

LIVING
BOLDLY
WITHOUT FEAR!

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No Power Shortage In Heaven

I. God Is Not In Recession.

- A. **I Corinthians 2:9** – Eye has not seen, ear has not heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man all that God has made ready, prepared and stored up for those who love Him.
- B. **Job 36:26a** – *Behold, God is great, and we know Him not!*
 - 1. **Isaiah 64:3-4** – The greatness of God is beyond man’s comprehension.
 - 2. **Ephesians 1:18-19** – Paul prayed for the believers to be enlightened to understand God’s power toward them.
- C. **Ephesians 3:20** – God is able ACCORDING to His power that works in us.
 - 1. How much of His power is at work in and through you?

II. Grace, Grace, And More Grace

- A. **Grace** is enablement, ability, and divine favor – God doing something for us, or helping us when we do not deserve it. Grace is anointing, the power of the Holy Spirit to meet our weaknesses and evil tendencies.
- B. **James 4:6** – He gives us more and more grace.

1. There is no power shortage in heaven.
- C. Grace is received only through faith.
1. Faith is our plug into the grace of God.
 2. (Use a lamp as an example.) The wall socket is the power source – there is plenty of power – the lamp represents us, and the plug is our faith. The power is available to light the lamp permanently, but it must be plugged in.

ARE YOU UNPLUGGED?

- D. **Colossians 1:4** – Faith is leaning everything I am on God.
1. Faith is not works of the flesh, independence, self-effort, or self-anything else.
 2. **James 4:2** – Faith asks for help, and it leans and relies.

III. Short-Circuited Believers – Part One

Some ask and receive, then lose or block God’s power! How? What happens that causes the power to be short-circuited?

Some blow a fuse!

- A. Some receive grace and still complain about what they have to do.
- B. Grace is intended to show the goodness of the giver and provoke thanksgiving on the part of the receiver.
1. Vine’s Greek Dictionary gives the above as part of the definition of grace.
- C. **Philippians 2:14** – *Do all things without grumbling and faultfinding and complaining . . .*
1. **Philippians 2:12-13** – Not in your own strength

- D. **I Timothy 1:11-14** – Paul was always thankful for God’s grace.
 - 1. **II Corinthians 9:14-15** – Paul, thankful for God’s grace
- E. **Philippians 4:6** – Thanksgiving (an appreciative heart) waters “your seed” for future harvest.
 - 1. We give and thereby have seed planted in the ground for future harvest, but we must be thankful for our current place.
- F. **Hebrews 13:15-16** – Thanksgiving (an appreciative heart) provokes a desire to be good to others.
 - 1. Complaining leads to greed.
- G. **Daniel 6:10** – How to increase your power.
 - 1. Daniel got on his knees and gave thanks three times a day.
- H. **Psalms 100:4** – *Enter into His gates with thanksgiving . . .*
 - 1. Many never experience His presence due to not getting in the gate.
 - 2. Be thankful and SAY SO!
 - 3. Give thank offerings.
 - 4. Be good to others.
- I. Complaining and/or failing to “be thankful and say so” will cause the believer to short circuit or blow a fuse.

IV. Short-Circuited Believers – Part Two

- A. Some receive God’s grace (power to help) and then feel sorry for themselves (self-pity), or say or do things to draw pity from others.
- B. We can be PITYFUL OR POWERFUL, but not both.

- C. **John 5:1-9** – The man at the pool who was sick thirty-eight years could not get the power of God flowing to his need until he got finished feeling pitiful.
- D. **Galatians 5:19-21** – Self-pity is a work of the flesh.
 - 1. It is idolatry when we take what God placed in us to go out toward others and turn it in on ourselves.
 - 2. God has given us compassion for others, but many never experience it flowing to others because they use it all up on themselves.
 - 3. Self-pity is one of the top “self-sins,” and it is a prison.

GOD WANTS TO SET YOU FREE FROM YOURSELF!

