Newsletter: A God of Principle

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Women's Retreat 2015

Last chance, all monies <u>due</u> September 22nd.

Title: Go Get It - Possess the Land (Get Your Blessings)

Place: Lancaster, PA Date: October 22-24, 2015

Email or call us immediately and say you want to attend this year's retreat. daugtersohope@aol.com.

This year's speaker

Minister Lori Ford, a devoted Christian, dedicated mother and successful business woman. Lori truly believes in "equipping saints to do God's will." She has been called to preach and to the ministry of dance. She has traveled locally as well as to Canada, where she has ministered and taught the movement ministry through biblical studies.

Her pastor is the Rev. Dr. Grady Yeargin, Jr., The City Temple Of Baltimore (Baptist) church.



The Power of the Tongue

One of the most powerful weapons is the tongue. We can build others up with the tongue or tear them down with it. How do you use your tongue?

Words kill, words give life; they're either poison or fruit---You choose. Proverbs 18:21 (MSG)

We have to spend quality time with the Master and ask Him to teach us how to use our tongue. Using our words in the right

way will be one of the ways people will be delivered and set free. Speaking the word of God to others involves not condemning, not judging, and not in hatred but in Love. In a time when everything seems right in a man's eye we will have to learn how to speak truth in love in order to bring conviction and awareness to God's redemption. Love will win, God is love. So my

sisters we have to get alone with God in His word to learn how to use the tongue to speak the truth in love.

My heart is broken to see what's going on in this country today. We have been silent to long. It's time to be bold and speak the word of Truth to those who are lost.

--Linda Gary DOHM Founding President

Know Your Three Enemies

Greetings in the name of Jesus the Christ.

Stemming from the attacks I have sustained over the last few months, I felt led to share the following article written by Evangelist Billy Graham, may you be blessed and enlightened.

The Bible teaches that every Christian has three enemies. The first enemy that we have to contend with is the world. Now "the world" means this present evil world, the great system of evil round about us. It is everything around us that has a tendency to lead us into sin. It may mean the evil people of the world, or it may mean the things of the world.

Certain elements of daily life are not sinful in themselves, but they can lead to sin if they are abused. Abuse literally means "extreme use," and in many instances, overuse of lawful things becomes sin. Thinking about the necessities of life and taking care of one's family is essential. But this can degenerate into anxiety, and then, as Christ reminded us, the cares of this life choke the spiritual seed in the heart (Mark 4:19). Making money is necessary for daily living. But moneymaking is apt to degenerate into money-loving, and then the deceitfulness of riches enters and spoils our spiritual life. The Bible admonishes, "Do not love the world or the things in the world" (1 John 2:15).

The second enemy of the Christian is the flesh. Paul said, "I know that in me [that is, in my flesh] nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find" (Romans 7:18). The Bible teaches that the flesh is fallen human nature. It is the corrupt principle of sin, the carnal nature that natural men and women have inherited from their fallen parents. It is the birthplace of all those ugly sins that so easily mar the Christian's joy and hinder his or her testimony. The sins of temper, irritability, moodiness, jealousy, pride, selfishness, an unforgiving spirit, anxiety and fretfulness. harshness, complaining, criticism, lust-all of these things characterize the flesh.

The third enemy of the Christian is **the devil**, referred to by Paul as "the prince of the power of the air" (Ephesians 2:2). The Bible teaches that the devil is a real person. His

objective is to defeat the will of God in the world. the church and the Christian. He is the unceasing enemy of the soul. He must be met and overcome. Thank God, through the victory of Jesus Christ on the cross, this mighty enemy has been fully and finally vanguished. One day the whole world will see the full consummation of Christ's triumph. Meanwhile, Satan is busy in the world, sometimes appearing as an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14), and other times as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8).

These, then, are our three foes: the world, the flesh and the devil. The attitude of the Christian to all three of them is summed up in one word: renounce. There must be no bargaining, no compromise, no hesitation. Absolute renunciation is the only possible way for the Christian to have victory in life. If you are a Christian, there is no excuse for not having daily victory in your life by renouncing sin and, by faith, letting the Spirit of God have control of your life.

