

WORD LIVING

Stewards In Action

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STEWARDSHIP – Living Without Compromise

WHERE DID IT GO?

Thank you for joining us this second month of 2011 as we share from God's word as recorded in the Holy Bible. Our God is blessing us and providing yet another opportunity to worship and give God first place in our life. Our Lord is coming back, and this could be the day. It is time to talk, walk and live for Jesus so others will seek Him as Savior and Lord.

We have been talking about various subjects that support this year's theme – "Living Without Compromise."

Why Did You Leave Me?

Get Real – Let's Run the Race.

Why Santa Still Dominates Christmas.

He is God and He Never Changes.

This month we look at Samson, and open with Judges 16:20. And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him. (KJV) Then she said, "The Philistines are on you, Samson!" He woke up, thinking, "I'll go out, like always, and shake free." He didn't realize that **God** had abandoned him. (The Message)

How could something so important and so necessary be lost and the person not realize it was gone? I have read the story many times and could not understand how it could happen. Then I had a loss of something that was important to me and I understood a key element that is important in every area of our earthly walk.

In the routine of life over the years, I would talk to the Lord; get ready, etc; I do my hair; and off to work. For the most part, I never used the mirror to note changes or details just to make sure all looked OK.

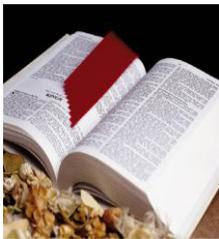
Now proper use of the mirror helps us see what is there, provides warning signs of deeper problems, and if used properly, keeps us from embarrassing moments like broccoli in our teeth or ketchup on our tie. However, when we fail to take advantage of the mirror, it cannot assist us in providing the vital information we need.

One morning, I was in a hurry and grabbed my small combs to hold up my hair but the amount of hair was not right. It felt thin, not like before. I went to the mirror and there I saw a different person. The person in the mirror had shining bald spots where hair used to be and dark circles under her eyes. Upon closer inspection, there were bald spots in the back and cow licks on the side, not to mention an extra wrinkle of two. WOE! WHEN DID THIS HAPPEN?



Just as I expected, the past to continue into the future and was sure it would, and so did Samson. After all, it was there when he needed it. With each decision, the power remained and perhaps he thought it was within his power to live as he please and have whatever pleased him. But this I know when we are not watchful, things happen and many times it is so gradual that we fail to see or feel the change until it is too late.

We **must** check our every decision and match it to God's commandments, so we will feel His presence directing us for His glory.



WHERE DID IT GO? Judges - Chapters 13-16 ACTIONS MUST LINE UP WITH THE WORD OF GOD

1. Samson was born during the time Israel was in great distress because of disobedience to God commands. He was of the tribe of Dan, which signifies a judge or judgment.
2. Samson was a Nazarite unto God from birth and chosen by God to **begin** to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines. (Judges 13:5 Ref. Nazarite Vow Number 6)
3. God's plan for Samson was clear and because God knows every decision we will make, He has already woven it into the master plan so that His word does not fail.

There is a master plan for each of us in that, we have the opportunity to serve Jesus and yield to his will. He provides every opportunity for us to make decisions based on his directions.

Should the Lord delay his coming we will continue the story in March.

His steward, Karen

SHOW LOVE IN ACTION IN 2011



Love is taking the time to establish a relationship with family, friends, and co-workers so that you might support each other in prayer and encouragement.

To love others as we love ourselves; means you do unto them as you would want them to do unto you. Before you say or do things, stop and say how would I like it if they did or said that to me? Even when we must speak in boldness about an issue, love must not be forgotten.

February is considered the love month. From an economic prospective, February 14 is the official day. However, love should be a way of life.

Each day, as God's love lives in us, we should show that love in all we do. The way we conduct ourselves on our job should show God's love. We should have much joy and love for God and others that Satan cannot stand to be on the job with us.

Our home should be filled with God's love so everyone that enters your home can feel the difference. Smiles should be offered to those who may never smile back. Why? Because we know Jesus, and His unconditional love should be flowing through us to those in need. When people don't know Jesus or are experiencing problems that have burdened them, they need to see the light of God's love shining in order to refocus and/or seek the source of our hope.

This love should be seen in our marriage. Husbands and wives should seek to show love for their mate before themselves. Remember, we said love is commitment and action.

As we close this month Genesis 2:24-25 and Mark 10:6-9 shows commitment. The man cleaves to his wife. Cleave means to be unwavering, hold firm, hold close. It also shows action. The man leaves his father and mother and begins a new family where God guides and love abounds.

Love? It is not a once-a-year gift - it is a way of life.



TIPS FROM LEARNING TO LIVE ON LESS

- USE THE CIRCLE METHOD. START BY PLANNING YOUR TRIPS SO YOU USE LESS GASOLINE. START AT HOME PLAN ALL TRIPS SO YOU COMPLETE ALL TASKS AND FINISH WHERE YOU BEGAN.
- TRY TO AVOID BUSY TRAFFIC TIMES WHERE YOU WASTE A LOT OF GASOLINE STARTING, SITTING, AND STOPPING.
- DO NOT TOP IT OFF – EXCESS GAS EVAPORATES.
- KEEP THE GAS CAP TIGHT
- MAINTENANCE – CHECK THE OIL LEVEL, CHANGE ON SCHEDULE AND CHECK THE FILTERS.
- SHOP FOR INSURANCE ANNUALLY AND MAKE SURE YOU RECEIVE ALL THE DISCOUNTS.

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