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HEBREWS 12:1&2

Therefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

Looking unto Yahshua the author and finisher of our Faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the torture stake, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of Elohim.

Contending for The Faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. Jude 3

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Editorial

THE TURNING POINT

A testimony I have heard from many believers over the years is that there was a turning point in their lives that caused a change in them. A change in their way of thinking, and their behavior. It might have been a still, small inner voice that spoke to them, convincing them that a change needed to be made, or it may have been something big (huge) that occurred in their life and caused a monumental change.

One example of monumental change was in the life of David, who started as a shepherd boy, and later became a King in Israel. King David made some bad choices, but was a man after Yahweh's own heart. There were many turning points in David's life, some of his own choosing and some were not. In 2 Samuel 12, David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against Yahweh. And Nathan told David that he would not die, but that he had greatly blasphemed Yahweh and that his son would die. A turning point in King David's life and a terrible price to pay. Psalm 51 – when Nathan the prophet came to David – verses 10-12 – Create in me a clean heart, O Elohim; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

There are those when examining themselves think, I work hard, I take care of my family, etc., I'm doing okay, I don't need to change anything, but Yahweh wants more. Yahweh wants everyone to accept His Plan of Salvation through His Son Yahshua the Messiah, which is a big turning point in most believers' lives. Just as in Joshua chapter 24, when Joshua said to the people, choose you this day whom you will serve; we each must make a choice. Yahweh had told Joshua in Joshua 1:9 – Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for Yahweh thy Elohim is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Remember Paul's (Saul's) turning point on the road to Damascus. Beginning in Acts 9:3 – And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Master? And the Master said, I am Yahshua whom thou persecutest: ... verse 6 – Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. Verse 8 – And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus. Paul had received authority from the chief priests to bind all that called on Yahshua's name. Hananiah, putting his hands on Saul said, Brother Saul, the Master, even Yahshua, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightiest receive thy sight, and **be filled with the Holy Spirit**. Immediately his eyes were opened, he received his sight, he arose and was baptized. He then began to preach the Messiah in the synagogues, that **He is the Son of Elohim**. A monumental change in his life.

Yahweh has called us to repentance, let us answer that call, before we are blinded by that bright light as Paul/Saul was. For many of us Baptism is a turning point in our lives. Baptism shows a change in our lives as we live to serve Yahweh and His Son Yahshua the Messiah.

Pastor Samuel A. Graham

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ON BEING A SERVANT

We serve our Creator by serving others. The world defines greatness in terms of power, possessions, prestige, or position. Our Heavenly Father, however, measures greatness in terms of service, not status. He determines your greatness by how many people you serve, not how many people serve you. This is so contrary to the world's idea of greatness that we have a hard time understanding it, much less practicing it.

The disciples even argued about who deserved the most prominent position. And now, over 2000 years later, leaders still jockey for position and prominence in churches as well as in the secular world.

Everyone wants to be a leader. No one wants to be a servant. We would rather be generals than privates. Our Messiah, however, was glad to call himself a servant. He did menial tasks that others avoided. He washed people's feet (John 13:1-17). He helped children (Matthew 19:13-15). He fixed breakfast. He served lepers. Nothing was beneath Him. He came here to serve and we should strive to be like Him.

Remember, you were shaped – that is created – for service. Knowing your shape (your talent) is important, but having a servant's heart is even more important. Without a servant's heart, you may be tempted to use your talents only for your own personal gain.

We also may be asked to serve in ways we are not talented. If you see a man fall into a ditch, you would help him out. You wouldn't say, "I don't have the talent of mercy." While you may not be gifted for a particular task, you may be called to do it if no one who is gifted at it, is around. Your primary service should be in the area of your talent but your secondary service is wherever you are needed at that moment. No special talent or gift is required to stay after a meeting to take out the trash or stack up chairs.

A real servant pays attention to needs. They are always on the lookout for ways to help others. When they see a need they seize the moment, just as the Scripture commands us in Galatians 6:10 – Whenever we have the opportunity, we have to do what is good for everyone especially for the family of believers. Paul gathered brushwood for a fire to warm everyone after a shipwreck. He was just as exhausted as everyone else, but he did what everyone needed. When someone in need is right in front of you, you have the opportunity to grow into servanthood.

