



~ Thought For The Day ~

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“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, Lord help us to not be distracted, but to be focused on You and Your will for us, for what ever You have us doing in this time in our life. Help us to over come. Give us peace. Guide us in the way to go and how to. Give us the will to study the Word, continuously. Supply our needs and bless us each with our daily bread. Lord help us to focus, and for us to be steadfast. Allow Your discernment to be sharp in us and remind us to test the spirits, in Jesus' name.....Amen.

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Scripture

Galatians 5 (NKJV; 2005)

1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty with which Christ has made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. [John 8:32](#); [Rom 6:18](#); [1Pet 2:16](#); [Isa 9:4](#); **2** Behold, I Paul say to you, that if you be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing. [Acts 15:1](#); **3** For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. **4** Christ is become of no effect to you, whoever of you are justified by the law; you are fallen from grace. **5** For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. **6** For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision avails any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which works by love. [Matt 12:50](#); [John 15:14](#); [1Cor 7:19](#); [2Cor 5:17](#); [Gal 6:15](#); [Col 3:11](#); [1Thess 1:3](#);

7 You did run well; who did hinder you that you should not obey the truth? [Gal 3:1](#); **8** This persuasion comes not of him that calls you. **9** A little leaven leavens the whole lump. [1Cor 5:6](#); **10** I have confidence in you through the Lord, that you will be none otherwise minded: but he that troubles you shall bear his judgment, whoever he be. [2Cor 2:3](#); [2Cor 8:22](#); **11** And I, brothers, if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? then is the offense of the cross ceased. [1Cor 1:23](#); **12** I would they were even cut off which trouble you. [Josh 7:25](#);

13 For, brothers, you have been called to liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. [1Cor 8:9](#); [1Pet 2:16](#); [Jude 1:4](#); **14** For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; You shall love your neighbor as yourself. [Rom 13:8](#); [Lev 19:18](#); [Matt 22:39](#); [Mark 12:31](#); [Jas 2:8](#); **15** But if you bite and devour one another, take heed that you be not consumed one of another. [2Cor 12:20](#);

16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. [Rom 13:14](#); [1Pet 2:11](#); **17** For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that you cannot do the things that you would. [Rom 7:15](#); **18** But if you be led of the Spirit, you are not under the law.

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, [1Cor 3:3](#); [Jas 3:14](#); **20** Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, jealousies, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, **21** Contentions, murders, drunkenness, revelings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. [1Cor 6:10](#); [Eph 5:5](#); [Col 3:6](#); [Rev 22:15](#);

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22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, **Eph 5:9**; **23** Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. **1Tim 1:9**; **24** And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. **Rom 6:6**; **Rom 13:14**; **Gal 2:20**; **1Pet 2:11**; **25** If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. **26** Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.



Paul could not understand how any human being would deliberately choose to risk his salvation by basing it on his or her own works rather than on the gracious mercy of Christ. Christ saves us, we do not save ourselves. It is the difference between freedom and slavery. But freedom in Christ does not mean license to continue in sin. Paul never fails to lay special stress on that. Those who follow the desires of the sinful nature cannot be saved (5:19-21), but those who seek the Lord will receive the fruits of the Spirit, which are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control (5:22-23). One of the spiritual laws of the natural world is that a man shall reap what he sows (6:7); it is an inexorable law, whether the seed be wheat or weeds. Large letters (6:11); evidence of the genuineness of Paul's own hand writing, were the evidence of his thorn in the flesh. The marks of Jesus (6:17). His enemies claimed that Paul was not a genuine apostle of Christ. His battered, bruised, and scarred body was his testimony (2 Corinthians 4: 6, 11). (Halley's Bible Handbook; 2000; history and commentaries; pages 801-802)

