"If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee." Rev.3:3



"For the Son of Man is as a man taking a far journey, who left His house and gave authority to #1) His servants, and #2) to every man his work, #3) and commanded the porter (gate warden) to watch."Mk.13:34

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To be a voice of one crying in the wilderness, preparing the way of the Lord, making straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley (humble person) shall be exalted and every mountain and hill (prideful person) shall be made low and the crooked (fraudulent, polluted, and deceitful) shall be made straight (exposed) and the rough places smooth.



"...narrow is the way that leads unto life..." Mt.7:14

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Lord their God. To go before Jesus' return in these last days in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers back to the children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous. To make ready a people prepared for the Lord. For the time is at hand! Codicil-9pages March 2010

Blessings without Disciplines

Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ,

It's been a while since our last communiqué, by the Holy Spirit's directive and this is not the third set of documents. They will be released in their 'due season'. This is a codicil. What is a codicil? It's a legal term for a supplement to a text, inserted within prewritten pages.

I'm sure you have already noticed the heading "Blessings without Disciplines". In early December of 2006, I was experiencing a tremendous amount of back pain. So much that on a Saturday evening I told my wife; "Please just beat on it, maybe something will give." The next morning at Church service the Pastor called for people with back pain to come down for prayer. Well you didn't have to ask me a second time; I was out of my chair like a shot. As I was being prayed over I hit the floor like a rock. (I know some of you denominational doctrine people are struggling with this, but that's OK for now.) I'm not sure how long I was down, but I stood up like I had been shot out of a cannon and the pain was all gone. I was like the fellow in Acts 3. I began leaping and jumping and praising God; WOW! What a moment! Twenty-four hours later, on Monday, the pain returned with a vengeance. Not understanding the why, I sought the Lord for the answer and this is what He revealed. This Word from the Lord is not an easy thing to receive, but a very necessary one if we, as His Body, are going to fulfill 'our race' individually, and corporately. It has a two sided meaning.

Let me stop here and offer up a prayer...Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I ask that you anoint this Word for it is Your Word, and not the message of a man. May it remove burdens and destroy yokes as it goes forth and let it not return void. It is a hard saying Lord, so grant to us the grace to empower us to obey. We are a sick people and a sick nation in desperate need of Your touch. May it bring forth much fruit as Your people have ears to hear and do it. Thank you for the boldness and courage to speak the truth in love. Amen.

First, we as the Children of God want the blessings of God without the disciplines of God. For every miracle or healing there will always be God's part and our part, taking action with our faith. Ja.2:20 "Faith without works is dead faith." <u>Lk.17:14</u> - "As they went they were healed." <u>Gal.5:22-26</u> - "But the fruit of the spirit is...<u>self-control</u>" "Now those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit let us also <u>walk</u> (a military term that means to draw up in a line, get in line) by the Spirit." <u>1Cor, 9:24-27</u> - "Know you not that they which run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain, and every man that strives for the mastery is <u>self-controlled</u> in <u>all</u> things...I therefore so run, not as uncertainly, so fight I, not as one that beats the air (a very specific race given to no one else) I keep (buffet, subdue) my body, and **bring it into subjection**, lest that by any means when I have preached to others I myself should be a castaway (unapproved, rejected). <u>2Tim.2:5</u> - "And if any man strive for masteries, he is not crowned except he <u>strive lawfully</u>." Ja.4:17 - "Therefore to the one who knows to do right and does it not to him it is sin."

The vast majority of all physical ailments in the Body of Christ are sown through lack of <u>self-control</u> and <u>discipline</u> (doing what needs to be done, when it needs to be done, whether I want to or not.) Satan did not

