

CHIEF MINISTRIES

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Greetings my brothers,

One half of the year is gone! Are you closer to the Lord than when this year began? I pray and hope you are! Have you been utilizing the “time” God has given you to understand not only who He is, but who you are in Him?

This past month I’ve seen so many things that God is pleased with. Men learning to take the “low” road of humility, which turns out to be the “high” road that God wants them on. Men finding themselves in the house of the Lord willing to bring a sacrifice of praise and coming together to exhort one another. Men realizing its the “little” sins that hinder them from keeping step with the Spirit of God. Men focusing on bettering their lives while locked up, which is the key to spiritual freedom and perhaps earthly as well. Men reaching out to others in love, trying to help bless the others in white around them, perhaps with some food from commissary or being there to counsel them through a difficulty or simply listening with an attentive ear and then pray for God’s will. Men ministering the Gospel message of Jesus Christ the Son of the Living God, who went to the cross, died, and was buried and on the third day rose again, left us with a Holy Spirit guide and now sits at the right hand of the Father. Men seeking the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues which endues them with power from on high to do even greater exploits through the laying on of hands. Men fasting and praying for their units, that revival will come and men of God will rise up to be more than conquerors.

So, do you find yourself in any of the above? If yes, great! If no, then I challenge you to dig deeper, calling upon God with fervency and earnestness 2 Tim. 2:15 says:

Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

All of the below are found in scripture:

Humility

Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you. 1Peter 5:5-6 ESV

Sacrifice of Praise

Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His name. Hebrews 13:15 ESV

Coming together

Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. Hebrews 10:25 ESV

A little Leaven

And again He said, “To what shall I compare the kingdom of God? It is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, until it was all leavened.” Luke 13:20-21 ESV

Little Foxes

Catch the foxes for us -- the little foxes that ruin the vineyards while they are in blossom Song of Solomon 2:15 NCV

Good Deeds of the Righteous

They repay me evil for good; my soul is bereft. But I, when they were sick—I wore sackcloth; I afflicted myself with fasting; I prayed with head bowed on my chest. I went about as though I grieved for my friend or my brother; as one who laments his mother, I bowed down in mourning. Psalms 35:12-14 ESV

They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, 1 Tim 6:18 ESV

That the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work. 2 Tim 3:17 ESV

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Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, Titus 2:7 ESV

The Gospel

And saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." Mark 1:15 ESV

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: in My Name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; Mark 16:15-17 ESV

Healing Hands

Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. James 5:14, 15 ESV

Fasting

But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings; 2 Cor. 6:4,5 ESV

The principles of scripture, men of God, are to gather from them the precise meaning the writers intended to convey. We must apply common sense and reason to the word and yes it can be taken literally, however there are places where it is obviously figurative language from which we can gain literal truth

2 Tim. 3:15-16 says: and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.

God's truth, His Word, will make us wise unto salvation if we plant it in our soul. The word is called seed in 1 Peter 1:23 and 1 Jn 3:9. Only when this seed fails to be sown on properly prepared soil and cared for, will it fail to bring forth fruit (Matt 3: 3-30) The Word produces faith! Romans 10:17 says "faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God" Try reading your Word aloud - listen to what happens! The Word makes Jesus Christ known. John 5:39 says search the scriptures, for it is them that testify of Me. 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 are the gospel and fact of Christ's resurrection. The Word builds up in Acts 20:32 and produces the things found in 2 Timothy 3:15 and 16.

So, men of God be filled with the Word. You have the "time", use it wisely. Forget the TV for awhile or dominos, chess or Scrabble or basketball, handball or volleyball! At least give Him the time He deserves. It's how you'll be changed forever! And men, please don't get into those vain doctrinal babblings that bring contention and division. Trust me, you can find an argument around every corner. Don't be religious, looking good on the outside, but pointing out everyone's faults because they might not have an understanding of the Word that God has revealed to you. There are plenty of doctrines of men who come close, but parrot the Word and you'll find those kinds of men always trying to prove why they're right and you're not. It's OK!

You may not even want to swallow all that I write from my understanding of the Word, and that's OK too. Ultimately God knows, but He's not telling! That's why the Word says Study to show "Yourself" approved. I do want to try and steer you in the right direction, the important thing is that you're using your "roadmap" as well. That way His Word becomes your Word and when you speak His truth will come out. I love you all and pray for God's abundant favor to rest on you and His peace to encompass you and His Joy fill you.

You are my brothers!

For His Kingdom, a fellow Word do-er.

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