Refuse to be distracted, it can hinder the fruit of the spirit; the love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. What are distractions? Anything that....that can cause the loss of freedom in God, and anything that causes slavery. Distractions can cause storms, doubt, worry. So what are distractions; over work, over spending, someone you want, focusing on wanting something that you do not need, paying attention to people's negative remarks, celebrating a pity party, not doing what God called you to do, adding extra tasks, people demanding your time, problems at work, friends, projects, schooling, in your family, being told your goal is not from God, no sense of direction, peddling here and there, wasting time, comparing yourself to someone else, if a church comes courting you to join them and you get caught up in it, listening to condemnation, thinking what God has you doing is not worthy that it is not furthering His kingdom because it is a small thing, worrying, people wanting to talk when you just were going to study or pray, frets, fuming, calling 50 so and so's to see what they think, when you have something planned to do at a certain time for God but you decide instead to play, sin, excuses, criticisms from others, warfare, bickering, complaining, somebody in your life can be a distraction....what is it that has your mind? Is it divided?

What do you do? Priorities....determination, refuse to be intimidated, be focused, study the Word, pray, organize, keep your mind on what God has called you to do, reasonability, what is your primary reasonability at this time in life, don't allow your self to be involved in this and that (let your yes be yes, and your no be no), set a definite time, be accountable to God, be the best you can be, walk in the center of the will of God, refuse to be distracted. Distraction comes from Satan, be focused on God and what He has given you to do. Keep God first; spouse; than family; than job. Yes, family will distract you....yes we have to make allowance for those emergencies, sometimes though have you noticed you sit down to study or pray.....and the phone rings.....the kids want some-time.....something interesting comes on TV.....someone invites you to go somewhere.....some of it cannot be avoided....but lot's can, explain to family this is my time with God....let the answering machine get the phone, forget the TV.....just so you know you can watch those programs on line most of them...after the fact (ABC does I know). When you set a time to do something, do it, it is the time allotted for it, very few times should you have a variance.....Do you know what distractions are?? Hindrance....and whom does hindrance come from? Do you see it??.....Lately I have been thinking why am I doing this?...Than the thought you don't have the skill....a small still whisper....than today I thought.....hum.....ok done with that. Don't you know that if God calls you to it, He has placed the knowledge in you to do it, it is called grace. He never calls us to do something where the helps are not provided.....the grace.....by either putting it in us, or providing the training that sparks the grace He put in us....So satan...sit on it and twirl.....I know the end of the good Book.....maybe you should take time to read it....My favorite distractionwell your a woman.....and? Hey, God called me I did not, and if He did not want this woman to think and study.....than I would not have gray matter.....right? You know a brain....8).....Seek God, does it line up with the Bible? Pray....if you need to seek wise council.....you don't have to go to 50 people.....you may get 50 different answers.....go to God first.....we are to lean on Him.....Whom ever comes across your mind, pray for them, and today I hope it is me....pray for me, and keep me in your prayers. I am for you.

.....some times distractions can come in the form of razzle and dazzle them.....you know confuse your thinking.....than flash something tempting in front of your eyes.....so than they have control of you.....it sometimes comes in the form of redheads, blonds, brunettes for the guys and for us girls sometimes the in the male version form of....it is distraction, hindrances.....you see the fruit of the Spirit above well satan does the opposite anything to get his ugly, smelly foot.....try to.....in a door.Spirit Walker.....

