



## Biblical Restoration Ministries

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Dear Friend,

Spring has arrived. What a joy! This is a beautiful season of life filled with fresh flowers, blooming trees, and of course our annual spring cleaning. Often this time of the year we find items around the house that have been misplaced for the past 3 months. I wanted to share a quick letter with you about the importance of spiritual spring cleaning!

In the scriptures Jesus promised His disciples many things. One can be viewed as our spiritual spring cleaning. "If you love me, keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another *Helper* to be with you forever." John 14:16 ESV (italics added)

Cleaning up our spiritual life is often viewed as overwhelming, discouraging, or hopeless. This could be due to years of sin, bad attitudes, or pride in our life. The promise Jesus gave His disciples is that He would help us through the Holy Spirit living in us. (See Eph. 4:30) This giant task is no longer overwhelming when I realize that the Creator of the galaxy is supplying all the power to destroy and dust off the sin patterns in my life.

The love of God is what fuels our lives to walk in freedom. Jesus makes it so simple by stating that all we have to do is love Him! "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in My love." (John 15:9 ESV) The cross points us daily to the love of Jesus. The cross is a great starting point when you feel overwhelmed by life, emotions or temptations. You are loved, and God wants you to remain (or abide) in His love. Jerry Bridges once said that we need to preach the gospel to ourselves every day.

Are you ready to allow Jesus who loves you to clean up your spiritual life? Remember He wants to clean your heart and life because He loves you. Pastor Chris Hodges of Church of the Highlands says, "If God had a refrigerator in heaven, your picture would be on it." When we are willing to live in obedience and choose to love God through our obedience, He not only cleans us, but He cleans us for others to enjoy as well. May the love of Jesus fill your mind and heart this spring, and may your love for Him grow as you feed on Him daily!

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Galatians 6:1 • Restore Such a One...



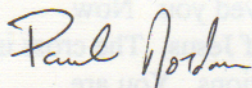
The Quiet Listener -- Cecil Murphy

I Peter 3:12 "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers."

What do we learn from I Peter 3:12? God hears us even when we do not feel as if we have gotten through. When God chooses to listen in silence, it does not mean pleasure or displeasure. It means only that God hears but does not speak. Sometimes the lack of words is more (powerful) profound than any message. In the quietness, we turn inward to ponder our own hearts. We search deeply and hear the sounds of silence. Probably most of us want to talk to God without always speaking words. We want to hear God's silence. We know about God listening and answering. That makes prayer meaningful. Instead of assuming that silence is disapproval or God turning away from us, maybe it's God's most powerful way of communicating. The Quiet Listener may simply want us to experience the stillness. That stillness is something like the value of silence between close friends. Once in a while I have experienced the Quiet Listener that way. I have come into the holy presence and did not need to have anything to pray about. I listened to the silence and enjoyed the moment. I used to say I was basking in the presence of God. I open my heart to God. Tears flow. In the silence, there is consolation. It comes from God, the Quiet Listener.

"It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for Him, to the soul that seeketh Him. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord." Lamentations 3:25-26

Sincerely in Christ,



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