- E. Self-pity will short-circuit the power of God. It will cause the believer to blow a fuse.

V. Short-Circuited Believers – Part Three

- A. Some receive God’s grace (power, help, enablement, ability, anointing), and they take the credit for what God is doing. They steal the glory.
 - 1. GLORY THIEVES!
- B. **Daniel 4** – The king who had to be humbled because he was a glory thief
 - 1. He had become great due to God’s grace upon him; but in **Verse 30**, he verbalized what had been growing in his heart for a long time.
 - 2. *The king said, Is not this the great Babylon that I have built as the royal residence and seat of government by the might of my power and for the honor and glory of my majesty?*

3. See **Verse 25** and **Verse 37**. He remained without God's grace and power until he learned to walk in humility.
- C. **Pride** (defined) – The practice of quackery; pretending to be something that a person is not, created by high-mindedness; thinking one knows when they do not know; thinking we are something we are not produces boastful, bragging words.
1. [JM] – Causes one to look down on others, mistreat them, and be impatient with their frailties and weaknesses.
- D. **Isaiah 48:11b** – *And I will not give My glory to another . . .*
- E. **I Corinthians 1:29** – No mortal man should glory in the presence of God.
1. (KJV) – *That no flesh should glory in his presence.*
- F. **Psalms 36:11** – Let not the foot of pride overtake you.
1. When pride chases you, run to God, get on your face, and begin to thank Him for the grace He has given you.
- G. Pride will cause the believer to short circuit and blow a fuse.

Power Thoughts

I. As He Is, So Are We In This World. (I John 4:17)

- A. Ephesians 1:19-22 – He is seated “far above” all principalities and powers.
- B. Ephesians 2:6 – We are seated “in Him.”
- C. I must stay “in Him” through fellowship, abiding, and trusting.
- D. I must stay “under Him” as my Head through obedience.

**IF I DO NOT STAY “IN HIM” AND “UNDER HIM” IN PRACTICALITY,
MY LEGAL POSITION NEVER DOES ME ANY PRACTICAL GOOD!**

II. Set Your Mind And Keep It Set. (Colossians 3:1-2)

- A. I will not fear.

I will believe.

I will not doubt.
- B. II Timothy 1:7 (KJV) – *For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*
 - 1. Without a “sound mind,” we will never experience power.
 - 2. A sound mind is a disciplined mind.
 - 3. Your mind cannot be filled with worry, anxiety, fretting, dark imaginings, judgment, faultfinding, greedy, unthankful thoughts, etc.
- C. Fill your mind “on purpose” with POWER THOUGHTS!

D. “I am” thoughts

1. **Psalm 103** – I am healthy and getting stronger every moment. My youth is being renewed like the eagle.
2. **Ephesians 3:19** – I am the righteousness of God in Christ. I am loved. I am anointed. I love to give. I am happy. I am blessed, and I am full of God.

E. Stay away from “I am afraid” thoughts.

1. I am afraid I cannot hear from God.
2. I am afraid if I step out, I might miss God or make a mistake.
3. I am afraid God is not pleased with me.
4. I am afraid I will never get any better. What if I am this way the rest of my life?
5. I am afraid I will always be lonely.
6. I am afraid to talk, express myself, or confront anything, etc.

III. We Must Have Revelation Of Who He Is “In Us.”

A. **I John 4:17** – . . . *as He is, so are we in this world.*

1. He is the Son of God. We are sons of God.
2. **Revelation 1:1-8; 5:9-10** – He is the Priest and King. We are priests and kings.
3. He is the Great Physician and the Healer. He told us to heal the sick, to lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.
4. **Matthew 5:14-16** – He is the Light of the World. He said of us, “Ye are the light of the world. Let your light shine.”

5. **John 7:38** – He is Living Water. Out of our innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.
6. **John 15** – He is the Vine. We are the branches.
7. He is the Shepherd. We are His sheep.
8. He is the Chief Cornerstone. We are lively stones being built into a spiritual house.
9. He is the Messiah, the Anointing, and the Anointed One. We are anointed.