We miss many occasions for serving because we lack sensitivity and spontaneity. Great opportunities to serve never last long. They pass quickly, sometimes never to return again. You may only get one chance to serve that person, so take advantage of the moment.

A great reformer John Wesley's motto was, "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."

Begin by looking for small tasks that no one else wants to do. Do these little things as if they were great things and eventually you will be given great things to do. Whatever you do, do it with all your heart. Do not wait for perfect conditions or until you are perfect. The truth is, almost everything we do is done poorly the first time we do it. It doesn't have to be perfect to be blessed. Small tasks often show a big heart.

Sometimes you serve upward to those in authority and sometimes you serve downward to those in need. Either way, you develop a servant's heart. True servants finish their

tasks, keep their promises, and complete their commitments. They don't leave a job half done, or quit when they get discouraged. They are dependable and are trustworthy.

A lot of people don't know the meaning of commitment. They make promises casually then break them for the slightest reasons without hesitation and without remorse or regret. Every week churches and other organizations must improvise because volunteers didn't prepare, didn't show up and didn't even call to say they weren't coming.

Abraham, Moses, Samuel, David, Daniel, Timothy and Paul were all called faithful servants. Imagine what it will feel like one day to hear, "Well done thou good and faithful servant. Enter into thy rest."

Do not call attention to yourself. Paul exposed a kind of service that appeared to be spiritual, but was really just a "put on" – a show, an act. This was the sin of the Pharisees. They turned helping others, giving offerings and even prayer into a performance (Luke 18:9-14).

There are 750 Halls of Fame in America and more than 450 Who's Who publications, but even though the people listed in them are prominent, very few are significant. The most significant service is often unseen. What you do in secret will be rewarded openly.

Do not be discouraged if your service goes unnoticed. When you work for the Master, nothing you do is a waste of time or effort. If you teach developmentally delayed children, clean up after sick or elderly people, counsel emotionally needy youths; or even if you just give a cup of cold water "to one of the least of my followers, you have given it unto me" (Matthew 10:42).

So my fellow servants, go forth and serve and be open to the recognizing of other people's service.

Mark Holsti

ATTITUDE

The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. There are many things in life that are important. **But attitude is more important.** It is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes. It carries more weight than what other people think or say or do. It has more impact than appearance, talent or skill. It will make or break a company, a congregation, a home.

The remarkable thing is – **we have a choice** regarding the attitude we will embrace. We cannot change our past, we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable.

But there is one thing that is in our power to change, and it makes all the difference. That is our attitude.

Life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you. We each control our attitudes. We are responsible for what we think and how that makes us act. **And only by controlling our attitude can we have all the blessings intended for us by our loving Creator.**

Author Unknown

WHO RULES?

Who rules our life? This is an interesting question. Many readers may answer that Yahweh is the ruler of their life. That is a good thought. In a sense it is true. Yahweh can do as He wills with any person. He can strike down a "healthy" person by lightning, heart attack, or traffic accident at any moment. But I doubt that He does that very often.

He did do it once: **Genesis 6:7** Yahweh said, **"I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them."**

We have to admit that most of mankind has not gotten better since Noah's time. Even so, Yahweh still lets us live and He gives us a choice to do good or to do evil. Moses wrote: **Deuteronomy 30:19** **"I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So CHOOSE LIFE in order that you may live, you and your descendants, 20 By loving Yahweh your Elohim, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which Yahweh swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them."**

Yahweh has given every person freedom to choose his or her path. He has also given us a guide book which tells us the best path to follow. **Jeremiah 6:16** Thus says Yahweh, **"Stand by the ways and see and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; and you will find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'"**

I believe that Yahweh made man to be His companion, His child, and His co-worker forever. He wanted us to love Him with a whole heart and He wanted us to do some good work together with Him. In His wisdom Yahweh knew that only in freedom can there be true love, true obedience, and truly great creativity. Compelling us to come to Him is not what Yahweh had in mind at all. When man was created Yahweh already had angels. Angels are powerful spirit beings who follow directions well. But angels were made without the free will He needed for His children. (The angels did have enough free will to follow Lucifer into rebellion. Apparently they were told to follow him and Lucifer had enough free will to rebel.)

