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But the fruit of the Spirit is love,  
joy, peace, longsuffering,  
gentleness, goodness, faith,  
Meekness, temperance:  
against such there is no law.  
Galatians 5:22,23



## How are you presenting Christ?

*And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of  
wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and  
might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD  
Isaiah 11:2*

## Because it's all in the Presentation



That ye put off concerning the former conversation the  
old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;  
And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye  
put on the new man, which after God is created in  
righteousness and true holiness. Wherefore putting away  
lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we  
are members one of another. Ephesians 4 22-25









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Familia Vega in the Mission Field

## Preparing for El Salvador!



**Hello, Friends! Hola, Amigos!**

We are the Vega family! We would like to share a little bit of our story, history, and calling as missionaries.

Uzi, from El Salvador, and Bethany, from the U.S., met in 2013 while serving and training with Youth With A Mission in Costa Rica. We were married in 2015, got custody of Uzi's daughter, Genesis, and continued to serve as full time missionaries until 2018 when our first son, Isaac was born. We came to the United States for a sabbatical with the purpose of getting Uzi's U.S. citizenship and establishing a connection with our church family before returning to the field. Then, just like the rest of the world, our plans were affected by the sudden appearance of the covid-19 virus. In the waiting, our son Tobías was born in May 2022.

Now, after five and half years of living in the United States Uzi has his citizenship, and we are **FINALLY** preparing to return to where our hearts belong: the mission field! This coming January, we will be serving Youth With A Mission again, this time in El Salvador as full time staff. We are so excited to pour the gifts and talents God has blessed us with into Uzi's beautiful homeland; to see the resurrection of a lost hope, restoration of the family unit, and to see communities develop into healthy and thriving places! El Salvador (in English, The Savior) has been ravaged by corrupt government and gang violence for decades, but the political atmosphere is shifting. Corrupt politicians are being weeded out and gang members are being imprisoned by the thousands. There is a growing sense of freedom and hope, but the wounds and scars and pain are still there, in need of the healing touch of the Father.

**Why El Salvador?** In our time in the States, we did a lot of praying and seeking and asking questions about things that God had put in our hearts over the years. What we saw was a pile of puzzle pieces and no idea of where to start. But God spoke confirmation from three people who didn't know each other and were in different countries! God said, "I gave you all the pieces, just start and I will guide you!" So what are those pieces that fit in El Salvador? **Connections, Empowerment, and Immersion.**



**Connections:** The need for mental health workers is enormous and we have already started conversations with mental health care workers here about bringing their training to El Salvador to equip YWAMers and local pastors to be able to minister in this area. We also have a huge desire to see more U.S. church members experience missions in order to be a blessing and to grow in their walk with the Lord. Lastly, we are working to connect/coordinate the pioneering of a new training course for YWAM that focuses on worship, intercessory prayer, spiritual warfare, and evangelism, in order to be more effective in ministry.

**Empowerment:** We want to see the Salvadorans take ownership in the growth and restoration of their country. We believe that God has connected us to key people and ministries for the task of equipping the people so that they can rise up and take hold of the blessings God has for them.

**Immersion:** Before we were married, we talked and prayed about how we wanted to raise our kids and what things were important to us as individuals, but also as a missionary family. Our desire is to live with a diverse “Kingdom culture”, where the best parts of our cultures are drawn out to honor God. We want to have our kids immersed in Salvadoran culture so that part of their heritage is not lost.

**Who/what is Youth With A Mission?** Youth with a Mission (YWAM) is an international and interdenominational Christian training organization founded in 1960. The three focuses are in training, mercy ministries, and evangelism with the goal of seeing God in each of the 7 spheres of society (family, economics, government, religion, education, media, and the arts). There are more than 1,200 working locations in over 180 countries. Each year approximately 25,000 short term missionaries are sent around the globe.

