

I die daily

Putting to death the flesh is required in order to reveal God to the world around us. We will all have battles with doing that. Emotions can certainly be the steering wheel if we allow them to be. If we allow those type of things to drive us, we will do much more to reveal a worldly way as apposed to a Godly one.

The flesh being put to death is required that life can spring up. In order to bear the fruit of God's Holy Spirit. We didn't just receive that down-payment in our life for peace. God poured into us, so He can pour through us. That sound mind you have received, that understanding, that renewal, all should lead to a place that we yield to Him. We realize the error of our ways, we realize our thinking has been messy, and often is influenced negatively. Emotions can be deceptive. They can cloud right thinking. People make major decisions based on emotion alone, and end up regretting it.

We are not Physical beings having a Spiritual Experience rather we are Spiritual Beings having a Physical experience. Our Creator is Spirit.... He desires a people who will worship Him in Spirit. Not my will Father But thine. It's a lifetime of effort to lay down "our will". What I think is best, what I "want", and certainly my ways. Each day we must choose again to put all of that to the side, pressing into our High Calling. Am I trying to build a little k .. kingdom..... or am I living to help build the big K – KINGDOM? All the little kingdoms of the world will fall.... All of them. People spend their whole lives searching for the purpose of life. I praise God that I have found it.

I don't want to mirror this world. I don't want to mirror it's ways. I don't want to bring a negative influence into the life of someone around me. I look back at my life. I look back and I see the lives that I had an opportunity to influence along the way. Back when I was lost..... I never thought about what being a big brother to my sister meant. I never really grasped what being a good friend might really mean, and the opportunities to pour into someone's eternity that existed. I didn't even think about Representing God in this world. Because I wasn't. I didn't care, because I was lost. I was separated in my sinful condition. That's the man I would be, had it not been for God.

Are you cultivating a life that will reap a fruitful harvest to the benefit of the Kingdom of God? Are you living in the temporary with no thought of your eternal future or those around you? I don't know whose reading up to this point. I might have lost you in the first paragraph. But if you are with me up to this point. I want you to know There is a purpose for this life that is fulfilling beyond words. Do you find yourself searching the sky with questions? I was that man. Do you know your purpose? I promise you You have one! Don't look for the world to define your purpose. Look to the one that made you!

Set out to bear the fruit of His Spirit. There is life in that kind of living. Be a difference maker. Sow seeds for eternity.

God Bless – Pastor Paul

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The fruit of the Spirit is . . . longsuffering, gentleness . . . Gal. 5:22

The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth. Exod. 34:6

Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love. <u>Eph.</u> 4:1-2

Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Eph. 4:32

The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. <u>James 3:17</u>

Charity suffereth long, and is kind. <u>I Cor. 13:4</u>

In due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Gal. 6:9

Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. James 5:7-8