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“FROM A GRATEFUL HEARTS”



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TEXT & PHOTOS

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We thank God for giving us strength and opportunity to expand our ministry in a bigger place and that is what Jesus Our Banner of Fukui ken fulfilled. We are now having an active fellowship like pastoral visitation, prayer meetings, house to house evangelism and a music ministry practice. Thank you for all the prayers and supports in making this church a bountiful one... always keep on praying with us, for our workers to continue following God's word and be united as always... in the Mighty name of our Lord JESUS CHRIST.....

WELCOME/ Sa iyo na kauna-unahan naming nakadaupang-palad, malugod ka naming tinatanggap sa pamilya ng Jesus Our Banner Church. Kung ika'y wala pang kinabibilangang fellowship, maari mong i-consider ang JOB Church!

CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK, TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU LIVE!

PASTOR'S DESK

P. Nilda de Guzman



Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Philippians 4:4-12

The Greek word for “think” in Paul’s writings refers to “taking an inventory or making an estimate.” Take an inventory of your thought life; estimate how much time you spend thinking about a particular issue, person, topic or situation in a day. What captivates your thinking?

In order to think positive thoughts, you need positive input. You need to expose yourself to things that are **honorable, beautiful, and godly**. If you do, those very traits will begin to characterize you as a person. Weigh carefully what you read and what you watch – the images that you put into your mind. Weigh carefully what you listen to – the lyrics of the songs you hear, the programs you tune into. Most worries and fears involve things that never come to pass. Take inventory of your worries, anxieties, frustrations, and fears. Then choose not to think worrisome, anxious, frustrated, or fearful thoughts.

The Bible speaks of a renewing process for our minds: “And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.” Rom 12:2

The word “renew” in the Greek translation actually refers to renovation. It implies that there is an out-with-the-old, in-with-the-new process. The Bible reinforces this concept in other places, speaking about people “putting off the old behaviors” in order to “put on the new identity” (Ephesians 4:24, Colossians 3:10).

There is a formula for renewed thinking. In essence, it’s a formula for reprogramming your mental habits. “Is this brainwashing?” you might ask. In truth, most people need some washing of their brains so that they will think purer and nobler thoughts! The formula is this:

Reading the Word of God consistently + Focusing on changing old negative mental habits into new positive ones + Time + Faith = RENEWED THINKING!

Let’s break it down:

Read the Word Consistently. You must feed your mind and heart truthful ideas on a daily basis. God gives us the instruction and inspiration we need as we read the Word of God daily. The Bible challenges us to plant the Word of God in our hearts so that it dwells therein: “Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us” (1 John 3:24, NKJV). In the Greek language, “dwell” refers to homesteading and abiding. But homesteading doesn’t happen by accident – like a person who chooses to homestead a particular parcel of ground and remain there, we must read the Word of God and determine that we are going to remember it, apply it to our personal lives, and obey it.

Consistently focus on your thinking. Guard your thoughts. Choose which problems to concentrate on, and what ideas to consider. Choose to discard any idea or fantasy that contradicts what you intuitively know to be good and pure.

Allow sufficient time. Recognize that cleansing your mind is like water flowing over rocks in a river. Over time, the rocks’ jagged edges become smooth. Over time, God renews and refines your thinking.

Have faith. You must believe that you can change the way you think and that God will help you in the process. The Bible says that when we ask God for something, we must believe that we are going to receive what we desire – and that includes receiving the ability to establish a new and godly set of mental habits. Unless you believe, you don’t receive. When you do believe, you do receive. That’s God’s principle: “Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them” (Mark 11:24). There’s no telling what might be accomplished if your faith is hooked up to an unchanging God and is based upon His unchanging Word!

Every person needs some degree of renewal. No matter how good your behavior, how pure your thoughts and motives, or how much your life aligns with God’s Word – there’s always room for more change, more development, and more improvement. Ask God to do His work in you...as you change your way of thinking, to change your way of living!

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MASTERING MATERIALISM 1 Timothy 6:6-10

SUNDAY WORD

Sis. Neth Miwa

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people

These are all destined to perish with use. (Col. 2:22). For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it... (1Tim. 6:7)

eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many grief.

(1Tim.6:10) People drive to the mall in cars that they cannot afford to spend money that they don't have to buy things that they don't need to impress people that they don't like.

Materialism- is a Theory: The doctrine that the physical well-being and worldly possessions constitute the greatest good and highest value in life.

-Materialists believe that comfort, pleasure, and wealth are the highest goals of life. Materialist are more concerned with material things that with spiritual things. MATERIALISM-is an ATTITUDE: That the temporal is more important than the eternal. The world is more important than GOD.

