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God's Will vs Man's Way

Obedience vs Disobedience

Are you paying attention to the signs of the times? Don't be caught unaware!

Are you in alignment with the Will of God?

And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowring. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times? Matthew 16:3 KJV

Warning comes before destruction

2 Timothy Chapter 3

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

5Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

6For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

7Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

8Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

9But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.

10But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,

11Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of *them* all the Lord delivered me.

12Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

13But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

14But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned *them*;

15And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

16All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

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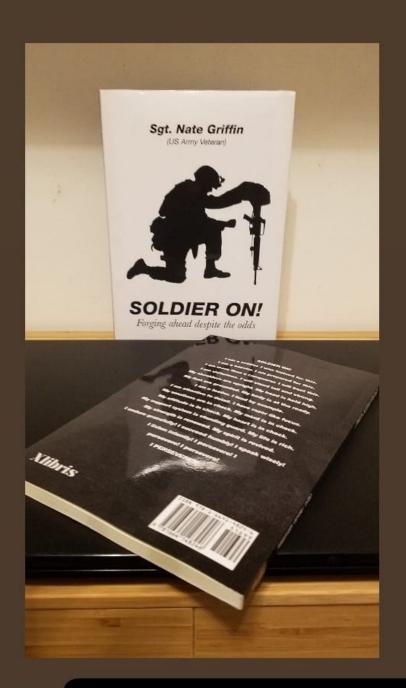
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Sometimes we really have to assess our situations and circumstances through the lens of God. At times people can become so critical of each other without having a deeper level of understanding. This might help someone as it broaden my understanding of God's bigger picture since His vantage point is greater than mine.

In this life's journey we all are at different learning levels and in my daily devotions I've learned to do less complaining and more observation and asking rather "What is the lesson for me today?" Understanding that at the end of the day I will have received a greater understanding within the principle of God that will align me with the scripture. "In all thy getting get an understanding..." It is with this sort of openness that we grow.

We can then understand why we have been chosen to be in what may be viewed as a difficult and trying situation. But because of our relationship with God we have been chosen to bring light and life into what has been darkness for many people. Gaining the understanding that light drives out darkness and also brings a greater understanding to "Blessed are the peacemakers." The best way and with a non-confrontation manner that has work to defuse escalated situations has been to say "Have you thought about or looked at it this way..."

It creates a much needed pause in any situation and allows clear reasoning to enter the room and emotions to exit. It creates a form of mental balance by allowing us to step back and take another look allowing one to respond rather than react at that very crucial and critical moment. Protecting the character of a person as well as allowing us to walk more freely in the attributes of Christ as true ambassadors, not just claiming a label but demonstrating our true identity and becoming a greater witness of and for Him. That the world will be able to see the Word in action through our lifestyle that honors God. This is how you quote scriptures actions speak louder than our words when we illustrate His Word and Truth we can then impact others.



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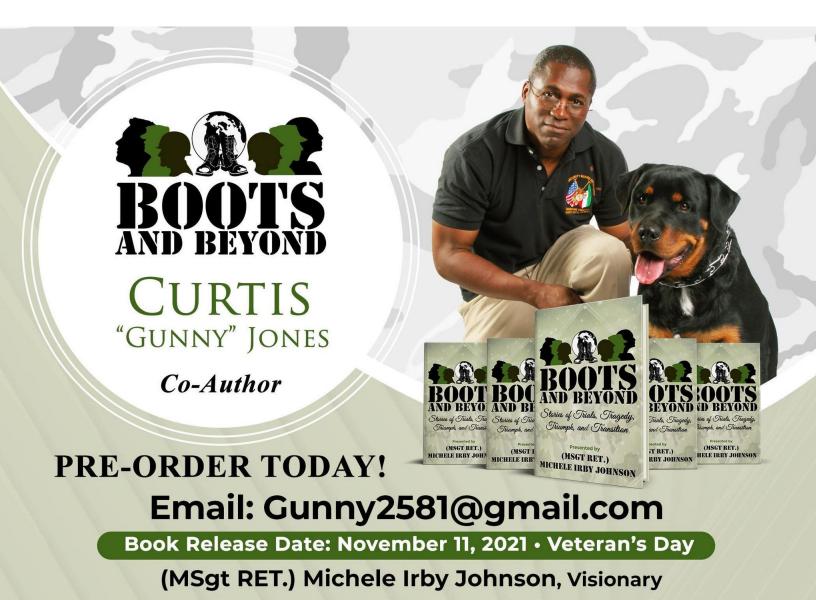
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We Must Realize

What mankind has failed to recognize and realize is when our time is up within this atmosphere the body in which we put so much emphasis on will remain. However the true essence of who you are, your spirit will return back to God to give an account regarding what you did within the body to honor Him. Race, wealth and poverty won't determine our outcome. But, adherence and compliance to His principles will determine our ultimate outcome. While we are here we have the opportunity to align ourselves with God's principles. If you feel your not there or not sure. It as simply as having a conversation of repentance with God. Don't worry he's not hard to find he is omnipresent so just start talking he will hear you when your sincere.