We find Yahweh saying things like this: **Exodus 19:5** **"Now therefore, if you will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then you shall be a peculiar [very special] treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: 6 And you shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which you (Moses) shalt speak unto the children of Israel."**

It is not that Yahweh demands obedience AS A PAYMENT for the privilege of being His special people and having a close relationship with Him. It is just that we must have that nature within us in order to be physically and emotionally near to Him. Our relationship with Yahweh depends on us having that character.

He makes it pretty clear in the clean foods chapter: **Leviticus 11:44** “**For I am Yahweh your Elohim, and you shall sanctify yourselves, and you shall be holy, for I am holy. Neither shall you defile yourselves with any kind of swarming thing that swarms on the earth. 45 For I am Yahweh who brought you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your Elohim. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.**”

He wants to be our Mighty One. That is why He brought us out of Egypt. That is why He sent His only son to die for us. But it can't work unless we are clean, and pure in our hearts and minds.

If we want to be with Yahweh and the resurrected Yahshua then we must have that changed nature. Paul describes it as “incorruptible:” **1 Cor. 15:50** “**And I say this, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of Yahweh, nor does corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Look, I'm telling you a secret; we shall not all fall asleep, but we shall all be changed; 52 In a moment, in a blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall all be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal put on immortality.**”

So, Yahweh needs children who love Him and love one another. Humans all have the creativity He is looking for. But the love seems to be the problem for us. He is willing to help us with it but we have to make that main hard decision all by ourselves. Will we love Yahweh with all our heart and all our soul and all our strength? Will we dedicate our lives to being holy as He is holy? Will we make and keep that covenant with Yahweh through Yahshua, the anointed one of Yahweh, His son?

Only then is it possible to spend eternity, or even a moment with Him. **James 1:12** “**Blessed is the man who endures temptation, because having been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Master has promised to those who love Him.**”

Yahweh has granted each person the rulership over ourselves. Now He is watching to see if we are good stewards of that liberty He has given us. If we are then He can give us the crown of life.

Let us join together to strengthen and encourage one another in love and obedience.

Get to Know Our Shepherd's Voice

“I am known by those who are Mine.” John 10:14

"Do not at all fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the Devil will cast some of you into prison, so that you may be tried. And you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life." Revelation 2:10

May Yahweh bless each of you with love for others, and especially for your brothers and sisters in Yahshua.

Tom Schattke

Set Apart People, Set Apart Health

Once you accept Yahshua, it is the beginning of a beautiful, new life. Action will follow your heart's desire to have Yahweh's salvation. The Scriptures are filled with guidelines that we should willingly desire to uphold. Read Psalm 119 and see the importance of following Yahweh's instructions. How you live will be observed by many. Your new actions will become your greatest witness.

The best way to confirm what YHWH desires is to study His guide. The Scriptures tell us all about Him and what He wants for us. It also tells us how to achieve a disease-free, joyful life.

Now that you have decided to join Yahweh's kingdom, your passion to learn more about YHWH should always be at high levels. We are now part of Yahweh's kingdom and set-apart for a purpose. We will be different than the worldly people who could care less about Yahweh. The Scriptures contain the most vital information for survival, and most people have chosen to never read the whole book. It is common that the only time people open the Scriptures is once a week in church or when they want to quickly look up a verse.

Amongst all the distractions in today's world, we should daily set time apart to get to know about Him! Feeding our body with daily spiritual food is the best nourishment you can give your body. If you do not have time to study the Word of Yahweh at home, read it in public! There is no reason to hide your passion to acquire this vital information. Take every opportunity you have to read it. Waiting in line at the store (instead of reading the trashy gossip magazines near the counter) or waiting for the bus, or in waiting rooms, etc., there are many opportunities to find time to read the Scriptures. Let people know how much it means to you. When you give someone a greeting, wave the Scriptures at them. Take it to work and everywhere you go. They will get the picture without you saying a word.

