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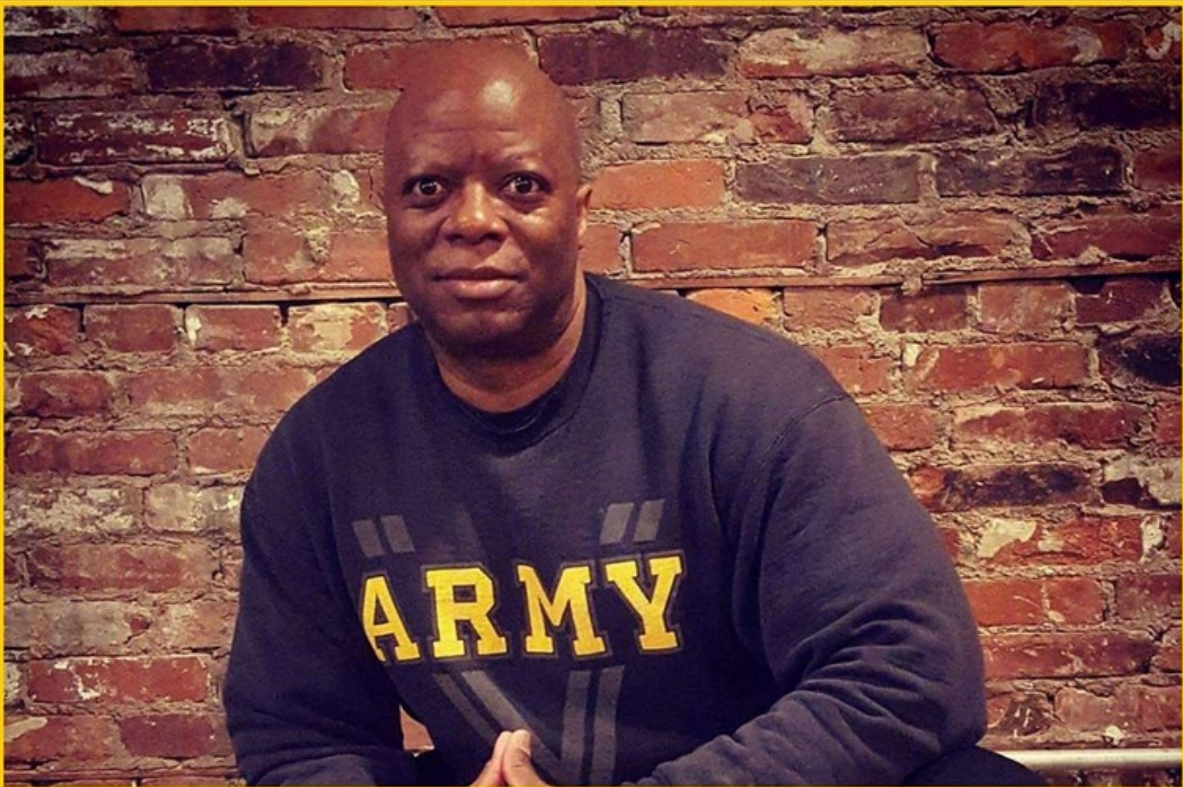
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Sgt. Nate Griffin

Staying fit and healthy to be used of God in the mission field, whether at home or abroad. Is a life time measure. In last month's article, we looked some things each person should consider looking into as part of their health and wellness journey. In this month's article, we will continue to do the same. Below are some interesting nuggets to further your pursuit to fitness.

Each month going forward, unless otherwise directed, we will focus on a different aspect of health and wellness. During this time, if you have questions or comments you wish to add to the mix, please feel free to submit them.

