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Greetings in the mighty name of the resurrected Jesus Christ!

We serve a supernatural living God. Jesus is alive! Amen! He tasted death for us to taste the eternal life. What a privilege for us to have this living God inside of us. We are the carriers of this resurrection power on this earth. The same power that resurrected Christ Jesus from the death is working in our mortal bodies (Rom.8:11). Be conscious of that power and demonstrate the resurrection power wherever you go in Jesus name!

Right now, the eleventh batch of our **School of the Holy Spirit for Ladies** is going on in our Poondi Campsite attended by 261 precious ladies from the states of Maharashtra, New Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Chattisgarh, Jharkhand, Himachal Pradesh, Odissa, Punjab, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu. The Holy Spirit is working deep in every one of them. They are being liberated to receive the truth that will enable them to remain free permanently (Jn.8:32). Ladies are very diligent in carrying the anointing and truth wherever they go. Pray for them. Most of them are from the most persecuted areas. They must rise up and shake the nations.

We have Schools of the Holy Spirit in Bethul, Madhya Pradesh, Palakad, Kerala and Theni, Tamil Nadu in the month of April-May. We have our 'Supernatural Lifestyle Seminar' in Pune in the month of April following by the School of the Holy Spirit for Men and Couple. Keep visiting our website www.ezekiahfrancis.org for further details. Starting Schools in all the states is the main burden and the vision of Berachah Prophetic Ministries. We need your special prayer for this God given vision to be fulfilled in His time.

God's heart is crying and searching for those who will stand in the gap

Natural person tries. Supernatural person does.
The things didn't happen for years by trying naturally,
will happen in a flick of time supernaturally.

- Prophet Ezekiah Francis

and pray for the nations. This is the time we as a Church, Family and prayer group to pray and intercede for nations. When there is peace in the nation we will have peace (Jer.29:7). Rise up as an Esther and bring the change in the nations!

We earnestly covet your sincere prayers for all our programs and for God's strength to accomplish it. Please remember God will never forget what you do for His ministry and vision. Expect prophetic reward this year as never before.

Pray for me and my wife, for our ageing parents, leaders, and staff. May the Lord Almighty establish your territory and make you a blessing to the nations. Be the head and never again the tail. Lend to nations and never borrow again. Let the blessings run before you and overtake you in Jesus Name!

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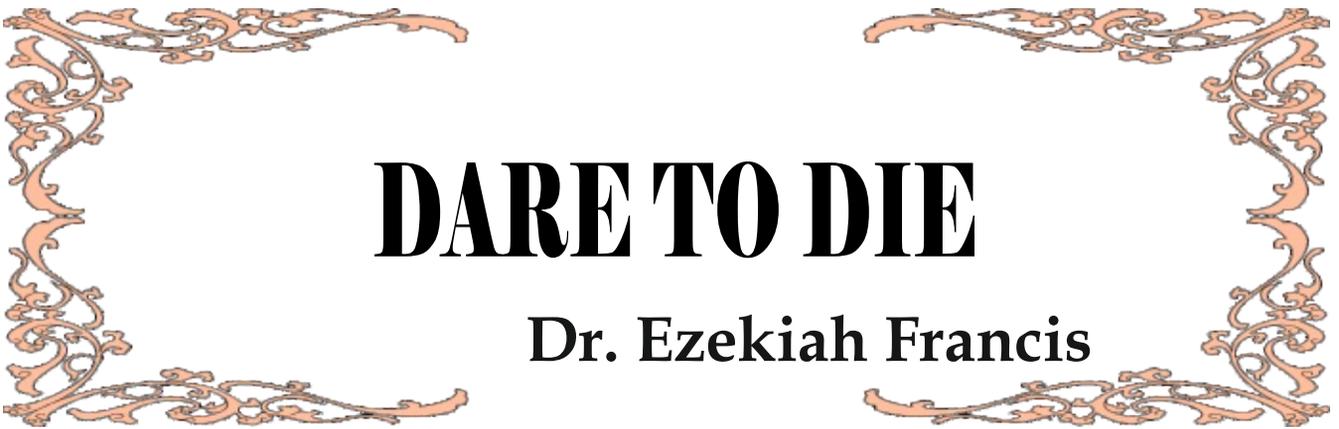
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DARE TO DIE

Dr. Ezekiah Francis

People who offer their lives as living sacrifices are attractive people. When they burn on the altar as a burnt offering, the sweet smell that ascends charms both God and man. Epaphroditus was a unique example for this sweet fragrance.

