

November 19, 2023 thru November 25, 2023

FORGIVENESS



Get Rid of All
Bitterness,
Rage and Anger,
Brawling and Slander,
along with every
form of Malice.

Be Kind and
Compassionate
to one another,
Forgiving each other
just as in Christ
God forgave you.

Ephesians 4:31-32

BE HAPPY

Evangelist/Pastor Barbara Lynch

Be Happy! Enjoy each and every moment you are on this earth. Happiness is contagious. I want a brand new bumper crop of Happiness to spread throughout My Church community. In times past, you allowed sorrow to overtake you, and what did it get you? Nothing but years of depression and regret. Now, the new mandate is to spread Joy Unspeakable and full of Glory throughout the nations.

1 Peter 1:8 (KJV) of the Bible beautifully expresses the concept of spiritual joy:

“Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.”

This verse speaks of a profound joy that transcends mere words—a joy that wells up from a deep faith and love for Christ. It’s a joy that defies description, filling the heart with an overwhelming sense of glory and delight.

What caught my attention in this scripture was {Full of Glory.} Could it be that sadness and sorrow are keeping the Glory in bondage?

We have tried everything else to get God to drop the Glory; what do we have to lose by being full of Joy Unspeakable?

From whence cometh your help? Psalm 121: 1-2 Your help comes from the Lord, and your Lord is full of Joy; Heaven is Joy. Enter into this Joy Unspeakable and be immersed into the vastness of the Glory.

Isaiah 53:3 tells you that My Son Jesus was a man of sorrow., but as you read of His journeys here on earth, you see He laughed and enjoyed the people. He did not walk around with a long face.

Jesus, the embodiment of love, compassion, and grace, has touched countless hearts throughout history. Whether through faith, art, or personal reflection, His presence brings solace and joy to many.

In the quiet corners of our souls, Where shadows dance, and doubts take hold, There blooms a light, a sacred space, A refuge found in Jesus’ grace.

Amid life’s storms and tempest’s roar, When weary hearts can bear no more, He whispers peace, His arms embrace, And there, my friend is your happy place.

So let the waves of love surround; in Christ’s embrace, true joy is found, For in His name, all fears erase, And every heart finds its happy place.

Romans 15:13: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Philippians 4:4: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

James 1:2: Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds.

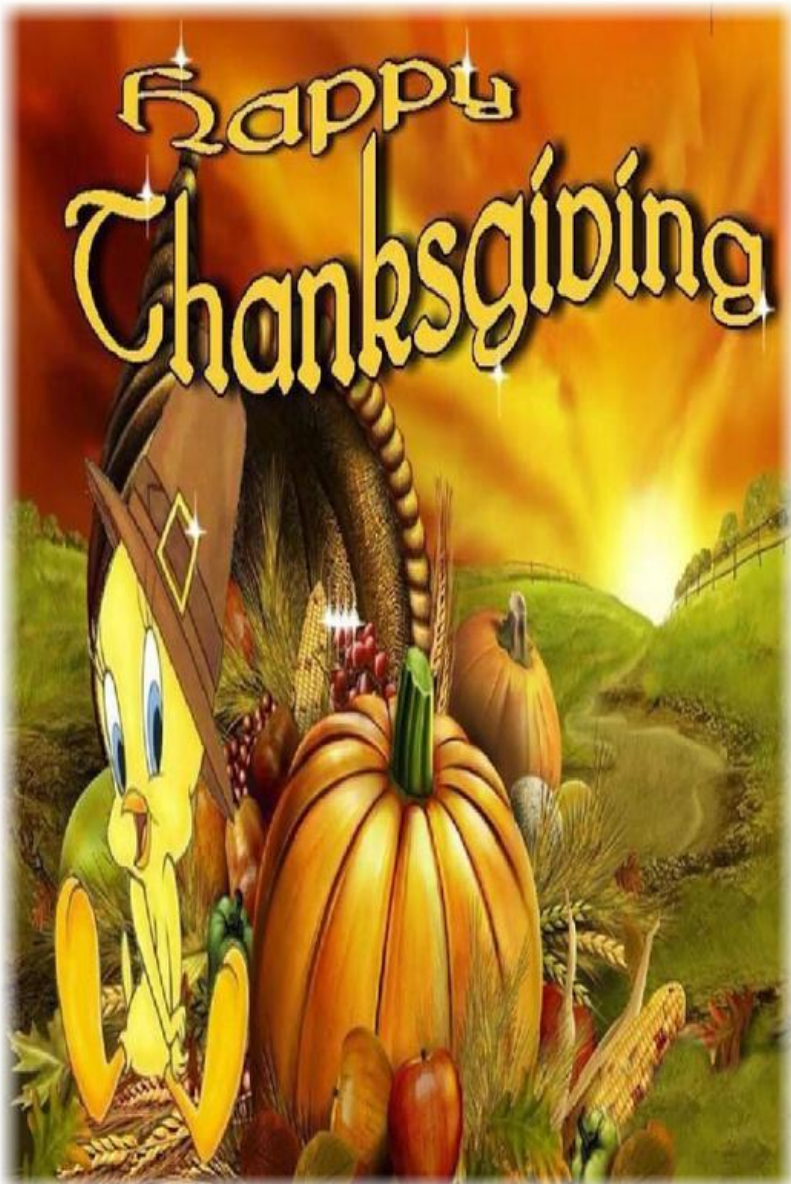
Psalm 16:11: You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**DON'T FORGET
EVERY
NOW AND
THEN TO
JUST BE SILLY.**



