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Recently I was reading a book by Derek Prince, and a comment he made stood out to me. It was in response to a question people kept asking him about what the spiritual stronghold (or mindset) might be over the United States. He went on to say that those in the U.S. and those in England use different terms for the war between America and Great Britain from 1775-1783. The English call it the American War for Independence, but in the U.S. it is called the American Revolution.

There is a difference between the two. In my mind it is a difference of attitude. Today the news is filled with people who are revolting against many things, some of which are appropriate and just. Others not so. I frequently see bumper stickers that read, "Resist", though these do not say what exactly is to be resisted.

The attitude in this country has changed dramatically in recent years. We are a nation at war within; warring with one another. Abraham Lincoln said "a house divided against itself cannot stand." This is a biblical concept from Matthew 12:22-28:

"Then one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, blind and mute; and He healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw. And all the multitudes were amazed and said, 'Could this be the Son of David?'"

Now when the Pharisees heard it they said, 'This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons.'

But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: 'Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand?'

And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.

We as followers of Christ cannot fall into the attitude of revolting against everyone who thinks differently than we do. Yes, we are to resist evil in

every form, but we must be careful that we are yielding to the Holy Spirit even **as we resist** and **in the way we resist evil**. *Ephesians 5:21* says, "Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ."

The Greek word for submit is *hypotassō*: submit or yield. Strong's Lexicon states:

"This word was a Greek military term meaning "to arrange [troop divisions] in a military fashion under the command of a leader". In non-military use, it was "a **voluntary attitude of giving in, cooperating, assuming responsibility, and carrying a burden**".

Christians are to yield to God and to one another out of reverence for God. It *is* possible to resist something that is wrong without rejecting the one who is in the wrong. We must be willing to examine our attitude at every turn. It is far too easy to fall into the same mindset as the rest of the world.



Our culture has ingrained in us the idea that we must constantly be alert to offenses. And that when we are offended, we must strike back, because after all we must advocate for ourselves!!! But we as Christians are not to focus on ourselves. Christ died for us when we were the most offensive. There is no justification for an attitude of rebellion in us. We have an advocate, Jesus Christ, and He will defend us. We are to follow his selfless example and think more highly of others.

*"Do **nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit**. Rather, in humility **value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.**"* Phil 2:3-4

God, help me not to take offense, but to focus on the sacrifice of Christ and the needs of others. Unite us with you, Father.

-Tracy

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Last month, we published an article from our colleagues in India regarding the problem of Alzheimer's. The article asked for readers to respond if the Lord has given them insight into how we as Christians may deal with this devastating disease. Following is a testimony from Jim, a long time friend of Wind of the Spirit Ministries. It is a blessing and an encouragement to read!

Your August letter in Spirit Breeze touched me. Both my parents died as a result of Alzheimer's. My Mom in 2008 as a result of an acquired infection she got while living in a nursing home in Iowa for Alzheimer's patients. My Dad as a result of choking on a piece of food last March while in a nursing home for Alzheimer's patients in Mexico.

I must confess that I didn't pray for healing of their Alzheimer's. I accepted it and prayed for help with them as a result of that illness.

It seems apparent to me that what appears to be a big increase in Alzheimer's in older adults and Autism and other related ailments in younger people is a form of spiritual warfare in these times.

Despite my not praying for healing of my parent's Alzheimer's the Lord has been good to them and with my relationship with them. There is some background information that I want to give you that I have found encouraging:

I don't know if you know my story but I did not have any contact with my parents for almost 30 years of my adult life. There was a lot of dysfunction in all of our family relationships. In my opinion my Mom was not "right in the head" and was abusive. In my opinion my Dad worked, played and checked out leaving us kids to fend with our Mom. I was the oldest. They eventually divorced when I was in my early 20's.

I came to the Lord at age 49. Over several years after my salvation experience the Lord healed me of my family hurts...enough so that I desired to try and renew a relationship with both parents. My Mom came first since it was easier to write off her behavior as due to mental problems. My Dad, not so easy.

When I reconnected with my Mom in 2003 I told her that the only reason I was back in her life was because of Jesus. She looked at me in amazement for the the 1st hour we spoke. When I left the room my Mom turned towards Diane and said that she wanted that too. Diane led my Mom to the Lord. My Mom still had issues but I could see a visible positive change in her in the 5 years that I was with her...until she went to be with the Lord.

Later with my Dad I wrote a letter to him asking to reconnect and giving him my phone #...I sat on the letter for a bit...then mailed it. My Dad called me after he received the letter...on his birthday...which I

didn't know was his birth date. He said my letter was the best birthday present he had ever received. We talked on the phone and later met in person. I told my Dad the same thing as my Mom, that Jesus was the reason I was back into his life. I witnessed to him a lot over the years but he always said "I have to read more, I have to think more about it". I gave him a Bible but I don't know if he ever really opened it... A very different response than my Mom.

