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DECEPTION

Deception is not deception if you know that you are deceived. True deception is doing something wrong with somewhat of a clear conscience. Deception causes one to justify their actions with a convincing voice. I am seeing many people walk in ways that are not becoming of a Christian. Perhaps some of the actions are not sin but certainly leave a trail of question marks. The Word has never said that walking in a world of sin would be easy but we are offered a light to see by. Adultery, lying, stealing and abusing others has become a lifestyle to so many people today. I wasn't raised like that and thank God that my conscience still works and responds to those things. I know a professing Christian who recently made a statement that he could commit adultery and twenty minutes later teach a Sunday School class. He also stated that there was nothing wrong with having sex with another man's wife. That's deception in the strongest sense. That is just an example of what I am seeing. It is time for true Christians to stand up for truth. If someone tells you such garbage, make your voice known, it's our responsibility. Beware of deception and don't fall in the trap. Sin is still sin and will always be.

Pastor George Ferrington

A LIMITLESS LIFE

The world around us appears to be engulfed in chaos most of the time. Acts of violence, deceit, natural disasters, accidents, deaths, wars and conflicts, seem to permeate our lives. And yet the world system prospers even in the midst (or maybe because of) the problems around us. What does God have to say about it? In Psalm 94:3 (NIV), David asked this question of the Lord, **“How long will the wicked, O Lord, how long will the wicked be jubilant?”** We all have asked this question at some point in our lives.

As wickedness prevails all about us, we may take time to wonder where we fit in the grand scheme of things. What is God's plan for me? God is a God of justice, and He does not intend for His people to get caught up in a battle for “survival,” attempting in their own strength to gain victory over the enemy. God, who is limitless, does not want His children struggling with limitations that have been placed before them. God does not want us to just *survive*—He wants us to *thrive*. God's Holy Spirit is continually drawing and wooing us to face the limitations of life and excel over them—not in the weakness of the flesh, but in the power of the Spirit. God would have us to touch the Spirit realm and know that He has provided a higher plane of

existence for those that will believe and receive it.

Romans 4:19-21, **“And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah’s womb; He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform it.”** I do not understand why most people in the world do not believe in the limitless nature of God. At least that is how they live their lives. By that I mean, we encounter the issues of live with the attitude that this malady was meant to be and we must just grin and bear it as a good, beaten-down Christian. I find myself saying, “Well, it could be worse. Just look at what happened to old so and so.” Even I have accepted second best, which is also a ploy of the devil. God has given us His best, and He expects us to receive it and abide in it, and live a limitless life in Him.

What are the limits we place on ourselves? Let’s consider this: “I’m too young.” “I’m too old.” “I’m too fat.” “I don’t know how to do it.” “I don’t have time.” “That costs too much.” “My wife (husband) will not agree with that.” “What does the pastor think about that.” “I’ve never done that before.” “I don’t believe that.” What does God’s Word say? In the scriptures above we find that Abraham “considered not his own body” and received the blessed promise of God. Then for the next 25 years, Abraham had plenty of time to practice his ability to believe and receive of God. Yet, he persevered, believed throughout, and pressed into the limitless power of God, so that the flesh could not intervene. If the devil can get you to consider your limitations—whether it is limitations of your body, your mind, or your finances—he will defeat you. But if you by the Holy Spirit can just step beyond your limits and trust Him, you will overcome and see the victory.

Some have suggested that Abraham was “destined” to fulfill the promise, so eventually he would have had a child and been the “father of many nations”, as foretold by God. I do not believe this. Had he not stood in faith, it would not have happened. Abraham would have died without receiving the promise—not because God is not faithful, but because Abraham did not believe and receive the promise, by faith. We today have been given many wonderful promises in God’s Holy Word, promises that are manifested within us through our spirit, but we do not receive all of these promises because of our lack of faith, pressing into the limitless nature of God and putting down the flesh.

