

Content and Concerned — Seeing Needs

Glory be...

From the prison to the palace... the work of a Master who never waste a stroke of His brush.

Joseph noticed

Such a good observation and re-ordering of how we're to be present and bless-able in our journey so we can be a blessing to others. There's so much that suffers when we wallow in self pity. I have often noticed that well-watered flowers don't wilt when sour people enter a room... but well-watered flowers were placed in a space to brighten and refresh the space, no matter who walks in (Proverbs 11:25). Blessings, thanks for sharing.

Here's a thought to consider...

If we pout, we can expect our performance to be at its lowest. We'll miss and mess up things every time we have a pity party. And we can anticipate putting the blame on everyone else for it. Pouting will cost us and others far more than the satisfaction we will enjoy for acting like a spoiled immature brat. Pouters always produce poorer than normal, when their lip is poked out and their finger is placing the blame on everyone but themselves, they can't help it, it just comes with pouting.

So, let's get over it, get up and get on with it... because pouting is for pouters! Sadly there's no age limit for it, if there was, our homes, communists, churches, jobs, cities, schools, counties and countries would be much better off today.

Don't get stagnate, quit pitting yourself and stop blaming everyone else... and help someone look up, grow up and follow up on their commitment to be a part of those who help others make a difference in this world. Therefore, don't be a pouter, be a delightful difference maker today and tomorrow... in spite of what today or tomorrow may bring.

Think about it... it's hard to pout and praise at the same time. It takes real skills to do both... a skill set I don't need.

I had read this passage this morning that teaches about being present... and a poor, but wise, man knows how to be present among the living and key see what's before him, but a fool is one who is always wishing they were somewhere else, doing something else. This is how, Ecclesiastes 6:8

reads, "For what more has the wise man than the fool? What does the poor man have, who knows how to walk before the living? Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of desire..." Joseph was present... Therefore, he didn't see past the men but saw their need, and blessed them.

Favor will make a servant stand out...without needing them to show out!

God's timing, mingled with God's favor, is an irreplaceable dynamic that holds a much greater value to us, in a relationship with Jesus, than our next breath.

Favor with the Lord always makes a difference... sometimes it multiplies, sometimes it overcomes and other times it overrides the simple or complex things family, friends or foes use to bless or limit our lives.

To trust the Lord also means to entrust ourselves to His timing! Yes, it means we believe He make no mistakes and He's never late.

God's timing and favor is KEY in this HARD but HEROIC story of Joseph. The timing of his dream, his brothers wounds, the slave traders, Potiphar needing a new servant, the lies of Potiphar's wife, the prison, a dreaming butler, baker, and Pharaoh, a humble interpreter with God's favor upon his life, placed in the right place at the right time for the purpose of God, and the timing of a prophetic vision given to Joseph's great grandfather Abraham coming to past. Timing and favor... favor and timing, however we look at it, is KEY. They make faith such a beautiful work of art... and a world looks in awe at the Master's work in our lives waiting for us to tell them who has done this and what they should do next. Joseph was faithful with both God's timing and His favor.

Glory... Favor will equip you far more than the best books and brightest brains. Joseph is a testament to this truth... as he checked out of the prison and checked into the palace.

Yes, all of it was timing mingled with favor... So, we have to remember, not every gate or seat or job or place is open to us, but trusting Him and His timing is always an opportunity worth redeeming.

Don't miss out on what's best for you... while trying to NOT miss out on someone else's best.

Everything and everyone has their own season... and if you're not careful, you'll miss the absolute best of YOUR season trying to live someone else's life. Not only will you suffer much frustration and disappointment but so will your spouse, children, family, friends, community and so on.

Don't miss out on what's best for you, and those who mean the most to you, wishing you were living

someone else's life. Enjoy and rejoice over the blessings and beauty of others in their seasons of life, for that is a good thing. But do it with balance and never at the expense of being present... in your life, within your home, with your family and ministry. Being grounded and content in your season... is one of the sweet joys of life and a gift from the giver of good gifts.

I love the thought and truth unveiled in Ecclesiastes 5:20. I give to you in a couple of different ways/ translations.

"God keeps such people so busy enjoying life that they take no time to brood over the past." NLT

"God will keep you so happy that you won't have time to worry about each day." Contemporary English

"For he shall not often reflect on the days of his life; because God occupies him with the joy of his heart." New Heart English Bible

"These people won't give much thought to their brief lives because God keeps them occupied with the joy in their hearts." God's Word Translation

Joseph lived this and therefore he was able to recognize when others were not. It's great to work and a way to live.

Have a great day.

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#isaiah29and24 #shineaslights #graceupon grace #layeruponlayer #courthouse #cartags
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