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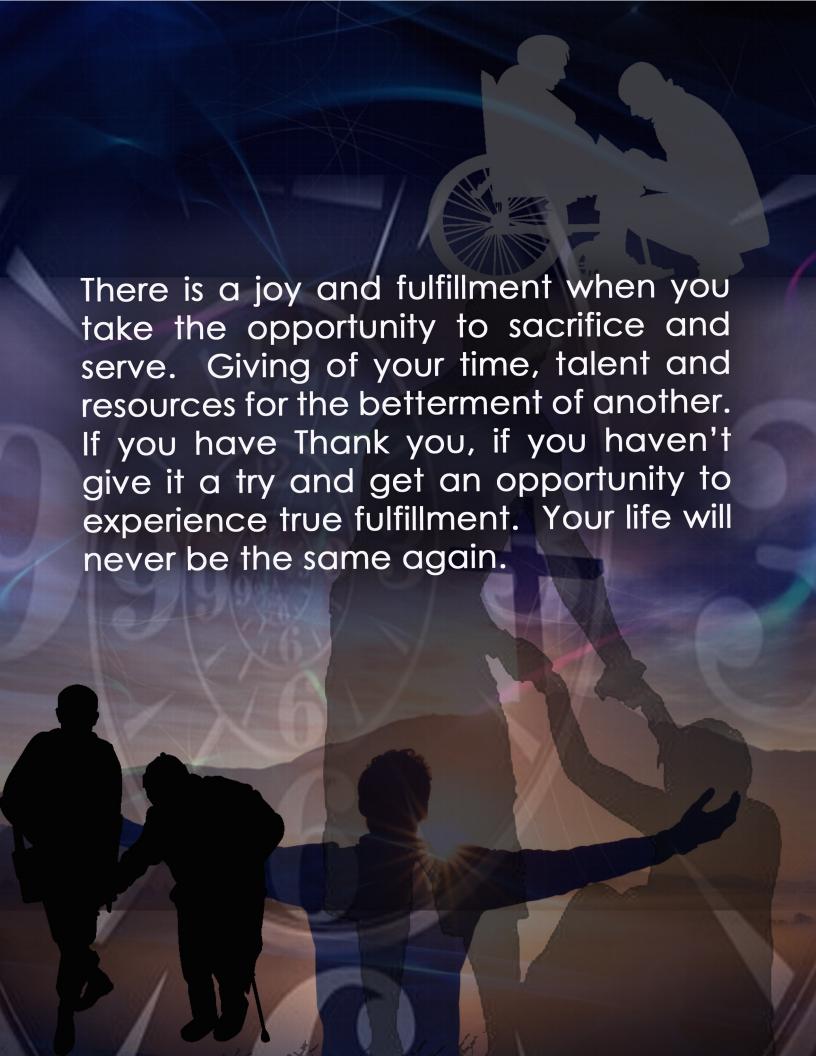
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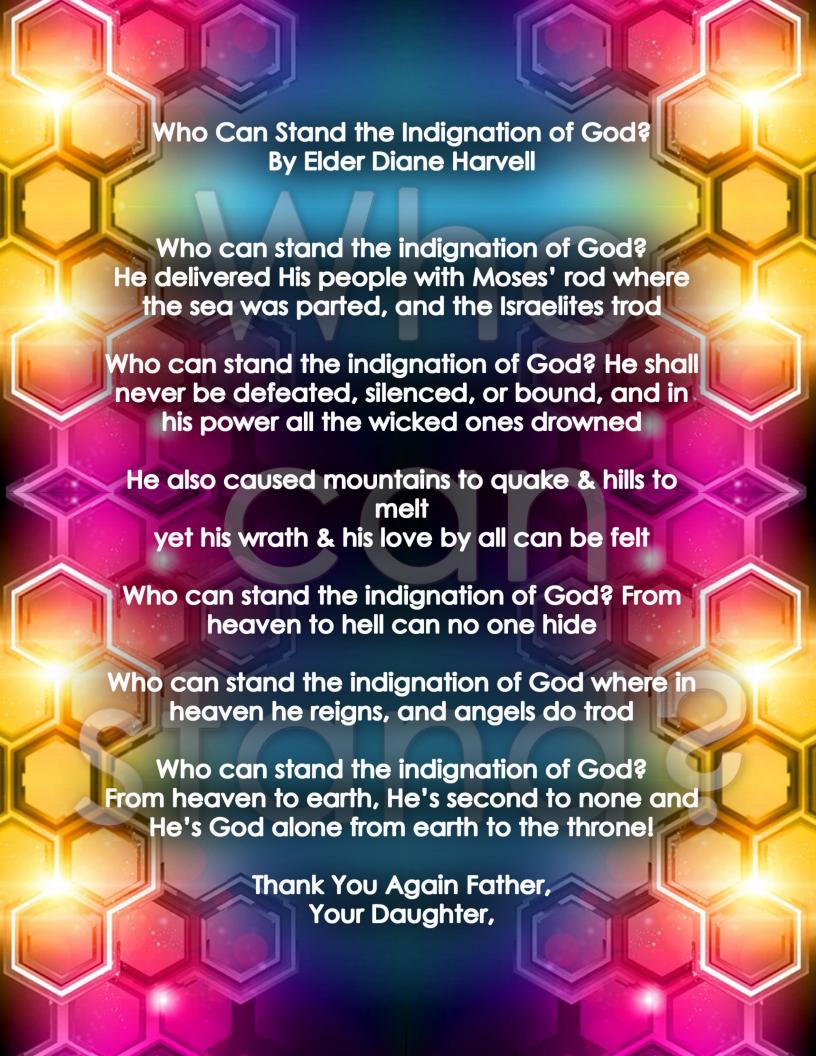
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Motivation or Manipulation. Which is Moving You? Sgt. Nate Griffin

