

EXPERIENCING the POWER of “ONE ACCORD”

“...they lifted up their voice to God with one accord...And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.” Acts 4:24, 31-33 (KJV)



This Week’s Thought – July 3, 2016

“Whoever corrects a mocker invites insult; whoever rebukes a wicked man incurs abuse.”
Proverbs 9:7 (NIV)

We all have a limited amount of time and energy. Wisdom says to spend them both on productive people, not destructive ones. Verbal sparring with those who are arrogant or smug, only invites insult. It is better to ignore their venomous venting than try to reason with them. Do your best, stay focused on the task, and trust your character and reputation with the giver of reputations—your Savior Jesus.

Mockers/Agitators look to stir up things in the moment. They have no long-term solutions; so avoid their cynical, crazy cycle. A mocker’s mind is already made up; he/she will not change regardless of wise rationale. There are those who return evil for good; so do not go there, or you may end up in despair. Jesus says the caustic cynic is full of pride.

“Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if a blind man guides a blind man, both will fall into a pit.” Matthew 15:14 (NASB)

So, what about a family member who seems to be hurtling down a path of destruction? Specifically, you may have a teenager or adult child whose entire focus is friends and freedom. They seem to have rejected all common sense and Christ-like influences. First and foremost, focus on their heart with love and acceptance. If you battle over the external, it will be messy and costly. However, if they change from the inside out, the transformation will be more peaceful, serene and enduring.

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Maybe ask them to pray to see what the Lord thinks about their decisions, and choice of friends. Direct them back to Scripture, but above all, you pursue a peaceful and patient attitude in prayer. Our most significant battles are spiritual; they are won or lost on our knees. The Holy Spirit will lead you when to speak; what to say, and when to remain silent. **Everyone wins when you value the relationship over winning the argument.**

“Do not rebuke a mocker or he will hate you; rebuke a wise man and he will love you.” Proverbs 9:8 (NIV)

Words from the Master during your time of reflection this week: “I am calling you to a life of constant communion with Me. Talk with Me about every aspect of your day, including your feelings. Remember that your ultimate goal is not to control or fix everything around you; it is to keep communing with Me. Do not let your to-do list (written or mental), or all those you might interact with throughout your day, become idols directing your life. Instead, ask My Spirit to guide you moment by moment as you gain deeper intimacy with Me.” (1 Thessalonians 5:17; Proverbs 3:6; Galatians 5:25)

“And then God answered: “Write this. Write what you see. Write it out in big block letters so that it can be read on the run. This vision-message is a witness pointing to what’s coming. It aches for the coming—it can hardly wait! And it doesn’t lie. If it seems slow in coming, wait. It’s on its way. It will come right on time.” Habakkuk 2:2-3 (MSG)

Yours in Christ, Pastor King