

Newsletter: God's Pearls

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Welcome

This is the first Daughters of Hope Ministry (DOHM) newsletter. We hope you will find this form of communication informative, encouraging, and generally helpful as well as spiritually enriching. We welcome your feedback; let us know what you think, and what you would like to see.

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Seeing God Work

What can I say but God is an awesome God. He can work it out for you.

There was a situation on the job. I felt like I was in a war zone. It was told to me to let the employee go. In these times you don't want people to lose their job. I was praying about the situation. She was needed at another location. After being there for three days she resigned. God worked it out.

Psalms 89:13-14 (NKJV)

13 You have a mighty arm; Strong is Your

hand, and high is Your right hand.

14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face.

Luke 1:30 (NKJV)

30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

Deuteronomy 1:30 (NKJV)

30 The LORD your God, who goes before you, He will fight for you, according to all

He did for you in Egypt before your eyes,

2 Chronicles 20:17 (NKJV)

17 You will not need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the LORD, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem!' Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the LORD is with you.

--Linda Gary
DOHM Founding
President

Our Recent Women's Retreat

"You are not an accident and You are not a mistake"

Everything just seemed to fall into place, from the retreat being held in October when seasons change and the change is quite visible to all, to our retreat topic, "God's Pearls," explaining how we as God's people experience a metamorphosis as we go through this life.

Day-1 Sis. Linda Gary explored the intricate details involved in the creation of a pearl. How through the slightest opening of the oyster's shell an irritant, an intruder, can enter causing much discomfort, causing the oyster to manufacture layer upon layer of nacre (a protective coating) until a pearl is formed.

Day-2 Minister Lori Ford

showed us how to care for God's pearls through Liturgical/African Dance moves, as she taught us the purpose and meaning for each movement.

Minister Nikki Pearson and her message on the Genesis of becoming God's pearl, was so very powerful. She looked us all in the eyes and said, "You are not an accident and You are not a mistake." She went on to say God knew us before we were born and he created us to do good works, we were created with a purpose and to fulfill God's plan.

Minister Nikki returned to the podium to let us know pearls don't look like what they've been through. A pearl just doesn't happen, the process begins in the

dark, and they are produced by pain, in pain. She also let us know that pearls may be imitated but they cannot be duplicated.

Day-3 Sis. Constance Lowe talked to us about pearls and other precious gems, and the fact that they are formed under pressure and require great effort to acquire. She stated that sometimes we pull back into our protective shells, because we are afraid of confrontation, of being hurt or wounded, we feel inadequate, of no importance.

--Geri Stancil
DOHM Vice President

To see full retreat summary visit our website.

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Biblical Principles To Organizing Your Life...

O - is for **Order**
1 Corinthians 14:40

R - is for **Responsibility**
Ezra 10:4

G - is for **Goals** that can be achieved Proverbs 21:5

A - is for being **Active**
Colossians 3:23-24

N - is for **Never** giving up
Galations 6:9

I - is for **Integrity**
Luke 16:10

Z - is for **Zero** excuses

E - is for **Expectation**
2 Corinthians 9:8

I challenge you to study the scriptures noted and begin to get your life balanced in the way in which God has designed. HE does not desire for us to live our lives in such a way as we are harried on all sides and can't keep up.

We need to bring order back to our daily lives and to do that we must put GOD first. We must acknowledge HIM in all

aspects of our life. When we are all over the place it denotes confusion and we know that God is not the author of confusion. (For God is not [the author] of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. 1 Corinthians 14:33)

The Lord desires to restore order to our work and home lives. We need to prioritize and recognize what is truly important and learn to eliminate or cut back on what is not. Sometimes we become busy doing so many things and it may not be what GOD wants us to be doing. Before we endeavor to take on another project or responsibility, we need to seek the Lords guidance and direction to be sure we are operating under authority and in HIS will. (But all things should be done decently and in order. 1 Corinthians 14:40)

