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For as the earth bringeth forth
her bud, and as the garden
causeth the things that are sown
in it to spring forth: so the Lord
God will cause righteousness
and praise to spring forth before
all the nations. *Isaiah 61:11*

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MEMORIES

By Elder Diane Harvell

Memories of old and of our past
Whether bad or good, they will either fade or last

Memories of fresh summertime air
While innocence little children played without
care

At family gatherings lovingly planned
Innocuously together never taken for granted

And great songs we used to hear
They permeate through time year after year

Will we return, to what used to be,
Or are we to cherish our past memories?

For the good times of peaceful days
Have slowly gone and passed away,

All that seems left are thoughts of uncertainty
Except for good thoughts of great memories!

Thank you, Jesus!
Your daughter Diane

The Chair Of Self-Reflection

Dr. C. A. Dangerfield II

With all the finger-pointing that is taking place within our world. One of the easiest places for most of us to sit is in the chair of criticism of others while the most uncomfortable place is the seat of self-reflection because it requires us to face the truth. Therefore we cease to understand that from this seat comes freedom of bondage from the things that hinder our progression. It also shines a very bright light on self truths exposing necessary changes we must make in order to reach our fullest potential, which will allow us to escape from a place of fear and complacency.

Our success in life allows us to reach our true potential and fulfill our purpose which comes when we allow ourselves to take a seat in the chair of self-reflection. Opening up our willingness to be accountable for that which we see. Then putting pride in its proper place so that it does not block God's intention for our life. As well as eliminating the blame game crutch that is the instrument of choice which we use to prop ourselves up in hopes of boosting our self-esteem. When in fact it does the complete opposite it drives us into a place of complacency where we are actually not advancing but standing still. It's not the ability to advance that is present, it's that we refuse to take the necessary steps to move forward, so we then have to wait until we yield our will and surrender to doing so.

Self-reflection helps us in identifying these places, which requires taking appropriate action so we can progress forward. We must become aware that change is necessary as well as required. Less we die to the potential that is there. I always reflect on this understanding the graveyard is the richest place on earth because there lies a lot of untapped potentials, due to succumbing to our own self-inflicted virus known as pride. When we apply the required prescription as fully prescribed then the healing can and will take place. This requires no shortcuts or microwave applications, but earnest obedience to come away with the desired outcome. Embrace your true reality in order to receive your healing.

My hope and prayer by sharing this would be to help someone as this has helped me within my understanding and growth. Allowing me to understand outcomes from a higher vantage point. For knowledge is power, and the power of wisdom fuels hope and drives faith. May the blessings of God be yours! With all the finger-pointing that is taking place within our world. One of the easiest places for most of us to sit is in the chair of criticism of others while the most uncomfortable place is the seat of self-reflection because it requires us to face the truth. Therefore we cease to understand that from this seat comes freedom of bondage from the things that hinder our progression. It also shines a very bright light on self truths exposing necessary changes we must make in order to reach our fullest potential, which will allow us to escape from a place of fear and complacency.

SPRING FORTH

By Elder Diane Harvell

In order to spring forward you have to recognize where you are called to....if you cannot recognize to whom and to where and to what you are called, you will always be looking back to a people, place or thing that was not meant for you. Why is it that many of us do not recognize who we are and what/where we are called to, but we except handed down man-made titles to be placed upon us when our Lord and Savior took on none of these titles other than that of a humble servant, Son of man, yet he was Jesus the Christ?

I am at a point now that I dislike titles because they have become such a focal point in our communities. And the aspiration is identified with material, and financial gain along with vainglory.

There is a title used today that explains my previous point. That title is G.O.A.T. Greatest Of All Time. There is only one so deserving of such a title, and that is, Jesus The Christ. Yet we bestow this title upon man which diminish the glory of God and such a title bespeak that we are equal with God. This to me is blasphemous and grief to the Holy Spirit of Christ. To 'spring forth' plants and crops must have a firm foundation and good fertilized soil for them to produce a proper harvest. Whatever is within our soil (soul), our foundation will determine the outcome of our harvest.

