



~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

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Prayer

Lord, please help me stir up my desire to make significant changes in my life. I am so sorry for the times I've allowed complacency to keep me stuck in the same ol' place for such a long time. I want to change. I want to grow. I want to be different. I am asking You to supernaturally fill me with so much desire that no power on earth and no force in hell can stop me from becoming everything You want me to be, in Jesus' name. Amen

Sparkling Gems from the Greek.

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Scripture

Genesis 5

Genesis 5:1-32 (AMP)

1 THIS IS the book (the written record, the history) of the generations of the offspring of Adam. When God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. 2 He created them male and female and blessed them and named them [both] Adam [Man] at the time they were created. 3 When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, after his image; and he named him Seth. 4 After he had Seth, Adam lived 800 years and had other sons and daughters. 5 So altogether Adam lived 930 years, and he died. 6 When Seth was 105 years old, Enosh was born. 7 Seth lived after the birth of Enosh 807 years and had other sons and daughters. 8 So Seth lived 912 years, and he died. 9 When Enosh was 90 years old, Kenan was born to him. 10 Enosh lived after the birth of Kenan 815 years and had other sons and daughters. 11 So Enosh lived 905 years, and he died. 12 When Kenan was 70 years old, Mahalalel was born. 13 Kenan lived after the birth of Mahalalel 840 years and had other sons and daughters. 14 So Kenan lived 910 years, and he died. 15 When Mahalalel was 65 years old, Jared was born. 16 Mahalalel lived after the birth of Jared 830 years and had other sons and daughters. 17 So Mahalalel lived 895 years, and he died. 18 When Jared was 162 years old, Enoch was born. 19 Jared lived after the birth of Enoch 800 years and had other sons and daughters. 20 So Jared lived 962 years, and he died. 21 When Enoch was 65 years old, Methuselah was born. 22 Enoch walked [in habitual fellowship] with God after the birth of Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and daughters. 23 So all the days of Enoch were 365 years. 24 And Enoch walked [in habitual fellowship] with God; and he was not, for God took him [home with Him]. 25 When Methuselah was 187 years old, Lamech was born to him. 26 Methuselah lived after the birth of Lamech 782 years and had other sons and daughters. 27 So Methuselah lived 969 years, and he died. 28 When Lamech was 182 years old, a son was born. 29 He named him Noah, saying, This one shall bring us relief and comfort from our work and the [grievous] toil of our hands due to the ground being cursed by the Lord. 30 Lamech lived after the birth of Noah 595 years and had other sons and daughters. 31 So all the days of Lamech were 777 years, and he died. 32 After Noah was 500 years old, he became the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

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Genesis 5. The Genealogy from Adam to Noah

The ages in this genealogy are extraordinarily long; for example: Adam, 930 years; Seth, 912 years; Methuselah, 969 years (the oldest person in the Bible); Noah, 950 years. The great age to which they lived is ordinarily explained on the theory that sin had only begun to have its malign influence on the human race.

When the numbers in this chapter are added together, there would appear to have been 1,656 years between the creation of Adam and the Flood. Some think that, because this genealogy and the one in chapter 11 each has 10 generations, they may be abbreviated (as is the case in the genealogy of Jesus in Matthew 1).

Enoch, Genesis 5:21–24

Enoch was the best of the first generations. In a society of unspeakable wickedness, he "walked with God." Born 622 years after the creation of Adam, he was contemporary with Adam for 308 years. "God took him" when he was only 365 years old, 69 years before the birth of Noah.

The only other person to be taken up by God without having to die was Elijah (2 Kings 2). Enoch and Elijah may have been intended by God to be a kind of foreshadowing of the happy fate of the saints who will also be taken up alive when the Lord returns (1 Thessalonians 4:17).

Methuselah, Genesis 5:25–27

At 969 years, he was the oldest of the 10 men listed in chapter 5. He was the son of Enoch. His life overlapped that of Adam by 243 years and that of Shem by 98 years, thus forming a connecting link between the Garden of Eden and the post-Flood world. He died the year of the Flood.(Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; Zondervan; Bible History & Commentaries; pages 95-96)

The Patriarchs From Adam To Noah: VV21-24 The deaths of men are recorded in an unbroken chain until Enoch. Enoch was taken from the earth by God. Enock, as a man of faith, represents the church, which will also be taken out of the world (raptured). Noah symbolizes the 144,000 Jews who will have to go through the tribulation here on earth, but will be protected by God. VV25-27 It appears that perhaps Methuselah died in the flood. (Old Testament Study Guide; The Word For Today; Chuck Smith 2005; commentaries; page 11)

The First Requirement of a Leader**1 Timothy 3:1**

One time many years ago, Denise and I were driving down the street, discussing our concern for certain church members who reflected no desire for excellence in the way they lived. As we discussed our desire to see the people in our church display a greater desire for excellence in their lives, we happened to look out the car window. There we saw one of our church members, an older woman, walking down the sidewalk. This elderly lady was extremely poor and had suffered miserable hardships in her life; yet every time we saw her, she always wore a beautiful smile on her face. My wife and I had commented to each other on many occasions about this woman's "never-give-up" attitude.

