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GOD CAN STILL MAKE YOUR LIFE GOOD

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“Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit.” (Matthew 12:33 KJV)

When you look at the topography of the world today, all you see is gloom and doom on all fronts. The situation is getting worse as the recent inflation is doing so much damage on every corner around the globe that you can hardly miss the effect on every family. The climate situation is out of order, and there is a massive food shortage. The political climate around the world is terrifying, and social unrest is going on in different places across the world in response to civil turmoil. All of these can be described in the metaphor of a tree that is damaged and corrupt!

This metaphor can also be extended to the health sector; the health of many people is getting worse as different strains of newly discovered diseases ravage the planet. People are dying from more diseases than there were ten years ago, and a solution to all of these remains scarce. COVID-19 seems like a clarion call for the world to prepare for the worst because there is a devil on the loose! The metaphor continues even in the job market; companies are firing their employees in record numbers. You might be employed in the morning and be jobless by the end of the day. Some need two to three jobs to make ends meet. Damaged and corrupt tree!

If you look at human relationships, we see the same metaphor playing out. In more ways than one, human relationships are heading in a direction that contradicts God's law. People want to do whatever makes them feel good in the name of freedom; as such, immorality is on the rise. We now seem to be more comfortable with behaviors that, ordinarily, should bother us. More children are born out of wedlock and the home front is under tremendous attack. Kids are no longer as disciplined as those of the generation before, and they are being subjected to more abuses than ever before. Everywhere you look, there is an image of a damaged and corrupt tree!

Beloved, I can go on talking about the various expressions of damage and corruption in our world today but we need to talk about the solution, too. No, we are not hopeless; there is a solution and it is found in the Scripture:

“Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit.” (Matthew 12:33)

The only one who can make this tree good is God. He's got His people living on this planet who are able to thrive in spite of all the horrible things going on. They have been purchased by the blood of Jesus and their tree—metaphorically speaking—has been cleansed and they are now bearing good and productive fruits all the time! Is your life where you want it? If your answer is 'NO', then you need to do what these people of God have done. They have surrendered their lives to the lordship of Jesus; they are born again. To belong, you can repeat this after me: ***“Lord Jesus, come into my life. I confess and forsake my sins today and I accept and confess You as my Lord and Savior. I believe you died and rose from the dead, and I yield total control of my life to you from today onward, and forever. Amen.”*** If you have just said this prayer, let me be the first to welcome you into the Kingdom of God.

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God is ever faithful; His mercy over us is unspeakable. He's a loving father who wants the best for His utmost possession on the planet: humankind. God rules and reigns in Majesty; He deemed us fit as a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and a peculiar people. What a life of glory and honor! He has called and separated us for Himself. Most importantly, Jesus has gone before us to prepare a place for us so that, eventually, we can be with Him, dwelling in heavenly homes and mansions, walking the streets of gold. Just the thought of this glorious future awaiting God's people alone shows that God did not only plan a life of glory and honor for us here, but also in the

afterlife.

That said, one of the quickest things to change the trajectory of our lives is our tongue. My friend, it is your confession that brings you and me into the wonderful lifestyle God has planned for His people. By confessing Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we are brought out of the miry clay and our feet are set on the solid rock, enjoying these eternal blessings with God. In like manner, our confession can rob us of this beautiful life of glory and honor. Hence, Solomon's submission:

“A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; And with the increase of his lips shall he be filled. Death and life are in the power of the tongue: And they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.”
(Proverbs 18:20-21)

In other words, a person's life shall be decorated by the fruit of his or her mouth. You can control your destiny—the life of glory and honor that God has endowed you with—by how you use your tongue. You can fill your life or deplete your inventory by the way you use your lips. Your tongue is the rudder of your life's ship; the power of life and death is in the tongue. You can kill yourself daily or increase your assets daily by the words you say.

Let's look at one more scripture in Proverbs:

“He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: But he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.” (Proverbs 13:3)

The scripture above gives an insight into how to preserve the life of glory and honor that God has endowed us with. It is simply by keeping our mouth whole—not for just one moment but always! We must continually practice self control with our mouth if we want to experience true flourishing. If you like to talk a lot, you might be exposing yourself to a lot of danger. Please be wise and consistent in saying positive things about yourself and others; the life you desire is all within your reach by the power of your action and confession. You will reach the top very soon in Jesus' name.

