

Being A King For Christ

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There are promises in God's Word when we do what is right...**the promises or benefits of having Godly character and integrity from the last couple of weeks.**

Prov 20:7 KJV

*7 The just man walketh in his integrity: **his children are blessed after him.***

Prov 14:32 TEV

*32 Wicked people bring about their own downfall by their evil deeds, **but good people are protected by their integrity.***

Prov 2:7 AMP

He is a shield to those who walk uprightly and in integrity,

2 weeks ago we talked about Daniel and how his integrity and character pushed him forward. It changed a **national law** and had a king make a nation worship the only one true God.

Daniel didn't walk with the ungodly, he was a righteous man. A man of integrity and character. The bible said that he had an excellent spirit – so much so that the only thing they could find fault or attack him for was his love of God.

Daniel didn't have companions (close friends) who were ungodly and that's what helped him stand out in the time of trouble!

1 Cor 15:33 AMP

33 Do not be so deceived and misled! Evil companionships (communion, associations) corrupt and deprave good manners and morals and character.

1 Cor 15:33 GNT

33 Do not be fooled. "Bad companions ruin good character."

Why?

Prov 25:19 KJV

19 Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.

Prov 25:19 GNT

19 Depending on an unreliable person (bad character, one who lacks integrity) in a crisis is like trying to chew with a loose tooth or walk with a crippled foot.

Remember, You can't depend on someone with bad character and a lack of integrity. They can't depend on you if you have a lack of integrity and bad character.

Tonight we are going to study representing the kingdom of God...we are fleeing from something (evil) and pursuing what is right.

Prov 13:20 KJV

20 He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

Prov 13:20 TEV

*20 Keep company with the wise and you will become wise. If you make **friends with stupid people**, you will be ruined.*

So what am I saying? Associations that you have when going into the world are crucial. Sometimes what people do is start associating with the wrong group of people. They have close relationships with them and as a result the ungodly start changing them. Remember we are to be a thermostat and not a thermometer – you need to be changing them and not them changing you.

From work ethic, language, what you watch at the movies, tv, music...

Every day, every day I tell myself – I’m not changing and ain’t no one going to change me. And You, you make up your mind today – I’m not changing – no one is changing me.

I will not be moved, just like a tree that's planted by the water, see that tree needs that water to keep growing if it's moved it will dry up and die. You need to keep building your faith, keep drinking, taking in and devouring the Word. Don't allow people or situations to move you from your faith and cast a shadow on your character.

The law of association says: if you associate too closely with a long relationship with small minded people what are you going to be thinking like? Small minded. What's another word for small minded? – **Stupid** and (Prov 13:20) said 'you listen to them and you'll be ruined.'

I'm telling you it's not just subtle, but it's very powerful. All you have to do is ask Sampson, he hung out with a bad woman named Delilah. Next thing you know the anointing had left his life and he didn't even know it. That's what I'm telling you – it is subtle. If you want to be wise the scripture says hang out with wise people.

Judges 16:20 Amplified Bible (AMP)

20 She said, The Philistines are upon you, Samson! And he awoke out of his sleep and said, I will go out as I have time after time and shake myself free. For Samson did not know that the Lord had departed from him.

So when you go into a place who promotes you? God.

The bible says the promotion for the believer doesn't come from the east or the west. Now He'll use people to do it but it doesn't come from them – why?

Because the enemy is scheming against you – he doesn't want you to go any higher – that's why he will tempt you along the way – attack your integrity and character.

God is the one who is instrumental in getting you promoted for His purposes – and that's where allot of people miss it – they think they are getting it on their own ability. Think about this – if God wasn't with you, you might not even draw a breath tomorrow morning.

Ps 14:1 GNT

Fools say to themselves, "There is no God!"

God is the one who is pouring out his grace and mercy upon us and causing us to prosper.

1 Sam 22:1-2 KJV

1 David therefore departed thence, and escaped to the cave Adullam: and when his brethren and all his father's house heard it, they went down thither to him.

2 And every one that was in distress and every one that was in debt and every one that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men.

Now they associated with David, and David did not come down to their level. He brought them up to his level.

All you have to do is go over into the book of Chronicles and see that they turned into mighty men. Just one of those mighty men could slay 800 men (2 Samuel 23:8).

