
THE MINISTRY LETTER 2017

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To all those who are truly seeking first the Kingdom - those who love God with all of their heart:

THE IMPORTANCE OF ONE KEEPING "TIME" IN THE PROPER PERSPECTIVE

....*"we consider and look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are visible are temporal [brief and fleeting], but the things that are invisible are deathless and everlasting".... 2 Corinthians 4:18 The Amplified Translation*

....*"For we walk by faith [we regulate our lives and conduct ourselves by our conviction or belief respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, with trust and holy fervor; thus we walk] not by sight or appearance".... 2 Corinthians 5:7 The Amplified Translation*

....*"If then you have been raised with Christ [to a new life, thus sharing His resurrection from the dead], aim at and seek the [rich, eternal treasures] that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. And set your minds and keep them set on what is above [the higher things] not on the things that are on the earth".... Colossians 3:1-2 The Amplified Translation*

....*Then the LORD answered me and said, "Record the vision And inscribe it on tablets, that the one who reads it may run. For the vision is yet for the appointed time; It hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; For it will certainly come, it will not delay. Behold, as for the proud one, His soul is not right within him; But the righteous will live by his faith".... Habakkuk 2:2-4 NASB*

More often than not a focus on "time" simply becomes fodder [means] for the Enemy to distract the child of God from the task at hand [faith, love and obedience]. From the very beginning of the true Christian walk one begins to experience the "timelessness" of the Kingdom that is the spontaneous fruit of faith. In other words, as one continually exercises faith and patience in the "revelation" abiding in their heart - they will come to KNOW [gain a deep assurance of the spiritual reality] that in the "fullness of time" [the time period when the Father's perfect purpose on ALL fronts is fulfilled] ALL things will "unfold" [overtake them] perfectly.

There may be specific times when one is given dates [a specific time frame] but that is most certainly not the most common way [in my experience] - nor is it profitable [spiritually or otherwise] for people [as we have seen on a number of occasions through the years with the "rapture" predictions and judgement {disaster} predictions] to get their eyes on the "temporal" realm [as it is the Enemy's territory and many a child of God has been deceived and greatly disappointed because of their "misplaced" faith]. One might say that "revelation", in itself, is timeless, and when one is found "abiding" in that place of absolute faith [and perfect Love] they will have the deep assurance in their heart that EVERYTHING is "right on schedule" - at ALL times.

"onus" - burden of responsibility;

This does not mean that the Holy Spirit NEVER gives one "specific times" [for He surely does] [John 16:13] it is just that in the past many have believed they had a "revelation" from the Holy Spirit but, in reality, they did not - and, thus, their faith was "misplaced" leading to major disappointment and confusion in their lives concerning the "actual" Will of God. What one does in a situation where the Lord has given them a "time-frame" or "due date", so to speak, is to cast the "care" of the impression [revelation] ENTIRELY back on the Lord and, THEN, set themselves to a perfect obedience each day leading up to the aforementioned "due date" [continually thanking and praising Him for HIS perfect unfolding every time it comes to their remembrance].

In this way, one "maintains" their faith and trust in Him without allowing themselves to get distracted [or attempt "subconsciously" to bring it to pass themselves in their own strength and understanding] and puts the "onus" on the Holy Spirit to "unfold all things" perfectly by His Power. So, then, it becomes a matter of one keeping their eyes "fixed" on Jesus whilst continuing to go about the Father's business - KNOWING [having a revelation of the spiritual reality] that He is responsible to bring ALL things to pass. The ONLY thing that matters for each and every one of us, as true sons and daughters, is the Will of the Father - and if one's heart is "wholly given" to it THEN it is certain that it [His highest Will and purpose] will continually "overtake" them.