send them, God did not desire for us to have them. Through our own choices of improper foods and amounts of food or the lack of proper exercise, we receive the consequences of our choices, with diabetes, heart disease, cancer, back pain, etc. Several years ago the Lord really brought this point home to me on a personal basis. God has given the prophet a forehead hard as flint, but not the back of their head. I'll explain. My wife for some time had been telling me to stop leaving articles of clothing on the floor beside my side of the bed or someone was going to get hurt. Yes, you guessed it! One morning as I rushed to get out of the bed in the dark, I slipped on the clothes, with my feet going to the ceiling and the back of my head kissing the hardwood floor. It was awful. Within a few hours I was blubbering like a baby. It would overcome me off and on without warning; I had no control over it and had a headache like nothing I had ever experienced. We went to the hospital and found that I had a bad concussion and was put on bed rest for 1 week. I went to the elders of the church for prayer and came home. A few days went by and I was talking with the Lord, trying to discern how I had opened the door for Satan to try to destroy my health. His response was; "My son...Satan did not do this and I did not will it...you did it. Your lack of self-control and discipline to pick up the clothes created the consequences. I even warned you numerous times through your wife, but you did not heed it." Needless to say I got the message. If we do not do our part by self-control and discipline, then other things will take charge of our lives. According to Gal.5 self-control is a fruit of the Spirit, the opposite of that is lasciviousness (Greek word aselgeia- unrestrained living, debauchery). 2Pet.2:7- "And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy (aselgeia unrestrained) conversation of the wicked". Jude 4- "...turning the grace of God into lasciviousness... (Unrestrained living)". Gal.5:19-21 - "... of which I tell you now, as I have told you in time past, that they who do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God."

That should be a warning call to every Believer!!

Yes I said <u>warning</u>. A word and action that is almost extinct in our self-willed culture, including today's Church age. Those that understand that we are in the Laodicean age characterize it with lukewarmness. This is true, but it is not the heart of the story. The heart of the Laodicean is found in the Greek definition of the word Laodicea – meaning "peoples"; it was the "will of the peoples" church. They were a <u>self-willed</u> people. Choosing themselves where, when, and how they will obey the Word of God. In <u>Col.2:1</u> Paul was deeply concerned, "For I would that you knew what great conflict (struggle, fight) I have for you and for them at Laodicea". Even though the people at Colosse and Laodicea had never met Paul personally, it did not keep him from caring enough to warn them. Back up a couple of verses to <u>Col.1:28</u> -"Whom we preach (Jesus Christ – The Word of God) <u>WARNING</u> every man (or woman) and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man <u>perfect (fully matured)</u> in Christ Jesus".

Now, let me ask you a question. Right here in front of you is the written Word of God, what precedes teaching? **Please**, speak it out loud, **WARNING! Eph.4:11-13**- "And He (Jesus) gave (to His church) some Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers, for the **perfecting** (fully maturing) of the saints, for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the Body of Christ (the Church), until, (how long?), we **all come** in the (#1) unity of the Faith, (#2) and of the knowledge of the Son of God, (#3) unto a **perfect** (fully matured) man, (#4) unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ". **Mt.5:48** - "Be you **perfect** (fully matured) even as your Heavenly Father is **perfect**."

Many of you have spent very little time in studying and meditating on the first two sets of documents, the Spirit of the Lord is warning you. <u>Acts20:30-31</u> - "Also of your own selves will men (women) arise, speaking perverse things (deceptive truth) to draw away disciples after themselves. Therefore watch and <u>remember</u>....I cease not to <u>WARN</u> everyone night and day with tears." <u>1Thess.5:14</u> - "Brethren, <u>WARN</u> them that are unruly (lazy-no self-control or discipline)." <u>1Cor.4:14</u> - "I write <u>not</u> these things to <u>shame</u> you, but as my beloved sons (or daughters) I <u>WARN</u> you." Paul in these four chapters was warning the Church, you are off track and to continue in it would be to your own hurt and demise.

Hear the Word of the Lord through the Prophets mouth; **Jer.6:10** - "To who will I speak and give **WARNING** that they may hear? Behold their ear is uncircumcised (in other words they are self-willed) and they cannot hearken (won't obey), behold the Word of the Lord is unto them a reproach, they have no delight in it."

In <u>**2Kings6:6-10**</u> - (take your Bible and read it all) Even though Israel was in a spiritual downfall (just as the modern Church), God <u>sent</u> the Prophet Elisha in to expose the unseen (deceptive) acts of the enemy. <u>Vs 10</u> - "And the King of Israel sent to the place which the Man of God (Elisha) told and <u>WARNED</u> him of and <u>saved</u> <u>himself there</u>." He was <u>victorious</u> because he listened and obeyed the words of the true Prophet, not a false one. <u>2Chron.20:20</u> - "Believe in the Lord your God so will you be established, believe His Prophets so will you prosper (be victorious).

