

Sword & Song News

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Isa 14:12- How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! 13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High KJV.

Satan fell because of pride. In willful arrogance he rebelled against God and initiated a war that earthlings are still facing. Likewise, the sin of pride has established a base of operations in the Church through deceived believers who blindly ignore pride's evil and confidently reason away it's demonic nature without thought that arrogance is a direct imitation of Satan. Jesus, on the other hand, laid down his life, having come in the form of a servant, even though being a King, and exemplified that humility is the doorway to genuine godly love. Therefore, according to 1 Corinthians 13:4 love does not vaunt itself, and is not puffed up. As a result, it is impossible to reflect the love of God if you're a braggart and you boast about what you've done or possess.

1 Cor 13: 4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, 5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; 6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; 7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. KJV

I don't think there is anything that grieves my heart more than the sin of braggadocios pride. I don't want it in my life and I ache when I see it in others, especially leaders. I suppose I feel this way because love is crippled when pride is present. Moreover, the attitude characterized by this enemy of love expresses itself in a manner that is self promoting and what the passage goes on to describe as being "puffed up with air".

I have taught and encouraged the practice of praise and worship for many years. Nonetheless, alarmingly, over the course of my ministry, and when training believers in the importance of giving testimony of God's, I've come to realize that there is often a very fine line between giving testimony to and of God and proud boastings of one's personal accomplishments for God.. I painfully discovered this during one of the schools I was conducting after I asked the various students to share testimony. Everything seemed to be going along very well as different students and staff shared of how

Biblical Etiquette for Love! Section Three



LOVE DOES NOT PROUDLY BRAG

Part Three: "Have We Forgotten How to Love?"
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good God was in various situations of their lives. We all rejoiced hearing about His faithfulness, But, without warning, suddenly the atmosphere changed as several of the class switched the tone of their testimony from giving glory to God to boasting about how great they had been when faced with difficult challenges. The tone of their voices, the look on their faces, the haughty expressions of their eyes and the self-honoring statements made me realize how quickly we can become arrogant braggarts. I eventually had to stop these folks and confront their manner, words, tone and attitudes. What was worse, they didn't even realize or seem to care how awful the bragging was.

I honestly believe that the trouble with boasting amongst believers is rooted in several deeper issues related to not knowing how to communicate love and affirmation. Let me explain. I've observed that for fear of causing someone to become proud, affirmation and complimentary praise has often been discouraged in Christian fellowship. Although, well meaning, the ignorant silence and scarcity of affirmation in the Church has resulted in a praise, or affirmation deficit, starving the individual, the family, friendships, work relationships and the Church in ways not often recognized. Therefore, forced to fill this love vacuum, an increasing number of love starved saints boast and brag about their accomplishments and

successes. What's worse, they don't even realize that such swank exposes an overlooked root need that every believer has in that we each need to receive God's love through His praise to us in the secret place and through the Body of Christ. There is a rock solid security established in the heart of the believer who has learned to hear the praises of God from God to the believer for a job well done. Furthermore, believers who are secure in the affect of the New Birth affirmations from God (Rom. 2:29-30) then don't feel the compulsion to brag about themselves. But without that revelation, problems begin.

These thoughts must be followed on with the idea that love is not puffed up! The words "puffed up" originate with the concept that love is not arrogant or inflated! It makes sense then when cartoonists portray the arrogant person with a chest puffed out and forward. Love, however, is not this way. Pride produces a wide range of corrupting attitudes that contradict love making it a seductive foe that blinds its allies who then find it difficult to genuinely repent of, confront and correct. Believers ensnared by the deceptions of pride can't genuinely discern when they are being proud until someone they love is wounded by it and confronts him or her. But even then, it's a constant battle.



Paul the apostle had a great deal to say about the puffing up of pride to the church of Corinth. It seems as if there were some serious attitude issues amongst the believers there, one of them being pride. Furthermore, his writings reveal some clues as to how and why the pride manifested itself. I therefore find it interesting that he emphasized the subject of love as so important to a church that had major problems. Nonetheless, how did the pride manifest so as to require such a stress on love?

