



February 8

Bee Brotherly

There is a lovely portion of scripture that could change the atmosphere of multitudes of families and churches if you would heed its teaching. It is found in Hebrews 13:1: *“Let brotherly love continue.”* These four life-changing words could do wonders. Paul testified of the Thessalonians: *“But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another”* (I Thessalonians 4:9).

The dictionary defines brotherly as having a trait typical of brothers who are friendly, kind and helpful to each other. To “bee” brotherly is very important among family members, but this trait should also be exercised with your church families, work places and in your general, overall friendships. To “bee” brotherly is very important in unifying Believers. If you would learn to “bee” brotherly, there would be less hurt feelings, less marriage problems and less division. Romans 12:10 instructs us to *“Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another.”* Learn to “bee” brotherly. Truly this “bee” will never leave a painful sting.

“Forgiveness is the best remedy for hurts caused by others.”





February 9

Bee Busy

Do you remember the old proverb that says, “Idleness is the devil’s workshop?” I believe there are many who can testify to the truth of that statement. Many a fallen brother has lamented the fact that when he was idle he yielded to the weakness of the flesh. Paul explained to us what can happen in idle moments: “*And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not*” (I Timothy 5:13). Most Christians can testify that when they are busy, they are not meditating upon all the evil that has befallen them or what someone has said against them. If you choose to “bee” busy, it will keep you from a lot of trouble.

Busy people tend to become successful in all areas of life. To “bee” busy in the work of the Lord is very important. Jesus kept Himself busy doing good to those around Him. Acts 10:38 tells us, “*How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.*” Jesus not only gave His time, He gave Himself to minister to others. Ephesians 5:1 reminds us, “*Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children.*” The Greek definition for follower means “to be an imitator.” You need to imitate Jesus and “bee” busy doing good and helping others. The hymn writer asked, “This is the way the Master went, should not the servant tread it still?”





February 10

Bee Calm

This generation is plagued with frustration, tension and anxiety. When ministering to people, I often tell them to relax. “Bee” calm. Take it easy. Nothing good can be accomplished in a state of frustration. It is when you are calm and quiet that you find the peace and tranquility the Lord desires to give, “...*in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength...*” (Isaiah 30:15). You can enter into His rest when you are calm. In sweet confidence you can let the Lord help you through your problems and troubles.

When Jesus and His disciples were tossed about by a storm on the sea of Galilee, Jesus remained calm and took control of the circumstances. He spoke to the problem, “*Peace be still.*” The results were amazing: “...*and there was a great calm*” (Mark 4:39). In times of stress, you need to be calm. Instead of meditating upon your problems, meditate upon the Lord. You wouldn’t be as troubled when facing difficulties if you kept “bee” calm operating in your life.

“Relax—it’s the secret to tranquility.”





February 11

Bee Capable

To “bee” capable is to be able, talented, skilled and qualified. There are many people who do not accomplish all they are capable of doing. They may not know what they have within them. Not knowing what you are capable of doing can shortchange you of success in life. Many times, I have heard statements such as, “I can’t do that,” or, “That’s beyond my brain.” Why can’t you learn to “bee” capable? You may have to develop in an area or increase your knowledge, but you should learn to “bee” capable.

Often, if you focus on a task, you can “bee” capable of accomplishing more than you thought. Declare with Paul, “*I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*” Ask the Lord to help you “bee” capable. Ephesians 3:20 says, “*Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.*” You have the power of the Lord within you to “bee” capable. This “bee” will never leave a painful sting.

*“If you say you can, you probably can;
if you say you can’t, you probably can’t.”*





February 12

Bee Careful

It pays to “bee” careful. You could avoid a lot of problems in life if you would learn to “bee” careful. Years ago, as I picked up my shotgun to go hunting, my mother said, “‘Bee’ careful. Guns are dangerous.” Mother was right. One day, I wasn’t as careful as I should have been. That day I understood the pain of a bullet as I was shot in the arm. After that, I learned to “bee” careful around loaded guns.

You need to “bee” careful in every area of life. “Bee” careful to fulfill the promises you make. You need to “bee” careful of who you choose to associate with as well as your children. You need to “bee” careful how you treat others. Jesus said, *“And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise”* (Luke 6:31). We should “bee” careful how we judge our fellowman. After all, Jesus said, *“Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged...”* (Matthew 7:1-2). You need to “bee” careful of the words you speak and how you say them. Sometimes a person may be hurt by careless words. Proverbs warns us, *“Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof”* (Proverbs 18:21).

“Bee” careful not to let anything sidetrack you from doing the will of God in your life and blessing others. If you learn to “bee” careful in every area of life, this beneficial “bee” can protect you from failure. Remember, “bee” careful will never leave a painful sting.





February 13

Bee Cautious

You will not find the word “cautious” in the Bible, but there is reference to the need of caution. For example, according to II Corinthians 6:14, you need to “bee” cautious with your associates or those who are a part of your life: *“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?”* Their influence could draw you back into darkness instead of you bringing them into the light. *“Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness”* (II Peter 3:17).

“Bee” cautious of sharing things with those who are known to gossip and slander. They may appear interested in what you are saying, but Proverbs 20:19 warns: *“He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips.”* Not everyone can keep a secret or even repeat what you have said accurately. Some of these people tend to exaggerate what was said and may cause you great grief.

“Bee” cautious when others want to debate regarding their own opinions and ideas of the Scripture. They have no desire to change their beliefs to match the Word of God. Instead, they twist the Word to confirm their traditions. This would be a good time to step away from the conversation and heed the warning of Titus 3:9: *“But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain.”*

Our Heavenly Father is beholding each step you take. You need to “bee” cautious because others are also watching you and following your steps. “Bee” cautious is a good “bee” who will never leave a painful sting.



February 14

Bee Certain

Many people are uncertain regarding their future. What will happen to them after death? What rewards will they receive for helping others in this world? Some people are not certain; others don't care.

My dear reader, you need to “bee” certain concerning things that are important: “Bee” certain that your name is written in the book of life. “Bee” certain you are in the will of God and fulfilling His plan for your life. “Bee” certain of your eternal well being, not only for yourself, but also for your family. “Bee” certain when training your children. “Bee” certain your marriage has a firm foundation.

