

“THE PEACE AND POWER OF A PRIORITIZED LIFE”

PROVERBS 20:23/ 11:1

“DISHONEST SCALES ARE AN ABOMINATION TO THE LORD, BUT A JUST WEIGHT IS HIS DELIGHT.”

MANY TIMES, WE ARE OUT OF BALANCE LIKE A RIGGED SCALE. WE OVERCOMPENSATE IN CERTAIN AREAS AND NEGLECT OTHERS. THIS WAS A COMMON MERCHANT PRACTICE TO DECIEVE PEOPLE AND NOT GIVE THEM AN ACCURATE PORTION OF WHAT THEY WERE TRADING.

WE DO THE SAME THING WITH OUR EFFORTS WHEN WE LIVE UNBALANCED LIVES.

- *WORKING TOO MUCH*
- *SLEEPING TOO MUCH*
- *DRINKING TOO MUCH*
- *EATING TOO MUCH*
- *SPENDING TOO MUCH*

WHEN DOES IT END FOR BEING OUT OF BALANCE AND BLAMING GOD FOR THE DYSFUNCTIONAL LIVES WE ENTERTAIN ALL IN THE NAME OF GOD. THE LORD IS SO FAR FROM OUR EVERYDAY LIVES AS A PRIORITY BECAUSE THE LEVEL OF CONCECRATION IT TAKES TO PRIORITIZE GOD TAKES GREAT EFFORT.

WE EXPERIENCE DIFFERENT LEVELS OF CHAOS BECAUSE OF THE BALANCE ISSUES WE LIVE WITH. IT IS SO IMPORTANT WE SET BOUNDARIES AND HAVE SCHEDULES THAT ALLOWS US THE BALANCE TO STAY SPIRITUALLY, PHYSICALLY, AND MENTALLY HEALTHY.

LUKE 10:38-42

WE MAKE PRIORITIES IN HOW WE WORSHIP AND HOW WE SERVE. PEOPLE HAVE PRIORITIES THAT IS BIRTHED PRIMARILY FROM NEED AND OR EXPECTATIONS. MOST CHURCHES STRUGGLE WITH FATIGUE IN THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE WHO SERVE IN THE MINISTRY. IN OTHER WORDS, THERE IS A LACK OF HEALTHY ROTATION IN MOST OF OUR MINISTRIES. TEAM MINISTRY IS A HEALTHY MINISTRY. WE NEED THE BALANCE TO MAINTAIN GROWTH IN EVERY PART SERVING THE BODY.

WE ALL HAVE TO WORSHIP AND WE ALL NEED TO SERVE!

BALANCE IS KEY FOR ALL OF US. OUR CAPACITY VARIES BASED ON OUR CALLING. AS WE LEARN BALANCE, WE LEARN WHAT WE CAN TOLERATE AND MAINTAIN EXCELLENCE WHILE SERVING. BALANCE BRINGS STRENGTH TO EVERYTHING WE DO BECAUSE WE LEARN WHO WE ARE. SUPER ORGANIZED PEOPLE ARE USUALLY THE HUB OF EVERY FUNCTION WE HAVE IN THE MINISTRY BECAUSE THEY ARE GIFTED TO KEEP THINGS TOGETHER. THE CHALLENGE IS OFTEN THEY ARE SO UNBALANCED TRYING TO ORGANIZE EVERYTHING ASSOCIATED WITH THEIR LIFE AND THEY DON'T HAVE TIME OR ENERGY TO SERVE IN MINISTRY.

MATTHEW 6:33 IS HOW GOD EXPECTS US TO PRIORITIZE OUR EFFORTS OF LIFE. IT DOESN'T SAY TO NEGOTIATE. IT SAY TO SEEK. GIVE EFFORT!

- *BREAK THE BUSYNESS*
- *UNDUE PRESSURE AND STRESS*
- *LEAVE OUT THE GUILT OF CONDEMNATION*
- *CRUSH THE BACK OF FINANCIAL DEBT*
- *LIMIT THE EXCESSIVE IMPULSES AND BEHAVIORS*