

## **Do You Have the Will Nuts and Bolts for Changing and Rearranging! *Slide Notations***

**Last Week...** Read you the new Volunteer Applicant cover letter... Addressing safe-serving, moral-modeling! No illegal drug use, no legal-drug abuse, no use of alcohol or tobacco products... No illicit sexual activity: fornication, adultery, homosexuality, adultery, pornography... **All carry unique spirits...**

**Last Week...** Told you there would be people who would read it and become angry... Made it clear, not legislating behavior... Governing influences release/esp on children! Missing the moment for changing and rearranging! To go all-out for mission! **J4.34 5.17-37 6.38, 57 8.49-54 10.17, 30 12.28,49,50 (one gospel)**

**Sometimes change means choice... most times challenge... and if ever you find yourself angry about doing right... you're there!**

**When it means challenge, you either step down or step up, you either bow up or bow down!**

**Who wants to be guilty of despising the work of the Spirit of God, of refusing the shaping hand of God?**

**Hebrews 12.5-13** Don't despise the chastening of the Lord, *nor faint* when you are rebuked of Him, for whom the Lord loves, He chastens – and He is dealing with you as a son and what son does a father not chasten? No chastening for the moment is joyous, but grievous; nevertheless afterwards, it yields the fruit of righteousness to those who are exercised by it! Make straight paths for your feet so that you aren't maimed – instead be healed!

If thou “slacken” (slow down, leave, go down) in the day of “tightness” or trouble, your vigor is small (a “pebble”)! **Pr 24.10** Having the promises of God's love and adoption, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit perfecting holiness in the fear of the Lord! **2C7.1** Don't be fashioned by the world, Be changed by the renovation of your mind! **R12.2**

**Confrontations to change, “lay down life” for others...**

**Real Life Victory Stories...** Something has been eating at me since Sunday's service. I need to apologize. I never read the fine print on the application. I was just excited about volunteering and doing something for the church I love attending. The church I always talk about as MY church. I am embarrassed to say that I am a smoker. I have been smoking since I was 19, I quit when I was pregnant with my children. I smoke less now than I did before but I still smoke. I'm such a hypocrite and why do I even continue going to church when I'm not 100% where I should be. I've been feeling like a loser all day, who do I think I am trying to tell others about Jesus? What bothers me is that I help w/the 2nd/3rd graders once a month and I LOVE IT. Now I have to let that go till I stop. I'm sorry. This really hurts me. I'm afraid you might be thinking wrong of me now. I am usually a strong willed person but I can't seem to kick this. I'm sorry to have disappointed you, the church and GOD.

**Response...** No one is disappointed by honesty... God is only expecting a “right turn...” Wasn't in the fine print... You already know how to quit for love... There is no condemnation in Christ... Church is the exact right place for those who aren't 100% - becoming biggest “world-losers!”

**Result?** “Don't need it. Stopping so I can serve the Lord and the kids!”

**Real Life Victory Stories...** I want to cry... I've been averaging 2 hrs. of sleep a night... my head feels like it's going to explode... I've been seeing the dark shadowy things & the irritating sparkly flashy things... my cough is worse... my jaws hurt from chewing gum... the whole itching thing is going on... it's a total pain... but... I get it... it's alright, I'm alright & it's going to pass...

**Response... Perfect!** This isn't the kind of addiction that you can't kick. Your body will rebel. But the struggle is temporary... And when it's over, you won't be willing to go back there again! Sometimes, making the right decision after making the wrong decision, costs!

**Result?** "Miserable but it's going to pass," → "It's all good, or will be soon," → "Letting you know it's been a pretty good day!"

**Real Life Victory Stories...** "I can't believe I'm here doing this, but I'm leaving the church!" Where does this end? Who are we going to pick on next? (mindset) So do you want your grandchildren to smoke cigars? "NO!" Then why leave an example? And the spirit driving it...

**All three started down a pathway of renovation without even understanding the real issue!**

**The real issue...** Heard about the harmless game of Russian Roulette? Isn't it harmless if no one gets hurt? What could be going on behind the scenes? "Nothing happened to bubba/dad/ grandpa all this time, I don't see the harm in 'playing' too!" "BAM!" Spirit wants to play "misery" with this one...!

**The real issue...** The Spirit of suicide... The issue of suicide is taking your life, your future, into your own hands... Talk you into it with smoke/smokeless... I can talk you into risk with drugs, alcohol & vehicles, whatever! Is this worth holding on to? Is it worth fighting for? **1C8.9-13 10.23,24,31,33**

**We have defined ourselves as Christians, and that means, every day, we follow Christ!**

**If that means re-arranging our lives, laying stuff down for the sake of others, so be it!**

**And so it's clear, it's not about giving up but *stepping up* to the height we have in Christ!**

**Nuts and Bolts... Rearranging our schedule/itinerary...** Jesus began His day conversing w/Father! Spent His day walking among the people... Connected to the culture... Out of His way for the overlooked... A willing misery magnet! And every moment of the day He was listening for more from above! Closed out/more convo/Dad!

**Rearranging our use of money...** Render to Caesar what is his! **Mk12.17** Render to God what is His! **Lk 20.25 M3.10** Provide for family! **1T5.8** Pay debts! **R13.8 Pr3.27** Give to the poor! **Mt6.1-4 Lev 19.10** Relieve the saints! **Gal 6.10** Leave an inheritance for kids and grandchildren! **Pr13.22**

**Rearranging our focus...** Affections above! **Col 3.1-3** Fleeing youthful lusts! **2T2.22** Forsaking our covenant with the world order! **Jam4.4 1J2.15-17** Building faith! **R10.17 Jude 23** Laying up treasure in heaven! **Mt6.19-21 Lk12.16-21 16.9-13 1C3.9-15 2C9.10-12 1T6.17-19**

**The changing and rearranging to be a Christ-follower isn't hard... the word comes with power...**

**It's not knowing, what and how and when and where and why, that makes this hard and anxiety riddled...**

**DYHTW to take the steps to know what to do? To begin making the style changes that change life?**

**Beginning the Change...** If we must change and rearrange around Jesus... have to know/see Him! The four Gospels; Matthew, Mark, Luke and John... four dimensions of Jesus! 89 chapters of "vital statistics" every believer must know to be successful! **How will you approach it?** Day? Days? Weeks? Months? **Lose a habit, change habits!**