.... "If you will listen diligently to the voice of the Lord your God, being watchful to do all His commandments which I command you this day, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. And all these blessings [see verses 3-14] shall come upon you and **overtake** you if you heed the voice of the Lord your God'.... Deuteronomy 28:1-2 *The Amplified Translation*

OUR CALL IN THIS HOUR IS TO "REDEEM THE TIME"

"circumspectly" - watchful; cautious; vigilant; guarded;

.... "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil".... *Ephesians 5:15-16 KJV*

.... "He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much".... *Luke 16:10a*

.... "They run like mighty men, they climb the wall like soldiers; And they each march in line, nor do they deviate from their paths. They do not crowd each other; they march everyone in his path; When they burst through the defenses, They do not break ranks".... *Joel 2:7-8 NASB*

Our call in this hour is to "redeem the time" - and we do that by simply being faithful to give the Word of God preeminence day in and day out while, at the same time, being obedient in even the smallest, most "seemingly" insignificant details of our life. If one is faithful in the "little" things THEN it is certain that they will be found faithful in the "big" things that the Father has planned in the glorious days just ahead. There are many children of God who feel a little in the dark as far as what the "fullness" of their precious calling and destiny [in Christ] is but there are two specific things one MUST remember in this hour and they are:

1. All those who truly love God are being prepared [very intensely I might add] for their true "Kingdom-position" in a Glorious Church [a church without "spot or wrinkle"] [Ephesians 5:27] and, so, since we are the first generation that will be found walking in the place of "abiding" in the fullness of the Father's highest purpose and mandate for the Church we do not really have any idea of the depth of the work of the Cross that must be done in each of our hearts [or how long that will take]. One thing for certain: it will be worth the "wait" [in faith, obedience and patience] to see and experience what we will see and experience before the time we leave here!

2. We are being prepared for something that does not YET exist fully in the natural [which is why one should not be trying to "fit in" somewhere - apart from the direct leading of the Holy Spirit] and, so, the most important thing for each and every one of us to do is to continue on in fellowship with the Father and His Word in the "inner chamber" [secret place of His Presence] on a daily basis KNOWING [maintaining a deep trust and assurance in Him] that in His perfect timing He will reveal not only ALL things to our heart pertaining to our gifting and calling but, also, open every door necessary to move us into the right place "corporately" [true spiritual environment] with those He has called us to be associated with in this final hour.

We have only seen [up until this time] a "glimpse" of what the Father has planned for all those who truly love Him in this final hour, and since we are a people who are called to a walk of "pin-point accuracy" [perfect obedience] in the power of the Holy Spirit [a people who refuse to deviate from the path that God has called them to] we must NOT be found attempting to "presumptuously" establish anything before its time in our "own" strength and understanding. We MUST be a people who learn to abide in "revelation" knowledge - for from that place one cannot fail to accomplish ALL that the Father created them for [in Christ] from before the foundations of the earth.

TRUE FRIENDSHIP IN THE KINGDOM

.... "A friend loves [with God's Love] at all times".... *Proverbs 17:17a NASB*

.... "O Lord, who may abide in Your tent? Who may dwell on Your holy hill? He who walks with integrity, and works righteousness, and speaks truth in his heart. He does not slander with his tongue, nor does evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his friend".... *Psalms 15:1-3 NASB*

.... "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends".... *John 15:13 NASB*

"trust" - reliance on the integrity, strength, ability, surety etc. of a person or thing; confidence; confident expectation of something; a person on whom one relies;

"trustworthy" - deserving of trust or confidence; dependable; reliable;

"maintain" - to continue or retain; keep in existence;

Latin: "manu" [hand] + "tenere" [hold] lit. "to hold [or grasp] in one's hand";

"grasp" - to seize upon; hold firmly;

True friends "trust" - and true friends are found "trustworthy". Those who "maintain" ANY form of self-desire [*self-agenda*] do not [*and, indeed, cannot*] fulfil the prerequisite that constitutes one being found a "true" friend. For true friendship in the Kingdom is predicated on one "continually" laying down their life for another - with a view to the Father's "highest" purpose being accomplished in their life at ALL times.