Turn to **Ezk.3:17-21**, this is part of his commissioning service by God Himself. Seven times, (the # of completion), we see a reference about **warning** in these five verses, with positive and negative effects. The Spirit of the Lord wants you at this time to really focus on verses 20-21 and to remember them as you read the remaining pages of this codicil. "Again when a **righteous** man (or woman, a born again believer) does turn from his righteousness and commit iniquity (known-willful-continuous-particular sin) and I lay a stumbling block before him, (because he refuses to forsake it) he will die (lose his soul), because you have not given him **warning** he will die in his sin and his righteousness which he has done will not be remembered (see Mt.25 – foolish virgins – "I know you not") but his blood will I require at your hand (lose your soul). Nevertheless, if you **WARN** the **righteous** man (or woman – born again believer) that the righteous <u>sin not</u>, and he does not sin (listens & obeys) he will surely live (Why?) because he is **WARNED** and you also have delivered your own soul (from damnation). Remember Jude 4 tells us that in our current day, Church pulpits will be saturated with those "turning the Grace of our Lord into lasciviousness", a license to sin, "I'm free", - **Buyer Beware: The Bridge is Out!**

<u>Ps.19:7-11</u> – "The Law of the Lord (#1) <u>is perfect</u>, converting the soul; (#2) the testimony of the Lord <u>is sure</u>, making the wise simple; (#3) the statutes of the Lord <u>are right</u>, rejoicing the heart; (#4) the commandment of the Lord <u>is pure</u>, enlightening the eyes; (#5) the fear of the Lord <u>is clean</u>, enduring forever; (#6) the judgments of the Lord are <u>true</u> and <u>righteous</u> altogether; (#7) <u>more to be desired</u> are they than gold, yes than much fine gold; <u>sweeter also</u> than the honey and the honeycomb; (#8) moreover by them is your servant <u>WARNED</u> and <u>in keeping</u> them (absolute obedience in all things) there is <u>great reward</u>."

The #8 is representative of "New Beginnings". Do you need a new beginning in your life today? Then let it start right here, right now, by meditating on these eight things. <u>Prov.4:20-23</u> – "I <u>will attend</u> unto your WORDS; I <u>will submit</u> my ear to Your sayings. They <u>will not depart</u> from my eyes. I <u>will keep</u> them in the midst of my <u>heart</u>, for they <u>are life</u> to those <u>who find</u> them, and <u>health, (healing, remedy, calmness</u>), to <u>all</u> <u>my flesh</u>. I <u>will keep</u> my heart with <u>all diligence</u>, for out of it are the <u>wellsprings</u> of life."

The modern Church should be quarantined due to its unrestrained living! From unrestrained conversation to unrestrained eating habits, to unrestrained spending, to unrestrained stress, causing our body's immune system to whack out, creating all kinds of chemical imbalances, manifesting itself in sickness and disease. We must judge ourselves, before we are judged! We must all ask ourselves the question..."Am I guilty of wanting the blessings of God (healing, provision, etc.) without the disciplines of God through self-control and discipline as a life style? Take those unrestrained, undisciplined areas of your life today; confess and repent (forsake) them by taking it to the cross of Christ, the only place the victory can be won, and by faith leave it there. Crucify it, kill it, because that which is dead can not harm you or rear its ugly head again.

Do you remember in the last set of documents, on the next to the last page, we talked about the distorted western mind set concerning the "Law of God"? Please I beg you in the Name of Jesus get your mind around this and don't let go! The Hebrew word for **Torah** (the first five books of the Bible) means "teaching (unto life), instruction or law." It comes from the Hebrew word <u>'yarah'</u> which means "to take aim and hit the mark" (as an archer hitting the bull's-eye). Without the "Law of God"- the Word of God, we have no knowledge of right or wrong! So God continues His revelation in the New Testament with the Greek word "to sin" –<u>hamartia</u> –"any act contrary to the will and law of God". It comes from the Greek word <u>hamarano</u> which means "to miss the mark". Now based on the written Word of God "His Law" let's stare sin right in the face and call it what it is. <u>Any area</u> of our lives, I repeat, <u>any area</u> of our lives that is "unrestrained" (no self-

control) is an act contrary to the will of and law of God, we miss the mark. Sin has entered our door along with sickness, diseases, no answered prayer (God's not listening), no power against Satan himself and a multitude of other items too numerous to mention. So...what do we do?