Three to four years ago my Dad started showing signs of dementia...bad enough that over 3 years ago he said to me "How do I know you? I feel comfortable with you." several times during a visit with him. My Dad and Stepmom Joyce live in Baja, California between Rosarito and Ensenada.

It has been a struggle with me knowing that Dad had dementia and appeared to have not accepted Jesus in his life. I have talked to the Lord about that...told Him that I trust Him to make a way...and thought about the man on the cross next to Jesus asking Him to remember him in His Kingdom. So my belief is, who knows what the Lord can do in our minds in the last nanoseconds of life? There is always hope for salvation...but that is also predicated on us saying yes. A big surrender for me with my Dad.

In March I went to a Christian men's breakfast. We had group prayer. I was prompted to pray for my Dad's salvation. I almost changed my mind and prayed for something else but just felt that I should pray for my Dad. I asked the Lord to make a way in my Dad's mind for my Dad's salvation...and other things for him that I can't recall now. It was a heart-felt prayer.

That night Joyce phoned me and told me that my Dad had choked on some food at lunch at the nursing home that day and that he died after unsuccessful attempts to help him. She also told me that Dad earlier that morning had tried to talk some nursing home residents into "escaping".

My Dad was physically reasonably healthy despite the dementia so I thought he had more time...but he didn't. I cried when I got off the phone with Joyce but then started to take great comfort in the prompting I had, to pray for my Dad's salvation just hours before his death. Nothing is by "accident" with the Lord!

Over the next day I contacted all the Martin side of the family about my Dad's death. My Uncle John, younger brother of my Dad and a Christian remarked that my Dad got his wish about escaping from the nursing home. We both were able to laugh about that. I also shared with my Uncle John about my It is amazing how the Lord loves us so...understands and knows of everything. Despite the sadness I experienced at my Dad's death I took/take great comfort in the Holy Spirit's direction, comfort and love for me and mine!



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I had an experience a week later while doing my lap swim at the Bangor pool. I had this thought/vision pop into my mind. It was of Jesus standing up with His arms out and encouraging to somebody in a "come to Papa sort of way". He kept saying over and over "Here son, come here!" I imagined it was like a foghorn blaring in a dense fog. Then I thought of the "fog of dementia" in my Dad's mind. Jesus was not looking at me, I was to the side observing all this but couldn't see who He was speaking to or if there was a response from the person He was speaking to.

One could say that my mind was wandering in boredom during my lap swim, but I think not!

We had a celebration of life for my Dad in Mexico last month. Most of Dad & Joyce's friends were there. I got the impression that very few of them were Christ followers. My sister Susan who is an agnostic/atheist was also there. The Lord gave me encouragement and boldness. I told everybody there what I just wrote in this e-mail. I believe those were seeds sown...and I trust that some fell on good earth.

Back to your request for how to pray for those with Alzheimer's (and I would say Autism as well). I have pondered this but I have not specifically prayed for anybody with those afflictions.

First I would thank Jesus for His love for all of us. I would invite His Spirit, His Love, and His Mercy into the situation/illness. Then I would speak the Word over the situation (the Word of God is a two edged sword, a weapon for us believers). I would continue to thank Jesus for His love in that person's life.

Some passages that come to mind:

Isaiah 54:17 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

No weapon that is formed against you will prosper; And every tongue that accuses you in judgment you will condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, And their vindication is from Me," declares the Lord.
NO WEAPON FORMED AGAINST US WILL PROSPER! THE LORD IS OUR VINDICATION!

Romans 12:2 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.
WE HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST!

Psalms 34:7 New American Standard Bible (NAS)

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, And rescues them.
WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PROTECTION LORD!

Isaiah 46:4 New American Standard Bible (NASB))

Even to your old age I will be the same, And even to your graying years I will bear you! I have done it, and I will carry you; And I will bear you and I will deliver you.
EVEN IN OUR OLD AGE LORD YOU WILL DELIVER US!

Jeremiah 29:11 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.
THANK YOU LORD FOR YOUR GOODNESS, A FUTURE AND HOPE!

This is what has been on my heart and mind regarding this warfare against mankind's minds in these times.

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MINISTRY CALENDAR

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OTHER MINISTRY EVENTS ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES
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October 24-26	Motivational Gifts Seminar, Silverdale, Washington.
February	Kenya Calling. Intensive training event for Kenyan Pastors, Silverdale, Washington.
Mar 19-Apr 4	Philippines Mission. Teaching event for Pastors and church leaders, Cebu, Philippines. Medical Mission, Cebu. Medical Mission, Pangasinan, Philippines Public Healing Service for the community Medical Mission, Cavite, Philippines Public Healing Service for the community