Therefore, let us spring forward away from the sacrilegious forms of worship that has been adopted and practiced among others & among ourselves. Let us spring forth from religious ideology and ineffectual servitude that has no place in the heart of God.

It was never the Lord's intention that we should serve ourselves & patten ourselves like chief priests, rulers & Pharisee's. At the age of 12, Jesus was/is our perfect example of going forth & being about His Father's business, yet He did not ascribe to self-indulgence, He never abdicated to be anything else other than Himself.

Jesus not only knew what he was called to do but he also accepted it. **Luke 2:49** ~ (kjv)

And he said unto them, "How is it that ye sought me? Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

In today's church when we believe we are called into the ministry, the misunderstanding is that one must ascribe to become somebody special or ascribe to belong and be accepted by the people, but Jesus was quite the contrary and he never exemplified grandiose views of himself or to the work he was called to do. He was the opposite. His gospel uprooted the people and the Scribes and Pharisees hated him not only because of the truth that he preached but because that truth revealed their sins. **Matthew 23:27-28** ~ "Woe to you

scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness. So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness." (NKJV). So, in many regards, Jesus was not accepted, and his assignment was not desirous. Nevertheless, he sought no reputation for himself. He just came to do the work of His father no matter what the cost.

God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ~ **John 3:17** (NIV).

So, let us spring forth into a new reality that Jesus died for all, He did not die for religion, or power, or for creed or for sect, or for the color of our skin. He sprang forth from humble beginnings and became the Savior of the world for all.

Let us seek to have within our soil/(soul) the fruits of the spirit love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness with faith that will spring forth into a proper harvest that may save someone else's life along the way.

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Garments of Exchange

by Donna Richardson Jones

Chosen to sing and participate in the town's biggest program, Jean excitedly ran from the school building. With every- one in her school auditioning for a part in the program and very few roles available, Jean had been one of the few chosen. To top it off, Jean had been chosen for the lead role as a singer. She was so happy! Jean watched the birds fly over her head, as if they were celebrating with her. The rabbits hopped, and the squirrels talked; everyone, including Jean seemed to be so happy. Jean skipped and sang, then stopped to pluck a lovely flower. Jean still couldn't believe that she had been chosen for the lead role.

When Jean reached home, her little brother ran to get his after- school hug and tickle time from his big sister. Jean came from a beautiful family filled with love. Her family of four consisted of her father, mother, and little brother. Her parents, John and Susan, loved God. and exhibited respect toward all people. They had faithfully worked to teach their children the same love and respect.

Jean's mom waited at the usual spot by the door and greeted her as she entered. Jean's mom noticed her joyfulness and her seeming desire to share something. "Oh, Mom, I'm chosen!" Jean beamed in a blissful voice. Mom smiled and replied playfully, "I have always known you were." "No, Mom—not in the way you and Dad refer to. What I mean is, I was chosen for the part in the town's program. I'm going to sing, and I have special seating and tickets for you and Dad. I'm so happy and expecting you all to be there!" Suddenly, a deep sadness clouded Jean's spirit as she thought of the one problem that occasionally cast its gloom over their happy home. Recognizing her daughter's sudden distress, Mom said, "Now, Jean, I know what you're thinking. But, I promise, it will be okay."

Jean feared her dad would get drunk again and make a terrible scene in public. "Mom, I do want Dad there," entreated Jean. Her dad was the one who had always encouraged and practiced singing with her. "My dear, don't worry. God will work things out." "Mom, maybe I shouldn't even invite Dad at all." "Oh, Jean, I cannot believe making a decision that harsh would be in the best interest of anyone. You will upset your father, and ultimately, you will have feelings of regret later. We need to ask God for His help. Let's pray right now." Jean and her mother knelt together, joined hands, and prayed for God's guidance. Soon after her mom had spoken those words, they heard a loud thump on the porch—a very unsettling, yet familiar thump. Mother and daughter wordlessly looked at each. Dad was home, and he was obviously very drunk again.

