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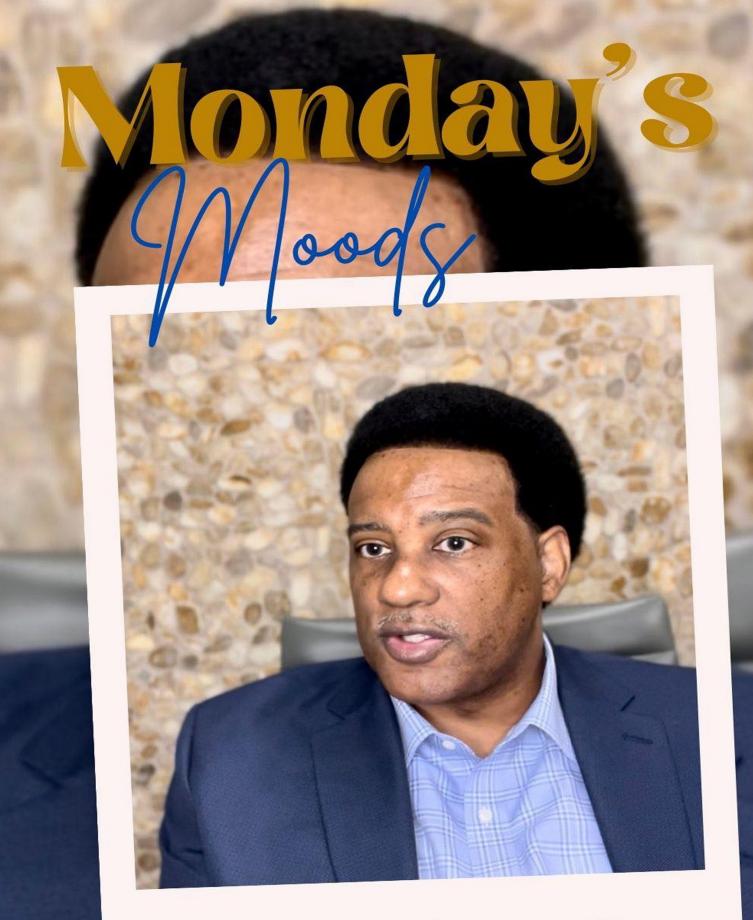


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The Journey Outweighs The Goal

As we are well within the **NEW YEAR of 2023**, most people set goals for what they like to accomplish. As for me, I've always followed a simple process I'd like to share. It goes like this:

- Set the Goal.
- Remember, it's not about the goal as much as the journey.
- What is it that's going to keep me focused when times get tough?

I find it's more important to know why you'd like to accomplish the goal, what it means to you, and what you will feel like when completed. Is it for my mental health, physical health, educational enhancement, an act of service, or all of the above? For me, it's the process that provides future experience when drawing upon the steps, challenges, and successes. I've always remembered the journey offers the memorable substance behind the actual goal when accomplished.

This week, if you are one of those individuals who set goals for 2023, I encourage you to find out what will keep you focused and how much the journey will help you in your future endeavors. Following this act will keep you 'in the game' when times get tough.

Rodney



Life Is Hard

Dr. C. A. Dangerfield II

When we have no clear direction, our pathway is dark. To which we cannot see so man is consumed by blindness stumbling through life in darkness. Jesus stated His purpose as "I come that you might have life and that more abundantly." His word is a lamp unto our feet and a light into that pathway.

In the Bible when it speaks of Darkness it refers to man's ignorance to God's intent. Jesus was and is the messenger to God's intent for mankind teaching an understanding for mankind to prove His statement "...I come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly" providing it is with the understanding of God's principles and actual intent. In all thy getting, get an understanding, in order to do that in all thy ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path again referring back to the true statement.

Thy word is the lamp unto thy feet and a light unto my pathway. Illumination which lights the way to your purpose and destiny. When we lack the ability to see we stumble or we are lead astray by others who don't understand or know your individual path. Think on that for a moment. Jeremiah 29:11 States for I know the thoughts that I think towards you saith the Lord thought's of peace and not of evil to give you an expected end. So, in essence if your current situation is giving you constant chaos and confusing, you're not traveling the intended path.

