

# Newsletter: Destined for New Direction

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**Vision:** Daughters of Hope is called to lead women towards spiritual, emotional and physical wholeness through the application of biblical principles to their lives.

**Mission:** To equip women to overcome life challenges and find God's purpose and fulfillment through prayer, teaching and mentoring relationships.

## 2017 Woman's Retreat – Yes it was very good!

We feasted on the word from Reverend Lynnette Thomas, enjoyed a massage by Nykol Wynn Tenderly4you.massagetherapy.com, and were enlighten about our health by Dr. Marcia Levi. Not to mention the picture of the woman with the sword, realizing now is not the time to quit, we have some walls of Jericho that need to fall down. We

found out we still need to fight. If you missed it, then yes you **missed it**.

We are actively planning an event this year to be hosted in April. If you are not already on our contact list, email [daughtersohope@aol.com](mailto:daughtersohope@aol.com) to get on our mailing list and not miss out on future events.

## Leaving a Legacy

Today I said goodbye to a woman of God who left a legacy behind that I believe to be pleasing in God's eyes. This person was a straight shooter but had a heart of gold. She was what the pastor called an "impact mama," for she made a tremendous impact on the lives of so many, including myself. She gave love and correction and showed us the true meaning of having a genuine care for others. You didn't have to disclose what was happening with you but she just kind of knew and would offer words of encouragement and prayers for God's healing and intervention.

My question to you is what kind of legacy are you leaving behind? You see, a legacy is not the material things but about giving to the next generation the spiritual things, those things of God. Philippians 4:9 says the things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me,

these do, and the God of peace will be with you. To me, this means that we should strive to live a life before others that reflects how to walk uprightly before God and how to bring the lost sheep into the kingdom.

Are you building a legacy with your life? Think about the generations that follow you and begin to start pouring into their lives, teaching and living out God's commandments with joy, peace, and love.

Your life is your legacy.

--Tomiko Hankerson, DOHM  
Secretary

Psalm 78:4 ESV We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

## The “R” Word

Philippians 3:12-14 (NKJV)

“Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

Out with the old, and in with the new! Yes, this is the time of year when we all have the “R” word on our minds and in our mouths and hearts. Which is understandable when we think about all the times we said, thought and did things we shouldn’t have. All the missed opportunities, all the self-inflicted pain and suffering all because of our disobedience to God’s word and to the leading of the Holy Spirit, in other words, we just completely fell short. Many things we went through in “2017” though many of us fault Him for them, were not in God’s good and perfect will for our lives.

Jeremiah 29:11-13 (NKJV)

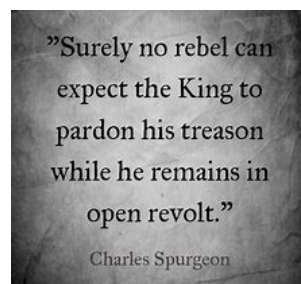
“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.”

Even though we totally, disrespected, dishonored and disobeyed our Lord, God still loves and cares for us. Yes, we should hold the “R” word first and foremost, as we enter “2018” for we all need “REPENTANCE.”

1 John 1:9 (NKJV)

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” Wishing you a Blessed and Prosperous New Year

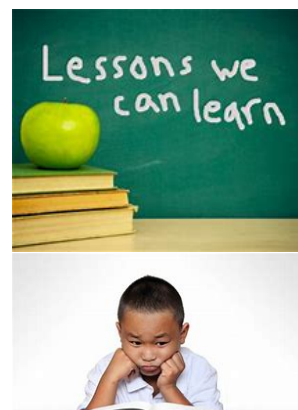
--Min. Geri Stancil, DOHM Vice President



## Lesson from the Fig Tree

The Lord prompts and directs his children often. I believe I speak for many when I say "I know the Lord has told me to do something, but I did not respond (obey), or I was slow in obeying." My response has happened often enough that I find myself thanking the Lord for His patience with me. So why do we sometimes move slowly, or stop moving (growing),

following a plan we think is God designed? Some answers may be, I rather do something else, this is not me, I am just not equipped to do this, something like this is going to be hard for me, frankly I am not comfortable doing this, so you don't do anything. It's a new year, and it almost always makes us look expectantly for an "A New Beginning."