--Min. Geri Stancil DOHM Vice President

"There must be no compromise...."

In challenging circumstances, we ask: "God, where are You?" We consider the state of our lives and become discouraged, assuming we are not where God wants us to be. But what if we are? Check out this book: The Pendulum: Come Back Swinging Through the Difficult Times by Rickie Rush

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BLESSED

Benevolence of God always shining on you.

Light of His glorious Word daily teaching you.

Each gracious gift so freely bestowed upon you.

Sacrifice of the Lord Jesus forgiving you.

Spirit of the Lord God guiding and keeping you.

Ever thankful for His mercy and blessings upon you.

Delight in His joy, love and peace resting within you.

The Blessings of God are plentiful, for He longs to give His children the desires of their heart as it lines up in His Will. The word of God speaks in John 14:2. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. He has a mansion for each one of us. We need to believe in His word that what He has for us we shall receive.

--Tomiko Hankerson DOHM Secretary

A Senior Reflection

In retirement I find that I have begun to spend a lot of time in prayer. Perhaps because of my background as a teacher, much of my prayers focus on young people. I find myself especially prayerful for the very young adults and young people in their later teen years. This time period seems to be such a fragile time for these young people as well as their parents and other loved ones.

During this stage young people seem caught between their desire to be independent, trying new (sometimes risky) things and their desire to please their parents. Even though during this time they achieve the "legal" age of adulthood (18/21), there is still a dependence (a need) for emotional support from their elders. If parents can recall this special time in their own lives, it might help to bridge the gap between the two groups. In certain situations, loving wisdom and discernment will tell a parent whether to "say" something to their young person or to "say" a quite prayer instead.

Two scriptures come to mind – 1 Corinthians 13:7-8 NIV "It (love) always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always preserves. Love never fails." Ephesians 6:4 AMP "Fathers, do not irritate and provoke your children to anger (do not exasperate them to resentment), but rear them (tenderly) in the training and discipline and the counsel and admonition of the Lord."

In closing, "Dear Lord, I pray that you will bless parents with wisdom, discernment, deep love, and patience with their young people as they struggle to establish their independence. And Lord God, please bless the youth with love and listening hearts for their elders.

In the name of Jesus, I give thanks and praise Amen -- Rose Mathews



"...say something ... or say a quite prayer instead"

"... release, relinquish, refocus ..."

The Year of Release

Taking a bold step I have sought to release myself of a responsibility. This is not purely my doing I should say also I felt led by the Lord. There have certainly been many shifts in my life in the last two years, I feel I am almost behind in making this change, but here it is. I see it as a release because a weight or pressure has been lifted, that brings refreshing. I don't consider myself as one oppose to change, my job over the years has demanded it of me, so perhaps that is why I don't fight it tooth and nail but look at it expectantly. I do feel as though I have been released in the true sense because the Lord is allowing or encouraging me to move on.

According to the Jewish calendar and counting cycles we are in the last few weeks of <u>Shemittah</u>, a Sabbatical year, literally "to release", 09/25/2014 – 09/13/2015.

What the Observance means (find on: http://www.chabad.org):

The Shemittah year waives all outstanding debts between Jewish debtors and creditors.

The residents of the Land of Israel must completely desist from cultivating their fields. They also relinquish personal ownership of their fields; whatever produce grows

on its own is considered communal property, free for anyone to take.

Refocus, abstention from farming also allowed them to focus on higher, more spiritual pursuits.

The first observance puts me in the mind of the Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9-13. So I ask myself is there someone I need to forgive or release, as I am enjoying my own release.

The second observance shows me I need not be so driven to making things happen. I may have been trying to do too much in my own strength. In some cases the Lord may need me to see pass the surface, what good may have already been growing.

The third observance has been a prayer this year. I don't want to be distracted, going in different directions, missing my destination or timing of God, but I have asked Him to help me focus.

While I may observe a personal release, I know work is coming, The Lord will be sending me back into His field to cultivate a new crop. Is this or have this been a year of release in your life? (comments welcome)

--Constance Lowe DOHM Treasurer

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.

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