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Power of the Enemy - Visible in Good Intentions

Many sincere Christians have forgotten their original commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior; to give Him First Place Control over body, soul and spirit, to love Him with all our heart and mind, to share His salvation message with sinners, and to obey His word all day every day until He comes for us.

The overriding teaching about pleasing God begins in Genesis three in the Garden of Eden. God gave us free will demanding that we make choices. God has never lifted that responsibility from us. Every believer chose to repent of sin, asking for forgiveness and salvation thus yielding all of life to Jesus as Lord. Yet Satan continues to destroy the faith of some.

Could our deeper problem be that we don't understand or don't believe that Holy God cannot and will not tolerate sinners in His eternal presence? We still don't grasp the seriousness of totally committing to Jesus as Lord? In the parable of the sower Jesus illustrates how equal opportunity offered by Him is destroyed by Satan's probing suggestions, (Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23).

The devil appears as an angel of light (II Corinthians 11:13-15). He infiltrates congregations of believers, encouraging their good intentions by suggesting that they fight for their Christian "rights," such as the name above the door, the order of worship, type of worship, qualifications of officers, and anything else that sets them apart from other religious groups. Our enemy also encourages that fighting for our religious rights must be done in the name of Jesus as we Christians go through our weekly routine.

See the subtly of Satan; we focus on "our rights" and forget to apply the love and compassion of Jesus to those who oppose us and to strangers whose souls might be lost. In our daily struggles our focus is on our rights as Christians, and the devil laughs all the way to the bank.

Holy God shows His great love toward us by recognizing our good intentions and by emphasizing how we have failed to walk with Him, (Romans 10:1-4). He helps us understand that He is holy and that to walk with Him we must choose holiness. He demands that we choose between obedience to His Word and rebelling against His Word. Revelation 2:1-7, helps us understand this real problem.

My paraphrase of Revelation 2:1-7: Jesus says to the church at Ephesus, I know everything about you and I love your religious work ethic.

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But most important, you've chosen to turn your back on Me. Your choice destroys the value of all your religious work, (I Corinthians 3:10-15; 13:1-3).

Therefore rethink who you are. Remember Me, your First Love whom you've rejected. Repent and come back to Me and live and work as you did when you first confessed your sins and chose to accept My offer of salvation.

You have this choice; if you refuse to repent, I am coming to remove My church from Ephesus. Yet you have made one good choice; you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans which I also hate.

So listen to Me. Choose to repent. Turn back to Me and I will give to you access to eat from the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God.

Reflecting on the letter to Ephesus, note that it is addressed to the congregation; everyone is responsible before God as He speaks to His church. The strong emphasis on personal responsibility comes in the words, "To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree which is in the Paradise of God." Think about that promise. Eternity in God's presence is reserved for those who choose to yield all of life to His care and to rely solely on His leading in this life.

We should cherish the understanding that Jesus is our Answer to all our needs, and that the world with its rebellious glitter and false religions does not offer Eternal life in His presence.

We sing with much enthusiasm, "Where He leads me I will follow, every day." I imagine the Ephesians did also. We sing as if totally committed to Jesus, probably as the Ephesians did. We need the call to repentance that comes in the great love of God, even as the Ephesians were called.

Our eternal safety rests in our First Love. Therefore, we must recommit ourselves, body, soul and spirit into the loving arms of Jesus, seeking His rest (Matthew 11:28-30).

Because God requires total commitment to Himself. No exceptions!

Even so, come Lord Jesus. Amen.

Buford Smith

Letter from Africa

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ. I have been listening to your program for a long time, which has enabled me to receive salvation, and strengthen my faith.

It's a pleasure to listen to direct truth about the prophecies of God being taught in these. I thank God that you preach it without hiding any truth.

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Letters from Africa

Indeed God has bless you to bless we Liberians with your message. It has made a great impact on my life and am happy too be close to God because he is my Father. Have a wonderful day, I got my salvation through you on Friday Dec 8, 2017. I believe it was you who inspire me through your broadcast Words of Life.

Faith Weah, June 10, 2018, Monrovia, Liberia

I don't know how I should thank you for this program. Your program have served as a guide for my life in this evil generation. One day a friend came up to me and told me about your program and how it has changed him greatly. He encouraged me and now I am a regular listener to "WOL" program, it has helped me a lot.

Ernest Boyd, June 2, 2018, Monrovia, Liberia

I am a regular listener to your program Words of Life. I don't even know how to thank the Lord for His goodness to me.

I was call on Thursday to attend an interview on Saturday at the International Bank Liberia (IBL). Fortunately for me, it went well and I was told to start work Monday. Glory to God for His faithfulness toward me.

Lowring Korl, June 17, 2018, Monrovia, Liberia

I thank you for your good works in bringing us this program "Words of Life" on radio Africa each week.

I am so thankful for your inspirational messages which is doing very much for some lost souls to come to Christ.

Thank you and God bless you.

Alex Adjei Akpor, May 18, 2018, Teshie—Nungua Fst, Accra, Ghana

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Please send me a Holy Bible and Christian literature and DVD of the sermon and any useful books.

I hope to hear from you soon. May God bless you always.

Uche Ogar, Okutipupa, Ondo State, Nigeria

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