They rushed to the porch to make sure he was okay and helped him up the steps. John could see the hurt and fear in the faces of his loved ones. This time though, the look was

different than the other times he had come home drunk. This look concerned him greatly. Puzzled, he slurred, “Whaaaat’s wroooong?” Jean had no words to answer his question; instead, she ran from his sight into her room, bursting into tears. Susan explained the situation to John as she prepared some coffee for him. In his shame, humiliation and conviction, John went to his daughter’s room and knocked on

Jean’s door. The two of them sat, talked, and cried together. Jean could still smell the reeking scent of alcohol—a scent they all prayed would go away. They had prayed that he would be delivered from the clutches of drunkenness.

John looked his daughter in the eyes and said, “Jean, I am so proud of you. I promise all will be well. I will make you proud.” That week, Jean’s dad struggled, but he didn’t drink a drop of liquor. Jean was so proud of him. Finally, the day of the town’s biggest program arrived. Every family member wore their best attire to the production. Several of Jean’s cousins and aunts were there to support her performance as well. They arrived at the church, and Jean’s father was sober and handsomely dressed for the occasion. Shortly before they went into the church, one of John’s friends started to talk to him. Jean and her mother went inside.

Jean left her mother to go prepare for the program, and her mom was escorted to the front of the church. Susan gave the usher her ticket and looked around for John. He was still outside conversing with his friend. She noticed the venue was beautifully decorated. Jean, who was behind the stage, had spotted her mom, but she noticed that her dad’s seat was empty. Jean assumed that her dad was still talking to his friend. Thirty minutes went by, and she noticed her dad was still not in his seat. Susan started to worry about John’s absence, but she didn’t want to disturb the other attendees. She silently prayed and hoped.

The time finally came for Jean to make her performance debut. As Jean took the stage, she looked across the audience to see the face of her dad. His once sharp appearance was now shabby and disheveled. He was walking unsteadily. Because of his inebriated state, the ushers would not allow him to have special seating. Instead, he seated in the back of the building. Dad had even misplaced his ticket. Jean and Susan now knew why he was missing. The two of them had tried so hard to keep him sober, but he was weak to the pressure of his friend’s influence. The pastor could see the commotion in the audience and stood up to see what was happening. One of the ushers whispered the situation to him. Though John’s behavior was no surprise, the pastor was very hurt and embarrassed for Jean and her family. James, the pastor’s son, whispered, “Dad, please sing a song and give me ten minutes.” James felt that God had given him an answer to Jean’s ordeal. James hurried to the back of the church and very kindly asked John to follow him.

Thankfully, John did as James requested. Jean’s entire family loved the pastor and his family, so John felt no resentment to his request. The pastor sang and told everyone to

join in song and praise. Jean joined her mom for the congregation song, and the two of them whispered prayers. They both knew God could and would work in this situation.

Jean so wanted her father to be there. She knew her dad loved her, and she understood that he was battling a powerful addiction. About nine minutes later, James returned with her father. John was now wearing James' nice suit, and James was now wearing her father's soiled, smelly suit.

James asked an usher to escort Jean's dad to his seat, right next to his wife. Jean smiled brightly and sang to the glory of God. All were blessed, and God's spirit moved through the crowd. As the crowd sang, right in the middle of the song, the pastor stood and commenced to shed tears, announcing that he wanted everyone to see and grasp the full impact of James' gesture and the Lord's work.

"We all should have seen James' humbling himself for someone he cared for deeply. James exchanged his garments and took a backseat. He stepped down from his rightful place so John could enjoy a spiritual experience with his family."

The pastor compared his son's gracious act with the sacrificial act of what Christ did for all of humanity. "My friends, we were all smelly, ragged, and soiled. I will be the first to kneel at the altar and thank God for His saving grace. If you have bad habits, things you can't get past, please come to the altar and let God take charge of your life. Let Him clean your mess and receive His message and miracles. Join me if you will."

Everyone was in tears and joined the pastor to pray. Ironically, John was one of the first to move toward the altar. In fact, he was delivered from his stronghold that very moment and never drank another drop! God is good and offers a change of garment to all. Romans 10:9 Ask Jesus to save you and forgive you and He will.

Romans 10:9 (NKJV) That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Ephesians 1:7 (NKJV) In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.

Hebrews 9:14 (NKJV) How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Colossians 1:20 (NKJV) And by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

Leviticus 17:11 (NKJV) For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.

