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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

Tell It Like It Is Written!

In a recent bible study session, the question was proposed, "Is there anything bad about going to the club?" Immediately, God placed in my heart to say to them, "What's in the club that will give God glory or what's in a club that you can take to heaven?" Let us do an analogy of this situation.

Music – the music is not necessarily the negative factor but the words are. The language spoken makes a big difference! Are the words encouraging in your spiritual walk with God or does it bring memories of your past that you need to let go? You know heartbreak, lust or disappointment. Does the music arouse you to move your body in ways that is displeasing to God? Would you dance in front of Him in heaven the same way you dance in a club?

Alcohol - the bible doesn't say you can't drink, but it speaks out on getting drunk. But let's go deeper; The bible speaks on the damaging affects of alcohol, not to mention if we love our fellow brothers and sisters, we limit our liberty. In other words, one will see you drinking and think it's o.k. and instead they could possibly end up getting drunk! You could be the one that caused them to stumble. With that same bottle of alcohol, would you stand before the church and drink and teach? Will the people receive what you are teaching or would it be a distraction?

Fellowship – when we fellowship, what is being spoken? Bad language, lusting, planning the act of fornication. One will say, I go to the club to witness about Christ. Those same people barely witness outside in the streets! What is really their motive?

My brothers and sisters, God is a God of light as I have spoken of many times! There is no darkness in Him! We represent God by being Holy as He has called us to do. Don't try to out think God. As I spoke the following words to the group at the Bible study session, they announced later that they did not want me to lead the sessions any more (persecution for **telling it like it is written**). The Apostle Paul reminded me of the following scripture written:

2 CORINTHIANS 4:2-12 NLT – (2) We reject all shameful deeds and underhanded methods. We don't try to trick anyone or distort the word of God. We tell the truth before God, and all who are honest know this. (3) If the Good News we preach is hidden behind a veil, it is hidden only from people who are perishing. (4) Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God. (5) You see, we don't go around preaching about ourselves. We preach that Jesus Christ is Lord, and we ourselves are your servants for Jesus' sake. (6) For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ. (7) We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves. (8) We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. (9) We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed. (10) Through suffering, our bodies continue to share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies. (11) Yes, we live under constant danger of death because we serve Jesus, so that the life of Jesus will be evident in our dying bodies. (12) So we live in the face of death, but this has resulted in eternal life for you.

What I got from this passage written by Paul was this, don't be afraid, disappointed or hurt. We who truly want to represent Christ must always stand and "**tell it like it is written**."

SCRIPTURE READING

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

You never have to explain something never said.

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