**What will we be doing?** As full time staff, we will have general operations responsibilities (i.e. property maintenance, kitchen duties, hospitality, etc.), work utilizing our gifts and talents (i.e. Spanish/English translation, administration, discipling/mentoring, etc.), and being involved with ministries of the base (i.e. mercy ministries, kids programs, Bible and literacy classes, etc.). **So what might our day look like?** In the morning, we may be preparing breakfast for a team that has come to build a home for a single mother in the community. After breakfast, Uzi could be translating for classes while Bethany homeschools and works in communications. After lunch, we prepare for kids ministry (a hot meal and a fun Bible study out in the community) or helping to build the house with the team. On the way back from ministry, we might stop to do the grocery shopping for the base meals for the rest of the week. More translating for Uzi for evening classes! Before dinner, someone needs to talk and process; Bethany can help with that! Dinner might be done, but the day is not finished; time to sort through the vegetable donations that have just been dropped off. Now we can rest for another busy day!

**There is so much more we'd like to share! Please connect with us and ask questions. 😊 Please keep us in your prayers as we finish preparations for our departure in January 2024.**

**With Love and Gratitude, The Vega Family**

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## Prayer Requests and Budget

### Please pray for:

- ❖ **PEACE!** In our hearts and minds, because moving is stressful and difficult!
- ❖ For Genesis, as she moves into her own place and makes decisions for her future.
- ❖ Clarity in the final decisions we need to make for the move.
- ❖ **Finances!**

### Startup Budget:

-----> **\$66,000 Total for the first year**

- ★ \$30,000 for a car (cost of vehicle plus shipping costs...El Salvador will not accept imported vehicles older than 2016)
- ★ \$12,000 for one full year of housing
- ★ \$2,000 monthly expenses
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  - Vehicle maintenance, insurance, and gas
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  - Savings for other travel/visa renewal

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## **KEEP GOING:**

**Sgt. Nate Griffin**

This time of the year has been labeled the most difficult for many. Some will find themselves alone. And many will find themselves lonely. Many will attempt to hide behind smiling faces, in hopes no one notices their inner sorrow. And many will find themselves at the end of their rope. But, in all of this, we can still find hope. We can still find joy.

Although Jesus came to earth to bring salvation. He also brings hope. Not just in the life that is to come. But, in the here and now. It can be difficult to realize that, or even see it when we find ourselves comparing our lives with the lives of others we feel are far better. Do know this. Everyone is struggling. Yes, even the well-to-do. The famous and infamous, all face the challenges of life. We've seen this recently among celebrities. Those we feel have so much going for themselves, also find an emptiness or inner pain they can't handle any more.

Being a believer in Christ is by no means a pass to never experiencing these horrors of life. For the scriptures say, "For he makes his sun rise on the good and the evil. And sends rain on the just and the unjust"- Matthew 5:45

You may need to reach out to someone for assistance, for help, for intervention, or for support. Find the strength to ask for help, seek help, and receive help. What you're feeling, is true, real, and very much painful. Yes, it is unbearable and seems it will never end. It will! All storms end. Just as all sunshine gives way to the night. Seasons change, times change, people change. And in time, that which you are experiencing and going through will change.

You will be stronger as a result. You'll be wiser from the experience. You will have grown and developed into the person you were destined to be. Stand firm! Focus on the positive outcome. If you must cry, cry. If you must scream, scream. If you must take some time away from the crowd, do so. Take back the control of your life. Don't give it away to circumstances and situations. Remember, you can do all things through Christ which strengthens you. You have the grace, you have the power, you have the authority.

We cannot escape the miseries of life, just as on some days, it seems things are going so well, that nothing could go wrong...until it does. Let me offer some words of encouragement to maybe help you navigate through this thing we call life.

When you feel, you can't keep going.  
When you feel, no one cares.  
When you feel, no one believes in you.  
When you feel, you've nothing left.  
When you feel, the odds are totally against you.  
When doubt enters your head and tells you,  
"It's not worth it."  
Find a way to take the next step.  
Keep going, my friend. Keep going.

*"Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof."*  
Proverbs 18:21

Words have power! They have the power of life and death actually. **The Power of Self Love in 31 Days** is an affirmation devotional to help you speak life and love yourself by declaring positive words and the Word of God. As you read the affirmations out loud, daily, you will be reminded of your greatness and inner beauty.