Lately, many of the highly profile celebrity preachers of the 70s, 80s and 90s, who acquired fame, notoriety and wealth off the backs of their followers, are coming forth to admit the wrongful use of the word of God for their gain. They were able to accomplish this task through manipulating their followers with fear, guilt, and a life time of curses. This along with charisma and the showmanship of a Broad Way actor, they were able to separate the lowly church goer from their financial possessions. They knew when to hit the listener when they were at their most vulnerable. Simply put, "You want God to bless you and take you from poverty to prosperity...GIVE!!!"

Jesus said, "For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open". – Luke 8:17. When we listen to a Preacher, Evangelist, Prophet, Apostle, Priest or other high ranking official of the clergy. We must separate them from the superstar status they have achieved. Yes, respect their office. But know that they are flesh and subject to errors as everyone else is. We must not give in to emotion and allow ourselves to be lead astray at our lowest point by those who are masters at "public speaking".

When we make decisions based on emotion, we error every time. The scriptures say, "As many as are lead by the Spirit of God, the same are the sons of God". – Roman 8:14. "The Holy Spirit will lead us into all of truths" - John 16:13. "We are crucified with Christ, and the life we now live, we live by the son of God"- Galatians 2:20. Jesus said, we shall know the truth and the truth will make us free" - John 8:32. The scriptures are filled with evidence of God seeking to lead us by his Spirit and not our emotions. We can get star struck by the appearance and appeal of great speakers and singers. As an entertainer, I know all too well the effects one can have on an audience with the right song or sermon.

The emotions can be a very tough force to resist when it comes to being manipulated. People can easily push certain buttons that can have us behaving in a way that is unbecoming a disciple of Christ. We must work at allowing the Spirit of God to lead and guide us into all truths less we fall victim to the wiles of the enemy.

So going forth, when you are at your home church, tent revival, or gospel concert. Stop and ask yourself, "Am I being motivated by the Spirit or manipulated by the presenters star power?" Don't be blinded by the fluff, smoke and mirrors of the. "I don't know who this for", "Oh, y'all don't hear me", "I wish I had somebody to help me", "Slap you neighbor and say..." performances thinking it's the Lord when in actuality, it's all theatre.

