

# CHIEF MINISTRIES

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Well family, we're down to the last month of this year! Have you come into line in 2009? I know this much... God's ways are not our ways and His thoughts are not our thoughts. But He didn't say it is *always* like that. When we spend time with Him and let Him truly change and speak to us, I believe He'll give us glimpses of His ways and tell us some of His thoughts. How else would we know which direction to go? Well, you can know this, no matter what it looks like, if God is in you, the end result will be great! If you have truly allowed the blood of God's son, Jesus Christ to cover you, then everything is filtered through the Father. So don't sweat it when it seems like everything around you may be crumbling, it's been "Father filtered".

Do you have a heart like David? He was a man after God's own heart. *But now your kingdom shall not continue. The Lord has sought out a man after his own heart, and the Lord has commanded him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you.*" (1 Samuel 13:14 ESV) His mentor, his king, his leader whom God put as those things were vexed by Satan, whom God sent. Wait, that doesn't make sense! God did that? Yes! Why? Remember, His thoughts are not our thoughts, His ways are not our ways. You see, God knows the "Big Picture" of our lives. He knows what it is going to take to get things in the proper alignment. He knows the "end" result. Are you willing to remain faithful till the end?

Revelation 2:10 says: *Fear none of these things which you shall suffer, behold the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that you may be tried, and you shall have tribulation ten days: be faithful unto death, and I will give you a crown of life!*" Usually, it's the tribulation, the trials, the "prison" that we have trouble understanding. Recently in doing good, loving Him, seeking Him, listening to Him, everything has gotten turned upside-down. It's like the enemy has been given free reign in a number of areas that I felt God was bringing justice too. Well, I'm learning He is! It just doesn't look like I might want it too. It's His way! Isn't that our prayer? Not my way anymore, O Lord, but Your way.

Everything in God's plan has a proper time: the gap between the present and *that* proper time cultivates our faith. Galatians 6:9 says: *"Let us not become weary in well doing, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up!"* Are we not praying for the harvest in the prisons? It's our job to trust Him. What have you invested? I know I have .....a lot! *Whoever sows sparingly will reap sparingly, whoever sows bountifully will reap bountifully* (2 Cor. 9:6). God says: *He will repay the wicked "in due time"* (Deut. 32:35) just as He will lift up the humble *"in due time"*. The Bible promises ultimate justice, not immediate justice. John 5:28-29 says: *"A time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear His voice and come out – those who have done good will rise and live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned."*

God keeps track, I assure you. The kind man receives kindness in turn. The generous man reaps generosity. The liar loses trust. The gossip gets gossiped about. The one who gets his co-worker fired eventually gets fired himself. Of course, "what goes around" doesn't always come around immediately. Two men owned farms side by side. One was a bitter atheist, the other a devout Christian. Constantly annoyed at the Christian for trusting God, the atheist said to him one winter, "let's plant our crops as usual this spring, each the same number of acres. You pray to God and I'll curse Him, then come October, let's see who has the bigger crop." When October came the

atheist was delighted because his crop was larger. “See you fool,” he taunted, “what do you have to say for your God now?” “My God, the other farmer said doesn’t settle all His accounts in October.”

My brothers, God uses the strangest of things: the spiritually blind, the un-anointed, the haters, the religious, the evil, to sometimes see where *our* heart is. Where’s yours through your adversity? I know sometimes we wonder why we must suffer these things, these happenings, these people but God uses these sufferings to purge sin from our lives, strengthen our commitment to Him, force us to depend on His grace, bind us together with other believers, produce discernment, foster sensitivity, discipline our minds, impart wisdom, stretch our hope, cause us to know Christ better, make us long for truth, lead us to repentance of sin, teach us to give thanks in times of sorrow, increase our faith, and strengthen our character. God doesn’t simply want us to *feel* good. He wants us to *be* good. And often the road to *being* good involves not *feeling* good. Men, the best is yet to come! Proverbs 4:18 says, “*The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter til the full light of day.*” Are you shining? Are you leaning towards the right direction? Know that as you pursue excellence and righteousness, as the great hymn writer Fanny J. Crosby wrote the lines: “His glory we shall see, when our eyes behold the city and the one who died for me,” do all for *His* glory no matter what the circumstances, and He will lift you up. Mrs. Crosby never saw anything past infancy as she was blind her entire life, but she’d tell people not to feel sorry for her blindness, because the first face she’d ever see would be Christ’s. Fanny Crosby was miraculously healed – she received her sight in a dramatic moment in 1915....The moment she passed on to eternity.

A prayer: Father, I may never fully understand why things don’t always make sense to me, but I trust you to see me through. I give you even more control – to fashion me into a useable vessel. I don’t want to serve anyone else. Help me to shine with Your glory. Show me Your face as You continue to make me a man after Your own heart. You have been so good to me this year, but I know there’s a deeper level in You. A higher place to attain, a new dimension of Your Spirit and so I humbly ask You to take me there and reveal Yourself to me so that I can make it to the end. Find me faithful, O God. In the little and the great...find me faithful... There is no pit so deep that you are not deeper still. Thank you for Your son and for preparing a place for me. No one else and nowhere else will satisfy now that I’m getting to know You. Let me live by Your spirit, let Your word dwell in me richly, let me be a shining example of Your glory. Your love is better than life so let me continue to lose mine and be found worthy of Your calling, Your life and heart in me, but most of all Your love. You are the strength of my heart and my portion forever, my rewarder because I seek You. I love You and I will rejoice and leap for joy, even in suffering, for great is my reward. Earnestly will I seek You and I will find You, and when I find You...I will seek You again....

Amen & Amen

Get ready for the next level my brothers....

We’re going up!

Love and peace to you all during this Blessed time of year!

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