

Season of the Heart

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A cool and pleasant breeze is sweeping over the land. Sitting on our porch swing, I gaze at colorful leaves on the trees waving and singing a song to their Maker, while others dance about in the air. One day the trees will be made bare, proclaiming fall is here! I am reminded that our Lord changes the times and seasons of the year.

God also changes the seasons of our hearts. Recently, the Holy Spirit gently swept over me and revealed to me the season of my heart. Those hidden thoughts were all laid bare. “Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.” Hebrews 4:13 (NIV)

I sorrowfully admit that I have been in a season of pride. My life has been greatly blessed, but I have failed to recognize God as the source of all my successes. I could not achieve anything apart from the Lord. The words I share in this newsletter are His. If someone is ministered to through these writings, to God be the glory! As I grieved over this sin in my life, God presented a few questions for me to ponder and then directed me to some related scriptures to meditate upon. Now I would like to share with you some soul searching truths He is teaching me.

What is the motive behind my actions? Is it to be known, or to be in control, or perhaps to gain others’ approval? All a man’s ways seem innocent to him, but motives are weighted by the Lord. Proverbs 16:2 (NIV)

Whose path am I on—God’s or mine?

For a man’s ways are in full view of the Lord, and He all examines all His paths.
Proverbs 5:21 (NIV)

Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight. Psalm 119:35 (NIV)

Who will be glorified?

Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain. Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word. Psalm 119:36-37 (NIV)

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. I Cor. 10:31 (NIV)

I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols.
Isaiah 42:8 (NIV)

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable His judgements, and His paths beyond tracing out! Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been His counselor? Who has ever given to God that God should repay him? For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever!
Amen. Romans 11:33-36 (NIV)

As leaves change to beautiful colors of gold, red, yellow, and orange in the autumn, they proclaim God's glory. I have prayed that God will change the season of my heart that my life will magnify Him. I have humbled myself before the Lord and repented of my prideful and self-righteous attitude. I am thankful for His promise in I John 1:9: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

My prayer for you is that you will overflow more and more with love for others, and at the same time, keep on growing in spiritual knowledge and insight, for I want you always to see clearly the difference between right and wrong, and to be inwardly clean, no one being able to criticize you from now until our Lord returns. Philippians 1:9-10 (TLB)

Keep Looking to Jesus!