Like millions of other people living in the wreckage of the former Soviet Union, this woman had lost her money, her job, and even her national identity when the Soviet Union collapsed. As a pensioner, she existed on a salary so low that we didn't know how she even survived from day to day. Her monthly pension was barely enough to buy bread and milk. (This sad situation has happened to many people in the former Soviet Union. It's heartbreaking to see so many who live in despair, having lost all hope and sense of purpose in life.) But on this particular day, this elderly lady's hair was beautifully combed and her face was prepared for the day. She had put on her best dress jacket, and she was holding her head high as she walked down the street. She looked as if she were a queen! Then we noticed that the woman wobbled as she walked. Looking at her feet, we saw that her shoes were almost completely worn out and were surely causing her great pain as she slowly strolled along. When I saw how this little old woman hobbled along in old, worn-out shoes with her head held so high, it both blessed and saddened me. I felt sorry that her financial situation was so bleak and that she had to walk in such a decrepit pair of shoes. But her spirit and her mental attitude were so strong that she refused to let life get her down—and that blessed me! I thought of all the people we knew who faced much less challenging situations, yet who sat around griping and complaining about everything. Because they didn't have the same desire this woman had to keep pressing toward excellence regardless of the obstacles, they were much more prone to give up and quit. But this little woman put on the best she had in an effort to look as excellent as possible in the midst of her very difficult circumstances. It is sadly true that many believers live low-level lives simply because they have no ambition, passion, or desire to do anything to improve themselves. Their complacent attitude prevents them from ever doing anything better with their lives.

Considering the fact that the Spirit of God lives in believers and wants to take them higher, it is hard to understand any believer who:

has the ability to improve himself but doesn't.

has the money to buy better clothes but doesn't.

has an iron to press his clothes but doesn't use it.

has a comb to comb his hair but doesn't care how his hair looks.

has the opportunity to study and increase his knowledge and skills but never cares enough to do it.

has been reared in a good home with godly parental examples but allows his living quarters to look like a pigpen.

It is very important for you to understand that God doesn't choose passionless people to do mighty works. He carefully observes a person's attitude and desire before He lays His hand upon him and calls him to do something historic and monumental. Attitude and desire are very important to God; in fact, Paul wrote, "This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work."

As noted earlier (see May 25), the word "desire" is the Greek word *orego*. This word pictures a person who wants something so badly that he stretches forward to obtain what he wants. It literally means to be outstretched or to stretch forward. The idea is of a fierce, unyielding desire to have or to be something. It refers to a person's inward attitude and determination to always do the best he can with what he is and to become the best he can be.

You see, when a person has loads of talent and potential but never combs his hair, irons his clothes, makes his bed, washes his car, or cleans his pigpen of a home, it should deeply disturb us. It should especially concern us if that person has money to improve himself but never does it because he doesn't care.

A person who never attempts to make improvements in his living conditions is not someone I want to serve alongside me in my ministry. I know from the way he lives that he isn't a person with high standards of excellence. Likewise, an individual who is content to remain at his current level of proficiency at work, never striving for greater results, demonstrates a low level of desire to attain excellence.

This is probably not the kind of person God can trust to do great things for His Kingdom! A person's "take-it-easy, don't-rock-the-boat, never-achieve-anything-special" attitude reveals a lack of the passion and desire needed to be a mover and a shaker in life. This person could be developing his mind. He could be striving for excellence in his work. He could be reading books and developing skills of professionalism in his chosen field. Instead, he sits around in a puddle of mediocrity, satisfied with the status quo.

If you know someone who is called of God and loaded with gifts and talents but who is lazy in his approach to life, let me encourage you to speak correction to this person in love. God will never select that person to do anything great until he becomes willing to change. Why would God trust this kind of person with an important task when he can't even make his bed or comb his hair? Regardless of the talent or gifts this person possesses, he is eliminated by his own lack of desire.

This issue of desire is not a second-rate issue. It is right at the top of the list of requirements for excellence! It's so critical to advancement in life that when the apostle Paul gave Timothy his list of character requirements for Christian leaders, the first thing he put on the list was desire (1 Timothy 3:1).

When God observes your life, does He see the kind of desire that is essential for leaders? If not, what are you going to do to change this in your life—starting today?

QUESTIONS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER

If you were to gauge the level of your desire for excellence, how would you rate yourself (with #1 designating the least desire and #10 the greatest desire)?

If you were to ask people who know you well to gauge your level of desire, how do you think they would rate you? Why don't you go ahead and ask them this question so you can find out what others see in you? You might learn something very valuable by allowing a dear friend to speak so honestly into your life.

In your opinion, what is the number-one area of your life that needs to change? Sparkling Gems from the Greek.

(Word 9 Bible Software: Bible Software, multiple translations, dictionary, atlas, sermons of the past saints, concordance, 2005)
(The Everyday Life Bible; Amplified, 2005, Joyce Meyers, Scripture, Commentaries, page 11-12)