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Rx For The Soul

Whoever
told you that
Love
equals
tolerance was
Lying...



Nice is not a
fruit of the Spirit!
We all need to
Grow Up...How
should we grow
up? "Speaking the
truth in love,
let us grow up..."
Ephesians 4:15



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Who Do You Think You Are...?

What we *think* about ourselves is pretty important, and what we've *thought* about ourselves pretty much explains where we find ourselves in life today. Yes it's true. And 'think' is the operative word here.

I remember being a teenager where most everyone had dreams! High accomplishment dreams too. To be a doctor or lawyer or own a business. But then life happened –to all of us! And, depending of the choices we made...some did go off to college and some didn't. It happens everywhere, in every high school. Dreams realized by some (maybe a few) and dreams died by others.

What's the difference in the one that achieves goals and the one that doesn't? We could say priorities, and that would be somewhat correct. We could say 'luck' to be in a right family. That might have something to do with it, plus higher priorities.

But at the end of the day, the only thing that matters is the choices these youth make – and kids from bad homes can still make better choices than rich kids who have everything!

Just ask me!

In fact, being from a wealthy home and even good parenting can be troublesome, due to more money, more privilege & more opportunities.

I saw numerous friends who got into gangs, drugs, or got pregnant -or sabotaging their own lives by getting records, having a baby... then having to work. Or they just dropped out of school, then becoming a mechanic in the neighborhood, or a waitress at a diner. It happens everywhere –the drop out rate in many high schools is still horrendous today.

Those decisions often seal those students' fate, causing them to gravitate into a life of mediocrity. Average.

This is not to say that higher education is the answer!

Albert Einstein said, "Don't let your education get in the way of your learning." Academic standards in the USA have devolved into the ICU unit...!

Teachers no longer teach students. They teach information! Nor do they know the USA is at the bottom of world education! We **were** leaders but now are in the bottom 20's among civilized nations.

Homeschooled students & private schoolers are in high demand for colleges because they are more equipped than public school students! Proof of that is the fact that every single college and university requires remedial math & English classes of most students entering college!

But, professors at these colleges are mostly liberal, like 7 to 1 or **more!** They vilify students with values & conservative values!

So now we have two generations of students who have been taught by the influx of C Grade teachers in the 80's... students often *brighter than their teachers!* Last year, Florida Gov. Scott fired 1000 teachers at one time who could not get their schools up from D & F's...

So, can we blame students for not knowing history of WWII, or who can't name a single player such as Hitler, Churchill or Roosevelt? Or don't realize the war was **not** between the US and Russia?

This survey was conducted in 2004 of 1000 people aged 18-35 years. (This was before Common Core appeared!) Why these results? Those same C grade teachers hired in the 80's then became the academic administrators that chose the textbooks without **any history** in them! The holocaust never happened, to those surveyed...!

We are grateful for the foresight of Pres. Eisenhower

who faithfully documented all details, & even **said** people would deny these camps and deaths ever occurred!

Traditionally, if students had issues at school, they were provided counselors. So when they visit counselors' office now, they are greeted by a huge bowl of condoms. And if need be...a private trip to the local abortion clinic.

Ivy League colleges used to give out copies of the U.S. Constitution upon orientation. Now they give HIV kits info!

Today at schools of "higher learning" – too many young adults seek a *safe place* from from ideas that threaten them!

Formerly, ideas were **why** people attended college! But today it's all about 'feelings.' I say follow your heart! But... **take your mind with you!**

Meantime, libraries that've been staunch heralds of knowledge for 100's of years are now hosting drag queens for wee ones to transgender, or whatever else is perverse! This is all funded by the American Library Association and **Disney!** True...

WWII soldiers, vets & the army of women who assumed assumed their roles in industry in the war effort are reckoned the *greatest generation* ever!

So the dumbing down of America is complete. Society's gross passivity to evil is now apparent to those watching!

Where is our indignation? Where is the outrage? King David said *it is the wicked who no longer abhor evil?* **Are we...** answer is apparent!

Meantime, the root cause of this takeover of evil – the impotent & voiceless *church* – those who sit back aloof and *simple...* possessors of The Greatest Story Ever Told. But- **think** they can't make a *Difference* in the world! Sigh.

Thank GOD- for the ones who **thought** they *could*...!



*Whether you
Think You Can
Or Think You
Can't
You're Right.*

Henry Ford

If you don't change what you
are doing Today, all your
Tomorrows will look like
Yesterday.

Rise Up.SpeakOut.

People

Who are crazy Enough
To think they Can
Change the World
Are the Ones
Who Do...