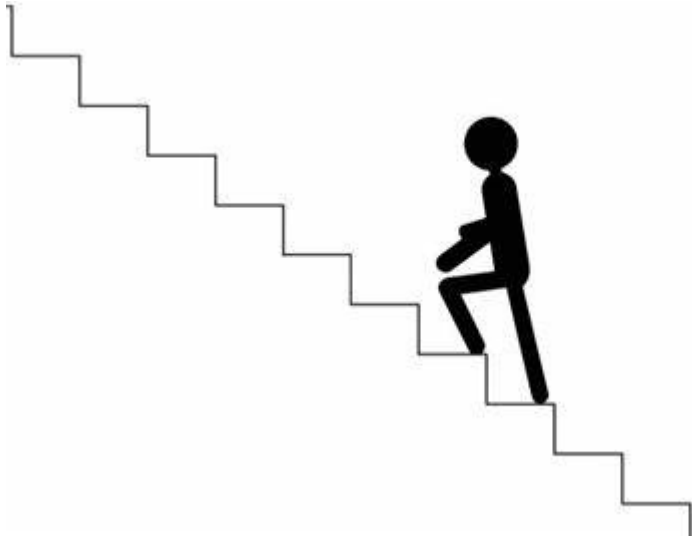
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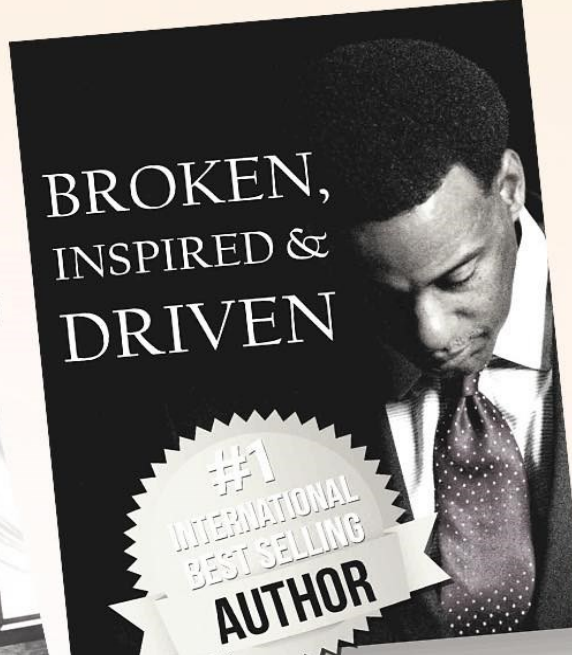
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Pray for Freedom from Distractions

Dr. C.A. Dangerfield II

We are constantly bombard by so many distractions created to deflect us from the truth. Pray for greater understanding and the gift of observation so you have the ability to see the hands of God as they clear the way for truth to raise up through the intentional clutter of distractions designed to keep us in the darkness and ignorant to the truth.

The reason it has been an effective tool towards some is because they lack the knowledge and understanding regarding these tactics. When we fail to study the Word of God, we create deficiencies for ourselves and can get caught up in participating in things that can cause misalignment with the principles of God. Well before you come to yourself and your senses you may find yourself endorsing things that the principles of God do not.

It has nothing to do with political banter and party affiliation. Because when you study the Word of God you will clearly see that all parties are misaligned in one area or another and violate the principles of God. This is why the Word of God in the book of 2nd Timothy Chapter 2 clarifies the course to follow for the followers of Christ. I share this from the Hebrew translation rather than the Greek.

So then, you, my son, be empowered by the grace that comes from the Messiah Yeshua. And the things you heard from me, which were supported by many witnesses, these things commit to faithful people, such as will be competent to teach others also. Accept your share in suffering disgrace as a good soldier of the Messiah Yeshua. No soldier on

duty gets involved with civilian affairs, since he has to please his commanding officer. Also, an athlete can't win a contest unless he competes according to the rules. The farmer who has done the hard work should be the first to receive a share of the harvest. Think about what I am saying, for the Lord will enable you to understand everything. Remember Yeshua the Messiah, who was raised from the dead, who was a descendant of David. This is the Good News I proclaim, and for which I am suffering to the point of being bound in chains — but the Word of God is not bound in chains! Why do I persevere through it all? For the sake of those who have been chosen, so that they too may obtain the deliverance that comes through the Messiah Yeshua, with eternal glory. Here is a statement you can trust: If we have died with him, we will also live with him. If we persevere, we will also rule with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us. If we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself. Keep reminding people of this, and charge them solemnly before the Lord not to engage in word-battles. They accomplish nothing useful and are a catastrophe for the hearers! Do all you can to present yourself to God as someone worthy of his approval, as a worker with no need to be ashamed, because he deals straightforwardly with the Word of the Truth. But keep away from godless babbling, for those who engage in it will only become more ungodly, and their teaching will eat away at people like gangrene. Hymenaeus and Philetus are among these; they have missed the mark, as far as the truth is concerned, by saying that our resurrection has already taken place; and they are overturning some people's faith. Nevertheless, God's firm foundation stands, stamped with these words: "The Lord knows his own," and, "Let everyone who claims he belongs to the Lord stand apart

