



# Your Partner Teaching!

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## HOW TO STAY SPIRITUALLY STRONG

Dearly beloved Partners, our precious Lord desires that we be spiritually strong. God never created man to be spiritually weak. Adam's wrong choice in obeying the enemy of our souls, Satan and disobeying his Heavenly Father, brought spiritual death to him and all humanity.

But Almighty God, our heavenly Father, never let man be lost and spiritually dead. He sent His precious Son – Jesus Christ, to die for our sins, so we can get back to where Adam lost, and back to fellowship with Him, through repentance of our sins, and accepting Jesus as our Lord, Saviour and Master.

### I. THE JOY OF THE LORD IS OUR STRENGTH.

*"...the joy of the Lord is your strength." Nehemiah 8:10b*

This is the Lord's joy and does not come from the things we possess, or circumstances. It is not just a happy feeling, but an unshakable stability that comes from our inner man or our human spirit.

This joy can range from a calm delight to extreme laughter. In our meetings people would experience this in varying degrees. Most of them would be people who would be going through a major problem, persecution or loss. The circumstance would be total opposite to bring them laughter. But our glorious Lord in His love, gave them His strength, the joy of the Lord. At times during prayer we could experience this joy, and even tears of Joy.

It is this joy that is our strength. We are spiritually strong when we have this joy of the Lord.

Joy is also the fruit of the Holy Spirit. (Galatians 5:22)

### II. HOW TO RECEIVE THIS JOY.

A. *"...In Your presence is fullness of Joy." (Psalm 16:11b)*

The Joy of the Lord comes from being in His presence and comes in its fullness. Each morning, before our busy day, as we spend quality time with Him, in worship, reading His word and prayer, we receive His Joy.

(i) *"But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31*

We must also spend a moment in silence after we pray, waiting is just listening to hear what our precious Lord says. Here the Holy Spirit will impart to us, God's direction, ideas, visions and revelation. Occasionally we may not receive anything during this time, but God always honours our waiting on Him, by

speaking or revealing or guiding us later when we need it, or just in the midst of our situation. The Holy Spirit may also impart a vision during this time or even later.

(ii) One of the great blessings of waiting on the Lord is God renewing our strength, which will enable us run not be weary walk and not faint.

(iii) God also desires that our joy may be full by asking Him what He promised us in His word. When we receive His promises, it is our Isaac, which means joy. When we receive God's promises through prayer, it truly brings joy to the full. ".....Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full." John 16:24b

### III. SATAN WANTS TO STEAL OUR JOY.

A. Satan wants to steal our joy, so he can steal our strength. Satan is after our strength. *"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."* John 10:10

- (i) But praise God, Our wonderful saviour came to give us life and life more abundantly (to the full, until it overflows). God wants us to enjoy our life, even when we are going through difficult times or during persecution. Living for and serving our loving Master, brings such joy.
- (ii) God doesn't desire us to live under stress and turmoil, but live happy and joyful lives. When we overwork and we have no time to pray, this causes stress and turmoil. But when we spend time in His presence before each day, His joy comes into our lives. Then we accomplish more work than we can by overworking.

### IV. HOW TO KEEP THE JOY.

A. We must watch the little things. Many times it is the small things that steal our joy. It is the little foxes that spoil the Vines. (Song of Solomon 2:15)

- (i) Let go of little things that upset us. Remember our joy is not based on circumstances. It is amazing how Satan uses just very small things to steal our joy and strength.

B. Focus on the 'good' in every situation. *"Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things."* Philippians 4:8.

- (i) Here lies one of the keys to keep us victorious where our joy is concerned. We must not always dwell on our problems, but on the good things, things of good report and not bad. God's promises are always good and of good report and we must meditate on them.
- (ii) Find a promise that suits the need, or fixes the problem and pray and think on it. When the devil reminds us again of the problem, remind him of the answer, and the promises of God. Remind the devil of his future in hell, and he will run away.

- (iii) In our marriage, job, kids, Church and relationships, we must focus on the good qualities of our spouse and others and not the bad. We will be amazed that each of us have much more good qualities than the bad.
- (iv) *“Love...does not behave rudely.....thinks no evil.”* 1 Corinthians 13:5  
Thinking on the good will always bring us God’s peace, joy and strength.

## V. HAVE A HAPPY HEART

A. *“A merry heart does good, like a medicine....”* Proverbs 17:22a. We must smile and enjoy our lives. For there will always be problems, persecutions and challenges. Once we pray and do whatever we have to do, we let God do His part, we then can find the good in everything and rejoice. This also brings us health.

(i) When problems try to overwhelm us and try to put us down, God has given us another antidote for the spirit of heaviness. We put on the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. Just start praising God, by singing praise songs in the midst of the trouble. This breaks the spirit of heaviness and brings the oil or anointing of joy. *“...The oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.....”* Isaiah 61:3b

## VI. GOD WANTS TO BE A PART OF OUR EVERYDAY LIVES.

*“And whatever you do, do it heartily as to the Lord and not to men.”* Colossians 3:23

Whatever we do... means everything we do in our daily lives, like work, cleaning the garden, buying groceries, house work etc. God is with us when we go about our day-to-day lives as well and will help us and give us wisdom in all we do, as also when we pray and serve the Lord.

May you keep spiritually strong always is my humble prayer.

With my love for you and the lost!



Errol Eardly

## Testimonies

I thank the Lord for the salvation He gave me from my sinful life I was leading, and taking me through the last 4 years, teaching me that the big names in the Christian field, will not fulfill God’s plan in each one of our lives.

God was so merciful and taught me not to trust in individuals but totally place my confidence in Him, which I have learnt during this period.

I came to know Pastor Errol through a friend of mine. I was depressed, with heavy financial losses, discouraged, confused and could not pray. He ministered to me and I was delivered, healed and back on track with much more blessings to come in the future. Pastor Errol broke the generation curses, which were not broken over my life all these years. We went into a powerful time of repentance, as the Holy Spirit revealed all the sins in my life and all the sins

of my generations. This had a tremendous impact on my life. The depression, discouragement and confusion disappeared and my prayer life began, and I enjoy it now. The business that was blocked for a long period cleared immediately, and my business and life began to prosper.

I thank God for placing me here, with Pastor Errol, so I could learn the Word of God, worship Him in true spirit and build my future as per His plan for my life. Though our Church is new and small, God is present here in our midst in a very big way. Every time we come to God's house we go back blessed, healed, encouraged and know God's Word clearly so we could practice it in our daily lives.

We are well cared for, as Pastor takes a personal interest in each individual's life.

I have learnt that whatever obstacles I face in my life, I will never leave my loving Saviour and Lord. I will obey and serve Him all the days of my life.

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### **Persecution news!**

#### **DESTROYED CHURCH BUILDING RESTORED AND DEDICATED!**

The AOG Church building at Kesbewa, was destroyed by fire by religious extremists who opposed the gospel. They set the building on fire but through determination and commitment of the believers God began restoring the building in the midst of opposition and successfully completed the work of restoration.

This new building on the same site was rededicated for the glory of God and now more people are worshipping in this Church.

(Source:Direction magazine)

#### **Quote of the Month!**

**"For us not to expect a spiritual harvest of souls is the same as a farmer not expecting a physical harvest of crops."**

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