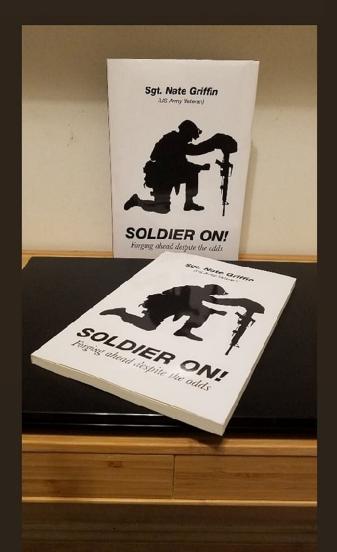
If you are following others directives that keeps you in a constant state of turmoil and danger and you are not following your journeying on your intended path, stop, think about his statement. I come that you might have life and that more abundantly there is a way that seems right unto man the Bible says but, in the end, leads to destruction.

Evaluate your current circumstances. Does it weigh out to the Lord's spoken word of God's intent for our lives. If the pathway forward is a journey where you always have to watch your back and those who say they are your friends can easily become your destructive enemies. When you view your pathway forward following after the lifestyle of others who wind up with a same destructive end. Pause and understand that this does not equate to thoughts of peace and not of evil to give you an expected end.

Everyone has a choice for themselves in the Jewish text first Peter 5:8 Stay sober stay alert your enemy the adversary stalks about like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Be clear minded and conscious your true enemy is looking for you to manipulate. Also Proverbs 28:15 it states like a roaring lion or a bear prowling for food is a wicked rulers over a poor people. You are answering to someone that uses you for their own game at your expense (life) and should you not have another opportunity to recover your will meet with a destructive end. Trust God in all that you do! Heed the warnings when they appear.

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- Jerry DiGiovanni Executive Director, PA DECA

New Beginnings:

Sgt. Nate Griffin

Forgetting our past can be difficult. Especially, when everyone else keeps reminding you of it. People tend to remember you how they last saw you. And not how the Lord has begun his new work in you. Let's see who has had great changes in their lives after having a life changing encounter with the Lord.

Subject Scriptures

II Kings 5:1-14. Naaman was stricken with leprosy and no doubt was convinces he'd never be healed. Eventually, God brought deliverance through one of his prophets. And simple act of obedience, was all that was needed to bring about the (new beginning) healing Naaman had hoped for.

Exodus 2:11-13. For the most part, after Moses killed an Egyptian (thinking no one saw the act) he was left with a price tag on his head. Fleeing for his life, and spending 40 years on the back side of the desert. He probably thought his usefulness was gone. God had other plans, and called him to be a leader among his people.

John 9:16-25. This man was born blind. He may have heard of the fame of Jesus. But never actually saw him. However, once Jesus opened his eyes. And amidst the criticism from those around him. He stood firm admitting, that he didn't know if Jesus was good or evil. But that he was once blind, and now can see. Something he no doubt thought would never happen.

John 5:1-9. How about the man at the pool of Siloam. For thirty-eight years of his life, he spent his days sitting by (the possibility) the pool hoping one day to get in to receive his healing. It only took one encounter with Jesus, to bring about the change he'd thought would never come.

Mark 5:1-20. Here is a man who not only had his life changed. But his reputation rebuilt. Prior to his healing/deliverance form Jesus. He was known as, "Lunatic", "Demoniac", "Possessed", "The man in chains", or "The man in the tombs". However, following his encounter with the man from Nazareth. He was then described as, the man unchained, sitting, and clothed in his right mind.

Life Application

You will find in this life, and yes, even among fellow believers. People who will only remember you from your faults and short comings. It's human nature to focus on the negative. It helps the person doing so to appear superior in their own eyes. But, remember, God has made you, saved you, and changed you. We all deserve a new beginning, a fresh start, a do over. In Christ we can experience all of these wonders. Each day, his mercy is renewed. There is therefore, now, no more condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus. Who walk not after the flesh, but, after the Spirit. Rejoice in that knowledge, go and sin no more.



