

August 09

Greetings to the chosen:

What a blessing to so quickly hear from so many of you signing the covenant agreement with us to pray, pray. Some of you will even be burdened with the things of God so much that you will even deny yourself to see the manifest power of God touch lives around you. So, by all means, answer Him for His yoke is easy and His burden is light (Matt11:30). You see, what God is building is a foundation for His truth. 2 *Timothy* 2:14-26 says

14 Remind them of these things, and charge them before God not to quarrel about words, which does no good, but only ruins the hearers. 15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. 16 But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness, 17 and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, 18 who have swerved from the truth, saying that the resurrection has already happened. They are upsetting the faith of some. 19 But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity."20 Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. 21 Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work. 22 So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. 23 Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. 24 And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, 25 correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, 26 and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will. (2 Timothy 2:14-26 ESV)

2 Timothy2:19 is an important verse for us now as we claim to be builders in His Kingdom. "Nevertheless the foundation of God stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His! And let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity." Find yourself getting rid of the old man. The old ways of thinking, talking, living and doing. "All things have passed away, behold all things become new". (2 Cor 5:17) Those around you should absolutely

know and say "This man is a follower of Christ; he's not just a hearer, but a doer of the word." Now, if you feel you're doing these things, great! But don't get so locked into "religion" that the verses right before in 2 Timothy Chapter 2 are talking about you. Are you looking for a "debate" an argument, a vain babbling? (v16) Are you so busy pushing the doctrines of men who have erred concerning the truth? (v18) Don't be a canker sore on the body of Christ! I've watched these kinds literally cause a catastrophe in the lives of new and seasoned followers of Christ. Overthrowing their faith and even causing their backsliding. Paul tells us as men of God to flee youthful lusts and follow after righteousness (right living), faith, love and peace (v22) and be gentle, able to teach and patient. If we purge ourselves from the affairs of this life, unbelief and backsliding, He will use us as a vessel of honor. Verse 20 says there are different types of vessels. Which type are you? The dishonorable vessels are still in the "great house" of the Lord but are full of doctrinal and moral error as Paul's letter to Timothy discusses them. These who depart from such errors and avoid impurity in their lives prepare themselves to be useful to the Master and ready for every good work! What a blessing it is to be used by God, but we must pursue holiness for "Without holiness no man will see the Lord." (Heb 12:14)

And don't we want our prayers answered? Psalms 66:18 says, "If we have iniquity in our hearts, the Lord will not hear us." If we pretend to be what we're not and still love sin, while we profess to pray and be sorry for our sin, our Adonai (supporter, the blesser) will not hear us and we will be left out in the cold, unanswered. 1 John 3:22 says, "And whatever we ask we receive from Him, Because we keep His commandments and do what pleases Him." God gave you a brain, men, use it! Once again v.15 stands out. "Study and do your best to present yourself to God as one approved". Falling for false teaching is cast in terms of deficient thinking here. Verse 26 talks of coming to a knowledge of this truth, this firm foundation, by coming to one's senses and escaping the snare of the devil! So keep at it men of God! Fight the good fight of faith! Keep praying for God to transform those around you by the awesome power of God through the moving of His Holy Spirit. Continue to pray for CHIEF Ministries as we begin to endeavor this multi-million dollar task of developing CHIEF'S House. It's so powerful to know it's ALL in His hands. We may need your help so be in prayer for that as well.

You are my brothers! Be blessed! Be holy!

You're in my prayers daily!



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