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WHEN NO ONE ELSE WILL,
YOU HAVE TO!



Have you just given out of energy and you know that you still had something else to do and no one else can do it; you don't trust anyone else to do it? I'm the type of person that cannot put off tomorrow what needs to be done today. I will stay up all night doing it because I don't want to do it tomorrow; because there's another agenda waiting on me the next day that'll put me behind. I don't have enough hours in the day, so I think!

Or if there is a bill that needs to be mailed like yesterday. I'll go all the way downtown to mail it at the Main Post Office; or go to the one in the

neighborhood facilities at night because I want it picked up by tomorrow morning. And don't let me get started back on those dishes again! Help me Lord! I'm literally running out of energy!

If you're over a business or even the president of a company, it doesn't matter what someone else does, **you're the one** that's accountable; **you're the one** they will look to; **you're the one** that will have to explain why something wasn't done right. I'm looking at Undercover Boss. If you don't get into the trenches, you won't know what's going on in the field. If you keep putting off things for tomorrow, they will not get done!

Jesus didn't like what was going on in the temple when He came into Jerusalem. He had to confront the moneychangers that had wrongly extorted the people; doing what they will in His Father's house. He had to cleanse the temple of the wrong that was going on. He goes on to say: "...It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves" Matt.21:13. Setting things right is what the CEO does; not sweating the hard things.

Do you think our churches have qualified to be what God has called them to be? Are we doing the mandate of Jesus Christ?— feeding and clothing the poor; missionary work—bringing the Word to others that

can't come to the house of God; fasting and praying; teaching and healing etc? The Spirit will pull on and pull out of us all that's needed to go the extra mile. We should be people of excellence. There is only one to impress and that is God, who is the head of our lives!

Whatever we're over, we have to love it. Whatever we're doing, God sends the strength when there is no one else to help. He sends the HELPER, Hallelujah and Thank God. Be Blessed!

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TAKE MY SON!

A wealthy man and his son loved to collect rare works of art. They had everything in their collection, from Picasso to Raphael. They would often sit together and admire the great works of art.

When the Vietnam conflict broke out, the son went to war. He was very courageous and died in battle while rescuing another soldier. The father was notified and grieved deeply for his only son.

About a month later, just before Christmas,

There was a knock at the door. A young man stood at the door with a large package in his hands.

He said, *"Sir, you don't know me, but I am the soldier for whom your son gave his life. He saved many lives that day, and he was carrying me to safety when a bullet struck him in the heart and he died instantly... He often talked about you, and your love for art."* The young man held out this package. *"I know this isn't much. I'm not really a great artist, but I think your son would have wanted you to have this."*

The Father opened the package. It was a por-

trait of his son, painted by the young man. He stared in awe at the way the soldier had captured the personality of his son in the painting. The father was so drawn to the eyes that his own eyes welled up with tears. He thanked the young man and offered to pay him for the picture. *"Oh, no sir, I could never repay what your son did for me. It's a gift."*

The father hung the portrait over his mantle. Every time visitors came to his home he took them to see the portrait of his son before he showed them any of the other great works he had collected.

The man died a few months later. There was to be a great auction of his paintings. Many influential people gathered, excited over seeing the great paintings and having an opportunity to purchase one for their collection.

On the platform sat the painting of the son. The auctioneer pounded his gavel. *"We will start the bidding with this picture of the son. Who will bid for this picture?"*

There was silence...

Then a voice in the back of the room shouted, *"We want to see the famous paintings. Skip this one."*

But the auctioneer persisted. *"Will somebody bid for this painting? Who will start the bidding? \$100? \$200?"*

Another voice angrily, *"We didn't come to see this painting. We came to see the Van Gogh's, the Rembrandts. Get on with the Real bids!"*

But still the auctioneer continued. *"The son! The son! Who'll take the son?"*

Finally, a voice came from the very back of the room. It was the longtime gardener of the man and his son. *"I'll give \$10 for the painting..."* Being a poor man, it was all he could afford.

"We have \$10, who will bid \$20?"

"Give it to him for \$10. Let's see the masters."

The crowd was becoming angry. They didn't want the picture of the son.

They wanted the more worthy investments for their collections.

The auctioneer pounded the gavel.. *"Going once, twice, SOLD for \$10!"*

A man sitting on the second row shouted, *"Now let's get on with the col-*

lection!"

The auctioneer laid down his gavel. *"I'm sorry, the auction is over."*

"What about the paintings?"

"I am sorry. When I was called to conduct this auction, I was told of a secret stipulation in the will... I was not allowed to reveal that stipulation until this time. Only the painting of the son would be auctioned. Whoever bought that painting would inherit the entire estate, including the paintings. The man who took the son gets everything!"