Happy Thanksgiving
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A Thanksgiving Garden
Plant three rows of peas:
Peace in our hearts
Peace in our school
Peace in our world

Plant four rows of squash:
Squash gossip
Squash indifference
Squash grumbling
Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of lettuce:
Lettuce be faithful
Lettuce be kind

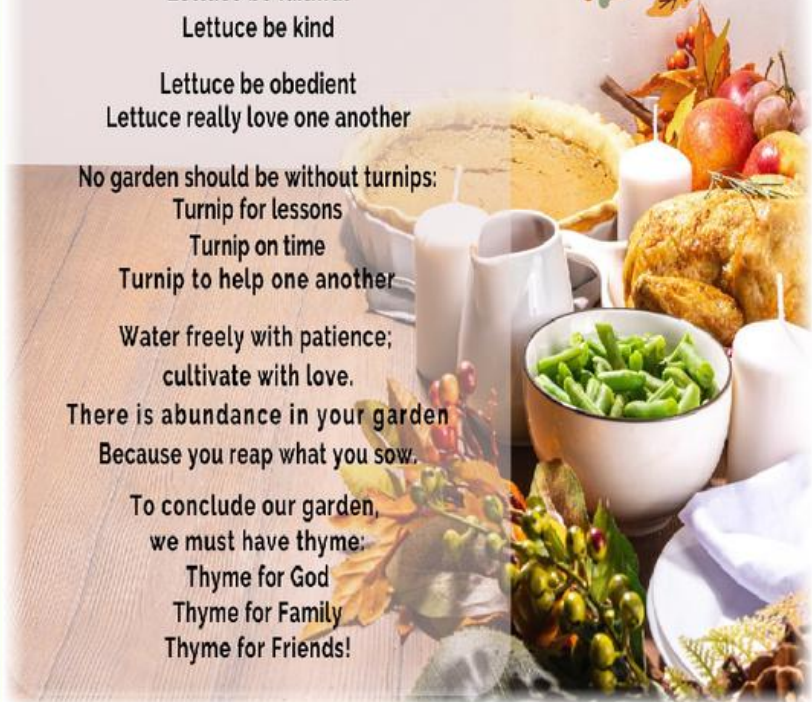
Lettuce be obedient
Lettuce really love one another

No garden should be without turnips:
Turnip for lessons
Turnip on time
Turnip to help one another

Water freely with patience;
cultivate with love.

There is abundance in your garden
Because you reap what you sow.

To conclude our garden,
we must have thyme:
Thyme for God
Thyme for Family
Thyme for Friends!



Walking The Line

Reverend Brett Connell

Great moves of God are coming in the days ahead, and these are promises that God has given us that we're not only looking forward to, but the hope of which has kept us going in days past. Every ounce of God's goodness is yes and amen, but we should have a deep, inner sense of God's unmerited grace. What are we really, before God? Undeserving, for starters. Yet we are precious to God, and He so desires to be with us.

