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Strong meat belongs to them that are of full age, even to those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. Hebrews 5:14.

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Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Matthew 7:7

What you would choose for yourself is in no way to the level of what God wants to choose for you. He created you. He knows every detail about you. He wants you to enjoy your life, to have an exciting, wonderful, fulfilled life. He knows your likes, your dislikes, your preferences, your nuances, and your unique personality. He knows it all. You are not a mystery to God. Jesus promised that He and the Father would send us the Comforter. The Comforter, the Great Holy Ghost is meant to help guide and direct us in the affairs of our every day life. We are not here haphazardly or alone.

# Arm Right

- Holy spirit impressions on the right arm



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Why are so many people living beneath their rightful positions as sons and daughters of life itself? How can your daily life be transformed from the ordinary, dull, and blah into a life which is filled with vibrancy, passion, and zest of the spirit? It is a sad but accurate commentary that most people are anything but happy in their daily situations. Everything from bills and payments, sicknesses and ailments, expectations falling short from the way you had planned. Many people struggle with age related issues of wrinkles and sagging skin, mid- life crises, and spouses that have not held up previous promises and earlier expectations. Other folks deal with job loss and careers that are less than adequate and certainly less than what had been dreamed of earlier in life. You name it and the sources of frustration and bitterness add up. It is a wonder that humanity can go forward at all when you look at all the obstacles and hardships that await life's endeavors.

What is it then that we need to create in order to make a better place of being? What can we do to facilitate our deepest needs and desires? Is it something that comes by chance over which we have no control? Is it a pill we can take or something we can ingest or put on? Maybe being happy is just good luck or perhaps it's who you know. Maybe money really does buy contentment. Is it possible to reconfigure disillusionment to fulfillment? Is it within the realm of possibility that sadness and loss could be transformed to joy? Is there a way from the depression endlessly heaped into our lives?

Is such thinking getting our hopes up with no substantiation? Is life just something we have to endure and trudge through until we finally one day just die? Is life a hopeful trust in a distant God for a day of future rewards? Is there any real reward for the here and now? Is the pursuit of happiness only a myth which can never be achieved? Are all the prophets of whom we read only mythic legends, even tall tales which have a basis in reality but are actually just banter and chatter from old wives stories?

Stopping the mouths of lions, quenching the violence of fire, weaknesses made strong - these are the great accounts of heroes of old, ordinary men and women just like you and me. How then are they any different than any one of us? Why were their lives exciting and vibrant and meaningful while ours can appear colorless and mundane? We are told that these men waxed valiant in fight and put to flight armies of aliens and women received their dead back to life. What? How can this be? How did they invoke a riff in the natural to accomplish supernatural feats? The answer is simply that Discernment was allowed full place in the lives of these individuals.

Discernment is a much talked about but highly misunderstood gifting of the Holy Spirit. The gulf between the heroes of old and our world today is in this particular gifting. These individuals not only were dedicated to God but they felt the presence of God in their lives. God was not just an entity to be read about or worshipped on a Sunday morning. He was not just someone who one might pray to if all else had failed and serious trouble was staring you down. No, God for each of these individuals was a daily part of life just like eating or

sleeping, or putting on your clothes. Just as we can feel the touch of our loved ones from the easiest pat on the back to a hug, to a kiss, God has not left us to stagger around helpless with no touch or enablement. He does not kick back and watch our aloneness. He wants and yearns for humanity to open to Him. He desires to be part and co-creator in and for our lives. We are to create positive fate together. We are created in the image of God and we are designed to and for wonderful things. We have the capacity to experience God's unmistakable touch if we allow this gifting to operate. Discernment can facilitate great things in our life.

So how do we get from here to where we are going? We must ascend to the fact that we are forever in a continual process of being saved. When we first become a born-again spirit filled Christian we receive the gift of the spirit but that is only the beginning. It is a lifelong process to grow and become all we are meant to be. And our mind is one of the major keys to our connection and growth in God. With our mind we can think about God, we can bless Him, and we can conversely curse Him. In like manner we can bless people and we



can curse people, the same people who are made in the image of our heavenly Father.