There is nothing more important than being certain you are filled with love, both for our Heavenly Father and for others: *“And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these”* (Mark 12:30-31). When you choose to “bee” certain, this “bee” will not leave a painful sting.

*“It is better to seek wisdom before
trying to give it to others.”*





February 15

Bee Challenged

We all need to “bee” challenged at times to improve in certain areas of our lives. If David had not been challenged by Goliath’s proud words, *“I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together”* (I Samuel 17:10), he may have never known that the Lord could deliver Israel by his hand.

Gideon tried to defend his weakness when the Lord chose him to lead the army of Israel: *“And he [Gideon] said unto him, Oh my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, my family is poor in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house”* (Judges 6:15). He had plenty of excuses, but God wouldn’t accept any of them. It was only after the angel challenged him that Gideon stepped out as a mighty man of valor to accomplish what God called him to do. This is another proof that God can override your weaknesses and do great things through those who are committed to him. When Gideon took the challenge set before him, Midian was defeated and Israel won a great victory. Go ahead and “bee” challenged to excel. Overcome your weaknesses and reach your highest potential.





February 16

Bee Changed

As long as we live, we will face changes in life. Some changes we make are good. Others are not. The Bible tells us how to make the right kind of changes. It says we “*are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord*” (II Corinthians 3:18).

An important change to make is in your thinking. Some people believe they must accept whatever situation they are facing. That is not always true. In fact, it is seldom true. Through the Lord Jesus Christ, your circumstance can “bee” changed. A troubled marriage can “bee” changed to a joyful marriage. You can “bee” changed from a failure to a success. Instead of being down, discouraged and perplexed, your countenance can “bee” changed to cheerfulness.

You have the power within to change your destiny. Those who choose Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are changed from the kingdom of this world to the kingdom of God. People who are in religious bondage can “bee” changed into the liberty that comes through the Lord Jesus Christ. Even the backslider can “bee” changed. Most changes come about through decision. Once you have learned to make quality decisions in areas that need to “bee” changed, you can become successful. Why not let “bee” changed work in your life? When you choose to “bee” changed in the right way, this “bee” will never leave a painful sting.





February 17

Bee Cheerful

People who choose to “bee” cheerful are a blessing. They often give uplifting words and do their work joyfully. Even their actions are encouraging. Cheerfulness is contagious. When answering the telephone, it is good to be courteous and give a clear, cheerful “Hello.” Someone who may be in a grumpy mood needs to hear from a cheerful person. Once, I walked into a business place where a man behind the desk obviously was not in the best humor. I tried to cheer him up and suddenly the man burst out, “Most customers get mad at me, but you are helping to encourage me.”

Not only can cheerfulness affect those around us for good, it can also affect personal physical health. According to Proverbs 17:22, “*A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.*” It is good to start every day with a dose of this valuable medicine: “*A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance*” (Proverbs 15:13).

Cheerfulness is a choice. Years ago, an elderly gentleman was asked why he was always joyful and had such a cheerful personality. He said, “Every morning, I have a choice to be cheerful or discouraged and I choose cheerfulness.” Another man chose to always greet his wife and family with a cheery smile when he came home from work. He testified, “Even if my wife had a hard day, she and the children look forward to me coming home. They know I will cheer them up.” When you focus on yourself and choose to ponder on problems, you are open to an attack. Cheer will disappear and all will be drear. Cheer up! It can’t be that bad. It is time to “bee” cheerful!





Bee Chosen

The Bible says, “*For many are called, but few are chosen*” (Matthew 22:14). To be called means to be appointed, but to “bee” chosen is to be selected. Why are so many called and yet only a few chosen? It is not always the big things that hinder. It may be something that seems insignificant that needs to be cleansed. Maybe you are not fully committed or dedicated to the work assigned to you. Maybe you are satisfied to give less than your best. Whatever it is, change and “bee” chosen.

God changed Paul and chose him to be an apostle. Paul was a man devoted to destroying Christianity and stamping out any remembrance of the Lord Jesus Christ. When Annanias was sent to pray for Paul, he protested, “*Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem*” (Acts 9:13). Paul had a bad reputation among the Christians, “*But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel*” (Acts 9:15). Notice the statement, “*he is a chosen vessel unto me.*” The Lord chose Paul—not for what he was, but for what he would become. God was seeking for someone with an honest heart and holy zeal to do His work and saw that potential within Paul.

People who please the Lord by obeying His Word and following His will are chosen. God chose Abraham because He knew Abraham would direct his family and household after him. He chose Moses because He saw a man with a meek spirit who would be a great leader. He chose Joshua who stood firm in faith when the other ten spies were against him. He chose Gideon because He saw great valor hidden within him. The Lord is still looking for those who will fulfill the call on their lives. To “bee” chosen by God is a wonderful privilege. Ask the Lord to help you “bee” chosen. “Bee” chosen will never leave a painful sting.





February 19

Bee Classified

When someone steps out to be a success in life, whether in winning souls, establishing a new business or excelling above the average, it is not unusual for them to “bee” classified as fanatics or troublemakers. This shouldn’t disturb us. Didn’t Jesus say, “...*If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also*” (John 15:20)?

The disciples of Christ were classified by the crowd as people who impacted others, “*These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also*” (Acts 17:6). That is an interesting statement because the book of Psalms says, “...*the way of the wicked he turneth upside down*” (Psalm 146:9). The fact is, the disciples were trying to turn the upside down city upright.

You often hear people classify others as good leaders, great pastors, excellent managers or successful businessmen. They classify some as notable people or great soul winners. Others are classified as outstanding mothers or fathers. Even if you are classified by negative statements, always remember to stand for the right. Always do the right thing and avoid becoming offended. Endeavor to “bee” classified as someone who is not satisfied being less than the best. “Bee” classified is a good “bee.” Listen to his gentle buzzing and you will not become offended.





February 20

Bee Clean

To “bee” clean and remain clean is a lofty desire. Without a clean heart, you cannot reach God. The Psalmist asked a very important question: “*Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who shall stand in his holy place?*” Then he answers his own question: “*He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart*” (Psalm 24:3-4). The Lord expects His children to have a clean heart. Your actions and motives need to “bee” clean. You need to “bee” clean in your thinking. You need a continual cleansing in the same way your clothes need to be continually washed. It may not be that you are willfully sinning, but you need to be continually cleansed from any influence from mingling with the world in your everyday life and business.

