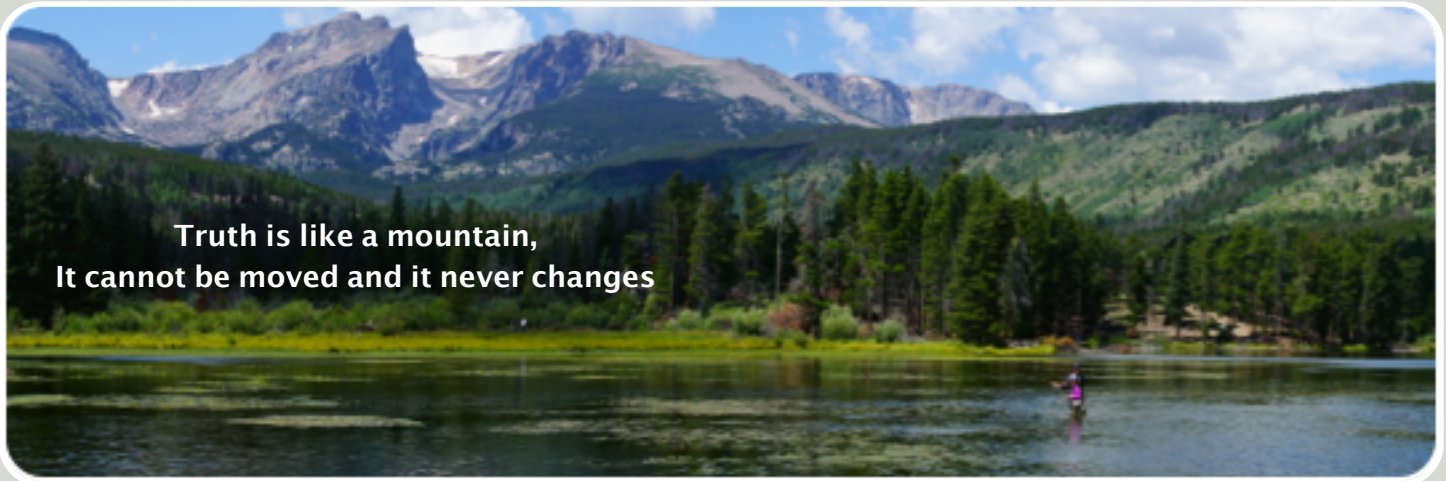


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"TRUTH"

**A SURE WORD
FOR TODAY**



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UPDATE

A PERSONAL UPDATE

The Cameron Peak fire was a wildfire that started near Chambers Lake on August 13, 2020, and was declared 100% contained on December 2, 2020. It destroyed 469 buildings and burned 208,663 acres. Unfortunately, that included our property in the mountains. Our home was spared but we were left with hundreds of dead trees.

The following summer Miss Linda and I cut and removed about 100 trees. We were exhausted and decided to take 2022 off, but our goal was to finish the job this summer. We are happy to report that on July 29 the job was finished. Thanks to our Grandson Josh who spent the summer helping his PaPa clear about 200 more trees.

God is good!

FEATURE ARTICLE: "My Greatest Gift"

WARNING: You are entering the "TRUTH ZONE". You may not like what you read. At times it may make you feel uncomfortable. That is not my goal. My goal is to speak truth that will provide spiritual guidance for you and your family in a time of great spiritual darkness.

You can be sure that what you read here will be TRUTH!

In June I celebrated my 80th trip around the sun. I say "celebrated" because 27 years earlier the grim reaper had come knocking at my door but thanks to my wife, my doctor, and my Lord I survived. At that time **I clearly heard** the Lord say, "I will satisfy you with long life.", **and God has kept His word!**

As I have gotten older I have spent a lot of time thinking about my life, what I did that was valuable, and what I did that was a total waste of the precious hours I had been allotted. I also think about the gifts I was given that proved to be of great value. Without a doubt, my most valued possession has always been and always will be my salvation. I don't even want to think about where I would be if Jesus had not chosen me and brought me to a place of repentance. My salvation completely changed the course of my life.

Thank you Jesus!