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Sgt. Nate Griffin

Instagram vegan influencer, Orisha Oshun has a quote that goes, "The front is for entertainment, the back is for information". She is referring to labels on our foods. Many times, we buy based on the image on the label without reading the contents. This can be very problematic especially when it comes to food shopping.

In this article, I want to touch on the importance of using today's technology to our advantage when it comes to the foods we eat. Just because a food item is labeled heart healthy, doesn't always mean it is.

Some items are a given in terms of how healthy they really are. Soda and other sweet drinks for example, is loaded with sugar. No matter the size, you are literally drinking your excess calories. Plus, you may find yourself drinking more than you wish. This is not because you are necessarily thirsty. It's due to the high amount of salt in the drinks which in turn, increases your thirst and therefore, cause you to drink more of it. Diet soda is really no better. Because you are under the impression you are consuming less calories through the diet brand, you are still ingesting artificial sweeteners that could be problematic.

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When it comes to food products, whether canned, frozen, packaged or in a box. Always read the labels. Yes, you will find some more expensive than the lesshealthier brands. But in the end of the day, do you want your food to be more supportive of good health? As a steward of God's body, we are the temple of the Holy Spirit, we want to work on putting only the best and healthiest foods in our bodies.

Processed foods is a major problem to our health. Excessive amounts of salt and nitrates are used to preserve the food, enhance the flavor and extend shelf life. If you suffer from high blood pressure, fluid retention, constipation and a plethora of other food related health issues. You may want to limit if not cancel out all-together, processed foods.



In today's climate, there are countless of healthy food choices and preparation ideas. There many cookbooks in hard copy, online, YouTube, Instagram and so on. There is no reason to continue to eat ourselves to death after praying over food that is literally killing us. This is a good time to pray for the taste of healthier foods, and deliverance from the foods that are killing us.

Read those labels, investigate, research, ask around if you have questions about food choices. Just because it tastes good to you, doesn't mean it's health or good for you. Just as a believer prays for deliverance from alcohol, tabaco, drugs, lying, stealing, gossiping, lust, and so on. Those believers who are struggling with appetite for food, should pray to the Father for deliverance.

Knowledge is power, but, it's useless if you don't apply what you've learned. Those suffering from kidney, blood pressure, CHF, poor vision, skin tags, unexplained hair loss, blotting, excessive gas, halitosis, sour body odor, low energy, and so on. You will do your body justice in making better food choices. Remember whatever you eat or drink, will either bring you closer to or further from your goal.



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Warning: Its Name Is Deception

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This tactic is so ancient yet has been so influential and effective throughout mankind's history that it seems we really are unaware of its presence. But not of its impact, whenever it is applied mentally, spiritually, emotionally or physically it yields a response or reaction to any given situation. One would think by now since it has been so effective since the creation of man, we would have an effective counter measure.

When you look into just about every situation especially conflicts its either right at the surface or deeply embedded, but in the aftermath, it's exposes and it appears that all we can respond with is wow I didn't see it coming to really apply a proper response. It is very subtle as to its application but its venom is effective 8 out of 10 times. Leaving a path of carnage within its wake unable to be repaired other than with avoidance.

When we are oblivious to the warning signs. You have to become overly conscious to detect its approach and be very confident to counter its attack. In all forms it is best known for its number one tactic divide and conquer. Its name is Deception. so cunning that it will have you constantly spending your time reacting to situations in an unclear manner. Rather than responding with a clear since of purpose to bring about an effective resolve at the onset.

Simply because too many other factors are now in play which have no relevance to the resolve. These other factors come in the form of heightened emotions, unclear understanding of the initial infraction or disconnect, the true source not speculation but facts, emotional baggage, pride, misdirected blame throwing which creates overreach to the innocent who are unaware of any issues and now are wounded or even killed by your actions. Simply because your imagination got the best of you through subtle deception which created a real impact of mayhem, destruction and some cases devastation.

All the instructions are in the life manual, the Word of God provided to guide us to the intend result way before we embark on our journey. Everything we need is right there to help us avoid undesirable circumstances and yet some of us continually travel without GPS. Winding up in some dangerous situations that could have been avoided had we consulted the free manual and applied the instructions given. Then we wouldn't have to suffer from regrets but rather just celebrate rewards. All of our problems stem from our missteps and not only affect us but that residue of our actions also impacts those closest to us.

In our moment of selfishness, you know the all about what I want period. We never stopped to consider the outcome outside of our own box of selfishness because we

are all caught up in ourselves. This place is called darkness eventually it will demonstrate ignorance because we have the inability to see. But when light comes it exposes everything and the aftermath comes in several stages.

Embarrassment, regret, remorse, pride, denial, recompense, reconciliation, selfexamination, realignment, restructuring, reprioritizing life, reestablishing our connection with God, self-worth, humility, and freedom from old ways, seeking and accepting guidance going forward a prayer life. These are some of the things to put us back in alignment with the two simple rules and the principles of God. Study, study, study to stay in compliance with His will. We all need a tune-up, and higheroctane fuel for better mileage. So apply them often so you don't wind up on 4 blocks in the yard can't go anywhere or just get crushed in the salvage yard.

