



~ 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 each person has rest this weekend and joy in days off. Help them Lord to enjoy themselves and to take time and fellowship with You. Lord I ask that You supply all their needs and bless them with food to nourish their bodies. Grant them favor and protect them, keep them all my Lord. Give us peace Lord, and help us to always have an answer to give to people when they ask about You, my Lord. I ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

Worship Music

[Crucified Hero-Jeanine Weintz](#)

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Jeanine Weintz](#)

[Amazing Grace-Jeanine Weintz](#)

[Your Love Is Amazing-
Jeanine Weintz](#)

Scripture

2 Timothy 2 (2005)

2 Timothy 2:1-26 (KJV)

1 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. 3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. 5 And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully. 6 The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits. 7 Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things. 8 Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel: 9 Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound. 10 Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. 11 It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: 12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: 13 If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself. 14 Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers. 15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 16 But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. 17 And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; 18 Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some. 19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. 20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. 21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work. 22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. 23 But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. 24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, 25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; 26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

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Advice to Timothy; Avoid business entanglements (vv. 1-7). Paul advises Timothy to take pay for his work as a minister, the very thing Paul had for the most part refused to do before the churches had become established. Perhaps Timothy had been of a well to do family but had of maybe lost his money in persecutions. Being reticent about the matter, he may have needed this advice.

Endure suffering (vv. 8-12). Paul at that time was enduring the cruelest of all suffering for a good man : the false charge of being a criminal (v.9). But note that his mind is on eternal glory (v. 10). The quotation in vv. 11-13 may have been from a hymn.

Handle the Word correctly (vv. 14-21). Do not distort its natural meaning to bolster pet doctrines. The church will depart from the teaching of the Word, but within the historical, visible church God will always have a remnant of true believers (v. 19). Be gentle (vv. 22-26). God's Word, in the hands of a ministry possessed of true Christian gentleness and grace, will break down opposition and keep the church on its true course.
(Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; history & commentaries; page 843-844)

God's Word instructs us in 2 Timothy 2:20, 21 to be vessels consecrated and ready for the Master's use. These verses make clear that to be consecrated is to be set apart for a special use.

To God, we are precious treasures. According to His great plan, we are vessels He sets aside for a special purpose. God wants to show His glory through us. He wants to use us to bring others to Himself. We are His representatives, His ambassadors here on earth. God makes His appeal to the world through us (see 2 Corinthians 5:20).

The meaning of the word *consecrate* is very similar to the word *dedicate*; it means to give, to offer to another, or to set aside for a purpose. If I say that a room in my house is dedicated to prayer, I mean that I want that particular room used primarily for the purpose of prayer and not for other things.

I own some clothes that I wear for public functions. I have set them aside in a certain place in my closet and keep them inside garment bags for protection. This makes them special; they are not used for ordinary occasions, but are set apart for special purposes. This is the way God views us; we are not meant for the world's purposes, but for God's. We are in the world, yet Jesus tells us we are not "of" the world (see John 15:19). So do not be worldly, adopting its ways and methods.

Even after we dedicate ourselves to God, we should regularly rededicate ourselves to our real purpose, as Romans 12:1 encourages: "I appeal to you therefore, brethren, and beg of you in view of [all] the mercies of God, to make a decisive dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] as a living sacrifice, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service and spiritual worship."

It is not too much for God to ask us to dedicate every facet of our being to Him. In fact, that is actually our worship and spiritual service. Under Old Covenant law, God required animal sacrifices to atone for sin. He no longer wants dead sacrifices; He wants us offering ourselves as "living sacrifices" unto Him for His purpose and use. Consecrate yourself to God and be set apart and ready for any good work!

The servant of the Lord must be a maker and maintainer of peace (see 2 Timothy 2:23, 24). He must not strive. Strife is bickering, arguing, heated disagreement, and an angry undercurrent. Strife is dangerous and destructive. Strife is like a deadly, contagious disease. It spreads rapidly unless it is confronted and stopped. Strife destroys marriages, friendships, businesses, and churches. It is a tool that Satan uses to stop the will of God. Strife or contention comes only by pride (see Proverbs 13:10). The servant of the Lord must be willing to humble himself and go the extra mile to maintain peace. Paul told the Philippians they would complete his joy if they lived in harmony (see Philippians 2:2). Paul knew the power believers have if they commit to live in unity and agreement (see Matthew 18:19). We must pursue peace, crave it, and seek it with all of our heart and soul. Without peace we are without power! Do not get involved in conversations that head toward strife. Avoid controversies over things that really do not even matter and refuse to be involved in gossip and tale bearing, which are ungodly and unnecessary. Do not spread rumors or tell other people's secrets. These things cause an angry undercurrent and they hinder or eliminate God's power and blessing. Many homes cannot prosper and be blessed because everyone is in strife. Mom and Dad bicker and argue, the siblings argue and resent one another and nobody is happy but the devil.

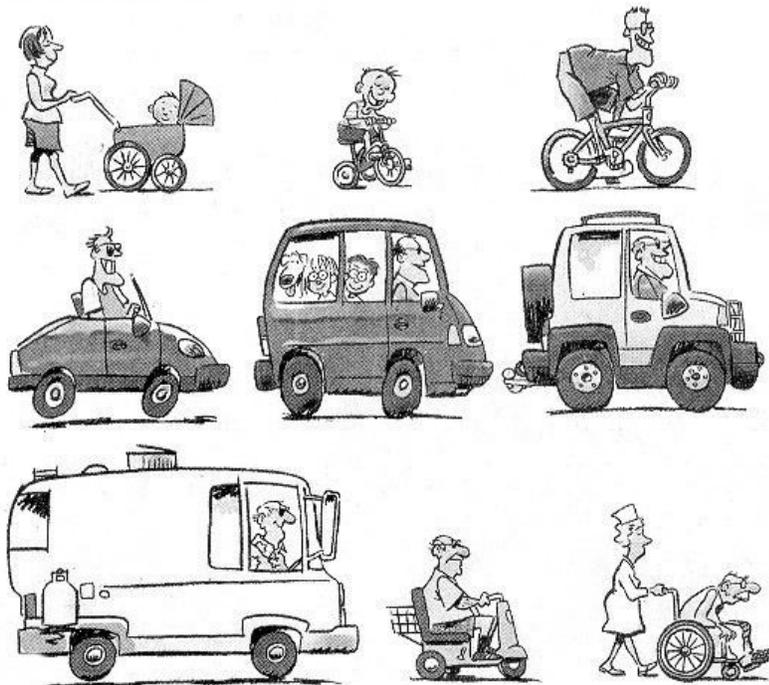
I want to repeat that strife is very dangerous and that as servants of the Lord we must not be part of it. It is good and pleasant when brethren dwell together in unity. Unity releases anointing (God's presence and power) and it is also where God commands the blessing to be released (see Psalm 133).

God instructed us to stay out of strife when we began our ministry. He showed us that He could not bless us and that we would not succeed if we allowed strife in our marriage, home, or ministry. We have worked diligently over the years to keep strife out of our lives. It requires willingness to constantly communicate and confront issues. Strife will not go away if it is ignored; it must be dealt with. I encourage you to ask for the Holy Spirit's help to be a person who avoids strife and restores peace everywhere you go.

In 2 Timothy 2:24 the apostle Paul teaches us that the servants of the Lord must not fight with one another. Instead, we need to be kind and good to everyone. We must be peacemakers, not troublemakers.

(Amplified Bible; The Everyday Life Bible; 2005; Joyce Meyers Ministry; Scripture, notes, commentaries; 2005; page 2009 -2012)

The Wheels of Life



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



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