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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. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. Romans 12:1,2

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Let the words from my mouth and mediation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight oh Lord my strength and my redeemer in Jesus name I pray amen.

There could have been a different outcome.

Dr. Claude A. Dangerfield II

We as human being say and do many things without a whole lot of consideration for our actions. But if we really pause and consider what could of happened if the turn of events were just slightly altered our very existence may have never occurred. Pause right there and think on this. Ecclesiastes 3rd chapter brings us to a humble state of mind and truly start to understand purpose. We are the purpose of God. Ecclesiastes 3:1. To every thing there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heavens. Jeremiah 1:5. Before I formed thee in the belly. I knew thee; and before though comes to forth out of the womb. After this statement purpose is laid out for the fulfillment of our assignment. Proving there is a God and a divine reason for our existence. So all of the other chatter and noise is irrelevant to this divine purpose and call for our life. We must see and understand with a clear certainty about whose we are and our reason for being. We too must come to the realization that there is light in the Word of God that illuminates the pathway of the remnant of those who will adhere to his instructions for our life. Which will cause us to represent our true mission (destiny) and reward. Don't be deceived and denied your inheritance. Expose yourself to the Word of God and arise from the consequences brought on by the blindness of this corrupt world to kept you from the living Word. The world will tell you best way to hide something is to put it in a book. Bible Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth. Think about it and pick up the book and pray for the understanding it is your right. If you are reading this that means you have time and have been afford grace and mercy to benefit you with opportunity to gain this knowledge and experience your personal transformation and come back home as a victor and not a victim.



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“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need” Hebrews 4:16 (Kings James Version).

“Ask, and shall be given, seek, and you shall find, knock and the door shall be opened unto you” Matthew 7:7 (Kings James Version).

“The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much” James 5:16 (Kings James Version).

“All men should pray, and not faint” Luke 18:1 (Kings James Version).

The Preacher has taught on the Word of God from the bottom of their heart, and now they're asking for those who need prayer for healing, or deliverance, or whatever the need is in their lives to come, and let them and their staff agree with them in prayer.

People come from all sides of the auditorium, and the front is soon filled with people, some are weeping, and some are on their knees in deep prayer. The only difference is most of those in front are women. How many have seen this numerous times?

The men are sitting down, hands folded together, staring blank into space. The world is full of men who stare, unfeeling now, they know they need prayer, but again the pride that many carry keep them locked out from receiving what they need.

The Prison population is full of men, who refuse to ask for help to deal with the anger, or the feeling of hopelessness they hide behind the phrase “I'm alright”.

I recall a scene that just happened recently that brings relevance to this: I work as a security officer, and my shift is from 7pm till 7am the next day. On this day, there was thunderstorm, and the wind was blowing and the rain was coming down in buckets.

Part of my duties is to patrol the entire building, including the outside. Because of the weather conditions I couldn't do it, but I can visually see whether there was anything happening out of the ordinary. I look out and

across the street, I saw five men, sleeping in the street, in the middle of this storm, and I saw about eight more grown men on the other side sleeping, some had tons of blankets covering them, others had sleeping bags, and one slept in a carton. I said to myself: "Why can't they go somewhere and get shelter from this rain", and then I looked at the church, and saw almost the exact same thing.

Men, come to the house of God, dressed to impress, know how to deflect the conversation to what they are dealing with, to "I'm blessed". They sit through the worship portion, and watch as the women who are very vocal, are not ashamed to express their thankfulness to the Lord.

Men, we must break the stigma, that we don't need any help. That God, our Heavenly Father has made it available to come before His throne of grace, and seek His help in the time of need.

But, there are people in our church, who are also there for us, not in judgment, but to allow us to open those places we reserve to keep locked inside of us.

Real freedom is having the ability to come before another brother, or even a sister, and say "Will you pray for me", and still know that you are a man!!

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Impact

Dr. C. A. Dangerfield II

The decisions that we make impact the effectiveness of our destiny. We can delay or destroy the outcome when we lead with or emotions rather than sound wisdom.

The greatest challenges are faced when harmony and unity are the objective because they yield the greatest dividends which provides the biggest and lasting results for the greatest strength to opposition. It's called being on one according. Like mindedness. Prime example in the upper room when the Holy Ghost fell upon the 120 occupants and they received power from on high. The Holy Ghost which is the keeping power that dwells and provides advancement for the believer as well as comfort and guidance during the advancement of Gods purpose in the earth. The Holy Ghost manifests his power through the anointing that rest upon the believer who operates in obedience to the will of God. For the Bible says in Acts 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days saith God "I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh: and your son's and daughters shall prophesy and your young men shall see visions and your old men shall dream dreams. And on my servants and my hand maidens I will pour out in those day my spirit and they shall prophesy. I will shew wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath. blood. and fire and vapour of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before that great and notable day of the Lord come.

One of the most important things is to pay attention and take note to what is taking place. Some have already happened, others are happening currently however man is NOT seeing the signs provided or taking the opportunity to get in line with the will of God due to focusing on foolishness and distractions presented by the enemy of your soul. Ephesians 2:2 Wherein time past ye walked in according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lust of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh, and of the mind; and by our nature were the children of wrath, even as others.

