

# STABILITY

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**2 Peter 3:17 - You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability.**

As I was driving this past Friday night, I had a vision of a patient lying in a bed who has just undergone major surgery. The doctors are watching his vital signs to make sure that they are stable before they move him to a private room out of critical care.

The message that I believe the Lord wants to share is this:

Making sure we are spiritually sound and emotionally stable before we move from one thing to another. For example, when I was singing on the praise team, there was a part of me that wanted to do SO MUCH MORE but there were things in my life with my health and/or family that took priority. I had to make sure that my emotions were in check because I would have taken on too much for me at the time.

It took MUCH time and commitment before I became a choir director, ladies fellowship leader, and worship leader and thank God I also had a loving, supportive family and circle of loved ones that was watching out for me and mine as well.

If you are a “yes” person as me and my whole family are, you tend to want to help at EVERY turn – and this is GOOD – NEVER LOSE THIS GIFT of help, however, please, please, please

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LEARN TO DISCERN. As well, we must learn to be content where the Lord has placed us and move as He shows us to move. I’ve been asked to minister many times since we’ve moved down here to Florida. I have not said yes to all of them and a lot of it has to do with knowing the need for my family to be whole and stable. I’m learning.....

**Philippians 4:11 - Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.**

When you desire to help out of emotion or when you aren’t stable where you are, your vital signs will start to be off balance, you can get robbed of time, energy and strength, money, emotion, even your gifts can be used and abused – and ultimately, it can take more time to become stable in the place where we are if we move ahead of God. We have to be careful to not get carried away in our passion to serve the Lord! We need to be as stable as we can be when we are moving, ministering, and giving.

Where the Lord wants to take you will require you to be available whole-heartedly. I pray that today, the Lord will give you a supernatural discernment to see with His eyes and move in His grace from strength to strength. May we move from glory to glory, be stable and secure in the knowledge of His perfect love and purpose for each of us.

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