

# S.O.H.L.

## WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

*Pronounced "Soul"*

November 7, 2011

### An Ordered Life

**PROVERBS 29:16-27** NLT - (16) When the wicked are in authority, sin flourishes, but the godly will live to see their downfall. (17) Discipline your children, and they will give you peace of mind and will make your heart glad. (18) When people do not accept divine guidance, they run wild. But whoever obeys the law is joyful. (19) Words alone will not discipline a servant; The words may be understood, but they are not heeded. (20) There is more hope for a fool than for someone who speaks without thinking. (21) A servant pampered from childhood will become a rebel. (22) An angry person starts fights; a hot-tempered person commits all kinds of sin. (23) Pride ends in humiliation, while humility brings honor. (24) If you assist a thief, you only hurt yourself. You are sworn to tell the truth, but you dare not testify. (25) Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but trusting the LORD means safety. (26) Many seek the ruler's favor, but justice comes from the LORD. (27) The righteous despise the unjust; the wicked despise the godly.

The women's choir celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Celeste honored God as she glorified Him with a song. She is gifted with a beautiful soprano voice, and her joy overflowed as she praised God. Immediately after the anniversary, Celeste fellowshiped with her fellow choir members and friends at the dinner for the choir, which was held in the fellowship hall. Because she had dinner plans later that evening, she didn't eat much. A hour later, Celeste walked into a secluded restaurant, she saw Michael sitting at a table in the corner. He stood up and pulled out her chair. Before Celeste had a seat, she leaned over to kiss him. Michael smiled as he said, "Teresa will be at her mother's tonight. Let's make plans to spend the night together." Celeste quickly responded, "I packed an overnight bag." "*I was hoping your wife would find somewhere else to stay tonight.*"

- 1) Celeste sung in the choir at her church. Do you believe that God was pleased with her gift of singing?  
**GENESIS 4:3-16**
- 2) Michael and Celeste met in a secluded restaurant. What does that word "secluded" mean to you and what verse in the bible speaks on their action(s)? **JOB 34:21 ; ECCLESIASTES 12:14 ; LUKE 12:2-3.**
- 3) Michael said let's make plans to spend the night together. What does the Bible say about your plans?  
**JAMES 4:17 ; PSALMS 37:23 ; PROVERBS 16:9**
- 4) Celeste made the statement, "I packed an overnight bag. I hoped your wife would find somewhere else to stay tonight." How does this statement relate to **PROVERBS 29:20**

Who is **in** control of your life? Are you doing things and actually believing that God is being glorified? Before the church (structure) can be in order, it starts with the individual (church). If you have said "Yes", God order my steps. Allow Him to do just that. Don't let people fool you! Hear and heed to His word. Don't think you have time and you can't be removed from this planet or you will grow old thinking it will be easier to transition. Allow God to order your life now! And even if you are older, **LUKE 1:37.**

#### SCRIPTURE READING

ECCLESIASTES 10:1-5

#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

No mask will hide your sin from God.

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