



SPIRIT BREEZE

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BACK TO BASICS

Basics. The word brings to mind physical necessities such as water, food, shelter and sleep, but what about the basics of relationships or businesses or education or even ministry? Basics are foundational parts that hold the whole of something together and give it purpose, direction and boundaries.

Everything needs a structure from which to build. The human body needs a skeletal structure. Without it our body would be useless, like a pool of jelly on the ground! Even our brain depends on the skeletal structure to hold everything in place so that the nerves that inform the brain can function properly.

It is the same in every area of life; in relationships, business, education, government, and in the ministry of the Body of Christ. Basics are the structure upon which everything else builds, the foundation for the success of whatever is built upon it. There are times we disregard the importance of the structure, because it is "hidden" (like our bones), until something goes wrong.

Taking care of the basics in life is not always glamorous or exciting. Our society doesn't always honor the things that are most foundational because it is not what gets attention, and we tend to be very self-focused rather than other-focused. Those tasks and responsibilities associated with what previous generations saw as duty are no longer held in high esteem.

Our nation is reaping the consequences of failing to honor the basics. The American family is decaying because the basic structure of family has been neglected. The equation for a healthy family in God's economy looks something like this:

Father + Mother + Love + Respect + Communication + Forgiveness + Boundaries = Healthy Family

Basic ingredients make the foundation for success. Success does not happen when those are missing, since non-essentials - money, possessions, status, power, individualism - cannot make up for a lack of the basics. When our families fail, then our education system fails, and then businesses fail and government fails.

God has designed the family to be the Basic ingredient in a healthy society. It is the structure from which everything else is supported, given purpose and held within healthy boundaries. The success of the family leads to success in every other arena. Christian community is the

next necessary ingredient, for within it disciples are made.

But there is a more essential foundation, the foundation upon which successful families, communities and nations are built. That is the foundation of Jesus Christ.

"For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building. By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care.

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work.

If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward." 1 Corinthians 3:9-14

Considering the Basics:

- How is my relationship with God? Have I been neglecting it?
- How are my relationships with my family, friends and coworkers?
- Is there trustworthiness on my part? Or have I offended someone and need to ask forgiveness?
- What are the basics in other areas of my life? - work, ministry, community
- Are there basic duties I am responsible for that need my attention?
 - * Love God above all
 - * Love my neighbor as myself
 - * Honor my father and mother
 - * Be thankful
 - * Pray
 - * Live in humility

None of us has done everything perfectly, But because of the grace of God, we get to start each new day as the first day of the rest of eternity! No matter what the past, today is a new day offering a fresh start and for that I am truly grateful.
-Tracy

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A Parable that Defines our Lives

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Many of Jesus' teachings were in the form of a parable. A parable is a short story, using familiar images to explain divine and eternal truth. He used parables so that those who believed in him could understand what he was talking about and those who did not believe in him or rejected him, would not and could not understand. [Luke 8:9, 10] A person must have ears to hear!

One such short story has eternal truth that surely applies to the age in which we live. It is the Parable of the Sower, recorded in Luke 8:5-15. In a capsule form, this is it. "A farmer went out to sow seed. Some fell along the path and the birds ate it. Some fell on rock and it soon withered because it had no moisture. Other seed fell among thorns and was choked out. Still others fell on good soil and produced a harvest."

When asked by his disciples to explain it, he replied, "*The seed is the Word of God. Those along the path are they who hear the Word and then the devil comes and removes it from their heart. Others receive the Word with joy when they hear it but have no root and they fall away in times of testing. Others receive the Word, but it is choked out of their lives by worries, riches and pleasures. Others hear the Word, receive it into their lives, allow it to grow, persevere in their commitment and the result is a harvest in their lives.*"

Most of us Believers like to think that we are the good soil and the Word of God is planted in a life that is committed to Christ, willing to persevere and allow our lives to produce a harvest of righteousness and right living that impacts the lives of those around us and, at the same time, honors the name of our Lord.

In reality however, throughout our Christian journey, we, at one time or another, are each one of these soils mentioned in Jesus' parable. We must confess that there are times – [*perhaps even now for some of us*], when we hear the Word of God and it falls on a well beaten path in our lives [*"Oh, we've heard all of that before"*], or a hardened part of our heart, and, first thing we know, doubt and/or unbelief, or the devil, snatches it away.

Then too, we have all experienced the time when the soil of our lives received the Word of God with joy and were – [*perhaps even now, for some*], excited about it. Then, without taking time to water it with Bible Study or Worship or Prayer, it withers away when our faith is challenged by unbelievers or people of a different religious persuasion.

In our culture it becomes very clear that we have those times when we receive God's Word and the issues and circumstances of our lives choke it out.

This can be true, even for the faithful. Where can I get the financial resources to pay the monthly bills, put food on the table, meet the medical expenses, take care of my family, save for my vacation or buy a season ticket for the home team, etc.? The cares of the world choke out the Word of God. Life happens, we say!

Then, there is also the real possibility that with the Lord's help, God's Word falls into our lives and finds rich soil in our hearts with the result of a changed life, a willingness to die to self and produce a harvest of righteousness and right living that impacts all of life around us. Jesus spoke, on another occasion, of the fact that "*If a seed does not die, it remains a single kernel of wheat. But if it dies, it will produce many seeds.*" [John 12:24] Dying to self allows the seed of God's Word to take root in a rich soil.

"Lord God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, break up the hardened places in my life and my heart. Water my life with your Word and your Spirit so that I may stand in the day of testing. Deliver me from sin and earthly pleasures that so easily entangle and choke out your Word. Prepare my life to be a rich soil into which your Word is planted and the roots of its seed reaches down deep and draws up the spiritual nourishment that produces spiritual fruit for your Kingdom. I humbly ask this in Jesus Name. Amen."

Matching Funds for May

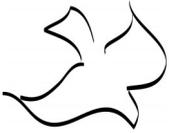
Wind of the Spirit Ministries was blessed with a contributor who was willing to match all contributions during the month of May. Thanks to all who gave, Wind of the Spirit received \$8519 that was then matched! We praise God for allowing us to be co-workers with you in his Kingdom!

Annual Board and Council Meeting

The Board and Council will be coming together for our Annual Meeting on July 13th at 12:30pm. Our Board, Council and bylaws are the structure that gives this ministry a foundation from which to build. Decisions regarding the Kenya mission will be made and we will celebrate the ministry opportunities the Lord has given Wind of the Spirit Ministries. Of course, there will be food, laughter and fellowship as always!

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MINISTRY CALENDAR

“The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.” Ephesians 4:11,12



PLEASE POST AND PRAY FOR THESE EVENTS

OTHER MINISTRY EVENTS ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES
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July 3	Philippines Mission Meeting
13	Wind of the Spirit Ministries Annual Board and Council meeting.
17-21	Aldersgate 2019 in Springfield, Illinois. Rev. Larry Eddings, will be the keynote speaker at the Clergy/Spouse Breakfast.
August 6-10	Healing Academy in Silverdale, Washington
September 7	Philippines Mission Fundraising Dinner and Auction in Silverdale, Washington.
October	Motivational Gifts Seminar, Silverdale, WA is in the planning stages