Not only could he slay 800 men but the bible says in 1 Chronicles 29 that David gave 100 billion dollars for the building of the temple. He told his son to build the temple and here's an offering 100 billion in gold and that's not including the silver. That's still not including what his men gave.

See the anointing that was on David came over them. And that's what happens when we hang out with God's anointed. My mother almost 11 years ago prayed over me, she prayed that The anointing that was on my father is now on me. The anointing that is on a pastor can be on you. Who are you hanging out with?

The anointing is the burden lifting yoke breaking power of God to do things that in the natural are impossible.

I'm talking about an anointing for big things – Jesus said what I did you're going to do even more He said I've come that you might have life more abundantly. My job is to get you out of the place of small thinking, doing small things, making a small impact and increase your faith and push you to the place where you are having big thoughts and doing big things for the kingdom of God.

The bible tells me it's my choice – I choose to walk in faith and in the ways of God. **So, in 2015 I'm not going down, in fact I'm going up!** And I want to take you as far as you can go and to do that I need to go as far as I can go. So you need to set your mind right now that you need to have good associations. If there's any body sucking the life blood out of you, and you know what I'm talking about - you need to take a step out of the boat, kick them to the curb, you need to tell them there's some place I got to go. I got to be about my father's business!

We all have had or have some friends who bring us down, wanting to hang out with you all the time so much that you can't even study the bible.

You need to cut them off and do it in love, do it gently but cut it off. You tell them that your pastor said you've got some where to go.

You need to say to your spirit man – “I don't want more of the world I want more of the Word.”

Now they might have some things to say about me and some things to say about God but that's because the enemy is against the things of God and he doesn't want you set free – he doesn't want you free from this world's way of doing things. **Strife and toil**

2015 needs to be the year of fullness – that means the fullness of the stature of Christ. Whatever you saw and heard Jesus do it's going to be done by the church.

- o I saw Jesus cast our demons and turn that persons life around
- o I saw Jesus speak to a storm and calm it
- o I saw Jesus raise up a dead men after 4 days

Jesus said you are going to do the same thing.

The world is looking for some signs and wonders (do you know what I'm talking about?)

But don't get duped by what satan will be doing...

2 Thessalonians 2:9 Amplified Bible (AMP)

9 The coming [of the lawless one, the antichrist] is through the activity and working of Satan and will be attended by great power and with all sorts of [pretended] miracles and signs and delusive marvels—[all of them] lying wonders—

(The enemy is going to use signs and wonders as well to deceive the believer. We will take about that in a few weeks...)

See we have been trying to just tell them about Jesus but the gospel in the bible didn't come without demonstration, people need to see our God, they need to hear our God, the need deliverance from our God and we are the ones to do it. We are to be his hands extended and the Word needs to become flesh in us.

We need to walk in integrity – we need to get this developed in us so we can be a witness. **Well pastor I mess up, I'm not perfect and it's hard for me to be a good example...**

God is so merciful and gracious if we flunk the 2nd grade of integrity he will let us go back through it. You're just going to be little behind – but you can catch back up.

Rev 1:5-6 KJV

5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

*6 And **hath made us kings and priests** unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*

Now we have been studying integrity and character and what we are looking at now is the fact that we as children of God have been brought into the kingdom of God through our acceptance of Jesus Christ as our lord and personal savior.

We have come into the kingdom of God which is a super natural reality. It is something that is above the level of the natural intellect. In Mark 4:11 Jesus calls it a mystery – and **a mystery is: something that is beyond human comprehension.**

So when we come to church andwhat we need to do is study the Word. We need to be learning or being disciplined on what it means to be a Christian, what it means to be a citizen of that kingdom and how we are to act and perform as ambassadors.

An ambassador is: someone who comes from another government to a foreign government to take care of diplomatic business on behalf of that home government.

The bible says in John 3 that we have been ‘born from above’ so now we are in the government of the kingdom. The kingdom of God is not a religion it is a government. (**People** have made a religion out of it). The bible says that the government shall be upon his shoulders.

Isaiah 9:6,7 KJV

*6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: **and the government shall be upon his shoulder:** and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end....

So this particular government is going to engulf this whole earth.