Paul here urges the Galatians to hold to the sound doctrine he had taught them, rather than being confused and caught up in every new wave of doctrine (Ephesians 4:11-14). Paul points out the futility of being circumcised or doing any other work to try to assure salvation or righteous standing with God. No religious ritual can ever save us. If a man is circumcised in order to be saved, then he is responsible for the whole law, because he has established a legal relationship with God (James 2:11). (v. 5) For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. (Philippians 3: 4-9). (v. 7) You did run well; who did hinder you that you should not obey the truth? (1 Corinthians 9:24; Philippians 3:14). (v. 8) The doctrine taught by the false teachers wasn't from God but from men. Many of the cults put people under bondage to their laws. Their leaders are often very convincing speakers, and we need to evaluate the teachings we hear in light of what the Bible says (1 Thessalonians 5:21). If we move just slightly away from pure doctrine, we can go further away, as we try to reconcile our beliefs. The Cross offends people, because when Christ sacrificed Himself for the sins of every person. He became the only way to God. People are bothered by the narrowness of one way; they prefer to think that man can somehow affect his salvation through a wide choice of roads to God. We're no longer slaves to our flesh, sin, and Satan when we're born again (Romans 6: 2 Timothy 2:26). We're also free from the Law. Now we must exercise our freedom so that we're not brought back into bondage (1 Corinthians 6:12). "Walk" refers to our manner of life. When our spirits are in union with God, we're alive. When our spirits are not in union with God, we're dead (Ephesians 2:1-3). One of the signs that a man isn't in fellowship with God his conformity to the world (Romans 12:12; 1 John 2:15, 2 Corinthians 6:17). God communicates with us through our spirits (Romans 8: 16-17; John 4:23-24). The spirit confirms that we belong to God (John 14:20) and opens our understanding of spiritual things teaching and instructing us (1 Corinthians 2: 14-15). When we walk in the Spirit, we allow Him to rule our minds and control our thoughts. (Romans 8:5). We feed on spiritual food to keep our spiritual man strong (Job 23:12). If we program our minds with spiritual things, then the Spirit overflows from our lives. When we walk in the Spirit we have fellowship with God (1 John 1:7). We have joy, peace, understanding, and patience. We also have strength and power over the flesh with the ability to see the consequences of following the fleshly life (Romans 8:6). The conflict between the flesh and the Spirit is common in the life of the believer. God has given us instincts and desires that are part of our natural function. When our fleshly instincts try to rule us, then the struggle with the Spirit begins (Romans 7: 19-25). Sometimes it seems that we're overwhelmed by our fleshly desires (Matthew 26: 41), but God uses our weak areas to show us His strength (Romans 7:24-25). When we ask Him for help, He is right there with the power to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves. We cannot reform our flesh, it must be crucified (Galatians 2:20; Romans 6:6). We must continually reckon our flesh dead and buried as new temptations occur. God works on us from the inside out, not from the outside in. While we try to practice self-control, God is teaching us Spirit-control. These works of the flesh all deal with sexual sin (1 Corinthians 6:15-20; Romans 1: 21-27). "uncleanness" is immorality. Idolatry is worshiping God in ways that He doesn't sanction. Many people offer the works of their flesh to God as worship. God doesn't reward the works of the flesh.

The meaning of the word translated "witchcraft" here encompasses the use of hallucinogenic drugs. Wrath is an ungovernable temper given to explosions. One who strives is self-seeking. An example is the politician who seeks office to gratify his ego rather than to serve the people. Our Christian life should be wholehearted and intense, not a borderline experience (1 Corinthians 9:24). The contrast here is between the works of the flesh and the fruit of the Spirit. Our fruit is nurtured and cultivated by God (John 15:1,4). The Spirit is the dynamic power of God working in our lives to bring forth fruit (Acts 1:8; Romans 8:14). The word "love" here is the Greek word agape, the unselfish spiritual love that comes from God. The rest of this verse describes agape (1 Corinthians 13). The fruit of the Spirit is agape (1 John 3:14). Joy is the consciousness of God's love. Peace is more than the absence of conflict. True peace is only possible when agape exists. Gentleness is sensitivity to the needs of others. Love is the strongest motivator for goodness. Agape causes others to have faith in our word; it makes us trustworthy. Meekness is humility. The people who are humble don't tell you they are. Temperance is moderation. The fruit of the Spirit should be flowing from our lives for the building up of the Body of Christ (James 1:22-24). Living in the Spirit begins when we are born again. Walking in the Spirit means that we are conscious of God's presence with us at all times. An awareness of God's presence helps us to be obedient to Him and to avoid evil. If we walk in the Spirit, we will not fulfill the desires of the flesh (v. 16). Walking in the Spirit is walking in love. The glory and praise of men soon passes. Making a show in the flesh provokes others and causes envy. We should conduct ourselves in a way that leads people to glorify God for our actions (John 3:29-30).

(New Testament Study Guide; 2005; Chuck Smith; commentaries & notes pages 103-105)

Psa 119:105

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



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