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Ephensians 1:18,19

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Perception is the story of my life.

Linda Guest

Illustration of glass with water Half Full / Half Empty Perception is the story of my life. Linda Guest

I grew up in a Christian home with my mom and her parents. My mother had me at the age of 18 while in her senior year of high school.

It was a big surprise for my family. Only a very few knew of my Mom's pregnancy. When my Grandfather took my Mom to the hospital with stomach pains, the doctor came out and said, Mr. Guest, everything's fine, the baby is coming. You can imagine the shock on his face.

Growing up if you ask my family many will say I was spoiled however my perception is just that I was extra loved. It's not my fault that I was the first Grandchild and the first great-grandchild. My Great Grandmother who we affectionately called Momma was my favorite person in the whole world. Mainly because she looked like me. I was what we used to call high yellow, freckles, and reddish brown hair. Momma was also the first person I loved that passed away. I was 6 and remember my Mom telling me as we stood leaning against the refrigerator. I remember being at her house and what the house looked like and her black cat that I didn't like. One of my favorite memories was Momma allowing me to eat as many bananas as I wanted. At home, Grandmom would only let me eat 1 a day.

It's funny what memories I can recall at such an early age. Even though Grandpop was usually never home except to sleep, one of my favorite memories is of him cooking breakfast around 4 am before he went to work. He would come into my room and say "Lynn, breakfast is ready".

I would get up, eat breakfast with him and then go back to sleep before I had to get up for school.

Grandmom was like my mom and I didn't like it. The day I was born, my Grandmother quit her job to stay home with me. She's the one who was there in the morning, getting me ready for school, having my lunch ready and cooking my dinner. Grandmom taught me how to cook and clean, she was the one that was at all my school functions, except if it was at night, because Mommy was always working.

My mom would not make a decision unless she asked Grandmom first. If I asked my mom if I could go outside she would say go ask Grandmom. My perception became that my Mom didn't love me enough to be my Mom or something was wrong with her that she couldn't be my mom. Either way, my perception became that it was my fault and I wasn't good enough.

My next memory was Kindergarten. My school was at the end of my block and I remember my Grandmother walking me to school. I also remember my first encounter with someone not liking me. We were sitting at a round table coloring. There were two

brothers. I don't remember their names but I do remember they were dark-skinned. I couldn't understand why they were so mean to me. For every crayon, I wanted one of them would snatch it out of my hand and say I want this color. After doing this a few times I decided to give up and go down the slide. When I got to the top one of them pushed me down the slide and I remember hurting myself. This is the beginning of my negative perception of myself. Something must be wrong with me because they didn't like me and were mean. My perception

I have yet another memory that goes to my favorite Uncle. He was funny, young, always had money and drove sports cars. He always made me feel special. It wasn't until I was around

8 or 9 years old, I learned that him making me feel "special" was wrong. Now "this is my fault" has become part of my perception.

Most people would think being molested over and over again for about 5/6 years is pretty bad. Can you imagine what my perception might be if you added being molested by your fourth-grade teacher, a man on a train, and raped twice all by the time you turn 20? My perception became I was only good for sex and that it was engraved on my forehead that I'm easy.

Next month we will continue with next submission of "Illustration of glass with water Half Full / Half Empty Perception is the story of my life."

By Linda Guest





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Exposed, truth will always emerge.

To coin a phrase "You ain't slick". A lot of people have a miss conception about themselves and that is they truly believe they can intimate others through the power they don't have, tell a convincing lie and manipulate a situation under a false narrative and really believe they are getting away with it. However, the Winans had a song called Payday and part of lyrics was "is coming after while..." This is FACT! God has never relinquished His position as Creator. I AM That I AM for any of us.

To be arrogant enough to think that we truly control things is a myth on our part and the most dangerous place to be positioned. It is completely by grace and mercy that we are in the position to which we occupy. The understanding must be that we recognize it and continue to humble ourselves and apply obedience to maintaining the right alignment with the principles of God. Or our fall from grace will be devastating and highly exposed and that will be from our own doing and disobedience demonstrating true cause and effect. We have to always reassess our actions and motives in order not to get caught out there in a reprobate mindset.