The religious crew won't ever fit into this mold of humility. It isn't something you have to put on or rehearse, it isn't some difficult balancing game either. I used to do these things myself, trying to be some kind of way to produce an expected outcome. But love doesn't work this way, and therefore God's Kingdom doesn't either.

If we allow God to love us {by receiving it} and genuinely love Him in return, the door opens that leads to walking in the Spirit. In keeping with that truth, we must also be prepared and not caught unaware of the reality that the devil will do as he has always done since the beginning of time – to actively fight and resist the moves of God. This is all intended to bring a soundness of mind, a sense of being well-balanced.

We should expect to walk in the fullness of God's promises over our lives, and in the measure of glory He has poured out upon us. We should not however, believe that we are immune to the wiles of the devil while operating in God's glory. Remember, Adam and Eve were covered in God's shekinah glory and were able to physically approach God face-to-face; yet were also tempted and yielded to sin in such a sate.

If you reflect upon your life, you'll note that the good has always come with its share of 'bad' as it were. All of these experiences have trained us to receive the sun with the rain, and the days ahead will be no different. In fact, they will likely be with greater intensity. What I'm trying to communicate to you is that we shouldn't become discouraged or lose faith if God doesn't move the way we expect Him to. There are just going to be some times that you have to go down through the valley. There will be times you are on the mountaintop with God and you know you don't deserve to be there.

There will be times you hear God's voice frequently, and there will be times He seems completely silent. There will be times you cry out to God in desperation, and times you can't stop praising Him. There will be times you're doing the exact opposite everyone else is doing in the church – and times where you've been excluded. There will be times you step right out in faith to do a thing, and times you feel so unworthy and unfit to serve God.

What matters above all else is that God still loves you through all of it – and as long as your heart is open, soft, teachable, and quick to genuinely repent – God can fix anything that is broken within you. "Who told you that you were naked?" is one of my favorite rhetorical questions. We often get an idea in our head and believe things based on a quiet, whispering lie we heard in our conscience.

True love will speak the truth. It doesn't hide behind whispering shadows. Stay humble and in God's presence, and walk in love. God will take care of the rest.

Humility in the Disciples of Christ (part 7)

by Theresa McGinnis

“Let he that is chief among you be as he that doth serve.” Luke 22:26

Today we are going to take a look at what humility looks like in Jesus' chosen 12 disciples. We have already seen examples where the disciples had proven that they were entirely lacking the grace of humility. They even disputed about which one of them should be the greatest. Another time, the sons of Zebedee, with their mother, had asked for the seats on the left and right of Christ; and at the last supper, the disciples again argued over who would be the greatest.

Now, there **were** times that they did humble themselves before their Lord. For instance, when Peter cried out, “Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” Luke 5:8. There was also the time when Jesus calmed the storm and the disciples fell down and worshipped Him. But such occasional expressions of humility only bring out what was the habitual tone of their minds. This first shows us how much there may be of earnest and active Christianity, while humility is still sadly lacking.

The disciples had a fervent attachment to Jesus, they had even forsaken all for Him. They believed in Him and who He was and loved Him and obeyed His commandments. When others had turned back, they clung to Him and were ready to die for Him. Yet under all of this, there was a dark power- the existence and the hideousness of which they were hardly conscious- which had to be slain and cast out before they could be the witnesses of the power of Jesus to save. It is still the same today. There are many preachers, evangelist, ministers, workers and teachers- who lack the grace of humility.

Humility is one of the hardest graces to attain. It is a grace that only comes in power, when the fullness of the Spirit makes us partakers of the indwelling Christ, and He lives within us.

Secondly, these show how weak all external teaching and all personal effort is, to conquer pride, or to gain the meek and lowly heart. The disciples had been in the training school of Jesus for three years. He had told them that the chief lesson that He wanted them to learn was, “Learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart.” (Matthew 11:29) Time after time He had spoken to them, to the Pharisees, to the multitude, about humility as the only path to the glory of God. He had not only lived before them as the Lamb of God in His divine humility, He had more than once unfolded to them the innermost secret of His life: “The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister”; “I am among you as He that serveth” (Mark 10:45, Luke 22:27) He had even washed their feet and told them to follow His example, yet they had learned little about humility. The only thing that can change a man is to gain a new nature, in its divine humility, will be revealed in power to take the place of the old. Then it will become as truly our very nature as the old ever was.