THE VALUE OF THE MATERIAL

A. MATERIAL THINGS WERE CREATED BY GOD

(Gen.1:1) In the beginning GOD created the heavens and the earth. The earth is the LORD, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. (Psa.24:1)

B. MATERIAL THINGS ARE GIVEN, AS BLESSINGS FROM GOD

(Duet. 28:8) The LORD will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put on your hand to. The LORD your GOD will bless you in the land he is giving you. The LORD will grant you abundant prosperity. (Duet. 8:11) The LORD will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands (Duet. 8-12) In (1Tim. 6:17) Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain but to put their hope in GOD, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

C. MATERIAL THINGS, WHILE OF VALUE, ARE LESS IMPORTANT THAN SPIRITUAL THINGS.

What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his souls? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? (Matt. 16:26)

(2Cor. 4:18) So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

D. MATERIAL THINGS ARE EARTH BOUND

THE DANGER OF MATERIALISM

A. MATERIALISM CAN ENSLAVE No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will devote to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both GOD AND MONEY. (Mat. 6:24)

FOR THE LOVE OF MONEY IS A ROOT OF ALL KINDS OF EVIL. SOME PEOPLE EAGER FOR MONEY, HAVE WANDERED FROM THE FAITH AND PIERCED THEMSELVES WITH MANY GRIEF. (1Tim 6:10)

B. MATERIALISM CHALLENGES COMMITMENT TO CHRIST.

(Mat. 6:21) For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also

C. MATERIALISM FILLS ONE ANXIETY.

(Matt. 6:31) So do not worry, saying what shall we eat? Or what shall we drink? Or what shall we wear?

D. MATERIALISM BRINGS JUDGEMENT

(1Tim6:9) People who want to get rich, fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction.

E. MATERIALISM DECEIVES

(Luke 12:19) And I say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.

OVERCOMING MATERIALISM.

A. CULTIVATE THE GRACE OF CONTENTMENT.

(1Tim.6:8) But if we have food and clothing, we will be content. (Heb. 13:5) Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because GOD HAS SAID, "NEVER WILL I LEAVE YOU; NEVER WILL I FORSAKE YOU".

B. DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE MATERIAL AND MATERIALISM.

(Duet. 8:17) You may say to yourself. "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me. "BUT REMEMBER YOUR LORD YOUR GOD, FOR IT IS HE WHO GIVES YOU THE ABILITY TO PRODUCE WEALTH.

C. FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF VICTORIOUS BELIEVERS.

(1Cor. 7:31) Those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.



Striving for unity to reach the community...that's the J.O.B

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Sumida-Ku, Tokyo

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Kami-Fukuoka-shi, Saitama-ken

Sundays, 2:30 p.m., Kami-Fukuoka Kaikan
Call P. Jun Imperial 090 9816-9848

Matsudo-shi, Saitama-ken

Sundays, 10:00 a.m., Shinmin Kaikan Center, Matsudo-Shi : Call P. Elmer Fujiwara (0480) 255710 or 080-3486-6348

Numazu-shi, Shizuoka-ken

Sundays, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Bunka Center Numazu Shi Call P. Vangie Komatsu (090-9684-4552) (055) 968-2119

Fuji, Shizuoka-ken

Sundays, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00a.m., 2/F La Hall Fuji-Shi, Shizuoka Ken Call: P. Evelyn Kato 054-5640602 or 090 6089 0336

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Sundays, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Ongaku Bunka Kaikan or Niigata City Community Center; Call P. Evelyn Nakamura (025) 281-43-64

Maki-Yoshida, Niigata-ken

Kawaguchi-shi, Saitama-ken

Sundays, 10:00 - 12:00, Lilia Kaikan

Sundays 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Call P. Tess Chiyozawa (0256) 720 814

Gosen-shi, Niigata-ken

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Call P. Berna Takemura 0250-431-468 or 080-6516-9267

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Sundays 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 747 Shimohanezu, Shibata-shi, Niigata-ken Call P. Liezel Senuma (025) 2708138 or 090-8617-9391

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Sundays, 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
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Shizuoka-Shi, Shizuoka Ken

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Tokorozawa-Shi, Saitama-Ken

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MENSAHE PARA SA IYO

Mahal ka ng Diyos at nais Niyang malaman at maranasan mo ito. **SINASABI NG BIBLIA: ROMA 3:23** Lahat ay nagkasala. **ROMA 6:23** Ngunit may libreng kaloob Siyang buhay na walang hanggan. **ROMA 5:8** Sa kabila ng ating pagiging makasalanan inialay ni Hesus ang Kanyang buhay para sa iyo. **ROMA 10:9-10** Ipahayag mo ng may pananampalataya sa iyong puso na si Hesus ay Panginoon mo't Tagapaglig-

tas. **ROMA 10:13** Anyayahan mo Siya sa iyong buhay ngayon.

PAANYAYANG PANALANGIN: "O Diyos, inaamin ko pong akoy nagkasala sa iyo. Patawarin mo po ako. Binubuksan ko ang aking puso at tinatanggap kita, Hesus bilang Panginoon at Tagapagligtas. Amen."