Ps.32:5 "He that covers his sin will not prosper, but whoso **confesses and forsakes** them shall have mercy." Otherwise as sin it damns the soul. No matter what you're deceived denomination or your own mind set wants you to believe. Yes...I hear some of you quoting Rom.8:1 right now, trying to justify your unrestrained areas of lifestyle. "There is now **no condemnation** to them who are in Christ Jesus." You have been duped- deceived by a Pastor who does not have the courage or boldness to 'speak the truth in love" to you. I have covered this subject before, but I'll repeat it again. Go get your Bible and turn to **Rom 8:1** and read it ...all of it! "Who walks **not after** the flesh, but after the Spirit". Lasciviousness – aselgeia – unrestrained living, is living after the flesh! Self-control and God's disciplines are after the Spirit.

Deut.30:11-15 "For this commandment which I command you this day, is not hidden from you neither is it far off. It is not in Heaven that you should say; 'who shall go up for us to Heaven and bring it unto us that we may hear it and do it?' Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say; 'who shall go over the sea for us and bring it unto us that we may hear it, and do it?' But the Word is very near unto you, in your mouth, and <u>in your heart</u> that you may do it. See I have set before you this day life and good, death and evil."

To put it another way, if anyone in Israel at that time, or the Modern Church today, was, and is, ignorant of the Law of God, it was, and is, willful ignorance. Anyone who wants to know the Word of God...CAN. So you see the "no condemnation" is a conditional promise, just like every other promise in the Word of God.

Since you have your Bible open...turn over to <u>1Jn.3:20</u> and we will bring this to a conclusion. "For if our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our heart and knows all things". (Translation – before we discover our failure and our heart condemns us, it was known to God, because He alone knows our heart.) "Beloved, if our heart condemns us not, then we have confidence toward God, and whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight."

This is not speaking of sinless perfection, but points to the attitude of the heart of the believer, that as far as he knows he has no un-confessed sin in his or her life; and as sin is exposed it is forsaken, or repented of, no longer a part of them. So therefore being absolutely clean before God our heart no longer condemns us and we have confidence toward God. Now I ask you, who in their right mind would not want that kind of relationship with the Creator of Heaven and earth?

The Bible says in **Job** "To decree a thing and it shall be established" – the Hebrew word for decree literally means **to decide**. Decide... now, "to take aim and hit the mark", by applying your weakness by faith to the Cross of Christ and allowing the Holy Spirit to empower you to overcome by the Grace of God.

Take charge of your life or something else will. Be it sickness or some other consequence. We can not **knowingly violate** the Word of God concerning "the temple of the Holy Spirit" with lack of self-control and discipline, and in turn expect God and His mercy and grace to heal us. God's grace will cover our ignorance, but it will never cover our continuing known willful sin. "For if we sin **willfully** after that we have **received** (to take or get hold of) the **knowledge** of the truth (becoming saved) there remains no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment, and fiery indignation which shall devour the adversaries. He that despises Moses law died without mercy under two or three witnesses. Of how **much more punishment** suppose you will he be thought worthy , who has trodden under foot the Son of God, and has counted the blood of the covenant, where with he **was sanctified**, an unholy thing and has done insult unto the Spirit of grace" **Heb. 10:26-29.** "All the paths of the Lord are mercy **and** truth **unto** such as **keep** his covenant and His testimonies" **Ps. 26:10.** "Know you not, that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If **any man** defiles (ruin or spoils by any process) the temple of God, him shall God destroy, for the temple of God is Holy, **which** temple you are. Let no man **deceive himself**".... **1Cor. 3:16-18**. Did you hear that? "**Let no man deceive himself**". Say it again and again, over and over to yourself out loud.