THE PRINCIPLE OF TRUE UNITY AND ONE ACCORD

.... "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment poured on the head, that ran down on the beard, even the beard of Aaron [the first high priest], that came down upon the collar and skirts of his garments [consecrating the whole body]. It is like the dew of [lofty] Mount Hermon and the dew that comes on the hills of Zion; for there the Lord has commanded the blessing, even life forevermore".... Psalms 133:1-3 The Amplified Translation

.... "Again I tell you, if two of you on earth agree [harmonize together, make a symphony together] about whatever [anything and everything] they may ask, it will come to pass and be done for them by My Father in heaven. For wherever two or three are gathered [drawn together as My followers] in [into] My name, there I AM in the midst of them".... Matthew 18:19-20 The Amplified Translation

.... "Now may the God Who gives the power of patient endurance [steadfastness] and Who supplies encouragement, grant you to live in such mutual harmony and such full sympathy with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, That together you may [unanimously] with united hearts and one voice, praise and glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ [the Messiah]".... Romans 15:5-6 The Amplified Translation

There is an extremely important Kingdom-principle that, for the most part, has been buried under an "avalanche" of soulish activity in the church at large. When two [*or more*] believers "abide" [*dwell*] in the place of true unity and one accord THEN all that passes

between them [*in the power and wisdom of the Holy Spirit*] is ALWAYS for each other's greatest benefit in any given moment or situation - and, thus, when faith is "united" with the words coming forth [*from Heart to heart to heart*] the "fullness" of the Father's purpose continually unfolds in His perfect order [*ordering*] in that one's [*the hearer's*] life - even in the smallest of details. This is truly one of the great wonders and blessings of life in the Kingdom.

In essence, one is not obeying "flesh and blood" but rather the words that have proceeded forth from them in the purity of faith and divine love - in the power of the Holy Spirit. Up until this time, there has been much soulish activity in this area of "relationships" in the midst of God's people and, thus, a deep revelation of the "exponential" power of true unity and one accord have, for the most part, remained dormant - as there are few [*relatively speaking*] who remain constant [*steadfast*] in their walk of faith and love on a daily basis.

The parable of the sower in Mark chapter 4 points out the "snares" that cause many to "plateau" [*on a soulish level*] in their spiritual walk - and, thus, remain "far below" the place of the true spiritual positioning they have been called to IN Christ [*the place of Resurrection and Ascension*] [*Ephesians 2:6*].

*.... "And He said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How will you understand all the parables? The sower sows the word. These are the ones who are beside the road where the word is sown; and when they hear, immediately Satan comes and takes away the word which has been sown in them. In a similar way these are the ones on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, who, when they [first] hear the word, **immediately receive it with joy**; and they have no firm root in themselves, **but are only temporary**; then, when **affliction or persecution arises** because of the word, **immediately they fall away**. And others are the ones on whom seed was sown among the thorns; these are the ones who have heard the word, **but the worries of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful**. And those are the ones on whom seed was sown on the good soil [a heart that is wholly given]; and they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold [which represents continual increase]".... Mark 4:13-20 NASB*

"remain" - to continue in the same state;

ONLY those whose hearts are "wholly given" EVER

enter into [*and remain in*] the place of "abiding" in the Father's love. For it is ONLY from the place of intimate fellowship with Him [*in the "inner chamber" - on a daily basis*] that one is empowered [*with a divine empowerment*] to continually "rise above" the vile schemes of the Enemy [*which includes all forms of strife, division and jealousy*]. It is also only from this holy place [*dwelling in the secret place of God's Presence*] that one's spirit-man "remains" in dominance over their soul and body - the place wherein one is continually aware of ALL that is going on around them [*both spiritually and in the natural realm*].

True unity and one accord will be the "defining" characteristic of ALL those who are truly seeking first the Kingdom in this most glorious hour, and the spontaneous fruit of the abiding love found within them [*both individually and corporately*] will be the advent of a Glorious Church - a holy Church that will be empowered by the Holy Spirit in ALL things.