Where is our faith—if you think you know your limits, then take one step beyond your limits into the realm of the Spirit. That is where your faith abides. When we understand what a limitless God we serve, we will soar to greater heights of glory and victory and success than we ever thought possible. Wherever you are and whatever you need, God is able to give you the victory. You might ask, “How is God going to deliver me out of the mess I’m in?” He already has. Look up scriptures about God’s promises and quote them continually. Satan can’t stand in the face of God’s Word, just like he could not stand before Jesus. Jesus has already purchased our victory and triumphed over the enemy in His death, burial and resurrection. It is done!

Stand in the victory that is yours. Do not admit defeat or loss. Claim God’s best in all circumstances. Live that victorious and limitless life in Jesus Christ.

Bro. Mike Woods

HELLO EVERYONE,

Just wanted to send an update from Brazil. We returned to the mission today after a wonderful weekend in Juiz De Fora. Friday night we went to our service at the Methodist Church. The Spirit of the Lord was so sweet in that place. The praise and worship was awesome. The people were truly worshipping the Lord with all their hearts and He was there. How sweet it is to come together in one accord to worship our precious Lord and Savior.

Mary Lucy asked me to give my testimony. My interpreter was so touched, he could hardly talk. Once again God used the things He has brought me through to touch people and change lives. I laughed at my interpreter when I preached because he got so excited. He was getting into the message. Praise the Lord for a good interpreter. Many people came to the Lord that night. Hallelujah!

On Saturday we went to the nursing home. They are in the process of building the facility. It is on a beautiful location. They are building it as they get the funds to do so. We gave an offering while we were there. They already have some rooms finished that they use as a Christian retreat facility. The grounds are beautiful. They have the prettiest garden I have ever seen. They raise it to make money to run the place. It will be a wonderful place when it is finished. We also went to visit Mary Lucy's mother who will be 94 years old on the 3rd of January. She is doing very good for her age, able to walk and enjoy life.

We had a service at the mission tonight. The attendance is way down. We reminded them of the Word, "Where two or more are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them." We are praying for the mission church and are asking all of you to join in with us. The last pastor left and many of the church went with him. We are asking the Lord to send the pastor that He wants for the mission. They do not have a pastor now so pray with us.

Tomorrow we will be decorating for the Christmas dinners. We have a tree to decorate and will also set up our tables and decorate them. I know the Lord will bless His children with this endeavor of love. We are believing that the meals we serve will not only be for the flesh but also the Spirit. We are believing for the people to receive the best meal they have ever had and it to bring change in their lives. Keep us in your prayers and I will keep you updated.

Oh, I almost forgot to tell you, the offering we gave was enough to get a new freezer and the rest in food to put in the freezer. I will send pictures later of the freezer and the food. Regie, you can show it at the church so everyone can see what they helped to get. I love you all very much. Talk to you later.

Love you, Your missionary, Bess Graham

GIVE THANKS

Thanksgiving, a time to pause and consider all that we have to give thanks for. But who do we thank? Some will thank their boss, others will thank their family and friends, a few will thank their bank account or their investment broker, and what about the government? How many will consider that it is God that is the giver of all good things? It is good to appreciate all of those in our lives that have contributed to our well-being. God is the ultimate source that we must recognize, not just at this time but every day, in every circumstance. **"All things work to good, to those that love the Lord."** Our love of God should be more than what He does for us, the

blessings we receive, the goodness in our lives. Our love for Him must be without the content of selfishness and greed. It must be with a spirit filled heart that we worship and praise Him for Who He is and not for what He does. Throughout eternity we will be in His presence and we must understand that He is all things, and we cannot single out any one part of creation as being a blessing of God. As I look about me, at my life, my family, my work, my witness and testimony, I see the hand of God, and I know that He is with me in all things. That is why I love Him and thank Him. May the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and each of you, be with you today and for the rest of your life. May He bless and keep you as His child, and may you know Him in Spirit and in truth.

Bro. Mike Woods

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