

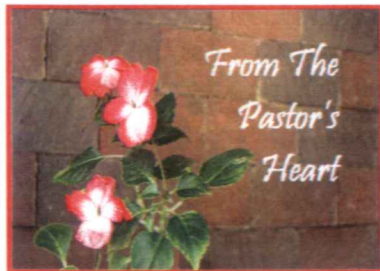
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Dealing With Negative Thoughts



Satan interweaves negative thoughts into our minds, which if believed and acted on can develop into strongholds.

"A stronghold is a mind set impregnated with hopelessness that causes us to accept as unchangeable something we know is contrary to the will of God for our lives." – Ed Silvoso

If we believe his lies, we will begin to doubt God's Word, forget who we are "in Christ," and focus on our hopelessness. Jesus stood up against satan's lies (Matthew 4:1-11), and satan was forced to leave. Because we are "in Christ," we can do the same.

THE "EIGHT R'S" - Since the above is true, we need to:

1. **RECOGNIZE** their source.

Matthew 24:4

Satan Says:

But

God Says:

"You are condemned."

"No condemnation to those in Christ."

"You will never get victory."

"You always have victory in Christ."

"You are worthless."

"You are a chosen vessel for Me."

"You are stupid."

"You have been given Christ's mind."

"God does not love you."

"My love for you is everlasting."

2. **REFUSE** the suggestion.

John 8:44b

Since satan is the source of all dishonesty, his suggestion will be a deception.

3. **RELY** on the Spirit for an appropriate Scripture.

Ephesians 6:17

Trust God to give us His truth to counter each deception.

4. **REPEAT** that Scripture.

John 8:12

Proclaim God's promise in full assurance of faith.

5. **RENOUNCE** any hold satan has on you.

Proverbs 28:13

Cancel the consent given to satan. This breaks his hold on you.

6. **RESIST** the devil and he will flee.

James 4:7

Submit totally to God, resist the devil and he must flee.

7. **RENEW** your mind.

Romans 12:2

Establish a new way of thinking by meditating on God's Word.

8. **REST** in Jesus Christ's finished work.

Ephesians 2:6

As joint heirs with Christ, we share His rest and His victory.

-In the Wonderful Name of Jesus, Pastor Bob and Susan Tilton

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Youth Talk

“The Youth Ask— ‘Why?’ ”

**“But let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No,’ ‘No.’
For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.”**

- Matthew 5:37

So many kids want to know... “Why? Why are some adults so fake? Why do adults say, ‘Do as I say and not as I do?’ Why do adults tell us what to do in front of others just so THEY don’t look bad. Why do adults yell at us and say that we are ‘embarrassing’ them? Are the adults that full of pride?”

Think about when you were a teenager... Folks say that teenagers think ‘they know everything.’ Didn’t you????

As teenagers are trying to sort out what their part in life is, at times, adults tend to make the path very confusing. Choose this day...

Joshua 24 ¹⁴“Now therefore fear the LORD and serve Him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

As adults, are we serving and following after our own flesh or are we following after the Spirit of the Living God?

Galatians 5 ¹⁶ But I say, walk *and* live [habitually] in the [Holy] Spirit [responsive to *and* controlled *and* guided by the Spirit]; then you will certainly not gratify the cravings *and* desires of the flesh (of human nature without God). ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are opposed to the [Holy] Spirit, and the [desires of the] Spirit are opposed to the flesh (godless human nature); for these are antagonistic to each other [continually withstanding and in conflict with each other], so that you are not free *but* are prevented from doing what you desire to do. ¹⁸ But if you are guided (led) by the [Holy] Spirit, you are not subject to the Law. ¹⁹ Now the doings (practices) of the flesh are clear (obvious): they are immorality, impurity, indecency, ²⁰ Idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger (ill temper), selfishness, divisions (dissensions), party spirit (factions, sects with peculiar opinions, heresies), ²¹ Envy, drunkenness, carousing, and the like. I warn you beforehand, just as I did previously, that those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the [Holy] Spirit [the work which His presence within accomplishes] is love, joy (gladness), peace, patience (an even temper, forbearance), kindness, goodness (benevolence), faithfulness, ²³ Gentleness (meekness, humility), self-control (self-restraint, continence). Against such things there is no law [that can bring a charge]. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus (the Messiah) have crucified the flesh (the godless human nature) with its passions and appetites *and* desires. ²⁵ If we live by the [Holy] Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. [If by the Holy Spirit we have our life in God, let us go forward walking in line, our conduct controlled by the Spirit.]

When we give our hearts and lives to Jesus, we are no longer living for ourselves.

