



~ 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, let our lives be to others a pattern and a model of good works to do as you lead us to do for Your service. Thank You, Lord, for sending Your grace to deliver us from sin and to provide eternal salvation for everyone and Lord, for saving us not because of any work of righteousness that we have done, but because of Your mercy, which you poured out so richly through Jesus Christ our Savior. Fill us God Father with Your will for us today and plans. Bless us and keep us. I pray in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Worship Music

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Scripture

Titus 2 (2005)

Titus 2:1-15 (KJV)

- ¹ But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:
- ² That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.
- ³ The aged women likewise, that *they be* in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;
- ⁴ That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,
- ⁵ To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.
- ⁶ Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded.
- ⁷ In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine *showing* uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,
- ⁸ Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.
- ⁹ Exhort servants to be obedient unto their own masters, *and* to please *them* well in all things; not answering again;
- ¹⁰ Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.
- ¹¹ For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,
- ¹² Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;
- ¹³ Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;
- ¹⁴ Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.
- ¹⁵ These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

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Titus 2-3. Good Works

grand emphasis of this letter is good works. We are saved, not by good works, but by God's mercy (3:5), and we are justified by His grace (3:7). But because of this we are under strict obligation to

- Be eager to do what is good (2:14)
- Be an example by doing what is good (2:7)
- Be ready to do whatever is good (3:1)
- Be careful to devote ourselves to what is good (3:8)
- Do good in order to live productive lives (3:14) of the indictments of the false teachers is that they are "unfit for doing anything good" (1:16).

The power of beautiful lives (2:1-14). Aged men, aged women, young women, mothers, young men, and slaves are exhorted to be so faithful to the natural obligations of their station in life that critics of their religion will be silenced (2:8). , of whom there were many in the early church, are exhorted to be so obedient, diligent, and faithful that their lives would support their profession of faith (2:10), and their heathen masters will be constrained to think, if that is what the Christian religion does for slaves, there must be something to it.

The blessed hope (2:11-14). The Lord is coming again; this supplies the motive for godly living in this present world. It is mentioned in almost every one of the New Testament books. (Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; history & commentaries; page 849)

**The Perennial Freshness of the Bible Bears Witness to its Divine Inspirer**

The full force of the present argument will appeal only to those who are intimately acquainted with the Bible, and the more familiar the reader is with the Sacred Canon the more heartily will he endorse the following statements. Just as a knowledge of Latin is necessary in order to understand the technique of a treatise on pathology or physiology, or just as a certain amount of culture and academic learning is an indispensable adjunct to intelligently follow the arguments and apprehend the illustrations in a dissertation on philosophy or psychology, so a first-hand acquaintance with the Bible is necessary to appreciate the fact that its contents never become commonplace.

One of the first facts which arrests the attention of the student of God's Word is that, like the widow's oil and meal which nourished Elijah, the contents of the Bible are never exhausted. Unlike all other books, the Bible never acquires a sameness, and never diminishes in its power of response to the needy soul which comes to it. Just as a fresh supply of manna was given each day to the Israelites in the wilderness, so the Spirit of God ever breaks anew the Bread of Life to them who hunger after righteousness; or, just as the loaves and fishes in the hands of our Lord were more than enough to feed the famished multitude—a surplus still remaining—so the honey and milk of the Word are more than sufficient to satisfy the hunger of every human soul—the supply still remaining undiminished for new generations.

Although one may know, word for word, the entire contents of some chapter of Scripture, and although he may have taken the time to ponder thoughtfully every sentence therein, yet, on every subsequent occasion, provided one comes to it again in the spirit of humble inquiry, each fresh reading will reveal new gems never seen there before and new delights will be experienced never met with previously. The most familiar passages will yield as much refreshment at the thousandth perusal as they did at the first. The Bible has been likened to a fountain of living water: the fountain is ever the same, but the water is always fresh.