Our mind is capable of unbelievable feats. It is imperative as a growing Christian to be cognizant at all times of what you are thinking. If you let your mind just wander and go rampant, it could possibly produce a pseudo creativity, but more than likely it will just immediately respond and turn to the negative. It is easy to criticize and condemn and to get hostile and angry when things do not go our way. One of the most difficult things to do is to bless God when we are upset. It is just so much easier to bring Him the litany of things that are wrong and to blame him for everything we feel is not right in our life. But the rub is this; these situations are created for us with our own free will in mind. We can choose the path of life or we can choose the path of death. God leaves it up to us. He desires that we would choose life, the path that leads us to freedom. But freedom is not a willful choice in the flesh. The flesh is simply in bondage and cannot get freedom or peace no matter what the effort.

Our only true wings are when the spirit is able to develop godly qualities in the soul. And these godly qualities are everything we

truly desire in our heart but no matter how hard we try on our own abilities we are never able to achieve. Only by having peace in the spirit can we give joy to the soul. Our flesh is a tormentor in every way for from our natural selves comes a desire for more, more, and more. And enough is never good enough. In the world of the flesh there always has to be something better, it is an endless quest of searching for something that can never be found in the natural realm. Peace can only be discovered when a soul connects to the spirit of God. And that is exactly what God is trying to teach and develop within each of us.

Another key to our wholeness lies within our will. What we choose to do in a situation will determine who we are to become. Are we to try to retaliate when someone does us a perceived injustice? I believe any type of occurrence such as this is a test. It is not really the situation itself, but how we respond to it that God is watching and is interested in. Yes, He is omniscient. He knows every thought and action before we even think it. There is not a word in our tongue that He does not altogether know. We need to rely on God and not

ourselves. We don't have control but God does. We would like to think we have control, but we do not. We need to put everything in His hands. After all, we are co-creators. God tells us to love our enemies and to bless those who persecute us. But how can we bless someone who has wronged us? To pray for them and to be good to them is a start. If they express a need and we can fulfill or enable it in any way, then we need to do just that.

The Holy Spirit gives us strength to make hard choices not even possible in the natural realm. We are not to be cowardly selfish beings. No, we are meant to be strong, brave, courageous, dedicated, and wise. What then has happened to humanity? Why is it all we read about are economic crises, wars, murders, and domestic abuse? The answer is that it is the choice of self-will rather than God-will. People like to think that they can control their own fate and simply take matters into their own hands. This may seem like the only option we have but God says that we are to be co-creators with Him. We are to seek Him. Otherwise the future will be one of reaping what we sow. If you sow to the flesh, you reap corruption and everything

you don't want in your life. You will reap everything from poverty monetarily, to poverty in life itself with a bleak nothing to look forward to attitude and no reason to get up in the morning, to jail, to loneliness, to homelessness, to wrecked relationships and a sick body from food and substance abuse. Self-will breeds miscarriage. God's will breeds life in all corners of the soul.

A huge area of work for most Christians is the emotional arena. God wants some housekeeping done here as well. In the emotional realm there seem to be two sides to the fence - the stalwart show - no emotion type, or the overly emotional flesh driven individual who acts impulsively on whatever they think and call it what God thinks. Yikes. This can get people into some pretty frustrating and hairy situations. It reminds me a lot of Sarah back in Genesis, when she decided to act and give her maid to Abraham. Hindsight and a gleaning of knowledge is always 20/20 as we look at the result when something is not God's will or His timing. Nothing works out. For Sara, jealousy erupted and bickering and hatred surfaced. Strife ran rampant. And in the end Sara didn't get to keep Ishmael or Hagar.

Sara had to wait on her heavenly Father. There was a lesson here for Sara to learn as well as to teach to us. And the lesson is that the arm of the flesh can effect nothing unless God opens the door.

In our natural condition there is a very difficult and heartbreaking lesson for most of us to apprehend. And the lesson is that In America and other free countries around the world, we all have the ability to aspire to whatever we like or choose and are highly encouraged to do so, but unless God says it is alright then no matter the amount of wishing or effort or trying, nothing in the endeavor you do will succeed. We are not to live on what our brain thinks up. God's ways are higher than our ways. His thoughts are not our thoughts. We are not to be puffed around by our emotions or the lack of them. Discernment is the tool God uses here on this earth to enable us to know what His thoughts are on a situation. Discernment is God's spirit touching our body to let us know what His mind is concerning an immediate occurrence. We do not need to guess. But we do need to ask Him to help us. We need to be open to His promptings. We need to open ourselves more fully in order to not miss the mark He intended for our lives.

