

# Insights

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## What's Your Position?

This question came to me as I watched people come forward for ministry while in a recent church service Peggy and I attended. The altar call was for those who had a need in their life and wanted to be prayed for. I am so glad for churches that take time to minister with the laying on of hands and operating in the gifts of the Spirit. As I watched I thought to myself, "I wonder how many of these people are coming in faith expecting to receive? How many really believe or have confidence?" I have ministered to many people who don't know the will of God. People (Christians) who don't realize they are asking the Lord for something that actually already belongs to them through Christ. In other words, they are not coming to God from a position of faith, believing God has provided, but in hopes that God will provide. That is worth thinking about for just a minute! There is a huge difference in coming to God with confidence in His Word and coming to God hoping He will do what He says. Let's use healing for example, you are a believer and you need healing in your body. If your position is to coming to God asking Him to heal you then you are assuming He has what you need and you are believing He will give it to you. Sounds good but, taking that position tells me you believe God can heal or hoping He does, not that He has. Then there is the position I believe is the one that gets results, when you come to God not believing He will heal you but standing on His Word that says, "*By His stripes you were healed*" 1Peter 2:24 and Isaiah 53:5. I don't come to God if I am feeling unworthy or when I have sinned asking Him to save me again or to please make me holy. I come to God based on the blood of Jesus who has cleansed me, has saved me and has made me holy. I do what Hebrews 4:16 says, "*Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*" My position is a position of faith standing on God's Word that I am a new creation in Christ 2 Cor. 5:17 and I do not rely on how I feel to make me holy or even how I act at times (good or not) but I rely on Jesus and what He has done for me.

So how does this apply to healing? The same way, I do not rely on how I feel to determine whether or not I am healed. I take my position in the Word of God and thank God for what He has already done for me through Jesus Christ. I speak to my body and tell it what the Word says about my healing. See, I am coming from a position of already having received healing by faith in His Word. Many people talk to God about their sickness or disease and hope that God is listening and will have compassion on their situation. But as believers we should be talking (speaking the Word) to the sickness, disease or pain (not calling it ours) but denying it the right to be there. Matthew 8:8 NKJV "*The centurion answered and said, 'Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed.'*" I love this story, the centurion came to Jesus telling him how bad his servants situation was, Jesus replied, "I will come heal him." Remember it is God's will to heal! Then the centurion changed his position from one of need to one of faith! He said, "Only speak the word and my servant will be healed." What's awesome is we are not waiting on Jesus to speak the Word because He already has! Praise God we have a book called the Bible that is full of God's words. Take time to find out what the Word says about what you are facing and then speak the Word of God to it!

Tim

## You Choose

## Peggy's Corner



Everyday we find ourselves making choices. Some are life changing others are insignificant. Most make their decisions based on educated reasoning. Maybe like myself you have made a pros and cons list. Very logical and sound reasoning but most often that leaves us second guessing ourselves. Now I know someone is thinking of Luke 14:28 where Jesus says count the cost. Jesus is speaking of being His disciple. Can you leave everything you know, trust and believe, and deny your flesh to follow Him? The Word of God gives us a more sure way of making choices. Adam and Eve made the first life or death choice in the garden. They chose to eat from the tree of the knowledge (awareness) of good (pleasing, acceptable) and evil (adversity, distress, harm) not the tree of life (nourish, quicken, be whole). They chose death not only for themselves but for everyone. The death that they ate of was passed from them to their children so we were all infected with death in our spirit, soul and body. But, God made a way through His Son Jesus Christ to give everyone the opportunity to make their own choice just like Adam and Eve. Which tree will you eat from? Make your decisions based on life (faith, The Spirit of God) not on knowledge (human reasoning, flesh).

**John 10:10 (KJV)** "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

**Genesis 2:16-17 (NKJV)** "And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eat thereof thou shalt surely die."

And just like in the garden God tells us what is the right choice.

**Romans 5:18-21 (KJV)** "Therefore as by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord."

**Romans 8:6-9 (KJV)** "For to be carnally minded *is death*; but to be spiritually minded *is life and peace*. Because the carnal mind *is enmity against God*: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

**Proverbs 18:20 (KJV)** "A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; *and* with the increase of his lips shall he be filled."

**Proverbs 18:21 (KJV)** "Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof."

As you read through these scriptures you can see that God desires good for us but we have a choice of what we are going to eat! What kind of spiritual food are you eating? What choices are your making? I encourage you choose life!

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