



HOAW Newsletter

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

Edmund Burke

18th Century Irish Statesman

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HELPING MEN LIVE LIVES OF INTEGRITY AND HONOR

Bourgondisms #4

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61. The reason why Jesus is the only way; master, mediator, and messiah; is that, He is God in the flesh; fully human, fully divine and without sin.
...John 1-4, 14, 18; 14:8-11; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:15-17; 2:9-10; Titus 2:13; John 10:30; 20:28; Romans 9:5; Hebrews 1:8; Isaiah 7:14; 9:6; 2 Peter 1:1; Matthew 1:23
62. Titus 2:11-14 presents the fullness of the Gospel in its entirety. Not only does it describe the **BENEFITS** we receive becoming followers of Christ but also the **RESPONSIBILITIES** and responsibilities we have as disciples of Christ. In this succinct passage we have everything we need to present the Gospel in all its richness and completeness.

11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men...

(Jesus is the grace of God personified.)

12 It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives...

(These are the behaviors expected of followers of Christ),

...in this present age...

(We are not to live with our bags packed waiting for someone seven foot tall, wearing white and carrying a sword, to come and usher us home – in other words we are to be proactive in living out our faith in bold relief).

13 while we wait for the blessed hope...

(Jesus will come again in power and glory, proof of the hope we have held until this event.)

...the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ...

(Why is He above anyone else able to save us? Because He is God and Savior; God in the flesh – no other religion can claim the same),

14 who gave himself for us...

(Something we have not earned but is freely given to all who have *RECEIVED* Him as Savior AND Lord)

...to redeem us...

(Deliverance from bondage based on the payment of a price by the Redeemer)

...from all wickedness...

(The natural byproduct of life determined to live apart from God, committed to

independence from God, and who intends to live life on their own terms devoid of any influence from their Creator)

...and to purify for himself a people that are his very own...

(We have been secured with a heavy price, made new in Christ, adopted into His family, restored to good standing in Him, made citizens of His kingdom, and given a new mandate to be ministers of reconciliation in His stead),

...eager to do what is good. NIV

(Commitment to demonstrating our redemption by positive actions that validate the faith we hold – James 2:14-26, living in bold relief bearing fragrant fruit befitting repentance until God calls us home.).

63. Too many Christians refuse to engage. We are like ships tied to a pier. We spend all our time polishing the brass, cleaning oil off our engines, swabbing the deck, and making sure the steering mechanism is operating correctly. We never get the ship away from the pier. Ships were meant for open seas. Get the ship away from the pier! God is not concerned with whether our brass is polished, whether there is oil on our engines, whether our decks are spotless, or whether our gears slip from time to time. Get the ship away from the pier and He will take you to

destinations you have never been, exotic places you have never seen, and horizons you have never enjoyed.

...James 2:14-26; Proverbs 13:4; Colossians 3:23; Proverbs 24:30-34

64. As humans, especially those of us living in the West, we tend to over-estimate what we can accomplish in the short term and under-estimate what we can accomplish in the long term. Our expectations do not always reflect reality. We have a tendency to expect too much too quickly. Much of transformational change is accomplished incrementally, not as a result of a cataclysmic event or circumstance.
...Galatians 6:9; Psalm 37:7-9; Proverbs 6:6-8

65. Satisfaction, success, or significance depends on our grasp of reality and personal expectations based on reality. Conventional rhetoric suggests that our perceptions of reality is reality. That is simply not true. If we are to realize our potential, maximize our efforts, and attain our objectives we must first determine the reality around us and in us. Truth is the beginning of wisdom. Basing our understanding on the reality of truth will help us adjust our expectations accordingly and thereby realize an attainable outcome. The worst thing we can do for another is to suggest and even insist that they can attain or be anything they want to be if you put your mind to it. The truth of the matter is that you can be

anything you are divinely designed to be if you put your mind to it. It all begins with a sober assessment of reality.

...Proverbs 2:6; Philippians 4:8; 1 Peter 2:9

66. We have a responsibility TO others but NOT a responsibility FOR others. The only person we can be responsible FOR is ourselves. Those we are responsible TO must individually take responsibility FOR themselves. What people do with what they receive is up to them and God. It is true that we must be responsible FOR a child who has not reached the age of reason, an incapacitated person who cannot decide for themselves, or a person handicapped by illness or mental dysfunctionality. All others must take responsibility FOR themselves. We, in turn, are responsible TO them but not FOR them.

...Galatians 6:5-6; 1 Corinthians 3:8

67. To derail believers, the Enemy attempts to increase the rate of our activity. If he can get us to move at one mile per hour beyond our designed speed he knows sooner or later we will collapse in utter exhaustion. Remember, Christ was never in a hurry. Some suggest Christ was late to the death of Lazarus. In fact, He was right on time to show the glory of God. Finding Christ on the other side of the lake when the throngs were clamoring for Him, He reminds the apostles that He must be about His Father's business. Each of us

has a pre-ordained design of speed, the increase of which can only lead to eventual collapse emotionally, spiritually, intellectually, or physically.

...*Philippians 4:6; James 5:7; Proverbs 6:6*

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