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*O*syio and Happy New Year! We pray this finds you well and prospering even as your soul prospers! Wishing readers good health at the beginning of a letter was a common practice in ancient times, however, as with the Apostle John, our prayer is sincere and not a matter of social traditions.

The world does not wish these things for us. It tells of a bad economy and not much hope in sight. Followers of the Jesus way know that the bad reports from the news media do not apply to us. We walk on a different path, which means we live on a different economic system! What better time to remind ourselves what **3 John vs. 2** teaches:

"Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things & be in health, just as your soul prospers." 3 John 2

In this verse we find the Apostle John praying for the physical, the material, and the spiritual well-being of others. This provides a model of intercession that all believers can pray over each other!

This one little verse gives us wonderful insight into the heart of our Creator (the one who inspired this). God wants us well! He wants us to prosper! And he wants our souls to prosper! These three things are necessary for the comforts of life, and we as believers are authorized to pray for and receive them from our Great Father.

We ask and receive these blessings of prosperity not for our selfish accumulations, but instead to be able to turn and bless others. To quote Pastor George Pearsons of Eagle Mountain International Church: "Our motivation for accumulation is distribution!"

Giving back is the way of First Nations people. In ancient times, our fathers were commanded to give back to the community that helped them to prosper, be it either in healing, relationships or wealth. Works of this nature served to build and maintain relationships.

Following the Jesus way is following the path of our fathers. This is not a coincidence! We serve an awesome God, a good God that wants to bless us and not hurt us for our mistakes (see John 10:10).

2009 - Can we Bless Creator?

Isn't it time we have a desire to want to bless Him back? Is this not the Native way? To bless the one that has blessed us? How do we bless Him?

Oswald Chambers once wrote:

"The most important aspect of Christianity is not the work we do, but the relationship we maintain and the surrounding influence and qualities produced by that relationship... Let's bless Jesus Christ in the coming year by surrendering our lives fully to Him and acknowledging that the most important time of every day is the time we spend with Him."

"O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard:" (Psalm 66:8).

Psalm 66:1-2 "....Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: Sing forth the honour of his name: make his praise glorious. Vs. 4 All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; they shall sing to thy name." Selah.

Psalm 103:1-2 "A Psalm of David. Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul.... "

Acts 13:2 "As they **ministered to the Lord** and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." (emp-mine)

Let us bless Him with praise, worship and with our souls and all that is within us! Aho!



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RELATIONSHIP REVELATION

Seek to mature in the Spirit so that because of use, your senses have been trained to discern both good and evil. Hebrews 5:14

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The following is Strong Medicine - Are you Ready?

“Do not quench the Spirit.”

Are you struggling with receiving something from God? Do you know what the scriptures say about your situation but nothing seems to be happening? You may need a revelation that comes from a relationship with Great Father...most Pentecostal scholars call this receiving a “Rhema” Word from God.

A “Rhema” can be simply defined as an intuitive understanding of Scripture that the Holy Spirit brings to our attention with application to a current situation or need for direction. Rhema words should be sought after to give daily guidance to the life of the Christian.

As we seek to Bless Creator during this New Year let us first understand that there are roadblocks to Blessing Him just there are road blocks to receiving from Him. Most (emphasis here is most) mature Christians have a revelation of eradicating the flesh sins from their lives. Galatians 5:19-21 describes these sins as adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousy, outburst of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries and the like. Those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God! Now that is strong medicine!

There is nothing more serious than a believer who is still practicing the sins listed above! While I agree that salvation cannot be lost in a way similar to losing our car keys; we can still CHOOSE to reject salvation the same way we chose to receive it. How? By allowing the sin in our lives to harden our hearts toward God, we can become so desensitized that we choose sin over the Jesus way of life. Once our names are written in the book of life – they can still be blotted out. See Psalms 69:28 and Revelation 3:3-5.

Have you purged the obvious sins from your life yet you are still struggling? There is good news for you - the answer may be so simple a child can understand. It comes from **1 Thessalonians 5:19** “Do not quench the Spirit.” The word “quench” here was translated from the Greek word “sbennumi,” which means to *extinguish, smother, put or snuff out, or to quell*. It was used by the ancient Greeks to describe extinguishing a fire by dousing it with water.

Please understand that it is your own fears, insecurities, words, actions and disobedience to the voice of the Holy Spirit that can thwart the plan of God for your life! Has the Holy Spirit been speaking to you, lovingly trying to direct you on a new path, or have you disobeyed Him, thinking

that the command was not important? Let us encourage you to go back to the last time you knew God asked you to change something in your life. Don't throw water on the Holy flames within you until you quench the Spirit totally!

Instead of snuffing out the flames of the Spirit in your heart, just repent and say “Yes, Lord, I'll do what You say, I'll obey what You tell me to do.” As you do this you will see God do wonderful things in your life and in the lives of those around you. Your struggles will be over and Creator will use **you** to set people free from bondage!

This same principal holds true for the 5-fold ministry in the Body of Christ. Even recently we have seen revival fires doused out by the quenching of the Spirit that came from the leaders of the revival. We all should be sensitive to dwindling fires.



As a musician I am very sensitive to and have seen revival quenched from the realm of worship. Worship should **never** be used as a means to stimulate a desired response from the people! True worship will bless God to the point that the Holy Spirit is loosed to manifest blessings above and beyond what we can think or ask! I have seen people healed, delivered and set free during awesome worship services. In every case the music teams were in unity to blessing God and not satisfying the flesh by singing songs just because they were on a radio station's top ten list...Selah!