Romans 14 ⁷ For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸ For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

Galatians 2 ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

We need to live our lives as unto the Lord. He gave Himself for us. We are to give ourselves to Him, wholeheartedly, without reservation, 100%.

The path we choose will be the path our children follow... choose this day whom YOU will serve.

-fLoYd & Michele Dotter



A Word of Wisdom

**Don't make a permanent decision
for your temporary emotion.**

Church Sign

Need a new life? God accepts trade-ins

Recipe of the Month Potato Soup

Ingredients:

6 slices bacon, cut into 1/2 inch pieces	1/2 teaspoon dried dill weed
1 onion, finely chopped	1/2 teaspoon ground white pepper
2 (10.5 ounce) cans condensed chicken broth	1/2 cup all-purpose flour
2 cups water	2 cups half-and-half cream
5 large potatoes, diced	1 (12 fluid ounce) can evaporated milk
1/2 teaspoon salt	

Directions:

Place bacon and onion in a large, deep skillet. Cook over medium-high heat until bacon is evenly brown and onions are soft. Drain off excess grease.

Transfer the bacon and onion to a slow cooker, and stir in chicken broth, water, potatoes, salt, dill weed, and white pepper. Cover, and cook on Low 6 to 7 hours, stirring occasionally.

In a small bowl, whisk together the flour and half-and-half. Stir into the soup along with the evaporated milk. Cover, and cook another 30 minutes before serving.

—Author Unknown

Chillie's Corner

"A Farmer and His Pig"



A farmer and his pig were driving down the road when a cop pulled him over. The cop asked the farmer, "Didn't you know it is against the law to ride with a pig in the front of your truck?"

The farmer replied, "No, I didn't know that." The cop asked the farmer where he was going and he said, "To Memphis".

The cop said, "I will let you off the hook this time if you promise to take the pig to the zoo when you get to Memphis." So the farmer promised he would.

Several days later the cop spotted the farmer with the pig driving down the road and he pulled him over again. The cop said "I thought I told you to take this pig to the zoo when you got to Memphis."

The farmer replied, "I did and we had so much fun, I taking him to King's Island now".

Bible Trivia—I Didn't Know That!

- A)** Jehu was to kill whoever escaped the sword of *whom*?
- B)** In retribution for Ahab's thievery, Jehu killed Ahab's ancestor, Joram, and had him buried *where*?
- C)** When Jehu assassinated Joram, where was the latter seated?
- D)** What was the name of Jehu's captain?
- E)** Immediately after Jehu assassinated Joram, he mortally wounded *who*?
- F)** When Jezebel greeted Jehu, she called him a Zimri (2 Kings 9:31), referring to a *what*?
- G)** The heads of Ahab's seventy sons were *what*?
- H)** What did Jehu invite the worshippers of Baal to?
- I)** Although Jehu razed the temple of Baal, what did he *not* do?

(See page 6 for answers)

Jesus and the Rulers

(We want to encourage you to look up the Scripture references as you read.)

In Acts 5, Gamaliel reviewed before the council previous religious movements in the vicinity of Israel. He cautioned the rulers to wait for the false prophets to collapse on their own, but not to oppose God by punishing the true. Similar advice is often worth following today, especially since our leaders are even less qualified to evaluate religious movements than were their counterparts of 2000 years ago.

Some leaders just don't want any competition. At the time of the birth of Jesus, King Herod was offended by the coming of the "King of the Jews." Demonically, he was willing to kill many innocents in order to stamp out any rivals to his handpicked successor. Herod didn't even know anything about what Jesus would be saying or doing. But after Joseph took his family to Egypt, Herod didn't survive much longer. The Bible doesn't tell us whether he died of old age or if God's judgment fell on him.

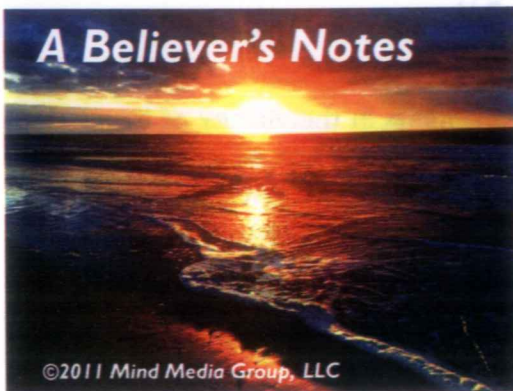
When the disciples boldly prayed in Acts 4:25-27, they quoted Psalm 2:1-2 and saw fulfillment of scripture in the conspiracy of Herod and Pilate against Jesus. Interestingly, Luke 23:12 informs us that Herod and Pilate had been enemies of each other, but that they came together in opposition to Christ. Today we can observe another unnatural alliance between the gays and the Muslims, and again they are opposing the Lord in doing so. However, kings don't always have identical attitudes as they take a stand against Jesus or His followers (John 15:18-20). Let's consider Herod and Pilate further.