B. Past revivals

1. **Protestant** – Revealed God the Father, a loving, righteous Father – the just shall live by faith.
2. The **Wesleyan** – God the Son
3. **Pentecostal Revival** – God, the Holy Spirit
4. The final revival must be a revelation of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit alive in us – **a revelation of who we are in Him.**
 - a. He is coming for a glorious church. Until we truly know who we are “in Him,” Satan will continue holding us “far below” our rightful privileges.
 - b. Remember, we are seated “far above” every principality and power.

IV. Partners With God

- A. **II Corinthians 5:15-21** – We are His ambassadors. God is making His appeal through us.

1. John G. Lake, a great man of God who saw multiplied thousands saved, healed, and delivered, got dressed every morning (excellently) and stood in front of the mirror and said, “**God lives in this man; God lives in this suit of clothes.**”
 2. **Ephesians 5:1-2** – Be imitators of God. Since we are His representatives, we should act like Him.
 3. **Ephesians 4:1** – Let your behavior be a credit to your call.
- B. **II Corinthians 6:1** – Do not take the grace of God in vain.
1. **Vain** – If Christ is living in us, and we are doing nothing except living in fear, doubt, and being negative about ourselves and our lives
- C. **Ephesians 3:20** – God is able to do more than we could ever possibly imagine, according to the **power** that works **in us**.
- D. **Galatians 2:19-21** – Paul stopped trying to be right with God through the Law. He received grace and started acting like a son of God.
1. He did not take grace in vain.

V. Partnership In Prayer

- A. The Holy Spirit was sent by Jesus Himself to be partners with us in all of our labor.
1. **Romans 8:26-28** – To help us, lead and guide us, teach us, reveal things to us, pray through us, place things on our hearts to pray about, and to show us how to pray to assure victory
- B. Nothing does us any good at all if we do not mix it with **faith**. We can pray; but if we do not pray in faith, it does no good.
1. **Hebrews 4:2** – When we hear the Word, we must mix it with faith. **Prayer and doubt do not work.**

2. We doubt ourselves much more than we doubt God.
- C. **I John 3:20-22** – We only receive from Him when we pray boldly, and we cannot do that if we are condemned.
1. **Hebrews 4:15-16** – Come boldly to the throne.
- D. God needs your faith in Him so He can work through you to accomplish His will.
1. **Ephesians 3:8-10** – God’s eternal . . . *purpose is] that through the church the complicated, many-sided wisdom of God in all its infinite variety and innumerable aspects might now be made known to the angelic rulers and authorities (principalities and powers) in the heavenly sphere.*

YOU ARE A PARTNER WITH GOD!!!

2. **It is an awesome responsibility to realize that God may not be able to work as He desires if He cannot find men and women who will stand and say: “Even as He is, so are we in this world!”**

**ON PURPOSE, SIT AND DO “POWER THINKING.”
DEVELOP A POWER CONSCIOUSNESS.**

- E. **Luke 10:19** – *Behold! I have given you authority and power to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and [physical and mental strength and ability] over all the power that the enemy [possesses]; and nothing shall in any way harm you.*

Running With Patience

I. Running The Race

- A. **Romans 9:16** – God’s gifts (salvation, the Holy Spirit, spiritual gifts and callings) are not obtained by human effort or exertion as in running a race.
1. Certain things are not obtained by effort and exertion (as in running a race), but others are.
- B. **Run** – It is expressive of decisiveness of the act. One cannot run a race without a decision to do so – a quality decision that has counted the cost.
1. The illustration of “runners in a race” metaphorically refers to either swiftness or effort to attain an end.
 2. It refers to persevering activity in the Christian course with a view to obtaining the reward.
- C. **Hebrews 12:1** – Let us run with patient endurance and steady and active persistence the appointed course of the race that is set before us.
1. Throw aside not only sin but also every other encumbrance that entangles us.
 2. To do so, requires boldness. Sometimes you must walk away from things that are not all that easy to walk away from.
 - a. Friends that are a hindrance to you
 - b. A relationship that you have become entangled in

ARE YOU ENTANGLED IN ANYTHING OR ENCUMBERED?