True self-love is the commitment to objectively know yourself as you are, to fully experience life as it comes to you, and to honor your potential by continually seeking ways to grow. Cherie L. Eldridge is a licensed minister and a life coach. This book is a testament of her personal journey with God which led her to becoming whole and taught her to love herself. She shares categorical and affirmative statements that she personally used to help empower you to learn to love yourself, too!

**The Power of Self Love in 31 Days** will help you increase in your belief of your own value and importance. It will help you to develop physically, mentally, and spiritually, resulting in personal growth. God does not want us to go through life filled with hate, insecurities, disappointment, and confusion. God desires for us to be made whole. Being made whole is the state of forming a complete and harmonious whole being, unbroken or undamaged. That is what you deserve and this book will help start you on that journey.

With God all things are possible! No matter where you are in your life right now, by reciting and believing the affirmations in this book, a great change will take place in your life for the good. If you believe, you will experience the power of God's love and self-love in just 31 days!

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## OUR GOD IN THE FLESH

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Proverbs 3:5-6 says, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean to your own understanding. In all your ways **acknowledge** him, and he will direct your paths.

Ask yourself “Do I Really Trust GOD, If I do with what”? Do you trust him with your home, your family, your health, your finances, even as you drive? We have a tendency to pick and choose when and how much we Trust GOD! To represent the Creator of this World and not allow the World to influence how much we trust TMH, we have to make a sincere commitment to trust him. You cannot present or represent someone you don’t trust and believe in!

Have you ever been asked a question and a scripture comes to mind? Have you ever been in a situation that you were troubled about, you didn’t see a way out but all of a sudden you know what to do and how to get it resolved? Well, he (Jesus) who makes intercession for us daily had directed your path. Do you know things at times you have never been taught, never read in a book and no-one has told you? You’re being directed.

If you know, you know and your actions will speak louder than words can. We Say all the time GOD deserves all the Glory, GOD deserves all the praise, He also deserves our behavior to reflect those sentiments, not just on Sunday or Weekly Bible Study. An important part of the above scripture that stands out to me is the word “Acknowledge”. I say this because of our propensity to take all the credit when a problem is solved, when we accomplish a task, or when we are elevated in any way. Learn and practice saying in your heart and mind GOD did it, and thank him. Not sometimes but all the time. Take him at his word!! God says, “And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.”<sup>14</sup> If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. If you love me you will keep my commandments.” (John 14:13-15). Pay attention to yourself, your behavior, your reactions to every human experience you have.

Once trust is learned and practiced in the daily lives of man, GOD will reveal more and more of himself to everyone that believes.

Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Intentionally draw closer to GOD, Learn to Love others even those that hurt you, you don’t have to hang out with them, but you do have to forgive them and Love them even help them if you can. Share what’s in your heart and don’t be afraid to let



someone know they have hurt or offended you. Trust GOD that all things work together for the good of them that Love him. Pay attention to your reactions and you will realize not everything you want to say or do is what GOD wants you to say or do. You must acknowledge him and let him lead and guide you into ALL truth. Not just truth of the Gospel but Truth about yourself and your behavior, actions and reactions. Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. Be the best YOU that YOU can be with GOD's Help.

Believe in the Oneness of GOD, Yahweh & JESUS Yeshua Hamashiach, his Death, Burial and Resurrection, allow GOD to be GOD in your life. John 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: you believe in God, believe also in me.

Watch everything change, watch GOD work in your life, watch your enemy become your footstool, watch as your dreams come to fruition, he promised in Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and ALL these things shall be added unto you. GOD is not like man He cannot lie, you can trust and believe if he said it in his Word he will bring it to pass!!

**IT IS NOT A BORING OR UNEVENTFUL WAY OF LIFE!** It is the Only way!!! Present Him to Others & Represent Him well and allow him to do the rest.

# THINK ABOUT IT



In times of crisis God creates opportunity for change. The issue becomes our ability to see the open door. Every crisis may cause an ending of something. But it is also the beginning of something new. The choice of the direction in which we go has been left up to us. Will we murmur and complain about the lost or will we recognize the open door of opportunity and venture in, with the understanding that a forrest can develop from a single seed. Every day that I am blessed to awaken is an opportunity for a new beginning. Go ahead and begin today to walk out your opportunity. God will bring the increase.