To begin this journey of

restoring order and balance, we must make a plan, set goals and act of them. The Word of God says to write the vision and make it plain. Let the Lord know what your plans are and what you desire to achieve. Get your paper and pen out or your electronic devices and start writing down those things you wish to bring under control. Be it at home, work or ministry God can do it if we only trust HIM to and apply the principles found in the Bible. We can achieve so much more when we set goals and look to achieving them with God's guidance. (Then the Lord answered me and said: "Write the vision And make it plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it. 3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, It will not tarry. Habakkuk 2:2-3)

--Tomiko Hankerson
DOHM Secretary



FYI

Discover your spiritual gifts

<http://www.churchgrowth.org/analysis/index.php>

<http://www.sdrock.com/giftstest/>

What is your

temperament?

http://neoxenos.org/wp-content/blogs.dir/1/files/temperaments/temperament_test.htm

What they mean:

<http://www.thetransformed>

soul.com/additional-studies/miscellaneous-studies/the-four-human-temperaments

Other useful links:

<http://www.mdfamily.org>

Value Of A Woman

As a woman and child of God we can enjoy being courted by our Lord, He is preparing us, taking us through a process. The preparation process shows us He is our protector, provider; we can trust Him not to lead us on falsely. As a woman we have a unique design that shapes and forms our character. We have been specifically designed to carry life, the image of God himself, even if we never have the opportunity this still shapes our character as one who wants to, and can give nurturing. Naturally we have a softer frame, a softer voice, the desire to be cherished. We walk with a certain lift and gaiety, our laughter can breakout into giggles. We can be a great support (virtuous woman¹) and leader (Deborah²) as directed by God. By God's own words we are worth the search (finds a good thing³, virtuous woman). By God's design we are a teacher (Titus woman⁴). As the bride to be, God places a high value on us.

He has prepared a place for us, showed that He will die for us. We are not cheap and therefore, should not be easily swayed away from the pursuit of the lover of our soul. We are like a rare pearl created by and for God (kingdom material⁵). With all of this amazing value we are the beloved of the most-high God. Then when a woman is paired with the man God has sent to look for her, and gives that union a family, while her value does not grow higher, it is appreciated by a wider audience. Never de-value yourself by measuring yourself with the world's standards, use God's.

¹Proverbs 31:10

Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

Trivial Information:

Rubies are far more valuable than the much sought after diamond. A 1-carat ruby is worth twice as much as a 1-carat diamond, a 3-carat brilliant of the first water diamond

valued at about \$16,300, a ruby of the same description would be worth about \$160,300. The value of a 5-carat diamond of the first quality would be about \$33,000, while that of a similar ruby would be \$330,000.

²Judges 4:4

And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time.

³Proverbs 18:22

Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord.

⁴Titus 2:3

The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

⁵Matthew 13:45

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls

--Constance Lowe
DOHM Treasurer

"...beloved of the most-high God"

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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.

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Good Medicine

Laughter is good for the soul. The following came from an old published article depicting confused motorists trying to explain their unfortunate accidents, see if you can relate. These explanations actually showed up on their written reports.

"An invisible car came out of nowhere, struck my car and vanished"

"Coming home, I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I don't have"

"I had been driving my car for 40 years when I fell asleep at the wheel and had an accident"

"I collided with a stationary truck coming the other way"

"I had been shopping for plants all day and was on my way home. As I reached an intersection a hedge sprang up, obscuring my vision. I did not see the other car."

"I pulled away from the side of the road, glanced at my mother-in-law and headed over the embankment."

"The telephone pole was approaching fast. I attempted to swerve out of its path when it struck my front end."

"I was thrown from my car as it left the road. I was later found in a ditch by some stray cows."

"The other car attempted to cut in front of me, so I with my right bumper, removed his left rear tail light."

"In an attempt to kill a fly, I drove into a telephone pole."

"I was on my way to the doctors with rear-end trouble when my universal joint gave way, causing me to have an accident."

"A stop sign suddenly appeared where no stop sign had ever appeared before."

"The indirect cause of this accident was a little guy in a small car with a big mouth."

"The pedestrian had no idea which direction to go, so I ran over him."

"I was driving through the field and hit a fire hydrant."