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### There is an

# Urgency Can you see it?

We must return to the Basic Principles
Two important commandments. "Thou shalt love the
LORD thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul,
and all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the
first commandment. And the second is like, namely
this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is
none other commandment greater than these.
Mark 12:30,31

#### Isaiah 1:9-20

Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, *and* we should have been like unto Gomorrah.

- Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah.
- To what purpose *is* the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats.
- When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts?
- Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; *it is* iniquity, even the solemn meeting.
- Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear *them*.
- And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.
- Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil;
- Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.
- Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.
- 19If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:
- **20**But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.



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#### GOD's Way and GOD's Timing

**Diane Simms** 

In the event you are still struggling with relationships, society, other cultures and your own life, it could possibly be because a significant portion of your being is missing or weakened. GOD's remnant has been called to stand, be unmovable, strong and bold. Fortify thyself with the Word, take your eyes off of Man and his wickedness and follow the moving and shifting Holy Spirit of GOD.

This journey we are on has been traveled before, the route has been perfected but you must follow the Guide or you'll get lost. The United States of America has been in a Spiritual battle for quite some time but evil and corruption is evidence enough that we've forgotten we're the Army of the Lord. Put Your War Clothes on and fear not what man can do unto you, Psalms 118: 6-7 The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me? 7 The LORD taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me.

During these evil times we need strong conviction, 1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain.

Take the time to get to know our true assignment here, the purpose for the life you were given, do you know, have you allowed GOD to reveal your purpose. We make up one (1) body, but we all have a different role we need to focus on in order to live thru this Journey with the Joy, Peace, Love, and Abundance GOD Promised those that diligently seek him.

When we say GOD is in Control, do we really know how powerful a declaration that is. All these horrible things we see being planned for US citizens as well as immigrant families. Has GOD revealed to anyone what can be done to stop the destruction of America. If YES you need to get busy!!! For those who do not know what they should do in this season Go to GOD and Ask Him, Study, Mature Spiritually, get Stronger and when he reveals it to you, you'll be ready for it.

Proverbs 11: 27-31 27 He that diligently seeketh good procureth favor: but he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him. 28 He that trusteth in his riches shall fall; but the righteous shall flourish as a branch.

29 He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind: and the fool shall be servant to the wise of heart. 30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise. 31 Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth: much more the wicked and the sinner.

These verses alone tells me what We see happening in the US, GOD knows, he sees, and he has already decided their fate. So as I have said many, many times before sometimes we just have to be Obedient and stay out of GOD's business. Because the more you learn about him, you realize his ways a not our ways and his thoughts far surpass ours but he'll teach you if you're willing to learn!

Nothing worth having is easy to get, you have to do something or it will have little to no value to you. That is what's wrong with the ultra-rich, nothing has value to them anymore not even human life, families, the homeless, the sick, Veterans, the water or the climate. It has to STOP, hate and racism has to STOP. We have to try to wake people up to compel them to be saved, to win Souls, for the Kingdom of GOD is at hand.

Repentance is the only cure for what is going on, reach the backslider, the immature in the knowledge of GOD, the sinner with a GOD conscience, If you are not received JESUS (Yeshua Hamaschiah) told us to shake the dust off of our feet, once we have done what was instructed of us, it then becomes GOD's business unless he tells you to return, we have to let him lead us.

When we step out in front of GOD, we are telling him we know more than him about which way to go. I know we've all experienced how that turns out. Pray for direction and guidance every day and as many times a day that you have a question. He is our heavenly Father and we want to please him. He will bless the works of your hands and the fruit of your lips. We need strong secure relationships with him so he can use US. WE Believe GOD is in CONTROL, Not Man.

1 Corinthians 2: 9: "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him".

Study more than just the KVJ and the many translations of the same works. Add other true and proven writings to your studies, GOD will reveal so much and your relationship with him will become stronger and stronger and watch how he rewards those who diligently seek him, those who love him and take the time to get to know the will of GOD!!!