The Herod who ruled at the completion of Jesus' ministry obviously was not the same Herod who ruled when He was born. He was however, the one who commanded the beheading of John the Baptist. But when he heard of the miracles, he identified Jesus as John the Baptist raised from the dead (Matthew 14:1-2). Nevertheless, he failed to join Christ's fan club. Herod did not actually meet Jesus until He was sent by Pilate under arrest. But Luke 23:8 adds that he'd wanted previously to see Jesus, and to see one of His miracles. Meanwhile, thousands of Israelites actually did see Jesus, plus not just one, but many of His miracles. What's the difference? Herod was too proud to attend even one of Christ's open meetings; he probably didn't want to mix with the crowds. He undoubtedly preferred Jesus to honor his royalty by paying a personal visit to his palace, but that didn't happen. In addition, he probably didn't want to feel stupid when Jesus would propound a parable that he couldn't understand. Herod could admire Jesus, but from a distance: a great distance!

The Bible doesn't tell us how Pilate viewed Jesus during His ministry. It was a Jewish goon squad that arrested Jesus, and took Him first to the house of the High Priest, then at daybreak led Him to the Sanhedrin for questioning. Only after that was He taken to Pilate, who didn't want to take His case. When he sent Jesus to Herod, Pilate was attempting to pass the buck (Luke 23:4-7). Pilate saw that as a Roman, he was unprepared to judge Jewish issues, but the Jews wanted Pilate to judge anyway. As the dominant nation, Rome had removed the legal right of capital punishment from the Jews (John 18:31). Finally, the Jews played their ace. They threatened Pilate with demotion (John 19:12). To be "Caesar's friend" was to hold a specific title and set of privileges. Pilate chose the praise of men over the praise of God. Pray that our rulers make righteous choices, even if they do lack spiritual qualifications.

-Phil Rust

Flow in the Fruit of the Spirit



God has given us a well of supernatural power that is continually bubbling up within us. He has taken residence within our born-again spirit, a mighty force that can enable us to overcome anything the devil might throw our way at any moment of day or night. Galatians 5:22-23 calls this unbeatable force the 'Fruit of the Spirit.' It includes love, joy, peace, long-suffering (or patience), gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance (self-control).

Joy fortifies you with supernatural power when you start to weaken. Nehemiah 8:10 says that the joy of the Lord is your strength.

Peace undergirds you and helps you make supernaturally correct decisions. Colossians 3:15 says to let the peace... from Christ rule (act as umpire continually) in your hearts (deciding and setting with finality all questions that arise in your mind).

The fruit of the Spirit is God's provision for the strength of your character to be developed, so you can be overcoming in all circumstances. Study it; learn to yield to it. Watch that life force come out of you and pull you through causing you to mature. When you do, you'll be flowing in the fruit of the Spirit.

Speak the Word:

"I flow in the fruit of the Spirit."

"I allow love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance to grow and develop in my life."

Bible Trivia **-I Didn't Know That!** **(From Page 4)**

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| A) Hazael, King of Syria
1 Kings 19:17 | D) Bidkar
2 Kings 9:25 | G) Put into baskets
2 Kings 10:7 |
| B) The field of Naboth the Jezreelite
2 Kings 9:24-25 | E) Ahaziah
2 Kings 9:27 | H) A great sacrifice
2 Kings 10:18-19 |
| C) In a chariot
2 Kings 9:24 | F) Traitor who had killed a king to
seize the throne
1 Kings 16:10 | I) Turn from worshipping golden
calves
2 Kings 10:28-29 |

American U.S. Flag Guidelines

Here's what Congress advised for the use of the U.S. flag in a joint resolution dated June 22, 1942.



- The flag of the United States is the emblem of our identity as a separate nation, which the United States of America has been for more than 200 years. Therefore, citizens should stand at attention and salute when their flag is passing in a parade or being hoisted or lowered.
- The custom is to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on flagstaffs in the open, but it may be displayed at night upon special occasions to produce a patriotic effect.
- When the flag is hung vertically on a wall, window or door the Union (blue) should be to the observer's left. When the flag is hung either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the Union (blue field) should be to the observer's left.
- The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.
- It should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement.
- The flag should be displayed on all days, especially on:

New Year's Day	Inauguration Day	Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday	Lincoln's Birthday
Washington's Birthday	Easter Sunday	Mother's Day	Armed Forces Day
Memorial Day (half-staff until noon)		Flag Day	Father's Day
Independence Day	Labor Day	Constitution Day	Columbus Day
Navy Day	Veterans Day	Thanksgiving Day	Christmas Day