King David experienced the shame of an unclean heart after he committed sin with Bathsheba. He pled with God: “*Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me*” (Psalm 51:10). Only after you have been cleansed can you experience the beautiful things that Heaven has to offer. The writer of Proverbs asked the question, “*Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?*” (Proverbs 20:9). Ask the Lord to cleanse you from all unrighteousness. Only He can truly make you clean.

When Jesus was healing the sick, He met a leper: “*And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.*” How did Jesus respond to this request? “*And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed*” (Matthew 8:2-3). Leprosy is always associated with an unclean spirit. Jesus saw that the leper desired to “bee” clean and He granted that request. How do you think the leper felt after he was clean? His leprosy was gone! He was no longer separated from God! The unclean spirit was gone! How clean he felt! Surely, “bee” clean will never leave a painful sting!



February 21

Bee Comforted

We all face circumstances in life when we need to “bee” comforted. It may be due to unexpected tragedy, disappointment or the loss of a loved one. The Bible promises us that we will “bee” comforted in times of mourning, “*Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted*” (Matthew 5:4).

I knew a woman who faced extreme disappointments, one right after the other—her newborn died; her husband died prematurely due to a disease; two of her daughters were killed in a car accident and another daughter suffered serious head injuries in a sledding accident. Through all of this, the woman refused to allow grief to overcome her. Instead, she found comfort from the Lord. Miraculously, one of the tragedies reversed. The daughter injured in the sledding accident recovered. Although the doctors reported her brain would be permanently damaged, she was fully restored and later became a school teacher, then married and had her own family. What great comfort this brought for the woman.

Our Heavenly Father often uses His precious Word to bring comfort in time of need. Romans 15:4 declares, “*Whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.*” If you would cleave to the Word of God, it would give you hope and triumph even in the midst of difficulty and grief. It is marvelous how you can “bee” comforted by His Word. Stay in tune with “bee” comforted for surely this “bee” will never leave a painful sting.





February 22

Bee Committed

To “bee” committed means to fulfill your responsibility and to do your best at home or at work. To “bee” committed is not to be wish-washy; one time you feel one way, next time another. True commitment is essential in the life of a Christian.

To “bee” committed as a Christian means you act and live like a Christian every day. Temptations do not change your commitment. You should “bee” committed to read and study the Word of God daily: *“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success”* (Joshua 1:8). Let nothing stop you.

A husband and wife need to “bee” committed to their marriage. The Bible says, *“Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands”* (Colossians 3:18). When a wife is committed to obey this verse, she will fulfill her God-given role. The next verse says, *“Husbands, love your wives”* (Verse 19). When a husband is committed to love his wife, nothing can change that decision. It is a commitment.

Make up your mind to “bee” committed to what God has called you to do. Refuse to take an alternative route. “Bee” committed to holiness. “Bee” committed to integrity and honesty. If you are totally committed, you will not feel the sting of the “bee” that stings the unfaithful.





February 23

Bee Compassionate

Jesus was compassionate when He saw the sick and suffering. Matthew 9:36 says, “*But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them...*” (Matthew 9:36). Because of His compassion, many of the sick were healed. Lives were changed. People who were in bondage were set free. This attribute would bring considerable healing to our world if people only knew how to “bee” compassionate. When compassion is manifested in our homes and churches, the whole community is affected.

You need to learn the value of compassion and, also, teach it to your children. Jesus told the story of a man who fell among thieves. He explained how the Samaritan chose to “bee” compassionate toward this man he did not know: “*But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him*” (Luke 10:33-34). As a Christian, you should develop this characteristic. Million of souls are in need of a Savior. Some are dying; others need encouragement. If you show compassion to the suffering, the Lord will show compassion to you. “Bee” compassionate. It’s God’s way.





February 24

Bee Complete

Everyone is affected by things that are incomplete. A beautiful building may be ever so gorgeous, but if it is incomplete, it doesn't display its full beauty. Most people enjoy seeing things that are finished or complete.

You need to “bee” complete as a Believer. You need to act like a Christian. You need to understand what it means to “bee” complete and fulfill God's will for your life. Many people live and die and never complete their mission in life. Paul, in writing to the Colossians, said, “*And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power*” (Colossians 2:10). According to this verse, there is supernatural power available through the Lord Jesus Christ when you are complete in Him. It should be your utmost desire to “bee” complete in Christ Jesus. That completeness would mean that you are totally delivered from the powers of darkness (not infallible, but victorious). When someone makes a mistake or falls into some kind of sin, they can repent and still choose to “bee” complete in Him. If you choose to “bee” complete in Him, it will keep you from becoming a failure. “Bee” complete will never leave a painful sting.

“Failure says, ‘quit;’ motivation replies, ‘not yet.’”





February 25

Bee Complimentary

You should program yourself to see the good in others, to give a compliment to someone who did a notable deed. Ephesians 4:29 says, *“Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.”* Sometimes families have a tendency to point out faults instead of giving a compliment when a family member does a good job. One young man said he never heard a compliment from his parents. Even when he excelled in school, his dad would tell him he would never amount to anything. Every family member needs to hear a compliment when they have gone the extra mile or done more than what was required. However, caution should be used not to excessively emphasize a compliment which promotes ego.

As a pastor, I look for the little things our people do as well as the more notable achievements. I often open our services by complimenting the people for getting to church on time. It is not always the big things that are worthy of a compliment. Little things can make a big difference. “Bee” complimentary and find something good to say about someone today.





February 26

Bee Concerned

I come from a family with five brothers and nine sisters. Our mother would often “bee” concerned about us. Would we make the right choices in life? Would we choose the right kind of friends and associates? Would we have good marriages? Would we serve the Lord and be faithful to the end? These are all legitimate concerns. The future for ourselves and our children is unknown. We should “bee” concerned about the future, but not worried or overly anxious.

As an overseer of numerous churches across America and overseas, I believe I can understand Paul’s remarks to the Galatian church. “*My little children,*” he writes, “*of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you*” (Galatians 4:19). Any qualified leader has a legitimate reason to “bee” concerned for his people. After all, God does hold us accountable to train and teach them in the ways of the Lord. You should “bee” concerned, but don’t allow that concern to become worry. “Bee” concerned is a good “bee” to have in your life.

