

I LIVED FOR YOU

Ladi A. Davies

“Ask the people of the land and the priests, ‘When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh months for the past seventy years, was it really for Me that you fasted? And when you were eating and drinking, were you not just feasting for yourselves? (Zechariah 7:5-6)”

What convicting words these should have been to the people and priests of the LORD, who sacrificed *much* in a supposed devotion to the Almighty. After all, they had spent much time “mourning” and “fasting” to the LORD over their captivity in Babylon (seventy years!), which continued into the time of the Medo-Persian Empire. Yet the LORD was not impressed or moved by their sacrifices or devotion – why? Well verse 6 tells us that God saw them as doing it all *for themselves*.

Passages like this truly help provide me with a platform for sober reflection. This reflection is very necessary in helping to insure that the intentions of my mind and heart are about pleasing the LORD, not myself. There is always so much to do within the Kingdom while we are here on earth and we should indeed jump at any opportunity given us to serve. Yet ultimately we need to set our minds and hearts on meeting Jesus; and with that comes the admonition to be ‘pure’. Recall **Matthew 5:8**, **“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God”**. Well, the opposite is true i.e. the impure in heart, no matter how much time or effort they ‘appeared’ to have exerted here within the church will not see God. Powerful truth yet should be seen more as words of encouragement on how much the LORD LOVES us and WANTS us so dearly to be with Him in the new heavens and new earth to come!

Brothers and sisters, the day of the LORD is fast approaching; hence let us stay excited yet alert and truly strive for inward purity before our God. How does this happen? Well in addition to the daily renewal we should all be undergoing by abiding in the Word of God, I suggest the following: frequently taking some ‘time out’ from the busyness of it all (perhaps a long walk, etc.) to reflect on and soberly **examine oneself (2 Corinthians 13:5 & Galatians 6:4)**; it might be helpful to ask questions such as: Why do you enjoy serving, giving lessons, song leading, etc.? Why are you part of that ministry, committee, etc.? The great ‘why’ questions. We then need to be sincerely honest about our responses. If your sole reason is not to bring God/our Lord Jesus Christ glory, then you know you have a problem; some indeed have left the church when such roles were removed from them. Perhaps you have begun to enjoy the attention or recognition such roles afford you? Perhaps it has helped you feel important in your own eyes? And so are you becoming a legend in your own mind? Challenge yourself not to deny the truth so you can then confess ‘whatever’ is revealed before the LORD and in a small group or mentorship setting (**James 5:16**) i.e. learn to be truly transparent before God and your brothers/sisters about what the LORD is revealing to you. This will allow God to use His people to hold you accountable, advise you, etc., and provide the best recourse to prevent your heart from deceiving you in justifying yourself to yourself.

Remember God’s goal for you and I while on earth above all the service we do, is for us to be truly “sanctified” - made purer, more holy within (**1 Thessalonians 4:3**). Our seriousness about pleasing the LORD will show by how much we embrace such principals. My prayer is that if our LORD should indeed inquire of us on that great day “was it really for Me?” There’ll be no need for concern, as He’ll know that it was.

The Lord Jesus has enabled us to serve in the following capacity:

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“As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD” Joshua 24:15

FAMILY MATTERS

ATTITUDE COUNTS

Don Strittmatter

One of the most revealing passages in the Bible is in **Hebrews 4:12** where God lets us know what He will be examining when our judgment occurs. It says, **“For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart”**. God wants us to know it is not just our actions that matter, but His judgment goes to our very thoughts and attitudes that reside in and spring from our heart. Many times we settle with doing the right thing in our life but not having a good attitude about it. We justify ourselves by thinking ‘well at least I did the right thing’.... I submitted to the Lord.... but we overlook and excuse our bad attitude in doing so. This is one of those deceitful traits of our hearts that God’s Word warns us about. We wrongly comply with, “The end justifies or makes up for the means that gets us there” philosophy. This is one of those times in our walk that is a true test of whether we are allowing the Holy Spirit to change our inner selves. Through the fruit of self-control the mind of Christ is developed in us. God’s Word strongly encourages us in many passages to change our attitude. In **Ephesians 4**, we are instructed with, **21 when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. 22 You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.** This passage reminds us that God’s true righteousness and holiness is being created in us when we allow the Holy Spirit through God’s Word to teach us to have the right attitude in our mind and heart.

“And the Lord added to their number” Acts 2:47

BAPTISMS

Leah Young July, 2014
D'ona Patterson July, 2014
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“They gave themselves first to the Lord” 2 Corinthians 8:5

CONTRIBUTIONS

Time Period	Weekly Attendance (Average)	Weekly Contribution (Average)
July 2014	259	\$8,558
August 2014	259	\$8,173
September 2014	268	\$8,145
Weekly Averages for Q3	262	\$8,283

Weekly Budget: \$9,000

GENERATIONS OF FAITH

Claribel Rodriguez

By the grace of God I come from generations of faith: my grandfather was an elder of the church and my father, who used to be a deacon, was named one of the elders of his congregation when his dad passed on to life. I want to thank my grandfather and father for teaching me how to obey God and have the kind of faith that will be passed on through the generations. **Colossians 1:4 ERV** **“We thank him because we have heard about the faith you have in Christ Jesus and the love you have for all of God's people.”**