Herein the Bible differs from all other books, sacred or secular. What man has to say can be gathered from his writings at the first reading: failure to do so indicates that the writer has not succeeded in expressing himself clearly, or else the reader has failed to apprehend his meaning. Man is only able to deal with surface things, hence he cares only about surface appearances; consequently, whatever man has to say lies upon the surface of his writings, and the capable reader can exhaust them by a single perusal. Not so with the Bible. Although the Bible has been studied more microscopically than any other book (even its very letters have been counted and registered) by many of the keenest intellects for the past two thousand years, although whole libraries of works have been written as commentaries upon its teachings, and although literally millions of sermons have been preached and printed in the attempt to expound every part of Holy Writ, yet its contents have not been exhausted, and in this twentieth century new discoveries are being made in it every day!

The Bible is an inexhaustible mine of wealth: it is the El Dorado of heavenly treasure. It has veins of ore which never "give out" and pockets of gold which no pick can empty; yet, like earthly treasures, the gems of God must be diligently sought if they are to be

found. Potatoes lie near the surface of the ground, but diamonds require much laborious digging, so also the precious things of the Word are only revealed to the prayerful, patient and diligent student.

The Bible is like a spring of water which never runs dry. No matter how many may drink from its life-giving stream, and no matter how often they may quench their thirst at its refreshing waters, its flow continues and never fails to satisfy the needs of all who come and take of its perennial springs. The Bible has a whole continent of Truth yet to be explored. A learned scholar who died during the present year of grace had read through the Bible no fewer than five hundred times! What other book, ancient or modern, Oriental or Occidental, would repay even a fiftieth reading?

How can we account for this marvelous characteristic of the Bible? What explanation can we offer for this startling phenomenon? It is only stating a commonplace axiom when we affirm that what is finite is fathomable. What the mind of man has produced the mind of man can exhaust. If human mortals had written the Bible its contents would have been "mastered" ages ago. In view of the fact that the contents of the Scriptures cannot be exhausted, that they never acquire sameness or staleness to the devout student, and that they always speak with fresh force to the quickened soul that comes to them, is it not apparent that none other than the infinite mind of God could have created such a wonderful Book as the Bible?

The Divine Inspiration of the Bible.

Arthur W. Pink



Psalm 150:1-6 (KJV)

- ¹ Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.
- ² Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.
- ³ Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.
- ⁴ Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.
- ⁵ Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.
- ⁶ Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.

Paul instructed Titus to teach good sound doctrine and to teach people to live right so they might be identified as true Christians (see **Titus 2:1**). One of the greatest needs of the church today is credibility. The reputation of Christianity has been terribly hurt by people who tell others what to do but do not do it themselves. They are people who call themselves Christians but do not conduct their lives as Christians should; in other words, they do not "walk the talk." Those of us chosen by God to live at this point in history have an opportunity to repair the damage done by others who have gone before us. We must each choose an excellent lifestyle that displays the true attributes of Jesus Christ.

The way you live your life is very important! When you put a Christian bumper sticker on your car, wear jewelry with the cross on it or shirts with scriptures and go to church, people watch you—and they look for authenticity.

Wearing a bracelet with the letters "WWJD" became a fad at one time. The initials stood for "What would Jesus do?" Wearing a bracelet is nice, but what is inside a person should match what he or she promotes on the outside. How would you like it if you saw a grocery store sign and when you went inside you found hardware? You would be aggravated because what was advertised was not what was offered. I believe the world feels the same way about people who advertise Christianity through bumper stickers, jewelry, t-shirts, and church attendance but do not live the life they should.

The Bible is filled with instructions on how to live. It teaches us how to think, talk, and act, as well as who to associate with, and how to manage our money. It also teaches us not to be lazy or out of balance in any area. What good does it do to have a "Jesus loves you" bumper sticker on our car and then break the speed limit, refuse to wear a seat belt, and park in handicapped parking spaces when we are not handicapped? I encourage you to examine your life regularly and make sure that the way you live accurately represents what you say you believe. Be authentic!

(Amplified Bible; The Everyday Life Bible; 2005; Joyce Meyers; Scripture, notes, commentaries; pages 2019 -2021)
(KJV; 2005; Bible Software; Word search 9; Scripture, notes, commentaries; Arthur W. Pink writings)

Psa 119:105

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



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