

MATTERS OF THE HEART

Greetings to everyone. It has been awhile since our last newsletter mailing and is good to write to each of you again. We praise God that He is faithful and we are still going strong, standing in faith and continuing to believe for revival for the Longwood and central Florida areas. We pray revival is happening in your life and in your church.

I have tried several times to sit down and write this, but to no avail. So now is the time to release this word into the body of Christ, and specifically into YOUR life and ministry to the Lord.

We begin with Proverbs 4:23, "Keep (guard) your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life". In other words what we allow into our life if left unchecked, will take root and produce fruit. If left unchecked will build, "strongholds" that become "ISSUES" that we live with, deal with and effect our daily lives. What kind of fruit are you producing? Is it good fruit, or is it bad fruit? We can dress up real nice, look real good, even smell good, on the outside, but inwardly issues will effect our relationship with God and with each other. We can deny it, justify it; but God knows our hearts, He knows it is there and it is time to deal with these issues and walk in the freedom Christ paid for with His life.

The hour is late, it is time to quit playing with the Christian life, quit playing church, and be the real you. The **you**, that God created, the **you**, that God has a special plan for, the **you**, that will only be complete and fulfilled when **you** totally surrender ALL to Jesus.

We being the body of Christ (I Corinthians 12:14-27) are many members; each one having a specific function and calling. In order to be complete we must all find our place and function in the local church.

One night at our intercessory prayer meeting, the Holy Spirit instructed us to begin to call in the "Missing body Parts"; all are necessary to My work. It is like driving an eight-cylinder car running only on four cylinders. Your forward motion will be very slow and your time to destination very long.

As an example the body of Christ is compared to our natural body. Some of us may be arms, some legs, some fingers, some toes, but each part, each piece of our body is important. Stub your little toe and see how important it becomes. God desires to set each one of us into a local body, and set each one of us into an assigned job in the body. When YOU are missing, your task, your contribution, your giftings, your anointing is missing. The body and the calling of that body is hindered, lessened, and weakened in its effectiveness. Your strength might be my weakness, my strength your weakness. Together we make a whole.

Absenteeism is damaging to the overall condition of the body. Missing body parts cause weak places where the devil gains opportunity to slip right in and play havoc with our churches or with each of us. We need one another, especially now in this season, in this time. God needs each of us in place so His plan, His purpose can come about. "BODY PARTS ARE MISSING". Are you a missing body part?

Have you stayed out of church, run from your calling, run from the fellowship God ordained in the body, then get connected. If you have been wounded by the church, its members, or its leaders, it is time to get over it and get on with the call of God. The only person suffering with these issues is you. Is not it time to move on, move up and get on with your life in God. The cost is too great to remain in a state of separation or isolation from the body of Christ. Be assured God loves you, we love you, the body loves you. Jump into Jesus with all your heart soul and strength. Our prayer is for the body of Christ stand up whole and complete with no part missing in order to bring in the last days harvest.

Matters of the heart will continue next month.

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