Naturally, my list of things I highly value also includes my wife and family, but beyond these, there is one gift that stands out as having been totally life-changing, and that was having the Holy Spirit to guide me. Looking back I am shocked at how God spoke to me and showed me paths that lead to amazing blessings for me personally, for Resurrection Fellowship Church, and for Resurrection Christian School. More than once I have had businessmen ask me, "How did you know?" and there was no other answer I could give except, "God told me."

The Bible is clear that the Holy Spirit is to be our guide. But, many times people are unsure if what they are hearing is from God and therefore they never do what God is telling them. As a result, they miss opportunity after opportunity to experience God's amazing blessings. So, how did this wonderful gift grow and mature in me?

I believe the key was to totally commit to seeing the Kingdom of God established in my life. By that I mean, I needed to totally yield to God's will and become obedient to whatever He was telling me to do. So many want God to show them the path to blessing but aren't interested in the path of sacrifice and self-denial. They want God to tell them how to receive a blessing, but are not interested in how to be a blessing, and then wonder why they can't 'hear' the voice of God. Their problem is, they have '**selective hearing**' and that dog won't hunt!

I could tell you many stories of how God spoke and told me what to do, and how my obedience resulted in amazing blessings. But, for every one of those there are ten others where God told me to do something I thought was crazy because it demanded sacrifice and self-denial. What I am trying to say is that it all works together and if you want this to happen in your life you have to accept the total package.

I don't want to mislead you, there have been times when I totally missed God and fumbled the ball, threw some interceptions, and even threw a pick-six. (Ladies, ask your husband to explain that.) But life has taught me that like a quarterback, you need to have a short memory and move on.

God's grace is sufficient!

Let me wrap this up by encapsulating what I have been trying to say. Walking in God's blessing starts with a firm belief that you desperately need God's help; and if you truly believe this, you will commit your life to obeying **everything** He tells you.

It is that simple!

Matthew 6:33 KJV

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

AND THAT MY FRIENDS IS THE TRUTH



A M I N U T E W I T H M I S S L I N D A



“Be Not Slothful”

A few months ago we were in Costa Rica and had the opportunity to see an animal we had never seen before, the three-toed sloth. We found them high in the trees where they spend their day quite sedentary, and

when they do move it looks like they are in super slow motion. It was quite obvious this creature did not want us to see his face or take his photo. Every time we saw one they were by themselves looking very content to be secluded and sleepy. What a pitiful way to live!

I find it interesting that 17 times the Bible warns us about the dangers of being slothful. But do we need these warnings? Today we live such busy lives and often it seems there just aren't enough hours in our day or enough days in our week. At the end of most days, we are totally exhausted and if the truth were known, most adults probably feel they are far too busy.

But, does that mean we should ignore the warnings we are given about being slothful, or is there something we may be

missing? Perhaps Hebrews 6 gives us a clue.

Hebrews 6:11-12 Young's Literal Translation

11 and we desire each one of you the same diligence to shew, unto the full assurance of the hope unto the end,

12 that ye may not become slothful, but followers of those who through faith and patient endurance are inheriting the promises.



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Yes, even though we are very busy, caught up in our job, our hobbies, exercise routines, and a thousand other things, we may at the same time be slothful when it comes to spiritual issues and as a result, miss God's best for our lives. Let's consider some areas where we need to guard against being slothful.

First: The spiritual well-being of our children.

Every parent needs to know that the culture we live in is intent on destroying the moral fabric of our society. This means that parents must accept responsibility for the spiritual well-being of their children and those who are slothful will find they have made a great mistake. Now more than ever parents need to do whatever it takes to guard their children even if this means home-schooling them or enrolling them in a good Christian school. Our children all went to public school, but public schools today have changed; they have become political and moral indoctrination centers where our children are encouraged to question their sexual identity and moral beliefs. Today I would never allow my children to attend a public school.

But remember, what you put into them is just as important as what you keep out of them. They need to grow up in a church where they can have good Christian friends and be taught the Word of God and they need to have God's Word poured into them at home. When our children were young we had them earn their weekly allowance by memorizing scripture and to this day we see the value of what we did. In life, there are no 'do-overs' so God help the slothful!