He stayed with Paul till the end and almost died in his service to him. That is why Paul sent him back to Macedonia with a letter to his church. He heartily commended the sacrifices of Epaphroditus to his church.

Weak body

“... for the work of Christ he came close to death not regarding his life, to supply what was lacking in your service toward me” (Phil.2:30).

In the service of Christ and Paul, Epaphroditus became very sick, even unto death. What would have cost his health is unknown. Is it his long and hard travel? Travel in those days was not comfortable like today. Is it because of his sleeplessness and hard labor night and day? Was he emotionally broken seeing his leader’s suffering? Was he affected by the Roman imprisonment? We are not sure what caused his sickness. The one thing that is made clear is that his service to Paul took a toll on his health and almost cost him his life. The Bible says, “for the work of Christ he came close to death.” What he did to Paul was considered as work of Christ.

Life risk

He risked his life without regarding it. The Greek word used for ‘not regarding his life’ is *praboleuesthai*. This is the word used for gambling. In the Early Church, some believers volunteered to risk their lives for the sick and needy. They formed a council for it.

The members were called *parabolani*. The members of this council would meet the prisoners and the sick and help them in their needs. They would even dare to help those who suffered from dreadful contagious diseases. It involved a great life threat. They committed even to die in helping people.

In AD 252, a great plague ravaged the city of Carthage. The Gentiles fled in terror, throwing away the corpses even of their own relatives. At that time, a Christian bishop by the name of Cyprian gathered the members of his church and helped the victims of the plague. They buried the bodies. They staked their lives and saved that city. Such committed people in the Early Church risked their lives, daring to die for Christ and His people. They were called *parabolani*.

All lost

Epaphroditus exhibited such a courageous, life-risking lifestyle. He forsook all, his dear church and all his friends, for Paul and stayed with him far away from his home. He suffered loneliness with lonely Paul. He was persecuted along with his leader as his co-prisoner. He threw aside all his position and prestige and served his master like a slave out of pure love and gratitude. He considered it his greatest privilege. As a result, he broke his health and struggled for life. Paul was filled with sorrow to see his dear spiritual son dying. God saw his tears and had mercy on Epaphroditus and also on Paul, lest he should have sorrow upon sorrow.

God saw the need for selfless, sacrificial helpers like Epaphroditus. Thousands may shine as mighty servants, but people like Epaphroditus were urgently needed for Paul. This moved His heart to show His mercy and to give his life back. Epaphroditus got another chance to pour out his life for his heavenly call.

Sickness

Please don't quote this scripture to justify your sicknesses. The sickness of Epaphroditus was very much different from yours. He suffered sickness for the work of Christ and for Paul, breaking the natural laws and buffeting his body. This is in a way a self-imposed sickness because of his sacrificial service.

There are various ways to heal the sick. One is to rebuke the sickness and heal people in the authority of the Name of Jesus. Another way is God healing sickness by hearing the sincere intercession of His leaders. God gave life to Epaphroditus in answer to the prayers of Paul.

Blessed death

All of us must face death one day or another. Our outward body is perishing day by day. What a privilege it is to labor and pour out your life for Christ and His Church as a living martyr! Don't you think it is a great privilege to die for Christ rather than to die from sickness and old age? In the Early Church, believers committed their life to die as martyrs the very day they publicly professed their faith in Christ. That made them to stand like a rock against all the sufferings and persecutions unleashed against them.

One of the strong apostolic doctrines in those days was, "we must through many tribulations enter the Kingdom of God" (Ac.14:21-22). The very

path to the Kingdom of God is tribulations. Not few but **many** tribulations. Not few of us but all of us must enter through this path. This is the clear teaching of the apostles to the Early Church.

