

this morning with the Lord was so sweet. as i lay on my bed meditating on Him and all the treasures of His word, so many things bloomed in my mind. everything just flowed together so perfectly in my mind, i was sure of how it would all move to words.

alas, they mostly quickly vanished as i arose and began the day. hopefully to reappear when they are needed. He has promised to give us what is needed as the time arrives. as precious as we all hold our bibles, it needs to be planted within our hearts. "I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people." jer 31:33 here is what He is bringing to remembrance today.

we are His people. a chosen generation and more. "but you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" 1 peter 2:9

why do you think we are called christians? not just because we are followers of Christ. because we are to be Christ-like in all our behavior. He is our pattern. we are to imitate Him as He has revealed the beauty of the Father to us.

recently i signed papers giving my friend financial and medical power of attorney to act in my behalf if i was not able to. this is something you only give to someone you trust. she is my "agent" with full authority to act in my behalf.

Jesus has given us His power of attorney. as i trusted a friend, He has trusted us. even as He sent out the seventy, two by two, we are now His agents. they returned proclaiming "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." luke 10:17 did He confirm their power of attorney? "behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven." luke 10:19-20

people, we are in a war. not a carnal war but a spiritual war and we must do battle. a battle between good and evil and the booty to be won are souls. "for though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds." 2 cor 10:3-4

the flesh can feel so real and immediate than we sometimes think it is the controlling realm. all things came from the spirit realm. they have their continued existence in it and it is the parent realm; the dominate realm. the carnal man cannot know this unless they are born again. born into the spiritual realm. "but the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." 1 cor 2:14

therefore we war with our words; with our prayers; with our love. love is a powerful weapon. we count them not as empty words but as swords doing battle. "love

will cover a multitude of sins.” 1 pet 4:8 was it not our Lord's love that defeated our own hearts into submission? as we stand in faith and believe for something, we confidently confess it. “I believed and therefore I spoke,” we also believe and therefore speak”. 2 cor 4:13

keep confessing. keep believing. no matter what doubts or obstacles the enemy may throw in your path. i recall a story about the healing evangelist smith wigglesworth. there was a woman who couldn't walk who came up for healing. he had a couple men hold her up as he commanded her to walk. she harshly fell to the ground two or three times. people began to ridicule and tell him to leave her alone. he commanded them to stand her again and this time she stood alone. stood and walked. he was confident in his God and persistent in his faith and the result was a battle won.

whatever you might be standing for, don't give up on your faith. it may be money or healing or loved ones or something else. even if God allows the door of opportunity to shut, stick your foot in the door to keep it open. abraham bargained with God and got Him down to ten righteous men to save all of sodom. (see gen 18) God was not angry. in fact, believe it was abraham's faith and persistence that pleased Him.

"all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do." heb 4:13 nothing is hidden from our God. let us all strive to spend our lives on that which pleases Him. we can only accomplish that by abiding in Him!

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