This passages of scripture shares and shows how we get caught up within that which is presented to us as seeming normal and acceptable. We really have to look in deeper to understand how we are brainwashed to comply to the things of this world. When I was growing up I remember hearing the television referred to as the idiot box because of it's ability to alter realities and lead man into following trends and suggested behaviors that puts man out of line with God. Increasing fears and untruths as though they were factual. Having people reacting to the mind controls of others, therefore presenting discord in

our daily life's. Allowing the deceiver to have full reign and a atmosphere of confusion and misguided behavior leading to destruction in which some never recover. Broad is highway that leaded to destruction just because the masses are participating doesn't make it right or correct when the outcome is contrary to the will of God. The hardest thing it seems for man is to obey and follow the instructions and will of God.

Jeremiah 42 tells us about the mercies of God provided when we obey and do his will. It also declares the wrath that comes due to our disobedience. Ezekiel 8:17 deals with where we are right now. Hebrews 2:17 provides instructions and remedy. In this country 1/3 is being consumed by fires and each year it gets worst. Deception is in high places is taking place and an atmosphere of Sodum and Gomorra is present just like it is in the Word of God consequences arises because of disobedience of man towards Almighty God. Although it seems to be that man is powerless against these devices, which he is until he recognizes that without a direct connection to God through repentance unto the redeemer and advocate for mankind Jesus Christ and the keeping power which is the indwelling of Holy Spirit destruction becomes man's plight. 2 Chronicles 7:14 provides the ultimate remedy to the conditions in which we face. But if there is a remnant of those who will adhere to his instructions then the promise of God can be applied to the believer. "If my people which are called by my name would humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, forgive their sins, and heal the land. This whole passage of scripture in 2 Chronicles 7 is very relevant to man today. It spells out the condition we are in, it provides the necessary remedy and it also lays out cause and effect with the finality of the expected consequences. We must get back to the place of "In God We Trust" for we are moving to far away from the center of grace. Warning comes before destruction it's getting to point of past time for cry loud and spare not. We cannot take a position of being lacks in the face of impending danger. Where are the street corner preacher and the testimonies of the saints that impacted those who are lost to regain their sight of the Almighty God because we as his children were effected in removing the blinder that blocked their vision. Where are the wailing women the laboured at the alter with prayer and supplication for the lost. Where are the laborers the worked the field to yield the harvest. It's more to it than just going to the house of prayer as a routine or a tradition. Church is not a social club just for saying I belong to such and so congregation. We have to be delinquent about the work of the field. Every time you come to church alone you have failed to harvest. Because of our lack of willingness to admit our short comings we are being consumed and losing more of the remnant to the world and our churches are becoming echo chambers due to the absence of those seeking God. The Bible teaches us how to win souls but we go lacking in that area because we fail to adhere to the Word of God 2 Timothy 2:15

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. The whole passage of scripture in 2 Timothy chapter 2 enlightens us to the importance of knowledge in the Word of God. As well as the impact of its very nature upon our life's when we are obedient. Lets get back to being impactful; the work is far from over. The harvest is truly plentiful lets be greater than a few.

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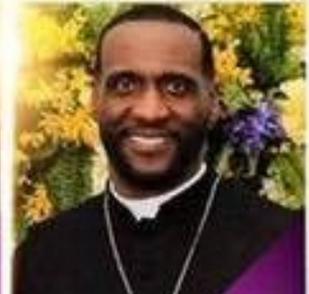
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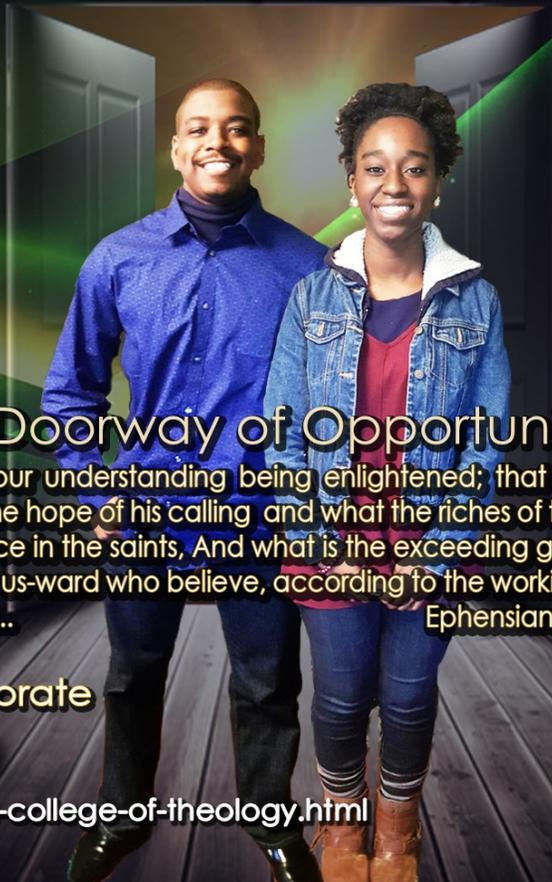




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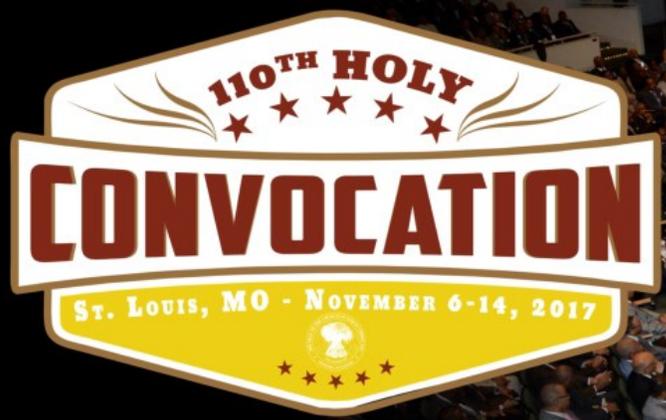
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Its all in the way that you look at Things