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# An Honest Observation

Dr .C. A. Dangerfield II

When we take the time to stop, reflect and understand. We will find that most of the issues and distorted views stem from mankind's disobedience to God's principles. When we even view it closer to our individual selves, we will find that holds true also, because somewhere we missed something because we were never taught, and neither was the previous generations too. So, we have been stumbling around in darkness (ignorance) which confirms the Word of God. "The people perish due to the lack of knowledge." Now this is not an excuse it should be a revelation in which to do better and acquire knowledge by following the instructions given. **Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go so when he is old, he will not depart from it."** 2 Timothy 2:15. **"Study to shew thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightfully dividing the word of truth"** That assist us in making sound and proper decisions that won't stunt our growth or promises from God. **Proverbs 23:12-14 Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge.** <sup>13</sup>**Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die.** <sup>14</sup>**Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.** Cause and effect, we can control these outcomes by following the principles that have been provided. It has to be a part of our mindset and we each have individual control of that. It is when we waver we realize the consequences. For it is true that His Word will not come back to Him void. If we honestly sit down and just read the Book of Proverbs the enlightenment that will come will expose so many truths because everything, we go through on a daily bases is in there and there is no denying it.

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness (principles) and all these things shall be added unto you. We have to make an asserted effort to align **ourselves** (key word) with the principles God in order to see a dramatic change in our life. We have to give this opportunity a chance in order to be aligned with your true potential and purpose. If you are reading this now, this is your opportunity to open a new door and transcend into a different future. It's time to eliminate hanging around people who you have given access and the ability to typecast your life helping you to miss your mark because you gave them control. God's Word states in **Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the thoughts I think towards you saith the Lord thoughts of peace and not of evil to give you an intended end."** Our obedience, and ability to hear God's still soft voice is crucial. So, we must stop over talking and try to outthink Him and learn to listen within the relationship and we will get much further than we are now. Aren't you tired yet of stumbling through life

because you think you know everything. Have you not realize and acknowledged that you were not there at the beginning so you have no clue of His intentions for you since we are the created and the Creator.

It also goes to show that the old cliché is correct “If you really and truly want to hide something valuable from someone put it in a book.” Well, that has been do even with a acronym as the title Bible (Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth) the instruction book on how to get to the final destination. The is a written guidebook in many translations pointing to the same destination through the one door. Pick up the book and study the instructions, the deeper you go into the wiser you will become. Don’t get caught up with the three-ring circus in the land with it’s many distractions. Just focus on the Words and allow it to illuminate your pathway forward. Don’t get caught up or tricked in looking back as if there was something better than what is before you. The windshield displays a bigger picture of future then the rear-view mirror does of the past.

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## **Be Inspired!**

### **Sgt. Nate Griffin**

In times of great challenges, trials and circumstances, it can be extremely difficult to maintain a sense of faith, positivity and optimism throughout the ordeal. However, just as an angel of the Lord came to Jesus's aide in the wilderness following his 40 day and 40 night ordeal, we too can be given the necessary tools to battle the enemy and weather the storm until it passes.

At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. I sat in my room and began to look around to see what I had left. At the time, I had lost my fitness studio, and all of my in-person clients all the year before the pandemic hit. So, instead of looking at what I'd lost I want to be more optimistic and see what I had remaining. Similar to the widow woman who when Elijah asked her what did she have left during the famine. She replied, "I have some empty vessels around the house". He instructed her to find as many as she could and even go check with her neighbors for more if necessary. Gather them, and watch God move on her behalf. She did and He did! So, with that illustration in mind. I asked myself, what do I have round here or what talent haven't I tapped into yet that I could commit to the Lord to use to sustain me until this famine passes.

