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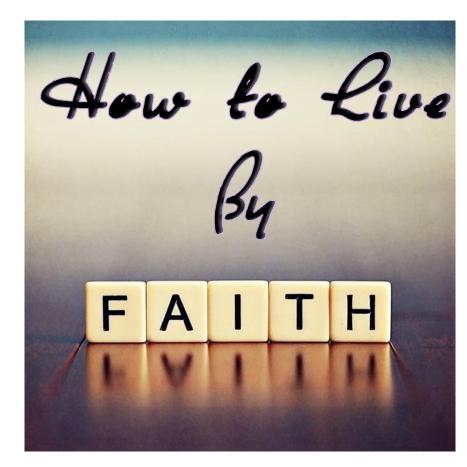
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By Pastor Owen Alston

"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith." Romans 1: 16,17

This great life that God has given to us through His Son Jesus, is a life of "Faith". In this article, I want to focus in on how to live by faith. If God's word says that "the just shall live by faith" and, if we know that a faith life is the highest possible quality of life that can be lived on the earth, then why are so many Christians failing?

I believe the answer lies simply in not knowing how to walk by faith. God reminds us in Hosea 4:6 that "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...." The first ingredient is tucked away in our text- "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ." What is the Gospel of Christ, or the Good News of Christ?

The Gospel of Christ is the knowledge that



Jesus is the Christ and He died for our sin and was raised from the dead. This knowledge comes only from God the Father and Him alone. When Jesus asks the disciples, "But who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answers, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you Simon Bar Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 16:16,17). In another place the apostle Paul says, "But when it pleased God who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His Grace, to reveal His son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles. I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood," (Galatians 1:15,16). To the church of God at Corinth, Paul says, "therefore, I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and <u>no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit</u>". (I Corinthians 12:3)

So we can see very clearly by the Scripture that



the foundation for living by faith is to know that Jesus is the Christ. "Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God..." (I John 5:1). Someone may ask, "How can I know if Jesus really has been revealed to me? Let me answer this way, when you hear The Good News that Jesus is the Christ and choose to believe



that with all your heart and continue to believe, then the matter is settled. "And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. <u>He</u> <u>who believes</u> and is baptized will be saved..." (Mark 16:15-16).

Once you are persuaded in your heart that Jesus is the Christ and that He has paid for your sin, then from that point on, it is just a matter of believing the promises of God. When God says that "the just shall live by faith", that means that faith is simply a way of life. That is, my choices and my actions are based on what God's word says. This is something that you grow and develop in.

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Don't just spend your time talking about what God says but actually do what the Word says. Do not allow what you see or the circumstances around you to prevent you from doing what the Word says. "But be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (James 1:22).

Living by faith requires two things, the <u>Word</u> of God and <u>prayer</u>. "Faith comes by hearing" so then the Word of God must be a major part of our ongoing diet, for without the hearing of God's Word, there is no

faith. Secondly, prayer is a required ingredient. Prayer aids us in developing confidence in the Word of God that we are hearing. "Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us" (I John 5:14). In Acts 6:4, the apostles, confirm the necessity of <u>prayer</u> and the <u>Word</u> for living by faith saying, "...but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the Word."

Let me conclude by encouraging you to connect yourself to a good local church, where you can be loved and instructed in these truths, which will allow you to grow in the Grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.



#### **By Jan Bright**

Anyone stopping by Harmony on a Saturday morning will see a big sign on the landing announcing that the Faith Resource Center is open for business. Inside, seated at a table in the vestibule you will meet, co-manager Brenda Carter, who will greet you with a ready smile and an offer to assist you as you browse through the books, CDs, jewelry and clothing sold there.

Brenda was born and raised in the Bronx, New York. She graduated from the High School of Fashion Industry. She says, "I was a seamstress. My grandmother taught me to sew. I made my girlfriend's wedding dress. I had to work in my field in order to graduate and I was sent to a bra and girdle factory. After I went into that sweatshop, I went home from school and told my mother I am not doing this. This is not what I was meant to be." Computers had just started getting big so she enrolled in a key punch school and learned how to be a key punch operator. This was the beginning of her career in computers. Later she trained to be a computer programmer and began writing computer software.