These are two of the things that we see about the disciples. Next week we will dwell further into what Christ was trying to teach His 12 disciples and us.

A Psalm of Praise by David

Sis Grace Crescenzo

For this Thanksgiving Holiday (and everyday), let us extoll the Lord God for His Goodness and Mercy with much Praise and Thanksgiving!

And as an Act of Worship to HIM, let us Declare this Psalm 145 over all our lives and over all the Nations, the revelation of His Greatness, Goodness, Mighty Acts, the Glorious Splendor of His Majesty, and His Mercy, Compassion & Lovingkindness! Let the revelation consume all, be felt, understood, and received in Jesus Precious Name!

Psalm 145

1. I will exalt You, my God, O King,

And [with gratitude and submissive wonder] I will bless Your name forever and ever.

2. Every day I will bless You and lovingly praise You;

Yes, [with awe-inspired reverence] I will praise Your name forever and ever.

3. Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised,

And His greatness is [so vast and profound as to be] unsearchable [incomprehensible to man].

4. One generation shall praise Your works to another,

And shall declare Your mighty and remarkable acts.

5. On the glorious splendor of Your majesty

And on Your wonderful works, I will meditate.

6. People will speak of the power of Your awesome acts,

And [with gratitude and submissive wonder] I will tell of Your greatness.

7. They will overflow [like a fountain] when they speak of Your great and abundant goodness

And will sing joyfully of Your righteousness.

8. The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,

Slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness.

9. The Lord is good to all,

And His tender mercies are over all His works [the entirety of things created].

10. All Your works shall give thanks to You and praise You, O Lord, And Your godly ones will bless You.

11. They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom

And talk of Your power,

12. To make known to the sons of men Your mighty acts

And the glorious majesty of Your kingdom.

13. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

And Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

14. The Lord upholds all those [of His own] who fall

And raises up all those who are bowed down.

15. The eyes of all look to You [in hopeful expectation],
And You give them their food in due time.

16. You open Your hand

And satisfy the desire of every living thing.

17. The Lord is [unwaveringly] righteous in all His ways
And gracious and kind in all His works.

18. The Lord is near to all who call on Him,
To all who call on Him in truth (without guile).

19. He will fulfill the desire of those who fear and worship Him [with
awe-inspired reverence and obedience]; He also will hear their cry and will
save them.

20. The Lord keeps all who love Him,
But all the wicked He will destroy.

21. My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
And all flesh will bless and gratefully praise His holy name forever and
ever.

Happy Thanksgiving

A recipe for a thankful heart: one cup of true love, two
cups of kindness, three cups of grace, a teaspoon of
patience and forgiveness, and just a pinch of zest for
living. That's the kind of thanksgiving meal we're
cooking in our lives together!

We Need Godly Men

Reverend Kathryn Gore

Earlier this year, I wrote an article about men holding women accountable for their actions. I was very excited to see men taking their rightful place back in the family structure. A specific couple was mentioned by the names of Darius Jackson and Keke Palmer, who were first time parents to a young baby boy. Keke Palmer decided to go out to a party dressing inappropriately shortly after giving birth to their child. Darius called her out on social media saying, "but you a mom, tho.", pointing out that she could do better for herself and their family.

When people disagreed, he stood his ground saying he was not going to apologize for having standards within his family. I fully supported him. I thought it was bold and courageous for him to speak out in such a way, especially since the voice of men have been stolen from "men-hating women".

However, the boldness that appeared to be righteous in the public eye turned out to be evil and totally against God. Recently, Keke Palmer filed for custody of their son as she presented proof of physical abuse on behalf of Darius Jackson. Footage was leaked from her home camera that showed his abusive nature. Though it is evident he clearly has a problem, he's claiming to be innocent. Even though the judge granted temporary custody to Keke, Darius Jackson will not admit to his behavior.

Was Darius correct in wanting to hold his family at a higher standard? Yes, but this is twisted in so many ways. Apparently, this is not the first time he's done some off the wall thing, within their relationship. Throwing her clothes out in the rain, being verbally abusive and so much more is not living to a higher standard. In fact, this lowers the bar on so many levels.

Just when you think men in the public eye are fighting to do better, some like Darius Jackson are fighting to gain dominance and control. This is ungodly.

Though many of us fall short in this area, we cannot control and manipulate people to do what we feel they should do. I've been there, done that. This only destroys, nothing more, nothing less.

