



~ 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 there is so much going on in the world today, I ask that You give everyone peace, give the Comforter where the comforter is needed, bring Healing where healing is needed, bring Restoration where restoration is needed, bring Deliverance where deliverance is needed. Lord I ask for healing of all what ever their needs may be. Keep them my Lord, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be you transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. 1John 2:15; Eph 5:17; 1Thess 4:3;...3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God has dealt to every man the measure of faith. Rom 1:5; Eph 4:7; 1Cor 12:11; 4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: 1Cor 12:27; Eph 1:23; Eph 4:16; Eph 5:23; Col 1:24; 5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. 1Cor 12:4; 2Cor 10:13; 1Pet 4:10;

Romans 12:2-5

(The Word; Net Bible; Biblical Studies Press; 2007)

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Romans 12 reminds us of Jesus' sermon on the mount. Paul invariably closed any theological discussion with an earnest exhortation to a Christian way of life. In previous chapters he has been insisting that our standing before God depends wholly on the mercy of Christ, and not on our own good works. Here he is equally insistent that mercy, which so graciously forgives, is the very thing that supplies us with a powerful and irresistible urge to do good works and that transforms our whole outlook on life.

Humility of spirit (vv. 3-8); this is addressed to all Christians but is of special importance for church leaders. So often a position of leadership, which should make us humble, puffs us up/ So often a person with a certain talent is inclined to disparage the value of different talents possessed by others. (1 Corinthians 12-14). God gives each Christian a "measure of faith" to fulfill certain ministries in the body of Christ, the church. The power for these gifts comes from God. As a result, there is no place for pride in thinking oneself more important than others on account of the gifts freely given to us.

Paul uses the human body as a picture of the church. There must be unity and integration but each member of the body has a different purpose and function. The unity of the church is centered in Christ. God freely gives gifts to the individual members for the purpose of meeting the needs of the overall church body. These gifts, given for ministry; include prophecy, servicing, teaching, encouraging, contributing to the needs of others, leadership, and showing mercy (12:5-8). Church members must use these gifts if the church is to function as God intends. (Halley's Bible Handbook; 2000; commentaries and Bible history; page 770)

We are to dedicate everything about ourselves to God, not just our possessions, money, time, energy, and efforts, but also our bodies, heads, hands, tongues, and even our minds, emotions and attitudes. We are to dedicate everything to God as a living sacrifice, holy, devoted, consecrated, and pleasing to Him. This is our; reasonable, (rational, intelligent) service and spiritual worship. We are to serve and worship Him with our minds and emotions also, invite God to think and speak through you. Let Him touch people through you. Allow God to use all of you. The more of yourself and your life that you release to Him, the more you will be fulfilled and experience His peace and joy.

What would a church be like where everyone did the same thing and had the same gifts? It would not be very exciting or effective, would it? The Word of God teaches us that there are different gifts and functions within the church, and Romans 12:4-8 reminds us that we should graciously use the gifts we have been given, united as one body in Christ. God also gives us each gift that we need at any given time to fulfill a task He has given us to.....it is through His grace.

If you talk the talk, you have to walk the walk...a saying. As Christians we must live by the principles found in the Word of God. Romans 12:9-21 includes practical principles for living the Christian life. Identify areas in your life where you need to put some of these principles in to practice. Make these principles a lifestyle, and ask the Holy Spirit to help you do so. By us living in this way, good will overcome evil.

Do as much as you can to live at peace with everyone if at all possible. You cannot do their parts, but you must do your part to maintain peace with others. Be a maker and maintainer of peace today and every day of your life.

How do we stay on fire? In the form of; prayer, praise, sharing the Word, or confession can fan the fire, it stirs up the gift within us, keeps the fire aflame, and prevents our spirit from sinking within us. Staying thankful also keeps us enthusiastic. In Ecclesiastes it tells us, "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol (the place of the dead), where you are going" (Ecclesiastes 9:10) Be active; there is no point in putting off doing things until later. If we are passive, the more our flames diminish. Procrastination and laziness are the cousins of passivity, and they usually all attack in a group. We are to be motivated and led by the Holy Spirit within us, not by outside forces. Everything we do is to be done unto the Lord and for His glory. We should do it through Him, to Him, for Him, by Him and with Him. We should do it willingly and with our whole hearts stirred up and on fire within us.