In 1991, Brenda, husband Michael and her children Shaniqua, 14, and Michael II, 4 moved to Toms River, New Jersey. "I had cousins who lived in Toms River. That's how I found Toms River. After living with the noise of the Bronx, it was like I died and went to heaven living down here. I was used to the sound of buses, firetrucks and ambulances. It was so quiet here." On February 26, 2001, her husband had a massive heart attack. Brenda turned to God and Jack and Jill of America, a mothers' organization, to help her get through that difficult period of being a single mother. Shaniqua went to Rutgers University and got her bachelor's degree and then her master's degree in finance. She is involved in finance and real estate. Mike graduated from Jackson Memorial High **Brenda Carter** 

School and went to St. John's University and Seton Hall University. Shaniqua recently purchased a building in Newburgh, New York and made her brother's dream come true when she gave him the retail space of the building, so he could open a men's clothing boutique. Brenda gives God the glory "for putting this family together with skills in retail, finance, and computers so it all works out we can help each other."

Brenda and co-manager Vernell Morris run the newly renovated Harmony Resource Center which opened on October 1, 2016. It was Brenda's son Michael who designed the Resource Center. "My son put it on paper and the work was done by Harmony volunteers. Terri Jacobs made the cabinetry, Lester Lawes dismantled the old shelving and spackled, Thurston Moore did the floor and walls, and Ernest Scott did the painting. My son and I ordered the products." Brenda is also thankful for Eva Richardson who delivered stock, cleaned, and generally looked after the Resource Center. Volunteers take charge of the Resource Center before and after Sunday service and before and after Bible Study on Wednesday morning and Thursday evening. The volunteers include Joann Bray, Stephanie Clarington, Sharon Jordan, Renette Milton, Vernell Morris, Karen Okechukwu, Chelsea Peniston and Mary Scott. Brenda is there on Saturday mornings. The Harmony Resource Center has CDs of Pastor Alston's teachings, Christian books, fiction, non-fiction, and Spanish, Christian clothing and jewelry. "We also support others.



Women bring their products such as tee-shirts to sell and we feature books written by members of Harmony." In addition to managing the Resource Center, Brenda also coordinates trips for Harmony. These include visits to the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, the Museum of African American History in D.C. and the thirtieth anniversary cruise scheduled for April 2020. "I'm really excited about the anniversary cruise! The trips that I do are my talent. There's nothing to it. I know how to organize. When God puts something in your life and you're obedient, it's easy."

In 2005, Brenda moved to Whiting. She and her terrier mix Trey reside in an adult living community, Country Walk. This is where she met the Miltons, James and Renette, who invited her to church. At that time, she worked overnight in Manasguan and decided to come to Harmony after work. "I came to listen. God told me to sit down and listen. I didn't know what church was. I always went to church. I never knew we were supposed to have a relationship. I never had a Bible. Pastor has taught me so much. It's been a wonderful experience. The Word has kept me here, not Pastor's word, but God's word under Pastor's teaching. I have a Bible I read and study. I'm learning to pray regularly and just have God's word on the tip of my tongue at all times. I'm glad that I came here."

Brenda is now retired and "trying to figure it out." She is happy, single, has a roof over her head, can support herself, and lives with a rescue dog that is her heart. She gives God the glory "that I am in the position I am. I used to think I was the smartest person in the world and look at what I've done. I used to think it was me, but it's not me. It's God who put me here." Her favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:6, "Be anxious for nothing...." "I can be in the middle of a crisis but I keep a smile on my face and stay calm because I know that God is going to



Michael, Brenda & Shaniqua Carter

take care of it. I know all my needs are met through Christ." Her children are in New York and they would love for Brenda to move closer to them, but Brenda says, "I can't. You guys are my family. You look out for me, you take care of me, and I love what I do. I will never leave Harmony."



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## **Enjoying Divine Health as New Creation in Christ Jesus**

"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him. (Colossians 2:6).

**By: Marilyn Phillips** 

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Divine health is one of the benefits of being a new creature in Christ Jesus. As Christians, we have received a recreated, brand new life in Him. Attaining this newness allows us to experience this reformed life. We are under a new covenant and have access to His righteousness and health. His Word says, "For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." We are in constant union with Christ Jesus receiving divine guidance from the Holy Spirit as our source of true wisdom. The Word declares in Galatians 3:26, "For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith." Therefore, as sons and daughters of Jesus Christ we can claim healing and divine health as part of our inheritance in Him. The Word states in Colossians 2:6, "Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him." We can walk daily in health as new creations in Christ Jesus. Our renewed body is under the authority of Jesus Christ in His righteousness.