Commitment to Christ demands your very life. Your calling demands your total life. This truth must permeate your life like never before. Only when you dare to die for Christ, you will be able to fulfill your ministry successfully. In the Early Church, such commitment was seen even in the helping ministers, not only in the apostles and prophets. That made all the difference in the Early Church.

Leader's risk

God-appointed leaders are appointed to die for their high calling. The greater the privilege, the greater will be the responsibility. Leaders are trained in sufferings. They go through the fiery furnace and shine like pure gold.

All the apostles except John the beloved died as martyrs. I would call even the apostle John a living martyr. The reasons for the great achievements of the early apostles are found here - they dared to die. Achievers are adventurers.

Prophets are known for their sufferings. The first martyr Stephen spoke to his bloodthirsty enemies about it. "Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who foretold the

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coming of the Just One, of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers” (Ac.7:52). All prophets of God were mocked and their words were despised. People scoffed at God and His prophets. No true prophet can escape from it (2.Chr.36:16). Christ beautifully pictures this truth. He explained how the Son of God would be killed.

In the parable of the wicked vinedressers, Jesus explained how the servants sent by the land owner were beaten, killed and stoned to death. At the end they even killed the son of the owner and seized his inheritance. In a way, Jesus said that beatings, murders, stoning are to be expected for God’s servants (Mt.21:33-40). The Early Church expected and prepared themselves for such persecutions. Paul emphatically said that **“all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution”**(2.Ti.3:12). Every Christian was prepared to face such things.

Paul’s sufferings

Paul's team faced persecutions in almost all the cities, for example in Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, Thessalonica, etc. God graciously delivered them out of all and gave them His honorable ministry. If you meditate on the list of Paul’s sufferings, your heart will bleed. Seeing him endure such sufferings will build boldness within you to live and die for Christ (Phil.1:14).

The early saints were not perturbed because of sufferings. Once the chief men of the city stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas and expelled them from their region. But the apostles shook off the dust from their feet against them and were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit **“But the Jews stirred up the devout and prominent women and the chief men of the city, raised up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. But they shook off the dust from their feet against them, and came to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit”** (Ac.13:50-52). That was the courage of the early saints. Paul was trained in such hardships. While confronting those who denied the resurrection, he said, “If there is no resurrection, why do we stand in jeopardy every hour? I die daily.” Yes, Paul was in danger every hour. Can you imagine that?

Paul’s team didn’t bow to any of these things.

Neither death nor life could separate them from the love of Christ (Ro.8:38-39). Even in his last journey, he boldly declared, **“Now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem not knowing the things that will happen there except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. But none of these things move me: nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy and the ministry which I received from Lord Jesus...”** (Ac.20:22-24).

Those who finish their God-given ministry never bother about their sufferings. They don’t count their lives dear to themselves. Such people victoriously finish their life and ministry. What is your desire? Do you love your life more than you love Christ? Can you boldly say that your life is in no way dear to you?

Today many consider ministry as a profitable business. Man’s praises and big offerings become the goal of many. The early apostles never put their eyes on any of these things. Their only goal was to finish the ministry God had entrusted to them, even at the cost of their very lives. God’s power and glory flooded from them. Because of that, silver, gold, dignity and fame were heaped at their feet. This is God’s ministry. Even a simple deacon in the Early Church lived in such a high standard. Aquila and Priscilla, Paul’s helpers, were willing to give their neck to Paul. Where are such Aquilas and Priscillas?

Suicide Team

Those who do not value their lives will not value anything. We hear and see about many terrorist attacks in these days. They are suicide teams. A person who is willing to die causes huge damage to his enemies. Some terrorists tied bombs all around their bodies and boldly went into the enemy’s camp. When their bodies were ripped into pieces, the enemies’ camp was greatly destroyed. We have heard about daring adventures of some suicide bombers who jumped into warships and caused irreparable losses. I would say the Early Church ministers were of this kind.

Paul went to Ephesus, the temple city, and destroyed the power of idols. There is no fear for the one who prepared to die. That was the secret of their supernatural ministry. Heaven looks for ministers who pour out their costly oil of spikenard without counting the cost. There is no powerful ministry in history

without persecution.