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#### **Strategically Placed**

Dr. C. A. Dangerfield II

Have you in your relationship with God realized that you are uniquely and marvelously made by God. He has placed so many wonderful things within in us for His
purpose. But we are so distracted by so many things we don't always recognize or
use what He has placed in us to bring about change and make a difference. We
choose to become complacent, full of murmuring, complaining and finger pointing.
We become miserable, tired and frustrated because all we do is focus on what we
feel are shortcomings in others. But truthfully have we applied the same grace and
mercy that God applies towards us in our shortcomings? Or do we take the posture
of becoming a blame thrower at every given situation that crosses our path? This is
going to require some inwardly searching and honesty on our part now to accomplish this right here. As we surrender ourselves more to the Lord the current weights
will lift and the pride, entitlement, the selfish and haughty spirit will lift off of us. This
will open new doors of opportunities and trusting in Him will give us the grace to
cross over the threshold into a new room prepared just for us.

Inside this new room we will come to the knowledge and understanding of what God has placed and invested within us. Now we will come to really understand that because of our gifts and talents we are strategically placed to fulfill a purpose. Since we have gained this new wisdom, we need to invest our time, effort and knowledge into the assignment God has placed before us. Not questioning our abilities but completely trusting in what He has placed in us to fulfill His purpose and assignment. Realizing and understanding that each one can reach one. Because when we check our own history, we will recognize each time God had someone on assignment to provide that guidance we needed to get us to the place we are now. Understanding as we move forward there will be others to guide us as we also will be there and assigned to also help others to move forward within their path too.

As we grow and move forward, we will also come into the understanding and realization that there is an Urgency for us to make ourselves available for the work of the Lord and through our obedience from His guidance He'll enlarges our territory. He will continue to equip us for the work of our hands.

Many people go through various events in life some happen because we've taken ourselves out of relationship with God for our own reasoning and mainly because someone did something towards us as and we blamed God. Never thinking if we had just followed the basic principles of God, we might not have gone down certain risky paths headed towards turmoil. So, in essence we didn't bond well with Him always

listening to outside sources. But because of His grace and even His extreme mercy we were not consumed nor cut off from existence. That our behaviors could have brought forth. Jeremiah 29:11 states "For I know the thoughts I think towards you saith the Lord thoughts of peace and not of evil to give you an expected end." Our lives were thought out at our creation as well as our purpose. The only way to know and understand it, is to obtain knowledge directly from the source. Who had already provided guidance through the scriptures within His Word. When you truly think about it, its accessible anywhere without cost. We just need to communicate better, (prayer) instant and direct conversation, (knowledge and understanding) by the application of studying the Word of God. We study everything else even things that don't build up our character and ignite our potential. The Word of God is demonstrating a clear path, because it shows all the angle and sides of every situation exposing rewards and consequences. What better guide for life then this? Fully equipped with everything we need. All we have to do is apply desire for it and consume it freely and watch it manifest daily.

Don't neglect to remember the bonus promises

Hebrews 13:5 KJV

[5] Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Joshua 1:5 KJV

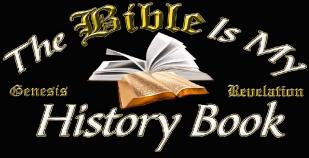
[5] There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

Then go back a review, rediscover and understand the instruction that were given by Jesus (Yeshua) upon His ascending into heaven. I will make a suggestion here I know most study and read from the King James Version of the scriptures but in studying these passages of scripture gain access to the CJB the Complete Jewish Bible and read the same scriptures which I believe will provide an even deeper understanding. St. John Chapters 14, 15, 16, 17 Jesus (Yeshua) preparing His disciples for the things to come.





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#### THERE IS AN URGENCY BUT WHAT IS YOUR EMERGENCY?

#### **Evangelist Stacie L. Daniels**

An emergency is defined as an unforeseen combination of circumstances or a resulting state that calls for immediate action, an urgent need for assistance or relief. Currently, the situation as related to the global political landscape, crime rate, war, inflation, natural disasters, infectious disease outbreak and many other tragedies dictate urgency. I am sure that many people can attest that watching the world news on television can elicit feelings of sadness, despair, grief, and for some helplessness. What about the hate, strife, bitterness, animosity, and envy enacted or harbored against our brothers and sisters in Christ? What about the lack of love on display for the widows, fatherless, and orphans? Further, it is sheer devastation to read about all the innocent lives that are being taken into human trafficking rings or the epidemic of illicit drug overdosing. When you take this into consideration, ask yourself are these issues and calamities urgent enough in your immediate world to move you to action? If not, what is your emergency?