*“You had better worry about worry;
that stuff will kill you.”*





February 27

Bee Confident

A confident person expects to be successful in all he does. Every great man and woman who became a success, whether in the physical or spiritual realm, was confident. They understood that unless they had confidence in what they proceeded to do, they would fail. To “bee” confident does not mean to be arrogant or overly sure of one’s self. However, we all need a certain measure of self-confidence or we wouldn’t be able to do all that the Lord has called us to do. I like what Paul has to say in Philippians 1:14: *“And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.”* Paul’s bold preaching stirred up confidence in other ministers.

Prayer without confidence will bring few results. When you have confidence in your prayers, you can come boldly and without fear before the Lord. *“Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need”* (Hebrews 4:16).

Many Christians do not have enough confidence in themselves to be victorious Christians. They excuse themselves by saying they are weak and unworthy. This is unscriptural and has brought defeat to many. Our God is great enough to help you through every trial, temptation, obstacle, situation and circumstance you face in life; therefore, “bee” confident.





February 28

Bee Confidential

Most people, if not all, need someone in whom to confide. They need someone they can trust with whom to share their problems. When someone is willing to pour out their heart to a friend, they are seeking help, not exposure. They trust that person. They expect such information to be kept confidential. Some fear to expose their problems lest it should be advertised and published among the critics. People should be able to trust you to “bee” confidential when they need to talk about an embarrassing situation that is confronting them. Such information should never be exposed to others. It is not their business. *“A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter”* (Proverbs 11:13). Keep to yourself what others share with you.

Some people are tempted to use prayer as a method of exposing someone’s faults or problems. They explain the person’s problem and add, “I want you to pray for them.” Sometimes it is best not to give much information when requesting prayer for someone. Too often, when someone repeats a confidential conversation to others, it is blown out of proportion. We all need to “bee” confidential. Then, this “bee” will never leave a painful sting!

“You can trust a man who trusts God.”





Bee Congenial

To “bee” congenial means to be good natured and hospitable; a person who is easy to work with. Congenial people are usually pleasant, peaceful and easily entreated. Those who choose to “bee” congenial leave a great impression on others. They are appreciated and can be trusted. We all enjoy being around those who are congenial.

I have the privilege of working with pastors and church leaders who choose to “bee” congenial. The Bible describes the qualifications for men who will be leaders: *“A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous”* (I Timothy 3:1-3). The pastors and leaders I work with are exactly as Paul described to Timothy. They are congenial men who refuse to argue about anything, but will stand with me when I need them. They understand my desire and vision for our churches and are willing to help me accomplish the tasks of the ministry. They are ready to do the work necessary to bring people closer to the Lord. Choose to “bee” congenial. This is a beautiful “bee” that will never leave a painful sting.





March 1

Bee Considerate

As long as you are in this world, you will find people who will not totally agree with you. It is here that you must learn to “bee” considerate. To “bee” considerate is to be thoughtful and show regard toward the opinions, desires and feelings of others. Instead of getting into strife and demanding to have things done your way, submit as Philippians 2:3 says, “...*In lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.*” If you would esteem others better than yourself, it wouldn’t be so difficult to “bee” considerate.

If everyone chose to “bee” considerate, our world would be transformed. A selfish, self-centered person is unhappy. Such people have not found the blessings that come when you choose to “bee” considerate. You could save yourself a lot of trouble if you learn to “bee” considerate. When you make plans that involve others, “bee” considerate as to how it will affect them. You should “bee” considerate when speaking. Sometimes, you may be unaware that your words are harmful. You should “bee” considerate of the influence you are leaving at your workplace. When you learn to “bee” considerate of others, it can improve your relationships. “Bee” considerate. This “bee” will never leave a painful sting!



Bee Consistent

To “bee” consistent is an important part of Christian life. To “bee” consistent means to be firm and to be the same, day after day. Unless you are consistent, you will not be stable. “Bee” consistent in your faith as a Christian. “Bee” consistent in what you believe. “Bee” consistent in your Bible study and prayer life. “Bee” consistent as a witness of the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. The world needs to see Christians act like Christians, all day, every day.

You need to “bee” consistent in your relationship with the Lord and fellowman. You should “bee” consistent in quality work. As a parent, you need to “bee” consistent in training and teaching your children.

I once spoke with the owner of a certain food processing operation. He told me that when he started the operation he had to work hard to keep the flavor of his products consistent. He said, “You can’t sell something that one time tastes one way and the next time tastes different.” If it is that important for food to “bee” consistent, wouldn’t it be more important for your personal life to “bee” consistent? If you are one time up and another time down, who can trust you?

Although it is important to “bee” consistent, consistency in a negative way can be harmful and destructive to you and others. If you consistently think lack, poverty and defeat, that is what you will have. You need to “bee” consistent in the positive. If you would learn to “bee” consistent with goals, visions and plans, you could excel to greater heights. “Bee” consistent. This “bee” will never leave a painful sting when you use it carefully.





March 3

Bee Contagious

I once heard a young man deliver an enthusiastic speech. After he finished, an elderly man walked up to him and said, “Young man, your enthusiasm is contagious.” What a compliment! We all need to “bee” contagious in encouraging others, don’t we? When you meet people who are discouraged or perplexed, give them words of encouragement. When you feel discouraged yourself, just remember to encourage others and it will help to encourage you.

Paul wrote to Titus, “*In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity*” (Titus 2:7). He wanted Titus to have a lifestyle that was contagious to others around him. “Bee” contagious. Surely this “bee” will never leave a painful sting.

*“If you can’t inspire yourself,
you will not inspire others.”*





Bee Content

The Bible tells us, “*But godliness with contentment is great gain*” (I Timothy 6:6). Contentment is not governed by circumstances. It is not determined by what you have or don’t have. Contentment is a choice. It’s a decision. This doesn’t mean you are to “bee” content with less than God has for you. I don’t think Paul was suggesting you should “bee” content with poverty or lack when he wrote, “*...I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content*” (Philippians 4:11). He describes what he learned, “*I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need*” (Philippians 4:12).