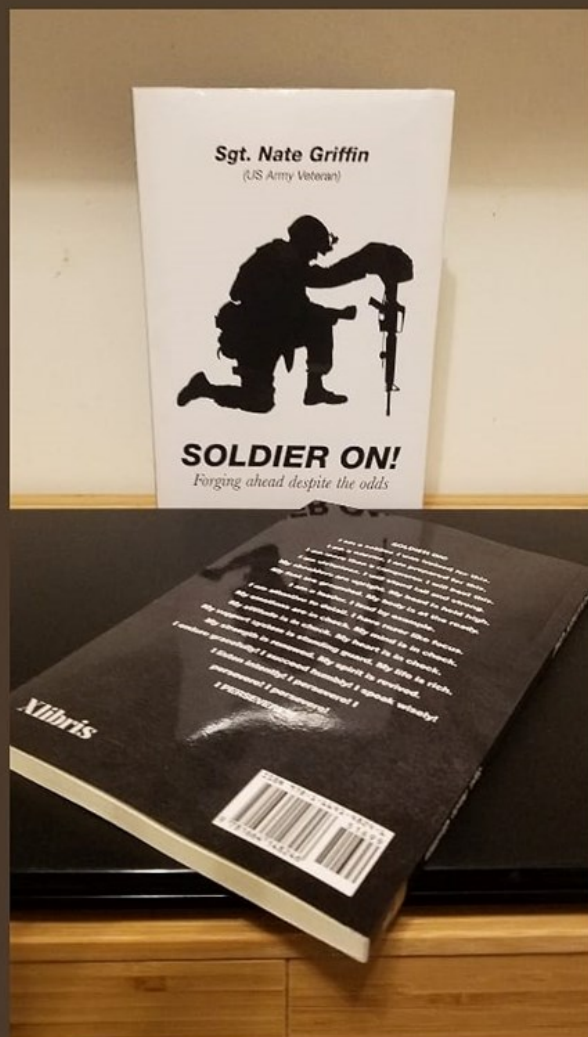
Enter my first book, **Soldier On**, *forging ahead despite the odds*. As I looked around, I noticed that each day on my Facebook page in the memories section. There were always some posts I'd placed featuring some inspirational quotes. I began to wonder if I had enough to compile into a book. Lo and behold, I did! I noticed these quotes were very encouraging to me even though I'd spoken them over the past 10 years to my clients during their workouts and training sessions. I gathered them together, consulted my brother who had previously worked with a friend to procure a publisher. And was able to submit my manuscripts for publishing.

It doesn't matter if you're a student of philosophy, the bible, entrepreneur, business owner, student of academics, a man struggling with depression and the challenges of life, a woman dealing with a life she desired eluding her, a young adult or a seasoned citizen. You will find the writings in this book very encouraging and inspiring. Each quote is written in a different font and comes with a brief commentary to better bring the points presented.

We all need encouragement from time to time. The scriptures speak of King David, Encouraging himself. My hope is that you will find the pages of this book to be most helpful during the difficult times as well as the times of great joy. There



are various formats to choose from. Hard copy, soft copy, e-book and audio book. Once you've read your copy, reach out to me with your thoughts and feedback. I'd love to hear how the words the Lord gave to me for you have touched you. God bless and Soldier On!



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# US Army veteran Sgt. Nate Griffin shares inspiration and insight in 'Soldier On!'

*New book is a collection of quotes that empowers readers to forge ahead despite the odds*

UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP, Pa. – In his first publishing foray titled “Soldier On!” ([published by Xlibris](#)), Sgt. Nate Griffin offers readers a collection of inspirational and insightful quotes that seek to empower readers, help them readjust their focus and find the inner strength needed to continue life’s journey.

Over the past 40 years, Griffin has encountered challenges that have left him feeling hopeless, fearful, powerless and lost. Each of these experiences has inspired one of the many quotes contained in this book. Through these writings, he aims to build “mental toughness” in the individual venturing into his/her professional career or tackling the day-to-day grind of everyday life. Combining his military and religious training and upbringing, the author hopes to guide readers to find their own personal uniqueness and develop it to become the best version of themselves possible.

“In light of recent pandemics, social unrest, economic setbacks, and personal failures, this book will help empower the reader to search deep within themselves to find that intrinsic motivation that’s needed to press toward the mark of their higher calling. This book will help each reader realize, just as they have overcome past challenges, the ones they may currently be facing, will also soon pass in time. If they can just weather this storm long enough, the journey will be well worth it.