In this backwards world today, we may easily be called crazy if our actions follow the instructions of Yahweh, dressing, speaking and eating in a righteous way according to the way Yahweh commands us. Well, our great Doctor in heaven will find joy in your not conforming to this world, and He will bless you with joy and the pain-free life that you desire.

We have to be willing to give up every earthly material thing to receive this blessing from YHWH, not holding things so dear to our heart that they become an idol in our life. The good news is that it is possible to live in paradise in the midst of our shameful culture. This doesn't mean Yahweh will take everything away from you and leave you empty; it means if you stick to the covenant, you will be full!

We need to wake up and stop hoping for healing. We need to read, believe, obey and experience the healing. After that, we need to be doctors and give this healing to others who are sick. Believers and nonbelievers alike need the medicine of the Word. The Scriptures are strictly for the benefit of man and anyone who uses it wisely will assure themselves of the best health possible from an emotional, mental, and physical standpoint.

Yahshua commands that we take the good news to every person on this earth. Many people of the past, including Yahshua, were despised, rejected, hated, mocked, ridiculed, and reproached for teaching The Word. I myself have seen firsthand how people react when I take out my Scriptures or I even mention The Word. To me it brings joy! I know the enemy hates the Word of Yahweh. The Word is my protection, my medicine.

Many times in Scripture the word “disease” can be replaced with the word “evil.” Often in different Scriptures, they have the same meaning. If we want to cure our diseases we have to get the evil out. The Scriptures is a book of opposites. We have: blessings versus curses, good versus evil, life versus death, and health versus disease. You cannot have both in your life at the same time. You have one or the other. If you keep your end of the promise you will have good, blessings, health and life. Continue to break the covenant and you will have evil, sickness, disease, curses and death.

Many righteous people have missed important messages in Scripture, many of them about health, but more importantly about the promise and the responsibility of keeping our end of the deal. On Yahweh’s side of the deal He promises us a healthy, long life with no sickness or disease. On our side of the deal, we please Him. We should be very extreme to make sure we are pleasing Him. **Hallelu-Yah!**

And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. John 8:32.

Yahweh has blessed us with the freedom to choose our path and make our own choices. Once you truly know Yahweh, deciding to follow the covenant will not be a difficult choice. You will excitedly enjoy learning and obeying His word. To accept His covenant, to learn and meditate on His Word day and night is the most exciting thing you can ever do in your life. Having true faith in, and obeying, Yahweh’s guide will free us from the entrapment of all evil (sin, sickness and disease).

During the ministry of Yahshua, He said several times, “drop everything and follow me right now.” It is the most freeing feeling to know you can do that and not have to worry about anything because Yahweh will take care of you as long as you stick to your end of the promise and live by His guide.

In 1 Peter 2:16 we are told *“For you are free, yet you are Yahweh’s slaves, so don’t use your freedom as an excuse to do evil.”* If we are a true believer and have tremendous faith, we joyfully become a servant to *Yahweh’s* Word. Yahweh will be our commander because we choose Him and His path for us. We make the decision to listen and obey His Word because we have faith. This is the best place we can be. Nothing will satisfy us more.

Being a slave to Yahweh’s Word does not trap us. It frees us. Use your freedom as a tool for a life of exuberant service. It’s the foundation that Yahweh gives to us to reach our highest potential. Our newfound freedom should help us reach for the best Yahweh has for us. Just make sure that what you seek is of Yahweh’s will.

When the apostle Paul prayed or said things about what He wanted, he always said first “if it be Yahweh’s will.” That is what we should do also each time we pray. We have to believe and trust that Yahweh wants what’s best for us always, because He does! That’s so exciting to know, I get chills just thinking about it. Hallelu-Yah!

Any struggles I have to go through for Yahweh are well worth it. Even though Yahweh will forgive us if our heart is for Him, we must never take that for granted and always strive to be perfect. One slip-up and we can reap the results. Take for example how righteous Joshua was. He was chosen by Yahweh and obeyed and kept his promises. However, as righteous as Joshua was, we can see how even the most righteous among us can make errors in judgment against Yahweh. Joshua didn’t lie or break his promises, but in Joshua 9:14, Joshua and the Israelites made a big error in answering and giving their word before consulting YHWH: *“So the Israelites examined their food, but they did not consult YHWH.”*

We need to be very careful when we pray. YHWH knows what has to be done and when it has to be done. He just wants us to listen, obey and be thankful. A good way to pray would be as YHWH told us to pray, for wisdom, knowledge and strength.