Hebrews 12:12 (NKJV) Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees.



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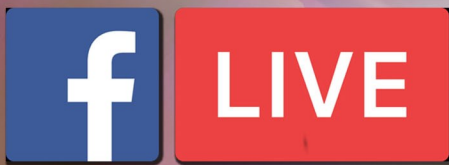
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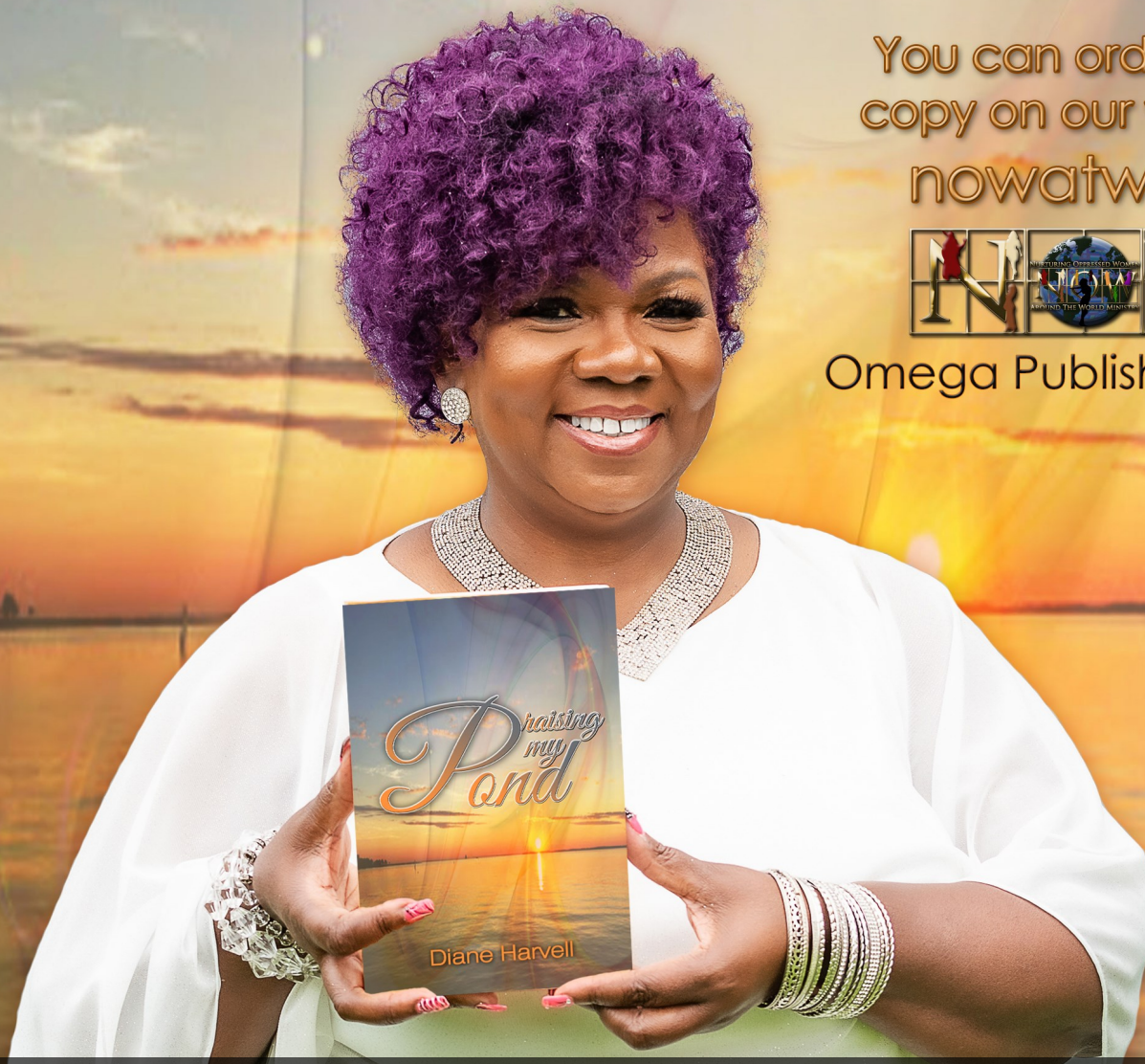
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The Call to the Ministry (excerpts from *Praising My Pond* by Diane Harvell)