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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 graduated 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 loose, literally. The years they spent with Jesus (3½) 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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# **How Are You Representing Christ?**

By Elder Diane Harvell

There are three elements of writing a writer must understand. That is how to persuade an audience with, Pathos-to influence an audience by emotional persuasion, Logos-to appeal to an audience by reason of logic, Ethos-a writer's creditability-what the audience thinks about the writer-For me, THIS ETHOS is the most important! People are prone to respect you accordingly, as a writer or maybe even independent of the three above elements, Pathos, Logos, and Ethos. But according to how you represent yourself in the world, in social gatherings, at work, or should you claim salvation whether verbally or otherwise, how you represent who you claim to be is what others will initially remember when they see you or think of you!

And if you have claimed to be a Christian or a Believer, then you may have been subjected to the proverbial statement, "and I thought you said you were a Christian!" This happens when your "reader" has been persuaded to be critical of you and they believe you have gone contrary to what you have presented! In a way, they are not wrong in their passion for a genuine truthful personality as God also expects our Pathos, Logos & Ethos to exemplify Him! How we emotionally, logically, and respectfully live should always represent Him especially if we proclaim Him!

How do you appeal to others? Are you caring and thoughtful or cold and selfish? Are you negative or positive? Do others think of you as a loving person or a controversial person? Proverbs 22:1 says, "A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, Loving favor rather than silver and gold." In other words, it's better to have a good reputation & favor from the Lord rather than money and riches. This is true because if you have a reputation of a good personality, you can be poor or without great financial means, but the favor of God will take you around the world and you shall stand before great kings. Proverbs 10:22- "The blessing of the Lord makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow with it." And Proverbs 18:16- "A man's gift makes room for him and brings him before great men."

Or are we speaking one way and living another way? We all must be careful because many false witnesses have crept into the world and the spirit of deception is in the world more strongly than it has ever been.

My heart grieves me when I see so many proclaiming the salvation of the Lord and their lives are contrary to what they say. Paul instructed Timothy how to be an



example to others. I Timothy 4:11-“....be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, {and} in purity.”

We are to be who we say we are, but most importantly who God says we are.

I Corinthians 15:58-“Therefore my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor, is not in vain in the Lord.”

Although I haven't found this in scripture, this quote has been appropriately written. “God is who He says He is. He can do what He says he can do. I am who God says I am. I can do what He says I can do. God's Word is alive and active in me.”

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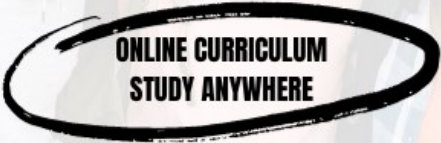
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# **How are you presenting Christ?**

Dr. C. A. Dangerfield II

This is a very relevant question to ask oneself. In light of the many who are suffering from church hurts today. Turning their backs on God as if He directly offended them, when in fact it was someone who calls themselves a Christian. Then the question is how do we define a Christian? Is it one who strives to walk within the attributes of Christ demonstrating His genuine love and compassion of the Father. The question then becomes are they operating as a Christian just for the purpose of being seen and labeled minus the attributes? Therefore, showing up more like the Scribes and Pharisees and even the hypocrite. Have we really studied God's Word effectively to understand the depth of His character? A lot of times if you were truly to think about it, some do operate as the Scribes and Pharisees with harsh condemnation. Can we express understanding and compassion as Jesus did in the company of others, even when the woman who was caught in the very act and was facing the punishment of being stoned to death? It has always puzzled me that there was no mention of any punishment towards the man. If my memory serves me correctly, she was not alone, but yet she was judged alone.

The Bible also teaches us that "All have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God." We die to sin daily through our repentance, and it is a process that we must work at daily to remain close to Him.

Throughout the Word of God, we read how Jesus went about teaching people to fulfill the will of God. However, it is we men who continue to confuse the Word of God for others. Our presentation of Him needs to come with a better understanding, this is why we must spend ample time studying to show ourselves approved. Understanding what is meant by "In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your path." As well as in all thy getting get an understanding.