My burden

I long to see the gifts of the Holy Spirit manifested through every believer. I am thoroughly convinced that the ministry of signs and wonders is the only answer for our nations. Training believers into miracle ministry is one of the main thrusts of my seminars. I never forget to emphasize, however, that such a supernatural ministry demands our very lives. In many of my seminars I challenge the people and call them to lay down their lives even to the point of martyrdom.

In all the years of my ministry I went through lots of difficulties, sufferings, accusations and heartaches. My body was squeezed in many hours of groaning intercessions and many hours of pouring my burden into the people through my prophetic teachings. One thing I can honestly say is that I have poured out my life as a drink offering as much as I could. I am convinced that there is no successful ministry without a sacrificial lifestyle. Ministers who look for comfort and luxury will easily be disappointed.

Paul lived and died for the sake of Christ and His service. There was no other desire or ambition in his life. That is why he could say, **“For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But if I live on in the flesh, this will mean fruit from my labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better. Nevertheless to remain in the flesh is more needful for you”** (Phil. 1:21-24). This is the desire and condition of every true minister of God. Their desire is to depart from this world and to be with the Lord but the demand of this world makes them to live for Christ. Every real servant of God sees the dire need to live for others.

Paul and Epaphroditus lived such a lifestyle. Epaphroditus almost died, but his life was still needed by Paul and the churches. For that sole reason, God gave his life back. If you come to this level of commitment, God will lift you up even from the gates of death and cause you to live for others' sake.

God doesn't need ordinary witnesses but martyrs. He doesn't need ordinary soldiers but suicide bombers. There is a need for life-gamblers for Christ's sake like Epaphroditus. We need men like Paul and

Barnabas who risk their lives for the name of Jesus (Ac.15:25-26). Will you say, “Here I am, Lord?”

Two kinds of martyrs

I believe that every minister must commit his life for martyrdom. There are two kinds of martyrs. One is killed for Christ's sake and suddenly dies; another kind dies daily for Christ. Some die as martyrs. Some are living martyrs. You are called to either one of these kinds of martyrdom. It's in your hand to choose or to resist such a lifestyle.

Are you ready to be attacked by the enemies and to be killed while you minister to people? Are you ready to die to yourself? Did you choose a life of being a living sacrifice that is placed on the altar? Are you ready to die to your own prestige, comfort and self-pity? Are you ready to suffer hunger and starvation? Did you commit your life for imprisonments and persecutions?

Right now pray with me: “Dear Father, I lay my life on Your altar. I dedicate to live a life of martyrdom. It's my deep desire to live and to die for You as Your martyr.”

Right now, Christ Jesus is standing by your side with the crown of righteousness in His hands to crown you. Love believes all things. Christ believes in you. Your name is written in the book of martyrdom. Thank the Lord for accepting your consecration.

As God's servant, I bless you and release your anointing. May the Lord make you like Epaphroditus, a true brother, faithful laborer, fellow soldier and martyr for God! May the Lord draw thousands toward Him through your attractive life. Generations will rise up and bless you. Epaphroditus salutes you from heaven and I salute you from the earth.

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Testimonials

I was an accountant in a trading company and got saved in the year 2003. Though I had an urge to know about God's calling since then, I could not realize my calling. Within these five days of this Apostles and Prophets Seminar, however, the Lord has made me to understand clearly that I have an apostolic calling. I am greatly blessed through this ministry. I thank God for bringing me, overcoming lot of hindrances, according to His plan. - Amrik Singh - Khanna - Punjab

Though I was in healing and miracle ministry already, this is the first Bible school I ever attended in my life. Got to know the correct revelation about marriage, quiet time and tongues, and also about a deep communion with God! I found myself transformed after the curse breaking session. Now I am free from temptation, lust, forefathers' sins, negative words and from addiction to cricket. I thank beloved Prophet Ezekiah Francis, Benita Francis and the BPM team from the bottom of my heart. - Dinakar - Raichur - Karnataka

I love this ministry very much. In this seminar, Jesus spoke clearly to me about my calling. The messages by beloved Prophet Ezekiah Francis and Benita Francis were very powerful and useful for my family life and ministry. Especially we now know our calling. We feel refreshed and anointed. - K.S Evangeline Simon - Nagapatnam - Tamil Nadu.

