

May 2014

Well, right now is one of the busiest times in God's kingdom. That's why we are told to be "instant" in season and out of season. That means whenever. But it also means <u>right now!</u> Have you prepared yourself to be just that? Ready to go at a moment's notice? If you were awakened in the middle of the night and told "pack your things, you're on chain going home," you sure would be ready to go in an instant. So <u>be</u> ready! Just make sure that the foundation your building on is <u>the</u> Rock! Because everything that can be shaken will be!

I absolutely love the fact that God hears me when I call. He reveals things so we'll know how to pray, not how to judge in condemnation. I've been praying for exposure now for over a year. Now I know God heard me then, but I hadn't noticed anything until as of late. Entire groups have been disbanded, titleholders have been demoted, teachers' abundance of their hearts have been revealed and it hasn't been pretty. People vying for positions are still doing their thing. People in position are holding on for dear life. And I know so many of those would never want to admit they've done things for their own glory, and yet, why is it everyone from the well seasoned to the babies in Christ feel the abrasiveness in their spirits when these aforementioned types open their mouths? Because it's all part of the exposure! The spirit brings life! Then why do I feel so much like life is being sucked out of me when I'm around these seemingly well-intentioned men? Because the letter of the law destroys! There are some really decent man striving and trying and are studying and learning, yet where is God's spirit in all of it?

"What's in your wallet?" You know the commercial. Perhaps we should be asking "what's coming out of your mouth?" Matthew 12:36, 37 says, "I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified and by your words you will be condemned." James tells us in Chapter 3:3-6, "if we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder were ever the will of the pilot directs. So also the time a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire. And the tong is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell."

Judgment, castigation, condemnation, oppression, jealousy, anger, bitterness, strife, envy, useless, putrid, obscene language - prison is full of it! Why are you still a part of it? Just because you're in the same place doesn't mean you have to be in the same position as those around you! Rise up and get away from the madness! Yes, our flesh is stuck here in this dung pile, but our spirit is what I'm talking about! Let your spirit rise within you! Let your spirit do the talking! Let your spirit do the walking! If you're not, then perhaps you need to go back and check your foundation. Maybe you're missing the cornerstone. The most significant part. Does a spring from the same opening pour forth both fresh and salt water? Can a fig tree bear olives? Are you so carnal that no one in their right mind would consider asking you for spiritual insight? Are you so religiously high-minded that you're no earthly good? (Pause calmly and think on that)

Listen my friends, "Whoever hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock" (not founded on "this might get me parole", or "this will keep me away from trouble in here" or "this will give me a disposition in the church and I can show people just how intelligent I am.") "And everyone who hears these words and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it." Recently, some of those exposed have publicly apologized, renounce their behavior, see the error of their ways, so to speak, and submitted to the chastisement of the Lord. Some haven't changed at all, still manipulating things, but woe unto them, says the Lord.

Build on the foundation of Jesus Christ! "Let each one take care how he builds on it. If anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, - each "one's" work will become manifest for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done." (I Corinthians 3:10b, 12, 13) Our works are compared to these materials here - some become more pure in the fire and others are completely burned up by fire. Fire will try every man's works. If yours are gold, silver or precious stones, they will stand the testing of the fire and you will receive a reward for your works. If your works are wood, hay or straw, they will be burned up, yet he himself will be saved from loss of his soul, but saved by fire. Ouch! Didn't mom always tell us not to play with fire or we'd get burned? And yet we're willing to say we're servants of God - but only if we get served first, willing to teach and preach in front of the crowd as long as they save us the special seat in the front row. Really? Willing to sing in the choir and be a master manipulator or struggle with fleshly desires? Do we think no one knows? So.... Are we really doing what we do out of a pure heart or are we still trying to steal God's glory? Get Lucifer out of your life! He too, was a reflection of the glory of God, and yet he started looking at himself a bit too much, thinking it was all about him. I Corinthians 10:31 says, ".... Whatever you do, do it ALL for the glory of God."

One day Jesus is going to give those that persevere through prison and temptation a crown of life (James 1:12, Revelation 2:10). He's also going to give us a crown of righteousness in II Timothy 4:8 "Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but to all who have loved His appearing." This crown is laid up for all who proved true, but possessed of none until the time of reward.

Well, my friend, I don't know about you, but when Jesus gives us our crown, first of all, I don't want it to be a Burger-King paper crown. I want it to be beautiful, gold and platinum and all the finest jewels of heaven, because I'm going to humbly bow before Him and take the crown and lay it at His feet and with total humility say, "no, Jesus, this isn't for me....this is for You. Everything I was allowed to do was because You let me and I did it all for You, because You did everything for me." And I'm going to fall at His feet and worship the one who gave me the gift of eternal life, there at the foot of the throne of God. Blessed Be His Name Forever and Ever! ALL GLORY, ALL HONOR, ALL POWER, ALL DOMINION belongs to our God! He is worthy! He is worthy!

Men, start working on the little things that each of us keep making an excuse for. For without holiness, no man will see the Lord! (Hebrews 12:14) start doing what God has told you to do. There are 777 good things that you could do for God, but if you're not doing what He told you, the 778th thing, you're missing the mark and sin is missing the mark. Be about the Father's agenda and watch the anointing come over you to do that which He has asked. Can you imagine with me what would happen on your unit if we all began to walk in our callings and anointings? The presence of God in and around us and through us would begin to turn everything around. Don't wait man of God. Keep praying that God will expose and remove any obstacles to His Spirit moving in power. He's fighting for us, believing that we'll get it right and stop believing the lies of the enemy.

Let Him have you! Let Him use you!

I hope to see you in the middle of the work of the Lord and one day in the not-so-distant future, let me check out your crowns.

I'm always praying for you.

Chief

If you want to know more about CHIEF Ministries or would like to be a part of this, please go to www.chiefministries.com and www.chiefshouse.org

Christ's Heart In Every Felon