1 Corinthians 4:6 And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and to Apollos for your sakes; that ye might learn in us not to think of men above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another. KJV

1 Corinthians 4:18 Now some are puffed up, as though I would not come to you. 19 But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the power. KJV

1 Corinthians 5:2 And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you. KJV

1 Corinthians 8:1 Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth. KJV

Colossians 2:18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind. KJV

FRUIT OF PRIDE NUMBER ONE: THE LOVE OF POSITION, TITLE AND RECOGNITION

Pride loves position, title and recognition. There were considerable problems with position-seeking believers amongst the Corinthian saints. Paul confronted these "wanna be" leaders about this very matter. In short, pride creates an attitude of unhealthy, dominating competitiveness. Believers,

and let me especially say, Christian leaders, may exhibit this nasty fruit of pride when they constantly strive to excel, seeking to be first, to be better, and recognized above others for the sake of being the best! This attitude produces selfishness, self-will, self-exaltation, unhealthy ambition and an enviousness that displays itself when others do something that you wanted to do before you did it. Sadly, the results of competition inevitably produce an intense hatred and enmity. Gal. 5:26; 6:3-4. Therefore, the believer who yields to pride constantly compares himself or herself to others. 2 Cor. 10:12. Proud people are therefore perpetually discontented with life and any past achievements. Finally, since love cannot function in this atmosphere, jealousy and envy thrive unhindered. Pride is a root that can never be satisfied forcing the individual to live in a state of strife with God and man, and absorbing life while keeping one from functioning in a calling and role in life.

Pride takes hold of people in different degrees, touching different areas of life. Therefore, nearly everyone faces it to one degree or another.

FRUIT OF PRIDE NUMBER TWO: AN INABILITY TO ADMIT WRONG OR BE WRONG

One of the most significant fruits of pride, and crippling to love is the proud individual is unable to admit wrong or acknowledge the possibility of being wrong. Where love is humble, gentle and true, pride bears a fruit that refuses to see personal faults. If you see you have a possible weakness, and then you admit the fault is present, you will ultimately have to do something about it. Consequently, the mere recognizing of a problem overwhelms the proud individual because they would rather deny the problem exists instead of facing it. Such individuals then feel they have to justify their actions, often spiritualizing their behaviors to make themselves appear right. Proud believers will frequently say "God told me to", thereby placing the blame on God, if something goes wrong. Love, on the other hand, always seeks to be responsible. Pride therefore causes a person to refuse to be accountable for personal actions of offences, while placing blame on those who get offended rather than realize personal responsibility for causing the offence. Believers who won't admit wrong, or aren't willing to be wrong, or submit to others, cancel out their own spiritual growth, even though because of their forceful actions, they may look successful. As a result pride causes division, strife and offences associated with a continual pattern of bitterness. This foe is behind the downfall of innumerable relationships and targets marriages. It occurs in the marriage, because neither mate will admit they're wrong, stemming often from their accumulated love deficit, deep bitterness and frustration. In situations where I've had to

counsel troubled couples caught in the cycle of pride, I've observed that generally neither spouse is willing to make the changes or compromises necessary to love. In some situations, pride then feeds off of self-pity, creating blindness to the hurts it caused. Love requires humility. Therefore, for relationships to be healed, pride must be kicked out.

FRUIT OF PRIDE NUMBER THREE: THE NEED TO BE PERFECT OR PERFECTIONISM

There is no replacement for the security that genuine love produces. Therefore, if pride is present, the individual is always trying to achieve a sense of stability. As a result, pride is nearly always distinguished by the need to be perfect. In fact, one of the fruits of pride is *perfectionism*. Believers who've succumbed to this aspect of pride set up standards for themselves beyond normal requirements. They innately believe that if they achieve those standards than they're superior to others and have the right to become critical of those who don't accept the same values. In saying this, I'm not talking about wanting to do something well for the sake of doing it well. The standards of the proud are embraced because they are supposedly without fault, and therefore, perfect. Pride has to be perfect in order to feel like it is first or the best. It must win at all costs!