I was a Hindu priest before my salvation. This is the first time I attend a Berachah Seminar. I learned here about quiet time, walk with God, healings and miracles, wonders and signs. After coming to BPM, I see the manifestation of the Holy Spirit through me and many healings are happening these days. Thanking beloved Prophet Ezekiah Francis, Benita Francis and the BPM team. - Shastri Rameshwar Durg - Balod - Chhattisgarh.

I started attending Berachah Seminars from STC in 1998 and received inner healing. I prayed to God for the proper spiritual covering and He granted my heart's desire and graced me to attend one month School of the Holy Spirit, where I learned the truth of Christ in me. I could experience tremendous changes in my life as I applied this truth to my life. Through beloved Prophet Ezekiah Francis I learned the truth of how to be filled and flow in the Holy Ghost. In this seminar also I am blessed to learn how to surrender our image, thought, taste, touch and smell to the Holy Ghost. When Rev. Benita Francis led into joy anointing, my nervous system got healed. I am blessed and received impartation how to walk in the Spirit. Thanking God for Prophet Ezekiah Francis, Rev. Benita Francis and all the staff. - Sharmila.K - Karnataka.

I specially thank God for Prophet Ezekiah Francis, Rev. Benita Francis, Sudha akka and Alex anna, and all the team members. God spoke to me many things through Prophet Ezekiah Francis' sessions. I received the burden to pray for nations. God revealed about the resurrection power of Christ to raise the dead and strengthened me to raise the dead and deliver the demon-possessed. I got answers for all my questions. The revelations through the story of Samson and

Elisha were fresh and awesome. I am healed from my inner wounds. Sessions of Rev. Benita Francis inspired me to serve the Lord and I want to do till the last breath. The teaching about the love between husband and wife was new and very useful. I am totally charged with the fire of God. - Jyothi Hepsiba – Hyderabad – School of Holy Spirit.

I am a Keralite but coming from Chennai. I was affected by epilepsy for the last 4 years and some kind of blood vomiting. I was hospitalized in a private hospital in Chennai for a week, too. I came to know about the seminar and came here. During the worship time I got relieved completely and I felt the healing touch by the Blood of Jesus. And now, almost two months later, I am living without any medicine. Thanking Jesus for this ministry and for the wonderful miracle which He has done in my life. - Chippy Rebaca Abraham - Chennai – Tamil Nadu.

I am more blessed by curse breaking session by Rev. Benita Francis. Now I am able to forgive everyone and boldly share my testimony in front of many people. The messages have blessed my heart. I came to know the truths which I never knew earlier and the greatest joy is that I have started to speak in different tongues. - Jennifer - Karnataka.

When I came to Berachah in 2016 for the first time, we were 300 members in our church, but in just one year we have now grown into 600. I am here for the second time and God confirmed my high calling for nations, which I got prompted for few months. I came here depressed, but now I am going back as a mighty man of God. Thank God. Thanks to BPM. - Bro. B. Denny Israel -Vissannapet- Andhra Pradesh.

In the Apostles and Prophets Conference in February 2017 through prophet Ezekiah Francis’ message on Samson I was deeply touched. My parents also dedicated me as Samson was dedicated, and I am the only child of my family, too. I could not serve God because of my job and much more, but now I realized that I can fulfill my calling more with separated life for Christ. -Pastor.D.Issac , Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.

The sessions of Rev. Benita Francis helped me to get delivered from addiction to adultery and pornography. Through messages of Prophet Ezekiah Francis and Rev. Benita Francis I realized that God loves me as a father and heard His voice saying, “Come on, you can do it”. Now I am free from every worldly thing. I got the conviction that I am for God and my life is for God. - Jyoshep Kisore.

