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To our friends -- We have decided to use this area to share things with our visitors. It could be words of encouragement, revelations, prophecies, etc. If you have something you would like to share, we encourage you to submit it to us for review and editing as may be required. Any submissions will remain anonymous. All glory goes to God. We will find a place in our Storehouse to archive these for future reference. Emails may be sent to submissions@ministryofprayer.org. If you would like to comment about this article, you may email at comments@ministryofprayer.org. We pray you will be blessed as you visit this site.

NOTE: We invite you to download our newly created "Promise Card" which is stored under Scriptures for Framing. We hope it will bless you.

Things that Matter

Hello dear friends and visitors to our website. My name is Linda and I am blessed to have the job of maintaining this site. I want to apologize for not doing updates in a while. I have recently had some health issues and it prevented me from doing so. God willing, I hope to make more frequent changes in the new year. Hope for this website is to be a source of encouragement and at times, even inspiration to as many as possible.

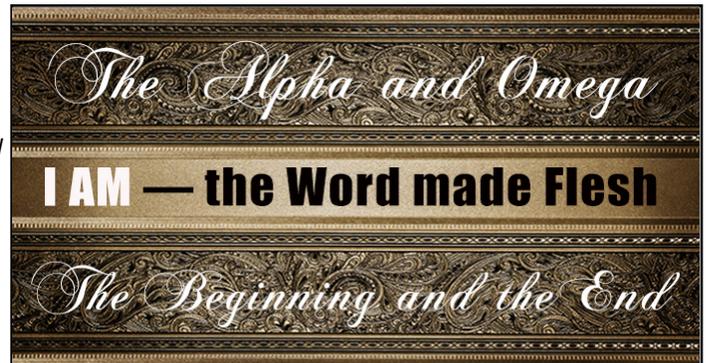
We all lead busy lives with things to do and places to go. My recent situation has made me put new priorities on things. It has made me realize things that really matter. So many things we are busy with and worry about are unimportant in the scheme of things. Certainly they may be things that need to be handled, but not eternal things that really count. I think you will all agree that this life is temporary at best.

I spent some time for rehabilitation in a skilled nursing facility. My heart went out to all the people with various needs. Some sitting around in wheelchairs just crying for someone to put them back in bed so their pain would be lessened. There was a partial paralytic who would always greet you with a huge smile. A lady with a stroke, frustrated because she could now only mumble senseless words and not make her needs known. I do not tell these things to depress anyone, but to help each of realize that our situation might not be so bad.

The fact is, no one knows how much time we have. We need to treasure each day and strive to live the best life we can for God and His glory. That requires not only doing the right thing but having the right attitude in doing it. I remember a night of trial for me when God softly whispered to my heart, "If you don't do it in love, it doesn't mean a thing." It doesn't matter if we do all the right things but inwardly we are in resentment. On the cross Jesus prayed, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do."

He has told us to cast our burdens upon Him. Or as we like to say in the church, "Leave it on the altar". A friend of mine recently reminded me it wasn't always easy to do. I too have been there. That has to be on us though. I don't know if it's because we think we know best, is it unbelief or just impatience? I think the latter because we believe in the goodness and mercy of God. His ways are not our ways and we may not always get the result we desire. Yet if we will trust, know His ways are always best. Help us to trust and say like Jesus, "Not my will but Yours be done". Total submission to God, that's what He wants.

I know holidays can be a merry time, and yet, a source of depression to many. A thing I think would sadden our Lord. The enemy is always running around, seeking whom he may devour. He magnifies the problem instead of our Lord who is greater than any problem. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not unto your own understanding. We know Jesus was not born on this day but we have set apart this day to celebrate. Don't let commercialism and hectic schedules dampen your joy. Keep Him in your heart and share your heart with others.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our friends and visitors. We hope to have you visit our website often, seeking any nuggets of encouragement. Let us not forget the greatest gift of all - the gift Jesus gave to us.

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