He explained we would sit before The College of Bishops of Bethel Churches of Christ, where questions would be asked of us and if they felt we were not ready, we would not be "passed" into a leadership role in the gospel and would have to come back again next year! It was all so exciting yet nerve wracking at the same time. But Bishop was such a loving personable leader, yet he pushed us into areas of excellence, and he did not compromise his standards. He was very serious concerning God and he expected nothing less than excellence from his flock and more so from his "Aspirants." That's what we were called until we would become ordained Elders. Those who were going to be ordained Elders, Ministers or Deacons, were all called Aspirants of the Bethel Churches of Christ.

Slowly Coming Out

Dr. C. A. Dangerfield II

We are slowly coming out of what was a very eye awakening and very traumatic year for mankind in 2020. This nation alone lost over 560,000 lives to a pandemic which is in the land. We must admit that if it had not been for the grace and mercy of God it could have been much worst. I really desire that we all must acknowledge God the Father's love for us despite the many transgressions we have done.

So many offenses of man had boiled up to the top of the boiling pot showing the many acts of oppression being practiced to light and holding the aggressor accountable. In this nation that facts have also demonstrated our weaknesses and inability of being impartial, holding those who should be held accountable. But, instead have taken the posture of an adolescent who seeks to be accepted by the so-called popular population in order to have status. Therefore, turning a blind eye to bad behavior and bullying. Deferring from the proper alliance with the Word of God, therefore, opening ourselves to the spotlight of illuminating the true darkness of the majority and the followers of one's folly before the entire world.

Our arms are extremely too short to box with God. Light shined upon darkness will also show our toddler-like mentality and a reckoning will and usually does come swiftly to get us back on track. However, there are the stubborn minded who seek to disregard the correction. Lacking to understand grace and mercy to the point of still trying to push their agenda forward and walk into deeper darkness because they declined to align with the principles of God. Having the understanding that all who take that stance are soon cut off. History then once again echoes such awareness to this realized truth. It is God's way or no way His Word will not return to Him void.

It appears for some the hardest thing to do is go against the popular consensus because of the fear of being outside of the popular or common circle. God is working with each of us to be independent of that mindset and have the ability to stand within the integrity of these principles of the true will of God for our lives. In doing this it provides for us the ability to live out the true purpose that God has placed in each of us at our creation. We are not just some pawns on a chessboard merely designed for quick capture and destruction. But we have been given what is necessary to strategically move across the board and gain our elevation and fulfill our victory in Him. Having this understanding is paramount for each of us to walk out our soul salvation. Not being intimidated by the blinded who are caught up in darkness and are defiant or absent of the knowledge of the truth.

Understanding that blindness and darkness hold the same reference meaning being unaware, ignorant of the needed knowledge to be able to know and identify truth. Clearly seeing God's hands at work manifesting His purpose, truth, and will. Our failures of comprehension are due to our lack of studying the Word of God. If you will for a visual/mental understanding imagine buying a table in a box that you have to assemble. You pick it up because the picture on the box appealed to you and you thought to yourself that you could accomplish the task of putting it together. So, you open it and take out all the content and lay it out. One very important piece of content was the instruction manual providing illustration and step-by-step pictorial illustration for assembly. However, we take it upon ourselves to set aside this instruction and just wing it because we have decided we can get it done quickly. So why is it that at the end of our assembling process we have multiple screws and brackets not included in the completed assembly? It's because we didn't value the gift from the experience of the creator who designed and originally put it together and benefited from the intended end.

Now we have to ask ourselves why we didn't just read the documentation, because not too far in the future we will come to the understanding when after the use of the table it begins to wobble. Simply because we failed to include those intended screws and brackets had we fully studied the instructions. So, it the same principle in our daily life, take the time now or pay for it in some way later. This is a constant trend with mankind that each of us must identify within ourselves and make the necessary steps to change. This way we can all experience better outcomes that will help us in fulfilling our purpose as we seek to discover it.