from wrongdoing.” In a large house there are dishes and pots not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay. That is, some are meant for honorable use and some for dishonorable. If a person keeps himself free of defilement by the latter, he will be a vessel set aside for honorable use by the master of the house and ready for every kind of good work. So, flee the passions of youth; and, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart, pursue righteousness, faithfulness, love and peace. But stay away from stupid and ignorant controversies — you know that they lead to fights, and a slave of the Lord shouldn’t fight. On the contrary, he should be kind to everyone, a good teacher, and not resentful when mistreated. Also, he should be gentle as he corrects his opponents. For God may perhaps grant them the opportunity to turn from their sins, acquire full knowledge of the truth, come to their senses and escape the trap of the Adversary, after having been captured alive by him to do his will. 2 Timothy (2 Tim) 2:1-26 CJB

This passage of scripture provides us with and in-depth knowledge of the situation and the circumstances that could derived from it. It further gives the explanation and reasoning for the instructions provided. But when we fail to study and consult with the principles of God, we do not receive the intended illuminated truth that will keep us in the right alignment with the principles of God. So, we have to apply the time to seeking the truth through His word to remain within His will and stay obedient to His Way!

In this time that we are living it is vitally important to stay directly connected to the source of all truths. It will be from that place that we could excel into the place where God has created our purpose. Once

we are able to see and understand it then we have everything we would need and we can expand from there. Understanding is the key that opens many doors that will allow you to reach full potential.

Remember you are unique and marvelously made. Don't allow others to devalue your worth. You are priceless because there is only one you!

Acknowledgement and Accountability

Dr. C. A. Dangerfield II

We do a lot of finger pointing these day and denying of participating with certain events and activities. Even when there is documented evidence that one leaves, this leaves me a little puzzled (pictures/videos). One thing that is always guaranteed is that no matter what, after a time Truth will rise to the surface and Accountability will be knocking at the door. We see it in the news cycles daily. The reason for that is when we refuse to acknowledge God's grace and get things straighten out as we should, rather than hiding under the cover of darkness. The light of Truth will present itself and illuminate the entire space exposing everything, the good and the bad for all to see. So while we have been granted the opportunity of grace take the initiative to acknowledge your shortcomings and be accountable to correcting your actions. Remember all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

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PROSPERITY

By Elder Diane Harvell

Prosperity-Wealth, Affluence, Opulence, Success, Richness and Fortune.

Prosperity. While these things can solve matters, bring a certain peace and contentment, they are only temporary and sometimes having a lot of riches can bring more problems than joy.

Today instead of hearing about the love of Christ, repentance, or salvation, we hear a lot about money, riches, and wealth. Instead of seeing love and humility, today we see heavily garbed individuals holding a long staff or crosier during some type of *elevation* service to receive some type of title or another. These are believed to be stamps of approval for achievements that are advertised to be *deserved*. These pomp and circumstances are indicative of the acts of the scribes and pharisees who had an outward show of godliness, but their hearts were far from God.

This mixed with the belief that prosperity preaching is acceptable to God is outrageous! Today's church has become narcissistic and fleshly! The pitch for Christianity today is to proclaim riches or to obtain some type of status. Where are we going and to whom are we leading and most importantly, where are we leading others to?!

Most church services are replicas of club houses getting together with others who are friends or familiar acquaintances. God gets no glory out of this! And most importantly, where is the preaching of the cross or the opportunity given for repentance?

Also, today's church has a super abundance of "apostles" and "prophets." Many of whom can be compared to soothsayers, as they make empty promises for material gain with an outward dress in impeccable clothing for an outward show. Should I not read another slogan, such as, "A miracle is coming to you tomorrow," "You shall receive a financial breakthrough by this time tomorrow," etc., is enough for me.