#### **Our Renewed Body in Christ Jesus**

Enjoying a healthy life is one of the fulfillments of our new creation. A major aspect of Jesus' ministry on earth was healing the sick. Jesus Christ is clearly concerned about absolute wholeness in Him. The Word states in Matthew 4:23, "And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people." The Word also declares in Acts 10:38, "He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil." It must



be noted that He healed **all** not some of their diseases. The Bible also declares in Jeremiah 30:17, "For I will restore health to you, and your wounds I will heal, declares the LORD." We can enjoy a life free of sickness and pain



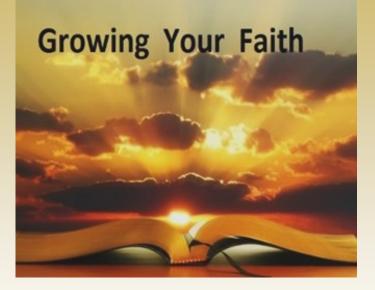
because Jesus has freed us from the curse and satisfies us with good things which include health. The Word mentioned in Psalm 103:2-3, "Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's." Are we satisfied with good health? It is one of the benefits of being a new creation in Christ Jesus. His Word states He has taken our illness, as stated in Mathew 8:17 "He took our illnesses and bore our diseases." Let's not hold on to sickness if He has taken it away from us.

#### Speaking the Word Daily Over our New Life

It is obvious Jesus earnestly desires for us to have this new life and experience health in Him. Obtaining this newness of life is an individual journey that can be attained through God's Word. We can speak His Word over our lives daily. Jesus gave us an example. He used the Word to fight against the wiles of the enemy, as we observe in Matthew 8:16. "That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick." Jesus utilized the Word when Satan tempted Him. He declared, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written...." (Mathew 4:10). As new creatures in Christ Jesus we can exercise our authority over Satan as Jesus did. Additionally, we can submit ourselves to Him, as stated in His Word in James 4:7 "Submit vourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." Let's not allow the enemy to steal our health. We have authority over sickness and Satan. Jesus said in John 10:10, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." So, let's enjoy divine health and that new abundant life in health in Christ Jesus.

"Let divine health manifest for me, and in me now."

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#### **By Yvonne Shaw**

Faith is trusting and having confidence in God's word. It is easy to think we are walking in faith but when circumstances arise and they will because we are not exempt, do we exercise our faith, do we trust God? We quote the scripture "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" but do we really believe what we are saying? That scripture does **NOT** mean I can do all things that I can control because if I control it, it is going to be chaos but when I give it to God, it is going to be **PERFECT**. If we control the circumstances in our lives, that's not faith or trust because we are handling it on our own, but when we put it in God's hands trusting Him, now that's faith.

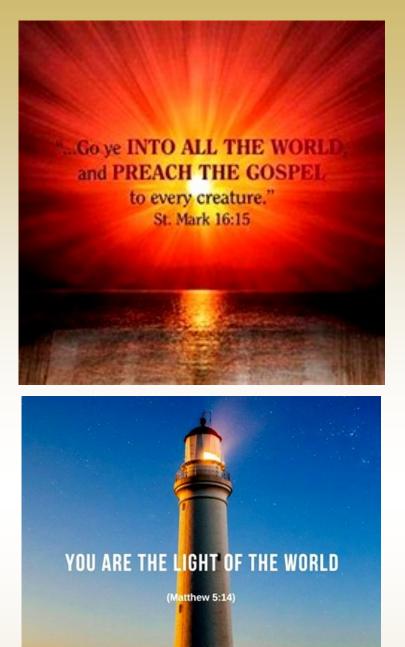
Now faith is the assurance (title deed, confirmation) of things hoped for (divinely guaranteed), and the evidence of things not seen [the conviction of their reality—faith comprehends as fact what cannot be experienced by the physical senses]. For by this [kind of] faith the men of old gained [divine] approval. By faith [that is, with an inherent trust and enduring confidence in the power, wisdom and goodness of God] we understand that the worlds (universe, ages) were framed *and* created [formed, put in order, and equipped for their intended purpose] by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible. (Hebrew 11:1-3 AMP) It is important that we keep our eyes on God's Word. Don't take it off even for a second. The adversary is waiting for the opportunity to destroy us. Scripture tells us what the adversary's character and purpose is to kill, steal and destroy us but our loving Savior came to give us life. It is a choice, choose life! I am sure we all know someone we can describe as a very nice person with a good heart but keep in mind that is not enough. We are supposed to be nice to one another but has the person accepted Christ as Lord and Savior? That's the only way to eternal life. Have we told them about Christ? Our job is to tell others about the wonderful life we have with Christ. We are to walk in faith, to be the example for those who don't know Christ. Here are a few examples we can use:

- GO "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations [help the people to learn of Me, believe in Me, and obey My words], baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always [remaining with you perpetually—regardless of circumstance, and on every occasion], even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19 - 20 AMP)
- GROW "Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation" (1 Peter 2:2 NIV)

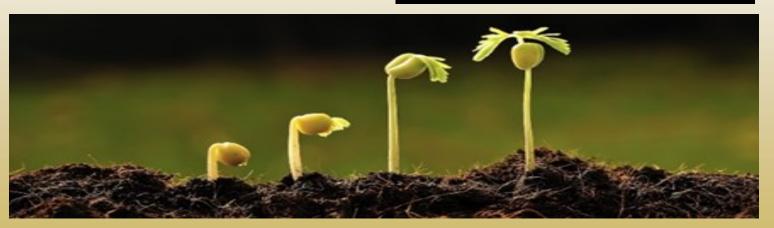
GLOW - "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:14-16 NKJV)

This year God has given me the theme "growing in faith". It so easy to tell others what is lacking in their lives but when we are truthful and take inventory of our lives, it will only help us grow in God's Word. I experienced a situation where I thought I was walking in faith and God showed me that either I'm going to trust Him or as Pastor always says "go fishing". I choose to TRUST God and I am confident that **all is well**. It is not what I see with my natural eyes but I believe God and I choose to see with my spiritual eyes. Let us grow in faith as a family in Christ Jesus demonstrating His GIFT (growing in faith together).

Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he* is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. (2 Corinthians 5:17 - 19 NKJV)



Be Blessed.



Living In Christ, vaining Our Childre

by Deborah Peniston

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

Looking for a fun way to keep the Word in its right place in your family? Try Bible Book Clubs. Years ago I started this with my children when my daughter brought home a summer reading book for school that my son wanted to read. This became our first book club, and because we enjoyed it so much, I decided we would do it with some books of the Bible. That was years ago, and the Lord recently reminded me of it when my son went away to college.

The greatest gift my mother gave me was Jesus. That revelation came to me through my walk with Him. As parents, we want the best for our children. We understand and appreciate God's grace because we know where we've been, we know the mistakes we've made, and we are so thankful that His grace is sufficient for every day. We know our sins are forgiven and we are now the righteousness of God through Jesus Christ. As our children journey down their paths, they will encounter many obstacles, and they may not always make the right decisions. Despite that, we know this. "There is now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin

and death. For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit." Romans 8:1-4 "But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness." Romans 8:9-10



Here at Harmony Ministries, we have been taught this. The Word has been made alive in our hearts and feeds our spirits. We have learned to renew our minds with the Word, and we have trained our children. We have told them, and hopefully lived before them, that we are not to be *"conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."* Romans 12:2

We do this by keeping the Word before our eyes, and by hiding it in our hearts. We have to teach them to set aside time for the Word. I remember years ago, Pastor telling us that God has a plan for every household. So what may work for some, may not work for others. However, I suggest if you are going to try this, keep it light and fun.

Here's what we do... We (or I) choose a book of the Bible. We (or I) then decide what days during the week that we will **text** our reflection on the chapter we've read. We don't text every day. I looked at my children's schedules because I did not want this to feel like a burden to them. I want them to see the Word as their source of life, hope, strength, and joy. So if they miss a day, I don't yell at them. There have been some days when they have sent their reflection to the group text before me. I have gotten some text messages in the middle of the night. It was



more consistent during winter break, and as they have transitioned back into their routines at school, we had to make some changes to the number of days a week we reflect. Now, if we all happen to be together, we talk about our readings. I only ask them to reflect in one or two sentences. Sometimes they have text more. I have been blessed by their insight, and when they are confused, I have been able to clear up any misunderstandings. In years past, we have even memorized verses of scriptures together.

Whatever you do, remember you are doing this out of your love for them. My children have always enjoyed sharing their experiences with me and we tend to talk a lot. This was just another way to experience life in the Word with them... as we live in Christ.