At this juncture in time, the country will be entering a New Year (2025) in a matter of days. As we traverse through the remaining of 2024, it is vital to accurately assess what is priority in this space and time and move towards a plan to impact change. Take a stand to be a voice of truth in your community. A question to ponder is what I can do to address an urgency despite my own perceived needs. That urgency may involve contacting your local school board or neighborhood school and volunteering to mentor a student. Mentoring that promotes character building, personal development, leadership development, and fostering a sense of belonging can completely alter the trajectory of an individual who could have been headed down a path to self-destruction. Maybe the urgency is to contact your state legislators and bring awareness to elderly abuse that will lead to increased safety and security for the senior population. In addition, let us not forget about being clear on what charge God has put to our hands to do. What does that assignment look like? Is it being cultivated and nourished or is it being neglected? This will always rank on the list as priority. When we walk in the call of God, it is expected that we will face opposition. We have heard the phrase good versus evil. This is still a reality that we can trace all the way back to Lucifer (Satan) and his angels being kicked out of heaven after wanting to exalt himself to the level of God (Revelation 12:9). From the beginning of creation, Satan was on a quest to propagate evil and sin when he tempted Eve to disobey God (Genesis 3:4-5). As a result, she enticed Adam to do the same (Genesis 3:6). However, the focus is not if opposition comes rather how you will

choose to handle and respond to the opposing forces. Your 2025 chapter could usher in a full-time call to teach/preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. If that involves giving up your secular job, would you be willing to sacrifice for the Lord the things of the natural in exchange for the spiritual? Whatever God mandates, consider it URGENT. Our trust and faith must rest in Him and not in the things of the world or the systems of the world.

Perhaps your emergency is securing a promotion on your job, starting a new business, or graduating from college. Positioning ourselves for the best success in life is noble. However, just be sure that your perceived emergency does not override the urgency of God's plan for your life.







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# NEW YEAR Fresh Start Fit Start

By Sgt. Nate Griffin of Sgt. Nate Fitness LLC

As we move into another year, let us reflect on what we have learned through the experiences of this past year. When it comes to fitness, health, and wellness, we can look at how well we have made changes to our eating, resting, and overall fitness lifestyle. Mabe, you started a new fitness program, joined a gym, met with a Registered Dietician, or became more active in your health with your primary medical doctor.

At any rate, you have done very well in making your health a priority in your life. Let us take a few moments to look closely at some of these very important areas of our well being and see how we can do even better in the coming year.



#### Spiritual/Mental Wellness

Many people will spend all their lives focusing on the physical aspect of life. Family, friends, house cars, travel, job, career, etc. While these areas of our lives carry with it some level of importance. None of them would be of benefit if we were to lose perspective of our purpose for being here. As Jesus so powerfully spoke it, "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the world and lose his own soul" – Mark 8:36. There many celebrities in Christian-dom who have acquired a mass cachet of wealth, power, and fame. Yet, they are lonely, empty, and lost inside. As you move into year 2025, seek the things that will bring peace and satisfaction. Yes, pursuing one's dreams and aspirations is important, as it gives us all a sense purpose and belonging. But when our quest for purpose is clouded by our desire to amass a great amount of wealth and the risk of our peace of mind, it behooves us to reevaluate our rationale before moving head. The scriptures say, "Seek peace and pursue it" – Psalms 34:14.

#### **Physical Wellness**

There are many people who hate exercise so much that they have become so brazen as to use scripture to justify their reason for not working out. One passage that comes to mind is "Bodily exercise profits little" -I Timothy 4:8. A very comical way taking passages out of context to fit our own narrative. The scriptures say in defense of our stewardship, "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God," "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your



own?" – I Corinthians 6:19. So, we are assigned with the task of taking care of the house of God (For God dwells in us, correct") and present our body a living sacrifice holy and acceptable to God which is our reasonable service. That being said, It would benefit us to engage in some form of fitness or exercise program if for nothing more than to be able to go into all the world and preach the Gospel with our appearing as if we need a medic as opposed to needing a savior.

#### **Nutritional Wellness**

Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." – I Corinthians 10:31. So, you see, the power is literally in your hands... and mouth. No "one feeds you. you are in complete control of your diet. You are either a slave to your appetite or a servant of Christ. You cannot serve two masters.



#### **Social Wellness**

Having a strong community of support around or to your disposal. Can be of great help when you must navigate through the storms of life. Solitude is great. Even Jesus stole away to be apart from the masses for a while from time to time. However, we must work on having a group which can act as a grounding effect to our

journey so we do not get to the point where we answer to no one. Pastors, church members (we can really trust) or close confidants are all we would need to feel a part of something greater than ourselves. For the coming year, work on building a strong community base for you to connect with.