Wisdom: What needs to be done? What is your will for me?

Knowledge: What is the best way to do it? How to get it done?

Strength: Give me strength to do the things you ask me to do.

I never want to change the will of Yahweh for my path in life, so I only ask Him for things if it be His will. You can miss accomplishing His will if you go against His answers to your prayers.

We need to be very careful what we pray for because Yahweh has a perfect will for all of us, but if we keep praying and asking Him for something different, He may very well answer your prayer even though it goes against His will for your life.

I always respect a company or business that will pray before each business day about each important decision regarding the direction the company should take on issues. But I respect more those companies that hear and obey the reply. I can tell which companies do this based on the fact that Yahweh would never ask us to do something that wasn't in His Scriptures. Just as a company will be blessed or cursed by their daily practices, so too will our lives be blessed or cursed according to our daily practices.

“But if you refuse to listen to YHWH your Elohim, and do not obey all the commands and decrees I am giving you this day, all these curses will come and overwhelm you...”

Read Deuteronomy 28:15-22.

It is Yahweh's will for us to follow the guide He has laid out for us in the Scriptures. When it comes to diet, Yahweh has given us instructions regarding what foods to eat. He has freely given us food that tastes delicious. But man spends time and money finding ways to process the food so that by the time we get it, it is as far as possible from the original form Yahweh wanted for us to eat.

It is so common to live against the guide of Yahweh in today's world, sometimes it seems like people do things just to go opposite of Yahweh's will. It is Yahweh's will for us not to be sick, not to experience disease and to live a long healthy life. Instead people today choose sickness, disease and a shortened life. That's what we ask for when we say we want to do it our own way without Yahweh. As believers we don't have to worry about this situation as long as His commands are written on our heart. Hallelu-Yah!

Health is more than just diet alone. We need to realize that:

1. If we have broken our promise, we must get back to the guide of Yahweh if we want our health to return. No matter how long someone has been a believer, they need to revisit the covenant and make sure they are keeping their side of the deal.
2. If we keep our promise, we will be blessed with great health and joy in our life.
3. We have to trust and have faith in YHWH in order to receive His blessings!

These concepts are the foundation of a healthy life and it's time we get a solid foundation!

Read the Scriptures many times over and over again. Each time something new will jump out at you. As you make these new discoveries, pleasing YHWH will become easier and easier. Make reading the Word of YHWH an important daily task. Take time to study and pray about what you read, becoming more familiar with Yahweh and the promise.

Paul Nison

DO WE WANT TO BE A KIND OF FIRSTFRUIT?

The Firstfruit offering was offered to Yahweh, then the Israelites could partake of their own produce of the land.

Yahweh wants the first of thy corn, of thy wine, of thy oil, the first of the fleece of thy sheep, shalt thou give Him. Deut. 18:4, 30:9, Neh. 10:37.

The grain offering for the Feast of Firstfruits had to be parched by fire (so that every kernel could be touched by the fire), beaten small and ground into flour, then baked for the wave ceremony to Yahweh, and then it was eaten by the priests.

Notice the phrase, “touched by fire.” Some of us have experienced “fiery trials” in times of testing while walking in Yahweh’s ways. I Peter 4:12.

Let’s see if there are anymore parallels to the believer in the 21st century. I see that Yahweh wants our “first” or we could say our “best” just as he wanted the best sheep for the sacrificial system in the Old Testament. He wants us to spend the “best” of our time in prayer and study of His Word and He wants our “best” manners or attitude, yes attitude. Yahweh wants our “best” in all we say and do.

We are His creation, created in His image. Genesis 1:26, and Elohim said, “Let us make man in our image.” Verse 27 reads, “So Yahweh created man in His image, in the image of Yahweh created He him, male and female created He them.”