This attitude is the epitome of the lack of love. It produces an indifference to the needs of others, especially those the proud person is closest to, such as spouses, friends, children and family. Perfectionism creates an attitude of insensitivity. This is especially true when relating to those who are hurting, as pain is a sign of weakness and therefore, imperfect. Believers who deal with this will also seldom "feel" the presence of God because they view God as a perfectionist. Consequently, they relate to God on the basis of their achievements. They often unknowingly believe that God's acceptance is received on the basis of their works. As a result, a life filled with works actually has no relationship with God. Pride makes one think can please God because it lives without fault and is doing what is right. The believer's relationship to God is never established on the basis of works. Grace is never earned so therefore the pride driven believer is always falling short of grace and rest.

Perfectionism also causes the individual to be hasty in judgment in that the proud person doesn't show wisdom when judging character positively or negatively. This is actually a form of naivety that cannot exist if genuine love is present, since real love operates with discernment and wisdom. Godly love recognizes evil for what it is and then seeks God how to deal with it. Pride presumes based on what looks successful and according to if something meets up to the proud person's value system. Obviously, if perfectionistic pride is present, the individual will always have an edge, or sharpness to their words or tone. Let me qualify this statement. There are times when



firmness and corrective tones are necessary to deal with bad behaviors, incompetence and irresponsibility. The sharpness, however, with the proud is different in that it originates with the sense of superiority and condescending attitudes

When the believer is driven by perfectionism, it results in a variety of attitudes and behaviors that can be very difficult to expose and confront. People demonstrating these will come across with a harsh attitude toward others, and even self, that results in severity of character. It therefore produces a very critical spirit exhibiting unforgiveness, self-righteousness and the most difficult of all, *religious pride*. These things combined produce unloving attitudes, words, body language and tone of voice. Consequently, instead of communicating love, pride transmits rejection. This is especially problematic in the family when parents demand perfection of their children in order to protect their personal pride. Therefore, the child never feels accepted, except on basis of achievement. Ultimately, since love is not foundational to these types of relationships, the cycle generally repeats itself producing a proud offspring.

FRUIT OF PRIDE NUMBER FOUR: UNFORGIVENESS

Love is fundamental to healthy relationships. The proud believer, however, finds it nearly impossible to manage a relationship because the pride restrains forgiveness. When you don't forgive you become bitter, estranged, touchy and angry at the slightest infraction in what you experience. Therefore, pride holds a false sense of justice requiring that self must be vindicated. Pride calls for retribution not forgiveness.

Unforgiveness tends to produce a wide range of emotions and spiritual consequences that could be simply avoided if love was active. Interestingly, guilt and condemnation lead the way when love is absent and pride insists on not forgiving. It is a mad vicious circle of emotions because the proud soul has become incapable of releasing others, and therefore, doesn't receive God's release and forgiveness, becoming tormented by the tormenting spirits that thrive where unforgiveness exists. Furthermore, a proud individual won't generally forgive himself of the past, and therefore, can't receive God's forgiveness. Pride will keep you from forgiving yourself because if you forgive, your self-image, built around pride is destroyed. Pride thus operates through blindness and deception. It disables the ability to see self as it really is and fails to see others as they really are.

Consequently, the person succumbing to pride eventually becomes bitter and hateful, trapped by his or her own self-deceptions.