#### **Professional/ Personal Wellness**

It is very important to grow professionally. To select a craft that you can excel at and make a living. It's been said that if you find something you love doing and do it for a living, you'll never work a day in your life. It is crucial for an individual to find their purpose while in this life and seek to perfect it to the fullest and give the gift these who need it most. Maybe you need to find that thing that you're good at and build a career around it. The sense of fulfillment you will experience will for sure give you the motivation to move ahead without looking back.

#### Conclusion

So, there you have it young soldiers. A few things to focus on in the coming year. Grow in grace and knowledge of the truth. Endure hardness as a good soldier, and endure until the end that you may be saved. It is a day to day process a journey of a thousand miles starting with a single step. Give yourself credit when you do well. When don't do as well, forgive yourself and move on. Then, we can meet here again next year to go over your successful run to the finish.

Soldier on!

#### **Something to Consider**

Please, please be quiet assumptions and speculations only muddy the water. When we don't have all of the facts it is better to sustain from comments until all the information is attain. By doing so you control the narrative and help the outcome. Opinions are a dime a dozen and nine times out of ten create a volatile void of confusion. Where a retraction winds up covered by pride which despises resolution and taints the atmosphere and environment. Making an uncomfortable situation for everyone. Simply because we reacted rather than applying a sound response. Stop assessing and meditate on this information for its merit and gain knowledge on how to keep things, calm and civil for a harmonious path forward.

Life can be full of some very frustrating twist and turns decreasing your level of patience and basic tolerance. But we always seem to attack the ones closet to us, sometimes devastating or destroying favorable alliances for misguided so called peace. Then you find yourself all alone because James 3:8 KJV

[8] but the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Once ingested it can kill without an antidote and if pride is present, it becomes a death sentence. Especially for those who feel they don't need anyone. That brings up the question if that is your mindset. Why then would you begin any form of a relationship? Since you choose to be an island to yourself. Hide in a dark room and entertain yourself. But honestly you can't, you thrive on interjecting your thoughts into any matter, because it's you, your opinion does matter, just not anyone else's not unless they agree with you. Tough situation to find oneself in. This may require some thought on your part to drive it home the understanding. We have been instructed Proverbs 4:7 KJV Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore, get wisdom: And with all thy getting get understanding. Easy for some, difficult for others because it will circle back to the initial issue yet again. So, we must come to the understanding that our problem most times lies at our own front door. Unless God intervenes on your behalf you will maintain the issue. This is why having a substantial relationship with God is vital to all of our successes within life when we yield our will to is established will. Understanding that comes with no shortcuts or bypasses just obedience to His Word.







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#### Today has been that day

#### **Pastor Linda Guest**

The past 2 weeks have been long and busy. I was so excited to finally have a day off, not that I had anything planned other than going to a funeral for support and doing some Insta Cart.

Unfortunately, I woke up with a migraine and have been in bed so far all day, and it took me a minute to realize why I have been so emotional and just feel like crying. God saw fit to call the name of so many people whom I love dearly during the month of October that it is normally very rough for me, both mentally and emotionally. For the longest time, I would dread having to go through October, fearing that I would lose an other loved one. By mid-September, I would start going into depression just thinking about having to go through October.

Having been delivered from depression, thank God, I thought this October would be easy. It is easier in one sense because I don't deal with depression, but emotionally, it is still the same. Being so busy at work got me through each date, not allowing me the time or energy to really think or focus on it, but by the time I got home, I would just crash.

Today has been that day that everything has come to the surface.

The enemy knew he couldn't get to me with the depression because God has already delivered me, but my emotions are a different story.

He started talking, no screaming, in my head, wanting to make me focus on my pain and then on everything that is going wrong or not happening in the time frame I want. You know when you are in an emotional state it's easy to become emotional about everything. I read an article about a gorilla named Ivan who I had never seen and cried even harder. I was watching a show a boy was hurt and I cried even more.

My struggle was real but then the Holy Spirit reminded me of who and whose I am. It's important to feel what you feel. Your feelings are real and should be validated, but don't get stuck there. As my Cousin Pastor Sharnelle P. Blain would say, feel what you feel, but know what you know!

