

Acts # 67 “Strengthening the Churches” Part 2 Acts 15:41

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STRENGTH, HAPPINESS and BLESSING!

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A person becomes a Christian at the moment he expresses faith alone in Christ alone, when the foundation of his salvation in Christ is laid.

Then throughout the rest of his life he must build a house upon that foundation.

Each Christian should build up his own Christian life and also help others build up theirs — encouraging them in the faith.

Running, not walking, expresses a positive response toward Church Age mystery doctrine, which gives us all the details regarding God’s plan, purpose and will for our lives after salvation.

This includes the learning, believing and application of the mystery doctrine of the Church Age as the means of executing the plan of God.

The execution of the plan of God results in the manufacture or building of invisible heroes as invisible God plus invisible assets plus invisible power equals invisible heroes who glorify God.

Peace or prosperity and strengthening go together; both are the result of continuous positive response to God’s Word.

In order for post-salvation biblical rehabilitation and consistent processing of biblical truth to occur, it’s important to have a mental attitude of humility.

Conformity to this world means involvement in Satan’s system.

The world is under the present control of Satan and as the ruler of this world, John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11, Satan has filled his domain with propaganda, 1 Timothy 4:1.

Satan is the god of this world; 2nd Corinthians 4:4 and he deceives the world, Revelation 12:9.

The devil is the ruler of this world only because here is where man was placed in charge and here is where man lost his authority.

Jesus Christ created the earth, Genesis 1:1; Isaiah 45:18 and gave control of it to the original mankind, Genesis 1:28 but man lost it at the fall of Genesis 3:6.

Sin and spiritual death are the basis of Satan’s rule over this world; therefore, God so loved the world that He gave it a Savior, John 3:16.

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The Word of God is designed to overcome the ruler of this world, 1st John 2:14.

Therefore not conforming to the world and overcoming the world are accomplished through biblical truth by which God has made foolish the wisdom of this world, 1st Corinthians 1:20; 3:19.

The importance of our mental attitude based on biblical truth cannot be overstated, Philipians 2:5; 2nd Timothy 1:7;

2nd Corinthians 10:4-5.

Rebellion is characterized by friendship with the world, James 4:4.

What is worldliness? It's not simply something you do; it's strictly a mental attitude and nothing else; it's the mental status of the rebellious believer.

Winners are believers who are experientially abiding in Christ by learning biblical truth, His mind; by passing momentum tests; by advancing to spiritual maturity; by fulfilling the plan of God and therefore glorifying their Lord.

Losers are believers who live in Satan's world system as his servants, constantly under the control of their sin nature, involved in motivational and functional evil, indistinguishable from unbelievers.

These losers are Christians who fail in time but do not lose their salvation but they do have an inferior place in Heaven, no authority in the Millennium and have no impact on history.

All historical blessing and prosperity in the Church Age results from unknown, unnamed believers who are living in the experiential plan of God, advancing to maturity and forming the percentage of invisible heroes.

No believer attains spiritual maturity apart from momentum testing.

Spiritual growth results from learning biblical truth but spiritual growth is accelerated from the application of biblical truth to our testing.

All suffering is divided into two categories: suffering for testing and blessing and suffering for discipline and redirection.

So, no believer can fulfill the plan of God and glorify the Lord apart from the strengthening that comes from momentum testing; therefore, some of the testing in the Christian life is suffering loss and some of it is gaining prosperity.

All testing in the plan of God is ultimately designed for blessing; so whether it's adversity or prosperity, the will of God promotes our good.

Ignorance breeds arrogance and establishes false standards for the Christian life:

1. Morality is not the Christian way of life; morality can become degenerate.
2. *Emotion is not the Christian way of life which is a supernatural way of life and demands a supernatural means of execution.*

Anything an unbeliever can do is not the Christian way of life and the unbeliever can be moral or emotional.

3. Good works is not the Christian way of life.

4. Social life with people known as Christian fellowship is not the Christian way of life.

5. Man's philosophy is not the Christian way of life.

There is only one game plan that wins for a believer; the grace plan of God.

In His matchless grace, God has provided a precise instrumental system.

Without an orchestrated system we have no standards, no coordination, no performance and no effectiveness.

Success demands a system with a coordinated plan that unifies and directs the efforts of all the diverse

individuals and elements within an organization.

A plan without a system is disastrous in any realm—athletics, business, politics, economics, the military, social life and certainly the spiritual life.

We as believers in Jesus Christ cannot successfully function in our lives, exercising wisdom and common sense in the challenges that confront us, unless we live in the system God has ordained.

God's perfect system, the Christian way of life is greater than any human system or individual Christian.

God's plan works in every generation, for anyone who will follow its game plan.

The divine system transforms all kinds of believers into mature Christians, real winners in the devil's world.

In God's system, the purpose is to glorify Jesus Christ; the policy is grace and the authority is the sovereignty of God.

Jesus Christ is glorified by the salvation of unbelievers and the giving of blessings to believers with capacity.

Like the coach, God has done the thinking, planned the strategy and called the plays and so, as believers our responsibility is to execute His plan as He designed it.
