



TEMPLE TALK

SPIRITUAL THEME FOR JULY

Praise the Lord to the Miracle Temple Family and the people of God everywhere. I greet you in the Matchless Name of Jesus! Our Spiritual Theme for August 2017 is "Relationship Goals". Recently I taught a bible study lesson on "Healthy Relationships" and out of that lesson we will expand on the subject. The relationship between God and man as well as the relationship between man and man will be explored for the next few weeks. Please feel free to invite a friend or family member to be our guest in August.

If you are unable to attend bible study at 7 pm, you can watch on 'Facebook Live' or call our conference line and listen in; (605)475-3200 using access code 943444#

Until our next communication,
Pastor T Marc Gandy

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN:

Praise The Lord to my Miracle Temple Family and to the people of God everywhere. I greet you all in the Matchless Name of Jesus!

Hear me when I say that this is not the time to go back to the mediocrity, that God has delivered you from. In this season, it is of utmost importance that you stay focused and run the race that is set before you. The enemy wants to distract you because his theory is that if he can move you out of place, it will take you that much longer to catch up to God. Can I share this with you? God is not impressed with fanfare, nor is he impressed with glitz and glamour. What gets God's attention is dedication and hard work.

Satan tries to undermine the move of God in your life when he sees that you are getting closer to your goal. Remember the words that you shared with your inner self, "greater is he that is in me than he that is in the world". Keep reminding yourself that you can do all things through Christ Jesus. You are in the fight of your life and the good news is you're winning!

Submission deadline for the next issue of temple talk is Sunday, August 27th, 2017. Please get approval for inclusion from Pastor Gandy before handing over any work. Thank you.

SOME PRINCIPLES FOR GODLY RELATIONSHIPS:

BE RIGHTLY RELATED TO GOD BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST

The key to loving relationships is that God has transformed your heart by His grace and love in sending His Son to die for your sins. As Jesus told the disciples just before He went to the cross, they were to love one another just as He had loved them (John 13:34). When you live daily in light of the truth that the Son of God loved you and gave Himself for you, you have the proper foundation to love others, even those who are not easy to love.

AFFIRM THE VALUE AND CONTRIBUTION OF EACH PERSON

How long has it been since you've told your mate or your children how much you appreciate them in a specific way? Maybe someone at church has ministered to you or encouraged you. Let the person know, either verbally or by a written note, how much you appreciate what he or she did.

PRAY FOR THE PERSON AND TELL HIM SO

Paul tells Philemon that he thanks God for him and prays for him (v. 4). Again, be careful to be genuine about this! Don't say, "I'll pray for you" to sound spiritual, and then fail to pray. When we pray for one another, God uses it to form a bond of love.

NEVER FORGET GOD'S GRACE TOWARD YOU

Paul begins and ends (vv. 3, 25) by mentioning God's grace, and it was more than a polite formality. As I recently pointed out, God's grace was at the center of Paul's life. It summed up everything about how he related to God and to others. If we have been shown grace, then we need to show grace to others. If we want to be shown more grace, then we've got to give more grace to others. Philemon may have thought, "Onesimus doesn't deserve forgiveness!" Precisely! Grace is always undeserved. Don't ever forget it!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

August 2nd / Brother Terrill Delan Orme

August 7th / Mother Lerline Gandy

August 9th / Evangelist Betty Pugh

August 13th / Sister Diane Holmes

August 17th / Sister Gloria Jackson

August 23rd / Sister Alice Hill

August 26th / Sister Deidre "Dee Dee" Pugh

The Bible is inexhaustible by humanity because it is the eternal Word of God given to man, never to become obsolete or irrelevant. Abraham Lincoln one said, "The Bible is the best gift God has given to man. All the good the Savior gave to the world was communicated through this book. But for it we could not know right from wrong. All things most desirable for man's welfare, here and hereafter, are to be found portrayed in it."

(Excerpt from 'The Unchangeable Truth' by Bishop Marion E. Wright Sr., Ph.D.)

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