Our society has really taken on the posture of manipulation within so many areas not having the understanding that the principles of God have been in place since creation. No matter how mankind spins trying to put their will in place the principles of God will respond. History will prove this fact, remember the Word of God teaches that there is nothing new under the sun. So check out the outcomes from those attempts to forecast what may not have been considered in your thought pattern. Everything will eventually be exposed and truth will emerge and accountability will come to collect.







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

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.

In life, we will face many challenges that can cause negative influence to our minds, bodies, and soul. You may even find yourself talking negative more than positive. You may find

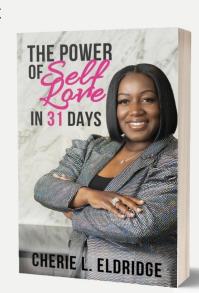
yourself feeling like quitting, or giving up, on your dreams or even your life. We have all made decisions based on negative influences from life's issues, circumstances, bad relationships, health, environment, jobs and so on. All of which may have put our thoughts in a negative space in which we now live in or call life.

This book was written to revive our minds, bodies, and our souls back to their healthy place where we will begin to experience joy, peace, love, good health, and even activate and live our dreams and purpose just by reciting daily, true affirmations based on life and the Word of God. My prayer is that once you have gone through these 31

days, that speaking life to yourself will be such a part of you that you will continue to not only speak life to yourself but others as well, as you see the change in you.

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Learn Not To Become A Victim To Subtle Tactics

Dr. C. A. Dangerfield II

One of the most effective weapons thrusted against mankind is the ability to divide any union demonstrating unity and conquer the very core of its strength creating discord. This has plagued mankind for generations giving us dysfunctional families with gaping wounds of mistrust brought on by deceptive practices that have been instilled throughout generations.

The fact that we are so emotional we fail in recognizing where the root source is and it has been taking root due to overwhelming distractions which lessens our focus so our society continues to plummet when and where we would have had greater success. Mainly in our family dynamics.

Today we have a lot of shows dealing with family and relationship issues. If one is paying close attention there are some very key components that are shared in just about all situations. Things like trust, transparency, communications, lack of respect, some form of structure with accountability and maturity. Sometimes an obstacle can be right in front of you but you don't recognize it because you're looking around or over the source of your contention. It's not until you really receive that one devastating blow, do we wake up if we've been given grace to have that chance.

Most of our time is spent being a blame thrower failing to understand that the first decision was ours to be a participant toward the outcome. No, is a part of everyone's vocabulary in any language. We have to get back to the place of understanding we ourselves have to be accountable for every decision we make. It's always going to be yes or no. If you're not accountable now you will be held accountable later. Remove your emotions open your eyes and think towards the solution and not just the surface, but the depth of what our reactions will cause.

Then do the mature and responsible thing respond to the situation so one can take the opportunity to grow into a greater outcome that builds success instead. Don't ponder and wonder just apply the principles that God requires and trust His promises for He knows best. After all He is our Creator and His understanding of who we are is infinite. We only understand a fraction when it is revealed. He is all wise and knowing right down to the numbers of hairs upon your head in which we have no clue.

Learn not to become victim to the subtle tactics of divide and conquer, be conscious of your current strong bonds and maintain and fortify when necessary. Don't throw out the baby with the bath water, but learn to nurture. There is strength within unity when you also incorporate the Lord this cord will then not break as a two-part twain. We all have to learn to set aside time to pray and study to gain a broader perspective and understanding of our gifts and

talents which have been bestowed upon each one of us. Your prayer and studying brings you closer to God and His purpose for your life. Hold fast to that opportunity and never allow yourself to be pulled that relationship it's vital to your existence.

With how our world is we at times forget that God is omnipresent so it is imperative that we maintain that committed relationship with our heavenly father and His principles. The scriptures make it clear with regards to His feels towards us. Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts I think of you, saith the Lord. Thoughts of peace, and not of evil to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. And I will be found of you, saith the Lord: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you saith the Lord;...