Learning to wait on the move of God can be hard at times, but over time while walking with the King, we will gain the victory over the flesh. We no longer have to be held victim to our fleshly bonds. But set free by the shed blood of Christ and freed from the pulling of the flesh.





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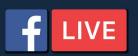
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The Father May Ask "Will They Ever Learn?"

Dr. C. A. Dangerfield II

Arrogance, attitude, deceptions at their highest levels, blatant disregard and lack of compassion towards others is a recipe for disaster and the judgement of God. It is playing out in living color on the daily news. We can deny the effects of it all we want as well as the reasons, but this ain't no game.

This ladies and gentleman is cause and effect, you reap what you sow, scriptures fulfilling that which has been told. Many are surprised as well as confused and that is simply because they are too busy yet unknowledgeable. They have not taken the time to do that which is require when learning something and that is to study. If one would do just that they would see that all of this that is taking place has already been described with in the Word of God. The only mystery is why many haven't applied the time to read it.

This nation's political system is imploding right in the face of the nation because we have placed trust in politician without real power and no compassion to do what's right. Don't get me wrong all of the 535 on a national level aren't doing wrong things because God has placed a remnant of those who help to maintain some form of balance. Unlike the ones that feel they must always be in the public eye talking a lot of nothing which eventually rises up and consumes them because they lack humility. Never paying attention to the real truths. We are blessed to have those who understand and effectively work through synergy to render service to those who placed them in office.

Have you taken the opportunity to look at the footprint of judgement as it marches across this nation landing upon the areas which fail to comply to the Principles of God. Take some time to observe the areas that have been stricken heavily with fires, floods, other

disasters and plagues. These are things brought on by disobedience to the Will of God. Living lifestyles that the Word of God speaks against as though it has not been stated. God's word will not come back void.

The fact that this nation operates on a two-party system primarily and yes, we do acknowledge the presence of independent party because of its size is rendered somewhat ineffective. So, the nation is divided and

neither party is free from scandals and dishonesty due to certain individuals who have been given the access to do so through manipulation and lack of oversight. When detected these issues are buried deeply inside like a killer parasite that has to be surgically removed in order to eradicated. Leaving great damage behind and sometimes too far gone therefore the end result is killing the infected.

To some dismay Bible prophesy is revealing itself daily. For those who do not recognize it is because they have neglected to study and have not the ability to see and identify that which is fastly approaching on the horizon. When we lack humility, our pride will consume and destroy us. Separate yourself from all the noise and rhetoric that is design to steal, kill and destroy you. Retreat to you quiet place, inspect your alliance with God and where and when you recognize your areas of disconnection repent and get back to the place where you can recognize the Shepherd's voice and stop following the wolf to the trap of destruction.

Rekindle that true relationship with God, He truly knows and understand us and even knows how to order our steps. Our lack of patience always makes us run off in the wrong direction because we a not mature enough for the journey. So again, learn patience and trust in our Creator. Remembering this passage of scripture. "For I know the thoughts that I think towards you sayeth the Lord thoughts of peace and not of evil to give you an expected end" Jeremiah 29:11



A REASON TO SACRIFICE

by Elder Diane Harvell

To Sacrifice means to go against the grain of human nature by putting the interest of others before our own.

All living beings are compelled by self-preservation. This is what makes us who we are. It is hardwired in us to survive —to live at all costs.

Many people are very self-centered and never think to give of themselves to anything or to anyone. Biblically speaking, Romans 12:16 says, "Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits." In other words, we have a sovereign duty not just to ourselves, but also to our fellow man especially to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. It is easy to be high minded and think of ourselves first, but the sacrifice is to think of others before we think of ourselves.

For many, this may not be hard to do. But for others, it is almost unheard of. How many times within our day do we seek to help or support someone even if it takes us away from our own plan and schedule? To give a sacrifice doesn't always include monetary giving.