## Continued - Lesson from the Fig Tree



Are we always waiting for the new thing (whatever it is) to happen to us, or are we willing to do a new thing that will change us? Put aside for a moment the promise to change your diet and exercise more, although some may need to do this in the new year. However, I want to examine something else, the challenge of spiritual and personal growth. I am talking about looking at where you are and wanting to see some advancement this year that is intentional. Forming a new habit or establishing a new milestone, something that will stand and bear fruit, worth pursuing. I am not talking about new year resolutions because too many times they stay a statement and never become action. I am talking about becoming a different person this year and prayerfully better. For me I hear "be more aggressive in seeking out things this year." I admit this does not sit well with my introvert character so for me it will take some effort, and I hope this is one of several articles that will let you know how I am doing because I am going to take the challenge. A lesson from the "Fig Tree", this scripture refers to sinners and that they should repent, there is much application to gain from

God's word, repent generally means to change your mind, your ways.

Luke 13:6-9 KJV

... A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground? And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down.

How long do you believe the Lord has been waiting for you to carry out what He has directed, no matter how small or significant it appears to be. God forbid if He gets tired of waiting or asking and that dream or your blessing never come to pass. Do you want another year of cultivating (grace) so you can have what is perhaps waiting for you, I do.

Next time: The acrostic AGGRESSIVE and another lesson from the "Fig Tree."

--Min. Connie Lowe, DOHM Treasurer

## Let the Lord flow through you, without a word



I started working at a new school in the 2015-2016 school year and without verbally saying I'm a Christian and I love Jesus, one of the staff sought me out to join her in praying for the school. Subsequently, I wondered, how did she know I was a Christian. When I was at a Leadership Conference last year something I heard was to manifest God

in the earth and walk in a way that God can be seen. Matthew 5:14 says, "We are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden." Now to be that light I believe you must spend time with God in worship, prayer, and through the studying of the bible so that the Holy Spirit can flow through you and others can see the Light in you.

## Continued - Let the Lord flow

I'm not perfect as I do make mistakes and there are days I don't feel like letting my light shine. However, I must live out what God is teaching me in my life so that people can see Him.

Another important part of the Holy Spirit flowing through you is that "YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN" to emanate His light. I started thinking about being the light of the world last year, and this year the theme for our church is Let There Be Light.

1. You have to be the light; when you turn on the light, it dispels darkness.
2. If you are going to be the light, don't hide the light.
3. Let your light shine.

For the complete teaching: Go to First Baptist of Glenarden church bookstore to purchase CD dated 12-31-2017, 1-7-2018.

Some scriptures to ponder:

Worship

John 4:23-24 (NIV)

Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.

God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.

2 Chronicles 5:13, Verse Concepts

"in unison when the trumpeters and the singers were to make themselves heard with one voice to praise and to glorify the LORD, and when they lifted up their voice accompanied by trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and when they praised the LORD saying, "He indeed is good for His lovingkindness is everlasting," then the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud,"

Prayer

Romans 12:12 Version (NIV)

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Colossians 4:2 (NKJV)

Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;

1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NIV)

pray continually,

Psalms 119:15-16 (NLT)

I will study your commandments and reflect on your ways. I will delight in your decrees and not forget your word.

Joshua 1:8 (ESV)

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Light

Isaiah 60:1 (KJB)

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.

Matthew 5:14-16 The Message (MSG)

"Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16 (NKJV)

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

--Linda Gary, DOHM Founding President

**Romans (NLT)**

**The Problem-3:23** For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

**The Consequences-6:23**

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

**The Solution-5:8** But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

10:9-10 If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.

**The Assurance-10:13** For "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved".

**The Result-8:1** So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.

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