We also must understand that our obedience to the will of God does affect others as well as our seed. Our children and theirs and even generations to come are blessed or hindered by the decisions we make now. That is why we must walk through life consciously understanding the why's behind our many decisions. Furthermore, understanding the more knowledge, we are able to obtain regarding the truth will go a long way forward to assisting us in living out our purpose.

Jesus only walked upon the earth for 33 years and ministered for 3 years before His death, rise, and transition yet he fulfilled and continues to fulfill everything He was sent to achieve. If we can do at least half, we would make a much greater impact on the condition than what we are seeing now. We must realize we are atmosphere and environment changers as long as we maintain our connection and effectiveness in Him. Yes, you and I can be just as effective John 14:12 Verily, verily I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also, and greater works than these shall he do...

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Lord; and in his law doth he
meditate day and night...
Psalms 1:1,2 KJV

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We Must Change The Narrative Of How We Are Living We can Do Much Better Spring Forth!

Dr. C. A. Dangerfield II

Wow, here we are again due to ignorance oppressing another group of undeserving people because of someone spewing fear to get an intended reaction. Simply because that individual thrives on controlling the minds of those who live in darkness (ignorance). And for them when they see the light (knowledge) it is too late they were sacrificed as a pawn used for bringing an agenda that creates distractions and delusions to generate chaos and destruction of order.

Repeated oppression is and has gotten old it's an unmerited curse on society as a whole. The same key factors also continue to resonate daily in the minds of the privileged as they manipulate the minds of the challenged. They fail in gaining the real truth but are content with being misled by lies because they thrive on oppressing others as though it were some rites of passage. Not having the true understanding that light has already exposed their true ignorance. But are pressed with the mindset that their way must remain and that the principles somehow don't apply to their false narrative. Well, my friend that is the beginning of the journey towards a reprobate mindset and a devastating outcome. History will once again proving the righteousness and fairness will prevail over evil and ignorance. One of the reasons is that man doesn't study the right things and repeats the same missteps time and time again. "Blind leading the blind both will wind up in the ditch. Then the question becomes who will experience the harsher landing from the experience.

One thing I have come to observe is that man too often operates on limited information rather than obtaining complete knowledge and depth of any given situation. One to duplicate positive outcomes and two to avoid at all cost negative ones. Man rendered unmerited oppression on others solely based on fears, ignorance, and false narratives and that doesn't make superior. However, it does shine a brighter and broader light on one's insecurities and low self-esteem. It comes down to being individually accountable therefore it is imperative that also individually educate ourselves on truth and facts. Rather than rumors and gossip because it is harder to regain your integrity back. When we allow ourselves to become self-absorbed and a victim of foolishness. Remain conscious, determined, and vigilant in your prayer time with God. That your principles in this lifeline up with His Word and that you know and can identify His voice over all the distractions that life hurls at you every day.

So you must effectively measure every challenge up against His Word ensuring that the methods and outcomes are in line with the principles of God. Because one of the best forms of advice I've received in life came from one of my Pastor a Bishop who said when asked a question. "Did you find in the Word?" My answer was "No Sir" his response was then you have your answer. I gained an even greater understanding from that event. That we have a very valuable reference resource that is capable of guiding us through any given life situation as provided just for that purpose. But it is not until we invest the time and effort to acquaint ourselves with its truth we will continue with our hit-and-miss lifestyles. Blaming and pointing fingers at others and not using the voice that God has provided us to provoke necessary change. There are two sides, two forces but one outcome. The question is will we remain to stumble in the darkness of ignorance when all we simply must do is switch on the light switch illuminate the knowledge as He guides our footsteps and we literally see the intended outcomes in victory. Ask yourself the question as to your choice. Remembering that Salvation is Free!

Definition of salvation:

- 1: deliverance from the power and effects of sin.
- 2: liberation from ignorance or illusion
- 3: preservation from destruction or failure deliverance from danger or difficulty

Let us Spring Forth within the true reality of whom God purposed us to be. If you have read this there is still an opportunity for each of us to rise unto full potential in Him

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Hold on to your Aspiration, walk out your Dreams, stand in your Purpose

Gaining an Understanding

It's amazing how emboldened that some people get to think they have the right to typecast someone's life to fit their needs. Always trying to push their agenda to meet their motives unconcerned with the desires or aspirations of another. Failing to understand that this situation will be short-lived and the outcome could become volatile and even devastating to the point of no reversal and a bridge destroyed. Everyone is entitled to live out their dreams as well as their God-given purpose in life. One must understand their worth and true destiny and that is not to be manipulated by another.