3. **Entangled** (defined) – To complicate, confuse, or involve in a tangle.

Entanglements steal your freedom.

4. Encumbered (defined) – To block, hinder, weigh down unduly; to impede or hinder the action, performance of, or progress of; to burden.
5. First the encumbrances and entanglements must go, then you can begin to run; and even then it will require persistence and patient endurance.

NO WONDER FEW RUN THE RACE WELL!

- D. **Galatians 5:7** – *You were running the race nobly. Who has interfered in (hindered and stopped you from) your heeding and following the Truth?*
1. This is a satanic attack that is launched at various intervals along the path.
 - a. The start
 - b. The finish
 - c. At key turning points

II. Purposeless People Do not Like People With Purpose.

- A. **Ephesians 5:14-18** – Wake up and find your purpose.
1. Do not be drunk with the world and all it has to offer.
- B. **I Peter 4:3-5** – People abuse you when you refuse to “run” with them.
1. **I Peter 4:1-2** – To avoid it, be prepared to suffer.
- C. **Luke 10:16** – Rejection
1. Jesus sent out the seventy and told them they would experience some rejection, but not to be concerned about it.

2. It hurts more when it is people you are close to.
3. **Galatians 1:10** – Paul said he would not have been an apostle if he were trying to be popular.

III. Strong Purpose

- A. Your purpose or His?
 1. **Romans 8:28** – We are to be called according to His purpose.
 2. Things do not work out well for some people because they have the wrong purpose. They may pray, but their purpose is all wrong.
 3. **James 4:1-3** – Some fail to receive what they ask for because they ask with wrong purpose and motives.
- B. **II Corinthians 10:4-5** – We must not only lead wrong thoughts to the obedience of Jesus Christ, but also wrong purposes.
 1. Some lack discipline, and they never experience real joy. True joy only comes when we find and fulfill our purpose.

Your purpose can change and be progressive according to certain seasons in your life.
- C. **Ephesians 6:18** – Strong purpose
 1. Be alert to watch with strong purpose and perseverance.
- D. **Purpose** (defined) – To will, a deliberate intention; desire; a setting forth.
 1. When we purpose to do a thing, it should be:
 - a. God's purpose
 - b. Our intent to persevere

IV. Running With Patience

- A. Doing all you can do “in Christ” and staying sweet and joyful in the waiting process
 - 1. Running with patience = intensity of purpose and quiet waiting on God.
 - 2. Without the above, the believer is overtaken in the race by fatigue of body and soul.
- B. Patience is not the ability to wait; it is how you act while you are waiting.
- C. **Hebrews 10:35-36** – Do not throw away your fearless confidence (boldness) for it will bring a glorious reward.
 - 1. You have need of steadfast patience and endurance so you can perform and “fully” accomplish the will of God, and thus receive what is promised.

V. “Running” Leaves No Room For Procrastination.

- A. **Joel 3:14** – Multitudes are in the valley of decision.
 - 1. Many know what God is saying, and they “intend” to do it; but they are going to do it later.
- B. Satan is terrified of “bold, prompt obedience.”
 - 1. When a person is bold, they MUST follow their heart – they cannot wait for three confirmations each time God speaks. They cannot wait for a convenient time or a time when it will not cost them anything.
 - 2. **Ecclesiastes 11:4** – *He who observes the wind [and waits for all conditions to be favorable] will not sow, and he who regards the clouds will not reap.*
- C. Move in God’s timing – or do it with NO ANOINTING.

1. **Deuteronomy 7:1-2** – When God gives your enemies over to you; it is time to deal with them – not in your timing, but in His.