Now we have had governments in the past like:

- o Babylon and that's when Daniel gave an interpretation to Nebuchadnezzor's dream.
- o Then the government of the neo Persian kingdom under Darius with Daniel as well and we talked about that 2 weeks ago.
- o Then the Greek kingdom under Alexander who set out to greekenise the world.
- o Then the Romans under Caesar.

We have seen all these governments and now we have democracy. But in the end all of these are going to fade away. We will have one government and that will be the government of the kingdom of God.

Now, I'm going to tell you why being men and women of integrity and character is so important.

That government (of the kingdom of God) is what we are representing; we are giving people a glimpse of that kingdom or the government of heaven. So we are here to advance that kingdom, we are here so people can see what this new society is really like and we are sent out from this church and you are planted in the church.

The bible talks about in 1 Corinthians chapter 12 that once you got saved that God placed you in the local church or body as he willed. In other words it isn't our choice for you to go whatever local church you want – God has placed in your heart where He needs you and where you will grow.

Ps 92:13 KJV

13 Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

So many people go where they've always gone (and they aren't growing), or go somewhere for the wrong reasons (short service, close to the house)– we need to be where we are going to grow – amen!

We are to be trained and planted in the church (God's kingdom) to be sent out into a society with our assignment.

The church wasn't created or founded for the church – it was created for the world – we can't separate ourselves from the world meaning we as the church need to go out in the world, and be in the world but not what? **Of the world.**

Now the Church is suppose to be taught new values because you and I once we got born again – **our spirit is reborn**, but our minds are still not renewed and the flesh in not trained. So what happens when you come to church is you are coming to learn how you are to carry the values, culture, principles and the morals of a new kingdom to the world.

We are to go out and affect that world; we are to be world changers! We are to be Northville changers, we are to be Plymouth changers, and we are to be Livonia changers. We are to be school changers. We are to be work changers. When we do that we are fulfilling the plan from the beginning

Gen 1:28 KJV

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

The word replenish means to: stock with abundance, it means: to finish or complete, it means : **to recover former fullness.** This is what we need to do this year in 2015 - we need to enter into God's fullness, in order to do that we need to:

- o get off the milk and on the meat
- o we need to have the super added to our natural (holy spirit)
- o we need *the righteous to be bold as a lion.* - **Prov 28:1 KJV**
- o we need to start *calling those things which be not as though they were* **Rom 4:17 KJV**
- o we need to understand that those who are from His Kingdom *shall also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways.* **Job 22:28 KJV**

As believers when we go out, we are to transform society. When society is not being transformed it's either because the wrong model has been in the church (meaning kings and priests) or people don't know that they are kings and priests.

I'm talking about the corporate model of priests and kings and this model is designed to go out and transform society. Now if society is not being transformed it's because we aren't preaching the gospel of the kingdom or we as citizens aren't living the gospel of the kingdom. **Lets turn to Romans 1:16** and read what Paul said...

Rom 1:16-17 KJV

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Here's what happens when you're not ashamed

Matt 5:16 KJV

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

When we are righteous and our light shines before men that's when God is revealed through us. Do not be ashamed – do not be afraid to do what is right; to do what God has called you to do. When you do what he says – He will take care of you, He Promises us in his word.

How do I make these changes - how do I pursue righteousness?

Actions steps: change who you are around, not get rid of people all together but exchange...you need people in your life, the bible says so in order for you to grow and for me to grow....

Be around godly people - not people who only go to church - Paul instructs us about that as well - going to church doesn't make you godly, doing what God says does.

Allot of people thinking one way doesn't make it right...that's called religion.

Thinking God first puts the most important denominator or number one thing of importance first in a friendship or relationship - that person putting God first is a testable measurable and observable - character and integrity

Language, talking about others, it's all measurable testable measurable, don't deceive yourself....you will be hurt by those who say one thing but bear no fruit - singing isn't a fruit , being funny isn't a fruit, being pretty isn't a fruit, talent isn't a fruit, money is not a fruit, sarcasm is not a fruit.

You and I are called to be the light of the World - we need to tell them that there is a savior, and He is coming soon, that they are not promised tomorrow. That message can be received when we, the deliverers are full of Godly character and integrity.