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- ❖ The Parliament has passed an amendment to the Maternity Benefit Act that makes it mandatory for companies to provide a minimum of 26 weeks maternity leave for the first two live child births and 12 weeks beyond the first two. Every establishment employing more than 50 staff should provide for a crèche within an easy reach for mothers of infants. Employers are asked to allow mothers of young children to work from home if possible.
- ❖ In the recently concluded 5-state Assembly elections, the BJP won in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand and the Congress in Punjab with landslide victories. However, Goa and Manipur gave an inconclusive verdict leading to political manoeuvring in which the BJP stitched together majority by roping in independents and smaller parties to form the government. The Congress that emerged as the single largest party in both the states charged the BJP of going against democratic principles, though the BJP claimed that the Congress had not even stake its claim to form the government in the two smaller states.



YOUR MANUFACTURER KNOWS...

Rev. Benita Francis

Why is marriage so special? How is it possible that just by obeying God's Word and committing our life to only one person of the opposite sex, all these blessings can be unleashed upon us? What is the secret of the success marriage brings into lives?

The secret is simply that the manufacturer knows how his product functions best. If you buy any appliance, don't they give you a manual that tells you in which conditions you should use it - temperature, humidity, voltage...? Then WHY do you find it so offensive when YOUR manufacturer tries to put YOU into the perfect conditions where YOU function best and last the longest? Ever thought about it?

To help you comply with His instructions, God explains like a loving Father through His prophet Samuel,

22 ...Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams.

23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king (1.Sa.15:22-23)

Can you see it? You don't need to do all the

offerings and sacrifices every religion demands from its followers. Only one thing is required of you:

5 You shall **love the LORD your God** with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

6 And **these words** which I command you today **shall be in your heart.**

7 You shall **teach them diligently** to your children, and shall **talk of them** when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

8 You shall **bind them** as a sign **on your hand**, and they shall be as frontlets **between your eyes.**

9 You shall **write them** on the doorposts of your house and on your gates (Dt.6:5-9)

Love God. Love His Word. Teach His Word. This is your only requirement. In the New Testament, Jesus adds the command to love your neighbor as yourself (Mt.22:37-40). Just loving God and loving people is all God requires of you. This is the fulfillment of the Law (Ro.13:9-10; Ga.5:14). Wow! How easy!

Teach future generations the "user manual", the "working conditions" for human life. Remember

ber,

23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king (1.Sa.15:23)

Have you ever heard of anything good coming out of witchcraft, iniquity or idolatry? Never. It may look attractive in the beginning, but very soon you reap a harvest of demonic attacks and possession, curses on your family line, drought, poverty, family destruction and so much more.

Because your loving Creator God wants to protect you from all these disasters, He humbles Himself to the point of begging you to obey His Word! When He saw that you were unable to do so, He even sent His own Son, the Living Word, to live and die, resurrect and finally live IN YOU as the fulfillment of the Law. Wow!!!

Obeying God's Word is the wisest and healthiest decision you will ever make in your life! If you reject His Word, though, He rejects you from being king, as it happened to King Saul of old. Wow! Does this still apply in New Testament times?

Praise God, we don't lose our salvation and our kingly position that easily, unless we consciously chose to deny Christ; our special place near God's heart, our "My little son"- or "My little daughter"-position, however, is a different story. That precious closeness, that secret communication still belongs to those who draw near to Him and hear His heartbeat (Jas.4:8; Jn.13:23-25).

As a parent, won't you also keep your obedient child closer to your heart than a rebellious one, even if you try to be unbiased? With whom would you share your secrets, your joys and sorrows? Well, your God is just the same (Ps.25:14;

Pr.3:32).

So WHY would He command you to teach His Word to the coming generations? To keep them happy, healthy and long-lived, of course!

As your Manufacturer, your God knows best...

HOW HE DID NOT MAKE YOU

Let's start with how your loving Manufacturer did NOT make you. Remember? In the very beginning, He created Adam and Eve? Let me help you... it is Adam and EVE, NOT Adam and Steve...