Yahweh is perfect, omnipotent, so we might assume that Adam and Eve were created as nearly perfect human beings. They were given instruction in the Garden of Eden; this beautiful garden was given to them to enjoy, all but one tree in the midst of the garden. Mankind had a choice at the very beginning and here is the parallel; we have a choice today also. Repentance, baptism and a new life is ours for the choosing.

Mankind should and does desire to return to a Garden of Eden (i.e. the Kingdom) and become a kind of firstfruit.

Pastor Samuel A. Graham

FIRST FRUITS

Romans 11:16 – For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches.

1 Corinthians 15:20-23 – But now is the Messiah risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in the Messiah shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: the Messiah the firstfruits; afterward they that are the Messiah’s at his coming.

James 1:18 – Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Revelation 14:4 – These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto Elohim and to the Lamb.

YOUR MAGAZINE

THE FAITH – your magazine – it has been published since 1937 – over 86 years. It comes to you rather quietly – but faithfully – year after year. It has come from here in Michigan for more than 54 years. The publishers, Yahweh’s called-out people, the Assembly of Yahweh, are lovers of THE TRUTH. THE FAITH is published not only to edify the Assembly, but also to get the truth out to the world.

“Sing unto Yahweh a new song; sing unto Yahweh all the earth. Sing unto Yahweh; bless His NAME. Show forth His salvation from day to day. DECLARE HIS GLORY AMONG THE NATIONS, HIS WONDERS AMONG ALL PEOPLE; for Yahweh is great and greatly to be praised. He is to be feared above all mighty ones; for all the mighty ones of the nations are idols. But YAHWEH made the heavens. Honour and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. Give unto Yahweh O ye kindreds of the people; give unto Yahweh glory and strength. Give unto Yahweh the glory due unto His NAME. Bring an offering, and come into His courts. Worship Yahweh in the beauty of holiness; fear before Him ALL THE EARTH. SAY AMONG THE NATIONS THAT YAHWEH REIGNS. The world also is established that it shall not be moved; He shall judge the people righteously. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof. Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein; then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before Yahweh, for He comes. For He is coming to judge the earth. He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with His TRUTH.” (Psalm 96).

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COURTSHIP VERSUS DATING

Courtship is the wooing of a woman by a man in a courtly manner, to seek her favor, and affection and love, and mentioning desire to marry.

Dating is the going out on social engagements, without courtship intentions. Whereas courtship is a process by which young people can get to know and enjoy one another, while maintaining their physical and emotional integrity.

Courtship also offers practical benefits for young women and men that will help maintain a spiritual balance in their lives with good intentions.

Courtship offers a different set of behavioral guidelines and moral principles than dating.

Dating on the other hand is the going out on social engagements without courtship intentions which can be hard on spiritual minded individuals with heavenly principles. In Genesis 24:9-22, is a beautiful story of how Abraham chose a wife for his son Isaac. Isaac and Rebekah's relationship is a perfect example for courtship today. Their relationship was ordained by the Holy Spirit. There was no dating in their relationship. It was a commitment which meant marriage.

Young women and young men today should demonstrate a strong Biblical character, a spiritual depth in the Scriptures, a financial responsibility, sexual and emotional purity for each other in the eyes of the Heavenly Father, and the ability to lead a simple practical life.

My dear friends, would you be found dating when [Yahshua] comes? I pray and hope that you and I will take our stand for the truth before it is too late, and I will not be weighed in the balances of the sanctuary and found wanting. K. Patterson

HIS NAME

We are to **Know Yahweh's Name** - Tehillim (Psalm) 9:10 & 91:14, 15

We are **Saved by Calling on His Name** - Yo'e'l (Joel) 2:32 & Acts 2:21, 38, & Acts 4:12

We are to **Bless His Name** - Tehillim (Psalm) 103:1, 96:2, 72:17

We are to **Sing to His Name** - Tehillim (Psalm) 68:4 & 92:1, YeshaYahu (Isaiah) 42:10

We are to **Praise His Name** - YeshaYahu (Isaiah) 25:1, Tehillim (Psalm) 113:1-3 & 99:3

We are to **Call Upon His Name** - YeshaYahu (Isaiah) 12:4, Yo'e'l (Joel) 2:32, Tehillim (Psalm) 116:17

