Daily Bible Devotional



The Christian Response to the Coronavirus

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"Live In Victory"

Today, I want to encourage you to live in victory. God's will for us is to live a victorious life. I want you to live in victory. One great sign for living in victory is that your faith is still growing. Romans 10:8 tells us, "But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach." When you live in victory, you have to watch what comes out of your mouth. Yes, during this coronavirus crisis, be careful about what you are saying, and what kind of information you are consuming. Solomon gives us an edict: "Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof." What kind of fruit are you bearing? In this season, I am praying that you are bearing good fruit. "This good fruit will come by "The Word of Faith."

Paul tells us in Romans 10:8a, "... The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart." Living in victory means by faith, my heart is in the right place. During this coronavirus pandemic, you need to ask God to consistently give you a "clean heart." Why? That you may serve Him. "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." (Psalm 51: 10) Wow! These are some powerful admonitions: a clean mouth and a clean heart. Good hygiene, right? Go ahead and add wash your hands. LOL! The final declaration of Romans 10:8 concludes, "...that is, the word of faith, which we preach;" The "word of faith" that propels us to salvation and victory comes by believing more of God's word. "That if thou shall confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

Are you saved? Are you a true witness for Jesus? Do you have the victory? I mean victory over doubt, demons, distrust, disengagement, disillusionment, distortions and distractions. I know you are making sure that you are practicing social distancing, just make sure that in the midst of this coronavirus battle, that you are not "distancing" yourself from Jesus. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing, the word of God." (Romans 10:11)

"Give me a clean heart so I may serve thee. Lord, fix my heart, so that I may be used by thee. For I'm not worthy of all these blessings. Give me a clean heart, and I'll follow thee: I'm not asking for the riches of the land; I'm not asking for high men to know my name.

Please give me Lord, a clean heart, that I may follow thee." Amen.