#### \*\*\* PRAYER OF SALVATION \*\*\*

#### DO YOU KNOW ...?

**GOD LOVES YOU** 

#### JESUS DIED FOR YOUR SINS

YOU CAN RECEIVE JESUS NOW AND KNOW GOD'S LOVE

The basis of the Prayer of Salvation comes from Romans 10:9-10, "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved."

However, I would like to direct you to Ephesians 2:8-9, "For by Grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; Not of works, lest any man should boast."

Grace is mentioned over 100 times in the Bible. Grace is God's unmerited favor and because of God's grace, we receive eternal life and a promise of heaven. Grace is necessary for salvation as we cannot do enough good works or make enough right choices to earn our salvation. The Bible teaches that we are justified by the grace of God (Romans 3:24; Titus 3:7). Justified means declared not guilty. When we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, all charges against us are dropped and we are free from sin. When God forgives our sins, the record is wiped clean. It is as if we had never sinned.

A preacher once explained grace with this acronym:

#### God's - Riches - At - Christ's - Expense PRAY THIS PRAYER OUT LOUD:

Heavenly Father, In Jesus' name I repent of my sins and open my heart to let Jesus come inside of me. Jesus, You are my Lord and Savior. I believe you died for my sins and you were raised from the dead. Fill me with your Holy Spirit. Thank you Father, for saving me in Jesus' name. Amen.

If you've prayed this prayer of salvation with true conviction, you are now a follower of Jesus.

Welcome to the family of God! We encourage you now to find a local church where you can be baptized and grow in the knowledge of God through His Word, the Bible.

**By: Jacqueline Cuavers** 

Join us at Harmony Ministries USA, Inc.

for Consecration Week

## April 15-19, 2019

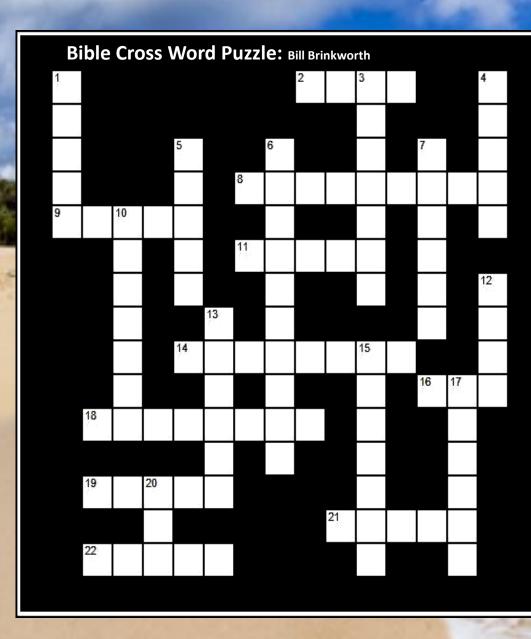
Daily Services: Morning Prayer: 6-7am Bible Class: 10am Evening Service: 7pm With Special Speakers Each Evening

"Living in Christ" "...if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God..." ~ II Corinthians 5:17b-18a ~

> Monday: Pastor Dennis Adams Tuesday: Pastor Phil Davenport Wednesday: Pastor Kevin Elsey Thursday: Pastor Lecarston Chestnut Friday: Pastor Owen Alston

In the Bible the word *consecration* means "the separation of oneself from things that are unclean, especially anything that would contaminate one's relationship with a perfect God." Consecration also carries the connotation of sanctification, holiness, or purity. Ref. (2 Cor. 6:17)





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- 3. Satan
- 4. Born again
- 5. Whale's supper
- 6. First worship building
- 7. Used a fleece
- 10. Last O. T. book
- 12. First born son in Bible
- 13. 23rd O. T. book
- 15. Isaacs's father
- Prophet of Ahab's day
  Became a serpent for Aaaron

#### Across:

- 2. Place of torment
- 8. Lamb
- 9. Jesus' brother
- **11.** David's father
- 14, Tribe of Israel
- 16. \_\_\_\_ commandments
- 18. Peter
- 19. Abraham's wife
- 21. Wilderness food
- 22. Jesus' betrayer

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## **Who's Tending Your Garden?**

#### **By: Brenda Benjamin**

Proverbs 4: 20-24 (NKJV): My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; for they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life. Put away from you a deceitful mouth and put perverse lips far from you.

Growing good fruit in a garden requires our attention. To grow God's fruit in our lives, we have to choose God's Word and not the lies of the enemy. Satan's lies have one purpose which is to steal, kill and destroy, by stealing the Blessing of God from our lives and tricking the believer out of his destiny!