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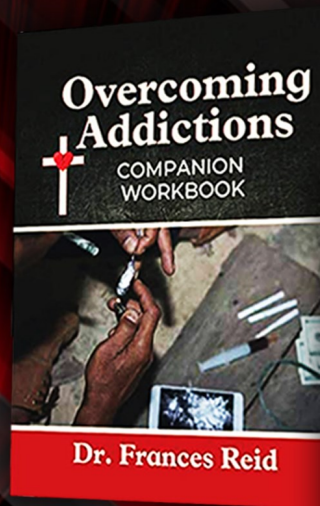
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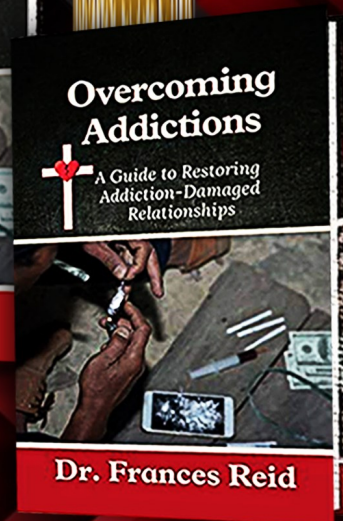
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We Have Arrived To A New Season Spring Forth

Dr. C. A. Dangerfield II

We are entering the season of spring the time of new growth and beauty. This last year has provided a season of isolation which has been hard for some and a true period of revelation for others providing a deeper understanding of oneself. If through all that which was occurring around us we took the opportunity to go towards a deeper understanding of the situation with God and walked away wiser after our experience that became a benefit. Learning that communicating with God gives a pathway to our purpose when become so infused with hidden knowledge we have received, because we had been distracted by the world and it's endless tactics of destruction.

When light is shined on darkness, we have a clear pathway forwarded. So that goes further to say when knowledge is applied to ignorance outcomes improve. This also illuminates and validates too the reality of the passages of scripture found in Romans 12:1,2 I beseech ye therefore brethren by the mercies of God that you present your body as a living sacrifice...learning to set aside our will sacrificing ourselves and allowing God to work through us. Second verse stating "Be not conformed to this world but ye transformed by the renewing of your mind... Renewing our minds to the principles of God which have already been in place since creation and when allowed to manifest will generate victories upon victories.

Furthermore...proving what is that good, acceptable and perfect will of God. We all have the tendency to get caught up in the day to day which bring distractions that can limit our access to that which God has placed within each one of us. We have been taught to view life by what we see and not by what God definitely place in us. Gifts, talents and abilities and it is not until we tap into our individual ones, we will remain substandard. The true essences of who we are is found within and the strength and understanding of our gifting will elevate us to the place that God desire if we continue to yield and remain aware of His presence. It's when we take our eyes of Him, we are faultier and can be misdirected. It takes a conscious effort to remain loyal to our supplier of these extraordinary gifts, talents and abilities in not to become self-absorbed as if we ourselves have done some marvelous thing. When we keep things in the right perspective we can excel further.

Contrary to the worlds understanding God is still the author and finisher of our fate. Nothing in life happens unless God allows. Think about it this way for a moment in Jeramiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think towards you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Our destiny was pre-considered at our creation because God had intention for you and me. It is up to us to

stay engaged with God's purpose. How do you do that you may ask through a relationship which provides a prayer life which is our form of communication. Having the ability to speak openly and free to God about the things taken place within our life and to gain an understanding of the merits to our specific journey that we are on. Ensuring with Him that we do not turn into the wrong direction. Having the understanding and fore knowledge that His is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our pathway. As well as the understanding of another passage stating, "My sheep know my voice and a stranger they will not follow." So, we when communicate with the Father through prayer and we hear the two-way conversation because we are in a place where we are free from distraction. The secret quiet time and space we you can sup with Him and He with us. We become enlightened to His will for us, and we then move effectively forward.

