



~ Thought For The Day ~

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“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, God we know that You are the only God. You are the Source of all things, and we are living for You. We know that Jesus Christ is the only Lord. Through Him and by Him, all things exist, including us. Lead and guide us this day and fill us with God's will and plan. Give us peace and supply all our needs, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture

19 For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant to all, that I might gain the more. 20 And to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; Acts 16:3; Acts 18:18; Acts 21:23; 21 To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law. Gal 2:3; 22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. Rom 15:1; 1Cor 10:33; Gal 6:1; 23 And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you.

1 Corin. 9:19-23

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One of the objections of Paul's critics against him was that he had taken no pay for his work in Corinth (2 Corinthians 12:13). The church leaders in Corinth wanted Paul to confirm that those who preach the Gospel should be able to live by the Gospel. Paul explains that he had every right to be supported by the church (vv. 4-7). The Lord had definitely ordained that the ministry should be supported by those who were ministered to (v. 14). But as far as we can determine from the record, Paul took pay from no church except the church in Philippi. In Corinth, Ephesus, and Thessalonica he supported himself by working at his trade. It was his life principle to preach without pay insofar as possible (vv. 16-18). It gave Paul great personal satisfaction to think that he was doing more than he had been commanded to do. Furthermore, he did not want to set an example that could be abused by false teachers whose main concern was their salary (2 Corinthians 11:9-13).

(Halley's Bible Handbook; 2000; commentaries and history; pages 781-782)

One of the requirements of apostleship was to have seen the resurrected Christ. The Corinthian Church was another proof of Paul's apostleship. The apostles weren't required to work at regular jobs, since they were busy with God's work. Paul was explaining the right of the minister to be supported by those he ministered to. The Old Testament priests were allowed to partake of the offerings. God ordained the support of ministers. Paul didn't want the Corinthians to send money to him. He just wanted to make the point that he didn't allow any people to support him, and he'd rather die than become a financial burden to them. Paul gladly preached the Gospel without Charge. Though Paul wasn't obligated to the Christians, he offered himself as a servant to them. Paul sought to win people to Jesus Christ by being sensitive to their needs and identifying with them. We should try to reach people where they are today and expect to see changes later. Paul encouraged the Corinthians to put all they had into living. The Christian life. He said he blackened his eyes and beat and bruised his body to keep it under that is, so the Spirit might rule. (New Testament Study Guide; 2005; Chuck Smith; commentary; pages 84-85)

When you tithe, do you know how all of your offering is used? Probably not, but most likely a portion of it goes to pay the pastors and staff at your church. It is scriptural for us to give to those who take care of us spiritually (1 Corinthians 9:13,14). That is God's will and His plan for how they should be supported, and it is one of the ways we show appreciation for what they have done for us. Always give with a cheerful heart because it glorifies God when you do.

Those of us who intend to run the race to win must conduct ourselves temperately and restrict ourselves in all things (1 Corinthians 9:24-27). We cannot expect someone else to make us do what is right. We must listen to the Holy Spirit and take action ourselves. Paul said he buffeted his body. He means that he disciplined it because he did not want to preach to others, tell them what they should do, and then fail to do it himself. Paul was running the race to win! He knew he could not develop his potential without bringing his body, mind, and emotions under control. Self-discipline is essential to the Christian life. Unless we discipline our minds, our mouths, and our emotions, we will live in ruin. Unless we learn to rule our tempers, we can never achieve the successes that rightfully belong to us. (KJV; Ampfled Bible; 2005; notes and commentaries and scripture; Joyce Meyers; pages 1859-1860)

Galatians 6

1 Brothers, if a man be overtaken in a fault, you which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering yourself, lest you also be tempted. Rom 14:1; Rom 15:1; 1Cor 9:22; **2** Bear you one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Matt 11:29; John 13:14; Rom 15:1; 1Thess 5:14; **3** For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. **4** But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. **5** For every man shall bear his own burden. Ps 62:12; Jer 17:10; Jer 32:19; Matt 16:27; Rom 2:6; Rom 14:12; 1Cor 3:8; 2Cor 5:10; Rev 2:23; Rev 22:12;

6 Let him that is taught in the word communicate to him that teaches in all good things. Rom 15:27; 1Cor 9:11;

7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatever a man sows, that shall he also reap. 1Cor 6:10; Luke 16:25; **8** For he that sows to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that sows to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. **9** And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. 2Thess 3:13; **10** As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good to all men, especially to them who are of the household of faith. 1Tim 5:8;

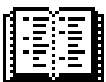
11 You see how large a letter I have written to you with my own hand. **12** As many as desire to make a fair show in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. **13** For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh. **14** But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. **15** For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision avails any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. Matt 12:50; John 15:14; 2Cor 5:16; Gal 5:6; Col 3:11; **16** And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and on the Israel of God. Ps 125:5;

17 From now on let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. 2Cor 4:10;

18 Brothers, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Psa 119:105

Thy word [is] a lamp unto
my feet, and a light
unto my path.



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