Just turn on the light

Dr. C. A. Dangerfield II

It's sad that this world has become comfortable and complacent stumbling around in the dark. Hoping for a change but not willing to make one easy step for themselves. We have been given grace to cross the threshold in a new room (New Year), however we dragged the same old tired habits and conditions right along with us.

Instead of embracing the blessing of the refresh and opportunity to start from a new space and perspective free from cluttered. Where we have a space to begin again, turn off the old noise and listen to the soft still voice of wisdom in which you can hear within the quiet place and lock the door.

Shut off all the old opinions get still and turn on the light switch so you can actually see your missed out blessings and find your way towards them. The instructions and promises have been present all this time. But we have been distracted and misdirected and you will realize this on your own. When you turn on the light switch and truly see what you have been missing. We all have our individual light switch that we simply must switch on.

I came that you might have life and that more abundantly. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my pathway. When we open His word we illuminate our space and have opportunity to enjoy and treasure all that He intended for us. Come out of darkness into His marvelous light. Understand and embrace that He will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory.

Look around you isn't your life just cluttered with stuff and 3/4 of it we never or slightly use. Stack up all over the place and you barely have room to move and then you accumulate more trying to keep up with trends deceiving yourself because you cannot break the cycle that has become a habit. So, my friend you are within a place of bondage a prisoner to oneself. Turn on the light switch allow the illumination so you can see.

Stop wasting your time continually stumbling in dark. Don't let insanity consume you. It's doing the same thing over and over again expecting a different result. Turn on the light switch embrace the new understanding that it will bring. If you are reading this and it is speaking to you. This is your invitation to a new beginning that you can appreciate. Turn on the light switch and truly experience life that you can truly see.

Share your experience with other, but there is no need to tell you that because your excitement will drive you to do just that. Turn on the light switch come and share what you are now able to see and experience. Don't procrastination your future is a switch away!



Bring Back The Days

Dr. C. A. Dangerfield II

Marvin Winans wrote a song called "Bring Back the Days of Yea and Nay" so befitting for this time in which we are living with so many adverse decisions and opinions. If you were to Google the lyrics or You Tube the song it would just take your mind away from the mayhem of today and simplify life with a calming melody for escape that would ignite you for a definitive change to your atmosphere.

At times we all have periods where we are consumed by others desires which can be so overwhelming and deeply toxic. To the point that we disconnect from our true -life source which is the Word of God that has the remedies to everything that we need. But we fail to embrace and explore it because we get consumed and distracted by our day to day lives. It's like a need for water to refresh you but you are so far from the source that you barely have strength to crawl there to be revitalized and rejuvenated. In some cases, our distractions are so consuming that some even forget that God is omnipresent and is accessible with a simple word of prayer that can instantly provide relief. But we have to invite Him in and when we do life's issues receive heaven's remedies. But we have to apply the applications that are there for us and have been there always. The problem is we forget or get so caught up failing to realize our true help is closer than we think.

Have you ever heard this saying "If you really want to hide something valuable just put it in book" This is true both literally and figuratively and has been proven time and time again. Reading is fundamental. My son at a young age did what the Word of God instructed "In all thy getting get an understanding". I received a phone call from him excited about a discovery he had made just by reading the Book of Proverbs which provided him with a massive insight on life allowing him to understand life with a different perspective and avoid many of its obstacle. I'm not saying he doesn't face challenges; I'm pointing out that he has acquired God's principles for handling them when they occur. This holds true for everyone who has taken the time to study. 2 Timothy 2:15 which will allow you to fulfill 1Peter 2:15. It all works hand and hand when we do it God's Way for it is the best way. This was a statement passed down by a preacher which I never had the pleasure of meeting in person, but meant through his seed, several of his 11 children. Derived from the Principles of God to provide the honest answers for us all. God's Word will not come back void allowing us to forecast outcomes when disobedience is present. That is also why the Word of God proclaims that there is nothing new under the sun. We are just rediscovering things with the Grace of God. We all have to rediscover the manual, the Word of God. Basic instructions before leaving earth. Because everything that we need to fulfill purpose can be found within and if you have trouble, prayer is the added key that unlocks the door through your request.