And such other days as may be proclaimed by the President of the United States. (i.e. the birthdays of States (date of admission), State holidays, etc.)
- It should be displayed at every public institution and in or near every polling place on election days, and at school-houses during school days.
- In a procession the flag is to the right of another flag or, if in a line of other flags, in front of the center of that line.
- The flag should not be displayed on a float except from a staff, nor draped over the hood, top, sides, or back of a vehicle.
- When the flag is displayed on a vehicle, the staff should be fixed firmly to the chassis.
- No other flag should be placed above the flag of the United States or, if on the same level, to its right.
- The United Nations flag may not be displayed above or in a position of superior prominence to the United States flag except at United Nations Headquarters.
- The flag displayed with another against a wall, from crossed staffs, should be on the right (the flag's own right), and its staff should be in front of the other staff.
- It should be at the center and the highest point when displayed with a group of state flags.
- When flags of states, cities, etc., are flown on the same halyard, the United States flag should be at the peak.
- When flags of two or more nations are displayed, they are to be flown from separate staffs of the same height, and the flag of the United States should be hoisted first and lowered last.
- When displayed from a staff projecting from a building, the union [upper inner corner] should be at the peak of the staff.

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American U.S. Flag Guidelines—Continued

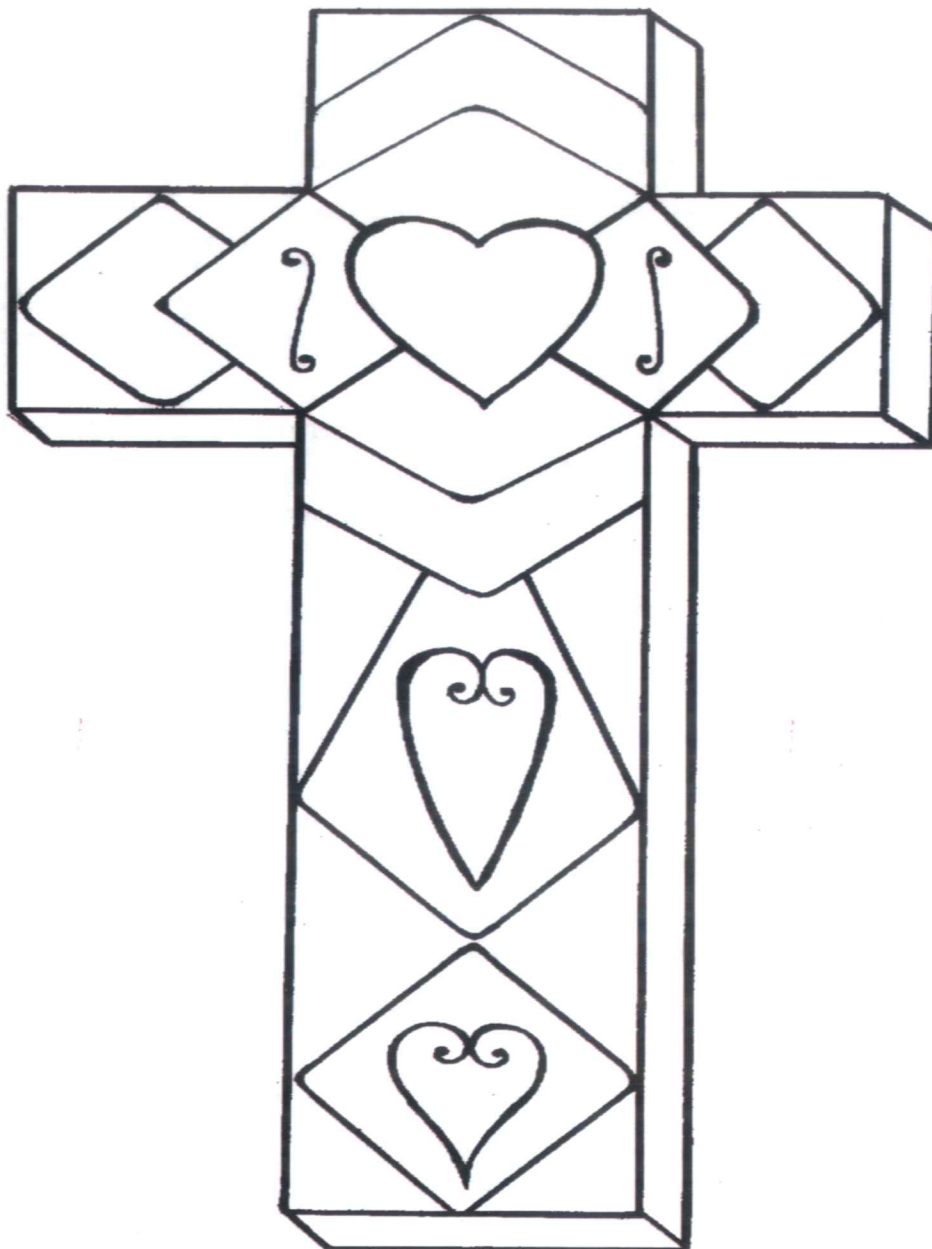


- When it is displayed otherwise than by being flown from a staff, it should be displayed flat, whether indoors or out; or so suspended that its folds fall as freely as though the flag were staffed.
- When displayed over a street, it should be suspended vertically with the union to the north in an east and west street, or to the east in a north and south street.
- On a platform, it should be above and behind the speaker, with the union uppermost and to the observer's left.
- When displayed from a staff in a church or auditorium, the flag should occupy the position of honor and be placed at the speaker's right as he faces the audience.
- When flown at half-staff, the flag should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to half-staff position. It should again be raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. Half-staff is one-half the distance between the top and bottom of the staff. The flag must be flown at half-staff on all buildings on the death of any officer listed below, for the period indicated:
 - For the President or a former President: 30 days from the date of death.
 - For the Vice President, the Chief Justice or a retired Chief Justice of the United States, or the Speaker of the House of Representatives: 10 days from the day of death.
 - For an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, a member of the Cabinet, a former Vice President, the President pro tempore of the Senate, the Majority Leader of the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives: From the day of death until interment.
