

The Maturing of the Church (Part 17)

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“We can’t afford to have anything in our dream world that God hasn’t put there.”

Isaiah 43:18 (NKJV)

“Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old.

“Orphan Spirit”

“There’s no use us carrying anything that we don’t need.”

Heb. 12:1

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. “Weight”: ogkos lay aside/strip off: apotithimi

compound word made up of the words:

- apo (away) and
- tithimi (to place or lay down)

Matt. 5:11-12 (NIV)

11 “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Luke 23:34a (NIV)

“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing”...

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1 Sam. 30:6 (NIV)

David was greatly distressed because the men were talking of stoning him; each one was bitter in spirit because of his sons and daughters. But David found strength in the Lord his God.

1 Jn. 4:4 (NLT)

But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world.

Luke 10:19-20 (NLT)

19 Look, I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy, and you can walk among snakes and scorpions and crush them. Nothing will injure you. 20 But don't rejoice because evil spirits obey you; rejoice because your names are registered in heaven."

"Spirit of Offense"

Heb. 12:15 (PT)

Watch over each other to make sure that no one misses the revelation of God's grace. And make sure no one lives with a root of bitterness sprouting within them which will only cause trouble and poison the hearts of many.

2 Cor. 12:9b

..."My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness."

2 Cor. 12:9c

...Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

Heb. 10:31 (NLT)

It is a terrible thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

John 16:1 (NASB)

These things I have spoken to you so that you may be kept from stumbling,

"that you may keep from being offended."

'stumbling': skandalon

It means: "trap-stick"

Jn. 16:2-3 (NASB)

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1 Cor. 16:14

Let all that you do be done in love.

Philippians 3:13-14

13 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus,

James 5:16

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

Eph. 6:18

Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

1 Cor. 13:4-7 (NLT)

- 4 Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud
- 5 or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged.
- 6 It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out.
- 7 7 Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

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