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SEASONS IN YOUR LIFE

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I continue to ask those that desire to place encouraging articles or testimonials in the PITWM Newsletter, please contact me through "Contact Me" or email directly to gwoodard001@comcast.net (1 page please).

I know others that may be going through some circumstances would certainly be refreshed with your Word from the Lord!

That has been my desire to allow others to use their God-given talent and anointing for God's glory. Don't let your purpose fall by the wayside, but allow God's Word to grow deep into the good soil of others and trust God to be in charge of the Word you give forth because it will bring joy and release to your heart. This year will be a most significant year for many, especially so, when God is in it!

I came across an e-mail that might lighten up your day. It's called "*Four Seasons*."

There was a man who had four sons. He wanted his sons to learn not to judge things too quickly. So he sent them each on a quest, in turn, to go and look at a pear tree that was a great distance away.

The first son went in the winter, the second in the spring, the third in summer, and the youngest son in the fall.

When they had all gone and come back, he called them together to describe

what they had seen.

The first son said that the tree was ugly, bent, and twisted.



The second son said no, it was covered with green buds and full of promise.

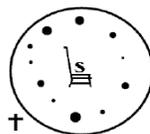


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These TWO CIRCLES Represent Two Kinds Of Lives:

Self-Directed Life

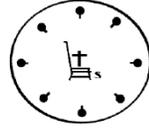


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Cross - Christ is outside the life.

Circles - interests are directed by self, often resulting in discord and

Christ-Directed Life



frustration. **Cross** - Christ is in the life and on the throne

S - self is yielding to

Christ, resulting in harmony with God's plan.

Circles - interests are directed by Christ, resulting in harmony with God's plan.

Which circle best describes your life?

Which circle would you like to have represent your life?

You Can Receive Christ Right Now by Faith Through Prayer

(Prayer is talking to God)

God knows your heart and is not so concerned with your words as He is with the attitude of your heart.

The following is a suggested prayer:

"Lord Jesus, I need You. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Thank You for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of the throne of my life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be."

Does this prayer express the desire of your heart?

If it does, I invite you to pray this prayer right now, and Christ will come into your life, as He promised.

Con't:

SEASONS IN YOUR LIFE

The third son disagreed; he said it was laden with blossoms that smelled so



sweet and looked so beautiful, it was the most

graceful thing he had ever seen.



The last son disagreed with all of them; he said it was

ripe and drooping with fruit, full of life and fulfillment.

The man then explained to his sons that they were all right, because they had each seen but only one season in the tree's life.

He told them that you cannot judge a tree, or a person, by only one season, and that the essence of who they are and the pleasure, joy, and love that come from that life can only be measured at the end, when all the seasons are up.

If you give up when it's **winter**, you will miss the promise of your **spring**, the beauty of your **summer**, the fulfillment of your **fall**.

Moral: Don't let the pain of one season destroy the joy of all the rest. Don't judge life by one difficult season. Persevere through the difficult patches and better times are sure to come some time or later.

I can remember my husband cutting off all the limbs on the tree in my daughter's front yard. For the longest it stood bare and ugly without any branches or leaves. I didn't notice the seasons as they passed, but later upon seeing that same tree, it began to have baby buds on it, then the

branches became longer and greener leaves. And before you knew it, the tree was full and lush again.

That's what God does for the Christian believer. "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away; and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit" Jh.15:1-2.

Sometimes knowing the season of your life will show you what you should be doing. In that **winter** season when the tree was ugly, bent, and twisted, it should be our time of rest and listening to the Lord. As you rest and listen, you can fast and pray, because sometimes God is telling us to take inventory of ourselves; slow down and sit with Him. Those times may be some of our most rough times in our lives; some affliction caused by the enemy: losing a job; overcome by sickness; losing a spouse; or going through financial distress and lack, and we're not used to waiting in that time. By sitting and meditating on the God's Word, you will react in a different way and began to heal and receive the promises God has for you, even the desires you have confessed, because you trust in God even through you don't see it yet. Rest does not just consist of laying down doing nothing, but doing that that's beneficial to the body, soul, and spirit. This particular seasonal time may not seem good to us or even seem good for us, but the end result is always good because God always comes through to make us stronger. Our winter is our rest.