What goes on in the natural has an umbilical cord attached to the spiritual. "Beloved, I wish above all things that you would prosper and be in health **even as your soul prospers**" <u>3John 2</u>. The physical condition of the Body of Christ is merely expressing its spiritual condition. The Lord told me when I began to do again what I have done before with proper exercise, and **loose the belly fat**, my back will heal. Do not expect Him to be a microwave remedy for the lack of self-control, discipline and the buffeting of our own bodies, and bringing them into subjection. It is not what we do in the 40 days between Thanksgiving and New Year with our food consumption and exercise, but the 325 days between New Years and Thanksgiving. He wishes <u>above</u> every thing else for you to prosper and be in health. Go and do likewise.

Now, concerning the 2nd meaning - the spiritual implications, <u>Acts 4:32</u> - "And the multitude of them that believed were of <u>one heart</u> and of <u>one soul</u>..." <u>Jn.17:21</u> - "That they may all be one even as you, Father art in Me and I in You." Jesus and the Father are of one heart and one soul, just as the early church was in complete harmony and unity, no disorder. Cancer, diabetes, heart disease, a headache, etc. are all symptoms of something being out of order. You can choose to relieve the symptoms with drugs or find the cause and correct it.

Anyone who has experienced a physical ailment of any kind knows that it puts a hindrance on your whole "body", keeping it from functioning at its full potential. Not being one heart and one soul creates the same situation for the Body of Christ. There is amazing power in unity, and little more than a match stick flicker without it. Each of us is like a spark, but when joined together with one heart and one soul it makes for a very large light. Queen Esther from the Old Testament was a spark who brought other sparks together, that created an environment for the power of God to show up in the midst of unified prayer, and delivered a people from a death sentence. King Jehoshaphat in <u>2 Chron.20</u> did the same thing. In <u>Acts 12</u> we see the same thing. Read these accounts over and over again, let them soak into your Spirit. None of these stories had anything to do with convenience. If we want a Holy God to show up and show off, then we must plant the right seed. <u>2Chron.16:9</u> – "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth to show Himself strong in behalf of those whose heart is perfect toward Him." It is an awesome thing to consider that God is actively looking for "Undefiled Faith Walkers" desiring to show up and show off. However the context of this scripture is found being spoken by the Prophet Hanani in a rebuke to the leadership over their faithlessness in not believing and obeying God. The verse concludes with "Herein you have done foolishly; therefore from henceforth you will have wars". The leadership was so trilled over the Prophet's word that he threw him into prison (such is the life of the true Prophet of God today). Now if true repentance had taken place, as evident in a complete change of behavior, and heeding of the words of the Prophet, King Asa would not have seen his life shortened because of a disease in his feet. Verse eleven speaks of the "acts of Asa first and last". Why? Because there was a difference in Asa in his last years, he began well, but didn't finish well. - Pause and think about that.

"Not everyone that says unto me Lord, Lord will enter into the kingdom of heaven but, he that does the will of My Father which is in heaven." <u>Mt. 7:21.</u> Unity comes about through being reconciled. Being reconciled is not an option it is a command of the Lord, **Mt. 5:24**. It is the will of God.

Let's take a closer look at <u>Acts 12</u> and these sparks that came together and saw the Power of God manifested and the commanded blessings bestowed. From Acts 4 and on, a great hardship was upon followers of Christ because they were completely committed in obedience. They were getting kicked out of church, losing their homes and their jobs because of this committed, absolute obedience to Christ, the Word of God.

<u>**1Peter 4:6**</u> – "Yet if any man suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God on this behalf." <u>**2Tim.2:11-12**</u> – "It is a faithful saying; for if we be dead with Him (totally dead to self-will) we will also live with Him. If we suffer (because of absolute obedience to His will –Word) we will also reign with Him; if we deny Him (by our actions, etc.) He will also deny us."

This picture of the Church in Acts is in great contrast to the modern Church. We are to be Holy -set apart- in the world but not of it. Sadly this is not true today. Church folk work seven days a week and never blink an eye

even knowing it violates the fourth commandment. They then pacify their conscience by saying; "We are under grace" when in reality they have "turned the Grace of God into lasciviousness (unrestrained living)." When was the last time you heard a testimony in a Church service of someone glorifying God over losing their job because they had decided to take a stand of obedience? If you won't do it here and now while in your training and testing grounds, then you won't be in the thousand year reign of Christ because you flunked out by failing during the testing time. - Pause and think about that.

