



*Slow Down,
You Move to
Fast!*
by
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We had just spent 30 days in Guatemala, a third world nation in Central America where things run

much slower than here in the United States. When we arrived in Miami and disembarked the plane we immediately realized we were back in the U.S.! It wasn't because of the nice carpet at the airport, the clean bathrooms with automatic plastic seat covers or all the nicely dressed people. It was because of the people flying by at a such a fast pace! Yes, I thought "We are back in the U.S. the home of fast food, drive through banking and superhighways. Where people move at such a fast rate that we miss out on some of the more important things in life." ***Hopefully you will TAKE the TIME to read this in the midst of your busy schedule, I know the Lord has put it on my heart to share with you!***

I knew from the day we got back it would be a challenge for me to remain in that state of mind where one keeps his or her heart quiet enough to hear from God! ***Well, here it is 30 days later and I have failed miserably!*** Yes, that commitment I made to not fall into the same trap of high speed living where God gets whatever quiet time

I can alot to him amidst all the other "important things" that "must be done". ***Maybe you too have this same battle!***

I find within Christianity in the United States there are those who are always "doing for the Lord" and those who seem to have time to "hear from God" but never seem to accomplish much with all that "knowledge".



Between the two, I know there is that perfect balance and there are those who are living in that realm!

There are those who have learned to take the time to "hear from God" through personal devotion in the Bible and prayer and are also "doers of the word". ***For me, I must learn to do less and listen more! How about you?***

It seems to me, if the word of God is true and I believe that it is, we are to be very fruitful in this life! Jesus even said in John 14:12 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my

Father". ***He wants us to follow His example! Jesus did and said the things the Father told Him to do and say!*** I must admit there are times I do this but I am kind of "hit and miss" with it, are you?

Now, I would like to share a few thoughts from a man of God I have read and respected for years. He has gone on to be with the Lord but the wisdom the Lord invested in his life is still available to us! His name is Leonard Ravenhill and below is an excerpt from his book ***"Why Revival Tarries"***:

"No man is greater than his prayer life. The pastor who is not praying is playing; the people who are not praying are straying. The pulpit can be a shop window to display one's talents; the prayer closet allows no showing off. Poverty stricken as the church is today in many things, she is most stricken here in the place of prayer. We have many organizers, but few agonizers, many players and payers, few pray-ers; many singers, few clingers; lots of

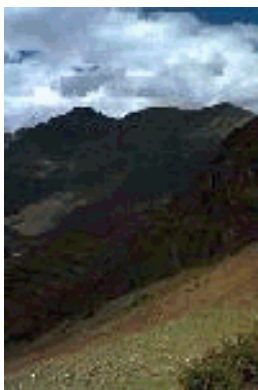
pastors, few wrestlers; many fears, few tears; much fashion, little passion; many interferers, few intercessors; many writers, few fighters. Failing here we fail everywhere!"



The two prerequisites to successful living are vision and passion both of which are born and maintained by prayer. The ministry of preaching is open to few; the ministry of prayer the highest of all human offices is open to all. Spiritual adolescents today say "I'll not go tonight, it's only a prayer meeting." It may be that Satan has little cause to fear most preaching. Yet past experiences sting him to rally all his infernal army to fight against God's people praying. Modern Christians know little of "binding and loosing" though the onus is on us -- "Whatsoever you shall bind..." Have you done this lately? God is not prodigal with His power, but to be much for God, we must be much with God.

The secret of praying is praying in secret. "A sinning man will stop praying, and a praying man will stop sinning."

I pray the above excerpt from Leonard's book has not only blessed you but also has challenged you the way it has challenged me! I know that God's love for us is so deep and divine that He wants to bring us into the fullness of His Kingdom. **Romans 14:17 says, "For the kingdom of God is not meat or drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."**

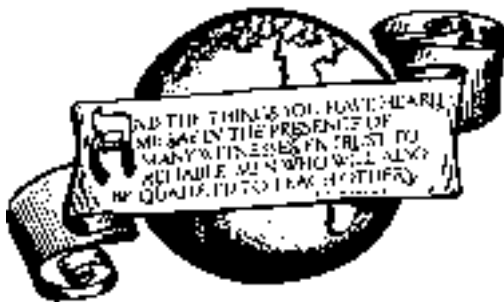


God wants to give us His righteousness, peace and joy in a way that you and I, His children, are able to live above the ways of this world. His word says in Ephesians 2:6 He "has raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." ***I pray all of us in the coming days will learn how to be still and hear from our Heavenly Father, He has so much to tell us!!!***

In His Love,

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