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If ye be Willing and Obedient...

Isaiah 1:19-20 (KJV)

Evg. Sandra Singleton



In the book of Isaiah, Isaiah begins his dialogue describing how God had shown him in a vision God's nourishment and provision for Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. Judah and Jerusalem rebelled against God's provision and God's response was, "I, the Lord have spoken, the ox knows his owner, and the ass his master's crib; but Israel does not know, and my people does not consider." The dialogue continues with the finalization in verses 18-20 stating; "Come now, and let us reason together, says the Lord: If you be willing and obedient, you will eat the good of the land: But if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it." The streets and cities had become desolate like Sodom and Gomorrah. But the Lord made an exception, and a small remnant was left.

Let us look at the spiritual application of this all. The Lord says if you are willing and obedient you shall eat the good of the land. When considering "willingness," it is the Lord that works both the will and the obedience in our lives to His good pleasure. It is when we "refuse and rebel", we will be devoured by the sword. The sword could be likened unto us as the "Word of God." The same "Word", that could heal us, could also destroy us if we are not willing and are disobedient. I will now share a testimony of obeying the voice of God, and the importance of obedience.

I had purposed in my heart that I would improvise and skip Sunday school one week in July to take a quiz for my class at Campbellsville University, that was due by Sunday at midnight. Prior to that Sunday, the Lord inspired me during my daily devotions to peruse all the provisions He had provided for me.

After praying and agreeing with God concerning the provisions, He simply asked the question: "What about My house?" He began to impress upon me to send funding to the building fund drive at Apostolic Bible College under the direction of District Elder La Monte McNeese, who was my pastor at that time. It was early that morning that I would text my pastor and ask, "Are you up?" (We are on different time zones). But to my surprise he texted back, "Yep". I then asked him to call me.

I explained what the Lord had laid on my heart and shared some ideas with him. He stated: "You are not going to believe this, but my secretary and I were just conversing over the next steps to take concerning the building fund drive and lease." We both agreed that this must be God! I just want someone to know the importance of acting and responding to God by "FAITH" so much so that even though I have moved my membership to Pastor Nate Northington at Newburg Apostolic Church in Louisville, Kentucky, I am still honoring what the Lord laid on my heart.

To read the rest of the article, visit www.firstapostoliccouncil.com

Bishop Merritt said...

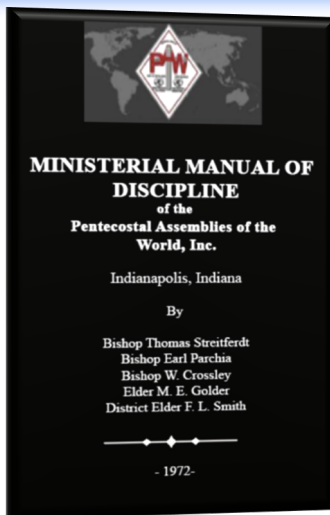


"There is something about the Lord showing us that, I did it, because I needed a witness, I needed somebody to declare it because people don't respond to (all the time) words, but they respond off of people that have lived the life or the people that have shown that God has changed their life."

An excerpt from:

"I Want to See it Again"

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Poet's Voice

One glance of your face makes time stand still,
Is it possible to have such love for someone?
I'm overwhelmed by what my heart feels,
if only words were enough.
Your love exceeds beyond what eyes can see.
Your grace extends what I deserve.
Awesome, powerful is my God, realizing none comes close to you.
Finding a joy that renews my strength.
Peace that carries me through the storms.
Each day brings life that is worth living.

My joy
comes from the
Lord!

Sister Dianne Johnson

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The District Elder
Dr. La Monte McNeese



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