Dr. C.A. Dangerfield II

It's all in the way that you look at things and it's also in the selection of words that we used to describe that which we see or that way in which we feel. In everyday life we are faced with a series of challenges which should be viewed as an opportunity to expand our knowledge and learn more problem solving then complaining, we normally choose the latter. The ability to assess the situation is key to the outcome of someone's success. I have also learned to ask God what is the lesson in this situation where I can grow. Growing in wisdom and understanding that I may first learn and then share with others the knowledge I have gained. We have to remember and realize we are vessel fit for the masters use. Our outcome can greatly impact another's future and even their destiny as well as our own. I say this best on experience from seeds of positive words and affirmations which were spoke over me. Our words are powerful, remember in the book of Proverbs 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat of the fruit thereof. Society has shown us that in general it thrives on the opinion of others whether it be good or bad. Mere words have had the ability to make or break a person's will. Simply by words of someone who is held in high esteem or a person of affluence or authority. A child will hold their parents in high esteem and hang on their very word that is why any negative impact could render devastation to that child's future. Let me share a true experience with you to illustrate a point. I held a position as a instructor in a professional environment while in the class on a break two women of the same ethnic back ground were talking and they had a gentleman of another race next to them as well. But in their conversation they were bashing men of their race. I found the conversation disheartening on three levels. One you were speaking about men of your race in general not in a positive but a negative before a different race which could adds to the stereotype not knowing what this man could become in the future. Secondly grouping all to one category without allowing each man to be judge on individual merit. Thirdly and the most important one I felt. After hearing these comments I excused them and myself from the room. I informed them of the inappropriate setting to have this sort of conversation, however I took it one step further. I asked a question which was do you have son's and their reply was yes. So my follow up question was when you are at home with your friends

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do you have these sort of conversations and I received a bold yes. My next question followed by a statement was do you son's at home and answer was yes. My reply then was "Whether on not they are in the same room or not a child's ear gate is open to received words from their mother or father direct or indirectly. When your statement preferences "All" it includes them. Their race will not go away or change. The seed has been planted an unless that statement is clarified this will become fact in their mind because it came from you and it will have an impact unless corrected. I have heard young men quote their mothers statements later in life as an admission to their individual outcome. Words do hold significant power over people and we must learn to choose and deliver them wisely.



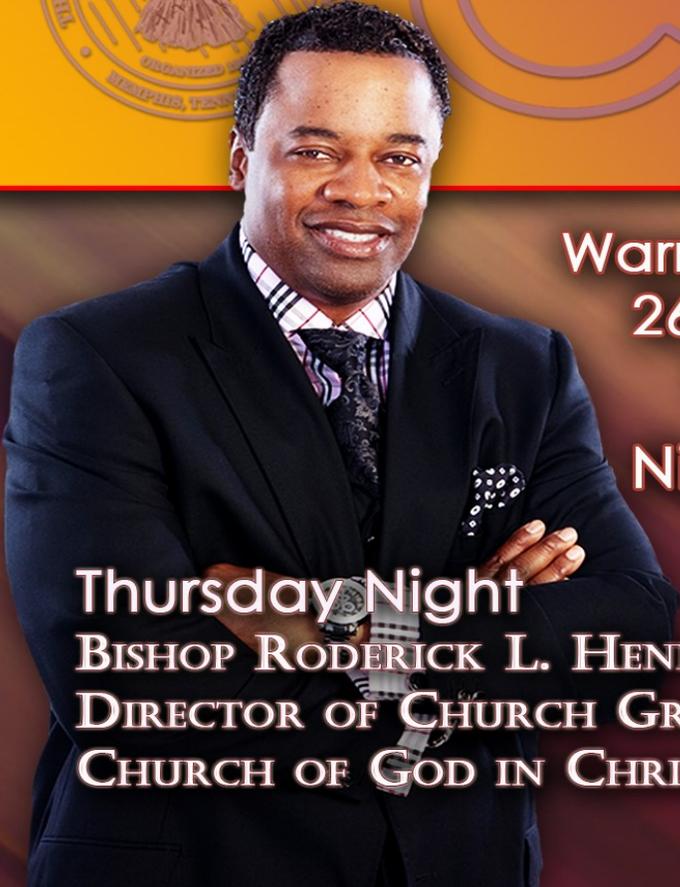
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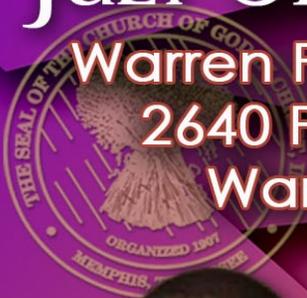
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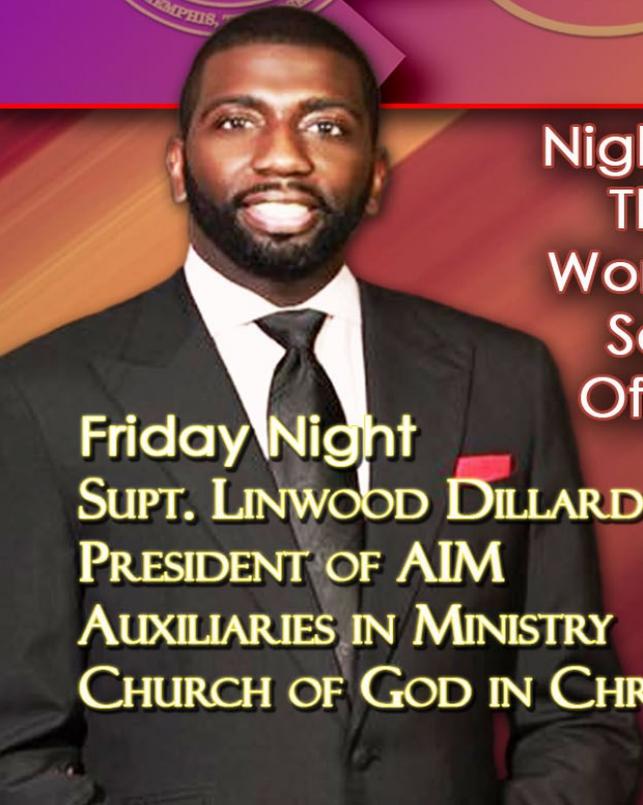
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The Transparency of Issues