....*"Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the Word, that He might present the church to Himself in glorious splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such things [that she might be holy and faultless]".... Ephesians 5:25-27 The Amplified Translation*

ONE CANNOT TAKE THEIR PLACE IN THE KINGDOM [THE FULLNESS OF THEIR TRUE KINGDOM-POSITION] APART FROM A "REVELATION" OF THE PORTION OF THE WORD OF GOD WHICH STATES, "THAT THEY WHO LIVE MIGHT NO LONGER LIVE FOR THEMSELVES"

....*"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect".... Romans 12:2 NASB*

....*"Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever".... 1 John 2:15-17 NASB*

....*"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher*

than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts".... Isaiah 55:8-9 NASB

....*"How great are Your works, O LORD! Your thoughts [purposes] are very deep".... Psalms 92:5 NASB*

"normal" - conforming to the standard or the common type; usual;

"mental ascension" - the pursuit of the knowledge of God and His Word [*Will*] in the strength of one's own understanding;

What people deem as "normal" [*standard operating procedure*] in the "world" is not normal in the Kingdom - and what is normal [*standard operating procedure*] in the Kingdom is most certainly not what the world deems normal. For the divine thoughts that proceed from the heart and mind of the Father are FAR HIGHER than the thoughts that proceed forth from the "mind of the flesh" - and it is also certain that His ways are higher than the ways that proceed from ANY form of "mental ascension" to His Will [*Word*]. For His Kingdom purposes are both deep and all-encompassing as they pertain to His "greatest" Eternal benefit coming forth in the lives of each individual [*in each individual life*].

Because of these things, one cannot take their place in the Kingdom [*the fullness of their true Kingdom-position*] apart from a "revelation" of the portion of the Word of God which states, "that they who live might NO LONGER LIVE FOR THEMSELVES". For it is ONLY from the place of an "abiding" revelation of the Cross [*obedience unto the denial of the self-life*] in one's heart that they will be able to enter fully into "the place called Done" [*the finished Work of the Lord Jesus Christ*] [*1 Corinthians 1:30*] - the place [*spiritual positioning*] [*Ephesians 2:6*] in which the path to the "fullness" of one's destiny [*in Christ*] lies.

....*"and He [Christ] died for all, so that they who live might NO longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf".... 2 Corinthians 5:15 NASB*

....*"And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, 'If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it'".... Mark 8:34-35 NASB*

....*"For we are God's [own] handiwork [His*

workmanship], recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined [planned beforehand] for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live]".... Ephesians 2:10 The Amplified Translation

IT TAKES A HEART THAT IS "WHOLLY" GIVEN TO GOD FOR ONE TO ENTER INTO "TRUE" COVENANT-RELATIONSHIP [ON ANY LEVEL] IN THE KINGDOM

...."He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father; and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him..... If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him".... John 14:21,23 NASB

...."He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me".... Matthew 10:37 NASB

...."Truly I say to you, unless you repent [change, turn about] and become like little children [trusting, lowly, loving, forgiving], you can never enter the kingdom of heaven [at all]"..... Matthew 18:3 The Amplified Translation

...."All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD, and Your godly ones shall bless You. They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom and talk of Your power; To make known to the sons of men Your mighty acts and the glory of the majesty of Your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations".... Psalms 145:10-13 NASB

"true" - real; genuine; unswervingly faithful and loyal;

"avenue" - a means of access or attainment; a way or means of entering into or approaching a place;

"The Kingdom" - is the sphere of spiritual reality in which the Church *[both individually and corporately]* is to "live move and have their being" *[in Christ]*. It is the place wherein Jesus is truly recognized *[both in one's words and actions]* as King of kings and Lord of lords *[Revelation 19:11-16]* - by those who truly love Him. It is a place "far above" the "world" *[Ephesians 2:6]* - and the fear, pride, rebellion, division, strife, jealousy and darkness *[confusion]* therein.

