

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 10, 2016

“This is what the Lord says: Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed.” Isaiah 56:1 (NIV)

Always choose to do the ‘right thing’; because you can’t go wrong by doing ‘what’s right’. The right choice may not be the easiest choice, but it will result in what’s best. It is tempting to bypass what’s right for what’s convenient or expedient; however, convenience and expedience can get you into trouble if they become an excuse for not doing the ‘right thing’. The right thing may ruffle some feathers and cause you short-term suffering. Some people may reject you for doing what’s right. Some people may avoid you because your right choices are a reminder of their wrong ones. When you choose to do the right thing, you eliminate other unseemly options. This protects you from a series of unwise associations, relationships and/or afflictions. If you choose to hang out with those who have no spiritual aspirations, then you will find yourself indifferent to the things of God.

If your most influential relationship is bored with God, then boredom will seduce you over time as well. Investing in unhealthy relationships is not the ‘right thing’ to do. Your parents and/or your true friends may have warned you not to go down this road of personal and/or relational recklessness. You can still do the right thing by breaking off the association, affiliation or relationship; and seeking God for His best. His best is a hundred times better than settling for someone who or something that makes you “feel alive,” yet has no firm foundation of faith. Be careful with what or whom you entrust your emotions. Your affections are not to be given away indiscriminately. The ‘right thing’ is to first set your affections above, where Christ sits at the right hand of God (Colossians 3:1-2). Then trust Him as you dispense your desires to those who are worthy and have your best interests in mind.

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Doing the ‘right thing’ is a matter of trust. Can God be trusted with the results of your right decisions? Yes. However, you’re on your own when you dismiss the wise counsel of those who really care. If you choose to settle for something less than BEST, then your outcomes will erode. To choose what’s “good” over what’s “best” is not the right course of action. God can be trusted with what happens when you break off a less-than-best association, affiliation or relationship. He has someone or something better in mind that will lift you up spiritually, and not drag you down.

So do the ‘right thing’, and trust God with the results. It may very well cost you time and money; but what value can you place on living free of regret? If it is a financial obligation, then take the high road and do what is more expensive, even though not expedient. Others may pressure you to not do the ‘right thing’ because their definition of right and wrong is diluted. So seek God’s definition of what’s right. Do not be intimidated by others who are uncomfortable with your right choices. Choose right and trust God. Moreover, keep your attitude free from arrogance. Your right choices do not make you spiritually superior.

Do the ‘right thing’ because it’s the ‘right thing to do’. And do it with an attitude of humility, grace, and patience. You can’t go wrong doing what’s right.

Words from the Master during your time of reflection this week: “Draw near to Me with a thankful heart, aware that your cup is overflowing with blessings. Gratitude enables you to perceive Me more clearly and to rejoice in our Love-relationship. Nothing can separate you from My loving Presence! That is the basis of your security. Whenever you start to feel anxious, remind yourself that your security rests in Me alone, because I am totally trustworthy. You will never be in control of your life circumstances, but you can relax and trust in Me. I am always doing something new within My beloved ones. Be on the lookout for all that I have prepared for you.” (Romans 8:38-39; Psalm 56:3-4; Isaiah 43:19)

“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