Now comes **spring** season and you can now see some sprouts of provisions, hope, peace, joy, trust again, and strength, that brings a new pep in your step; a new thought process in your mind and body because God stabilized you in the ugly times. Remember, the second son said the pear tree

was covered with green buds, full of promise. We are that tree that's full of promise to do the plan of God. He has planted us by the rivers of water; that certain place to grow for His purpose. If we're not growing, ask God why. Yes, sometimes growth takes longer for some than others. That's why you took inventory back in the wintertime to make sure you heard God speak and you in turn are speaking the same things. Growth always show-up in good ground; you are the good ground and He plants us to grow in abundance.

The **summer** will display us—where we've been or come from—that is, it shows that we've been with Jesus because of the brightness and glow about us; the newness of life in our walk. He is "*the husbandman*." In this season you are able to share your testimony with others; able to keep and maintain your composure better and able to grow stronger. The third son said that the pear tree had blossoms that smelled so sweet and looked so beautiful. It was the most graceful thing he had ever seen. Now

Knowing what Season you're in will change your reaction to it!

could you imagine after going through the tough ugly times that there would be a time of blossoms and sweet smelling fragrance upon you? God did!

Well, sooner or later that season of **fall** will roll in where others are able to see the fruitfulness of patience, love, long-suffering, temperance, etc... that equips you to flow in the Spirit with power. The last son said the pear tree was ripe and drooping with fruit, full of life and fulfillment. Jesus said, "**Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away.**" Just as the pear tree stands full of fruit and full of life, you can also bear more fruit because of the purging by the Father. Don't give up to times of testing, but give in to the Tester—the Father!

Knowing what season you're in will change your reaction to it! **God Bless!**

WEST NILE VIRUS

West Nile Virus is an illness spread by mosquitoes. Sometimes it can cause serious infection of the brain, spinal cord, and nerves. People are most likely to get West Nile Virus in the late summer and early Fall.

HOW IS IT SPREAD?

Mosquitoes can feed on birds that have the West Nile Virus. Infected mosquitoes can bite and pass the disease to humans and animals. West Nile Virus is not spread from one person to another by touching or kissing.

SYMPTOMS

- Headaches
- Body Aches
- Swollen Lymph Glands

West Nile Virus Rash

- Fever
- Rash
- Vomiting

Call your doctor right away if you have these symptoms.

TREATMENT

There is a blood test to help doctors find out if a person has contracted the West Nile Virus. After finding out you have contracted the virus infection, there are no shots or medicines to stop or treat this Virus. People with this severe Virus infection may need to go to the hospital.

WAYS TO PROTECT YOURSELF TO PREVENT MOSQUITO BITES

- Use bug spray. Look for "Permethrin" or "Deet" on the label. Do not use on sunburned skin, cuts or rashes.
- If you use bug spray, wash your clothes before you wear them again.
- Get rid of standing water (i.e. in

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- pots, buckets, barrels and tire swings). Why? Because mosquitoes breed in standing water.
- Keep children's wading pools empty when not in use.
- Stay inside during times when there are a lot of mosquitoes: during evening, dusk, and even until dawn.
- When outside wear long sleeves shirts and long pants.
- Put screens on your windows and doors.
- Don't wear perfume or cologne when you go outside for a long time.
- If you find a dead bird, call your local Health Department.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Psalms 103:2-3

PRAYER OF DISCERNMENT

DISCERNMENT is the ability to see what is not readily apparent to others. Thus, discernment begins with observation; the ability to pay attention to the events and the people around them.

MEDITATE ON SCRIPTURE:

1 Kings 3:9— So give your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people to discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?

