

Mt. Lebanon Church / Big Isaac Community Church

Teaching Ministry

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Below please find my sharable thoughts, so please allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you that he would have you to see through the study of God's word to share.

Spiritual Direction

Proverbs 3: 5 - 6

There is a process to recognizing, aligning, and surrendering our life to God's divine guidance, and it is all about yielding unto his will and not our own, allowing him to lead us in every decision while revealing unto us our purpose in life. So, as believers, we must listen to the Holy Spirit, through the promises and commandments of God's word, in order to see how that he is going to move in our everyday life. Now, as we learn to trust in him and lean upon his understanding it is then that we will acknowledge that it is his grace that shines as a guiding light in our pathway, providing comfort to all who will seek his direction during every uncertain journey in life. So, this journey of life, often time, resembles a winding path with a lot of twists and turns, and ups and downs that will leave us feeling lost and uncertain in our thoughts, and in our intentions, and in our actions. So, how do we find a strait and smooth pathway, one that is free from obstacles, and one that leads us directly to our desired destination. It involves removing obstacles and barriers that hinder our progress. Therefore, only God can make our paths straight. He removes the obstacles that obstruct our spiritual progress. Now, it is important to note that this does not mean there will be an absence of hardships, but it does signify unto us that there is an ever-abiding presence of God in our life, which enables us to navigate through trials and tribulations, with perseverance and endurance, aligning our will with his will.

Hebrews 12: 1 – 3,....wherefore, seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us....looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and set down at the throne of God....for consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your own minds....

As believers, we are encouraged to discard the spiritual baggage that is holding us back. We are to look to the examples in the word of God, men and women of faith, testimonies of unwavering trust in God, which prove unto us that a life of great faith is possible. So, any unnecessary distraction, or burden that hinders or slows down our spiritual growth, we need to set aside. God has designed a unique, individual pathway for each one to follow, a pathway filled with love, and joy, and peace, as well as tests through trials and tribulations, and all these opportunities are meant for us to focus on strengthening our relationship with God. This means fixing our attention entirely upon Christ as the source of our spiritual life, for he is the one who perfects and sustains us in our faith. So, all of the worldly anxieties that come upon us through negative situations and circumstances, those things that prove our limitations, can only be conquered through faith, through prayer, and by meditating on the promises and commandments of God's word. So, as believers, we must look to the sufferings of Christ, and to his endurance through these sufferings as our ultimate example to empower us, so that we might overcome spiritual exhaustion, which causes discouragement, so that we might not grow weary, but remain faithful to him.

Proverbs 3: 5 – 6,....he shall direct thy paths....

Now, first of all let me say that this does not mean that life will be free of hardships, but it does mean that God will give unto us the ability to clear out the worldly clutter and confusion, and guide us toward a life of purpose and godly righteousness. For true direction in our life comes from trusting in the divine wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of God.

Psalms 23: 1 – 6,....the Lord is my shepherd....he maketh me to lie down in green pastures, he leadeth me beside the still waters....he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness....

So, God provides guidance in the life of the believer, he provides moral direction, he protects us when we wander into destructive behaviors, he leads us toward a life of spiritual fulfillment. For a righteous life is a life of obedience in the truth of the promises and commandments God's word. By this we surrender all control of our life to his divine guidance, so that his leadership might keep us safe from the consequences of leading ourselves onto unwanted pathways. He leads us so that we might reflect his goodness, his love, his mercy and his grace and his compassion, and his glory to the world around us. For we are made righteous by our faith in Christ Jesus.

Proverbs 12: 28,....in the way of righteousness is life, and in the pathway thereof there is no death....

So, the way of righteousness is a protective, life-giving path where true peace of mind in Christ Jesus is found, for our life is a choice between two distinct pathways. One pathway leads to wisdom and eternal life, while the other is a pathway of spiritual ignorance and destruction. Those who make godly decisions are less likely to fall into unrighteousness than those who are foolish. We either choose to follow God, or we choose to follow our worldly lustful desires. Those who possess righteousness through faith in Christ Jesus have security in their eternal life, for the pathway of eternal life follows in the footsteps of Christ.

1 Peter 2: 20 – 24,....for what glory is it , if, when ye be afflicted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently....this is acceptable to God....hereunto were you called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps....who when he was reviled, reviled not again....but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously....who his own self bare our sins in his body....that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness, by whose stripes we are healed...

So, as believers, going in the right spiritual direction means that we will experience hardships, but hardships while doing the work of the Lord is not a curse, but it is our holy calling, and it is Christ life on earth that is our perfect example. Our attitudes and our actions should follow directly after his, for as our example he entrusted himself to God, knowing that the Father would judge every situation and circumstance perfectly and correctly. So, Christ not only suffered to pay for humanities sins, but he also suffered to show unto us, as believers, how to be victorious while living our life in a sinful world.

2 Timothy 2: 22,....flee....youthful lusts....follow after righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the lord out of a pure heart....

So, as believers, we find spiritual cleansing in our life by actively pursuing godly characteristics, while doing his good work, and his righteousness is the way that we conduct ourselves, through our faith in him. For the divine love of Christ is displayed through the words that we speak and the actions that we carry out. Therefore, our spiritual direction is to pursue his righteousness, his faith, and his love as an example unto all of those who will call upon the name of the Lord with a pure heart. Therefore through all of these things we learn that our purpose in life is to: trust in the Lord with our whole heart, leaning not upon our own understanding, and in all our ways acknowledging him, and he will direct our path.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

Let us Pray.

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