ANCHOR TEXT

Our life of glory and honor is non-negotiable with God. God even swore by Himself that He will bless us without measure; our status is unquestionably great! We can see in our DNA the divine greatness—the life of glory and honor which God has destined us for. He called Abraham and blessed him; Isaac was also blessed, and Jacob was not left out. Likewise, to us as the children of His promise, God outdid Himself through Jesus' sacrifice for our sins. Even the sons of the bondwoman were blessed by God beyond measure—how much more His children of promise! This speaks volumes about God's intention to make us great. However, we have the power to destroy all of this through our actions.

The story of David is a case-in-point; at a season in his life, he was in all kinds of trouble but God delivered him from them all and made him the king instead of Saul. However, he almost blew it all on one fateful evening. Let's look at the story as recorded in 2 Samuel,

“And it came to pass, after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth to battle, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried still at Jerusalem. And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon.” (2 Samuel 11:1-2)

At the time when kings went to war, David decided to sleep in. By doing this, he got into some significant trouble. He went for a stroll on the top of the house and saw a naked woman and he sent for her. The rest was history. His life took a turn for the worse and many terrible things happened to him as a result. May we not use our hands to derail God's agenda for our lives.

Hence our foundational text is found in Psalm 8:5,

***“For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels,
And hast crowned him with glory and honour.”
(Psalm 8:5 KJV)***

I pray that when you are supposed to be focused on building your life, may God help you to shun every distraction in Jesus' name. Amen.

WHY ARE THE GLORY AND HONOR FADED?

So far, we have considered twelve reasons:

1. SIN
2. STRANGE FIRE: THE CASE STUDY OF NADAB AND ABIHU
3. THE EFFECT OF TERRITORIAL POWER
4. THE PRESENCE OF STRONGHOLDS IN A FAMILY AND A NATION
5. WRONG DECREES THAT CAN KILL YOUR DESTINY
6. COMMITTING A GRAVE MISTAKE
7. UNFORGIVENESS
8. THE EFFECT OF SPIRITUAL ATTACK
9. OUR INABILITY TO KEEP SECRETS
10. LACK OF ACCESS—SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL BARRICADE
11. WHEN YOUR NAME IS LEFT OUT OF THE LIST
12. REFUSING TO PART WITH 'LOT'

Let's continue from there today.

13. THE POWER OF GREED

***“Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished: But he
that gathereth by labour shall increase.” (Proverbs 13:11 KJV)***

Greed is a very distasteful evil capable of ruining people's life very subtly. It develops over time and is hidden from others until its stink could no longer stay hidden. The Bible contains many stories of people whose life took a negative turn because of greed; let us look at some of them:

1. Judas

“Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.” (Matthew 27:3-5 KJV)

He was one of Jesus' disciples who was trusted enough to be put in charge of the ministry's purse but greed compromised his life of glory and honor. It was short-circuited and he hung himself.

2. Demas

“Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me: for Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.” (2 Timothy 4:9-10) KJV

He was one of the most trusted assistants of the sage, Apostle Paul, but he left and sought after the world. **“He loved this present world...”** How many people have destroyed their life of glory and honor because of this present world?

3. Achan

“and he brought his household man by man; and Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken. And Joshua said unto Achan, My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the LORD God of Israel, and make confession unto him; and tell me now what thou hast done; hide it not from me. And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done: When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it.” (Joshua 7:18-21) KJV

Achan saw amongst the spoils the goodly Babylonish garment and some materialistic things. He coveted them, took them, and brought untimely death to his entire lineage.

Greed can cut short one's life of glory and honor; let us beware.

CALL TO ACTION

Is the 'tree' of your life bad and corrupt?
Are you happy with the fruit you are bearing?
Is your life in perfect order?
Is your tongue whole?
Are you saying positive things about yourself?
Or, are you killing yourself daily?
Are you a lazy person?
Are you greedy?

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: “BEWARE OF COVETOUSNESS”

“And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.” (Luke 12:15) KJV

We need to build our guard and become sensitive to GREED AND COVETOUSNESS as it can derail the plan and purpose of God in our lives. Shalom.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Father, give me the grace to tame my tongue and speak only positive words of blessings concerning my life and destiny in the name of Jesus.
2. Lord, deliver me completely from the power of greed in the name of Jesus.

PS: Remember to reach out or pray for ten souls to be added to the Kingdom of God in your area. God bless you as you do so. Amen.