The way to defeat evil is by overcoming it with good (Romans 12:21). It takes effort and determination, it will not just happen you have to decide to do it.

Romans 12:2 informs us that God has a plan in mind for us. His will toward us is good and acceptable and perfect, but we must completely renew our minds before we will ever experience the good things God has planned. We renew our minds and get new attitudes and new ideals by studying God's Word. His Word is Truth. (John 17:17)

(KJV Bible; Amplified Bible; 2005; Joyce Meyers; commentaries, notes, scriptures; pages 1831-1834)

Ecclesiastes 3

- 1 To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
- 2 A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;
- 3 A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;
- 4 A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
- 5 A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; 1 Cor 7:5;
- 6 A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
- 7 A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
- 8 A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

9 What profit has he that works in that wherein he labors? Eccl 1:3; 10 I have seen the travail, which God has given to the sons of men to be exercised in it. 11 He has made every thing beautiful in his time: also he has set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God makes from the beginning to the end.

12 I know that there is no good in them, but for a man to rejoice, and to do good in his life. 13 And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labor, it is the gift of God.

14 I know that, whatever God does, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God does it, that men should fear before him. 15 That which has been is now; and that which is to be has already been; and God requires that which is past.

16 And moreover I saw under the sun the place of judgment, that wickedness was there; and the place of righteousness, that iniquity was there. 17 I said in my heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked: for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work.

18 I said in my heart concerning the estate of the sons of men, that God might manifest them, and that they might see that they themselves are beasts.

19 For that which befalls the sons of men befalls beasts; even one thing befalls them: as the one dies, so dies the other; yes, they have all one breath; so that a man has no preeminence above a beast: for all is vanity. 20 All go to one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again. Gen 3:19; 21 Who knows the spirit of man that goes upward, and the spirit of the beast that goes downward to the earth?

22 Why I perceive that there is nothing better, than that a man should rejoice in his own works; for that is his portion: for who shall bring him to see what shall be after him?

Psa 119:105

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



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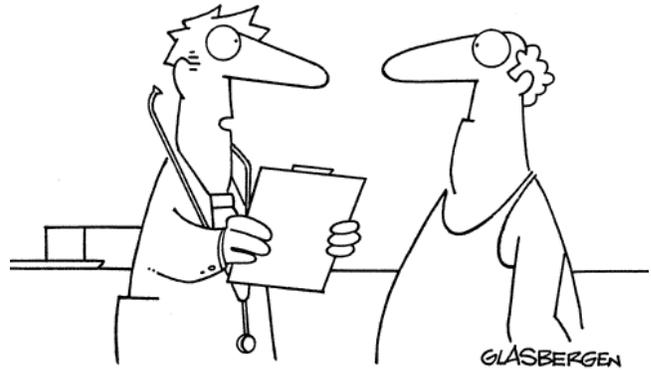
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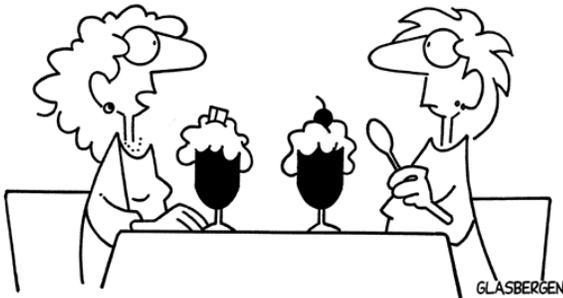
"I was going to wake up early to go jogging, but my toes voted against me 10 to 1."

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"The handle on your recliner does not qualify as an exercise machine."

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"If you put a crouton on your sundae instead of a cherry, it counts as a salad."



"I have metal fillings in my teeth. My refrigerator magnets keep pulling me into the kitchen. That's why I can't lose weight!"

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"I'm going to order a broiled skinless chicken breast, but I want you to bring me lasagna and garlic bread by mistake."

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"The healthiest part of a donut is the hole. Unfortunately, you have to eat through the rest of the donut to get there!"