Life becomes difficult for us when we remain ignorant and stay in the dark. Rather than allowing ourselves to experience the light and see clearly with the illumination provide by the Word of God bringing us around full circle. If you have been reading this honoughet hits tirthing taken and the particular the principles that the principles the principles of specially the principles of specially the principles of specially to be the principles of special principles.

We all have work to do, in order to fix our world. It starts with ourselves. When I change myself for the better it motivates other to do likewise because they have notice of the first of the start in the first of the design of the order to be design of the order to be design of the order to be design of the order that the order of the order

You and I both can do it, let's begin and then apply the prescription to the missing We have the power to change the heart of God? According to His Word yes, we principles of God and fix our lifes. Then you too can have a testimony to your dolerne must do is, humble ourselves, pray, seek His face, turn from sin, and then He will heal our land.

It's just that simple. Don't just see the sign of the times but be the example that will change the heart of God to heal our land.



Don't Get Caught Up With A False Sense of Security

Dr. C. A. Dangerfield II

We hear it time and time again be aware of the signs of the times in which we are living. Some have been heard to say oh that's normal now, don't worry. That is a false sense of the wrong type of security. The scriptures instruct us to watch as well as pray, also to study His word. These things are relevant to our daily lives and not haphazardly to be done. We should prefer to be prepared in order not to always be reacting to life but responding to situations.

Having a nonchalant outlook will give opportunity for deception to creep in and knock one completely off their feet so to speak. Most often our complacency can be key to a downfall event that could have been avoided. The answer to life's problems, I like to say can be found in our freely given manual the Word of God. There is a wealth of knowledge within that can provide a greater understanding far better than any artificial stimulus or man-made product with a warning label that most ignore. With the outcome being destruction or worst death. We must learn to go back to the source of our existence God our creator. Who is familiar with every aspect of who we are as well as His intent for our existence.

Which brings to mind a very valid question with regards to ourselves. Have you been able to identify your individual gifts and talent which help you to define your purpose? What causes are you extremely passionate about that would lean towards a positive outcome for others? Have you actually explored ways in which to progress that which you yearn? Or have you taken the posture of most to seat on the sideline murmuring, complaining and blaming others. Something in life occur because we fail to participate in doing our part and others suffer because of our slothfulness. When we in fact possess what God has placed in us to bring about a needed change. When you consider that understanding how does that make you feel regarding delaying or missing an assignment. Because we allowed distractions to take us off our path.

This is where we must take a daily self-assessment of our own selves identify these very important characteristics. Start to deploy them with guidance provided by God to receive a turned around life headed in the right direction to benefit more than just ourselves. Don't sprint by the thought stop and allow it marinate to push you out of the starting block into action.



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Understanding Our Most Effective Weapon

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Most of our time is spent being a blame thrower failing to understand that the first decision was ours to be a participant toward the outcome. No, is a part of everyone's vocabulary in any language. We have to get back to the place of understanding we ourselves have to be accountable for every decision we make. It's always going to be yes or no. If you're not accountable now you will be held accountable later. Remove your emotions open your eyes and think towards the solution and not just the surface, but the depth of what our reactions will cause.

Then do the mature and responsible thing respond to the situation so one can take the opportunity to grow into a greater outcome that builds success instead. Don't ponder and wonder just apply the principles that God requires and trust His promises for He knows best. After all He is our Creator and His understanding of who we are is infinite. We only understand a fraction when it is revealed. He is all wise and knowing right down to the numbers of hairs upon your head in which we have no clue.

Learn not to become victim to the subtle tactics of divide and conquer, be conscious of your current strong bonds and maintain and fortify when necessary. Don't throw out the baby with the bath water, but learn to nurture. There is strength within unity when you also incorporate the Lord this cord will then not break as a two-part twain. We all have to learn to set aside time to pray and study to gain a broader perspective and understanding of our gifts and talents which have been bestowed upon each one of us. Your prayer and studying brings you closer to God and His

purpose for your life. Hold fast to that opportunity and never allow yourself to be pulled that relationship it's vital to your existence.