D. **Isaiah 1:23** – Many never do God’s will because they either delay or turn a deaf ear.

1. Delay or procrastination causes . . .
 - a. Forgetfulness
 - b. Desire lessens when the anointing fades.
 - c. The soul to have time to make more “excuses” for not obeying God

Excuses create a false peace that prevents the believer from dealing with truth and reality.

- d. Moving in our timing instead of God’s creates struggle, labor, and frustration – which makes us think it might not have been God who prompted us at all.

PROCRASTINATION BRINGS CONFUSION!

E. Sometimes we need to move before our head has time to get in our way.

1. Joshua and Caleb were not procrastinators, and they were the ones God worked through to bring others into the Promised Land.
 - a. **Numbers 13:30-31** – “The can’s and the cannot’s”
 - b. **Numbers 14:6-10** – Joshua and Caleb were ready to move with God; they exhorted the others to “fear not.”

THE “CANNOT’S” WANTED TO STONE THEM!

Doubt, Pout, And Do Without

I. Doubt Is Fear.

- A. To live without fear, one must learn to live without doubt.
 - 1. To live boldly, we must walk in faith. Doubt is sent to “war” against your faith.
- B. **Romans 4:18-21** – Abraham had faith, and he refused to let doubt take it away from him.
 - 1. **Romans 12:3** – We have the faith of God. A measure of God’s faith has been given to every man.
- C. **Mark 5:22-43** – Jesus ignored the voice of doubt.
 - 1. We have opportunity to doubt during times of waiting. Jairus had opportunity to doubt while he was waiting for Jesus.
 - 2. Jesus did not hang around with doubt and unbelief.
 - a. Choose your companions wisely.
 - b. You ABSORB what you are around.

LEARN ABOUT THE TRANSFERENCE OF SPIRITS.

- D. Doubt (defined/Vine’s/Greek) – “To be without a way;” “to be without resources, embarrassed, in doubt, perplexity, at a loss.” Doubt can also mean to stand in two ways, implying uncertainty about which way to take. It is said of believers with “little faith.” “In mid air” – think of the phrase, “Everything is just up in the air.”

Being anxious through a distracted state of mind; wavering.

1. **James 1:5-8** – God helps us even when we do not deserve it; but if we doubt and waver, we get nothing we ask from Him.

(Message Bible) – . . . Ask boldly, believingly, without a second thought. People who “worry their prayers” are like wind-whipped waves. Don’t think you’re going to get anything from the Master that way, adrift at sea, keeping all your options open.

2. **Hebrews 4:15-16** – Come “boldly” to the throne of God’s grace and receive mercy and help.

DOUBT IS THE ENEMY OF BOLDNESS!

II. A Bold Approach To God Without Fear And Self-Doubt

A. **Ephesians 3:12** – *In Whom, because of our faith in Him, we dare to have the boldness (courage and confidence) of free access (an unreserved approach to God with freedom and without fear).*

B. Self-doubt is one of the biggest problems.

1. I believe we doubt ourselves more than we doubt God.

C. **I Corinthians 4:3** – Are you on trial? Are you judging yourself?

1. Are you the defendant, the lawyer, the jury, and the judge?

2. Do you judge every move you make?

I shouldn’t have done that!
I shouldn’t have said that!
I shouldn’t have bought that!
I shouldn’t have gone there!
I shouldn’t have eaten that!

I didn’t pray long enough!
I didn’t read the right chapter in the Bible!
I didn’t confess the Word today!
I didn’t hug my kids!

I spent too much at the grocery store!
I talk too much!
I should be quieter!
I should be a better mother! father!
I should be a better grandmother! grandfather!
I should be a better wife! husband!

D. Do you believe you hear from God? Do you believe you are led by the Holy Spirit?

1. **John 11:41** – Jesus made a confession, “Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.”

2. Was He possibly making a verbal confession to drown out the lies of Satan?

a. **Isaiah 11:2** – He was living by discernment.

b. He lived by what He knew – not by what He saw, heard, or felt.