There are formats and manipulations in place as how to receive money from congregants rather than how to lead them to Christ.

So, what is true prosperity? Does it belong within the body of Christ? There is nowhere in scripture that approves or mentions "prosperity preaching" or a get rich scheme while preaching Jesus.

In fact, Jesus said "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man have nowhere to lay His head."-Matthew 8:20. In other words, Jesus was saying animals have a place to sleep, but he himself had nothing! Sometimes to follow Jesus you may have to give up all that you have known or had but He has far more eternal riches in glory for us, rather than temporary materialism.

Therefore, true prosperity to me is allowing Christ to lead my life according to His will which may include giving up people, places, or things for the sake of His eternal blessings for me. But because we have been conditioned to chase temporary wealth and immediate resolutions, our press for the mark of the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus is amiss.

True affluence and success is when you learn how to be effective in the life God has given you that others desire to take part of it. True prosperity is when contentment outweighs desire for material gain.

1 Timothy 6:6-10 says-But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7For we brought nothing into *this* world, *and it is* certain we can carry nothing out. 8And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. 9But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. 10For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

It gets no plainer than that of the above scriptures. My heart is saddened in watching many who have started out well, but the pursuit of wealth and prosperity has hindered them. And for so many others to promote the validity of such practice is shocking.

We need more defenders of the faith like apostle Paul. Who at all costs spoke against the first hint or notion of apostasy against the church. Living in a world today where everything ungodly is accepted and popular except for Jesus Christ is staggering.

So, where do we go from here? Where does the believer, the Christian stand in such melancholy? Answer: We stand on the Word of God because His Word is true and will never fail. Proverbs 30:5, 1 John 2:16-17, and so many more promises of God are faithful and true. For your encouragement and of my own, I will conclude this conversation with Hebrews 10:23-Let us hold fast the confession of our faith without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

Therefore, let us not err from the faith but seek godliness with contentment for this is great gain, this is true prosperity.

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Unraveling True Prosperity

Evangelist Stacie Daniels

The word **prosperity** is derived from the Latin word *prosperitas*, which means success, joy, or approbation. The English word prosperity is defined as the condition of being successful or thriving, esp. economic well-being. A prevailing societal belief is that prosperity has everything to do with material or economic success alone. However, a good biblical model to discover true prosperity can be drawn from a biblical reference.

What is that biblical reference? The answer to this question is relative to the statement 'keep first things first.' Matthew 6:33 (KJV) states ***“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”*** This is a biblical truth that Jesus Christ is on record for teaching to the multitudes but also a principle for the generations to follow. In this brief but power packed statement, Jesus is instructing his followers to pursue the things that are spiritual first and that will align us with kingdom principles. It is then that we will discover the true meaning of prosperity. It is clear what the priority is that lead to every other blessing. When we seek first the kingdom of God, we will find that we are giving more time and energy to God through prayer, reading the Word of God, worship, seeking His salvation, submitting to Him in obedience, and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. Further, Jesus said in the preceding scriptural verses in Matthew 6:31-32 (KJV) ***“Therefore take no thought, saying, what shall we eat? or, what shall we drink? or, wherewithal shall we be clothed? For after all these things do the Gentiles seek) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.”*** This is additional evidence that it is not the will of

the Father for his people to be worried or perplexed about earthly needs when their trust should be in Him. Sure, it is true that food, clothing, shelter, and water are all necessities of life. Therefore, there are reasonable duties that we exercise to sustain life. We also have desires. However, the message here is to make God's business priority. The scripture teaches in 1 Timothy 6:10 (KJV) ***“For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”*** It is unfortunate that many seek to attain money over all other priorities of life. This carnal pursuit will lead to other evils such as greed, murder, theft, and betrayal.