Consider all of these factors presented in your reading this. God's intent through the reading and even for me doing this writing is to keep us aware and conscious to everything we do. Not taking anything for granted but thanking God for everything and everyone who He see fit to add on our journey's path.



<u>The Real Truth</u>

By Elder Diane Harvell

Contrary to each person and their personal truths, my truth, your truth, everyone has a truth that they believe in but according to Yale historian, Jeroslav Pelikan who says, "Regardless of what anyone may personally think or believe about him, Jesus of Nazareth has been the dominant figure in the history of the Western Culture for almost 20 centuries."

This is because while he was on the earth, Jesus impacted every facet of life and spoke of the victory as well as the penalty depending on the act or way of life. Yet today righteousness and the proverbial Christian standard has been reduced to unrighteousness and anything and everything unlike God is acceptable!

The standard of being what I want to be, and I can do what I want to do is the exact language the serpent spoke to Eve, and she was deceived! And those who follow this mantra are also being deceived! Although Eve's sin was unintentional, but Adam's was intentional because he knowingly chose to follow another god. The bible says, Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned. Wake up! Intentional sin will lead to a definite and permanent death!

Jesus was our example for:

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But the ancient world only recognized virtues like courage and wisdom, but not humility. People were ranked into first class and coach, anything below that (today's middleclass and the poor), was not acceptable. But Jesus' life was that of a foot-washing servant of humility. As in the ancient world, it seems today's world has lost Jesus' attributes and his values.

Therefore, today, in the 21st century because of our ignorance, intentional or unintentional, our deliberate defiance to what is right in God's eyes has caused a modern-day enclave of plagues drought, pestilence, murder, lasciviousness, hate and abhorrence!

The effects of disobedience can clearly be seen yet we wink at the obvious proclamations! Christianity's truth and the consequences of non-acceptance of its truth, creates a perfect repeat performance of destruction of life as we know it.

Sadly, we've grown in knowledge, but we've sacrificed our humanity and our morals for temporary pleasures. We are playing the childhood game of "Truth, Consequences, Dare or Repeat" with life without any hesitation or consciousness.

There is a level of standards that Jesus has provided for us to follow and to live by. He is Thee verified and undisputable fact of existence. Jesus is the only one who has the truth, He is the Way, the Truth and the Life, (John 14:6) and He is the only way we shall see the Father.

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We must learn to allow our lives to reflect the principles of God who is our guiding light. In order to demonstrate to others His attributes and guide them out of darkness which is the ignorance to His intentions and fulfill His creed as we have written in our constitution but not yet lived out in our daily deeds. We have voiced a hint of our understanding but truly struggle in our own illustration to the world. So, we ourselves have to learn to practice that which we are trying to preach.

Unfortunately, we are represented by 535 people who themselves are divided wearing the colors of The Crips and The Bloods and further away from the definition of the word United in which we identify ourselves to the world and we are even further from that truth. Proving through our inner behavior and turmoil that we ourselves can't even live up to our own written creed.

Why do I say that because our actions are speaking louder than our written words? Proving to all others that we truly can't demonstrate what we so eloquently preach to world. Our reflection shows the total opposite as do as I say not as I myself do. Some would call that hypocritical and the spiritual minded see it as a reprobate mindset. The sooner we can see and face the truth for what it is the quicker we can United to make it right.

God's way is always the best way, let's get back to that. Out of darkness into His marvelous light then and only then the truth can march forward. We have some great work to do on ourselves. Can we say amen this would be the starting point. The older and former generation would phrase it as "Your slip is showing adjust yourself."

We must speak truth to power it has nothing to do with left or right political views that has presented our current state of being. There is only one way aligning our individual selves with the principles of God then and only can we collectively see a difference. Our individual accountability of our actions won't have anything to do with political affiliations it's about how we measured up to what God's Word required and that is an individual and independent choice. As the Word says choose ye this day whom you will serve. Will it be God or Man? Now the choice is in your hand!



The naming of this nation and the wording of its creed speaks to the intent of a nation that God had to be an example of His intent. However, the hardness of hearts and fears have delayed the ultimate process of His intent because we have be granted free will. But there is one thing that we all must understand on key thing. "Thy will be done" this will take place with or without us. We are given a time to comply to His Will, but when it expires it's too late. Marinate on that thought for a while and pray for an understanding. We were named United for a reason, to fulfill God's purpose, if we are unclear of the meaning of the word look it up. We are to be an example to the world of it true meaning, we are comprised of people from many nations who are to exist as one. Don't start conflicts and expect everyone to all of a sudden get on board with united when clearly it is not an everyday practice. Let get our minds on one accord and work to this true power and stop looking at each other side eye. There is definitely real power when we are truly united otherwise it's a scam and it will not prosper. We are in a period of clarification and the only way things get better is when we put fear aside and become truthful fix what we know and see is wrong. Then and only then will God bless us going forward otherwise we will be the authors of our own destruction. Don't believe me consult His Word and you will see the destruction of many nations who are not here today from the same mistakes to which we are making. The grace which we are experiencing is due to the ruminate of those who truly seek Him. Watch the signs they are clearly displayed.



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