We are to **Give Thanks to His Name** - Tehillim (Psalm) 105:1 & 92:1

We are to **Love His Name** - YeshaYahu (Isaiah) 56:6, Tehillim (Psalm) 69:36, 5:11, & 119:132

We are to **Declare His Name** - YeshaYahu (Isaiah) 26:13 & 12:4, Tehillim (Psalm) 102:21 & 105:2

We are to **Trust in His Name** - Tehillim (Psalm) 112:7, YeshaYahu (Isaiah) 26:4 & 50:10, YirmeYahu (Jeremiah) 17:7

We are to **Declare His Name in All the Earth** - Shemoth (Exodus) 9:16 & Zecharyah (Zechariah) 14:9, Tehillim (Psalm) 83:18 & 105:1

We are to **Honor and Uphold His Name** - Shemoth (Exodus) 3:15, 20:7, Tehillim (Psalm) 22:23, Yehezkel (Ezekiel) 20:9, Yohanan (John) 17:6

GIFTS

On the last day of the Feast of Unleavened someone mentioned that we all have gifts and should search them out. I was awakened that night at 3:00 a.m. and the Holy [qadosh] Spirit directed me to write these words regarding “gifts”.

What is a talent or a gift? We all have them. Is one gift better than or greater than another? Does it make a difference how it is used to be of great value and how do we consider its value or importance? Is it how much money we make with it or how famous we become or whether we perform in front of an audience big or small? Most important is that it be done with all our Heart, Mind, Soul and Strength for the Honor and Glory [high esteem] to the Almighty Yahweh our Creator who gave us these talents, gifts, and everything for that matter. So everything we do, say, think, hear, look at etc., is a gift from Yahweh which makes that gift special whether it be big, small, great, famous, before a crowd or audience, together or alone.

What makes that gift special depends on the Purpose for which the gift is presented. Is it for fame, riches or attention, or any reason other than giving back to Yahweh in appreciation for His giving; not for our gain or approval for ourselves. Singing in a choir, dancing, speaking to a group, as long as it is giving the best we know how at the time back to Yahweh who gave it. He gives all things and all good things are gifts which must be given back to Yahweh; the best of your ability, great or small; for His ways are not our ways nor His thoughts our thoughts.

It is certain that Satan’s [the adversary’s] evil ways change the hearts of some men to do evil, for most of the things in this world are done for personal gain or satisfaction or egoism (without thought of Yahweh) and not done without paying a price. The evil one has taken the good gift that Yahweh has given and caused or changed it for evil because he wants to be worshiped and higher than his Creator.

Yahweh tells us through Paul in Romans 12:2, to be not conformed to this world: but be transformed by the renewing of our mind. Matthew 6:20 tells us to lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust corrupts and in verse 33, to seek first His kingdom and righteousness.

The adversary has twisted the things of this world for evil, trying to take all spirituality out of this world to make us like him; trying to strip us of the good that Yahweh created; **but we were born for spiritual things.** When the adversary reminds you of your past, you remind him of his future; and that Yahweh did not promise us a smooth ride through this life, but did promise us a smooth landing. HalleluYah!

Submitted by Douglas Panetta

YAHWEH

**HE sent redemption unto His people: He hath commanded His covenant forever:
Holy (qadosh) and Reverend is His Name.**

Psalm 111:9

“O TASTE AND SEE THAT YAHWEH IS GOOD:

BLESSED IS THE MAN THAT TRUSTETH IN HIM.” (Psa 34:8)

We all have experienced Father Yahweh’s goodness towards us in our lives. Life is a blessing.

A song writer penned these beautiful words: “Roll back the curtain of memory now and then show me where you brought me from and where I could have been. Remember I am human and humans forget, so remind me, remind me dear YAH.” Let us reflect on what Father Yahweh has done for us. Isn’t He good and wonderful? Be thankful unto Him and bless His name.

Taste and see the goodness of having Father Yahweh’s only Son die as the Lamb of the world to save you and I. What an amazing love of Yah. What an amazing grace of Yahshua. He paid a debt for our sins that we could not pay. He looked beyond our faults and saw our need for salvation. O taste and see the surmountable proofs around us that Yahweh is good and PRAISE YAH. Blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.

