



~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

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Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, led each person in their day to day as to Your will for them and plans. Open a door for them of favor and divine connections. I ask that no matter what they set their hands to do that it bears fruit to Your glory and honor and to further Your Kingdom, for we are Your stewards, bond servants, willingly. Give each peace. I ask that all needs are met, supplied that they are blessed with it, in Jesus' name. Amen.....

Scripture

1 We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. **1Cor 9:22; Gal 6:1; 2** Let every one of us please his neighbor for his good to edification. **3** For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached you fell on me. **Ps 69:9; Isa 53:4-5; 4** For whatever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. **Rom 4:23-24; 5** Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like minded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: **Rom 12:16; 1Cor 1:10; Phil 2:2; Phil 3:16; 1Pet 3:8; 6** That you may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. **7** Why receive you one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.

Romans 15: 1-7

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Paul urges stronger Christians, those who are more mature in their faith, to patiently support newer, "weaker" Christians with the purpose of building up their faith. Christ exemplified this with His focus being entirely on building the church with little regard for His own interests. Paul understood that unity in the church was critical to building a glorious church. If Paul had been like some people, he would, as soon as he received his commission from Christ as special apostle to the Gentiles, have immediately set out for Rome, capital of the gentile world, and made it his head quarters for the evangelization of the Roman Empire. One reason he did not was probably that ever since the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:10) there had been a church in Rome. And Paul's mission was to carry the name of Christ to regions where Christ was not yet known. His plan was to preach wherever he went, working his way gradually westward. And now, after 25 years, after firmly planting the Gospel in Asia Minor and Greece, he is ready to go on to Spain with a stopover in Rome on the way (v. 24). Paul arrived in Rome about three years after he wrote this letter. (Halley's Bible Handbook; 2000; history and commentaries; pages 771-772)

We that are strong in the faith should be helping the weaker brothers to stand, or the new believers. Christ took reproaches on Himself that were aimed at God, because He didn't live to please Himself. We should seek unity in the Body, accepting one another. Jesus ministered to the Jews, the circumcision, because He came to fulfill God's promises to the Jews. Paul gives the Scriptures that prophesied the inclusion of the Gentiles in God's grace. Paul begins and extended benediction and series of prayers to close the epistle. Paul says his ministry to the Gentiles was proper because the Holy Spirit ordained it. Paul hadn't visited the church in Rome before. The saints in Jerusalem were poor because they had sold their possessions to share everything in common. Paul asked the Christians to strive and persevere in their prayers for him, interesting words relating to prayer. He asked them to pray for three things: That he be delivered from the unbelievers in Judea; That the offering would be accepted by the Jerusalem church. That he could visit Rome with joy and be refreshed.

(New Testament Study Guide; 2005; Chuck Smith; commentaries; page 79)

We are to be God pleasers, not self pleasers or people pleasers. When people tell me they are a people pleaser, I question it, why? ...Because people pleasers are pleasing people and usually not God at all, that saying you cannot please every body is true, keep God first. If we seek and love the approval of others, we are probably people-pleasers. We discover in our experiences that if we do not please people, they do not approve of us; if we have an out of balance need for approval, we will be people pleasers. Paul said; he did not seek popularity with man, yet in 1 Corinthians he stated that he tried to please people and accommodate himself to their opinions and desires in order that they might be saved. " Now may I try to win the favor of men, or of God? Do I seek to please men? If I were still seeking popularity with men, I should not be a bond servant of Christ (the Messiah)"(Galatians 1:10) "Just as I myself strive to please [to accommodate myself to the opinions, desires and interest of others, adapting myself to] all men in everything I do, not aiming at or considering my own profit and advantage, but that of the many in order that they may be saved" (1 Corinthians 10 :33). These two verses almost seem to oppose one another yet if we understand the heart behind them, we see that they are not contradictory. Paul wanted to please people, he wanted to maintain good relationships with people, especially for the purpose of leading them to accept Jesus as their Savior. He also wanted to please God and fulfill the call on his life. Paul knew how to maintain balance in this area/ He tried to please people, as long as pleasing them did not cause him to displease the Lord. The Bible says in Acts 5:29, " We must obey God rather than men. "

Pleasing people is good, but it is not good to become people pleasers. People pleasers are those who try to please people even if they have to compromise their consciences to do so. People pleasers are those who need approval so desperately that they allow others to control, manipulate, and use them. This is not being led by the Holy Spirit, as God's Word instructs us to be (Romans 8:14). People pleasers are fear based individuals. They fear rejection, judgment, what people think and say, and especially anger or disapproval. God pleasers are grace based individuals who do not seek approval out of insecurity or fear, they strive to follow God with all their hearts, but they also seek to please and minister to others without compromise or fear of rejection.

Doubt is an attitude that can easily creep up on us; that is why we must be watchful not to permit it to do so. Doubt may certainly knock at the door of your heart. When it does, answer with a believing heart, and you will always maintain the victory, doubt steals your joy, but believing releases it.....Always remember also when asked to do something; " let your yes be yes and your no be no....." If God has given us something to do and it takes time, than we can say NO to added work, unless God specifically said you are to do the other work, also. Pray about it, seek confirmation. His yoke is easy His burden is light...if what you are doing is not, than it is time to re check with God.....you may have thought He wanted you to do it, but He never told you so, after all you make your own schedule.....

(KJV Bible; Amplified Bible; Joyce Meyers; 2005; Scripture, commentaries, notes; pages 1837—1840)

Philippians 3

1 Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe. Phil 4:4; Jas 1:2; 1Pet 4:13; 2 Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision. Isa 56:10; 3 For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh. Deut 10:16; Deut 30:6; Jer 4:4; Rom 2:29; Col 2:11; John 4:24;

4 Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinks that he has whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more: 2Cor 11:21; 5 Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; 2Cor 11:22; Gen 49:27; Acts 23:6; 6 Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. Acts 8:3; Acts 9:1; Acts 22:3-4; Gal 1:13; 1Tim 1:13; 7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Matt 13:44; 8 Yes doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, Isa 53:11; Jer 9:23; John 17:3; Col 2:2; 9 And be found in him, not having my own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: Rom 1:17; Rom 3:21; 10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable to his death; Rom 8:17; 2Cor 4:10; 2Tim 2:11-12; 1Pet 4:13; 11 If by any means I might attain to the resurrection of the dead.

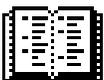
12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. 13 Brothers, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth to those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. 1Cor 9:24; 2Tim 4:7;

15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing you be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this to you. 16 Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing. Gal 6:16; Rom 12:16; Rom 15:5; 1Cor 1:10; Phil 2:2; 1Pet 3:8;

17 Brothers, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as you have us for an ensample. 1Cor 4:16; 1Cor 11:1; 1Thess 1:6; 2Thess 3:9; 1Pet 5:3; 18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: Rom 16:17; 19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.) 20 For our conversation is in heaven; from where also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ: Heb 13:14; 1Cor 1:7; 1Thess 1:10; Titus 2:13; 21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like to his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things to himself. 1Cor 15:51; Col 3:4; 1John 3:2;

Psa 119:105

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



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