Second: The needs of our brothers and sisters.

The church in the Book of Acts was illegal. If an individual made a public confession of their faith in Christ they could lose their job and have their property confiscated. As a result, the church became very important in helping make sure that everyone had enough to eat.

Acts 2:44-45 TPT

44 All the believers were in fellowship as one body, and they shared with one another whatever they had.

45 Out of generosity they even sold their assets to distribute the proceeds to those who were in need among them.

The church today has not yet been declared illegal and therefore this extreme action need not be followed, but many have found that standing up for Christ can cost you dearly. The needs of those who have felt the wrath of a godless society must be met by the church and we must not be slothful in this area.

1 John 3:18 Easy-to-Read Version

18 My children, our love should not be only words and talk. No, our love must be real. We must show our love by the things we do.

Third: Our relationship with our Lord and Savior.

We must see Jesus as our greatest need because we are living in the final generation of this dispensation. It is a time unlike any other in that evil is called good, good is called evil, and truth is cast aside and trampled underfoot. To think that we can survive spiritually without an intimate relationship with our Lord is to be slothful and is total deception. Perhaps this is why My prayer for us today is that Psalms 24:6 would describe this generation.

Psalms 24:6 Amplified Bible

6 This is the generation (description) of those who diligently seek Him and require Him as their greatest need,
Who seek Your face, even [as did] Jacob. Selah.

AND THAT MY FRIENDS IS THE TRUTH

P R O P H E C Y U P D A T E

"We Are Getting Close!"

When it comes to Bible prophecy it is a waiting game. All we can do is study what the Bible says and then sit back and patiently watch how what we are seeing may fit with what we have read in our Bible. Sometimes what we observe not only fits but also explains something we have wondered about for years and such is the case with Revelation 13:14-15.

Revelation 13:14-15 TPT

14 he deceived the world, telling the people to erect a statue in the image of the beast that had been wounded by the sword and yet lived.

15 The beast from the earth was empowered to breathe life into the image of the first beast **so that it could speak and kill those who refused to worship its image.**

For years I have wondered how a man-made statue could become sentient and have the ability to speak. This type of thing was only found in science fiction movies created by Hollywood. (ie Terminator movies) But with the rise of AI technology (Artificial Intelligence), this has become a reality of the 21st century. Almost daily we are being warned of the dangers humanity may face if computers are created that are self-aware and think for themselves. And yes, they tell us this is now within our grasp.

All this becomes even more terrifying when you learn that in addition to creating these computers, we have also created robots with these advanced computers embedded in them. They look human, can carry on a conversation, see, hear, and think for themselves. I am sure most have seen videos of these electronic creatures.

Suddenly we no longer need to wonder how Revelation 13 could come to pass. Imagine a world where every home has a robot that has been

programmed to help with everyday tasks but secretly has also been programmed by its creators to at some point in time, kill anyone who refuses to worship it. Once again I tell you, this is no longer science fiction, this is what science is capable of creating today!

Some may counter by saying that this scenario is still many years away. Is it? Have you not seen how quickly new technology can change our lives? What if a robot were created that could cook your meals, wash your dishes, take out the trash, **and** replace your computer? If you wanted to find something on the internet you would ask your Bot to find it. (Siri-Alexa) Almost overnight every person would buy one and the stage would be set for Revelation 13 to be fulfilled.

We are getting close!

I used to vacillate between various opinions concerning the timing of Jesus' return, but intense study convinced me that without question or doubt, the scriptures teach that the true church will never be here to experience the horrors of the great tribulation or the rise of the antichrist. What I found in my studies has been placed permanently in the archive section of our newsletter. If you have not read it or listened to it I encourage you to do so.

I also encourage you to take inventory of where you are spiritually. If Jesus were to come back today, would you be ready or would you be left behind? When He returns there will be no time to get ready. Those who are ready will be caught up and those who aren't will be left behind to face horrors that exceed imagination.

The day of His return could be years away, but it also could be today.

LIVE READY!

AND THAT MY FRIENDS IS THE TRUTH!