It's okay for you to have standards. It's okay for you to desire a reasonable home life for your family, but when start to tip toe around in the dark, you then need to take your eyes off your spouse/loved one/friend/family, whomever it may be and look at your own behavior. Hold your own self accountable first, so you can make good judgement on whatever the concern would be.

Things will not go your way all the time. People will not change because you have a problem with their behavior. Relationships are not easy. But there will never be a good excuse for physical and verbal abuse to take place in a relationship.

We need godly men to come on the scene to help build up the young men that need wisdom on how to be a man. Men, believe it or not, we need you.

What Would you die for?

Reverend Christopher Gore

I was able to catch some of the news coverage of the “March for Israel” that took place on Tuesday November 14, 2023 in Washington, DC. It became apparent to me that the people assembled were not afraid. They were not afraid of being attacked, they were not afraid of the terrorists, they were not afraid of the opinions of the public. They spoke and acted from the heart. They were all in one mind and in one accord. It was emotionally moving to see this. These were not only Jewish people that had assembled but non-Jews as well.

I feel like God is going to start asking us the following question: “What would you die for?” Don’t answer just yet. Ponder on this. When I looked at the faces in the crowd at the “March for Israel”, they had a determined resolute stature. They had already resolved it in themselves that they were going to stand for and with Israel no matter what. The price of what it would cost to carry out this decision did not appear to concern them. They were fixed. They were focused. They appeared to know inside of themselves that come what may, they had to go forth with the commitment that they had made. It was apparent that if need be they would die for the cause of Israel.

We are now faced with a choice of a similar type. For us it’s not about Israel but the Lord God Almighty. The battle lines have been laid out. It is now clearer than ever before that we are fighting darkness at the most gross levels. When you look at what took place during the October 7 attacks there was an inhuman level of violence and animalistic destruction that took place. These demonic acts on the level of brutality that appears at satanic high masses. These soulless beings did everything that they could to desecrate the bodies of their victims. These acts were committed by people whose consciences had been seared to the point that they had joy at the level of pain that they could inflict upon their victims. This is not going to end. It is going to continue for a long period of time to come.

We are at a point in time where you have to make a choice. There is no ability anymore to stall or delay this choice. When it comes down to it would you make the choice to die for what you believe in? Would you stand as resolutely determined as the people who were at the “March for Israel”? Halting between two opinions is over with. This the time to stand for Lord God Almighty. Think about, then make a decision, but know this is forever. Selah!

“And Elijah came to all the people, and said, “How long will you falter between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him.” But the people answered him not a word.” I Kings 18: 21 (NKJV)



Don't give up.

Reverend Astrid Sherriff

When you feel hopeless, don't give up, even when you're going through trials that seem impossible to bear, don't give up. God gives us victory in moments of our deserts. It is in this process that we grow spiritually and increase our intimacy with God.

God is love, strength, our rock, and everything in our life. We ask ourselves times when this trial is going to end. There's a saying that says there's a light at the end of the tunnel.

The definition of don't give up according to the Bible means to insist, persist, resist, and never give up.

Galatians 6:9-10 Let us not grow weary in doing good, for in time we will reap if we do not give up. 10 Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, especially those in the household of faith.

When we fight for faith in God, we overcome all the obstacles that the enemy puts in our way. What God begins in us; He will always finish. God always keeps His promises. God never gave up, He sacrificed Himself for us by dying on the cross to save us from our sins and have eternal life.

When someone tells you "Don't give up." That person is trying to support you when you're already broken. It indicates that someone is trying to help you out of the darkness. When you say to yourself, "I won't give up." It means that there is still strength in you to fight.

Philippians 3:14 I keep moving toward the goal to earn the prize God offers through His heavenly calling in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 4:1-6 **Therefore** I, who am a prisoner for the cause of the Lord, beseech you to live in a manner worthy of the calling which you have received, 2 always humble and kind, patient, tolerant of one another in love. 3 Strive to maintain the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. 4 there is one body and Spirit, just as they were called to one hope; 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 One God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. We have a goal that we have to reach, we have victory in Christ, through him nothing is impossible, we strive to achieve the goal that he set for us.

Romans 12:21 Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good.