"True" relationship with the Father and His Word *[Will]* "precedes" *[is the catalyst of - and the only avenue for]* true relationship with all others. Indeed, it takes a heart that is "wholly" given to God for one to enter into "true" Covenant-relationship *[on any level]* in the Kingdom. For without a heart that is "wholly" given to the Father *[and His highest purposes]* "self" will, to some degree, remain on the throne of one's heart thus, precluding the flow of God's Love between the individuals involved *[corporately]* - and between them and the Father. In the "sphere" *[realm]* of the Kingdom, God's Love flows freely *[unhindered]* between those who are "abiding" *[dwelling]* there - without exception.

IN THE KINGDOM THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS THE PURSUIT OF "SELF-GLORY"

...."Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God".... Colossians 3:1-3 NASB

...."A man's pride will bring him low, but a humble spirit will obtain honor".... The fear of man brings a snare, but he who trusts in the LORD will be exalted. Proverbs 29:23, 25 NASB

...."Do not [seek to] be called leaders; for One is your Leader, that is, Christ. But the greatest among you shall be your servant. Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted".... Matthew 23:10-12 NASB

The quickest way for one to depart from the place of "abiding in spiritual reality" *[their esteemed position IN Christ - with both feet firmly planted in the Kingdom]* is for them to focus their eyes upon themselves - and, in the same way, the desire to be "seen" *[gain acceptance and approval through the praises of men]* is a certain hindrance and/or disqualifier as far as one entering into their Kingdom-position in this final hour. For in the Kingdom there is NO such thing as the pursuit of "self-glory" - ONLY the ardent pursuit of one to glorify the Father *[and His Word]* to the greatest degree in ALL that they say and do.

...."Jesus answered, If I were to glorify Myself [magnify, praise, and honor Myself], I would have no real glory, for My glory would be nothing and worthless. [My honor must come to Me from My Father]".... John 8:54 The Amplified Translation

.... "But seek [aim at and strive after] first of all His kingdom and His righteousness [His way of doing and being right]".... Matthew 6:33 *The Amplified Translation*

THE GREAT IMPORTANCE OF "WORDS"

.... "Death and life are in the power of the tongue".... Proverbs 18:21a NASB

.... "You brood of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak what is good? For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart. The good man brings out of his good treasure what is good; and the evil man brings out of his evil treasure what is evil. But I tell you that every careless [non faith-producing] word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned".... Matthew 12:34-37 NASB

.... "Let no unwholesome [unrighteous] word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give [impart] grace to those who hear".... Ephesians 4:29 NASB

"vehicle" - a medium for the expression and communication of power; Latin: **"vehere"** - to carry;

"unwholesome words" - words that do not wholly line up with the Word [Will] of God in meaning and/or intent [love - faith];

"accelerated" - to cause to act or move faster; to hasten the natural or usual course of; to cause to happen ahead of time;

Words are the "vehicle" God chose to release faith [and every other Kingdom force: Love, Wisdom, Righteousness etc.]. Sadly, many children of God still hold to words that continually release fear and darkness [as well as every other demonic force {counterfeit of spiritual reality}: infirmity, jealousy, worldly wisdom etc.]. In this final hour, the GREAT importance of "words" [and THE Word] will be seen VERY clearly in an "accelerated" manner - both in the "positive" [through the continual exercising of faith and love] and the "negative" [through the continual exercising of fear and pride].

GOD'S GRACE IS TRULY SUFFICIENT FOR ALL THINGS

.... "The work of each [one] will become [plainly,

openly] known [shown for what it is]; for the day [of Christ] will disclose and declare it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test and critically appraise the character and worth of the work each person has done".... 1 Corinthians 3:13 *The Amplified Translation*

.... "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth and making it bear and sprout, And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it".... Isaiah 55:10-11 NASB

.... "For out of the fullness [the overflow, the superabundance] of the heart the mouth speaks. The good man from his inner good treasure flings forth good [righteous] things, and the evil man out of his inner evil storehouse flings forth evil [unrighteous] things".... Matthew 12:34a-35 *The Amplified Translation*

"fling" - to project or speak sharply [in this case precisely]; or forcefully [in this case, the release of the various forces of the Kingdom: love, faith, righteousness, wisdom etc. in the "fullness of conviction" - the spontaneous fruit of which will fully convict any attitude or motivation that is apart from Christ];

