



Mighty in the Word

"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; But unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (I Cor. 1.18).

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I'll Be What You Want Me to Be, Dear Lord.

There are a number of commands in the Word of God in Christ Jesus making known how we are to be, to live, in the Lord. We are not writing of a superficial life that people see on the outside, but the Lord calls us to be right with Him in our soul, our spirit, our whole being.

Act 8:21 Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.

There are many who are not living for the Lord, and, yet, out of their mouths flow "The Lord gave me a word for you," or "The Lord showed me a picture that I am to give to you." And, on it goes. People just hearing those words put aside seeking the Lord whether the words from these people are Truth - not caring if the person with the "word" even know the Lord God.

Let us begin with Mathew's Gospel, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." We will find that when the Lord speaks to us laying before us how we are "to be," it is not given to us to do as we please or when we please. It is a way of life to be lived for the Lord. In this text, Mathew 5.48, we have an understanding that it is about being brought to the end, to the finished line, if you will.

"Be ye perfect . . ." is wanting nothing more, there is nothing more to bring that life to completeness in Christ Jesus - which I believe is when we are with the Lord. However, endeavoring to "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" will bring us to our knees endeavoring to walk the *Via Dolorosa*, each step of life's way, that we might bring honor and glory to His Holy Name. Our love for the Lord Jesus Christ will shine through, and others will know the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ; they will see Him - and not us.

We need to understand the word *perfect* in the New Testament, how it is used as the word has greater depth than we know in the English language. We have to know how the word *perfect* is used in context as there are different Greek words and meanings for perfect. We must have an understanding of the words in their correct usage, and **not individual preferences for usage of words to**

that leads to death.

And when [Jesus] was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation (Lk 22.40).

As you pray and tell the Lord, "I'll be what You want me to be, Dear Lord," Pray for His wisdom, His discernment, regarding what your ears to hear. Pray for the strength to go on in Christ Jesus, the courage, and faith. Pray for a heart that seeks the Lord in all you do in your life - and for His glory.

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths (Pro 3.5, 6).

Let us be reminded what was written to the Church at Sardis:

Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain

that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God (Rev 3.2).

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

accommodate their needs to feel one can make up their own rules of life and call it Godly and holy.

The Lord Jesus Christ has given to us His commands and demands - that He has established for His chosen people, those who repent of their sins, and endeavor to daily walk in *The Way of the Cross* that leads home, that leads to heaven, while others prefer walking with the enemy and following his way of life, Satan's ways.

If we are to be what the Lord Jesus Christ calls us to be, we must follow what Paul writes to the Church at Ephesus in the Book of Ephesians 6.11.

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Paul goes on to write that we must put on the whole armour of God, for this battle of life with the enemy, whom all the earthly enemies of the Cross of Christ follows is beyond our ability to combat - without the armour of God in Christ Jesus.

There is more. Years ago, August, 2013, one of the *Messages* we wrote was "Our Weapons Are Not Carnal." Paul makes this clear in the following.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *[places]*.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand (Eph 6.12, 13).

We have no strength in and of ourselves to fight the enemy. Our strength lies in the Lord God Almighty. We need to understand that our souls are at stake in this battle, and run to the Lord to guide us and bring us through it all. Know also that the minuscule steps, the baby steps, that we take that is against the Lord's commands and demands upon His followers, will lead us to the broad gate through which many are walking this day believing "God understands." Oh, read the Word of the Lord God and you will know God does not "understand" walking in sin, walking against Him.

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide /is/ the gate, and broad /is/ the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

Because strait *[is]* the gate, and narrow *[is]* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it (Mt 7.13, 14).

Awaken to the Word, Ephesians 6.12, 13.

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This *Message* began with the title, *I'll Be What You Want Me to Be, Dear Lord!*

When we are willing to be what the Lord wants of us, we must have before us, we must have put on the full armor of God, to be able to stand strong and against the enemy, against Satan, to fulfill what the Scriptures call us to be:

Arise, and be not afraid

Be ye therefore perfect

Be not afraid, only believe

Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid

See that ye be not troubled

Be not affrighted

Be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace

Neither be ye of doubtful mind

Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid

And be not conformed to this world:

but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind

Ye must be born again

Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners

Be not children in understanding

Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace:

Be not overcome of evil

Be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord

Luk 21:34 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and *[so]* that day come upon you unawares.

Is this not what I have been saying that the many distractions in this nation will catch us unaware during next wave(s) of virus, biological warfare or . . .?

Luk 21:36 **Watch ye therefore, and pray always**, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man

Important to *being* what the Lord Jesus Christ calls us to be, is *watching*, watching and being alert to what is around us at all times, for the enemy eager awaits his time to overcome us - as he lays before us those who say the word "god," but know not the one true and living God, the Lord God Almighty in Jesus Christ by the Holy Ghost, Who calls us to take up our cross and follow Him.

We cannot be what the Lord Jesus calls us to be in Him if we are following the crowd, if we are following the majority, if we are endeavoring to serve ourselves in this evil world - whether at work, at home or . . . We must be watching as Luke writes in Luke 21.33-36 lest we be deceived by the goodliness of the enemy and his followers. Oh, they are everywhere, even standing on the pulpits on Sunday morning. Many will respond to us as we ask them - if they have repented of their sins and asked Jesus Christ to be their Lord and Savior - "Oh, I go to church."

Hear this well, Satan goes more than you, and arrives before you, waiting for you.

Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and *[so]* that day come upon you unawares.

For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.

Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

The Lord has given us His Holy Word that we should watch and pray always, lest we are led astray by those wanting to distract you from the narrow way that leads to everlasting life, and endeavor to lead you down the wrong path, the broad way