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Do what you know and DO IT ON PURPOSE!

Remember revival starts with You!

Now is God's Time

It's Your Choice!

Fear Not!

No Going Back!

It is time for the body of Christ and the individual Christian to rise up and take their place in God. We are in a war for souls, a war of restoration and a war for revival. Time is of the essence, it is running out! It is very important that we put forth a new; whole hearted, jump in, sold out, radical move to God. In order for God's plan to be accomplished in these last days, we must combat any force that would cause us to sit back, relax, and become complacent or apathetic. The time for us to move is now. God has a call, a job, a task for each of us. God has waited on us long enough. It is time to stop the influence of the enemy in our lives by standing up and breaking out of our comfortable, non-action, indifferent lifestyles.

How do we do that, you ask? It begins with a choice, a decision to change from our complacent and apathetic ways. Standing up and saying, "no more will we remain in the same condition, being a non-impact person." We will choose to do what God wants, <u>doing it deliberately and on purpose</u>! If we continue to do the same things we have been doing expecting a change, it is insanity. What you are willing to tolerate, you will never change. Choosing to "do it on purpose", will require that we deal with the following hindrances.

Fear of man, will cause us to shrink back, rather than pressing forward with determination. This results in making us, become non-active and hesitant to obey God. Why is this? We want man's approval and recognition rather than God's. We become intimidated and are afraid to stand up, or speak out what God has said to us. "The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe". (Prov.29:25) We must "on purpose" choose to obey God (trust Him) over the opinions of man. Even if we have to stand alone. God will deliver us from this snare (trap) and set us free. If you hear nothing else in this newsletter hear this, people cannot heal you, people are not your savior, people are not your deliverer, Jesus is! We must treat people with kindness, mercy and we are commanded to love them, but people are not God and do not have the final say in our lives. This is where our "on purpose action," our determination must take over, causing us to do what God said. Our obedience will greatly increase our relationship with God. Our decision to obey God must be made on purpose and it must be irrevocable.

If you are not doing all you know to do, it is rooted in pride. It brings rebellion, stubbornness, and doing it our way on the scene. We enter into doing things by feelings, instead of faith. God said we cannot please Him without faith, (Heb. 11:6) He also said the just shall live by faith. (Rom 1:17) The word pride has an interesting revelation. The center of the word is the letter "I". Sort of self explanatory isn't it?

Deut. 30:19 gives us a very simple scriptural basis for all of our choices or decisions. It says, "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and they seed my live:" God gives us a choice and then tells us the best choice to make, affecting not only us but our children. The word "choose" carries with it an underlying condition of permanence. No regrets, no changing our minds, no backing up or out.

What a difference there would be in our lives, our families, our churches, and our towns if we would do what we know to do. If we have been saved very long our houses are full of tapes, books, videos, reference material, and Bibles. Most of us have been taught the Word of God and should be full and overflowing, putting into action what we have been learned. I attended a meeting some time ago where a well-known prophet was to speak. Of course, everyone was anxiously awaiting the profound, life changing Word of the Lord. To everyone's surprise he spoke a good message and gave the following "Word of the Lord" to the assemblage. I quote, "Read your Bible, Say your prayers, and be Good!" At first everyone seemed disappointed, but when we stopped and listened to what he said, it is simply profound!

Doing what we know to do with determination, brings about much change in our world.

Being Accountable

Doing all we know to do makes us accountable to God and one another. If we have not been doing all we know to do, then we cannot blame anyone or anything, for our circumstances. If we do not pray, we cannot murmur and complain that prayer does not work. God has told us clearly in His Word what happens when we pray. The same principle applies to everything in the Word of God. We have to take God at His Word, doing all we know to do, with all of our heart, and with the intensity that our lives depend on it, for they do.

REPENT

The number one thing we need to do is <u>repent</u>. Ask God to forgive our sin of, "not doing what we know to do." Repent of being lazy, apathetic, or complacent which is lukewarmness. Revelation the 3rd chapter the 15,16 verses says that if we are lukewarm God will spue us out of His mouth. This is a very strong warning, but gives us plainly the result of not doing what we know to do. Perhaps the Holy Spirit has spoken to you something else as you have been reading, just repent and put it under the blood. God will forgive you and cleanse you from all unrighteousness. (I John 1:9) <u>Do not linger on the past sins</u>, they are gone and God has forgotten them. Put the past behind you and press forward. (Phil. 4:13,14)

Study

Next, look up scriptures which deal with any area of repentance and stand on the promises of the Word. Let these scriptures become part of you by meditating on them and letting them renew your mind. This will build your faith and help you stand against the attacks which come to cause lukewarm, complacent activity. Rom. 10:17 says "Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God." Keep the Word before you to bring strength to your faith.

Watch what you allow yourself to hear and see. The external influences will water down, and even stop the growing of your faith. We cannot allow things that go against God, to become part of our lives.

PRAY in the Spirit

Pray strongly in the Holy Spirit. This will cause you to be built up in your spirit by the Holy Ghost. (Jude 20) We really should pray more in the Spirit than we do in our natural language. The Holy Spirit knows how to pray when we do not. (Rom. 8:26)

As you do all these things "on purpose" be careful not to negate or stop your progress in God by speaking out of your mouth doubt, fear, murmuring, complaining, etc. God wants us to do everything in Him with zeal, determination, and with our whole hearts. We cannot allow the words of OUR MOUTH to stop our forward motion. Watch your words and watch them "on purpose".

I know by the power of the Holy Spirit that you do not want laziness, complacency, apathy or lukewarmness in your life. With all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength let's make our choices, our decisions and begin to do all we know to do, **and do it on purpose.**

Pray this NOW!

So I choose this moment to agree with you in this prayer.

"Father, no longer will the spirit of fear control me for I bind and break its power over my life in the name of Jesus. I take authority over the laziness, complacency, and apathy in my life and I loose myself from all of its effects. I break off and come against every assignment of the enemy and proclaim that I will, right now, STAND UP and be what you say I am. I will do great exploits in Your name. I will no longer be a slave to the dictates of satan or the control and intimidation of people around me. But I will go forth into all the world preaching the gospel to every creature, I will lay hands on the sick and they shall recover, I will cast out demons, speak with new tongues, and God you will confirm the word with signs and wonders following. I proclaim by the power of the name of Jesus that no power on this earth will stop or hinder any longer revival in my life or the lives of everyone around me. I declare it true and done, in the name of Jesus, Amen".