With how our world is we at times forget that God is omnipresent so it is imperative that we maintain that committed relationship with our heavenly father and His principles. The scriptures make it clear with regards to His feels towards us. Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts I think of you, saith the Lord. Thoughts of peace, and not of evil to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. And I will be found of you, saith the Lord: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you saith the Lord;...

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Learn Not To Be Our Own Contradiction

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When we actually reflect on our lives, we find seasons where we actually contradict ourselves. Why? A lot of times this is because we lack understanding and once, we have a certain life experience we walk away with a different perspective. Learning that life in general can change us and our perceptions are providing new wisdom along with a deeper understanding of our once shortsighted opinions. The scriptures tell us;

Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore, get wisdom: And with all thy getting get understanding. Proverbs 4:7 KJV

Our individual maturity also helps with our enlightenment, because prior to our daily opinionated mindset lacking experience we stood firm on what we believed. But God has a way of humbling us from ourselves and opening our eyes to the reality of the truth, where we cannot dispute it. It's when we can't let go of pride and hold onto stubbornness.

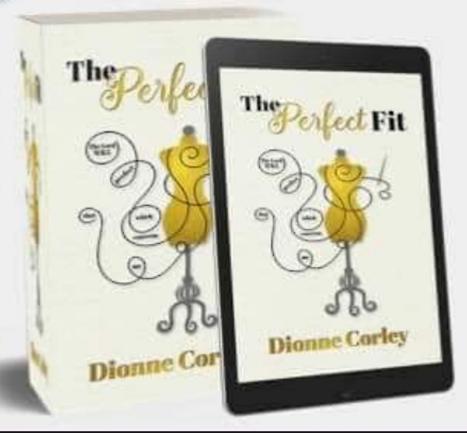
We open ourselves up to as much as a public rebuke when we push our individual will against the lesson being instructed by God. How embarrassing is that? Ask those who pushed it so far that it got them a spot on the nightly news. They now wish they had an immediate change of heart. Because foolish doesn't wear well, it's quite annoying. Now they feel what others had the displeasure of experiencing. Goes to show another scripture; Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Romans 12:19 KJV

Yet until that prescribe time God teaches those who wait the meaning of patience, mercy and grace. It is important that we become good students and stewards as we too transition towards a greater reflection of God. As we embrace this greater knowledge turning it in wisdom to impart to future generations to help maintain balance throughout the world. We can strive to make it greater than balanced by exceeding in compassion, grace and mercy. Therefore, loving our neighbor as ourselves.

As His grace allows us to progress to a new opportunity of time within the New Year. Let us transition over with the understanding of what we have learned grabbing a hold to humility, demonstrating increased genuine compassion, grace, mercy and patience for those who are gaining the same understanding that we have received through their now transition. This way we will cease from being our own contradiction.



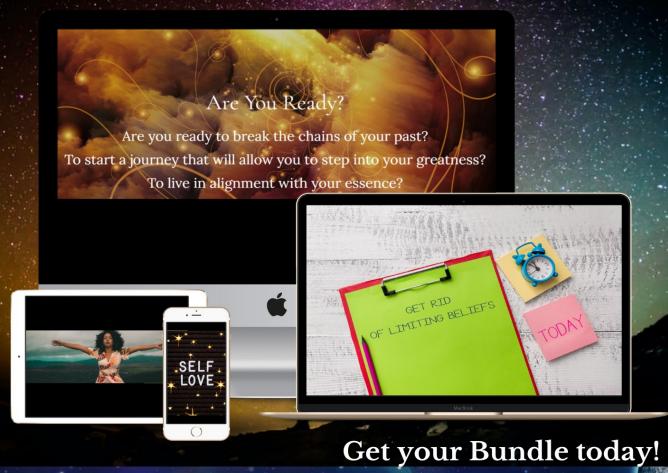
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