

SOHL
WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS



"A JOURNEY OF THE HEART"

Stop being passive and fight!

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MATTHEW 13:5 NKJV – (5) Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth.

I become so annoyed when I hear lazy Christians making the following statements.....

"Well child, I leave it to God." "Well it don't make no sense fighting' this is God's battle." "Anyhow...this will work for the good no matter what they do."

I want to make abundantly clear that in spite of these statements you do have a **role** to play in the victory that has been assigned to you. The reality is that your ordained victory will be based solely on your cooperation as it relates to your role in any situation placed before you.

The phrase frequently used by followers of Christ - ***"What God has for me is for me"*** - could falsely give one the impression that no matter the situation, God will take care of them. This is a lie from the pit of hell, calculated by the enemy to make a Christian a lazy, procrastinating believer...a false belief that there is no fight involved. This way of thinking makes way for Satan and his host to devour whatever it is that God has for you.

Satan has the ability and right to re-route your destiny and misplace your end results...results that God has already declared as victorious but not if you continue to passively sit back and do or say absolutely nothing. Satan's success will always require your full co-operation. In essence, you unknowingly become a co-conspirator in your own demise.

Consistently displaying passive behavior will encourage others to take advantage of you, either consciously or subconsciously. In the short-term, you feel that your behavior is rewarded and approved of by others which you view as positive. However, in the long-term, you will be required to make more significant sacrifices to maintain external approval, leading to resentment as you are confronted with the burden or others' expectations of you.

Stand for what is right in the sight of God. Do not rationalize it...stand up and be active in your action. Statements like ***"Well I don't like that, but we are still tight,"*** gives Satan a stamp of approval to move forward with deciding your fate. This behavior is evident in our churches today and every day. And, it is only intensifying! Tell them what God says (and make sure you are setting the example).

SCRIPTURE READING: REVELATION 2:10

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: P.U.S.H. = Pray Until Something Happens!