By ***Evangelist Ella J. Alexander***

Why do people like to pretend or act as if something is not what it is? Today the body of Christ is doing drive-bys when it comes to real issues that must be dealt with. They want to drop a scripture and say it's gonna be alright. Well, here is the truth of the matter. Many people come in the church with issues, others get issues while in the church and while the rest leave the church with issues. Now this don't even include those that won't come to church because they feel as if the church can't help them because the Church got issues.

Our young people are struggling identity crisis, peer pressure, sexual control, bullying, rape, abuse and all other things that could be said. But the old ones are dealing with similar issues that can't be clapped away or foot stomped into the ground to make them disappear. Do you know how many people are walking around with the spirit of depression on them and these so called anointed and discerning people can't even pick it up? Both men and women, young and old are crying out for help but the church have turned a deaf ear to them. Women are being abused by their husbands, the husbands are being abandoned by their wives, the children are ignored, the single people are losing their mind trying to not have sex, but sex is advertised all over the place. We have people that don't want to even go home. Come on y'all! What are we doing to help? Everyone wants to put on a program and raise money for pastors but no one wants to help those sitting in church and outside of the church with no food on the table or those struggling to pay their rent and is fifty dollars short.

When are we going to deal with the real issues? When is the church going to wake up and realize the difference between natural problems and spiritual problems? Not everything is a demon. People are dealing with sickness and ailments and all the church is doing is putting on programs to take care of a pastor that don't even know the members name that come there every week.

It's time that we deal with our youth and young people. I'm not excluding the older ones because they are faced with many of those issues as well. People

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are hurting and feeling hopeless and is looking for help; any kind of help that would make them smile or feel relieved from what is weighing them down. Enough of the common sermons "Love Your Neighbor", "Give Your Tithes", "Show Up For Service" and no one is being delivered, no one is being helped, encouraged, inspired, or built up.

Have we lost hope in helping people? I pray not. God said that it was not His will that anyone should perish but all should come to repentance. We need to repent for allowing souls to be lost due to our failure to reach out and help. So many people are contemplating suicide. Others are so broken on the inside all they want is relief. There are children that want a mother or their father and feel as if no one loves them so they turn to anyone that appear to show interest in them.

Why have we lost our passion for souls? What happened to the care and concern, the love and work to help build up not only the Kingdom of God, but our community? We have more people getting titles in church to try to get a quick get rich life, than those going out visiting the sick and shut in.

I will not apologize for this article, but it is time that we get back in the face of God; repent, and ask God to help us to really reach those who are lost, hurting, full of despair, and can't find a way out. It is time we get back to counseling people. Come up with ideas and solutions that will impact the neighborhoods. Suicide should never be a child's or anyone's option. Pimping and prostitution should not have a place in our community.

As much fuss was done over the teenagers that watched the young man drown and was nothing done, we are in the same boat. We see people hurting. We see people struggling. We see women tired of bad relationships or doing without. We see men beat down verbally because they struggle trying to do right but is never appreciated. We have homeless people on the street without anything to eat. Our government, police department, senate, state, president, etc., can't do it. We want to point fingers at those on disability, public assistance, SSI etc., but no one is trying to help. There are people looking for jobs – any kind of job but no one wants to help them. Too many people have a secure job and don't even consider trying to get someone a job in a office or in the store. I know I have been there. I have helped many people in different ways to get on their feet and when it came to me, knowing I was out of a job, they didn't even think about me. They went and got their girlfriend a job that

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didn't even stay or last.

I don't know about you, but I am tired of the same thing week in and week out. God is a God of chances. The God of hope and love. The God that is make impossible things possible, but many of us have failed the people by not living the life we were called to live.

Does it really hurt you to sit down and listen to someone going through a divorce, or someone who was deceived in a relationship and was dumped? Does it take away from you as a person if you make phone calls to check on the young people that have left the church or any person that have left? How about telling the truth? Tell the single people about the struggle in being single. Tell them that hormones will rage and they will have desires. Tell them there will be time they will be strong and times they will be weak. What about those who are doing all they can to stop smoking or drinking, those who gamble, those that are about to go out to rob and steal to make ends meet? Does it kill you to think about someone else life?