 - For a United States Senator, Representative, Delegate, or the Resident Commissioner from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico: the flag should be flown in the metropolitan area of the District of Columbia, on the day of death and on the following day; in the state, congressional district, territory, or commonwealth of such Senator, Representative, Delegate, or Commissioner, from the day of death until interment.
 - For a Governor: Within the state, territory, or possession, from the day of death until interment.
- When the flag is used to cover a casket, the union should be at the head and over the left shoulder.
- The flag should not be dipped to any person or thing.
- It should never be displayed with the union down, save as a signal of dire distress.
- It should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water, or merchandise.
- It should never be carried flat or horizontally, but always aloft and free.
- It should never be fastened, displayed, used, or stored so that it might be easily torn, soiled, or damaged in any way.
- It should never be used as covering for a ceiling.
- It should never have anything placed on it.
- The flag should never be used for any advertising purpose, nor embroidered on cushions or handkerchiefs, printed on paper napkins or boxes, nor used as any portion of a costume.

**When the flag is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem,
it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.**

Kids' Corner
(We are ALL His kids!)
"Jesus Paid the Price With His Blood"

John 3:16



Kids' Corner

“Ephesians 6:1-18”

Ephesians 6 -Amplified Bible (AMP)

¹ Children, obey your parents in the Lord [as His representatives], for this is just and right.

² Honor (esteem and value as precious) your father and your mother—this is the first commandment with a promise—

³ That all may be well with you and that you may live long on the earth.

⁴ Fathers, do not irritate *and* provoke your children to anger [do not exasperate them to resentment], but rear them [tenderly] in the training *and* discipline and the counsel *and* admonition of the Lord.

⁵ Servants (slaves), be obedient to those who are your physical masters, having respect for them and eager concern to please them, in singleness of motive *and* with all your heart, as [service] to Christ [Himself]—

⁶ Not in the way of eye-service [as if they were watching you] and only to please men, but as servants (slaves) of Christ, doing the will of God heartily *and* with your whole soul;

⁷ Rendering service readily with goodwill, as to the Lord and not to men,

⁸ Knowing that for whatever good anyone does, he will receive his reward from the Lord, whether he is slave or free.

⁹ You masters, act on the same [principle] toward them and give up threatening *and* using violent *and* abusive words, knowing that He Who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no respect of persons (no partiality) with Him.

¹⁰ In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [be empowered through your union with Him]; draw your strength from Him [that strength which His boundless might provides].

¹¹ Put on God's whole armor [the armor of a heavy-armed soldier which God supplies], that you may be able successfully to stand up against [all] the strategies *and* the deceits of the devil.

¹² For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere.

¹³ Therefore put on God's complete armor, that you may be able to resist *and* stand your ground on the evil day [of danger], and, having done all [the crisis demands], to stand [firmly in your place].