A phone call, a prayer, a listening ear, spending time with someone who's in bereavement and the list goes on. A sacrifice can be accomplished quite easily especially when one has a demanding schedule. But your heart must be willing to *serve* and willing to put others before you so that they can be comforted even if this makes you uncomfortable, that's the sacrifice.

Therefore, as a leader, or minister, one must make sure that self-preservation is not your reason to *serve*. I see so many "flyers" on social media that are actually "adds" displaying when someone is being ordained into the ministry. Or being consecrated into a "higher office." I find this a little distasteful because what are we celebrating? Why have we become congratulants and celebrants?

Jesus said in Matthew 20:26 whoever is great among us, are servants and whoever wants to be first, should be the greatest servant of all. V.28-"Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Others should see our servitude to the call of duty not pomp and ceremonial praise for this sacred office.

How did we become so high-minded to believe we *deserve* to be honored? How did we get to this place where Satan has weaseled his persona within the church? Where we are seeking rewards and making proclamations to be praised of others.

To leaders everywhere, are you really called? Have you made your election sure? Has your sacrifice helped anybody?

Our reason to sacrifice or to be a sacrifice is because believe it or not we need one another in this world. Most importantly, we all need Christ.

'Christ's sinless sacrifice resulted in reconciliation with God. His sacrifice enabled God to justify us, that is, to consider us sinless in a legal sense. We were still sinful, but because we accepted Christ's sacrifice, His blood covered us.'

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Are You Called to Serve?

Sgt. Nate Griffin

I wrote my first song at the age of 12 years in 1971. During that time, I wanted so badly to be Michael Jackson of the Jackson-5 my favorite music group to this day. I try to hit the hi Michael notes, to no avail. I attempt the dance steps as best I could. Why? I wanted to be a singer and performer like my music hero. By the time I graduates high school. I had already written about a good 50 songs and performed them in front of friends and family trying again to imitate MJ and the Jacksons.

It was also around this time, 1977ish that I recommitted my life to the Lord (I was saved at 12) and a new direction was presented to me. One that included a calling or a divine appointment if you please. I had no idea what being called to the ministry was outside of pulpit preaching. I knew how to work a crowd and put on a show. But, to minister in the Spirit, I had no clue. I grew up in the COGIC denomination but later at age 18, moved to a Pentecostal Independent church where I joined the choir and learned the difference between performing in the flesh and ministering in the Spirit. It was an eye-opening experience. Years later, I was ordained a Deacon, and years later I was ordained an Evangelist. All this while perfecting my craft of songwriting and biblical studies. I sang professionally from 1971 to 2004 and went as far as Johannesburg, South Africa as well as throughout the US sharing the Gospel through song.

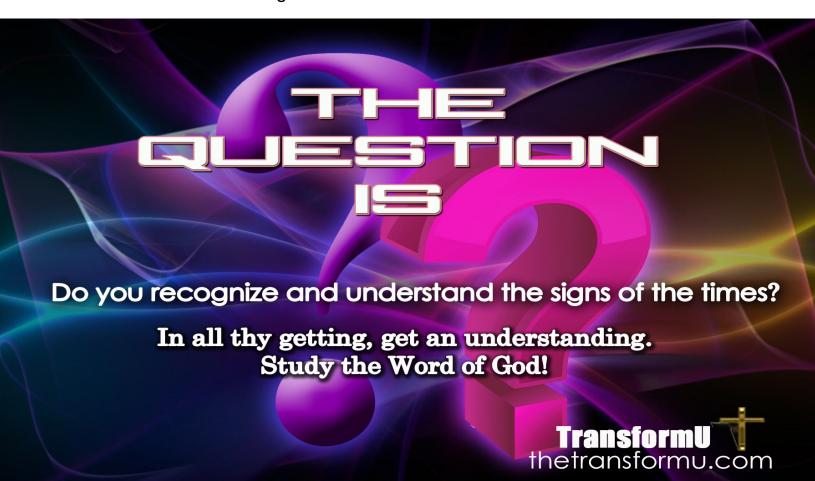
From a child, I wanted to make a living singing and performing music. During the 43 years I traveled with my music, I never got to the level of being able to sustain a living as I dreamed. So, being discouraged, I stopped recording (released 4 albums) and only sang at my home church in Philadelphia. I figured, if God wants me to sing outside the four walls of my home church, he'd open the doors and provide the resources. It's expensive taking a ministry on the road regardless of the size and I didn't have it.