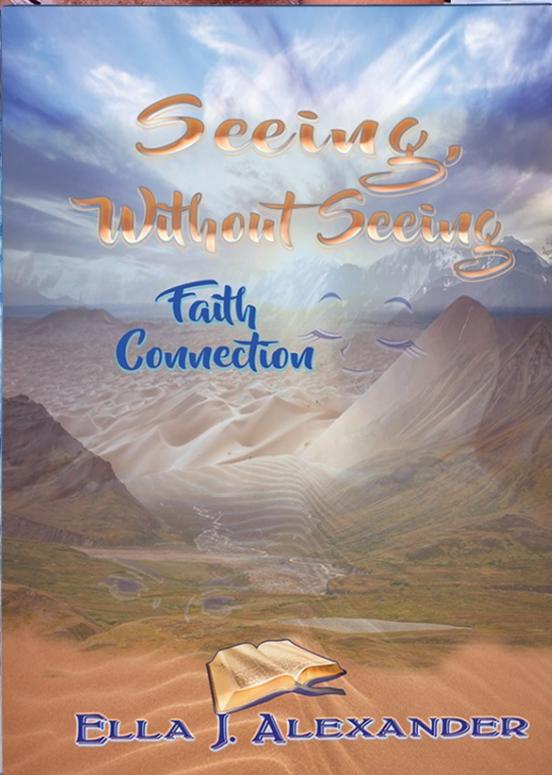
We need mentors, not drug dealers. We need mothers, not loose women that teach their daughters how to behave, dressed and get over on men only to end up with bad memories and heart broken. We need gentlemen to show the young men how to walk upright, dress appropriate and treat a lady like a lady. We need those women and men that know how to nurture people mentally back to a healthy state of mind. It's time for us to be real about issues that people are dealing with. Do you know that the issues of life will cause someone to commit suicide because their hand is being forced due to the suffocation of problems, unresolved tragedies and inner problems that they feel that they can't talk about? That blood should not be on our hands. Let's start doing the right thing. We need God to help us so we could help others. Cancer, HIV, CHF, and every other disease can kill a person, but can't nothing kill worse than inner pain that is left untreated.





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Being Transparent

By Elder Diane Harvell

I am going to be as transparent as I can be without being offensive, bitter or angry. Please read this with an open mind as these things I write aren't about something I've read about but they are factual.

I would like to speak on the subject of molestation and rape. These subjects have proven to be far too impervious throughout every race, culture and generation past and present. And the approach to hush or silence these heinous acts, you can believe the victim is the one who will suffer and may be influenced by sexual addictions, to prostitution, addiction to alcohol or drugs and sometimes all of the above. This is just the clinical results of the effects of rape and molestation.

Recently it has been proven that how long physiological and emotional scars lasts within a person because of rape and or molestation cannot be determined, hence the Bill Cosby dilemma. Rejection and lack of self-worth is a given attribute and characteristic that are certain to be obtained because of these heinous sexual acts.

Whether rejected by family, friends or your social environment this enemy only comes to kill, steal and to destroy its "prey." Once isolated, it becomes easier for the enemy of our souls, to destroy us! Destroy us by trying to break the human spirit, give distorted values about life and self-worth, feel alone, and the three that are one.....oppression, depression and regression. This lethal dose of immoral anarchy can be dangerous because it's not automatically seen with the naked eye. That's because its purpose is to do one

thing. Destroy! That's why I am particularly careful before I speak against someone who's actions I may not understand. You don't know what type of degradation that may be plaguing their mind and their soul!

So many men, women and children are silently in pain and their spirit man is broken because it appears no one knows, they have been violated, no one cares and no one believes them. Vindication of these injustices committed against a person of rape/molestation many times appear never to be achieved. Such is the case of myself. But thanks be unto God who has given me the victory over the very thing that tried to take me out!!

One day the Lord spoke to my Pastor, Apostle Gloria J. Lewis and she spoke to me. She said "the Lord has given you a ministry and the name of it is, N.O.W. (Nurturing Oppressed Women).

When she spoke those words I knew they had come from God! I thank God for His Omniscience because at that time, I wasn't even "free." So how did I receive this victory?? It did not happen overnight but it did happen. I surrendered my pain to God. I told Him I was tired of the pain and that I did not want to live with it any longer and that I wanted to be free! I allowed the hurt to hurt and I allowed myself to become vulnerable again.....To God. This took some time because it was as if I had to be remade, and remolded and reprogrammed again. So I finally gave it all to the one who knows all and sees all and hears all! And He healed me!!

I was molested at the age of twelve years old and it almost destroyed me because no one believed me. Today, I now know that I have survived so that someone else can live through their pain and still live a victorious life!...I am called to an audience that has been silenced by abuse and the effects of it! There's a cliché that society has verbally adopted about sexual abuse in which it

states, "You know they did that in those days" as if this statement makes it alright to violate another human being. Acts against the will of a minor, male or female, black or white should never occur in ANY day! These predators look for an avenue to see if there is a strong "covering" or "village" within your life. When it appears you may have a weak covering or a weak village the predator perceives one can be easily manipulated or easily deceived and comes to violate your innocence for their malevolent appetite.

Let's stop hurting the innocent and allowing them to silently suffer. Let's be perfectly clear and totally transparent, sexual abuse "In those days," or in any day, is NEVER an acceptable time for anyone.