The true servant of the Lord is content with what the Lord has called him to do, but not content where he is spiritually. Certainly, Paul wasn’t content to be a mediocre Christian. No, he could do without food or comfort, if necessary, and still be content; but when it came to serving the Lord, he had a non-stop attitude. Whatever your lot in life, learn to “bee” content. It is not always easy, but it is something you can learn.

“Find a place serene, where God himself is seen.”





March 5

Bee Converted

As Jesus was nearing the end of His earthly ministry and transferring it to his disciples, He said to Peter, “*When thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren*” (Luke 22:32). The Lord was saying, “Peter, when you are turned around, establish your brethren.” Although Peter had followed the Lord for a number of years and was a member of Jesus’ team, he was not converted. There are those who have considered themselves Christians for years who have never been converted. It seems that there are some who slip into the back door of a church and mingle themselves among the people but have never had a true conversion. This has caused much disappointment in churches scattered across the world.

The Bible gives us direction on what it means to “bee” converted: “*Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord*” (Acts 3:19). What a wonderful promise; our sins will be blotted out. But what is the requirement? Repentance. That means to think differently or to change directions. It is when you repent and “bee” converted that your sins are forgiven and blotted out by the merits of the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. You are separated from the world and brought into a beautiful relationship with the Lord. Your will is broken and you seek to accomplish the will of God in your life.

The Psalmist had a desire in his heart to see others converted when he wrote, “*Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee*” (Psalm 51:13). When you are converted, you will desire to see others converted. Everyone needs to “bee” converted and learn to know the ways of the Lord. “Bee” converted will never leave a painful sting.





March 6

Bee Cool

If you are around some young people very long, you may hear them say, “‘Bee’ cool.” What they mean by “‘bee’ cool” is certainly not what I mean. To “bee” cool is to refrain from being “hot-tempered” or burning with anger.

Years ago, a father was outraged by something his son did wrong. His face was red with anger. An elderly man who was watching the scene said, “Sir, why don’t you go down to the spring and get a drink of cool water before you discipline your son?” In other words, he meant, “‘Bee’ cool. Calm down before disciplining your son.”

You need to learn to “bee” cool and keep your anger under control. This is especially important in the life of men. It seems like they have more of a tendency to become disturbed. You need to “bee” cool when you feel like becoming frustrated, irritable or impatient. When you become enraged, you can hurt both yourself and others.

If you have a problem with your temper, let me suggest that you learn to be strong in the Lord instead of becoming outraged when something doesn’t go your way. Sometime in life, we all get into hot water or run into circumstances that are difficult to handle. Learn a lesson from a tea bag. The longer a tea bag is in hot water, the stronger the tea becomes. Afterward, when it is cool, that tea can make a refreshing drink on a hot day. When you are in hot water, “bee” cool. If you learn to “bee” cool, you can be a blessing to others.





Bee Correct

To “bee” correct is to be right, accurate and truthful. You may remember taking exams when you were in school. Before you could pass the test, the answers needed to “bee” correct. You should follow that same example in life. Learn to “bee” correct in every area. “Bee” correct before judging others. “Bee” correct before you repeat a story about someone. I believe many conversations would be ended shortly if everyone were conscious of that very wonderful “bee.” To “bee” correct helped many average men and women to be greatly used by God. The Lord could trust them because they made a decision to “bee” correct in their manner of life, in their speech and in the way they treated others.

When husbands and wives make a decision to “bee” correct in the way they behave and communicate with each other, their homes will be transformed. You may need to ask yourself, “Am I correct in the way I respond to my spouse, parents or siblings? Am I correct in the way I minister to my neighbors?” These questions are very important. If you are a pastor or teacher, ask yourself, “Do I preach the Word correctly?” It is essential to “bee” correct in your interpretation of the Bible. Too many are destroyed by the doctrines of man. The Bible warns, “...they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction” (II Peter 3:16). When you read the Bible, do you hear that precious “bee” warning you to “bee” correct? You need to “bee” correct in what you believe.

You need to “bee” correct in your path of life, “*Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it*” (Matthew 7:14). You only have one opportunity to pass through this life. Make sure you are correct in the way you live. What matters is not what your past has been but what your future will hold. Will you “bee” correct when you stand before Almighty God and are examined for how you responded to others or how you served them? “Bee” correct. This “bee” will never leave a painful sting.



March 8

Bee Corrected

Most people experience times in life when they need to “bee” corrected. A child who is corrected learns valuable lessons in life. The Bible says, “*Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul*” (Proverbs 29:17). Instead of putting his parents to shame, he brings them delight, blessing and joy because he was corrected when doing wrong.

You expect correction in childhood, but you also need to be familiar with Biblical correction: “*For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth*” (Proverbs 3:12). All of us need to “bee” corrected at certain times in our lives. When we are willing to “bee” corrected, we can enjoy the Lord’s direction and His protection.

Correction is a very important part of a successful life. When you can “bee” corrected, you are on your way to improvement. When someone kindly and lovingly corrects you, it helps to develop your inner man. It helps you to understand how much you need others. It is a sign of maturity when you are willing to “bee” corrected.

A man and his wife were once traveling in an unfamiliar area. When he turned on a wrong road, his wife tried to kindly tell him he was going the wrong way. He reprimanded her and said, “I know where I’m going.” After traveling on the wrong road for an hour, he had to admit that he was wrong. He later said, “I wish I had been willing to be corrected. It would have saved us a lot of unnecessary problems.”

My wife, Esther, and I were to speak at a place. Someone accidentally gave us directions to travel west on a certain highway. My wife said, “I am sure we are to go east.”

I said, “Wifie, they should know where the meeting place is.”

Again, she said, “I am sure we are to go east.”

I said, “Well, let’s check the map.” Wifie was right. They made a mistake in telling us to go west.

I am not encouraging a wife to correct her husband in an unscriptural manner, but I have learned years ago to pay attention when my wife questions something. She just may be right. My advice to everyone is, “bee” corrected before you receive a painful sting.

*“I would rather change my mind
now than wish I had later.”*





Bee Counted

It is a valuable attribute to “bee” counted by the Lord as a useful vessel for His Kingdom. Abraham was a man God counted as righteous because of his faith: *“And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness”* (Genesis 15:6). Phinehas was also counted as righteous because he was obedient to God’s law: *“Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment: and so the plague was stayed. And that was counted unto him for righteousness unto all generations for evermore”* (Psalm 106:30-31). Because he could “bee” counted, many lives were saved.