I learned a lot from my parents as they encouraged me and reprimanded me using the Bible. It was not their idea to teach me about The Word, but God taught them righteousness so that they can teach me righteousness, so that I can teach my sons righteousness; all the way through the time Jesus returns – producing faith-filled generations! I see that Pedro and I together need to do the same thing my parents did for me – for my sons, Enoch and Josiah. The Bible says in **Joel 1:3 ERV** **“You will tell these things to your children, and your children will tell their children, and your grandchildren will tell the people of the next generation.”**

My husband and I, by God's grace, will be able to stay together and help our sons have faith in Christ. But the devil might try to cause us to be led astray and be separated, but by paying attention to God's teachings we won't be easily fooled by the devil! **Romans 1:12 ERV** **“...I want us to help each other with the faith that we have. Your faith will help me, and my faith will help you.”** If we don't have faith, then the generations that come may get disconnected from God and fail their purpose. **1 Timothy 1:19 ERV** **“Continue to trust in God and do what you know is right. Some people have not done this, and their faith is now in ruins.”**

To keep the generations of faith going on, I need to make sure my children know everything my parents taught me and what I have learned from the Scriptures. I don't want to be like some who become proud and selfish, avoiding the instructions of elderly, wise, and mature Christians. These in turn teach others by bad example and go from bad to worse. You see, without Jesus it is not possible to be right with God and pass along faith. **Romans 3:22 ERV** **“God makes people right through their faith in Jesus Christ. He does this for all who believe in Christ. Everyone is the same.”**

For our single sisters: Improvise on the time you have with nothing else to do, and go out there and preach the gospel! You don't know how many generations you may be affecting when those seeds germinate!

For our married sisters: Remember to submit to your husband. It will be hard, but faith will help you understand that it is perfect. If it seems you can't do it, confess your attitude to your mentor and she will help you by prayer and wisdom.

For our mothers: Moms can get distracted with their kids, cleaning the house, serving her husband, etc. Remember to have a good attitude so that your children may see you and follow your good example.

If you make a mistake and your kids imitate it, then just confess it to them and let them know it was a mistake. Thank God we can alter our pattern and behavior to produce generations of faith!

“Good works, which God prepared beforehand” Eph. 2:10

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † Off Bible Class Dates: Oct 15th, Nov 26th, Dec 24th, Dec 31st
- † Devotional Service Dates: Oct 10th, Oct 24th, Nov 7th, Nov 21st, Dec 5th, Dec 19th
- † LICOC Suffolk Ministry Ladies Life talks: Oct 4th 11:00am -1:00pm at Jules Residence
- † City Woman’s Fellowship: Oct 18th 10am – 12pm at the Young’s Residence.
- † Men’s Order of Service Meetings: Oct 19th, Nov 16th, Dec 21st
- † Children’s Ministry Meeting: Nov 2nd at 3:45PM
- † Children’s Ministry Supervisors’ Meeting: Oct 26th at 3:45PM
- † Keep up with all church events by joining LICChurch Space! Go to www.licoc.org and click the LICChurch Space link!
- † All announcements should be submitted to David Luhrs.
- † Address/telephone changes can be sent to directory@licoc.org or posted in the Directory Group on LICChurch Space.
- † **Parking reminder** - Public Safety has issued a statement requesting that all church members and visitors **refrain** from parking on any **grass areas** beyond the parking lots surrounding the chapel. Thank you for your cooperation!

“Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel” Mark 16:15

MISSION WORK

- † Apologetics Press.....International
- † We Care Ministries.....West Monroe, Louisiana
- † Ron Clayton.....India
- † Queens & Long Island Harvest Campaigns.....Central Islip, NY
- † Hope of Life, Orphans, Lifeline Int’l (providing orphan rescue, adoption assistance, and children’s homes)...International
- † Healing Hands Disaster ReliefInternational

“Watch your life and doctrine closely” 1 Timothy 4:16

BIBLE CLASSES

Long Island Ministry

Wednesdays 7:30pm-8:30pm
Arthur Shlesinger (631) 293-0632
New York Institute of Technology Chapel
Carleton Avenue
Central Islip, N.Y.

City Ministry

Wednesdays 7:30pm-8:30pm
Pedro Gelabert (347) 732-2101
St Luke’s Baptist Church Laurelton Sr Center
133-21 232nd Street
Jamaica, NY 11413

College Ministry

Thursdays 7:20pm-8:20pm
Ladi Davies (631) 413-5863
SAC Room 308 at Stony Brook University
100 Nicolls Road
Stony Brook, NY 11790

Spanish Ministry

Tuesdays 7:30pm-8:30pm
Charlie Gómez (631) 772-2889
New York Institute of Technology Chapel
Carleton Avenue
Central Islip, N.Y.

Sunday Bible Classes

Grades 2-12 and Adults
Sundays 12:30pm-1:15pm
Pedro Gelabert, Robert Young
New York Institute of Technology Chapel
Carleton Avenue
Central Islip, N.Y.