Oh yes, men and women are different, very different. That can really frustrate you if you don't know that the wise Manufacturer must have a special purpose with it. Trust me - He does! To make sure you know that all these differences are His idea, He Himself stated at the very beginning of creation even twice:

27 So God created man in His own

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image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them (Ge.1:27)

2 He created them male and female, and blessed them and called them Mankind in the day they were created (Ge.5:2)

Doesn't it sound like He wants to reassure you, "I know you are different... I made it this way"? If you love and trust Him and His Word, you will not fall prey to a very deadly trap of satan that would cut your life short by a whopping 20 years^{x1}!

Have you heard this seducing voice telling you, "Oh, you know, only a person of your same sex can really understand you... Forget religion... These old fundamentalists don't know modern life... God wants to deny you something good..." (Ge.3:1-5). This deception of the old serpent has become politically acceptable nowadays. Governments of nations struggle with the question if they should grant homosexual couples the same privileges as "traditionally married" couples, which means, one man and one woman. They vote on whether or not to allow homosexual couples to adopt children.

Have you considered that "same sex couples" can NOT procreate in a natural way? Homosexual sex is called sodomy after Sodom and Gomorrah of old (Ge.13:13; 18:16-22; 19:1-29; Dt.29:23). Do you remember their sin? It was homosexuality^{x11}. Do you remember the outcome? It was destruction, just like in ancient Rome and other decadent societies. How much satan must hate humanity that he tries to finish us off like this!

Why do so many people suddenly think they are "trapped in the wrong body" and need "gender reassignment surgery"? Well, some people are really born with sex chromosome abnormalities, maybe due to radiation, exposure to chemicals or even malnutrition of the mother during gestation.

That can be tested very easily with a simple saliva test. Many companies even offer DNA testing kits to use at home and send back to the laboratory.

Such genetic variations, however, occur only in 1 out of 900 to 1 out of 5000 births^{x111}! Why should YOU be one of them? And even IF you are - cannot the God who heals the sick and raises the dead easily fix that small abnormality?

The shocking rise in homosexual, lesbian, bisexual and transgender tendencies, however, is definitely created by the hype in media and even school syllabuses. Why should you confuse children and teenagers by even putting before them options their wise and loving Creator never offered? Why should you make 3-year-olds in Kindergarten undress and touch the genitals of other children? Why should you ask them what THEY WANT to BE when their Creator has already determined who they ARE? Just look at the "equipment" they are born with...

Let me tell you my experiences from Christian ministry. I have seen both men and women set free from homosexual or lesbian tendencies and lifestyles. One young man's testimony touched me very deeply. I believe his life story is key to understanding sexual aberrations and gender confusions. Here is his story.

When he was a small, tender boy, he used to witness violent fights between his parents. He vividly remembers his father beating his mother, throwing her on the floor by her hair, even kicking her with fists and feet. In his little brain, this small boy took a decision that would later on act like a vow. He determined never to become "such a monster" like his father. He promised himself he would never hurt small, inoffensive women like his mother.

Later in life, this noble intention almost

destroyed his life. From smallest childhood onwards, he struggled to accept himself as a male. He preferred the company and plays of girls. Boys instilled fear in him. He gradually distanced himself more and more from his own sex. A time came when he started wearing women's clothes, at first only at home, later also in public. He was considering an operation that would convert him into a woman when Jesus came into his life.

After his salvation, God's precious Holy Spirit showed him the root of his confusion and agony. Step by step and in many prayer- and worship times, Jesus brought healing and deliverance to this precious young man. Today, he is happily married and the father of two sweet girls. He still cries with gratitude when he tells his testimony and how Jesus rescued him just before taking the irreversible step of having a "gender reassignment operation".

In my experience, gender confusions normally go back to such childhood traumas. It could have been a sexual assault committed against the

child. It could have been as little as touching them in an inappropriate manner. It could have been just a remark long forgotten by the person who uttered it and maybe even by the person who received it. Such things stick deep inside the tender soul of a child and dictate their complete future. How dangerous are words! How true is God's admonishment to us,

21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit (Pr.18:21)

If you or a loved one struggle with such issues, take heart. There is complete healing, deliverance and restoration in the mighty Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Nobody needs to live in this turmoil of emotions, constantly fighting against what God intended for their lives.

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