Revelation 12:11~"They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death."

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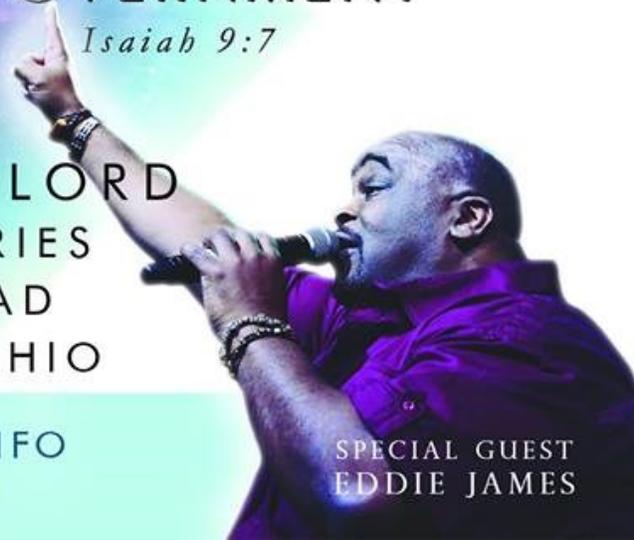
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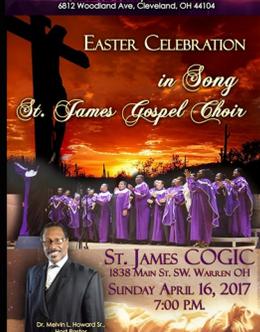
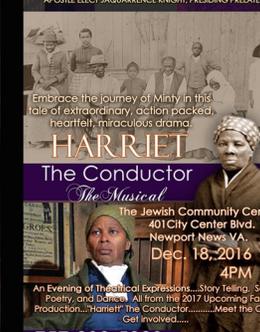
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Just a Thought

Dr. C.A. Dangerfield II

Your actions affect more than just you sometimes you can be doing irreparable damage to someone else without knowing so we have to consider our actions. One person's manipulation can lead to another person's devastation. Many gifted people fall victim to these situations because others can sense the benefits of what you are gifted to do and tried to take advantage of the gift for personal benefit. If you are an individual that strives on helping others and providing them with excellence. That you fail to recognize the plots that have been set against you due to your Generous Heart. Some would just take and take and never really acknowledge your worth as long as they're able to meet their personal objectives. So one has to be able to discern motive to protect that which God has blessed. Our prayer life helps us to be guided and protected by the Holy Spirit that we ourselves do not become disenchanted with the purpose and assignment that God has placed on our life that we are distracted. Because we too are use as vessels to impact others in ways that glorify God and help with another's transition to their intended destiny. So in all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your path

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Trust Him

Sister Eunice A. Christian

It is such a blessing to learn to trust in Jesus, our Lord and Savior. If you have not as yet, I hope you will learn this soon for yourself. The peace that overflows into the heart upon accepting Him as personal Lord and Savior can be marvelous. It can also entail the sting of reality that sets in on how dreadful being lost in sin could have been if it had not been for Him who is on our side. Being saved is not to be taken lightly; it is a gift—a gift freely given by God's only begotten Son, Jesus.

Ephesians 2:8-9 Kings James Version (KJV)

⁸ For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

⁹ Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Acceptance of Jesus does not have to be an overly emotional experience, although it can be. You do not have to fall out; speak in tongues, run around the church. Receiving Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior can occur as quietly as sitting in your home, knowing that He's speaking to you; calling you. He is love. During such an experience, you will have come to terms that He truly cares for you. It is as simple as acknowledging the following: *Lord Jesus, I confess that I am a sinner; I repent of my sins. I know there is no other way that I can be saved. You died and rose again that I may have the gift of everlasting life. You are the Son of the Living God. I have accepted you as my Lord and Savior. Please have your way in my life; lead me and guide me according to your divine will.*

1 John 1:5-10 King James Version (KJV)

⁵ This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

The more you learn to trust in Jesus, the more you will recognize the power and the unction of the blessed trinity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. The three are One. You cannot accept one without the other; not in the Christian faith.

John 5:21-24 Kings James Version (KJV)

²¹ For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth *them*; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

²² For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

²³ That all *men* should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

²⁴ Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

Many will expound upon the Word; however, it is important for you to know the Word for yourself. It is important to ask The Most High God in the name of His Son Jesus for direction in reading and digesting His Word. *It is also important to ask Him for direction as to where you should be fed.* Seek a ministry that is bible-based. You would think that should be evident, but it is not.

There are ministries that speak from the Word of God, but divert much of their effort upon matters that have little to do with saving souls. An example: I have engaged with a ministry where one of the senior leaders of the ministry took great joy in sharing gory details of a favorite TV show. I felt I had to cleanse my mind from the negative connotations that spewed during the delivery process in order to receive the intended message. Another example: A ministry that I attended frequently interjected political commentaries as part of the sermon. At times it was interesting, but as an ongoing experience, frankly, it became a bit annoying (especially when the prophetic interjections did not come to pass). Eventually, I was left a bit hungry for the unadulterated knowledge and wisdom of God. Of course, I study independently, but I also look forward to fellowship as well as hearing the unadulterated Word expounded from the pulpit—and not political lop-sided commentaries. During one of these politically-charged messages, one of the congregants desired to interject by raising his hand; which was supposed to be acceptable, but was instructed to wait until later. Such type of encounters, I believe, can quench the Holy Spirit and move of God upon the life of a believer.