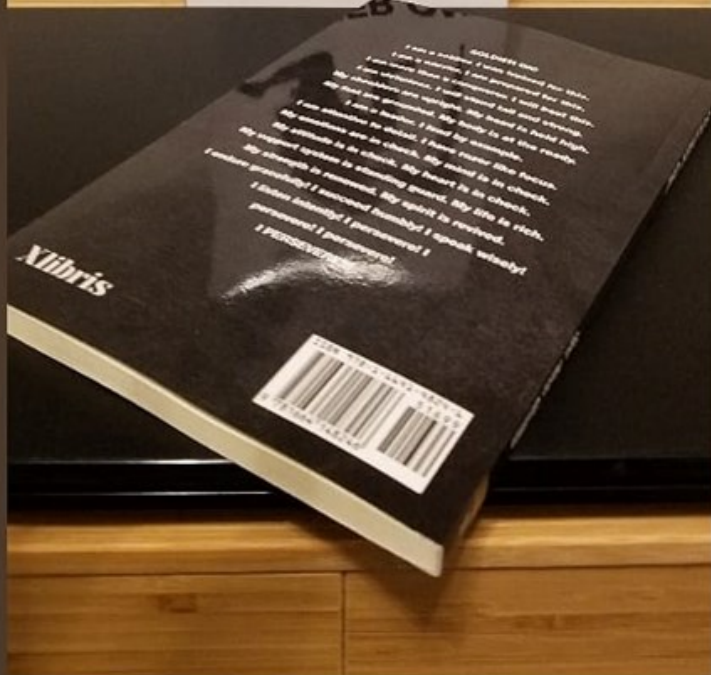
Judas Iscariot was one of Jesus twelve disciples and his duty or occupation was treasurer. It can be surmised through scripture that Judas would not be considered the most devoted disciple and that he lacked faith. The Bible certainly leaves no room for doubt that he was captive to greed. Judas ultimately betrayed the Savior to Roman soldiers to be put to death for thirty pieces of silver (Luke 22). Soon thereafter, we find that Judas could not live with himself after this act, and he committed suicide.

True prosperity does not exist in the abundance of the things in which we possess but, in our obedience, and walk with the Lord. Money cannot buy peace, love, joy, salvation, or eternal life with Christ and God. King Solomon, son of David the King, understood in the beginning of his reign, that it was more important to ask God for wisdom to lead God's people instead of wealth (I Kings 3). This pleased God so much that he added much wealth and honor to Solomon. We see the principle of Matthew 6:33 applied in this instance. Solomon was not only noted to be



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the wisest man to ever live, excluding Jesus Christ, but also one of the wealthiest in as much that his fame was spread far and wide.

It is the will of God that we prosper in all areas of life. 3 John 1:2 ***“Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prosper.”*** It is evident from this verse that true prosperity must include those things that align with spiritual prosperity. Therefore, we must seek first things first.

THINK ABOUT IT



Sometimes it takes a whole lot of trouble to bring clarity to mind to who is the central focus and that is God. For He is who we run to in times of trouble because we realize there is no greater source. This is known as a reality check. Have you experienced yours?

C. A. Dangerfield II

What Is Prosperity?

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In our quest for success, we place the defining factors on what we view as tangible possessions. like cars, houses, boats and stacks of currency and yes sometimes people or our association with them. Yet many are not happy or satisfied with the twenty room houses with one to three occupants, 15 cars, boats and planes. Simply because after the initial conquest of obtaining them then the thrill is gone.

They also become disenchanted with the lifestyle because of the draw of disingenuous people always trying to take advantage of their situation and circumstances. As well as being guilted by family members and others who try to manipulate them because of what they have obtain. Not realizing that they are coveting their neighbor's possession as if they are obligated. So, they become withdrawn and cut off, isolated because they feel overwhelmed and they have no peace.

They miss true relationships without motive. Some may be taken back by this very revelation and that because they may have not been truly paid attention and observing the conditions that some face. Or had taken the opportunity to have a genuine conversation where they listened and actually learned how it was for another besides themselves and without an agenda or underlining motive. This is something to think about do we really understand some of the situations in which people go through.

My son actually created a brand which he calls Fresh Millionaires Society. News flash it has absolutely nothing to do with money. It had to

the wealth we find in our relationships based on the people around us that bring us joy, purpose and fulfillment by their presence. Which has an unlimited value that you can't put a price on. Because of the understanding that people gained behind the purpose for the brand, many friendships were forged. That's considered out of the box revelation.