FRUIT OF PRIDE NUMBER FIVE: UNBELIEF

Another fruit of a proud life, absent of love, is unbelief. The reason for this is because pride has to be independent and self-sufficient. To believe, one must acknowledge a need, a deficiency, and a limitation. Unbelief consequently seeks to establish its independence and sufficiency so that no one else

is needed. Pride is at the root of unbelief. Unbelief also prevents assistance when there is a real need. Therefore, in the case of leadership, the leader becomes over loaded with responsibilities others could be helping with. The leader, therefore, won't delegate, and take on too many tasks that others in reality should carry and inevitably neglect the vital priorities of life. This attitude affects families and spouses specifically, neglecting the families and spouses needs. The family, therefore, feels neglected and becomes offended with that family member.

John 5:44 How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only? KJV

Pride desires the glory and attentions of people. Faith desires the glory of God. It is therefore impossible to have faith and believe God if you're consumed with seeking the glory and honors of others.

The unbelief associated with pride forces the believer to possess God's blessings by working to earn them. Therefore, the proud believer is distinguished as one who works principles of faith for personal goals of perfection, rather than seeking God's will for life. This gradually produces an attitude of willful striving with God contradicting true faith that works through love. It is therefore no coincidence that faith and humility originate from the same root. Faith doesn't grow from a root of pride. Pride pushes us up. Humility acknowledges the need to depend on God for everything.

FRUIT OF PRIDE NUMBER SIX: PRIDE IS NOT ACCOUNTABLE

Love is accountable. The Christian who loves in the manner God desires, understands the importance of personal responsibility and accountability for actions and offenses he or she may have caused. Pride, however, scoffs at these things without conscience to what has been done or said. The puffed up believer unschooled in love is insensitive to the hurt of the people he or she has caused hurt. In fact, those who would be proud, develop a blindness and deafness to the cries and needs of those around them, and what's more, if confronted with their wrongs, become angry and defensive. I've lost track of all the times I have witnessed individuals, and even ministers of the Gospel, exhibit proud religiosity, as they then blamed the ones they hurt for taking offense at their bad behaviors or words, at the same time spiritualizing away their actions as the offended person's problem. Jesus was very stern about this and said "Woe unto him through whom offenses come. Luke 17:1-5 Matt. 18:1-11. The proud soul will always try to cover his or her tracks. It is almost unbearable for someone who is proud to be found guilty of a mistake because she or he is incapable of making a mistake. Even great men of faith of the Bible dealt



with pride. For example, Abraham, in his pride to protect himself, and not trust God to take care of him in a foreign land, was found guilty of lying to king Abimelech after Sarah was taken into the king's harem. Abraham tried to cover his tracks, but to no avail. Gen. 20:6-16 One can see how faith is crippled by pride and how Abraham was insensitive to Sarah or anyone else his actions affected. This also reveals that people who are proud become insensitive to others weaknesses. Pride, therefore, will almost always result in some form of offense because it overlooks the problems others have ignoring the rejection it communicates. As a result pride is the basis for irresponsible speaking. Love bridles the tongue of man. But when love is absent, and pride takes charge, the individual exhibiting it says what he or she wants to say without thought to how it sounds and who it affects. Let me give you a contemporary example.

"London's Telegraph newspaper examined how the Internet has changed the way we work, play and even think saying. "Tasks that once took days can be completed in seconds, while

traditions and skills that emerged over centuries have been made all but redundant," writes reporter Matthew Moore. So while the Internet has offered us much and greatly enriched our lives, it has also taken away things--things that used to be precious or at least an ingrained part of our daily lives." There is a significant number of things the Internet, and it's tools, that have crippled, if not destroyed in modern culture. One of those things is the art of polite disagreement. The tone of debate, often demonstrated in the web and blogging sites, has greatly sharpened, and thanks to the anonymity, people can post cruel messages they never would dare say aloud to someone's face. Christians are as guilty as the unbeliever in this as I have read numerous unbridled comments by believers on ministry websites and blogs. What's worse is that it is becoming more and more "acceptable" to say what you want without thought for conscience or personal responsibility. On top of this, I've frequently experienced and heard unsuspecting believers quote from Ephesians 4:15 that they must speak the truth in love. Regrettably, they do so totally out of the context that Paul was writing in, additionally ignorant of the actual interpretation for this verse, at the same time attempting to validate their lawless arrogant speaking. Please read the three separate Bible translations I've included to reveal how differently these verses could read. I normally don't quote from The Living Bible translation, but in this instance, I've included it because for all practical purposes, and for the sake of accuracy, it is the best translation. In fact, nearly every Bible commentator for this passage agrees it should be translated as "follows or holding the truth in love" not "speaking the truth".