God gave His Son over 2,000 years ago to die on the Cross. Much like the auctioneer, His message today is: ***"The Son, the Son, who'll take the Son?"*** Because, you see, ***whoever takes the Son gets everything!***

"FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, WHO SO EVER BELIEVETH, SHALL HAVE ETERNAL LIFE..." THAT'S LOVE!



Father, my prayer is for discipline to keep things organized in my life, so I can have time for You. It has been an honor and privilege serving You. I can't do anything without You. Keep my eyes and ears alert to Your leading; direct my steps so I won't get bogged down,
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Being An Effective Leader

by Sis. Dana Edwards

Leadership requires:

- Communication,
- Commitment,
- Consistency and
- Competence (The 4-C's).

Communication: The imparting or exchanging of information or news (Good News)— *Go into the entire world and preach, proclaim the GOOD NEWS of Jesus Christ to all creation.* Mark 16:15 — (Be honest and transparent in your communication)

Commitment: The state or quality of being dedicated to a cause or activity. (Dedicated)—We are to be dedicated to the service of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Commit thy works unto the Jehovah, and thy purposes shall be established.* Proverbs 16:3 (worldly distractions, humanness).

Consistency: Conformity in the application of something; constantly adhering

to the same principles without wavering. (Steadfast) We are to be steadfast never wavering in our service unto he Lord. *I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other. So because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth.* Rev 3: 15-16

Competence: The ability to do something successfully or efficiently. (Study) *Study to show thyself approved unto GOD; a workman that need not be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth.* 2nd Timothy 2:15 (How can you teach effectively if you do not devote, designate time to read, study,

and seek God's guidance and plan) Religious repetition is not instruction and churchism/church talk will not save and win souls.

Leadership is also the ability to influence; persuade others and the only way to influence others and to be effectual in building the Kingdom of Christ is that you (Leader) must be saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost! If you are not seeking perfection in Christ you will not be able to effectively lead others to Christ. They will see ME/YOU/US and will wonder what is the point? They do not need to see you; they need to see the GOD in you.

God will hold you accountable if you profess to be a leader and cause His children to fall. As the scriptures below reference the seriousness of not misleading Christians in there quest for clarity and understanding of God's Word.

Matthew 18:6-*But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be*

better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

2nd Peter 1:21-*For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were led by the Holy Spirit.*

In closing I want to leave and encourage great leaders everywhere with a stanza from a song that simply says.

I give myself away so you can use me....My life is not my own to you I belong.....I give myself, I give myself to you!!!!

In order to lead you must be able to follow the directives of GOD/CHRIST.

Leaders I encourage you to give yourself away....this is a requirement of every leader in the Kingdom of Christ. You must be bible fed and spirit led to be an effectual leader.

Your mandate as leaders is to not only languish in the spotlight of leadership, to have a title, or to hold a position.... You must be a fisher of men-bringing souls to Christ.

Once that light is ignited in you... and you allow your little light to shine...you my dear have become an effectual and efficient leader!!!

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but flow with ease.

Strengthen my body, mind, and spirit to be fueled with **Your** energy. I pray that I don't complex my life with

things that You have not called me to do; and say no when I can't handle it. I thank You for all the help I am to others, be-

cause it's by Your grace and mercy that it can be done. I give You glory that It Can Happen! Praise God, in Jesus' name, Amen!

MIGRATORY ARTHRITIS

What Is Migratory Arthritis?

Migratory Arthritis occurs when pain spreads from one joint to another. In this type of arthritis, the first joint may start to feel better before pain starts in a different joint. Although migratory arthritis can affect people who have other forms of arthritis, it can also result from a serious illness.

Forms of Arthritis

Arthritis is a broad term that describes joint inflammation (swelling). Pain occurs when the joint space between the bones swell up. This can happen over many years or suddenly. **Migratory arthritis is most prevalent in cases of:**

- **Osteoarthritis**
- **Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA)**, an autoimmune disorder in which your body attacks healthy tissues
- **Gout**, a chronic form of arthritis caused by crystal buildups between joints.
- **Lupus**

How Arthritis Spreads

Chronic inflammation is often a determining factor in the way arthritis spreads.

In RA, the destruction of joint tissues can increase the risk of migratory arthritis. **Chronic swelling** associated with lupus can cause migration of pain at any time. Patients with gout often experience pain from crystallization between joints in the toes first before it migrates to other joints.

You can't predict when arthritis will spread, so it's important to start treatment as soon as possible.

Arthritis Caused By Illnesses

Having arthritis certainly increases your risk for migrating joint pain, but that doesn't mean it's the only cause of migratory arthritis. **Rheumatic fever**, an inflammatory illness, is a common cause of migratory arthritis. This fever stems from strep throat and can cause joint swelling and pain, among other complications.

