

The Life of a believer



INTRODUCTION: The life style of a believer of Christ is formed from the spirit of God in the believer, and that is the evidences of walking in the spirit and not in the flesh.

God desires that His children lives up to His expectations and not condemnations. The behavior of a believer comes from his/her personality; when a man's personality (nature) isn't influenced by God's personality (nature), the result will be a character/behavior that is not of God.

God knows that no man is perfect but it is a mistake for a man not to walk towards perfection. In walking towards perfection we fulfill the will of God by representing Him through the life of Christ in us. Recognizing the life of Christ is the reason for the fruits of the spirit: A man of the spirit doesn't entertain lust or give room for distractions, which weakens the spirit man unto unfruitfulness. So spiritual sensitivity is necessary, in other to identify the things of the world from the things of God.

No man is perfect, but every man ought to walk towards being perfect. God is looking for men who have conceived walking in perfection in their hearts. So do not neglect the true life lived by

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a Christian. Know them, be reminded of them and walk in them, this is how you build, attract and increase the knowledge of God that is truth in you.

In this Faith Book, we will talk about forgiveness; the root of unforgiveness, reasons, importance of forgiveness and how to put on true forgiveness without carrying the guilt conscience. Please do read this faith Book twice!

Forgiveness:

The ability to move on when there's an obstacle of unforgiveness. The life of a believer can not be complete without the mercy of God revealed in that believer. God showed us mercy so that we could show it to others.

“Be ye merciful, even as your Father is merciful.”

Luke 6:36

Mercy is the grace that brings down the gate of hate (condemnation). Jesus came to fulfill the Father's mercy, which came through the love of God. So true forgiveness can not be achieved without the love of God. “For God so loved you that he showed you mercy...”

“And whensoever ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any one; that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.” Mark 11:25

When you can't create the life of mercy, your prayers will not be effective. This is because there's lack of love in your heart. If you love you will forgive, remember that love is the fulfillment of the law; love worketh no ill and

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so, true mercy is gotten from love.

The love of God activates the mercy of God in a believer, so a believer must always come to the realization (understanding) of God's Love. That is why the apostles took pride in dying for the sake of Christ, because they understood the knowledge of the love of the father.

“ and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled unto all the fulness of God.” Ephesians 3:19

Love is what builds the life of a believer towards the faith of Christ which is the evidence of boldness, confidence, trust and believe in God. *“For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive, And abundant in lovingkindness unto all them that call upon thee.”* Psalms 86:5

‘Forgive and Forget’ is popularly said among men; but for a true believer who carries the love of God, he first forgets and forgives. When you can't forget, it means you are keeping a burden that attracts unforgiveness. So in other for a believer to be free from any burden, he/she must forget that burden existed. This is how people receives Jesus, get their miracles and pray an effective prayer. A clean heart doesn't carry unforgiveness.

“Brethren, I count not myself yet to have laid hold: but one thing I do, forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before,” Philippians 3:13

Unforgiveness holds onto the things of the past ‘behind’ and by that, a man cannot move onto the things of the future. “Don't let your past become your curse” Learn from it but don't take from it, “eat it but pass it out”. The life of a believer is lived in the future present and not the

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past present. So Move On!

Love is what makes one to forget offenses and offenders easily. So if you don't have the love of God in your act of forgiveness, you will keep carrying unforgiveness. It is easier to forgive when you forget. To forget is to raise a high standard of love no matter the offenses. This standard is raised by engraving the peace of God into the heart. *Jesus gave us a peace not like the world.* “ *And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*” Philippians 4:7

“This is the covenant that I will make with them After those days, saith the Lord: I will put my laws on their heart, And upon their mind also will I write them; then saith he, And their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.” Hebrews 10:16-17

God has forgiven you, because He doesn't remember your sin, so why are you still holding unforgiveness that produces malice, grudges, hate, envy and selfishness. The Bible says: Love worketh no ill, meaning that there's no negativity or evil doings in love. To move on you must learn to embrace the power of the love of God.

Love is a character and to build it, one must build his/her character by understanding the peace Jesus left to every believer. There is either a negative or a positive character, which comes from one's personality “True nature”. Your personality is the real you; what you can do, have done and doing. This is what makes everybody on earth different. A good personality of God's kingdom is full of love, because love compliments all the works of

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the kingdom; integrity, honesty and self control, truth, discipline and many more. if Love is lacking, all these qualities do not count in God's Kingdom.

Love and peace are fruits of the spirit which is also of righteousness, goodworks and truth . see Ephesians 5:9

The Spirit of God must have a great influence over your personality, in other for you to produce the fruits of the spirit (see Galatians 5:25). The fruits of the spirit are seen in one's character, because of the presence of the HolySpirit in one's personality "True nature". Walking to be fruitful is an understanding not of the natural but of the spiritual: This is what enables one overcome the flesh by fleeing from its lust. Lust is described as a desire of greed, pride, envy, jealousy, hate, deceit, unforgiving heart which are the fruits of the flesh.

The mind of the flesh corrupts one's personality thereby producing the fruits of the flesh. *"Now **the works of the flesh** are manifest, which are these: fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousies, wraths, factions, divisions, parties, envyings, drunkenness, revellings, **and such like**; of which I forewarn you, even as I did forewarn you, that they who practise such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."* Galatians 5:19-21

You must understand that all these are evil spirits and when any is present they attract others. **The Spirit of Unforgiveness is a sin that attracts many sins. Do not let it remain in your heart, Do not let it weigh you down, do not let it cage you, do not let it hinder you relationship with God, do not let it kill your prayer life,**

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do not let it deny you the free gifts of God. Start Showing God's Love by forgetting first, before you are compelled to forgive. Remember that it is easier to forgive what is forgotten. Let your personality be full of the Love of God, which is gotten from the understanding of the peace of God, so you can be merciful to others. Mercy is not complete without love, and love is not gotten without finding the peace Jesus gave. A man without mercy is a man without love. Judgment without mercy brings condemnation, but with mercy there's no condemnation 'just the Grace of God'.

“For judgment is without mercy to him that hath showed no mercy: mercy glorieth against judgment.” James 2:13

God came to judge with mercy by His side because He is a God of peace. so as a believer you must also carry mercy by your side. Just the same way God showed you mercy, be merciful to others. It is a continuous process that is why it should come from the character of love.

“Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.”

Matthew 5:7

CONCLUSION: The Life of a believer is based on one thing, and that is the Sure Mercies of God revealed through Jesus unto any one that believes. *“For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.”* Romans 11:32. **It is not easy to forgive but it is a responsibility that God has given you, that you**

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should do it through His love in you, by the understanding of peace, which he has given you (HolySpirit). This will make you a responsible believer in His Kingdom. Remember that God doesn't remember your sins and so He forgives you, because He doesn't remember. So also, to forgive someone easily, you must learn to forget the person's offense, rather remember God's Loving Kindness, through the Understanding of His peace.

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