



Victory's Trumpet

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Shalom Saints,

We've reached the seventh month by the grace and mercy of God our Savior. You're already aware that the number seven refers to "God's perfection", not as man understands it, but as God's Word represents completeness and spiritual maturity in Christ Jesus. Being created in the image of our heavenly Father; causes us to have desires both naturally and spiritually, because God Himself has desires.

It is these desires within us, that causes us to put into action the thoughts and intents of our hearts, which should always be pleasing to the Father. We must learn to guard our hearts and cleanse our minds because sometimes our desires are sinful, lustful, selfish, full of greed and even foolish. The Word of God tells us in Colossians 3:2 'Set your affections on the things above, not the things on the earth'. God always seeks the best for His children.

Psalms 37:4 is not a blanket promise that God will give us whatever we want. Ask yourself these questions before you make your desires known unto God:

- (1) Do you love spending time in prayer, waiting for the Father to speak?
- (2) Do you want to know Him more fully? Are you patient?
- (3) Do you find pleasure in serving Him?

Our lives and desires should align with His will. He seeks the very best concerning our lives; therefore, let us learn His ways and will for our lives by searching the scriptures daily. Trust in the Lord, He's omniscient (He knows everything about us). This is the month of Divine Rejoicing, so start rejoicing God's way!

Agape,
Pastor Marshall

You are What you Think

by Minister Hermeka Ray

Proverbs 23:7 said it best, "for as he thinks in his heart, so is he". Did you know that your attitude shapes your mindset and both serve as a guiding compass for how you think, respond, or how others respond to you? For example, think about the statement "Determination is the will of success". How does that make you feel? It should encourage you to positively think about the future or the possibilities. Average (mediocre) thinking, where good enough is what we strive for can breed failure, missed opportunities, resentment, and many disappointments. Moreover, an attitude of indifference or cynicism to anything that matters outside of your own needs is a dishonor to God and a hindrance to spiritual growth. It is sin.

Benjamin Mays, a renown humanitarian leader and activist in the civil rights movement, defined it this way: "The tragedy of life is often not in our failure, but rather in our complacency; not in our doing too much, but rather in our doing too little, thus accepting mediocrity; not in our living above our ability, but rather in our living below our capacities." Who wants to live below our capacity? An airplane, on average, can reach top speeds of 550 mph. If the pilot chooses to maximize its capability at the right altitude and conditions, you can reach a destination 2,000 miles away

in approximately 2.75 hours. If you elect to take the same trip by car, then you reach the same destination in 39 hours. When we limit what we are capable of or think with the 'good enough' attitude that defines mediocrity, we are essentially taking the long trip by car. And sometimes, you give up along the way or settle for less than you desire or more importantly, what God desires for you.

Ask yourself...

1. Am I regularly sharing the gospel with others as a disciple?
2. Have I offered God a blemished sacrifice...just did enough when you could have done better?
3. Have I lived a compromised example outside of church? Do you make an effort to fit in with others or tolerate sinful behavior to not 'rock the boat'?
4. Are you indifferent ("it is what it is") when it comes to Godly matters and the ministry?
5. Do you believe God has forsaken you and show no concern as a result?
6. Are you internally focused on your needs vs. the needs of the ministry? Do you often compare yourself with others rather than focusing on what God has for you?
7. Are you too busy that you put God or the ministry off for the sake of other (more perceivably important) things?
8. Do you feel God understands your repeated shortcomings or excuses where you don't make a true concerted effort to change? Do you frequently break commitments to God, only to justify your actions by saying that He understands?

Pastor's Expressions

9. Do you consistently volunteer or seek to help or do you wait to be asked? Are the same workers 'volunteering' in your church while others watch or do nothing?

10. Do friends, colleagues, or others in your household exhibit the same behaviors? Did you know that the enemy desires for us to be in fellowship with those who share like behaviors as a way to keep us stagnant? Yes, mediocrity is contagious!

If you've said yes to more or least half of these questions, it is time for a change (2 Corinthians 5:17)! No more putting up with less than God's best. Make a choice today to move forward.

In essence, mediocrity is safe and comfortable. It feels good and there's rarely any accountability because it goes undetected or is readily accepted in the world, not the kingdom. Stop putting limitations on yourself or others. Those who attain God's best often refuse to procrastinate, wait for someone else to make it happen, nor do they make excuses for bad habits or repeatedly succumb to the same sins that they've been delivered from (Colossians 3:17). Friends, we are not called to a ungodly life filled with complacency and mediocrity, rather we are called to excellence because God wants to give us life abundantly. You can do all things through Christ (Philippians 4:13) if we refuse to settle or become accustomed to the mundane thinking and habits that thwart spiritual, professional, and personal growth. Allow God to transform your mind (Romans 12:2) and seek to do all things in the spirit of excellence (1 Corinthians 10:31), just like Daniel (Daniel 6:3).

Events & Testimonies. Do you have an Upcoming Event that you would like to share? We want to be supportive, a blessing, and in attendance to support you!!! We look forward to what the Lord will do through this Newsletter and through your lives. If you have something you'd like to share please send your information to Alisha at a.c.wallace09@gmail.com, by the first week of the month.

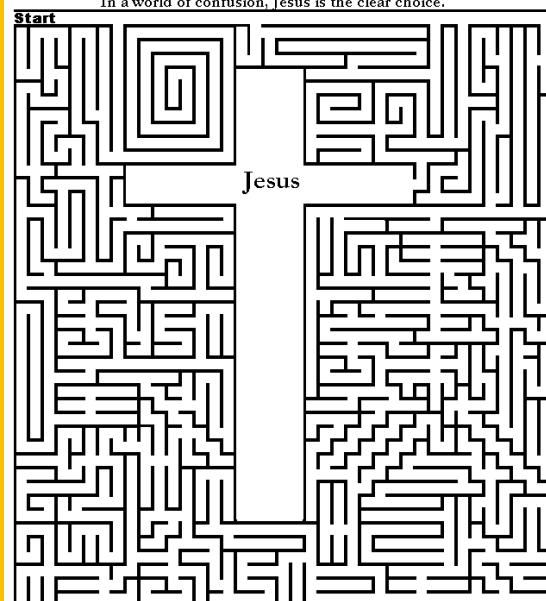


There's a woman I work with that found out 2 yrs. ago that she had cancer. I placed her on the Prevailing Prayer Line and Pastor and the rest of the saints began to pray and God answered. After almost a year of treatment she is cancer free. This year the same woman started to have breathing problems, went to her doctor found out that her heart wasn't pumping at full capacity. It went from 35% to around 3%. The Pastor and the other saints began to pray to God. She also had a test and they found a mass on her pancreas she called me we began to pray and once again God answered. The mass was benign. On 03/10/16 she had surgery for a Heart Pump. It was successful and Dr.'s say she did well. On 03/14/16 as I was driving home I received a call, it was from the woman who had the surgery, tubes were taken out, breathing tube also was taken out and she's in a private room. She is giving God all the glory and so are we. Hallelujah!! And yes this woman is saved.

God Bless,

Prophetess Elise Koves

In a world of confusion, Jesus is the clear choice.



**REJOICE
IN THE LORD
FOR THE
LORD IS
GOOD!**

Youth Prayer Line

Tuesdays @ 7pm

Dial: 641-715-3580

Access Code: 768360

The Golden Nuggets

I will extol you, O Lord for you have lifted me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me. *Psalms 30:1*

Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee. *Psalms 25:21*

I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makes me dwell in safety. *Psalms 4:8*

The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy, he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with sinning. *Zechariah 3:17*