

MATTERS OF THE HEART-2

ARE YOU STILL MISSING, THAT IS A MISSING BODY (OF CHRIST) PART?

Is there a church that is suffering because you are still out of place? Are there activities that are on hold because you have not shown up in your God assigned place? Please take note, you are so important to God and to His plan for the earth. A plan that you have a major part in and a plan that will bring full bore into your life peace, joy and fulfillment like you have never known before. There is nothing in this world that can bring the heart condition of fulfillment like God can. When we get in our place, get in our church, get in God's plan, then and only then will the life of God truly begin to manifest for us and for those around us.

Now concerning the second part of "Matters of the Heart" we want to address something we believe will help you, IF you have found yourself, a missing body part, or you just have had little no interest in God or the things of God, then this letter is for you.

Before we continue lets pray, ***Father I ask you in the name of Jesus to anoint the person reading this newsletter right now. Open their spiritual eyes, and ears to hear the Word of God and to embrace what you have to say. I speak hope, peace, love and joy into them right now. I take authority over their broken heart and we ask the Holy Spirit to heal every wound and hurt. I take authority over the devils plan to keep them in bondage to a broken heart and I break his influence. In Jesus name be healed and be made whole as you read these words. Amen.***

Proverbs 17:12 says, *"Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but when the desire is fulfilled, it is a tree of life."* Without hope all our energy, our initiative, our fire, our zeal and our passion seems to just disappear. But when HOPE is alive in our hearts, life will zing, life will buzz, life is wonderful. Even when things happen and we encounter difficult situations, these things will not break our spirit and cause, hopelessness.

In Prov. 18:14 says, *"The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear?"* A broken heart or spirit will deplete each of us of the life flow of God. It will cause us to become cold, bitter, and most miserable. In "Matters of the Heart 2" we want to focus on the broken hearted, those of you which have little or no hope.

Allowing situations, people or anything to become more important than God or God's Word initiates a change in our heart condition. We begin to enter into hopelessness; we experience a major drop in faith and trust in God and an all around life in the pits. No motivation, no desire to do anything much, especially God stuff. Yes bad things happen even to good people, but we do not have to let these things become a matter, which causes heart damage. Prov. 4:23 says, *"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it [are] the issues (or forces) of life."* Instead of hope, peace, joy, happiness, truth, our hearts become full of the many disappointments we have experienced. We begin to become discouraged, and disillusionment and disinterest sets in. Things creep in over time, they don't just burst in all at once. Coming face to face with disappointment time after time can leave a

terrible mark if not dealt with in the power of God. They move us down a progressive pathway to a miserable and depressed lifestyle. But God is our victory, He set us free and whom the son sets free is free indeed.

A broken or wounded heart can easily cause us to drift or depart from God. Doubt and unbelief are found where faith and trust did abound. Heb. 3:12 says it this way, "*Take heed brethren, lest there be found in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.*" Take heed, pay attention, and do not let this happen. Before Jesus left this earth He told His disciples from John 14:1, "*Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me.*" Believe, believe, Jesus was commanding them not to be troubled, fearful, unsure, discouraged, or any such thing. This was not a suggestion, but a commandment. Too many people look at the Bible as a book of options not as absolutes. It is God's Word and His will for each of us.

It takes SUPER natural strength to keep on keeping on. Nehemiah 8:10 says, "*The joy of the Lord is my strength*" We draw strength to overcome all disappointments and dis-couragement from our Lord and Savior.

We must recognize that each of these instances of dis-appointment etc. is a seed. If we allow these seeds to remain and do not address them they will grow up and produce hopelessness in our lives. Letting situations, people's words, the devil's lies speak into our lives causes a downhill spiral into doubt and unbelief. Another major effect of hopelessness aside from doubt and unbelief is we can become prideful and unteachable. We stop fighting and we stop doing what we know to do in the Lord. We just give up and lay down. This is not what God desires for us. By not staying in faith, believing that God is in control and that God is handling our every situation is a dangerous place to be in. It opens doors to the enemy that should remain closed.

These symptoms of disappointment, discouragement, disillusionment, are tools of the devil to kill, steal and destroy all of God in and through us. But praise God we have the power within us to overcome every attack of disappointment, every action that tries to press us down, and cause us to become defeated. God has never left us or forsaken us. Our heart condition is not the exception; our disappointments did not go unnoticed by God. Our responsibility is to remain willing and obedient to all that He asks, and to stay in faith and trust at all times. God wants our hearts to be full of Him and our love for Him. Not burdened down with destructive attributes of pain, wounds and such things.

Look at these few scriptures about the condition of our hearts. Draw from the inherent power that is resident in the Word to deliver and set you free from your broken beat down heart. Let the Word draw you back into that place of faith you once were in, let your trust in God soar into the heavenlies. Prov 15:15 says, '..... He that is of a merry heart has a continual feast.'" Prov.17:22 states, "*A merry heart does good like a medicine . . .*", again in Psa. 147:3, God declares, "*He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.*"

In closing we pray over you God's word in Psa. 31:24, "as a matter of your heart, Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all ye that HOPE in the Lord." Amen!