Eph 4:15 Rather, let our lives lovingly express truth [in all things, speaking truly, dealing truly, living truly]. Enfolded in love, let us grow up in every way and in all things into Him Who is the Head, [even] Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed one). 16 For because of Him the whole body (the church, in all its various parts), closely joined and firmly knit together by the joints and ligaments with which it is supplied, when each part [with power adapted to its need] is working properly [in all its functions], grows to full maturity, building itself up in love. AMP

Eph 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. KJV

Eph 4:14 Then we will no longer be like children, forever changing our minds about what we believe because someone has told us something different or has cleverly lied to us and made the lie sound like the truth. 15 Instead, we will lovingly follow the truth at all times—speaking truly, dealing truly, living truly --and so become more and more in every way like Christ who is the Head of his body, the Church. Under his direction, the whole body is fitted together perfectly, and each part in its own special way helps the other parts, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. TLB

I'm positive many of you have experienced a time when a "well-meaning" but religiously, proud individual felt that they had the right and responsibility to correct some sort of fault they saw in you, and then qualified their comments by saying " I have to speak the truth to you in love". How sad that their spiritually-cloaked statements were not at all what Paul was referring to. The damage believers have done to one another based on this wrong interpretation of these verses is probably greater than we'll ever know. But, pride loves to use the slight twisting of Scripture to validate wrong attitudes, speech and behaviors like this. The Wycliffe Bible Commentary says this verse should say "holding the truth". Matthew Henry qualifies it as saying to "follow the truth in love" or "be sincere in our love to fellow believers." Furthermore, the truth that Paul was referring to was the truths of the fundamental doctrines of the faith. We slip into pride, casting aside the real meaning of this passage, when we decide that someone we see and judge isn't doing what we think they should be doing, and we have to tell them the truth--- or the truth of our opinions and judgments. Ugh. That is not what Paul meant at all. But pride loves that mindset. Additionally, let me quote Adam Clarke's Commentary, "Scolding and abuse from the pulpit or press, in matters of religion, are truly monstrous. He who has the truth of God has no need of any means to defend or propagate it, but those which love to God and man provides." And yet, when pride dominates the believer, and love is ignored, and comments of these types occur.

Love is not puffed up! And if you have allowed yourself to be deceived into thinking pride is not sin, then you need to be made aware that if you remain in pride, love will not function in your life. Sadly, when we yield to pride, we become blind to its

presence in our lives and even if we say we repent of it, we become proud in our repentance. Pride is a serious enemy and one we cannot deal with casually. Is there a way we can be free?

DEALING WITH THE ROOT OF PRIDE SO WE CAN LOVE IN TRUTH

In order to cut off the root of pride we need to be willing to deal with its deceptions. Ask God to show you how the deception of pride is working in your life. Be honest with yourself! If you can't see it, you need someone else who is close to you, and will be honest with you and discuss with you how pride is manifesting in your life. Once they share it with you, you must be willing to hear what they say and take it to heart. Additionally, you will need to ask God to heal your blindness and insensitivity to others. This will take serious prayer and time to unveil the lies you have allowed yourself to believe.

1 John 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. KJV

Secondly, once this process begins you will need to repent of the pride of life. John, the beloved apostle, and the author of some of the finest biblical teaching on love, exposed how the pride of life is in total contradiction to the love of God!. Pride affects how you view everything in your life including your abilities, gender, job, income, wealth, knowledge and position. It will take time to break through your blind spots and expose

how it's infected your life. Beware of excusing away your pride as "confidence". That is a common lie employed by the devil to counter your repentance.

