

# WORD LIVING

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## OUR PURPOSE

Our purpose is to offer help to families with budgeting and planning. We assist families in obtaining knowledge and awareness of all human resources/ services available to them. We sponsor FREE seminars that coordinate various services to meet changing needs. For more information on events we sponsor visit us on FACEBOOK or our website: [www.stewardsinaction.com](http://www.stewardsinaction.com).



**We give thanks to our God for he has and continues to bless us and to provide all of our needs.**

**We remind you of the need to spend time in the word every day. There is a great need from God's people to study (II Timothy 2:15), pray (I Thessalonians 5:17), and abstain for the appearance of evil (I Thessalonians 5:22)**

**We are, per Matthew 5:14, the light of the world. We are the children of Christ, reflecting his example to the world. Yet, as noted in our series, our example is sending a message that is totally opposite of what our Lord said.**

**Receiving and extending forgiveness cannot be separated. The hardness of an unforgiving person prevents him/her from accepting forgiveness as well as extending it. The person who fails to forgive is exposing themselves to temporal judgment of God (Matthew 18:35)**

**REF: The Revell Bible Dictionary**

**This month we view life, from the prospective of feeding the disease vs. taking the cure.**

THE WALL OF UNFORGIVENESS

I hear you Lord, but I'm just not listening

THE MIND EATING CANCER OF UNFORGIVENESS



## **FEEDING THE DISEASE VS. TAKING THE CURE**

**When I was a child the word sick had a different meaning. My mother had one cure no matter what so I never used the word “sick” unless I could not move, I was unable to eat, or the room was going around.**

**The cure was a mixture of Castor Oil followed by a cup of hot lemon tea with honey, rock candy, and a few drops of whiskey that my dad’s friend would drop off for medicinal purposes when needed.**

**I hated that stuff. It burned, it made me sweat, and I had to stay in bed and eat soup. However, it did not take long before I felt better.**

**I guess the thought of and the action of swallowing was the hard part. After that, the body seemed to respond to rid itself of the virus and return to normal. The formula was the need to state the problem, determine and administer the cure, and expect a positive response.**

**This is the key point to understanding unforgiveness.**

**Unforgiveness is like a flu bug that invades the body. It gets everything off the norm. The head feels funny, the legs get weak, the stomach is upset, and you may feel off balance when you stand up. Perhaps you ignore it and keep going. You play doctor and perhaps you find it easy to keep busy in hopes it will go away.**

**But, it continues because you have not dealt with the real issue, the real cause of your illness. The longer you wait, the more strength the virus gains. You think you are doing OK, but you are only deceiving yourself.**

**Others see the difference. In this case, they see your inability to shine bright in the dark situation. You are a shadow of yourself moving but accomplishing nothing. You are weak and easily sidetracked by small issues.**

**Look in the mirror and ask Jesus what he sees and to reveal it to you. Because of the seriousness of this issue, do not let Satan deceive you. Take a good look. Do you see the reflection of Jesus? Do you feel his love flowing through you to the one you have not forgiven? Do you feel the closeness of Jesus such that you are ready to stand in his presence and know he is pleased with your life?**

## THE WALL OF UNFORGIVENESS

**If you are living behind this wall, here are a few scriptures you need to consider.  
(Ref KJV)**

- **Matthew 18:21-35 and the emphasis Jesus placed on this parable, especially verse 35. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not everyone his brother their trespasses.**
- **Isaiah 59:2 - But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.**
- **Ephesians 4:32 - And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you."**
- **Matthew 6:14-15 - For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.**
- **Mark 11:25 - And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.**
- **Colossians 3:12-13 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.**
- **2 Peter 1:1-8 provides a list of things to help us grow in Christ. We noted verse 9 - But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.**

**We must take sin seriously. One thought can lead us into a multitude of issues that weaken our walk with God and our ability to witness.**

**We pray that the stronghold will be broken. The time is now. Please don't delay.**

**Until next time - His steward, Karen**



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **\*\*ESTATE PLANNING – GETTING YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER**
  - **Saturday, November 14, 2015 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

**\*\*WORKSHOPS WILL BE HELD AT  
HealthWest (Formerly Muskegon County Community Mental Health)  
Conference Room**

**376 E. Apple Ave at Wood Street, Muskegon, MI 49442**

## 2016

Praying and Planning for 2016.

- Small group workshop financial stewardship or
- Word study on other topics
- Contact us to schedule a time.