3. **I John 5:14-15** – We can have confidence that He hears us; and if we do not have that confidence, we will not receive an answer.

4. **James 1:5** – When we ask for help, He gives it without reproach or faultfinding.

He hears us even when we have made mistakes.

5. **I Corinthians 2:9-15** – God has many good things in mind for us – our natural minds do not comprehend them, but our spirits do. **Learn to live by what you know deep inside, not by what you know in your head.**

E. Do you “doubt” that God is pleased with you?

1. **Matthew 3:13-17; 17:5** – No power without that confidence

2. The Father was pleased with Jesus because of obedience and sinlessness. He is pleased with us because we put our faith in Jesus as our **sacrifice** and substitute.
 3. **Hebrews 11:6** – *But without faith it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him. For whoever would come near to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him [out].*
 4. **John 6:28-29** – To please God, we must **believe** in the One Whom He has sent.
 5. Begin to declare, “God is pleased with me, and He approves of me.”
- F. God approves of YOU – not necessarily your behavior.
1. **Jeremiah 1:4-5** – Before I formed you in the womb, I knew and approved of you as My chosen instrument.

III. Doubt, Pout, And Do Without.

- A. Doubt and faith do not mix.
- B. Pouting and faith do not mix either.
 1. Pout – An expression of sullen discontent that shows displeasure or disappointment.
- C. When we are disappointed, we can get re-appointed if we are “in Christ.”
 1. **Isaiah 43:18-19; 42:9** – Bold people look to the future, not to the past!
- D. Do not “fear” the past; it has no power over you except what you give it!
- E. You no longer have to “do without” – God is ready to move in your life; do not limit Him through doubting and pouting.

Get In, Get Out, Or Get Run Over

I. Lukewarm People Straddling The Fence Are In For A Rude Awakening.

- A. **Revelation 3:15-16** – The lukewarm cannot be used by God.
 - 1. **Revelation 3:17** – They think they are in great shape, and they are about to get a rude awakening.
 - 2. “Spew you out of My mouth” refers to something that will not quench the thirst.
- B. The world is full of “thirsty” people.
 - 1. People are looking for “fruit” – for evidence that God is real.
- C. **II Corinthians 5:20a** – *So we are Christ’s ambassadors, God making His appeal as it were through us.*
 - 1. **John 17:6** – Jesus revealed God to people through His life.
 - 2. **John 17:26** – Jesus revealed God’s character.
- D. **Matthew 12:33** – Either make the tree sound or rotten, but let’s get rid of mixture.
 - 1. **James 3:10-11** – Mixture comes out of people’s mouths.
- E. God is seeking **PURITY**, not mixture.

II. A Fire That Cannot Be Quenched (**Matthew 3:1-12**)

- A. John chastised the Pharisees and Sadducees because they were coming to be baptized only to avoid the wrath of God, not because they were ready and willing to wholeheartedly turn their lives over to Him for His use.

1. Many today want enough of Jesus to stay out of hell, but not enough to be a real ambassador for Him.

THEY ARE LUKEWARM!!

B. He told them to bring forth “personal fruit” and not to depend on anything else.

1. They depended on Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
2. Today, some depend on:
 - a. Their denomination.
 - b. Their “on fire” friends.
 - c. Last year’s experience with God.
(On fire people have fresh manna.)
 - d. Their giving. (Lukewarm people can even tithe.)

It is easier to give your money than to give yourself.

C. He said in essence, “A fire that you cannot put out will burn in your life until you are **ON FIRE.**”

1. Some never get “on fire” for God, because they never cooperate with the fire.

They run, make excuses, whine, pout, complain, blame others, and never change.

D. Carnality and lukewarmness go together.

1. **I Corinthians 3:1-15** – The fire reveals true motives and pure works.
2. Some say, “I know a new Christian that is really on fire for God.” They are excited. God is not really dealing with them yet – they are in the “incubator stage of Christianity.”

