



L.E.A.N. Letter

~The Soul-jour Series~

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

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- ♦ Watching your life and doctrine closely (1 Timothy 4:16).
- ♦ (Not) letting anyone look down on you because you are young.
 - * Note: Young people are to set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity (1 Timothy 4:12).
- ♦ Avoiding the thought that godliness is a means to financial gain (1 Timothy 6:5).
- ♦ Avoiding godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge (1 Timothy 6:20).
- ♦ Avoiding godless chatter, because you who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly (2 Timothy 2:16).
- ♦ Avoiding foolish and stupid arguments because they produce quarrels (2 Timothy 2:23).
- ♦ Enduring persecution...you WILL be persecuted for living a godly life in Christ Jesus (2 Timothy 3:12).
 - * Note: When persecuted, "do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but he Spirit of your Father speaking through you" (Matthew 10:19-20).
- ♦ Being obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone (Titus 3:1-2).
- ♦ Avoiding foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law (Titus 3:9).
- ♦ (Not) having a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God ("Hebrews 3:12).
- ♦ Accepting the Lord's discipline as a sign of His love (Hebrews 12:6).
 - * Note: "No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it (Hebrews 12:11).
- ♦ Showing hospitality to strangers..."for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it" (Hebrews 13:2).
- ♦ Keeping your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have.
 - * Note: "God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you' " (Hebrews 13:5).
- ♦ Avoiding additional teaching outside of the Word of God (Hebrews 13:9).
 - * Note: "Do not go beyond what is written" (1 Corinthians 4:6).
- ♦ Considering it pure joy during times of trials (James 1:2).
 - * Note(s): Recognizing that with the Lord, a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day (2 Peter 3:8), so persevere through trials not with man's definition of time, but with the Lord's.
 - * Withstanding trials leads to perseverance, character, and hope (Romans 5:3-4).
- ♦ Listening to the Word, and doing what it says (James 1:22).
 - * Note: "Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like" (James 1:23-24).
- ♦ (Not) seeking to be religious (with the exceptions below), but seeking to have a relationship with Jesus Christ.
 - * Note: "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world" (James 1:27).
- ♦ Avoiding favoritism towards others (James 2:1).
- ♦ Praying (only) for someone's needs without doing something yourself to help them is of little value (James 2:16).
- ♦ Taming your tongue (James 3).
- ♦ Asking and receiving from the Lord based on the "right" motives of your heart (James 4:2-3).
- ♦ (Not) boasting about tomorrow (James 4:13-15).
- ♦ Submitting yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority (1 Peter 2:13).
 - * Note: However, we are to obey God rather than human beings (Acts 5:29).
- ♦ Showing proper respect to everyone, loving the family of believers, and fearing God (1 Peter 2:17).

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- ♦ Suffering for doing good, and enduring it, which is commendable before God (1 Peter 2:20).
- ♦ Giving an answer to everyone who asks regarding the reason for the hope that you have, and doing so with gentleness and respect (1 Peter 3:15).
- ♦ Being baptized as a pledge of having a good conscience towards the Lord (1 Peter 3:21).
- ♦ Staying alert and of sober mind since your enemy, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour (1 Peter 5:8).
- ♦ Making every effort to add to your faith the qualities of goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, mutual affection, and love.
 - * Note: For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of your Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:5-8).
- ♦ Making every effort to confirm your calling and election (2 Peter 1:10).
 - * Note: Tithing is to the Lord, so make sure that you are in His will as to how He wants HIS money spent/used.
- ♦ Living as Jesus did (1 John 2:6).
- ♦ Fearing nothing of this world because of the perfect love of the Lord (1 John 4:18).
- ♦ Living by the testimonies of water, Spirit, and blood (1 John 5:7-8).
- ♦ Protecting and defending (standing in) the Gospel of Peace (Ephesians 6:15).
- ♦ Doing your own due diligence to know the Word of God to be able to identify false teachings (2 Peter 2:1-3).
- ♦ Responding to others in regards to the next day (or future events) by including the words "Lord willing" (James 4:15).
- ♦ Affirming the gifts of fellow brothers and sisters in Christ (1 Corinthians 12).
- ♦ (Not) separating/divorcing a spouse other than in times of unfaithfulness (Matthew 5:32; Matthew 19:9), and/or the unbelieving spouse leaves (1 Corinthians 7).
- ♦ Praying...not pointing!
- ♦ Living beyond the boundaries of the flesh in Jesus' name.
- ♦ Protecting yourself from (excessive) emotion.
 - Note: Heightened emotions are like narcotics. Fear can create paralysis, prolonged sadness can leave you curled up on your bed for days, constant confusion will keep you in a place of uncertainty, excessive excitement can lead to disappointment, etc. Therefore, seek emotional balance through Jesus' name.

Soul-jours, as an ambassador of your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, your duties are vast, yet attainable. You will prevail in accomplishing your duties out of love for The One who sacrificed everything on your behalf, and who has given you life. Soul-jour, don't forget that "love never fails" (1 Corinthians 13: 4-8), and neither will you...in the power of Jesus' name!

~ 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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