As Peter and the disciples did after his crucifixion, they went back to fishing and their previous profession. This was because they assumed their ministry with Christ had hit it's limit and their dream of going national (so to speak) was over. Jesus appeared to them and made the

needed attitude adjustments (Peter, do you love me?) and sent them on their way. Then on the day of Pentecost, all HEAVEN broke lose, literally. The years they spent with Jesus $(3\frac{1}{2})$ the lessons taught, the persecutions endured, and above all, the waiting for the fulfillment of the promise, all paid off. And today you and I are believers because they remembered their calling, went back to their calling, went forth with their calling and abode in their calling.

Many of us have an idea as to how we view our ministry, including the direction we want it to go and the impact we want to make. As the scriptures brings out, some do it for filthy material gains and fame (I Peter 5:2) and (Acts 8:13). I actually told the Lord, I would return to my music ministry and release recordings, but wasn't looking to or interested in traveling (touring). Trust me, it's grueling! The Lord, very patiently reminded me, 1. He is Lord, 2. He called me, 3. He gifted me, and it is He who is sending me. I just received that full revelation this morning.

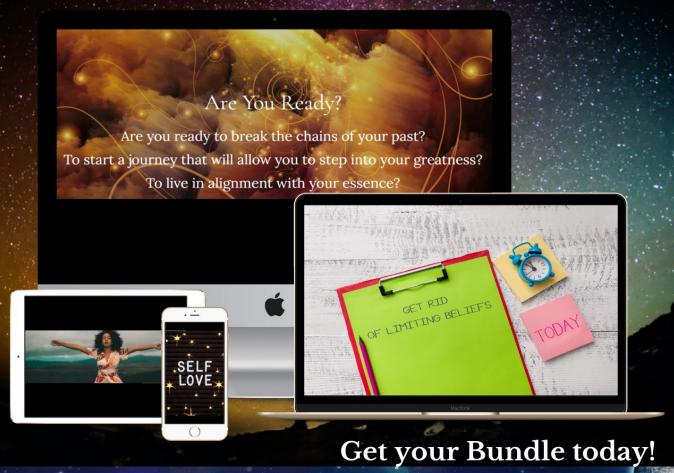
So, as I and many others who were so stubborn, brazen and bold enough to tell the Lord what we were going to do and when; gird up the loins of our minds and resume our called assignments. I would encourage you to do the same. Gifts were made to be given and shared. Let's make our calling and election sure.



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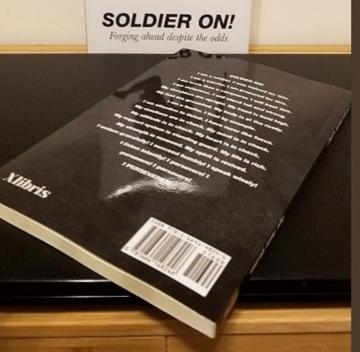
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Don't Sacrifice Commonsense for Stupidity

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In today's society due to the many distractions brought on by our political nonsense, all types of misguided social rhetoric to create disharmony, blatant disregard and understanding of the Principle of God we are actually sacrificing and destroying everything good in which we were blessed to have by the actions of a few. When one is clearly okay with aligning themselves with a lie and persecuting the truth when it is obviously standing directly in front of you.

That leads one to question your morals and most of all your commonsense, we all know and understand that when we see 1 + 1 that equals 2 not 3,4 or 5. Most answers are derived behind a simple known ability that God instilled within us known as commonsense it's effective when we use it for that which it was provided for to complement our intelligence. He also provided five senses to aide in reasoning circumstances and situations being eyes to see, ears to hear, nose to smell, tongue to taste and skin to touch all directed by commonsense.

