



~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, Lord I ask that we enjoy our rest this weekend, coming and give each person strength. Supply all our needs and obligations. I ask that we are blessed with favor, and that what ever we set our hands to, grows and prospers and bears fruit and Your Kingdom is multiplied. Give us each the will to meditate on Your Word. Give us peace Lord and be the light unto our path, I ask it in Jesus' name.

Amen..

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Scripture

I Timothy 4 (2005)

1 Timothy 4:1-16 (AMP)

- ¹ BUT THE [Holy] Spirit distinctly *and* expressly declares that in latter times some will turn away from the faith, giving attention to deluding *and* seducing spirits and doctrines that demons teach,
- ² Through the hypocrisy *and* pretensions of liars whose consciences are seared (cauterized),
- ³ Who forbid people to marry and [teach them] to abstain from [certain kinds of] foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe *and* have [an increasingly clear] knowledge of the truth.
- ⁴ For everything God has created is good, and nothing is to be thrown away *or* refused if it is received with thanksgiving.
- ⁵ For it is hallowed *and* consecrated by the Word of God and by prayer.
- ⁶ If you lay all these instructions before the brethren, you will be a worthy steward *and* a good minister of Christ Jesus, ever nourishing your own self on the truths of the faith and of the good [Christian] instruction which you have closely followed.
- ⁷ But refuse *and* avoid irreverent legends (profane and impure and godless fictions, mere grandmothers' tales) and silly myths, *and* express your disapproval of them. Train yourself toward godliness (piety), [keeping yourself spiritually fit].
- ⁸ For physical training is of some value (useful for a little), but godliness (spiritual training) is useful *and* of value in everything *and* in every way, for it holds promise for the present life and also for the life which is to come.
- ⁹ This saying is reliable *and* worthy of complete acceptance by everybody.
- ¹⁰ With a view to this we toil and strive, [yes and] *suffer reproach*, because we have [fixed our] hope on the living God, Who is the Savior (Preserver, Maintainer, Deliverer) of all men, especially of those who believe (trust in, rely on, and adhere to Him).
- ¹¹ Continue to command these things and to teach them.
- ¹² Let no one despise *or* think less of you because of your youth, but be an example (pattern) for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.

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¹³ Till I come, devote yourself to [public and private] reading, to exhortation (preaching and personal appeals), and to teaching *and* instilling doctrine.

¹⁴ Do not neglect the gift which is in you, [that special inward endowment] which was directly imparted to you [by the Holy Spirit] by prophetic utterance when the elders laid their hands upon you [at your ordination].

¹⁵ Practice *and* cultivate *and* meditate upon these duties; throw yourself wholly into them [as your ministry], so that your progress may be evident to everybody.

¹⁶ Look well to yourself [to your own personality] and to [your] teaching; persevere in these things [hold to them], for by so doing you will save both yourself and those who hear you.



Apostasy (vv. 1-5). This passage states that, although the church is the pillar of the truth, within the church gross systems of error will appear of demonic origin, resulting in the teaching of unbiblical doctrines such as forbidding people to marry and ordering abstinence from certain foods rather than teaching the Gospel of grace. This was one of the forms of Gnosticism that was then developing and that later grew to vast proportions. A good minister (vv. 6-16). The best way to combat incipient or prevailing error is by constantly restating the simple Gospel truth; reading, exhortation, teaching (v. 13). The Bible itself will do the job, if only given a chance, studying it in private, reading and expounding it in public. If ministers today would only give heed to Paul's advice, the church would take on new life and grow by leaps and bounds. Why, O why cannot ministers understand that the simple exposition of God's Word is more desired by the people, and more powerful by far, than their finely worked out sermon platitudes? (Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; history and commentaries; page 839)

Galatians 1:8 (AMP)

⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to *and* different from that which we preached to you, let him be accursed (anathema, devoted to destruction, doomed to eternal punishment)!

Men can lie and deceive when their consciences have been dulled. Paul told Timothy that he didn't have to refuse meats which were prohibited by the Law, because God sanctifies all our food. There are eternal benefits in godly exercise. Jesus is the Savior of the world, but only those who accept Him will be saved. We learn a subject better when we teach it ourselves. (New Testament Study Guide; 2005; Chuck Smith; Bible notes and commentaries; page 132)

It is sad and distressing to see another Christian stray from faith in Christ. Yet 1 Timothy 4:1, 2 warns that before Christ comes again, there will be those who depart from the faith. Do you know anyone who questions his or her faith? Pray that these people will not fall into deception and become hardened to spiritual truth. Guard yourself against deceptive doctrine through diligent study of the Word of God.

Do you remember when you turned sixteen? How about twenty-one? In many cultures, turning a particular age has special significance and such milestones often bring greater privileges and responsibilities. In the Christian life, however, your age is not as important as your conduct. No matter how young, you are called to live a life that is an example—in speech, conduct, faith, love, and purity—to other believers (see 1 Timothy 4:12).