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12) Josh. 1:8 13) John 1:12; 3:3
14) John 10:6 15) James 4:7
16) Matt. 7:21-25 17) Prov. 19:3

*A daily devotion writes 365
Scriptures on your heart!*

Jesus Promises Dynamite...!!

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Well..... *Almost!* I will explain...

Do you realize that it is possible for a street person to become a *dynamo*? It happens all the time. Lives that are transformed by the gospel are evidence that the Good News is... indeed *good!*

Pastor Tommy Barnett says, "Why...at our church there are former alcoholics, drug addicts, gays, pimps & prostitutes...and that's just the *staff!*"

Jesus said "If you continue in my word you will **know**..." SOMETHING! That's right. -the rest of that statement is "...the truth, and the truth will set you free."² On the other hand, God said to His people "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."³ And "...taken into captivity for lack of knowledge."⁴

When America was first settled, textbooks were out of the question. Teachers then used the Bible as their Primer for many years! That's all they had! It was *enough*...

We often wonder why people around us make such silly decisions that affect their lives, often times negatively - it's because they don't have a baseline. A world view. They just amble through life, and they don't have a value system -or parenting - that enables them to make wise choices. Yet, God says in His word, "The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple."⁵

The *power of choice* is the most dynamic element in our lives! It is the most genuine reflection of being made in God's image, His likeness...to reason and choose like Him!

Maybe that's why Jesus spoke of it in His final statement to His beloved disciples. He said for them to 'wait' for an endowment of

power, indicating they needed something beyond themselves to fulfill His work on the earth, and to spread to broken people the good news that through Him, they were given a fresh beginning & a new start. *Forgiveness!*

This power was not like any other...Jesus would not leave them orphans,⁶ but would send the Holy Spirit to live inside them!⁷ This new power would be dynamic...in fact, the Greek word 'power' there is *dunamis*,⁷ from which we get "dynamite, dynamic, dynamo." It is why some people's lives seem to explode with change and effectiveness. John the Baptist said "He (Jesus) who comes after me will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."⁸

Fire, my friends, is a **cleansing** agent. It is why some folks don't seek it...they hold onto their unrighteousness -at great cost to them.⁹

The other thing people don't realize is that God knew you in your mother's womb.¹⁰ He has a plan for your life and preordained works for you to perform!¹¹ It's HIS glorious plan! If people will get aligned with God (requires repentance & forgiveness) & obey Him, He promises you "success" ¹² YES! Also, that you will never fall in II Peter One.

So what you *think* of yourself should not be minimized... You are a child of the Most High King! Pray with me: Father, I know I'm not able in my own strength to make a lasting change. Forgive me my sin & weakness, and energize my life to reflect YOU and your love. Use me to help people rise to a level that they never imagined they could attain...! Only You can change hearts, but I believe you can and will! Thank You, in Jesus' Name.

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Ask Agatha-"...You Can't Change Anything"

Dear Agatha: . Hi - I'm a teacher and a housewife with 2 children. My husband and I have this running debate, about how I'm always trying to make a difference wherever I am. He always retorts "You can't change anything!" So my question is, why send out missionaries then...?! It seems to me a fatalistic view. Help me out here - I want to end this argument! **Diane.**

Dear Diane: Thank you for your interesting inquiry!

Do you realize that the USA has funded 90% of all worldwide missions? Think of the souls! Think of the money! *Think of the wasted time if not changing anything!*

What kind of people is God looking for anyway? The scripture says 'overcomers', not passive spectators. People who transform obstacles into victories!

Daily "occupying until He comes"(making a difference?) not folding our hands awaiting His return! This is like the men who were given talents, one ten, one five, and the 3rd - one... The first two invested. The last one didn't...When the master returned, the 3rd man accused him of being "hard" - only hiding *his* talent.

Jesus called this man "wicked." Hello...? I'm sorry, but your husband - and people like him - makes the gospel tired and boring.

Jesus used present tense when he described those who would inherit heaven ...He said only people who **DO God's will**, would enter heaven! ¹⁶ Not 'done...'

Jesus promised, "I am come that you might have life, and that life abundantly" In that *same* verse,¹⁴ He also warned there would be resistance! Yes! There **is** an adversary... people do neglect that. So they never experience abundance ... *then blame God* for it! ¹⁷

Everything Jesus died for, belongs to His children. But satan will not let you just help yourself to them! No - You need to **possess** them like Hebrews did their land! By learning to pray and resist the devil.

It is way too late to tell me this doesn't work, Friend! Tell your hubby not to park his mind at the door anymore. Brains Matter!!

