



FREEDOM IN THE WORD

Matthew 25:36...I was in prison and you came...



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THE CONDITION OF YOUR HEART

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1 Thessalonians 5:23 - And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. This verse establishes the fact that man is a triune person---- spirit, soul, and body. The heart of man spiritually speaking is the spirit of man.

The first heart condition we need is a recreated heart. Ezekiel 36:26-27 - A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

Secondly, we need a renewed heart. This means our mind is reprogrammed to the Word of God and downloaded to our "heart drive." (spirit) Proverbs 7:3 - Bind them (the Word) upon thy fingers; write them upon the tablet of your heart. When we memorize something we say we know it by heart. So when we meditate the Word (Joshua 1:8) in our heart it gives a new revelation to "thinking in your heart." Romans 12:2 - Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — His good, pleasing and perfect will. NIV

Thirdly, we need a responsive (sensitive) heart. When our heart is sensitive to pleasing God above all things we understand the fear of the Lord, His amazing grace, how much He loves us, and all that He has done for us. We fully understand that sin puts us on the devil's turf and that he comes to steal, kill, and destroy. A sensitive heart is watchful and alert with a "consequence mentality." A sensitive heart that is full of God's truth will not allow the devil to lie to us concerning the lust of our flesh. King David is a great example of being a man after God's own heart because he had a sensitive heart that couldn't deny the truth of Nathan the prophet's indictment. (2 Samuel 12:7) What is the condition of your heart?

This prayer of David will help us to maintain a healthy spiritual heart against any virus of sin: "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, test me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." (Psalm 139:23-24)

COOKED IN THE SQUAT

Katie Brigmon

Proverbs 24:16 – A just man falls seven times but rises up again...

Zig Ziglar tells a story about eating breakfast at a neighbor's house. Their cook brought out some biscuits that morning that were as flat as could be. He asked her what in the world was going on with those biscuits. She said, "Zig, they squatted to rise but got cooked in the squat."

I have met a lot of inmates through the years who have been beat down by the system. One look at them and they look beat down, broke down and tore down. I've seen people who are not in prison but the trials of their lives have seemed to defeat them. However, I've also seen inmates with a huge sentence walking around with the joy of the Lord. I've had Christian friends who amazed me with their peace in the midst of tragic circumstances.

I've decided that some people get cooked in the squat of certain circumstances and others rise up in spite of their circumstances.

Getting mad at God and unforgiveness are two things that will cause a person to get cooked in their squat. Those both cause bitterness in a heart. Where there is bitterness there can be no joy or peace.

Father, help us to rise above the circumstances and trials of life through our faith in You.

MINISTRY FOR SEPTEMBER 2011

- Bartlett Unit..... Sept. 1, 3, 12, 15, 19, 26
- Travis Unit..... Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26
- Lockhart Unit (Women)..... Sept. 11
- TCCC Del Valle Sept. 2, 9, 16, 21, 23
- Bastrop FCI Sept. 18
- FPC Bryan Sept. 25
- Bradshaw Unit Sept. 29

One on One County Jail Visits

Ministry Diary

I know that not everyone who says they are innocent in prison is really innocent. However, I see more and more cases being overturned and people being released after many years in prison.

I have a list of addresses available to the inmates that I pass around in case someone needs them. Usually the need is for halfway houses. However, I also include Project Rio, a jobs program for ex-offenders, and the address to the Innocence Project of Texas.

An inmate told me last week that he wrote to the Innocence Project and they have taken his case. That blessed me so much. If it only helps one it's worth it.

PRAY THE WORD

Colossians 4:2 Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. 3 And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ... 4 Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. 5 Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. NIV

We can influence a man's behavior, if we can lead him to the Savior. - RR

Last Month our partners equipped us to minister the Word at: Bartlett Unit, Lockhart Unit, Travis Unit, Halbert Unit, Three Rivers FCI & FPC, Hughes Unit and TCCC Del Valle as well as one on one jail visits.

MAIL BAG

Dear Ron & Katie: Thanks for the booklets. When I gave the ladies the booklet they latched on to them as if they were "rolled gold." Then I realized they really are. It is teaching me and others how to pray. Thank you for putting it on paper for us. D.W.

To Ron & Katie- Thank you for sending the circular. I really do miss you already. Never the less the Lord has blessed me with an awesome opportunity to be in this program here at the Cleveland Unit. The most awesome part is that we put God first. At the beginning of each session 150 guys lock arms and pray and we end the session the same way. I am reaping a lot of good harvest from good seed planted last season. I'll never forget when Ms. Katie talked about sowing good seed on different occasions. I will continue to be a blessing in the best possible way I can. Here's something really

cool. A brother asked me if I could come up with a Bible Study lesson. I showed him all of the ones I had saved from Monday nights. So you can add another unit to your list unofficially. You may not be here physically but your work is being done here by God through me. I am honored to do it. I love you both. O.G.

Dear Bro. Ron: I am a man who did 6 prison terms & finally got out of prison Dec. 1999. I was in church & walking as a saved man for most of my 11 years as a free man. I got side tracked and quit going to church. I eventually came back to Austin, back to same crowd, etc...you know the story. I got caught up selling drugs and living a lie. I was never happy. God was always on my mind. I couldn't even enjoy drinking or partying. Now I'm here (prison). Now I really need to hear from God. He's not finished with me! A.B.



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