

PASTOR ARTICLE

Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

In the hustle and bustle of life, we often fail to slow down long enough to focus on what is really important. Our main priority of serving a living God capable of granting all of our hearts desires is often overshadowed by the stress of working, paying bills, and working to pay bills. Yes, it is a vicious cycle that never ends. This type of lifestyle is stressful and often leads to health problems. My son, Earl Grant Fulcher, passed away January 26, 2017, from colon cancer. This disease has many symptoms which include but are not limited to unexplained weight loss, weakness or fatigue, rectal bleeding, persistent abdominal discomfort, and a change in bowel habits. However, it is important to note that this disease may be non-symptomatic in its early stages. I highly recommend regular visits to the doctor with screenings to identify any abnormal growths. My son was diagnosed after experiencing severe abdominal pain that he kept secret for quite some time until it became unbearable. It was then he sought medical attention and accepted all the therapies recommended by the doctors. Earl had strong willpower and determination to beat the disease that was ravaging his body. He fought a good fight but in the end, it was God's will for him to leave us. I know my son's life was not in vain and he certainly had a purpose. He was born to serve God and bless his fellow man. He was hard-working and touched the lives of so many. He loved the Lord and was dedicated to the church, enjoyed family gatherings, and spending time with his grandchildren. It was never a dull moment when we were together as he and his wife, Michele, often surprised me with day trips infused with shopping and a delicious meal. I felt loved and appreciated and will always cherish the memories of our times together.

I want to remind you that all the money in the world cannot save your life or your soul, only Jesus Christ who died for our sins can do that. It is imperative we all prepare while we are here on Earth by making Him our first priority.

Sincerely,

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