My wife and I will have been married 35 years this March 8th. During our time together there have been times that she worked outside of the home. She always stood her ground in this issue and some would not hire her because of it, but others did. Not once did she ever not find work when it was needed. This year marks the 27th year of growing fruits and vegetables on our farm for retail sales. Seasoned farmers counseled me in the beginning that we would have to work 7 days a week during the growing season if we had any hope of success. I looked them straight in the eye and said; "It is written, 6 days you shall work, the 7th is the Lord's Day and it is set apart. I will not violate it. If stuff rots in the field because it was not picked, then my God is able to make it up". And He has!

So if you truly want to see God's power show up as it did in Acts 12, then one of the items necessary is to be willing to suffer because of absolute obedience to His Word. Verses 5&12 give us a second necessary item; "Peter therefore was kept in prison but **prayer was made without ceasing** of the Church unto God for him." "...he came to the house of Mary, the mother of John, where many were **gathered together praying**." There was an around the clock prayer service going on. It is believed that at the time Peter was released and showed up at the house it was sometime in the fourth watch (3a.m.-6a.m.), the same area of time that Jesus walked on the water. Which brings us to the third item, nothing about this situation was convenient for anyone. All of the people involved in this prayer service had lives and other responsibilities. Do you have a "spirit of convenience" dominating your life? <u>Acts 24:24-25</u> – "And after certain days when Felix came with his wife Drucilla....he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the Faith of Christ, and as he (Paul) reasoned (or preached) righteousness, self-control, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go your way for now and when I have a "**convenient season**" I will call for you." The Greek word used here is 'Kairos'- right time, opportune time, appointed time, It's a time that may or may not ever come your way again. In other words, Felix was saying to Paul 'I hear you and we will do this again when it is a good and convenient time for me'.

If you are not willing to inconvenience yourself; which is your choice, don't deceive yourself into believing the Power of God is going to manifest itself as it did in Acts 12.

Many times what is not in a story speaks as loud as what is in the story itself. Everything that comes to the believer is either caused or allowed by God. – Everything! Sometimes it takes a great heartache to shake us out of a stupor. Take time right now to read **Acts 12:1-17**, and then come back.

This group of believers was experiencing great hardship and then on top of that Herod arrests James and kills him. It pleased the Jews so much Herod was going to do it again with Peter. This shook the believers enough for them to come together in unified prayer without ceasing, or someone else was going to die. But you see this pray without ceasing wasn't offered for James. A beloved brother and Apostle died and another was facing the same fate before they got really serious. The Bible says; "greater love has no man than he lay his life down for a friend", and "we shall know we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren". Do we lay down our life (our time) because we love the brethren? Pause and calmly think about that.

By standing on denominational, Charismatic, or Pentecostal doctrines, you will find your self right in the middle of walking in the flesh. <u>Gal. 5</u>

<u>Seditions</u> – Divisions - a standing apart from others, no unity or team spirit. <u>Variances</u> – contentious spirit- to divide into sects <u>Heresies</u> – Act of choosing – to split or divide –<u>1 Cor.11</u>

They divided into groups based on a common agenda. Paul called them Heresies, same word from <u>Gal. 5</u> Unshakable conviction is a virtue, unyielding intolerance of other people, regardless of what they think, is **Sin**. We must be able to love people in order to win people to the obedience of Christ. Some may be thinking 'I don't believe all this, <u>1Sam. 15:23</u> "stubbornness is as idolatry". Who is a stubborn person? One who will not change his or her mind even when the Word of God is opened to them, and the truth is shown. Their opinion, not the Word of God has become their god through intellectual idolatry.

When we have wrong information it will cause us to believe wrong. Our wrong belief will lead to wrong decisions. Our wrong decisions will lead to wrong results. A miracle may get us out of a situation or problem, but lack of wisdom will cause it to repeat itself. Wisdom will cost you, but your ignorance will cost you more. **Prov.4:7-9** "Wisdom is supreme, therefore get wisdom. Though it cost you all you have, get understanding. Esteem her, and she will exalt you; embrace her and she will honor you. She will set a garland of grace on your head and present you with a crown of splendor." The wisdom being spoken of here is Jesus Christ "The Word of God". Now read it again with that in your mind.