2 Timothy 2:15 King James Version (KJV)

¹⁵ Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Understand that there are those who will desire for you to become a member of their ministry, and rightfully so. There are members who should be positioned to receive newcomers. However, it is important during the process of membership that you become grounded in your relationship *with Jesus, the Christ, first in order for you to have a personal and right relationship with Him.* Bible class should be set in place upon your acceptance. If not, seek out how the ministry you have under consideration reinforces what is being expounded upon during Sunday service. Also, learn the culture of the ministry; their mission statement is important. Overall, there should be resources in place that should assist with one's spiritual growth.

Dear Reader: *Do not cut yourself short, or the ministry, for that matter! Please do not say to yourself, I'm working things out first before I go to church. God is a Right Now God! He can meet you where you are—don't wait! Waiting may be too late.*

Years ago, I was feeling deeply troubled about a situation. I felt so heavy—I knew I had to shake it off. Then a thought came to mind about a ministry that I could attend without waiting for Sunday. I thought *Yes! I need fellowship today. I'll go there now!* By the end of the service, my spirit was so uplifted to the point that I continued to attend. Mind you, I had known, respected, and admired the leader of this ministry for well over a decade. Soon thereafter, I joined the ministry. However, there was something that my spirit needed that was missing—*Do this in Remembrance of Me*—that's what was missing—*Holy Communion.*

Holy Communion was not part of the ministerial order. Furthermore, during the high holy days of the year, Jesus was not at the forefront of the messages. Passover, while definitely a Christian experience, was at the forefront; but there was no or little reflection upon Jesus' birth or resurrection. It was at least three years before I left. During my attempt to say goodbye to my leader, I was told that I could worship where I felt led to go, while remaining in touch as a member. I was surprised at the suggestion; I thought that was a gracious response. To add, I loved my leader dearly, but I felt in my heart that eating regularly from more than one table on a regular basis would not be best for my spiritual growth (although I did take the permission under strong consideration). I left respectfully, and visited a few times to say hello.

Now you may ask, *Was that all—no Holy Communion?* There were other reasons; I believe it was my time to move. However, the reason pertaining to the aspect of ministry that accentuates Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior exceeded them all and is enough—*I desire a ministry that engulfs the Christian experience.* To add, I truly believe it was God's will for me to be there, but not as a final place to be permanently rooted and grounded. So yes, please know the culture of a ministry before joining—and learn whether it aligns to the will of God for your life. Also, be mindful that you can learn from every experience if you are teachable. Stay encouraged.

1 Corinthians 3:5-9 King James Version (KJV)

⁵ Who then is Paul, and who *is* Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man?

⁶ I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

⁷ So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

⁸ Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

⁹ For we are laborers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, *ye are* God's building.

Lastly, do not be discouraged if your path is not exactly how you perceived it to be. Only God knows your outcome for sure. Don't let anyone make you feel as though you're looking for a perfect church or ministry. None of us are perfect—we are only perfect in Christ Jesus. Listen to His voice; I've learned that He speaks to me softly; gently. Even after many years of being saved, *I am still learning to discern His voice*—I know you can or will too. My prayer for you in His name is this: That the Holy Spirit will rest, rule, and abide upon you and that He will keep you in His perfect peace; in His care. Take quiet moments to meditate on His goodness. He will direct your path. Seek to have a personal relationship with our Lord and our God.

1 Corinthians 15:50-58 Kings James Version (KJV)

⁵⁰ Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

⁵¹ Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

⁵² In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

⁵⁴ So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

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⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

...and the Word of the Lord and our God is already blessed.

Trust Him. That is the remedy.

Anxiety Has a Cure

Judith Allwood

"... Do not worry or be anxious (*perpetually uneasy, distracted*), saying, 'What are we going to eat?' or 'What are we going to drink?' or 'What are we going to wear?' For the [*pagan*] Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; [but do not worry,] for your heavenly Father knows that you need them." Matthew 6:31-34 *Amplified Bible*

Really? Do you mean to say I do not need to allow my mind to dwell on making provisions for the basic necessities of life? I can't just chill and expect that a place for me and my family to live (shelter), or food, or medical care will just show up. And Lord knows I need a hairdo! What's Jesus really talking about - "do not worry?"

You and I have been cultured to making a living be our priority. Our parents impressed upon us to get an education so that we could hold down a job or operate a business so we could have all those things Jesus mentioned and when we don't have them or when they're threatened we get anxious because we fear homelessness and hunger. It's simply part of the human condition, that's why Jesus said, "Your Heavenly Father knows that you need them." (Read that part again).

Every responsible and resourceful mother (or father), knowing their child's needs and wants find ways to ensure they're taken care of. The child therefore has no concern about how rent, school fee or grocery bills will be paid; she simply exists in the knowing that when she gets hungry there is food and all she needs to do is ask for it.

That is why Jesus says we need to have the faith of a little child. Paul said, "But my God shall abundantly supply all your need according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19 Darby Translation. God is that resourceful and responsible parent.

I'd like to share something from a devotional I read today:

"When the people of Israel were in the desert on the way to the Promised Land, God gave them manna to eat. That was good. It sustained them for a while, but it wasn't permanent provision...Eventually, the manna stopped coming. The people had to move forward, and then God gave them quail. They were so excited. That fed them for a while, but it was also temporary. See, God gave the Israelites temporary provision on the way to the Promised Land where they

would have permanent provision. God could have sustained them with manna or quail, [but He had an even greater plan]."