I often think of the story of Gideon. This man was shy and timid, hiding from his enemy, yet God counted him as a useful man. The angel of the Lord found him threshing wheat where the enemy could not see him: *“And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour”* (Judges 6:12). Gideon had no idea what was inside him, but he accepted the challenge to “bee” counted of God as a mighty man. Not only was Gideon chosen, but God gave him other men who were counted useful to help fight the battle. The fearful and shy warriors were sent home because they couldn’t “bee” counted. God tried the remaining soldiers at the brook and instructed Gideon to take only the men who lapped water as a dog. Only three hundred remained who could “bee” counted. With this small army, God wrought a great victory.

The Heavenly Father is still looking for men and women, boys and girls who can “bee” counted faithful, reliable and dependable. Can the Lord count on you? Can you “bee” counted if the Almighty is looking for someone to send to a foreign country with the gospel or to the back streets of a city? Can you be trusted to go into the slums or dark alleys to rescue the people most of society rejects? Jesus reminded us through a parable that these people are important: *“Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to*

the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests” (Matthew 22:9-10). Can you “bee” counted with the number the Lord has chosen to go into these places to win the souls of men? I have been there; I have preached there. I love that work because the souls of men are precious to me. Jesus told us to work “...while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work” (John 9:4). Choose to “bee” counted for the work of the Lord.

“Jonah ran into a whale of a lot more trouble than he expected when he sailed away from God’s command.”





Bee Courageous

Courage has caused many average people to become mighty men. When a courageous person sees a job to be done, he sets out to accomplish it. He can't be stopped. Moses, Joshua, David and other great men of the Bible did not succeed because they didn't face opposition, conflicts and backsets. They won because they were courageous. When David was facing extreme circumstances, he chose to "bee" courageous, *"And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God"* (I Samuel 30:6).

When Joshua was called to lead the children of Israel into the promised land, he was given some strong admonition, *"Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest"* (Joshua 1:7). It takes courage to stand against all the problems that leaders encounter. Joshua had a hard task ahead of him. God knew His people would murmur and complain. Joshua needed to be reminded to "bee" courageous and keep his eyes on the goal to bring these people into the land of promise.

To "bee" courageous is to step out in faith and exercise confidence in the Lord who called you to do the task. It takes courage to stand for the right when others around you are criticizing or finding fault with you. It takes courage to bring reconciliation between yourself and others. It takes courage to go all the way with the Lord when others think you are a fanatic. There will be times in life when you face situations that can cause you to become discouraged and want to quit. Make a decision now to "bee" courageous. Men and women of courage are strong. They are *"Stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord"* (I Corinthians 15:58). "Bee" courageous. It is God's way of true achievement.



March 11

Bee Courteous

The Bible instructs us to “*be courteous*” (I Peter 3:8). A courteous person is one who is warm and friendly toward others. They are often full of hospitality and kind deeds. They love to do nice things for others. They are polite to strangers, as well as their old familiar friends. A person who is courteous is often generous and helpful. Your home should radiate this glorious virtue.

I have travelled many miles by airplane and noticed the courtesy and helpfulness of the flight crew. They have been trained to serve their customers well. Businesses that train their employees to “bee” courteous toward each other and their customers are much more successful. Why can’t we learn the value of courtesy, even if others don’t return the same courtesy? “Bee” courteous. The world needs to see more courteous people.

“ Give to life and life will give back to you.”





Bee Creative

The power to “bee” creative is within each of us. God has given you the power to change your negative, nonproductive thinking. When you think defeat, lack and failure, that is what will come your way. When this happens, you become frustrated and are unable to fully perform your God-given achievements. When you break away from a downcast, “born loser” mentality and set out to “bee” creative, life will take on new meaning. You don’t have to be a genius with a brilliant mind to “bee” creative. Imagine yourself accomplishing something you never did before. Think of God using you in a way you thought was impossible. Didn’t Jesus speak to us concerning the impossible? *“Nothing shall be impossible unto you”* (Matthew 17:20).

Many have never discovered their full potential. They have lost confidence to visualize the marvelous, creative power working in them. To them, to “bee” creative is mysterious and perhaps evil because tradition caused them to believe God wants them to be negative and willing to be a loser. This kind of belief has brought failure, heartache and loss to many Christians who have great, creative minds. The Lord gets little or no glory from a negative, nonproductive mind. As a Christians, you have a higher realm of responsibility than most realize. If there is any time you should fail, fail in failure.

Commit yourself to “bee” creative. Plan to succeed. God has given you a mind to “bee” creative. Start right now to develop your God-given mind to become all you can become. You and the Lord, together, can do great things that will bring glory to His name. Choose today to “bee” creative.





March 13

Bee Crucified

No one ever learns to truly live until they learn what it means to “bee” crucified. To “bee” crucified means that you are dead to sin. Romans 6:6 explains, “*Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.*” After the old man has been crucified, you have a new, exciting, joyful life in Christ Jesus because your childishness, selfishness and desires to have your own will and way is dead. Now, you belong to the Lord and are willing to do what He asks without murmuring and complaining. Paul made a great discovery and wrote, “*I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me*” (Galatians 2:20). He didn’t stay dead. He became more alive than he had ever been because he learned what it meant to “bee” crucified.

You cannot crucify yourself. You must let the Lord crucify you. When Jesus went to the cross, there was no turning back. When you choose to “bee” crucified, there is no turning back. Go the whole way with the Lord. You will no longer be demanding your own will and way but will gladly submit to the will, plan and purpose of God. All Christians must learn this very valuable lesson—to “bee” crucified.

“Don’t be cross when you’re bearing your cross.”





Bee Daring

There comes a time in each of our lives that we must “bee” daring. Daniel dared to pray at an open window knowing those who tricked the king to cast him into the den of lions were watching. Yes, he was cast into the den of lions, but what a shout of victory came when the Lord closed their mouths. Later, Daniel testified, *“My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions’ mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt”* (Daniel 6:22). Because Daniel dared to serve God faithfully, he was saved from the hungry lions.