However, when we lack commonsense, we become ignorant in any given area and operate in a dysfunctional mindset creating some sort of danger that eventually overwhelms, overtakes and becomes completely destructive destroying everything that is consumed on its path until corrected. Commonsense is there to eliminate this from happening through the activation of one or all of the five senses.

We are on the other hand responsible for maintaining sharpness and effectiveness by not abusing them with outside sources that will weakened or contaminate their ability to function as God had intended. By adhering to the Principles of God, studying to show ourselves approved, watching as well as praying for proper guidance from the Holy Spirit not man in order not to contradict the principles and/or Word of God.

Within the six days in which God created the heavens, earth and mankind. He programmed the atmosphere and environments how he desired they would operate as well as safeguards to respond with warnings and fixes

was consulted only on the naming of the inhabitants not their functioning that was included in their creation process. Intent for each creation was thought out so the expectations were there. As history has shown outside influences altered inside expectations where was consulted only on the naming of the inhabitants not their functioning that was included in their creation process. Intent for each creation was thought out so the expectations were there. As history has shown outside influences altered inside expectations where remedies and remnants are deployed to realign back to purpose by freewill or consequences. You must study the scriptures to gain a full understanding that promise to increase your knowledge and wisdom. Therefore, aiding us in fulfilling our true potential and accomplishing our assigned purpose.

So, for us to gravitate to things that we know are outside of God's purpose is to decide to accept the consequences that will come. To have the boldness to stand flat foot and declare that God the creator has made mistakes with regards to who we are to become is ludicrous and extremely dangerous. At some point when we can't correct our comments and repent from our shortcomings. But push forward in our thought pattern we find ourselves straddling the threshold into a reprobate mindset. Not a pathway that one should inspirer to pursue the end result is judgment. We must exit at a detour or ramp prior to this destination.

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Can you hear the voice of God when he speaks to His children

Go, my people, enter your rooms and shut the doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until his wrath has passed by. See, the Lord is coming out of his dwelling to punish the people of the earth for their sins. The earth will disclose the blood shed on it; Isaiah 26:20,21





Insert from the book "Praising my Pond" by Elder Diane Harvell

"As I stood and watched all of this play out, my heart began to race. I couldn't believe what I'd just seen and heard. Why was Joe dead? Why would Richard ask Mommy such a thing? Richard left and Mommy walked out of the kitchen. I quietly sat on the metal step chair in the kitchen and wondered WHY????"



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Our Quiet Times ©

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It is within our quiet times that I treasure the most.

The whispers of wisdom that you speak to my spirit that deposit deep down to my soul.

Even when I may feel unworthy because of something I've done.

You reach out to draw me closer so I won't feel shunned.

You provide instructions so that pathway set for destruction I won't take.

As I listen intentionally I become comforted not desiring any more mistakes.

Understanding the pathway toward you is filled with grace.

I have come to recognize the strength of our relationship and the power of your love.

God has provided man the opportunity to really stop and self reflect on ourselves. With this opportunity, we can do an inward search and reflect on that which we have been given by God as a blessing (The simplest things such as family and loved ones that are near us.), while also identify some untapped talents and abilities we knew not of. Reconnecting with who and what should have meant the most. Coming away with an appreciation of what has been in our midst all along but we failed to recognize. Once we have gained this understanding take a sigh of relief and say "Thank you, God, and forgive me for my ungratefulness!"

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It's Called a Sacrifice for a Reason?

Dr. C.A. Dangerfield II

The Word Sacrifice is defined in Webster's Dictionary as a noun meaning: 1. an act of offering to a deity something precious. 2. something offered in sacrifice. 3. destruction or surrender of something for the sake of something else. something given up or lost.

The verb meaning of the same word. 1.to offer as a sacrifice. 2. to suffer loss of, give up, renounce, injure, or destroy especially for an ideal, belief or end.