Best selling author, musician, pastor and President of The International Church of the Four Square Gospel, Pastor Jack Hayford has some great insight on guarding against dwindling fires. Pastor Jack gives this insight to guarding against quenching the Spirit & why revivals wane or die out:

Revival fires wane for various reasons. Sometimes the purposes of God have been fulfilled as believers have been quickened to evangelism and new outreaches have been birthed and carried out. Other times, genuine revival can be cut short and the fire of the Holy Spirit quenched **through unrealized compromise**. True spiritual fires dwindle: 1) when we allow the excitement of the crowds and miracles to dull our ears to hearing the foundational truths of the Holy Spirit's counsel; 2) when we look to the visitation of the Spirit to shore up weaknesses in the local fellowship rather than correct problems; 3) when we allow an attitude of pride and showmanship to distort the simplicity of God's workings, and the visitation is reduced to a cleverly publicized event; 4) when we fail to maintain the balance of the pastoral needs of the congregation, substituting the sheer energy of the meetings for shepherd care and the faithful feeding of the sheep;

5) when we neglect to make disciples who would have multiplied the effectiveness of the revival; 6) when we allow breakdown of authority and unity in the leadership team through prayerlessness, weariness, or functioning outside the boundaries of individuals' giftings; 7) when we look to "professionals" to further the growth of the church instead of fostering the release of ministries that have bonded to the life and value system of the congregation; 8) when we lose the focus and object of loving worship by using "worship" as a means of stimulating desired responses in people; 9) when we allow the "busyness and excitement" of revival to take priority over vigilance in humble prayer and intercession; or 10) when we see revival as a way to advance a private local "kingdom" (congregation), rather than to benefit the whole body of Christ (John 12:24). (Proverbs 18:19; 1 Peter 5:10)

The following is from a prophecy given by Psalmist Phil Driscoll and is directed towards musicians and singers:

"...Open up your minds. Do not rely on past performance. Open up your heart. For out of your heart will come the issues of My life and when you play and when you sing the world will not understand but they will begin to be drawn closer."

"For music that represents Me is catching to the world. No longer do you have to pattern your sounds after the world. The world will begin to pattern their sounds after you. For it is not by might or by power but it is of My Spirit," says the Lord of Hosts. "For there is a sound that is being released in the heavens to come to the earth and to cause all that hear it to be impregnated with My presence and with My Spirit."

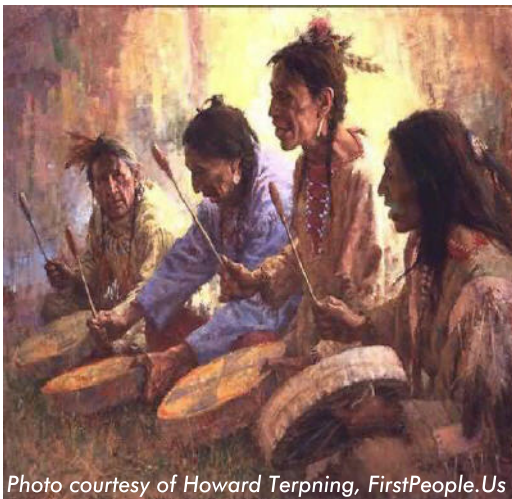


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"For in essence the most powerful sounds that will be heard in the heavens or in the earth are sounds that contain My power and anointing for all that hear My presence. It is the Gospel that will be preached but it is the sounds of heaven that will cause the earth to be addicted and unable to resist and unable to stand back. They'll be drawn forward. They'll begin to feel My power and presence. They'll feel My grace. You'll play My grace...."

Creator is looking for vessels that will be pure. He's looking for vessels of holiness. He is looking for musicians that will not mix the common with the uncommon; musicians that will not mix the holy with the unholy. He is looking for vessels that will listen and obey to play and sing not by their power but by His Spirit! Do not quench the Spirit! To First Nations people He says do not despise the drums. They convey His heart beat! Allow the native flautist to prophesy and you will see a refreshing come through these musicians that has never been experienced on earth before! Hallelujah!



A Ministry of Faith

Over 500 years ago when the first Europeans came here to "evangelize" the Natives, they came with Biblical ignorance (lacking knowledge). Their message was that there must be a cultural or outward change before a person could come to the Father in Heaven. The results continue to be devastating as very few First Nations people have come to Christ.

This ministry and others have a simple message: You can serve Jesus just the way God created you! He loves you the way you are and does not require that you change your culture before you can receive the free gift of His salvation through Jesus Christ. The Gospel of Jesus does not demand a change of culture, but a change of heart and by faith, the receiving of Christ's forgiveness and the work of the Holy Spirit. We focus on keeping the main thing - the main thing!

MERRY HEART MEDICINE

While seated in an airplane next to a woman reading her bible a man asked of her "You don't really believe all that stuff in there do you?" The lady replied, "Of course I do. It is the Bible." He said, "Well, what about that guy that was swallowed by that whale?" She replied, "Oh, Jonah. Yes, I believe that, it is in the Bible." He asked, "Well, how did he survived inside the whale?" The lady said, "I don't know. I guess when I get to heaven, I will ask him." "What if he isn't in heaven?" the man asked sarcastically. "Then you can ask him," replied the lady. 😊



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