Even though God gave us the obligation to "be fruitful and multiply" as we read in Genesis 1 that is secondary to His mandate to seek first the kingdom of God and all His righteousness and all these things - food, clothing, shelter and yes, money for your fabulous 'do', will be given. Just know that it is there, and ask for it. Then believe that you have received it. Get to truly know God, the Heavenly Father and you will see that He is real and He is not lying.

If you are a parent, you must know how upsetting it can be for your child to beg from the neighbors; and that's what we do when we ease God out and look to ourselves for provision. And how miserably we fail at it too, bringing on to ourselves all the effects of anxiety - high blood pressure, depression, arthritis, cancer, obesity, substance abuse, and the list goes on.

It is hard to "only trust Him" as we sing from our hymnals, but that's ultimately what God wants us to do. Allow Him to be the Loving, Provident Heavenly Father that He is. Tell Him multiple times a day that you want to get to know who He is so that you can put your faith in Him in every aspect of your life. He is interested in you and in building a rock solid relationship with you so that you will need to have no other god besides Him. Then the peace which transcends human understanding will keep your heart and mind free from anxiety.



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Don't Become a Victim Become a Victor

Dr. C. A. Dangerfield II

Remember back in the day when a handshake meant a whole lot, honor, integrity and trust, it confirmed deals. When you had a disagreement you had what it was called a fair win that didn't require any sort of guns or knives it was strictly your fist and after you fought, you shook hands and you both live to see another day but, today's society is so temperamental and easily hurt by words that they resort to gun violence, stabbings, strangulation, property damage and intimidation, because of thin skin. Back in the day if you violated a rule you got the belt or the switch and that causes you to remember what not to do, it's an unfortunate thing that today we lack compassion for one another, we lack moral values and we live in a society where anything goes. People are confused and our reasons for certain loyalties have become distorted. Children don't recognize boundaries, therefore children seem to sometimes run the household and children can become temperamental without discipline when you really think about it, the world that we live in is truly, truly a scary society. We are becoming a society where we are just 10 seconds from an emotional break down followed by emotional explosion that could be devastating to a lot of innocent people but the Bible tells us what the remedy is for these things 2nd Chronicles 7:14 "If my people would you called by my name will simply humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their (our) wicked ways then I will hear from heaven and will heal their land", this comes with a promise, the big problem is we don't want to believe in anything or benefit from this, by simply doing the right thing! Rebellion and disobedience becomes the mandate for the day. What our society will look like tomorrow is determined by the actions used and demonstrated today. The lack of understanding and compassion, fueled by impatience to be able to withstand what we're seeing right now and without change it only gets worse. Jesus provided mankind with one very simple task "Love thy neighbor as thyself". When you consider his commandment, it eliminates everything that is wrong and puts life within the right prospective because it truly defines life and harmony. If we just looked upon our neighbor and saw ourselves we would find compassion, patience and seek to understand the differences and then develop a way learn from each other to overcome fears of the unknown. Chaos derives from confusion which comes from a lack of knowledge, which comes from an opinion, not facts, because we fail to ask question to obtain wisdom and knowledge rather than yielding to a false opinion fueled by fear. Simply put ask the question get the knowledge, live to see a brighter and harmonious day. The Bible states "the people perish due to the lack of knowledge. " Don't become a victim become a victor and gain knowledge through understanding, which comes by hearing and studying Gods word to understand our purpose.



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ALL ABOUT HEALTH

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This issue will begin a series on the benefits of different herbs in our dietary intake. While traditional medicine still has its place, natural products have proven immensely beneficial when it comes to health and wellness. This month we will focus on one of the oldest and best tasting home remedies----*Peppermint*. Peppermint is a flowering perennial that is indigenous to Europe and the Middle East. It will usually grow between 12-35 inches in height. It is a natural hybrid of spearmint and water mint.

Peppermint has been used in alternative medicine as a possibly effective aid in treating irritable bowel syndrome, breast feeding discomfort, heartburn, migraines, tension headache and to reduce spasms during endoscopy and colon exams. Other uses not proven with research have included dental plaque, bad breath, hot flashes, pain caused by shingles, itchy skin, toothaches, infections, and muscle pain. The herb has also been noted to have a calming effect on the body and a possible remedy to help soothe a nagging cough.

Other possible benefits for peppermint include: antispasmodic (abdominal pain, cramps), gas, aid digestion, and help with insomnia. Studies have shown that peppermint decreases the amount of time food spends in the stomach by stimulating the gastric lining. It may also relax the stomach muscles.

Herbal supplements should be purchased from a reliable source to minimize the risk of contamination. The parts commonly used are dried or fresh leaf and essential oil. Tea is the most common and best employed use of peppermint.

Have you ever noticed that some restaurants give their patrons peppermint candy after a multicourse meal? This is to aid digestion. Quality hotels also put peppermint candies on the pillow to promote a goodnight rest. So, if you are one who tend to toss those little peppermint candies to the side, you might want to give it a second thought.

As a health care professional, it is imperative to add that this information is not intended to take the place of any medical advice from your treating practitioners. Always consult with your doctor before considering treatment with herbal supplements. The material provided is for educational purposes only and not intended for diagnosis or treatment.

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