No matter the circumstance or situation God has you in, the amazing thing is that He is FOREVER mindful of you. Don't let the enemy try to force you back into what God has already delivered you from. Have the comfort and confidence that the same God that has already delivered you from whatever your struggles have been, can get you through this struggle (whatever yours may be) and eventually get you to the place where you are delivered. Continue to pray and ask for the peace of God to cover and keep you. He has me and you.

Jeremiah 29:11

**New International Version** 

11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Isaiah 43

King James Version

43 But now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.

2 When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

3 For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour:

**Psalm 61:2** 

**English Standard Version** 

2 from the end of the earth I call to you when my heart is faint. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I,:

Psalm 27

King James Version

27 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**Psalm 18:6** 

**AMP Version** 

In my distress [when I seemed surrounded] I called upon the Lord And cried to my God for help; He heard my voice from His temple,

The book of Proverbs is a powerful and insightful book full of wisdom and knowledge. When embraced it will enhance your knowledge, open up your understanding, light up your path with proper guidance, when you are obedient to the instructions provid ed. Simply put you have a choice. We, I included myself have to make that individual decision for the respective outcomes described within this book. Remembering that His Word will not return unto Him void.

When we review history and do not try to ignore or hide its truth. All roads will lead back to the truth of the scriptures provided by God for mankind. Providing wisdom,

knowledge and understanding with the greatest insight one will ever receive. Learn and recognize God's truth, repel from man's lies to avoid hardship and grief, also re frain from distraction losing God's intended path for your life, because you allowed yourself to be missed directed down the wrong pathway which leads to destruction. You can verify this statement by so many historical factors which illustrate the same result and diminished success.

To understand where you go from here it is imperative that you establish and lock on to your relationship with God. Pray, meditate and study your Word of God as if your life depends on it. Because it does current and in the future. Having that intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit will lead you to God's purpose as described in the pas sage of scripture in Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts I think towards you saith the Lord thoughts of peace and not of evil to give you an expected end. When you can embrace the splendor of God's impact on your life you can rest in Him.

Demonstrating to others that when we are transformed by the renewing of our minds. We prove God's Word as true by showing the benefits of what is that good and acceptable perfect Will of God through our obedience. This makes us all more reliable and effective witness for the Kingdom of God.



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#### Unfortunately, sometimes we disrespect the Pastor's Wife.

Dr. C. A. Dangerfield II

Because of a selfish nature and sometimes an attitude of entitlement we disrespect the Pastor's wife. Treating her as a second-class citizen failing to understand that she has significant relevance, and she too should be honored. The scriptures teach us that in all thy getting get an understanding.

Our Pastor's wife understands what it means when we say and the two shall become one, and he gave him a help meet. Whether we understand it or not because they live out their calling. It takes an extraordinary woman to accept this assignment and serve with integrity whether she is honored and recognize or not.

What most fail to understand she is part of the Pastor's line of defense. Behind the public scenes she provides prayer and comfort after all of the weights of his congregation has been thrust upon them. Relieving the mounted stress that the pastor carries because they are concerned with needs of the people they serve within the congregation and also outside. Please forgive me because there are women who serve as pastors and their husband serves in the support role. For those eager to sound off negatively regarding gender roles. Let me remind you of the scripture, In the last days your sons and daughters...

Trust me when I say God doesn't need our input for validating His decision on whom He calls to do what. So, let's stay within our lane. Isaiah 55:8,9 Our ways are not His ways...

These significant individuals sacrifice their time and plans to meet the needs of God's people. Who at times can be a little rude, cruel and selfish. But be very careful they are an extension of their spouse. So, touch not my anointed and do my prophet no harm. Pray for them as you pray for the Pastor because they are the immediate support that ministers to their strength so that they can serve.

So, let's remember them and not neglect them.

#### Something to think about

Remember you have always been relevant to God. That is why he created you so unique and placed within you gifts and talents for His purpose. There is not another that looks like you or has the abilities that you have, cherish them. The only measuring tool of your true worth comes from God and God alone. Any others assessment doesn't have the understanding nor magnitude or value that God has placed on you regarding your worth. God is keenly aware of your worth even when mankind cannot see or understand its significance. Because God has the ultimate say. Mankind seems too blind to this understanding. This is why man continues to overstep his authority outside of the Principle of God which is His Sovereign mandate for mankind. After all of our lifetime it would be a rude awakening to stand before God learning we have missed the mark. Simply because we oppressed people and demonstrated a lack of compassion toward others. At that point you will understand that you are accountable, but time has expired, and you have ignored all of the warnings regarding your actions.



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