Are you helping take care of and provide for any relatives you have who are unable to take care of themselves, especially parents and grandparents? Did you know that doing so is God's will? It is our Christian duty (see 1 Timothy 5:4).

If you were abused during your childhood and as a result, your attitude toward this biblical instruction was that I was exempt from this expectation due to how I was treated. After all, how could God expect you to take care of people who never did anything for you but hurt you? Perhaps you have been hurt by your parents and now you ignore them. This is understandable, but not acceptable. We must realize that "hurting people hurt people," and develop a merciful, forgiving attitude toward those who have hurt us. When we have truly forgiven we are willing to help those who do not deserve to be helped. We do not deserve God's help, but He helps us anyway and He expects us to do the same for others.

Although it was difficult, there came a time when I made the decision to take care of my elderly parents and I have seen God's favor and blessing as a result. We may do other "good works," or "church work," but if we ignore this duty, we are not doing what is right. If a believer fails to provide for his relatives he is worse than an unbeliever who does perform his obligation in this matter (see 1 Timothy 5:8).

Maybe you were not ever mistreated by your parents, but are now too busy to call them, your grandparents and your other relatives. Perhaps your schedule is too full to attend family functions. Most of our schedules are too full of things that are not even important. They are filled with things we want to do, not with things we should do. Although God wants us to be blessed and have our desires met, He first and foremost wants us to do our duty as believers in Jesus Christ. If we do not care for our own families, God is not pleased.

"Tell me I pray thee wherein thy great strength lieth." Judges 16:6

Where lies the secret strength of faith? It lies in the food it feeds on; for faith studies what the promise is—an emanation of divine grace, an overflowing of the great heart of God; and faith says, "My God could not have given this promise, except from love and grace; therefore it is quite certain His Word will be fulfilled." Then faith thinketh, "Who gave this promise?" It considereth not so much its greatness, as, "Who is the author of it?" She remembers that it is God who cannot lie—God omnipotent, God immutable; and therefore concludeth that the promise must be fulfilled; and forward she advances in this firm conviction. She remembereth, why *the promise was given*,—namely, for God's glory, and she feels perfectly sure that God's glory is safe, that He will never stain His own escutcheon, nor mar the lustre of His own crown; and therefore the promise must and will stand. Then faith also considereth the amazing *work of Christ* as being a clear proof of the Father's intention to fulfil His word. "He that spared not His own Son, but freely delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" Moreover faith looks back upon *the past*, for her battles have strengthened her, and her victories have given her courage. She remembers that God never has failed her; nay, that He never did once fail any of His children. She recollecteth times of great peril, when deliverance came; hours of awful need, when as her day her strength was found, and she cries, "No, I never will be led to think that He can change and leave His servant now. Hitherto the Lord hath helped me, and He will help me still." Thus faith views each promise in its connection with the promise-giver, and, because she does so, can with assurance say, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life!"

Evening Verse

"Lead me in Thy truth, and teach me: for Thou art the God of my salvation; on Thee do I wait all the day." Psalm 25:5

When the believer has begun with trembling feet to walk in the way of the Lord, he asks to be still led onward like a little child upheld by its parent's helping hand, and he craves to be further instructed in the alphabet of truth. Experimental teaching is the burden of this prayer. David knew much, but he felt his ignorance, and desired to be still in the Lord's school: four times over in two verses he applies for a scholarship in the college of grace. It were well for many professors if instead of following their own devices, and cutting out new paths of thought for themselves, they would enquire for the good old ways of God's own truth, and beseech the Holy Ghost to give them sanctified understandings and teachable spirits. "For thou art the God of my salvation." The Three-One Jehovah is the Author and Perfecter of salvation to His people. Reader, is He the God of *your* salvation? Do you find in the Father's election, in the Son's atonement, and in the Spirit's quickening, all the grounds of your eternal hopes? If so, you may use this as an argument for obtaining further blessings; if the Lord has ordained to save you, surely He will not refuse to instruct you in His ways. It is a happy thing when we can address the Lord with the confidence which David here manifests, it gives us great power in prayer, and comfort in trial. "On Thee do I wait all the day." Patience is the fair handmaid and daughter of faith; we cheerfully wait when we are certain that we shall not wait in vain. It is our duty and our privilege to wait upon the Lord in service, in worship, in expectancy, in trust all the days of our life. Our faith will be tried faith, and if it be of the true kind, it will bear continued trial without yielding. We shall not grow weary of waiting upon God if we remember how long and how graciously He once waited for us.

Morning and Evening; Charles Spurgeon.....

(Amplified Bible: The Everyday Life Bible; 2005; Joyce Meyers Ministry; Scriptures & commentaries; Pages 1996 -1998)

Psa 119:105
Thy word [is] a lamp unto
my feet, and a light unto my path.



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