¹⁴ Stand therefore [hold your ground], having tightened the belt of truth around your loins and having put on the breastplate of integrity *and* of moral rectitude *and* right standing with God,

¹⁵ And having shod your feet in preparation [to face the enemy with the firm-footed stability, the promptness, and the readiness ^[b]produced by the good news] of the Gospel of peace.

¹⁶ Lift up over all the [covering] shield of ^[c]saving faith, upon which you can quench all the flaming missiles of the wicked [one].

¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation and the sword that the Spirit wields, which is the Word of God.

¹⁸ Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty. To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose *and* perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints (God's consecrated people).

Kids' Corner
"The Full Armor of God"

PREPARED FOR WAR

EPHESIANS 6:10-18



"Put on the full armor of God that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil" – Apostle Paul, Ephesians 6:11

Kids Corner

"Psalms 23"

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Anoints
Cup
Enemies
Follow
Guides
Leads
Lord
Mercy
Overflow
Pastures
Valley

Psalm 23

King James Version

- ¹ The LORD is my Shepherd; I shall not want.
- ² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.
- ³ He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
- ⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
- ⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.



Health Check

These articles are for information purposes only and, as always, consult with your doctor before assuming you have a condition.

Are you a Diet Soda drinker?



Do you have any of these symptoms?

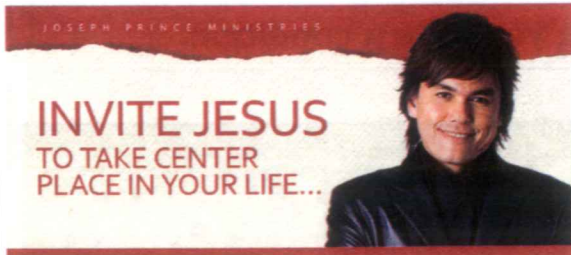
Fibromyalgia
Spasms
Shooting pains
Numbness in your legs
Cramps
Vertigo
Dizziness
Headaches

Tinnitus
Joint pain
Unexplainable depression
Anxiety attacks
Slurred speech
Blurred vision
Memory loss
Buzzing in your ears

....you could have **ASPARTAME** poisoning!

Joseph Prince

****** This month we have with two pages of devotions from Joseph Prince to honor his 51st Birthday!



“Shut into Safety by the Lord Himself”

“So those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him [Noah]; and the Lord shut him in.”

-Genesis 7:16

Noah and his sons didn't shut themselves in the ark. It was the Lord Himself who shut them in so that they would be protected from the great flood.

“Pastor Prince, does it really matter who shut them in?”

My friend, when the Lord shuts you in, you have complete and perfect security! When the Lord shuts a door, who can open it? No foe, whether human, angelic or diabolical, no force of nature, can open the door that the Lord Himself has shut. When the huge waves pounded repeatedly on the door of the ark, it remained shut, and Noah and his family members were kept safe and sound.

Moreover, when building the ark, God told Noah to “cover it inside and outside with pitch” (Genesis 6:14). This was to make it watertight. The Hebrew word for “cover” here is *kaphar*, which means “to make an atonement.” The Hebrew word for “pitch” here is *kopher*, which means “ransom” or “redemption price.” So right here you see the atoning sacrifice of Jesus, who gave His life a ransom for all (Matthew 20:28). He is our true ark and we have a watertight salvation in Him!

Today, we are shut in securely in Christ because we are in Him (1 Corinthians 1:30). We are shut into safety. We are shut into preservation. When the storms and floods come, when there is death, destruction and danger all around, we can expect safety, provision and peace because the Lord Himself has shut us in Him!

“Do Not Despise Humble Beginnings”

Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin, to see the plumb line in Zerubbabel's hand

-Zachariah 4:10

It's interesting to see how God never despises the little things.

When the boy brought his five loaves and two fish, the disciple Andrew scoffed, condescendingly patted the boy on his head and said to Jesus, “What are they among so many?” In direct contrast, God did not despise the boy's small lunch.

So don't despise the little things that you have right now. See them as your very own “five loaves and two fish” even when people around you mock and belittle you. Learn to disregard such people and lay your little before Jesus. While you and I have no power to multiply, Jesus certainly does!

Beloved, whatever you are building right now in your career, ministry or business, don't despise the day of small, humble and seemingly insignificant beginnings. Involve Jesus and allow His provision of favor, wisdom and power to multiply and grow the little things in your hands.

Joseph Prince — Continued from Page 14

“Take to the Skies”

But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint

-Isaiah 40:31

A farmer tried to raise an eaglet among some chickens. The eaglet was taught to run around like a chicken and scratch the dirt like a chicken. Instead of flying, it was always taught to look down, and to run away from snakes like a scared chicken. But each time it did those things, it knew in its heart that something was wrong. One day, it happened to look up and see an eagle flying high and majestically in the sky, with a snake grasped in its talons! The eagle gave a loud shriek that resonated deep within the heart of the eaglet.