We need to remember all the benefits He gives us. Well what exactly what are those benefits you may ask. The first benefit I believe is Love. He gave us love and He expects us to give it to others. We need to remember to practice patience and kindness and goodness in our dealings with family, friends, co-workers and strangers. We need to honor who the Lord has made us. We are not to be jealous of our brothers and sisters. We are not to constantly be comparing ourselves with others. This behavior only creates terrible inferiority complexes and feelings of inadequacy. This carries a terrible energy consequence in the spirit realm. We are who we are and we need to love and accept this. If we do not accept exactly how we were created, then we are essentially slapping our Maker in the face calling what He did a mistake and not good enough. God made you just who you were supposed to be and equipped you with every skill necessary to become that which He intended you to be. We are to rejoice in who God made us and how God made others. Enjoy other's gifts, as they are to be a blessing to us. Don't covet them for yourself. It is a horrible thing to want to fly with wings when you personally do not

have wings and then be tormented by that thought. It is better to watch the birds and enjoy what they bring. And then find and revel in your own gifting. Sometimes this may take some real searching. But there is something you are good at. God does not leave us helpless or hopeless. A foot is not a hand and a hand is not an ear. We are all individual but we are all necessary in the body of Christ and in the world in which we live. What a strange place it would be if we were all the same. God is a God of diversity and balance. And thank goodness for that.

Let's talk about humility. What does humility mean? Is it the lowering your head in the presence of a monarch? Is it not saying something that would hurt another? Is it not letting things be done out of strife or vainglory? Yes, it is all these things and more. This is an attribute that God seeks to highly develop in each of us so that every fiber, cell, and molecule of our being can radiate the Holy Spirit's love for the world. Humility reminds me of a great robed angel of spirit and truth that enters into the very center of our being and can fill our life with joy. Humility is looking to help others.

When we are humble the mind of Christ rules in our hearts. To be humble is to accept help from the spirit realm. To be humble is to know and understand that we mortals are not capable of it although we certainly would like to be. A humble person does not quench the spirit. A humble person does not despise or try to discount a prophet; a humble person will seek God to prove all things. A humble person will hold fast to that which is good and abstain from all appearance of evil. God gives the humble person an awesome promise. And this is the promise: that He will sanctify us and deliver us from ourselves - body, soul and spirit. And if we follow His leadings and promptings not puffed by our own agenda, we will be preserved and counted blameless.

We are not designed for arrogant demeanor. Pride comes before a fall. And I don't believe there are many people around who like to fall. Falling entails injury. And injury hurts. When we fall in the spirit realm we too incur injury and hurt. A closed door or a missed opportunity can hurt and disable just as badly as a fall on the ice or a staircase or anywhere else. True Agape love is not tyrannical



or demanding of its own way. There are many relationships that are simply dysfunctional and one sided. This is not love. I think it would be more closely labeled lust or selfish hatred. Love on the other hand is tolerant and seeks what the other wants. It is not touchy to take offense at the smallest thing. It does not even notice when others do it wrong. Love does not nit-pick, scold, or chide. We are to do well by all. Even to those who hate us. We are to pray for them. Remember God loves us all and this earth is a training ground for all his children. Not just Christians, but everyone. Yes He wants all to seek Him, but this place is simply a training ground. For while what we see everyday is very real to our natural senses, in the spiritual realm, these same objects and actions are merely made, just a mirage if you will. The truth lies in the energy choices behind the actions and creations. As Christians, we are to pray that God will intervene in our lives and the lives of others and bless them. And God most certainly will. He told us to ask that we should receive. This is what we are to do. We need to ask our Creator for our own souls and the souls of others to be born again and on the path to relationship and wholeness. We must acknowledge however that only the Holy Spirit

in Christ and not we ourselves can bring health and wholeness. We are joint creators in all endeavors. We can do nothing of ourselves. When we speak of love and humility in action, it is a cognizance that we do not have the power in ourselves to save any soul in any manner whether it be our own or our neighbors. The heavenly Father wants us to come to Him. Do you really want to do it alone or wouldn't you rather enlist the help of the author of all creation, the One who created all things out of nothing. When there is wholeness in the soul there will be light in the body. Choices perpetuate choices and after practice and time, you will learn to walk the path of your life's journey.