Knowing the fiery furnace awaited them, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego dared to refuse to worship any god other than the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. They dared to say, *“...be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up”* (Daniel 3:18). These three Hebrews dared to stand for the right in the midst of a fiery trial because “bee” daring buzzed in their ears telling them to obey God. They were still thrown into the fiery furnace, but were delivered from the exceeding hot flames. Because three young men dared to stand true to the One they worshipped, King Nebuchadnezzar acknowledged their God was the one and only true God. He said, *“Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king’s word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God”* (Daniel 3:28).

There is a vast difference between “bee” daring and being foolish. Dare to “bee” daring as the mighty men recorded in the Bible. As with Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, this “bee” will never leave a painful sting!



March 15

Bee Dead

Remember the hymn that says, “Dead to the world would I be, Oh Father; dead unto sin, alive unto thee?” Many are the lips that have sung that precious hymn. Yet, how many of us have truly had this experience? To “bee” dead in a scriptural sense is not being without physical life. The fact is, those who have died to self and to a sinful way of life have more life, because the life of God now abides in them. Paul explained this in Romans 6:11, “*Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.*” To be alive unto God is far greater than to be alive unto sin.

To “bee” dead means that the spiritual nature is in control instead of the carnal. We are no longer controlled by sin and all of its activities but are walking with the Lord in a holy manner. I Peter 2:11 explains: “*Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul.*” There is a war between the carnal and the spiritual, but the Lord has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. When the Holy Spirit reveals to you the difference, you can “bee” dead to the carnal and alive unto the spiritual. Surely, “bee” dead will not leave a painful sting.

*“If we live prepared to die,
We will die prepared to live.”*





Bee Decided

There are areas in life you must “bee” decided. When you are decided, the issue is settled. When you say, “I have decided to be a Christian and follow Christ,” there is no room for return. You have made a firm decision. It is fixed. You will not waver.

You should “bee” decided when making certain choices in life. You should “bee” decided that under no circumstances will you return to an unstable lifestyle. Indecision is sure to bring trouble. “Bee” decided to be a good husband or wife, father or mother. When someone says, “I have decided to do my best at my new job,” they are expecting to be a successful employee. The reason some people succeed while others do not is found in their choice to “bee” decided. The buzzing of “bee” decided will remind you to stand firm. This “bee” will not leave a painful sting when used appropriately.

*“Don't go too fast;
Don't go too slow;
Keep up a steady pace;
Keep on the go!”*





March 17

Bee Defensive

In Apostle Paul's epistle to the Philippians, he reminded them: "*I am set for the defence of the gospel*" (Philippians 1:17). Like Paul, we need to "bee" defensive of the true Gospel when Bible scholars deny the virgin birth of our blessed Savior and boldly declare that parts of the Bible are fiction. It was the true Gospel that brought us to the Light. It was the Gospel that steered our feet away from the path of destruction. We must not allow a false gospel to sidetrack us.

A woman visited a church service where I was preaching and told me she was shocked that I preached a sermon based on the book of Esther. She was quick to inform me that her pastor had just taught them that the book of Esther was a fable. What an opportunity I had to defend the truth of the Bible. With a smile of satisfaction on her face, she remarked, "You are very convincing." She didn't understand it was the Holy Spirit convincing her, not my words. After all, it was the Holy Spirit who inspired the writers of the Holy Scriptures to record the words in this very important and valuable Book.

You need to "bee" defensive of your faith and walk with God. You need to "bee" defensive of your moral standards and holy living. Defend yourself against the forces that are trying to overthrow you. If you learn to "bee" defensive in the proper manner, this "bee" will never leave a painful sting.





Bee Deliberate

To “bee” deliberate can be a good quality. You can deliberately be kind to those who were unkind to you. You should deliberately choose to do right when you are tempted to do wrong. “Bee” deliberate in your Christian life. You need to deliberately love your enemies and pray for them that spitefully use you: *“But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which spitefully use you, and persecute you”* (Matthew 5:44). You should deliberately do good to those who are hostile toward you and return good for evil, *“Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good”* (Romans 12:20). To “bee” deliberate in this way will never leave a painful sting.

“Opportunities are everywhere if you dare to dare.”





March 19

Bee Delighted

There are certain things in life that bring us delight. It is good to “bee” delighted when great things happen. Many things throughout my life have caused me to “bee” delighted. Many years ago, due to health problems, I was unable to harvest my farm crops. I was delighted when a group of Believers and friends came together and brought in the harvest. Some of the women even came and helped my wife. They were so kind and gentle toward us. Although that was a long time ago, I am still delighted by the memory of their generosity.

Psalm 37:4 instructs us: “*Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.*” You should “bee” delighted to serve the Lord. You can learn to “bee” delighted by all the good things that He pours out upon you. This “bee” will never leave a painful sting.

“When the days are dreary, keep yourself cheery.”





March 20

Bee Delivered

As children of God, we are never left to walk alone because the Lord is ever ready to deliver His people. When trouble seems to come on every side, the precious promise in Psalm 34:17 is still waiting for us to lay hold upon: *“The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.”* The Scriptures assure us of that wonderful deliverance. Heaven is never far away: *“The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them”* (Psalm 34:7). The angels are not off in some yonder place, but around us who fear the Lord. What a peaceful and quiet assurance we can have knowing that Heaven is always ready to rescue us in times of trouble.

The Psalmist penned these comforting words years ago, but they are still fresh and meaningful today: *“Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all”* (Psalm 34:19). He didn’t promise to deliver us fifty percent of the time or even ninety-nine percent. Review those words again, *“but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.”* We were never promised a life without troubles, afflictions and trying times, but the Lord has promised to deliver us out of them all the time. Seek the Lord in those hard times and choose to “bee” delivered.

It is good to reflect on the times the Lord delivered you in the past and thank Him for the deliverance. This will help encourage you to face the future in victory. There is no value in being bound with heartaches when the Lord is waiting and longing to set you free. If anything is tormenting or troubling you, choose today to “bee” delivered. This blessed “bee” will never leave a painful sting!





March 21

Bee Dependable

A businessman recently said, “It is very difficult to find dependable help in this generation.” Why? Perhaps, our younger generation has not been taught how valuable and important it is to “bee” dependable. Many people fail in life, not because they lack opportunity, talent or the necessary funds to do the job, but because they are not dependable.