Why, is it that when we choose to serve God, we suffer from memory loss and lack of patience? Have we really considered how long it took us to transition from the first time we were introduced to Christ, and for some that was several times by several people until the acceptance of invitation turned into establishing a relationship with Him. His grace is sufficient, Lord knows ours needs work.

No matter how many wonderful things that Jesus did and in spite of the opposition (Scribes and Pharisees). He kept right on being the manifested example of God's desire for mankind.





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# **Do it God's way for it's the Best Way!**

Dr. C. A. Dangerfield II

I cherish the times when I have my quiet meditation with Lord as He speaks to me and enlightens His Word and His Will. When that happens one sees how they completely align leaving no room for doubt just obedience. Which doesn't have to be debated. We choose individually to be obedient.

Why is it so hard for us to lead with compassion as Jesus (Yeshua) did and do that which is right and needed in that moment? Why does our reflective mindset always come off as antagonistic like the Scribes and Pharisees with conditional mandates as to when we are allowed to do certain things. Are we too being hypocritical by listening to the critical comments rather than following the example which was Jesus (Yeshua). Because that which He did brought forth relief. How many of us are like Nicodemus who stepped away to acknowledge Him and also to gain a deeper understanding, because he recognized truth over arrogance and ignorance and understood he had a choice that was independent from the group of which he<sup>7</sup> was in therefore he sought clarity which to him was more valuable.

Sometimes we have to still away for all of the over talking rhetoric and opinionated short-sighted posturing that clutter and distracts from the truth. Go back to the basic principles from the foundation where man's instructions came from and as the Word of God says "Do our first works again". Realign ourselves with His Word and not the noise generated by today's society jockeying for prominence for that too will soon be cut off and history has a way of repeating itself when we make the wrong choice. Our excuse cannot be "Well, so in so said". That is why it is imperative that we set aside time intimate time with the Lord so He can speak to your circumstances through the Word. Then you will not get caught up in things that you should not and have the strength to walk away when you need to.

The Gateway to Kingdom of God is Not made up of political parties, autocratic viewpoints, dictatorship reigns because they strive for personal gains going outside of the clear principles of God and come with a heavy amount of sorrow.

When we choose to be a witness for God our task is to illuminate the room by turning on the light switch so others can see God. "Thy Word is a lamp unto your feet and a light unto thy pathway." He will do the rest of the work to power them up also. So that we come out of darkness (ignorance) into His marvelous light (understanding). Eliminating the harsh judgment that could have been our plight. Draw close to Him and learn what fulfillment is when you experience what it is to love thy neighbor as thyself.



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# **Our Greatest Error**

Dr. C. A. Dangerfield II

One of our continued greatest errors is that we as a society fail to effectively connect with one another because we place ignorant roadblocks and barriers up. What in the world is he talking about. You're going to have really obtain an open mind so you can understand the obvious which has been described as normal.

Psalms 139:13-17 says Psalms 139:13-17 NIV

[13] For you created my inmost being you knit me together in my mother's womb. [14] I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful; I know that full well. [15] My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. [16] Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. [17] How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!

The question now after reading this is does everyone really know this you? Do you or I truly know and are aware of this inner individual who has been with us from birth. Have we tapped into our true essence or have we missed nearly every opportunity as the clock continues to tick.

What I do know as a fact is that most operate as part of a remnant or within some form residue of that which we have allowed others to deposit in and on us. Focusing so much on their desires for us. Understand I not saying this is completely a bad thing. But what do you truly know about yourself as God sees and knows you. Again, I reference Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts I think towards you saith the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil to give you an expected end. To meaning God has a desired conclusion for each of us with great potential and expectations.

So, as we come to the ending of this year and embarking on the beginning of a new year. If you have not yet tapped into what God has place within you, take the time to explore your true essence. See and experience what can rise up in you in the New Year as you center your life around Christ. There is still time to be all you were meant to be Trust God!



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*When in the inner place you will also learn how to communicate effectively  
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*In the inner place, you will come to the understanding of true intimacy  
and what it feels like as well as what it will now mean to you.*

*The greatest understanding is that it will always as it has been, be  
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