

Inspirations

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Ralph and I are so grateful for the opportunity to be here in the Tampa area at this time in history. I was in another awesome Great Awakening meeting the other night and the speaker began with asking the audience to imagine placing all the cares of their heart in their hands. We were corporately going to give them to the Lord so we could meet together in His presence without worry or distraction. Boy, did I ever have a burden on my heart. The adult in me wondered if the role playing was going to help, but, I took the challenge because I was desperate! The Holy Spirit stirred in my spirit that I needed to follow the speaker's direction. When he spoke, "Release them NOW" or something similar, I actually tossed the invisible heartaches and

concerns up toward Heaven and when I did, a supernatural peace settled over my heart and soul. *"Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you"* (1 Peter 5:6,7).

God, throughout time, has done marvelous, loving things for mankind, especially blessing those who lay aside pride and self-reliance and choose as a lifestyle to simply trust His leadership over their lives, moment by moment. May we remember, ***"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof... and all who dwell therein"*** (Psalm 24). His character has remained the same throughout all generations. He has given us all opportunity to be used of Him in the earth. Jesus taught that we can proclaim Godly Truth in His Name. Salvation gives us sonship to this great and glorious God—the Heavenly Father who blesses and provides greater than any earthly father could ever attempt to do. The final word on everything is HIS—the Maker of Heaven and Earth!

On August 26, Ralph and I celebrate our 45th wedding anniversary. Proverbs 3:5&6 was engraved in our wedding bands. I can testify that when we have acknowledged Jesus as Lord over our lives and over everything that God entrusted us with, things went well—God's way. When we did not, we were not as successful at life, relationships, possessions, work, etc. When we as believers give God ownership of our homes, we take care of them to honor Him. When we recognize that He owns our family tree, we speak to one another and react with His love ablaze in our hearts. When a vehicle breaks down which actually God Himself owns but we drive, we can say, "Father, Your car needs to be repaired or replaced. How would You like for me to handle this?"

It is a choice to daily Trust His leading... Acknowledge His ownership ... Cast our stewardship role upon Him. Romans 6 reminds us that *"your Heavenly Father KNOWETH that you have need of all these things"* (every care in life). So... *"Seek you FIRST the Kingdom of God and His righteousness [His rightness / ownership / reign] and all these things will be added unto you [be orchestrated His way, to Kingdom glory and success]"*. God has placed His Spirit in the spirit of every one of us who have invited Jesus to be our Lord and Savior. **The Holy Spirit is the Voice of God.** We also have the very written Word of God, the Bible. The Holy Spirit, when invited to do so, causes the written Word of God to become relevant to us so we discover not only instruction for stewardship, but, the Word sanctifies (transforms) us as we read it (John 17). Alignment in our spirit takes place when we rely on the Holy Spirit to lead us into all Truth. Then we steward well!

Today we can carry out God's best for us and touch lives and communicate the heart of God so history is written His way. Our lives will be His-story. We were not designed to shoulder His responsibilities. May we as Jesus did, do therefore today the things that please the Father! SMc