"conviction" - a fixed or firm belief [in this case, an absolute faith in the revelation of God's Word {Will} abiding in one's heart];

There is a wonderful reality behind the speaking forth of the anointed Word through a heart that is "wholly given" to the highest purposes of the Father. When one's heart is SO filled with a superabundance of Love, Wisdom, Divine Insight and Truth [which is the spontaneous fruit of close and intimate fellowship with the Father and His Word in the "inner chamber"] [John 14:21,23] THEN from within that "superabundance" in their heart will flow the "perfect" words that are needed in any given moment [specific "environment"] to meet the deepest needs of the person [or people] - without exception.

It is of the utmost importance that every child of God, truly seeking to fulfil their precious destiny, in Christ, come to a deep realization [gain a deep revelation of the spiritual reality] that God's Grace is truly sufficient for ALL things [and in all things] - and that they are "anointed" [in both their words and actions] to

accomplish ALL things perfectly in the power of the anointing abiding within them!

NUGGETS FROM THE INNER CHAMBER

* One cannot "oversee" [or overcome] something if they are continually standing in the midst of it! They must - spiritually speaking - remain "above it" at all times.

....*"And He [the Father] raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together [giving us joint seating with Him] in the heavenly sphere [by virtue of our being] in Christ Jesus [the Messiah, the Anointed One]".... Ephesians 2:6 The Amplified Translation*

....*"Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God".... Colossians 3:1-3 NASB*

* A constant and continual diligent practice of "self-denial" shall always cause the life and light and love of God to be constantly and continually "poured out" upon all those that that one comes into contact with. This will always produce various and divers manifestations according to the state of the heart that the "pure" vessel encounters.

....*"For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death works in us, but life in you".... 2 Corinthians 4:11-12 NASB*

* I would rather be hated and despised for words and actions that are the direct product of abiding in divine love than seek after that "artificial love" that is "always" the direct by-product of an agreement with "any" word or action that is outside of God's Will [a revelation of God's Word]!

....*"Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great".... Matthew 5:10-12 NASB*

....*"Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as*

though some strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation. If you are reviled [persecuted] for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you".... 1 Peter 4:12-14 NASB

* There is no temporal or eternal benefit in the works of the "flesh".

....*"It is the Spirit who gives life; **the flesh profits nothing**; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life"..... John 6:63 NASB*

* The failure to forgive "negates" the "active working" of the precious Blood of Jesus in one's life!

....*"[Now having received the Holy Spirit, and being led and directed by Him] if you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of anyone, they are retained".... John 20:23 The Amplified Translation*

....*"And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him and let it drop [leave it, let it go], in order that your Father Who is in heaven may also forgive you your [own] failings and shortcomings and let them drop. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your failings and shortcomings".... Mark 11:25-26 The Amplified Translation*

....*"But if we [really] are living and walking in the Light, as He [Himself] is in the Light, we have [true, unbroken] fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses [removes] us from all sin and guilt [keeps us cleansed from sin in all its forms and manifestations]".... 1 John 1:7 The Amplified Translation*

* A bondservant or handmaiden must "never" be "moved" by what people say or do - apart from Christ - but rather only by what the Lord Himself has said and done!

....*"For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ".... Galatians 1:10 NASB*

* We have authority to carry out God's Will in the earth not our "own" will!

....*"Lean on, trust in, and be confident in the Lord*

*with all your heart and mind and do not rely on your own insight or understanding. In all your ways know, recognize, and acknowledge Him, and He will direct and make straight and plain your paths".... Proverbs 3:5-6
The Amplified Translation*

* When one "allows" themselves to become "self-absorbed" they immediately lose sight of God's Word - and the "needs" of all those around them!

...."let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith".... Hebrews 12:1-2 NASB

* In any given moment and in any given situation there is only "one way"!

...."Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to [enters into the Will of] the Father but through Me".... John 14:6 NASB