Now that you know these things you are accountable and it is time to confess and **repent** of them. Those who have or have had a physical ailment, now understand why Jesus prayed for unity to bring the Body of Christ into strength and power. Now go and do likewise that not only you may receive the healing in your physical body but that the Church may receive a spiritual healing to its Body. Have you forgotten <u>**Rev. 5:12**</u> – "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, to receive **power**, <u>riches</u>, <u>wisdom</u>, <u>strength</u>, <u>honor</u>, <u>glory</u>, and <u>blessing</u>." <u>**Rom.8:17**</u> – "If they are children then heirs, heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ." Joshua 18:3 – "How long will you be slack to go in and posses the land which the Lord God of your fathers has given you?"

<u>POWER</u> – In order to be victorious – <u>**1Thes.1:5**</u> – "For this Gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in **<u>power</u>** in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance."

<u>RICHES</u> – In order to give - <u>**Phil.4:19**</u> – "But my God will supply all your needs according to His <u>**riches**</u> in Glory by Christ Jesus."

<u>WISDOM</u> – In order to solve - <u>Lk.21:15</u> – "For I will give you a mouth and <u>wisdom</u>, which all your adversaries will not be able to speak against or resist."

<u>STRENGTH</u> – In order to endure - <u>Isa.40:31</u> – "But they that wait upon the Lord shall find their <u>strength</u> renewed, they will rise up with wings as eagles, they will run and not be weary, they will walk and not faint."

<u>**HONOR**</u> – In order to serve - <u>**2Tim.2:19,21**</u> – "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity...if a man purge himself from these, he will be a vessel unto <u>**honor**</u>, sanctified and qualified for the Master's use and prepared for every good work."

<u>GLORY</u> – In order to be one <u>Jn.17:22-23</u> – "And the <u>glory</u> which You gave Me I have given them that they may be one as We are one, I in them and You in Me, that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me."

<u>**BLESSING**</u> – In order to be a blessing - <u>**1Peter 3:9**</u> – "Not rendering evil for evil or railing for railing, but contrariwise, blessing, knowing that you are thereunto called that you should inherit a <u>blessing</u>."

It doesn't get much better than that. Be A SPARK! The decisions you make today will not only determine your tomorrow but eternity as well. Make wise ones.

May the blessings of God through Jesus Christ our Lord and your Hebron be granted unto you because you fully followed the Lord.

Until He Comes,

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P.S. If you are indeed filled with the Holy Spirit of God, and He is actively working in your life, then one of the evidences of that according to Acts 4:31 is "they spoke the Word of God with boldness".



"Many are called, but few chosen." Mt.22:14

In 2005 after 22 years of growing fruits and vegetables, and the most prosperous year in farming ever, the Lord instructed Michael to leave their 100 acre farming operation by selling and/or giving everything away, and go to a place that He would show him.

So in the spring of 2006 Michael and his wife Donna did just that. They walked out with the clothes on their back, pictures, and items of ministry, "To make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

They currently live on the Cumberland Plateau in the small mountain community of Mt. Zion in Grandview, Tn. near Crossville

Michael's call into ministry:

Ezk.3:10, 11, 17, 25-27 "....all My words that I shall speak unto you receive in your heart and hear with your ears, and go get you to them of the captivity, unto the children of your people, speak to them and tell them, Thus says the Lord God; whether they hear or refuse to hear....I have made you a watchman unto the house....therefore hear the word at My mouth, and give them warning from Me." "....behold, ropes will be put upon you and you will be bound with them so that you can not go out among the people. And I will make your tongue cleave to the roof of your mouth so that you cannot be a reprover of the people, for they are a rebellious house. But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth and you will say to the people, thus says the Lord God, he who hears let him hear, he who refuses to hear let him refuse, for they are a rebellious house." Amos 7:14-15 "....I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman, and a gatherer of sycamore fruit and the Lord took me as I followed the flock, and the Lord said unto me, Go, prophesy to my people...."



"Some sow the seed, some water, but it is God who gives the increase." ICorth. 3:6



"...Hebron became the Inheritance of Caleb...because he fully followed the Lord..." Joshua 14:14