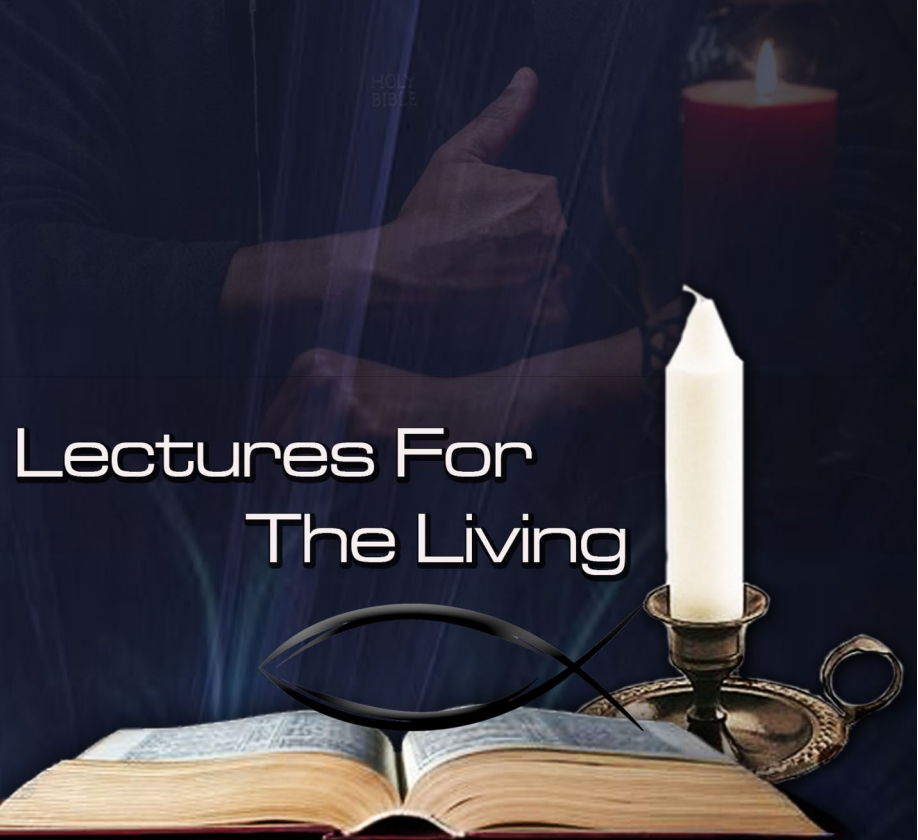

The wealth of spiritual connections is what draws us towards one another and adds value to a relationship. This way we come together and build things in so many areas for the benefit of others and not just ourselves. There is a bigger blessing in fulfilling purpose and meeting one's potential at such a high gratifying level. Watching the reaction of those who benefit from our outward care. It brings with it a greater new hope for many who have lost so much especially when it comes with tangible meaning. This becomes a greater area of prosperity every time we can contribute sincere sacrifice of time, talent, encouragement, prayer, direction and hope.

One thing we must do is stop looking outward and comparing with what others may have becoming envious. Earthly values are far less value than that which God has place with in us and around us. When you can have the ability to identify the prosperity immediately around you. It will draw out the arrogance and sense of entitlement and replace it with a spirit of humility and gratification. When you have peace and contentment that is wealth and the riches place you can be at. That is experiencing the love of a true and living God within your presence. Gaining the ability to savor that moment will free you and provide a

revelation of true understanding. As the Word of God proclaims “In all thy getting get an understanding” and experience life as it should be and not as you think it should be by someone else’s account. For I know the thoughts that I think towards you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil to give you and expected end. Stay on course, communicate daily with our Heavenly Father, avoid distractions and when you do all that the Father has for you will come to pass. Be attentive as He speaks to you to understand His guidance. Trust Him in every turn. So, in all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your path. It will become your life style because Father knows Best.

Something To **THINK ABOUT**

Sometimes we miss the very thing in a lesson in life because we are so busy judging others that we fail to see and understand what God is showing and teaching us about ourselves. Now that’s ironic.



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