Jews and to Ezra and Nehemiah specifically for aiding them in their effort to reestablish the city of Jerusalem. He wrote letters of authorization, opened up the government treasuries for Ezra, and called for a free-will offering from the Babylonians. And he granted Nehemiah a leave of absence.

Asaph: The composer and chief musician for David and Solomon. He wrote and collected Psalms—12 of which bear his name. His Psalms are forceful, spiritual, and prophetic.

Athaliah: The only woman to sit on the throne of the Hebrew kingdom. Learning of her son, Ahaziah's death, she set about to kill off all heirs to the throne in the royal family. She succeeded with all but one-year old Joash, who was hidden away for six years.

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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.

I confess with my mouth the Lord Jesus, as my Savior and believe in my heart that God has raised Him from the dead and You are now seated in Heaven.

Congratulations!

You are a "new creature in Christ and a child of God!" Now share the "good news" by telling someone else about your salvation.