1 Peter 4:8-11 Above all, love one another deeply, for love covers so many sins. 9 Be hospitable to one another without complaining. 10 Let each one of you serve the others of the gift you have received, administering God's grace in its various forms well. 11 Let him who speaks do so as one who speaks the very words of God; let him who does any service with the strength that God gives him. Thus, God will be praised in all things through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

Don't give up, keep going, we have a goal and God is always with us, He loves us, and His love and His glory are magnificent, it's worth following His path, all I can tell you is God is love.

Joshua 1:9 **I have commanded you: Be strong and courageous, and do not be afraid or discouraged.** For the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

Life is like a minefield full of challenges that will try to annihilate your courage, your convictions, and even your faith. But God whispers in the ears of those who are about to faint, "Do not give up.

Spirit of Excellence

Aaron Betz

God's grand plan is going to come to pass. Let's see one way in which God preserves and brings His plan to pass through the excellent spirit of His chosen people. We can also call this a "spirit of excellence."

Daniel 3:1-4 NKJV It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom one hundred and twenty satraps, to be over the whole kingdom; 2 and over these, three governors, of whom Daniel [was] one, that the satraps might give account to them, so that the king would suffer no loss. 3 Then this Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps, because an excellent spirit [was] in him; and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm. 4 So the governors and satraps sought to find [some] charge against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find no charge or fault, because he [was] faithful; nor was there any error or fault found in him.

The spirit of excellence can defeat and outlast the competitive spirit of others. It can bring the schemes of our accusers and enemies to nothing.

Psalms 31:19-20, BSB How great is Your goodness which You have laid up for those who fear You, which You have bestowed before the sons of men on those who take refuge in You! 20 You hide them in the secret place of Your presence from the schemes of men. You conceal them in Your shelter from accusing tongues.

The spirit of excellence carries a unique favor upon with it that allows for God's purpose in your life to prevail in the end. Spiritually speaking, it is a covering that allows you to be seen as you truly are to those whom God desires to show you too.

In truth, it is an expression of God's glory within us. Look at what God's touch on Joseph's life accomplished:

Acts 7:9-10, BSB Because the patriarchs were jealous of Joseph, they sold him as a slave into Egypt. But God was with him 10 and rescued him from all his troubles. He granted Joseph favor and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh king of Egypt, who appointed him ruler over Egypt and all his household.

Genesis 41:39-41, BSB Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has made all this known to you, there is no one as discerning and wise as you. 40 You shall be in charge of my house, and all my people are to obey your commands. Only with regard to the throne will I be greater than you." 41 Pharaoh also told Joseph, "I hereby place you over all the land of Egypt.."

For all intents and purposes, Joseph became the king of an entire foreign nation. It took immense favor to accomplish this. God used him in this place to bring His ultimate purpose to pass. Through this position, Joseph preserved the forefathers of our faith and set the stage for the coming Exodus of Egypt and the ability for God's people to have their own land.



GIVE

Thanks be to God for His
incredible gift!

2 Cor. 9:15

Enter **H**is gates with **thanksgiving** and
his courts with **praise**.

Psalm 100:4

Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Psalm 29:1

And **N**ow we **thank** you, our God, and
praise your glorious name.

1 Chron. 29:13

Let us **K**neel before the **Lord** our Maker.

Psalm 95:6

Sing to the Lord with **thanksgiving**,
sing praises to our God.

Psalm 147:7

CONTROL OF BLEEDING

Reverend Naomi Nichols

DIRECT PRESSURE – Stops most bleeding.

* Press on the wound with as much pressure with the heel of your hand for at least 10 minutes. If wound is still bleeding after 10 minutes, pressure might not be tight enough.

ELEVATION – if bleeding persists, elevate the extremity to slow the blood flow and apply direct pressure at the same time.

PRESSURE POINTS – There are two pressure points.

- * **Brachial artery** – located on the inside of the upper arm
- * **Femoral artery** – press with the heel of one hand on the groin where the leg bends at the hip

DO NOT:

- * Touch a wound with your bare hands
- * Use direct pressure on an eye injury, embedded objects or a skull fracture
- * Remove a blood soaked dressing (add more gauze or cloth on top of existing dressing)
- * Use a tourniquet except as a last resort. They are rarely needed and can damage nerves and blood vessels or cause the loss of an arm or leg.

