

#106 **S t r e s s**

There are two kinds of **S t r e s s**

And I certainly will openly *confess*

That both have their effects which change its *holder*

Stress from God heats us up, from the Devil makes hearts colder.

Deut. 4:24

Godly S t r e s s is the “**Consuming Fire**” that proceeds out from **God’s** own *tongue* Heb.12:9

And always **burns the hearts** of those of us **dwelling** upon a low, **low rung** Luke 24:32

Of the ladder of wisdom; which in turn encourages an upward *climb*;

But this progression to a higher place always takes a long, long *time*.

How one views the **S t r e s s** and deals with it is the deciding *factor*.

Do you receive **His** corrections like **your field of faith** is being sowed by hand or a *tractor*?

The seed **will** get sent out **regardless** of the condition of the *receiving soil’s plot*.

Hard rocky ground, a thin layer, or deeper dirt that may be fertilized or *not*.

Matt. 13:3-8, Mark 4:3-8

The seed is God’s children that spread a graceful love that guides us unto a

Pure and **Righteous act**.

Matt.13:38

Whether I **conform** & **perform** or get **transformed** determines if my faith will be *packed*

With **knowledge**, **understanding** & **wisdom** to keep my spirit calm & in *peace* Prov. 1:2-7

Or if I’ll still be at a point where I’ll give **God** another *fleece*

To test what **He’s** actually doing, and **if I’m** the main *reason*

I might have continual **S t r e s s** and **why** it’s lasting *past* a *second season*.

I’m being taught to be a mature follower so I can now eat some *meat*

And not just keep **sucking on** the **baby** milk of **His Word** & keep getting knocked

Off my *feet*

But now able to keep standing & forgo the **falling 7 times** & getting back *up*. Prov. 24:16

I’m now at the “**Bride’s wedding feast**” & on **HIS BODY** & **BLOOD** I now *sup*.

Luke 22:30

He’s the “**Bread of Life**” and I only find nourishment now in a special *way*. John 6:48-5

It’s that *I’m finding more often my flesh* being denied *while I amazingly* stay

Patient unto the *day*

When **He’ll show me the rewards**, some of which I see, **even today**, that **He** Has *planned*.

I thank **God He’s** also given me **mercy** & much “**Fruit**” to eat so the meal is far From *bland*

But is spiced up with **12 flavors** I never even dreamt possible to *taste* Rev. 22:2

So I’ll know that the trials I’ve been through have not been a *waste*.

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