Other Inflammatory Illnesses that may cause Migratory Arthritis are:

- **Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD)**
- **Hepatitis B & C**
- **Severe Bacterial Infections**, such as

Whipple's disease

How To Detect Migratory Arthritis

Pain is often the first symptom you notice when something is wrong with your body. Pain in a specific joint may lead you to suspect arthritis or another health condition. When the pain stops and moves to a joint in another part of your body, you may be experiencing migratory arthritis. Migratory arthritis can also cause:

- **Redness** from visibly swollen joints
- **Rashes**
- **Fever**
- **Weight changes**

Treat The Pain Before It Migrates

Stopping pain is often the only priority for arthritis patients. But for real relief, it's also important to treat the inflammation that's causing your pain. Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), such as ibuprofen, may be effective in treating both pain and inflammation. Naproxen is a common prescription medication used to treat arthritis swelling. For immediate pain relief, your doctor may also prescribe topical creams.

Treating joint pain and inflammation early on

can decrease the chances for migration.

Lifestyle Makes A Difference

Medications play a key role in migratory arthritis treatment, but your lifestyle can also help to determine the long-term outlook of your condition. A healthy diet can help keep your weight down, reducing the pressure on already strained joints. Diets rich in omega-3 fatty acids found in salmon and tuna may reduce inflammation. The University of Maryland Medical Center recommends eating these types of fish twice a week or more (UMMC).

Working out may be the last thing you feel like doing, but regular exercise can benefit your joints in the long-run. Walking or swimming can offer the most benefits without the extra pain.

Don't Take The Pain

Dealing with arthritis pain is bad enough, but when the symptoms spread to other joints, migratory arthritis can quickly interfere with your life. Address the pain immediately by speaking with your doctor—even if you've never been diagnosed with arthritis before. Identifying the initial cause is crucial to joint pain relief. A visit with your doctor can put you on the right track to getting your life back.

POWER IN THE WORD MINISTRY

For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12.

MY MISSION: Reach and encourage others in letting you know that God is able to do the impossible.

MY VISION: Articles to be written in a Book to inspire others.

IT CAN HAPPEN

How much more shall your Father which is in heaven, give good things to them that ask him? Matthew 7:11b

MY MISSION: Use this God-given gift for His glory!

MY VISION: Teach others to reach for those God given gifts in them!

Quote

On The Web—pitwm.net



"A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way."

John C. Maxwell

Scripture For The Month

"Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation." Heb. 13:7

DATES TO REMEMBER 2014

May 1 May Day

May 1 National Day Of Prayer

May 5 Cinco De Mayo

May 6 National Teacher's Day

May 11 Mother's Day

May 17 Armed Forces Day

May 26 Memorial Day

Bible Quiz: James 1

- James refers to himself as a _____.
a. student of Gamaliel b. Pharisee
c. member of the Sanhedrin d. servant of God.
- The book of James is written to the _____.
a. twelve tribes b. church in Antioch
c. Greeks d. leaders in the temple.
- How does James tell the readers to respond to trials?
a. move to a different location
b. consider it pure joy
c. complain to the Lord
d. take refuge on those who persecute them.

Answers:

- What does the testing of faith develop?
a. love b. peace
c. perseverance d. joy.
- To what are doubters compared?
a. the enemy b. a bug
c. a wave of the sea d. dummy.
- What should a doubter expect from God?
a. a happy future
b. more trouble
c. nothing
d. a great blessing.
- In what should someone in a humble position take pride?
a. everything b. his strength
c. his high position
d. his low position.
- The one who is rich will _____.
a. live forever
b. share with the poor
c. he will pass away like a wild flower
d. he will gain even more riches.
- What will those who persevere under trial receive?
a. the crown of life
b. their names on a plaque in the temple
c. riches
d. lots of nice gardens.
- What can evil not do to God?
a. tempt b. ruin
c. become good
d. alter his character.
- From where do our temptations come?
a. other people
b. Satan
c. God
d. our own evil desires.
- To what does evil desire lead?
a. fame b. joy
c. riches
d. sin then to death
- From where does every good and perfect gift come?
a. our good behavior
b. the father of heavenly lights
c. those who recognize our worth
d. Our hard work.
- God does not change like _____.
a. the clouds
b. shifting shadows
c. a caterpillar
d. the seasons.
- What did God choose to give us?
a. a life without pain
b. birth through the word of truth
c. a life without temptation
d. riches.
- James says to be quick to listen and slow to _____.
a. speak
b. criticize
c. argue
d. sleep.
- What should we get rid of?
a. the word planted in us
b. moral filth and evil
c. rich people
d. anyone who disagrees with us.
- What can save us?
a. doing good
b. the word planted in us
c. effective use of anger
d. joining the right church.
- The man who continues to look into the perfect law will _____?
a. be blessed in what he does
b. live a long life
c. the right to become slaves
d. freedom.
- What does the perfect law give us?
a. riches
b. commands
c. the right to become slaves
d. freedom.



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