#### Who are you giving your garden to?

If you harbor lies, you are giving the real estate of your soul (mind, will and emotions) to Satan who is the father of all lies (John 8:44). If he can steal the Word, he will steal the abundance of life (to the full till it overflows) that Jesus came to give us. (John 10:10) AMPC

The enemy wants to steal the Word of God from us before it removes the lying roots that Satan has planted from the time of our birth because where the Word of God takes root in our lives, Satan can't plant his lies any longer.

Pride, un-forgiveness, bitterness, resentment, shame, sickness, unworthiness and inferiority are a few of the deadly offenses that Satan wants to plant in order to gain victory over us and takes us off the pathway and plan that God



has predestined for every believer.

In Luke 17:6 (KJV) Jesus compared unforgiveness and sinful roots to the roots of the sycamine tree. This tree has one of the largest strongest root systems of trees in the Middle East and is one of the hardest to remove or kill. You have to dig it up from the roots to eradicate and destroy it and not just cut off what is seen on the surface.

Offense is something that not only comes to you, but something that is in you waiting to be poked and prodded by strife, bitterness, unforgiveness, resentment, uncontrollable anger and hostility. The enemy of our soul will keep feeding these seeds, until they are well established and firmly rooted and can only be uprooted an eradicated by the power of God's Word.

Our soul is where we have the choice to say "My mind, will and emotions belong to Jesus. I operate and conduct my life according to the Word of God. I walk in love and forgiveness at all times, because I have the mind of Christ and I am complete in Him." James 1: 19-21 exhorts us to "Be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to offense...and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your soul." And, in 1John 1:9 we see that we are to "Also, be quick to repent and ask to be forgiven and be cleansed of all unrighteousness."

We are either operating in strife or in love the choice is ours (James 3:16). That is what it means to walk in the spirit and you won't fulfill

the lust of the flesh (Galatians 3:16). When we allow evil thoughts and bad attitudes to grow in our mind and heart, they kill our relationships with other people because they are destructive and stop the flow of love in the heart.

We live a poorer lifestyle, spiritually, physically, emotionally and financially, when we feel justified in our bitterness and anger and allow Satan's lies to remain in us and they will destroy everything around us. But Jesus has given us a better way, by staying in union with Him through the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the washing of water by the Word of God.

We can be victorious over every scheme and plot of our adversary Satan and his forces. Jesus said in Matthew 15:13 AMPC, "Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be torn up by the roots." This is only done by power of God's Word which is filled with His faith.

It is very easy to talk about what everyone else is doing to you and how they are hurting your life, but the ultimate decision is yours in how you respond in every situation with the love of God and His Word. That is where the victory is. You should want to connect with people who are peaceful, forgiving, loving, kind and tender hearted. We need to forgive strife filled people, but we don't have to keep hateful, abusive, and strife filled people in our inner circle of friends. Drawing boundaries between you and people with harmful behavior is one of the best things you can do for them and yourself.

It has often been said that harboring bitterness and un-forgiveness is like drinking poison and expecting someone else to die. If bitterness and un-forgiveness, are a real struggle for you (especially if you feel you have every right to hate someone for what they did to you or someone you love). Start by simply saying, "My soul belongs to Jesus". Get in union and partnership with Jesus and cast that care on Him. Ask Him to reveal and uproot the bitter roots in your life that you may not even be aware of, so you can focus on the sweet things He has done for you and live a life that is victorious over every challenge, plot and scheme of the adversary because you are redeemed through the Blood of Jesus. We have been given the Name of Jesus and the Word of Jesus and the Authority and the Power of Jesus to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and (physical and mental strength and ability) over all the power that the enemy (possesses); and nothing shall in any way harm you! (Luke 10:19) AMPC

In conclusion you must be the one who is tending your garden at all times through the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit, the living breathing infallible Word of God, and your union with Jesus Christ.

Watch your garden bloom, blossom and flourish like no other. Praise God!!!





Dearest Friends and Partners,

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Day 3 – At Sea		
Day 4 – Royal Naval Dockyard, Bermuda	8:00am	
Day 5 – Royal Naval Dockyard, Bermuda	Overnight	
Day 6 – Royal Naval Dockyard, Bermuda		3:00pm
Day 7 – At Sea		
Day 8 - New York, New York (Disembark)	7:00am	









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