3. We never know who is really “on fire” until they have been through the fire – **through the fire with a proper attitude.**

III. How Does An “ON FIRE” Believer Behave?

A. They are consumed with God, His will, His ways, His Word, and His principles.

1. **Psalm 69:9** – *For zeal for Your house has eaten me up . . .*
2. **Psalm 119:139** – *My zeal has consumed me and cut me off . . .*

Zeal for God will separate you (cut you off) from other things.

3. Zeal (defined) – A fervent mind. Fervent means red hot, on fire. Heated up to a white-hot boil, intense. Fervent also means with energy.

B. The “on fire” believer is enthusiastic – not with fleshly zeal but with genuine enthusiasm.

1. **Revelation 3:19** – The “on fire” believer stays enthusiastic even when God is dealing with them. Perhaps not about the dealing, but they remain steadfast and loyal to God.
2. They are genuinely stirred up about the things of God.
3. They serve God with their whole being.
4. There is no “deadness” about them.
 - a. They do not look dead or act dead.
 - b. **Psalm 115:17** – *The dead praise not the Lord, neither any who go down into silence.*

C. They are “wholeheartedly” committed.

1. **Colossians 3:23** – *Whatever may be your task, work at it heartily (from the soul), as [something done] for the Lord and not for men . . .*
2. **Colossians 3:22** – They even wholeheartedly submit to the authority God has them under as a service to Him. They live for God behind the scenes as well as when people are watching.
3. They do what they do “excellently” – the very best they can. They do not go halfway on anything. They are not lukewarm.
4. David was a man after God’s own heart. He sought God with his whole heart. (See **Psalm 119:9-12**.)

D. They are disciplined people.

1. **I Peter 5:8** – Be disciplined because Satan roams around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to seize upon and devour.
 - a. Do not forget balance. The “on fire” believer also is wise; he maintains a balanced lifestyle.

An “on fire” believer does not just sit in a corner and read the Bible all day and pray.
 - b. The lukewarm person will get run over (devoured). The lukewarm are also undisciplined because it requires effort to discipline oneself.

**SELF-CONTROL MEANS I CONTROL MYSELF
BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

2. A disciplined life requires hard work.
 - a. It is not a life of doing what you feel like doing.
 - b. **Mark 8:34** – It is a life of self-denial.
 - c. The rewards are worth it.

3. Begin with simple things.
 - a. Pick up after yourself.
 - b. Clean up messes right away (do not dread them).
 - c. Do not try to get others to do your work so you can lie around; and do not make work for other people.
 - d. Look at people when they are talking to you and give them your full attention. Listen to them.

****GIVE YOUR FULL ATTENTION TO A SPEAKER****

- e. Complete what is begun.
- f. Cultivate punctuality.
- g. Do not spend more money than you have.
- h. Do not spend tomorrow's prosperity today (charging things you cannot pay for).
- i. Appetite:

I Corinthians 9:24-27 – Run the race to win, buffet your body, and subdue it.
- j. Discipline emotions and moods.
- k. Discipline your mouth.

NOTE: **I believe people “fear” discipline. They think if they discipline themselves, they will never get what they want. The truth is, discipline is a coach that makes you do what you know you should do so you can have what you really want.**

A DISCIPLINED LIFE IS A MATURE LIFE!!

THE DISCIPLINED PERSON IS NOT WALKING IN THE FLESH!!!

- E. “On Fire” is more than goose bumps and noise – It is a person **who got in, is in so deep they cannot get out, and will not get run over.**
- F. A person “on fire” affects others.
1. They are not an island unto themselves. They touch lives, they give, they help, they exhort, they serve, and they motivate.
- G. A person “on fire” is a radically happy person.
1. **Matthew 25:3** – The lukewarm person does nothing extra.
 2. **Matthew 25:14-28** – The servants who fulfilled their destiny were invited to enter the joy of the Lord. The lazy servant lost all.