When Jesus prayed, he was alone in conversation with his father as should we be also. The clarity and concise message to us will help us to understand our assignment and how to carry it out a fulfill a purpose. Bring full circle to us " In all thy getting get an understanding" and "I all Thy ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path". For it will further bring to light "It take the simple things to confound the wise." There is a song I heard during my upbringing By and By when the morning comes you will understand better by and by. The Winans had a song with the lyric "I can see the breaking of day oh what joy in my Soul." Our ability to recognize the hand of God at work on our behalf and the preferences of light and morning meaning illumination our ability to see the incoming transformation of the situation towards the Will of God whereby we obtain, peace, joy, rest and increased faith. Along with a greater trust and wisdom that can be applied towards our strength during our next assignments as we continue to grow in Him. Now we can Forge Ahead In The Hope because our Faith has been strengthened.



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Elder Diane Harvell

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Life with bias is surely alive

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Living with bias one may feel
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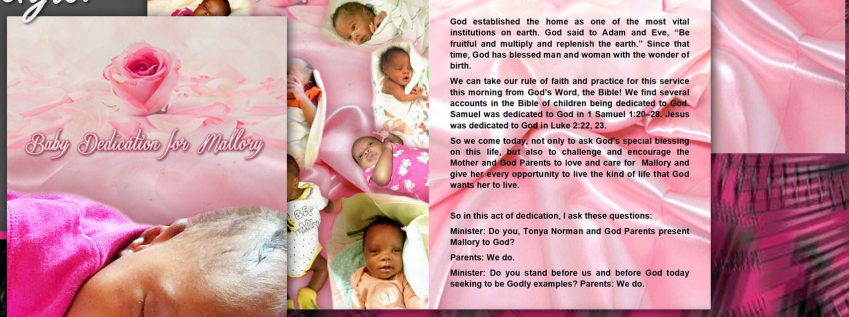
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It Takes More Than Just A Habit.

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It's said that it takes doing something consistently seven times to create a habit. Let's say that is true then we would be able to foster new behaviors within ourselves in a week's time. Just think about it for a moment all of the things we least like about ourselves could be transformed. Some might say that's just a surface fix to our real issues because some issues are more than a habit. They are deeply rooted within our core and require a much more serious operation to free ourselves. Real soul searching to uncover the origin and uproot it from there. Some behaviors are taught and instilled while others are derived from fears and even ignorance passed on by others. But the main issue is it has taken residence within us and has no plan of leaving until we identify it as a problem and start the eviction process.

In life, we find it rather easy to put the blame off on someone else. The problem is that when we come to terms that the behavior, we are demonstrating is suspect to us and questionable we have to respond. First acknowledging we have issues, identifying the origin so we can understand and make the necessary changes to ourselves to correct it. Therefore, we become accountable to our issues becoming a participant in our correction. Denying the issue only helps in escalating further future incidents with the potential for great harm towards others. Taking ownership starts our own healing process takes us out of the darkness of our own ignorance. Because until you can see the light you will never understand the pain or casualties you have inflicted or created. When true light makes its way in and through us we will never understand the devastation we caused and created towards others. This part of life introduces us to the person of humility, which brings us down off of the high horse that we've been riding to level ground to understand we are all equal in the eyes of God. We also meet realization and regret who point out the impact of our actions rendered on others.

So humility creates in us a consciousness that demolishes pride introduces repentance, restoration, and forgiveness all key factors in our transformation towards a new mindset, realignment with God, and redirection towards our purpose and destiny for the blinders have been removed.

From this point, it is imperative that we stay accountable by being aware when we stray from the principles of God. But to eliminate the possibility of this occurrence we have to have a prayer life with God our direct communications to ensure the bonding of a relationship. Studying the principles of God keeps our alliances fortified by the knowledge we are obtaining that leads to an understanding of who we truly are and strengthens the behaviors we should be displaying with sincerity. We have to work out our soul salvation so it is our responsibility so we don't hear these words "Depart from me for I know you not".

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