ALWAYS CALL 911 IF:

- * Bleeding is severe
- * You suspect internal bleeding
- * The wound is in the abdomen or chest
- * Blood spurts out of the wound

Happy Thanksgiving



What Do You Mean I Am Not Walking in the Spirit? PART 4

Nancy Connell

What are the fruits of the Spirit?

22But the **fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.**

Bring your attention to the END... **AGAINST SUCH THINGS THERE IS NO LAW.... Law meaning FLESH... Flesh (SELFISH DESIRE/INTENT/MOTIVE) cannot DWELL where there is the FRUIT of the SPIRIT... So if the flesh is raring up its head... start checking your fruit...**

But that is not all... there is more... Let's check out the next verse....

24Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

If you have CHOSEN to belong to CHRIST, YOU will CRUCIFY the FLESH along with its PASSIONS AND DESIRES – Why????

25Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

It is only by the SPIRIT of GOD and HIS LEADING that we are able to do this. You are ONLY able to LIVE in the SPIRIT of GOD 100% if you die out to your FLESH DAILY!!! The Spirit of God cannot dwell 100% where there is SELFISHNESS. He can dwell in other areas of your life, but where there is SELFISHNESS you will see your FLESH win the war.

But the scripture doesn't stop there....

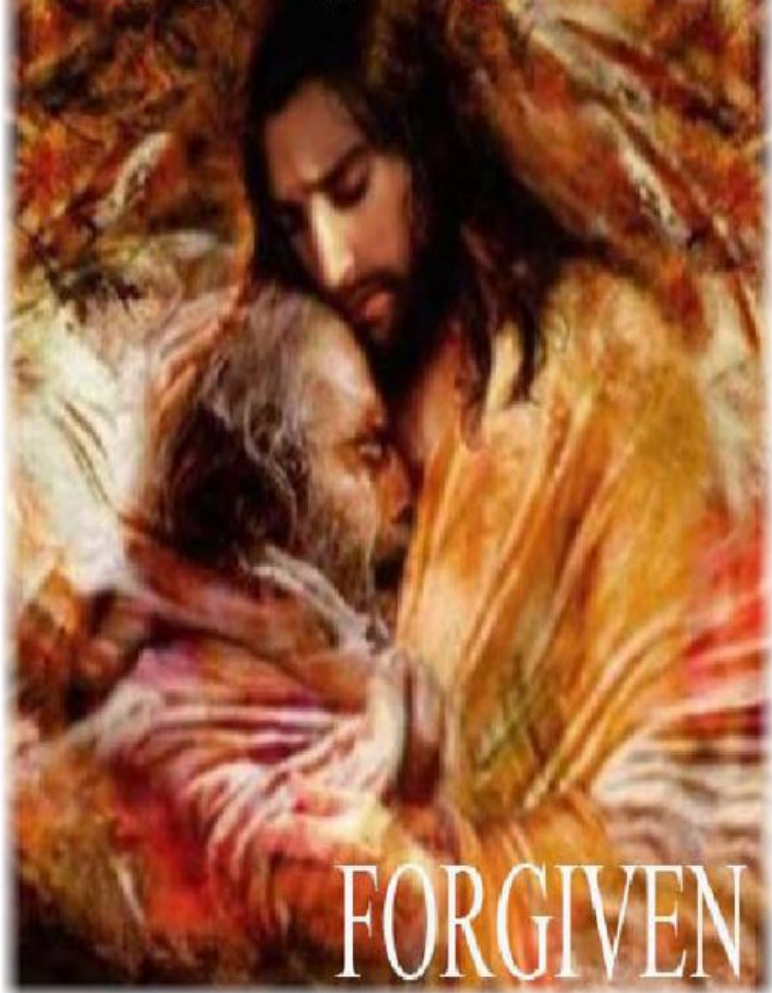
26Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

If we are all walking in the SAME leading of the SPIRIT and have died to FLESH we will NOT see our brothers and sisters as a threat or feel that we are ABOVE THEM or be jealous of them and where God is taking them. We will rejoice with them. We will lend a hand to help them with nothing in return. We will only want to see the KINGDOM OF GOD furthered and SOULS set free.

So ask yourself are you really walking in the Spirit of God 100%? If not, God has been talking to you and it is time to work your way there because the Glory is coming. **15 If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. And verse: 21bI warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.** If you are not walking in the Spirit of God, these verses will fulfill themselves.



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