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# WORD LIVING

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## WELCOME TO WORD LIVING

### LEARNING TO TRUST AND OBEY THE WORD

How the time passes so quickly. We hope you had a wonderful summer with family and friends.

We are thankful that our Lord has blessed us. Sometimes I think back to our handwritten letters of the 1960's and where God has us today. What a blessing to begin another Word Living year and share with you.

June 1, I sat down to seek where the Lord would have me began the research for the new year. The story of Deborah came to mind. As I began to read, I was guided to the last chapter that closed with these words, "In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes." Judges 21:25. What a way to end a story. I cannot fathom the concept. It sounds like utter chaos. But how could that be? This is Israel and they have seen the power of God up close. These are the generations that God delivered from the bondage of the Egyptians, opened the Red Sea so they crossed on dry land, closed it so their enemy was destroyed, gave them victory without a battle at Jericho, and it came down to every man doing that which was right in his own eyes.

## **THE MY WAY GENERATION?**

The history of our nation has been plagued with wars on both foreign and domestic shores. We have survived plagues, droughts, fires, floods, storms, the Great Depression, the rise and fall of our economic structure, civil unrest, the current unrest, and yet God was and continues to be with us.

Much of the unrest is our desire to have what we want, when we want it without seeking God for his plan. We can have desires and dreams that fall in line with Biblical truth, but the key is to wait on God's permissive will such that it all brings glory and honor to him.

Per Ecclesiastes 1:9, there is nothing new under the sun. Our current trend has been tried before.

A review of history will provide insight to the question for the Word Living 2018,

## **HOW DID THEY/HOW DID WE STRAY SO FAR AWAY?**

The book of Judges notes a sharp contrast to the book of Joshua. In Joshua, an obedient people conquered the land through trust in the power of God. The book of Judges shows a disobedient and idolatrous people defeated repeatedly because of their rebellion against God.

In seven (7) distinct cycles of sin to salvation, Judges shows how Israel set God's law aside and replaced it with that which was right in their own eyes.

Note: There is a price to pay for even the small acts of disobedience:

It may seem like a small issue, nothing for our Lord to be upset about, when we adjust His commandments to meet our needs and/or our way of thinking. After all, we do it all the time and it works out. Right? At least we think so. The key is to obey God's command as given in all that we do. When we practice the habit of total obedience in all that we do, we receive the maximum blessing attached to our unquestionable faithful obedience.

The lesson shows the faithfulness of God, yet because there was a lack of complete trust and obedience the long-term failure trumped the short-term victory.

## HOW DID THEY/HOW DID WE STRAY SO FAR AWAY?

### Judges Chapter 1

After the death of Joshua, at age 110 (Joshua 24:29) the children of Israel asked the Lord, saying who shall go up for us against the Canaanites first, to fight against them? Note: The question is directed to the right source.

God gives the answer and the plan – And the Lord said, Judah shall go up: behold, I have delivered the land to his hands.

And Judah said unto Simeon his brother, “Come up with me into my lot, that we may fight against the Canaanites.”

### Perhaps you missed the key:



They asked God for directions and he gave them. BUT.... ACTION (Yes Lord I heard what you said but I need to take my brother to help me fight so I can win. And when his turn comes up to lead, I will fight with him so he can win.) Note: God said I have delivered, there was no need to ask for additional help, because the battle was already won, the enmity of God was defeated from day one. Yet, Judah would ask Simeon for help vs. act on the directions from God as spoken.

The reason God chose Judah first and promised him success was because Judah was the most numerous and powerful tribe. Judah was the first in dignity, and therefore must be first in duty. How do you respond to God's directions? The word continues next month.

His steward,

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