Psa. 89:6 “For who in heaven can be compared unto Yahweh, who among the mighty can be likened unto Yahweh.” NONE!

Psa. 145:18 “Yahweh is nigh unto all them that calleth upon Him in truth.”

Lev 26:3-13; Deut. 7:12-26; Deut. 28:1-14 Tells us that He will bless those who are obedient to Him.

We cannot deny the experiences of His blessings. We cannot deny the blessings of Yahweh our I AM THAT I AM. O blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.

Abide in His words and He will abide in us. Our actions of obedience to His words will be the proof to show if we are abiding in Him.

John 15:10 “If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love.”

Psa. 84:11 “For Yahweh our El is a sun and shield. Yahweh will give grace and glory. No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.” He will continue to let us taste and see His GOODNESS, if we remain faithfully connected and sincere to Him through Yahshua.

Blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.

Halleluyah!!

N. Roxby (A servant of Yah)

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YAHSHUA'S JEWELS



Yahshua's Young People

"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." (1 Tim 4:12)

THE TEENAGE CHALLENGE



WHO AM I?



The teenage years are a challenging time as young people try to find their identity: "Who am I?" Ask Yahshua to help you. He was a teenager too. **Here are some tips in finding your identity:**

1. **LOVE YOURSELF!** Yahweh loves you & made you unique. There is only one amazing you!
2. **WRITE DOWN YOUR TALENTS.** What are you good at?
3. **WRITE DOWN THINGS THAT YOU ENJOY THAT BUILD YOU UP.** Things that are good for you. Do more of them.
4. **WRITE DOWN YOUR WEAKNESSES.** These are things that you struggle with. Pray about them. Do your own research and explore ways to deal with your weaknesses. Ask someone you trust, like a parent, to help you.
5. **WHO DO YOU WANT TO BECOME?** Work toward that goal with Yahshua's help.
6. **DON'T LET FRIENDS DEFINE YOU.** (Tell you who you want to be). Be yourself—you define who you want to be with Yahshua's help.
7. **TRUST YAHSHUA.** The best friend in the world to amaze you.

There will be good days and bad days. No matter what, you are never alone. Yahshua is the key to finding your true identity. Trust him.

TEENAGE CHALLENGE

CHALLENGE

I don't know who I want to be.

I want to have friends.

I want to have fun.

I am a loser.

YAHSHUA

Yah made you. Only he sees your future. Trust him to show you.

Choose friends that share your similar goals & values.

I want you to have fun but clean, good fun that won't destroy your life.

I can make you a winner.

YOU ARE NEVER

ONE!



**CHECK OUT ALL EDITIONS OF YAHSHUA'S JEWELS:
<http://assemblyofyahweh.com/youth>
REMEMBER TO PASS IT ON TO YOUR YOUNG PEOPLE.**

Yahweh's 2024 Calendar

New Moon Days	YAHSHUA'S MEMORIAL (Passover) MARCH 25 Celebrate MARCH 24 after sunset	Annual Convocation Days
Jan. 13	FESTIVAL OF UNLEAVENED BREAD MARCH 26 through APRIL 1	March 26
Feb. 12		April 1
Mar. 12	FEAST (appointment) OF WEEKS MAY 15 See Leviticus 23:10, 11, 15, 16, 21	May 15
Apr. 10 (Borderline)		Sept. 5
May 10		Sept. 14
June 8	FEAST (appointment) OF TRUMPETS SEPTEMBER 5	Sept. 19
July 8		Sept. 26
Aug. 6	DAY (appointment) OF ATONEMENT SEPTEMBER 14	7 days in all – the number of completeness
Sept. 5		
Oct. 5		
Nov. 4	FEAST OF TABERNACLES (Booths or Huts) SEPTEMBER 19 through SEPTEMBER 25	
Dec. 3		
	LAST GREAT DAY SEPTEMBER 26	

Begin YAHWEH's days with the sunset preceding the indicated Roman days lasting till the next sunset.

Isaiah 2:1-3 – The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of Yahweh's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, to the house of the Elohim of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem.

Micah 4:2 – And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, and to the house of the Elohim of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem.

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