Thirdly, you will need to renounce a haughty spirit. Haughtiness and arrogance are projected through condescending looks, superior attitudes, pushy body language and tone of

voice! You probably will not be able to see it. This is where a good and caring friend or family member can help point this out. Once you begin to get revelation of this, repent immediately, and then, don't tell anyone about your repentance---- EVER!. A sure sign of a still present root of pride is bragging about repenting of it. Let people see your humility rather than announcing to them how you have repented and have changed.

Fourth, expose the deceptions of pride. Be willing to admit to God, yourself and most of all those you are close to, that you're able to make a mistake. Let others help you. The proud person seldom allows anyone to help him. Delegate responsibility, if you need help. Proud people are often driven people. They live

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for their work to make themselves look important and don't even realize that their work has become an idol to them. Take some quality time to stop and examine if and how you've been consumed by your job, hobbies, or other people's needs, and then, once you've recognized the problems, make the appropriate changes.

Fifth- You will need to change your motivations of life from pride to love. This will be a major challenge because you'll have to learn how to see and hear anew. You must ask God to open your eyes and ears so you can hear the hurts of those you've offended and stop blaming everyone for their weakness. You may need to repent to those you've hurt because of your insensitivity and make the necessary changes. Be mindful that these things will take time to grow in. Furthermore, you will be breaking unhealthy and sinful patterns that may repeat until you grow in what it means to love. Moreover, even if you repent to the people you've hurt, they may not be quick to trust you. They may be suspicious of you, and may not believe that you are sincere. Give them time to grow and give your self room to change. You can break through much more quickly if you genuinely make yourself vulnerable and accountable to others in the things you do for God, your job, your activities and communicate. Give some of your closest associates and family permission to tell you to slow down, to wait or to give you wisdom.

Sixth, humble yourself before God. Pride resists God. Humility embraces Him. You may not have even realized it, but when pride is active in your life, grace is hindered. Humble yourself by acknowledging you cannot meet your own needs, and cast your cares on Him. Doing so on a daily basis will break the pattern of self-sufficient pride. You need Him constantly.

Matt 18:34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. 35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.KJV

Finally, you absolutely must forgive the people you have unforgiveness toward. Willful unforgiveness opens the door for spiritual torment. Jesus stated in Matthew 18:34-35 that if you do not forgive those you're angry with, the Father will deliver you to the tormentors. The tormentors can be anything that tortures, torments and stretches you till you are at your limits of strength, emotion and ability to get you to tell the truth. Deal with your unforgiveness and release the people you have tied to yourself. Until you do that, love will continue to be restrained in your life.

Love is not puffed up or boastful. Remember, you have already received the deposit of God's love in your heart by the Holy Spirit. You can love. There are many different angles to the etiquette of love. We'll continue with this study in the next article of the series "Have We Forgotten How To Love?"

UPCOMING MINISTRY SCHEDULE

JUNE 29TH-JULY 1ST

“Cooperating with Heaven Intercessory Prayer Seminar”

The Bibles for the World Chapel, 1105 Garden of the Gods Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80907 Registration required.

JULY 15TH-AUGUST 1ST

Singapore Ministry Trip

July 18th Prayer Wave Meeting Preparing for the National Prayer Rally

July 21- *LOVE SINGAPORE NATIONAL WOMEN'S PRAYER RALLY "SPRING RAINS"*

July 22nd- ACTS Center SAC Extension at St. Margaret's SEC School

July 24th Covenant Evangelical Free Church

July 25th Home Cell Group

July 27th Tanglin Fellowship, 8 p.m.

