

WORD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

GOD'S PATIENCE AND KINDNESS LEADS PEOPLE TO REPENTANCE. ROMANS 2:4

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Discipline vs Distraction

I find that if I just keep talking, they don't really notice what I'm doing... The Eye Doctor's comment to me stopped me short. She had very effectively used distraction to cause my daughter to accept something she never would have accepted, had she not allowed herself to become distracted.

And as I sat in that office, I was struck by this simple picture of discipline versus distraction. Of how easily we can allow ourselves to be overtaken, when we allow ourselves to become distracted.

Take bitterness, for example. When we allow ourselves to ruminate over and over on what's happened, distracting ourselves with the hurt instead of disciplining our minds to think on the good, we fail to realize that not only is a root of bitterness growing and taking hold, it is actually choking out our God-given joy, our God-given purpose, our God-given life!

Or take self-pity. When we allow ourselves to continually go over and over in our minds all the things we wish we had or all the things we wish we didn't have, distracting ourselves with the perceived injustice of it all instead of disciplining our minds to be thankful for what we do have, we fail to realize that we've actually missed out on many of the great things God has placed in our lives right now!

Oh, my friends, let's stay disciplined, not distracted! Let's set our minds on the blessings of the Lord, the goodness of our God, the joy of every moment walking with Him, every moment talking with Him, from here through eternity!

Let's take up the helmet of salvation! Let's take up the shield of faith! Let's remind ourselves of the truth of God's Word, the truth of how much He loves us, how much He cares for us, how much He's provided for us!

So...let's set a boundary line, as a people, right here, right now. Want to?

If so, I invite you to agree together with me: Today, I declare that I no longer choose distraction. Instead I choose discipline, allowing Holy Spirit to do His work in me and through me as He renews my mind. I choose truth over lies. I choose life over death. I choose Jesus.

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. from Romans 12:2

Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven...not the things of earth. For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. from Colossians 3:1-3

For the weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world...they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. Ephesians 6:10-18

Choose you this day whom you will serve...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. from Joshua 24:15

Dates & Times to Remember

Heaven in Business

Our next meeting of Heaven in Business is this Saturday! Join us at 8:45 am for food and fellowship. Our meeting will begin promptly at 9 am.

Contact Denise for more info.

April 25 / 9am

Community Prayer Walk

This week's Community Prayer Walk has a new time! We will meet immediately following Heaven in Business, at approximately 11 am. See you Saturday!

Contact Dawn for more info.

April 25 / 11am*

*Time change is for this week only.

4th Sunday Worship Night

Join us this Sunday evening at 6 pm for our 4th Sunday Worship Night! God is calling for worshipers and we are answering His call!

Contact Sandy for more info.

April 26 / 6pm