

Wednesday Word
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Responsibility

Sometimes, when I receive a message from the Lord to write, I won't receive the fullness of it until I start writing. This can sometimes be an issue because I don't want to start writing until I have the base of the message. With these words we give you, there are others involved that help bring it to you. If I wait, this puts others in a bind to hurry and finish all the extra pieces. I have a responsibility to get the word to all the others so the others aren't scurrying to hurry and get their part done. This word is no different. The only thing I heard the Spirit of the Lord tell me is to write about "responsibility". Even as I am writing this paragraph I have no idea what the end result will be. God is teaching me a new level of trusting Him and not my own feelings or intelligence. It is not an easy thing to do.

I believe God wants this message and the experience I am going through in bringing this to you because things in this world are dark and gloomy. They will only get worse. Those of us that believe in the Lord Jesus Christ are called and commanded to not look at the world but to look towards Him who is our hope in glory.

Ephesians 1:11-14 - In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, 12 that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. 13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

We have a responsibility to our Lord to help our brothers and sisters without taking away their free will. What does that look like? If we can do nothing else we are called to at least pray. If we have the ability or are in a position (as given by God Himself) to do more along with prayer then we should. Prayer is the foundation that we are to build upon. Prayer is the cell phone tower that connects the lines of communication between us and Heaven. We start with prayer then wait to hear what the Lord says. If He says go we should not hesitate to go. There is a difference between following the Lord's leading and doing

something out of our desire to please Him or look good to our fellow believing brethren.

Galatians 6:1-5 - Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. 5 For each one shall bear his own load.

I will share a story with you then place a song for you to listen to. The song was written during the "Great Depression" era in America. I believe it conveys the heart of this message.

There is a homeless lady (or possibly close to being homeless) that sits at a busy traffic filled area at a convenience store in my town. She sits in a wheel chair and uses a walker because she is very overweight. Some of us believe she has a home but we have a choice to ignore or give what we can. She sits in the hottest of days only asking for drinks and sometimes food. Some of us give her whatever we can. I have had many conversations with this woman. When my friends talk about her possibly scamming people my response is always this. If she is scamming it has no bearing on me because why would she choose to sit in 90+ degree weather all day. If she is scamming that is between her and the Lord but I know that I know that I know that the Lord has often told me how much to give her. I have offered things to her and she has refused many times because she had enough. The point is it doesn't matter what society has tried to make us believe about something. The bottom line is what does God say. This woman has a lot of wisdom to share and I have gleaned some from her and some beyond just her words. So, Brother/Sister, can you spare a dime or at least your time?

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=j0BF09ouDAo>

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