Each time the eaglet saw the eagle, it knew in its heart that it was beholding its true nature. It tried to tell the chickens about it, but the chickens just said, “Stop dreaming! You’re a chicken. We chickens are earth-bound. We don’t fly. And we’re terrified of snakes!” But the more the eaglet saw the eagle, the more it saw its true destiny. The sight and call of the eagle eventually captured its heart, so that finally, it was able to shut out the voices of unbelief, shake off its earth-bound mentality and take off to the skies to live the high life of an eagle!

My friend, God calls us eagles, and He calls us to live the high life with Him. When you were born again as a child of God, everything necessary for success, for being the head and not the tail, for being above only and not beneath, and for living the victorious life, was birthed in you. Keep seeing and meditating on your true identity in Christ—a beloved, righteous child of God destined to soar and reign in life. The more you get this into your heart, the more you’ll be able to shut out the voices that try to keep you down and defeated, and live the high life!

“Stand Still And See Yeshua Your Salvation ”

And Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord... The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.”

-Exodus 14:13-14

Not long after Moses brought the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt, they found themselves caught between a rock and a hard place. In front of them was the treacherous Red Sea, and behind them was the army of Pharaoh, armed to the teeth and charging toward them to slaughter them!

Naturally, the Israelites were terrified. But Moses said to them, “Do not be afraid. **Stand still**, and see the salvation of the Lord...” (Exodus 14:13). I can just imagine what some of the Israelites must have thought: “Stand still? Is he out of his mind? We better do something quick!”

My friend, in the midst of a crisis, the last thing that we would want to do is “stand still.” Yet, that is what God wants us to do—“Stand still, and see the **salvation** of the Lord.” The word “salvation” here is the Hebrew word, *Yeshua*, the name of Jesus. In other words, God wants us to “stand still,” and see or **keep our eyes on Jesus**. When we stop trying to solve the crisis using our own smarts and strength, and turn to the Lord, He will “part the Red Sea” or make a way where there is none. He will fight our battles for us! So the next time the devil tells you, “What are you going to do about it,” don’t fall for his old trick and move out of your position of rest by getting into fear and anxiety. See *Yeshua* and keep your eyes on Him. He is your salvation—your healing, your wisdom and your provision. Let *Him* deal with your enemies. *He* will bring you safely to the other side. What He did for the Israelites, He will do for you today!

Beautiful Shades

We had a fantastic Yard Sale and Beautiful Shades would like to thank everyone for stopping by and for the donations to help support our teen's!



Beautiful Shades upcoming meeting is on Saturday, May 17, 2014 and the topic of discussion will be "Employment" covering: resume writing, filling out applications, proper attire, and role play (mock interviews).

Thank you again for your prayers and support!

-Sheila Adams

Upcoming Events



Charleston Greek Festival

May 9-11, 2014

Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Trinity
(843) 577-2063



Spoletto Festival USA

May 23-June 8, 2014

(843) 579-3100

Annual Sheep Shearing at Middleton Place

May 3, 2014



Middleton Place
4300 Ashley River Rd, Charleston, SC 29414
843.556.6020

Middleton Place will provide visitors with a very wooly experience when the resident sheep receive their annual shearing.

The flock will be shorn between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., and interpreters will demonstrate shearing as it was done in the past using steel bladed hand shears.

The event is free with Gardens and Stableyards admission.

<https://www.middletonplace.org/>

Sunday School Events

Children's Sunday School

Ages 6-11

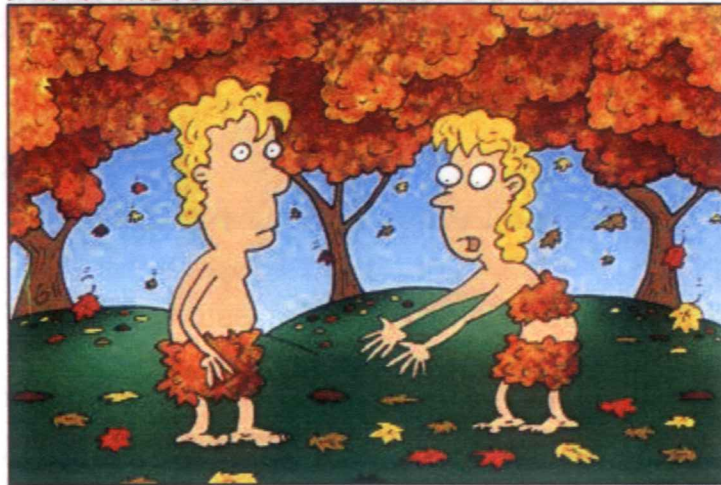
For the month of May, we will be continuing our study on the blood of Jesus Christ. We have learned some scientific properties about blood and what it does in our bodies, and why God used Jesus' blood as the avenue for the cleansing of our sins. We have had some real interesting discussions and demonstrations. As a matter of fact, because it has been so exciting, I feel more time needs to be spent discussing what Jesus' blood has and is still doing for us.