The 25 chapter of the book of Matthew to me is regarding expectations and preparedness. Verses 1-13 speaks of the Ten Virgins being prepared for the arrival of the bridegroom. Verses 14-30 speaks about the Talents focusing on expectations, and faith and even honor to a point. Verses 31-46 speaks about Judgement through the acts of sacrifice and how the Lord would regard it. Now that we have various version of scripture interpretations such as King James, New King James Version, NIV, etc. I became curious from the stand point of the original text in Hebrew. So, I will share from the CBJ.

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, accompanied by all the angels, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates sheep from goats. The 'sheep' he will place at his right hand and the 'goats' at his left. "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take your inheritance, the Kingdom prepared for you from the founding of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you made me your guest, I needed clothes and you provided them, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the people who have done what God wants will reply, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you our guest, or needing clothes and provide them? When did we see you sick or in prison, and visit you?' The King will say to them, 'Yes! I tell you that whenever you did these things for one of the least important of these brothers of mine, you did them for me!' "Then he will also speak to those on his left, saying, 'Get away from me, you who are cursed! Go off into the fire

prepared for the Adversary and his angels! For I was hungry and you gave me no food, thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, a stranger and you did not welcome me, needing clothes and you did not give them to me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they too will reply, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry, thirsty, a stranger, needing clothes, sick or in prison, and not take care of you?' And he will answer them, 'Yes! I tell you that whenever you refused to do it for the least important of these people, you refused to do it for me!' They will go off to eternal punishment, but those who have done what God wants will go to eternal life."

Mattityahu (Matthew) 25:31-46 CJB https://bible.com/bible/1275/mat.25.31-46.CJB

The expectations are voiced very clear in this version of scripture. It speaks to the sector of people that really get disregarded based on circumstances with in a segment of our society failing to understand in some instances these circumstances are usually triggered by unforeseen situations that manifest. But, in all given situations and circumstances we should always demonstrate the highest level of compassion. As Christ has render towards us in similar situations.

We always don't have time to get the back story. The question because how do we know whether or not if they are scamming because of how a segment of our society is operating. We have to just trust God because he judges our sincerity before or in conjunction with their motives. Remembering he will have the final say with both and how we behaved ourself in the situation. It is far deeper and impactful when consider our options before and after. More like a what would you do question.

When we recognize the need as well as the opportunity, we should demonstrate some sort of urgency towards the person in need. When you consider the situation, it provides them with a level of comfort. Simply because they can recognize compassion for one and sincerity as well. Providing them with a sense of Hope demonstrating God's love through another and maybe even an answered prayer. When you have the afterthought of the situation you realize your actions to them was like a first responder answering a call to help a person in need. There is a blessing on both sides because needs have been meant restoration to a degree for one. The ability to serve in some capacity for the other by giving of their time, skills and even resources. It's greater when it's render to someone we don't know.

Our relationship with God will allow us to know how to respond any given situation even if you don't know what to do just pulsing long enough to dial 911 is a helping hand.

When we all look in our closets and dressers typically, we all have clothing in excess. Multiple coats, shoes, etc. just pulse for a moment and think about a few scenarios. Fire or flood loss, homelessness without a lot of possession, various climate conditions. Do you get compiled to provide to someone else's need. So, people are in situations they could have never dreamed would happen to them. Our demonstration of compassion is their way back hope, faith and trust in God. Let's try to remind ourselves that and remember those as the passages of scriptures in Matthew have told us to be. Each one can reach one and touch the heart of God.

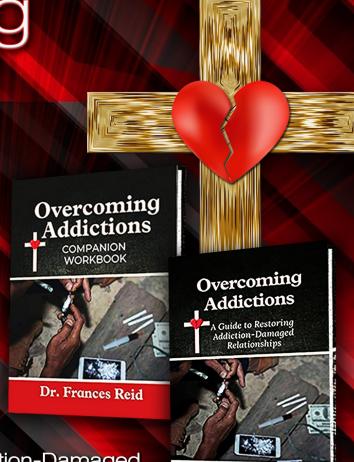


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