July 28th 10am-2pm

Seminar on “Understanding Ancient Strongholds Affecting the Nations Today”

July 29th City Mission Church

July 30th Luncheon with Various Pastors

August 1st Return Home

AUGUST- Connecticut

SEPTEMBER- Scheduling for Canada

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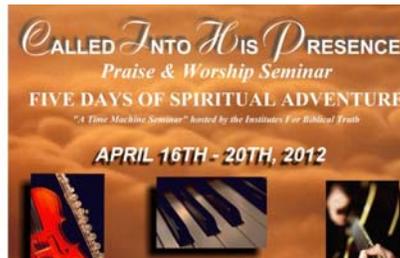
Curriculum & Teaching by Dr. Tamara Winslow
June 29th-July 1st

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1105 Garden Of The Gods Rd
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Registration covers In-depth curriculum, Tuition for classes & snacks

MINISTRY REPORT

CALLED INTO HIS PRESENCE PRAISE & WORSHIP SEMINAR



Five students and two volunteer staff participated in the Called Into His Presence Praise and Worship Seminar conducted in the ministry houses of Dr. Tamara Winslow located in Colorado Springs, CO. It was truly an international and diverse cultural group that afforded a good opportunity to delve into areas of praise and worship Dr. Winslow has not been able to speak on before. There were 23 teaching sessions not including the Praise Outing and Praise and Worship sessions, each emphasizing subjects that was intended to draw and instruct the listeners into a deeper walk with God. Some of those were very basic, examining the definitions of praise and worship, along with reminding the students about God's model for praise. The last day several messages produced deep heart reactions toward personal transformation and victory. Dr. Winslow taught about, The Unexpected Arrow, a powerful message about the Last Day's praise expression significant for victory. She also dealt with an enemy of praise in a message that challenged the entire group about the truth that praise is not a feeling and dealt with murmuring, a deadly foe of praise. The presence of God was tangible throughout the week especially in the different types of praise and worship sessions. One of the favorite classes taught about the sequence of the Hebrew and Greek words translated as praise and then acting each word out accompanied by various songs. What an amazing time. Everyone was prostrate or kneeling as His presence was so intense. On that same day, as the kitchen helper arrived, as she opened the front door of the house, she was hit by the presence of the Lord. It was so thick throughout the building. There were also special situations when God demonstrated His love to people when He answered their prayers in ways that only He knew would be special. Listen to this story when something happened during the seminar that should remind us how much God cares about the little/ big desires we each have.

Prior to the seminar, when planning the menu, Dr. Winslow had the strong inward witness to buy a scrumptious amazing chocolate layer cake at Costcos sensing a genuine leading to purchase this cake for the students of the seminar. Normally, she wouldn't buy such an expensive dessert, and even after considering the already tight budget, she still knew she had to buy it. Furthermore, she wasn't sure if the students would like chocolate, but she's learned not to ignore these impressions. So later on in the week, as one of the students, on sabbatical leave from South Africa, was eating her piece of cake, she happened to mention that she'd told her friends back in South

Africa that when she came to the United States she would make sure she had a piece of American Chocolate Cake. After hearing her say this, Dr Winslow remarked that after she had bought the cake she happened to notice it was called The American Chocolate Cake.

God had heard the student's desire and met it literally. It was not coincidence. But more so, He honestly cared about this little thing, which was to her a big thing, and met that heartfelt desire.

CURRENT & UPCOMING PROJECTS

May-June

Preparing for COOPERATING WITH HEAVEN INTERCESSORY PRAYER SEMINAR by June 29th-July 1st.

Editing Teaching CD's for new releases

"Daughter's of Eve" Musical meeting and musical work

Doing drawings and artwork for Dr. Winslow's new children's books- "THE BOOK OF PUZZLES", "THE VILLAGE CABOODLE" and "LADY BUG-ITY BOO" and ready these for publishing.

Newsletter articles

Writing her blog

www.truththatworks.blogspot.com

Studying for Singapore meetings

Working on various books for ebooks-

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The FEAR OF THE LORD

Practice singing, piano and composing music.