The kids have already learned their books of the Bible, they have put several verses to memory, we've been doing speed drills, and this month we will start learning passages of Scripture. The first passage will be Psalm 23. I believe these kids are ready for this, and we will be writing the Word of God in our hearts. No one will be able to steal these precious words of life from them. Kids, don't forget to bring your Bibles!!!

For the following month, I am planning on spending some time in Ephesians and the book of James. Specifically, we will be learning (or relearning) the importance of obedience to God and authority. Obedience is the very best way to show that you believe. Doing exactly what the Lord commands, and doing it happily! When we disobey, we are dishonoring our Heavenly Father. I look forward to every Sunday morning with these kids. They are wide-eyed and eager to learn and such a blessing to me and the Lord.

-Rachel Ferguson

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WILL YOU PLEASE PICK UP ALL YOUR CLOTHES?

Men's Sunday School

Join us for Men's Sunday School and let us dive into the Word of God together!

Sunday School Events—Continued

Ladies Sunday School

As we enter **Unit 3: Jesus' Use of Scripture** which places emphasis on Responsibility, we begin the month of May with *Lesson 10: Jesus Resists Temptation*. This lesson uses Deuteronomy 6:13-16 and Matthew 4:4-11. *The Lesson Focus* says, "Learning Scripture helps us resist temptation." *In the Life Connection* we will talk about the importance of God's Word. *In the Bible Exploration* we will see how Jesus used God's Word when He was tempted by the devil. *In the Bible Interaction* we will understand how learning Scripture builds resistance to temptation. *The Life Response* will show us the importance of knowing God's Word so you have when you need it.

God's Word instructs us of what we need to know to follow Him. It is very important that we continue to read and follow God's instructions (The Holy Bible). John explains to us how every temptation to sin falls into one or more of three categories – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. However, Jesus showed us how to use the source of authority by which we can stand against the devil's attacks by using the Word of God (Scriptures).



We look forward to
seeing you on
Sunday at 9:45am!

Jesus shows us how to resist temptation as well as how to form the defense for it by being ready for by being aware of it. Satan will try to catch us off guard with his attacks which are usually from behind like a tiger but just as Jesus did, we too can resist the devil and cause him to flee by studying and memorizing the Bible. We have to continue to hide the Word of God in our heart so that we will be in right standing with God and keep the devil in his place as well. When the devil tried to tempt Jesus with pride, he could not compete with the Word, so he left Jesus. Satan misquoted and misused the Scriptures to try to tempt Jesus but Jesus knew the Scriptures and quoted them correctly to defeat satan.

"Resolved: to study the Scriptures so steadily, constantly, and frequently, as that I may find, and plainly perceive, myself to grow in the knowledge of the same." - Jonathan Edwards

-Yolanda Wilson

February

Psalm 101:2 (KJV)

I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt Thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

March

Psalm 100:1 (KJV)

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

April

Psalm 100:2 (KJV)

Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing.

May

Psalm 100:3 (KJV)

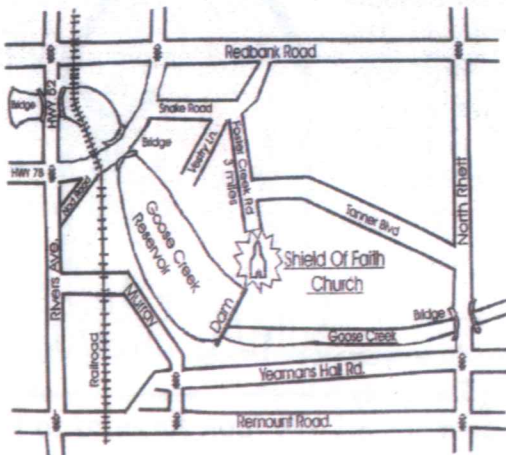
Know that the Lord, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.



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Next deadline to submit articles is:
Wednesday, May 14th

May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4 Adam Fowler will be speaking	5 Cinco de Mayo	6 National Teachers Day	7	8	9 7pm Movie Night (movie only)	10
11 Mother's Day	12	13 Praise Team Meeting 7-8pm	14 Article Deadline	15	16	17 Armed Forces Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	1