When Joseph was sold by the hands of his brothers and became a servant to Potiphar, he chose to always “bee” dependable, regardless of what had befallen him. Notice what the Bible says about his dependability: “*And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand. And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field*” (Genesis 39:4-5). Joseph refused to sit around pitying himself and nursing his hurts. As far as he was concerned, he would never again see his Dad who loved him. He was doomed for failure, but he rose to the occasion and was determined to make the best out of what he had. No wonder the Lord lifted him out of the dungeon to a lofty position with the king. Not only did the king find Joseph to “bee” dependable, but the Lord found him faithful and was able to bless him greatly. It is written, “*A faithful man shall abound with blessings*” (Proverbs 28:20). “Bee” dependable; what a necessary “bee.” He will never leave a painful sting!





Bee Determined

It is important to “bee” determined. Those who win in life are those who are determined to accomplish something. They set out to achieve success in both the spiritual and physical realm. They don’t give up. They can’t give up. Life is too important for them to waste. All the difficulties, backsets, failures and challenges of life cannot stop a man with determination, zeal and enthusiasm. He may fall. He may fail. He may stumble. But when determination grips him, he will arise and head for the top again: *“For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again...”* (Proverbs 24:16). People who choose to “bee” determined can come through trouble, sickness or hardship quicker and easier than others.

Some of the most influential people who ever lived have had times of defeat, but they were determined not to quit. Some of the most successful marriages didn’t prosper because there were no difficulties or tests. They prospered because these couples had a determination to make their marriage work regardless of obstacles. People who have great ministries didn’t become great because there were no problems or difficulties to stop them. It was because they had a determination to fulfill what God called them to do.

The Apostle Paul was determined to preach the gospel everywhere he went. He was imprisoned, stoned, rejected and suffered almost every imaginable backset, but in the midst of it all, he chose to “bee” determined so the world would hear the glorious gospel. “Bee” determined to serve the Lord and help others to find salvation through Jesus Christ. Then, this “bee” will never leave a painful sting!





Bee Different

When you choose to serve the Lord with your whole heart, you will “bee” different from the devil’s crowd. The things of this world will no longer be a part of your life. Your thoughts, actions and lifestyle will “bee” different. Your goals will “bee” different. Your music, books and magazines will not carry the same message the world enjoys. Paul explained the miraculous difference in the life of a Believer, *“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new”* (II Corinthians 5:17).

Jesus used sheep and goats to illustrate how the people of God differ from the world: *“And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats”* (Matthew 25:32). There is a vast difference between sheep and goats. Their behavior, their eating habits and their overall character is very different. You are to “bee” different than the world because you belong to a different kingdom. Jesus told us, *“My kingdom is not of this world”* (John 18:36). If the Lord is walking in you, you should be in agreement with His kingdom.

It is important to “bee” different and separate yourself from the confusion of the doctrines of man. Hebrews 13:9 warns us: *“Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace.”* You should “bee” different by allowing grace to teach you how to interpret the Word of God correctly. Paul warns: *“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears”* (II Timothy 4:3). He was prophesying of this generation. If you are not careful, you will heed to those who only teach part of the gospel. Choose to “bee” different. God will direct those who have an honest heart and desire to obey His Word. Listen to “bee” different when you feel like following the wrong crowd for this “bee” will surely never leave a painful sting.





March 24

Bee Diligent

A diligent person is persistent, hard-working and careful. It is very important to “bee” diligent, especially if you are a leader. Romans 12:8 declares: “...*he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.*” According to this verse, the choice to “bee” diligent is a very powerful decision. You must choose to rule well in the position you are called to serve, whether as a king, national leader, church leader or the leader in your home.

“Bee” diligent when training your children so they will grow up correctly and follow the right pathway in life. Teach them to earnestly contend for the faith. Train them to “bee” diligent at home, at church and in the work place.

Paul instructed us to “bee” diligent in spiritual matters in II Peter 1:10: “*Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall.*” You must “bee” diligent to have the seal of the Holy Spirit upon your life. “Bee” diligent to serve the Lord from the depth of your heart. “Bee” diligent to accomplish everything the Lord has called you to do. Truly, “bee” diligent will never leave a painful sting.





March 25

Bee Disappointed

All of us face disappointment at times when things don't go as we had planned. Go ahead, "bee" disappointed; it's alright, but don't become discouraged. "Bee" disappointed when you tried hard but failed, but then get up and go again. The Bible tells us, "*a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again*" (Proverbs 24:16). Sure, he was disappointed he fell, but he didn't stay in that fallen position. You may, at times, "bee" disappointed because you made the wrong decision or agreed to something that didn't work out as you had planned. It is proper to "bee" disappointed, but you should not let that cause you to become depressed nor to quit.

To "bee" disappointed can be a benefit because you learn from experience. This is part of the maturing process of life. Some people, like Peter, have made major mistakes. Peter was disappointed that he denied the Lord. He went out and wept bitter tears of repentance. We have all made mistakes and were disappointed by them, but thanks be to God, we can be forgiven and go forth in victory. Paul said, "*Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus*" (Philippians 3:12-14). Paul wasn't sitting around grieving over his past. He left the past behind him and went forward into victory. Like Paul, forget the past, press forward and learn from "bee" disappointed lest this "bee" should leave a painful sting.





Bee Discerning

Apostle Paul, in his writings to the Corinthians, mentions a gift of the Spirit that is especially necessary in our day—the discerning of spirits (I Corinthians 12:10). If there ever was a time to “bee” discerning, it is today. Many people proclaim they are anointed of God or have a “thus saith the Lord” message, but are living contrary to sound, Biblical teaching from the Word of God. Beware! The true word of the Lord will never be unscriptural nor exalt the flesh. Thank God, there are still God-fearing, holy messengers of God with a true “thus saith the Lord” who have a Biblical lifestyle.

Many have been confused, brokenhearted and brought into delusion because they didn’t heed the warning buzz of “bee” discerning. You can, and should, develop in this gift of discernment. Beloved, you need to have the discerning of spirits operating in you at all times.

*“Whoever God is for, you dare not be against;
Whatever God is for, you dare not be against.”*

