



L.E.A.N. Letter

~The Soul-jour Series~

"The Life Of A Soul-jour: Duty" (Part 3 of 4) ©

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- ♦ Avoiding division within the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 1:10-17).
 - * Note: Also remembering that you are a "member" of one body...the body of Christ...and not a member of different (worldly) denominations as far as where you worship.
- ♦ Having the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:16).
- ♦ Living out your calling from the Lord despite your marital situation or your spouse's salvation (1 Corinthians 7:10-17).
 - * Note(s): Your role, as the believing spouse, becomes especially critical for your unbelieving spouse (and your children), since all will be sanctified under you (1 Corinthians 7:14). This may create an "oil and water" scenario, at times, since spiritual warfare will now exist, but you will ALWAYS prevail in Jesus' name.
 - * Soul-jours, beware of putting your husband/wife (or other members of your family) over the Lord in any circumstance since He is a "jealous" God (Exodus 34:14). Your time may be divided between pleasing your spouse and pleasing Jesus, but remember, the Lord would never create any covenant between two people that would put man/woman over Him. Just focus on your own relationship with Jesus, and put Him before all others in your household, and your spouse (especially) will be sure to follow since you are his/her only suitable helper (Genesis 2:18).
- ♦ (Not) boasting about human leaders (1 Corinthians 3:21).
- ♦ Acting as servants of Christ, especially if you are an apostle who has been entrusted with the mysteries in which the Lord has revealed (1 Corinthians 4:1-2).
- ♦ Running your race (daily) (1 Corinthians 9:24).
- ♦ Examining yourself before partaking in the Lord's Supper to avoid getting sick and/or falling "asleep" prematurely (1 Corinthians 11:27-32).
- ♦ Utilizing your spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12:8-11).
 - * Note: "For God's gifts and his call are irrevocable" (Romans 11:29).
- ♦ Fulfilling your necessary duty within the body of Christ because "if one part suffers, every part suffers with it" (1 Corinthians 12:26).
- ♦ Giving to the Lord what rightfully belongs to Him through tithing at least 10% of your income (1 Corinthians 16:2 and Hebrews 7:5).
- ♦ Standing firm in the faith, being courageous, being strong, and doing everything in love (1 Corinthians 16:13-14)
- ♦ Living and ministering in the New Covenant (2 Corinthians 3:6), which will keep a veil from covering your heart (2 Corinthians 3:15).
 - * Note: Those living by the Old Covenant are cursed..."Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law" (Galatians 3:10).
- ♦ Persevering in faith...living by faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7).
 - * Note: Seek to put your faith in action, because without action, your faith is dead (James 2:26).
 - * Righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe (Romans 3:22).
 - * It is impossible to please the Lord without faith (Hebrews 11:6).
- ♦ Regarding no one, especially including Jesus Christ, from a worldly point of view (2 Corinthians 5:16).
- ♦ Surrendering your old self in order to embrace the new creation you have become (2 Corinthians 5:17).
- ♦ Seeking fellowship with those in which you are equally yoked (2 Corinthians 6:14).
 - * Note: Gathering with believers consists of 4 parts: The Word of God (apostles' teaching), fellowship, eating together ("breaking of bread"), and prayer (Acts 2:42).
- ♦ Purifying yourself from everything that contaminates your body and spirit (2 Corinthians 7:1).
- ♦ (Not) waging war as the world does (2 Corinthians 10:3).
- ♦ Fighting not with weapons of this world, but the weapons of the spirit (2 Corinthians 10:4).
 - * Note: A Soul-jour's "weapons" are the name of Jesus as well as the Word of God. Our spiritual "weapons" have divine power to demolish strongholds (2 Corinthians 10:4).

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- ♦ Taking captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ (2 Corinthians 10:5).
- ♦ Boasting in the Lord and not of yourself (2 Corinthians 10:17).
 - * Note: "For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends (2 Corinthians 10:18).
- ♦ Recognizing, and not allowing yourself to be deceived by, the fact that Satan masquerades as an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14).
- ♦ Recognizing that the Lord's grace is sufficient, and His power made perfect, during times of weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9).
- ♦ Avoiding being rebuked by the Lord through Galatians 3:3 ("Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh?")
- ♦ (Not) growing weary for doing good...you will reap a harvest if you do not give up (Galatians 6:9).
- ♦ Avoiding obscenity, foolish talk, or coarse joking (Ephesians 5:4).
- ♦ (Not) getting drunk on wine (Ephesians 5:18).
- ♦ Recognizing that your struggles are no longer between flesh and blood once saved...it is spiritual warfare (Ephesians 6:12).
 - * Note: Staying dressed in the armor of God (always) is essential for winning your battles (Ephesians 6:13-17).
- ♦ Being confident that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:6).
- ♦ Having the same mindset as Christ Jesus in your relationships with one another (Philippians 2:5).
- ♦ Doing everything without grumbling or arguing (Philippians 2:14).
- ♦ (Not) being anxious about anything (Philippians 4:6).
- ♦ Setting your mind on things above, not on earthly things (Colossians 3:2).
- ♦ Speaking every word and doing every deed in Jesus' name (Colossians 3:17).
- ♦ Living to please and bless the Lord (1 Thessalonians 4).
- ♦ Controlling your body in a way that is holy and honorable (1 Thessalonians 4:4).
- ♦ Acknowledging all brothers and sisters in Christ working hard in the Lord, and holding them up in the highest regard (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13).
- ♦ Rejoicing always, praying continually, and giving thanks in all circumstances...for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).
- ♦ Seeking not to punish others for their misdeeds that has led to your present suffering...for God is just, and will repay trouble back to those who have troubled you (2 Thessalonians 1:5-6).
- ♦ Standing firm and holding fast to the teachings passed on to you (2 Thessalonians 2:15).
- ♦ Keeping away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teachings through God's Word (2 Thessalonians 3:6).

~ These inspired words are intended to strengthen the body of Christ so that we can eliminate "obesity" of our spirit (unnecessary confusion and distraction), and to set ourselves apart from the world so that we can stand out as the mighty warriors we are called to be In Jesus' name! (These inspired messages/teachings are never to substitute the pure Word of God found in The Holy Bible.) ~

May you be blessed, and may you "Live L.E.A.N. (Loving Everyone As Neighbors)...Live Long!"

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