PRAYER: Father, I thank You for creating within me a wise and discerning heart so that I am able to distinguish between right and wrong. There are areas in my life that I need to have a discerning spirit so I will not fall trap to the enemy of deceit; that I won't go around in circles fighting the same en-

emy in my life; that I may know what season of life that is presented before me. I yield to Your incite O Lord. Keep my eyes fixed and my view stayed on You. May the Spirit of God quicken my spirit to be swift to hear, slow to speak, and slow to wrath. Father, Your wise council is needed even in the smallest things. Thank you Lord for my spirit to be sensitive to the things of God!

CONFESSIONS OF FAITH:

- I am led by the Spirit of God and am a son/daughter of God (Rom.8:14).
- I am not moved by what I see (2Cor.4:18) because I walk by faith and not by sight (2Cor.5:7).
- I am attentive to Your Words and

my ears hear Your sayings (Prov.4:20).

- I have the tongue of the learned, speaking a word in season to all I meet (Is.50:4).

Praise the Lord for quick understanding. **PRAISE:** ing. You are the anointed One; the Most High God who is awesome in all things.

...The Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of His servant Ps.35:27b.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in Ps.24:7.

The Lord hath given...knowledge of it, and I know it: then thou showedst me... Jer.11:18.

Hallelujah and Thank You Lord! ! !



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For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12.

MY MISSION: Reach and encourage others in letting you know that God is able to do the impossible.

MY VISION: Articles to be written in a Book to inspire others.

IT CAN HAPPEN

How much more shall your Father which is in heaven, give good things to them that ask him? Matthew 7:11b

MY MISSION: Use this God-given gift for His glory!

MY VISION: Teach others to reach for those God given gifts in them!

BIBLE QUIZ—HEBREWS

- Where are we to look as we run the race of faith? 12:2a; compare 3:1; 1Pt.2:21-24.
- What enabled Christ to endure the cross, and what reward did Christ receive for His faithfulness? How did He feel about the shame suffered on the cross? 12:2; compare Rom.8:18.
- By looking at the example of Jesus' faithfulness during His suffering, the persecuted Hebrew Christians could avoid doing what? 12:3.
- What point had the persecutions of the Hebrew believers had not reached? 12:4; compare 10:32-34.
- The Lord's discipline, experienced in the trials we meet, shows that God _____us. 12:5, 6.
- Discipline goes with being a _____ of God. 12:7.
- If we receive no discipline, it means we are like what? 12:8.
- How does God's discipline differ from the discipline our human fathers? And God disciplines us so we can share in what? 12:10.

"Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all."



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- Discipline is always painful. Why is it good? 12:11.
- What then should the Hebrews do in the face of persecution and trials that were coming on them? 12:12.
- What kind of conduct do you think we can adopt in order to help the progress of brothers and sisters who are spiritually weaker than we? 12:13.
- What two ideas are especially important and essential in the Christian life? 12:14; compare Rom.12:18; Matt.5:8; 1Pt.1:15, 16; 2Cor,6:14-7:1.
- If the Hebrew Christians were not careful about such things as this, they could miss what? 12:15a.
- A Christian who strays into divisive hatred or into unholy living has what effect on other Christians, and is compared to what in a field? 12:15b.
- What kind of sin is especially warned about? 12:16a; com-

Scripture For The Month"See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven: Whoose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven" Hebrews 12:25-26.

DATES TO REMEMBER 2012

OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

OCT. 8 **COLUMBUS DAY**

**CALM CONTENT
ENCOURAGE FOREVER
HUMBLE KIND LOVE
PATIENT PLEASANT**

- pare 13:4; 1Cor.6:18.
- In what act did Esau, Jacob's brother, show that he had worldly, profane values and no appreciation of higher, spiritual things? 12:16-17; Gen.25:29-34.
- Name some ways in which a person can sell or throw away things of great value in one foolish, sinful act.
- So then, when we approach God in worship, besides all the worshippers scattered around the earth, who all else are worshiping with us in one great spiritual assembly? 12:22-24.
- What is coming on the earth and what will be removed by it? 12:26, 27; compare 2Pt.3:17:10-13.
- What we are receiving which can withstand this experience? 12:28a.
- Because of this what shall we do? 12:28b.
- Why should we have an attitude of reverence and awe toward God? 12:29.