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2 Corinthians 3:2 (KJV)

² Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:

How do people "see" you? Most of the time we don't even think about it, but the Word says that we are "read of all men!" In other words, SOMEONE IS WATCHING YOU!

Through the years, I have seen and heard individuals who make fun of those individuals who teach, preach and practice that it is God's Will to be healed today.

But, just think about it, if you are in that category, you are in GREAT COMPANY, when the Lord Jesus was here in the earth, He went from village to village teaching the Gospel, and healing the sick. JESUS WAS A FAITH HEALER! And people ridiculed Him.

The woman in Mark chapter 5 had been sick for twelve years; she had gone to doctors of that day and had suffered many things. She had spent all of her money, and had actually gotten worse.

Then she had heard of Jesus. She pushed her way through the crowds until she was behind Him. She reached out and touched the hem of His garment. She knew that if she could just touch His clothes, she would be made well. As soon as she touched His robe, she was healed and then HER BODY FELT IT. (She was healed before she felt it).

The Word says that Jesus knew that power had gone out of Him, and He turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?" When He saw the woman, she was trembling and she fell before Him at his feet.

At that point, Jesus turned to her and said, "Daughter your faith has made you whole, go in peace and be healed of your affliction."

Notice, Jesus DID NOT SAY, "church attendance healed her, her donations didn't heal her," or even "your righteousness healed you." What healed her? According to Jesus, HER FAITH MADE HER WHOLE!

In Acts 14, Paul was preaching in Lystra. A man was there who had no strength in his feet, crippled from birth. The Word says that this man had never walked, but he was there listening to Paul preach.

Paul watched this man closely and in verses 9 and 10, the Word says,

Acts 14:9-10 (KJV)

⁹ The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed,

10 Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

This was a great miracle, but did you catch what happened? Paul observed this man intently and, according to the Word, Paul saw that he had enough faith to be healed.

Is faith required for healing? It sure looks that way. When God moves, FAITH IS INVOLVED!

I have people ask me, "are you one of those faith people?" In actuality, it brought a smile to my face...it felt good that someone noticed that I desired to walk by faith.

Faith is REQUIRED by God to please Him! What is faith? It is simply believing that God has done what He said He would do and everything you say and do is based on that belief so that you INSTINCTIVELY place all your trust in His Word!

You and I are being READ by a lot of people, what are they reading? Are you a living epistle, manifesting the Life of God or are you perceived as someone that is no different than they are?

Hebrews 11:6 (KJV)

⁶ But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

2 Peter 1:4 (KJV)

⁴ Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

So, Kathy and I encourage you. BELIEVE the Word of God and ACT ON IT!

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From "American Minute" by William J. Federer

Pilgrims tried communism—and rejected it—replacing it with Property owned by individuals who could then be Charitable!

Socialism and communism are counterfeit early church. And the difference is between the words voluntary and involuntary. Early believers voluntarily sold their property and laid the money at the feet of the Apostles for the church to distribute. They did not have their land taken away from them and be forced to involuntarily lay the money at the feet of Pilate for the Roman Government to redistribute.

In the Bible, each family was given **PROPERTY** in **Promised "Land."** If you own **property**, you can accumulate **possessions.** The Bible calls this being **BLESSED.**

You can them be **moved in our heart** to **voluntarily give away** some of your **possessions.** The Bible calls this **CHARITY**.

If you do not own property and possessions, how can you be charitable? You cannot give away what you do not have. Are you going to steal from others to give it away? Now you have sinned by breaking the Law and are a thief??? This is not what the Bible teaches.

Instead, God blesses you with possessions and then gives you the opportunity to express in this material world the love for others that exists in your heart by voluntarily giving some of your possessions away in charity.

Pilgrim Pastor John Robinson wrote December 15, 1617, that the Pilgrims were: "Knit together as a body in most strict and sacred bond and covenant of the Lord, of the violation whereof we make great conscience, and by virtue whereof we so hold ourselves straitly tied to all care of each other's good, and of the whole by everyone and so mutually."

Massachusetts Governor John Winthrop wrote similarly in A Model of Christian Charity, June 11, 1630: "We are a company, professing ourselves fellow members of Christ...knit together by this bond of love...It is by a mutual consent through a special overruling Providence...between God and us: we are entered into covenant with Him for this work. We must be knit together...make one another's condition our own, rejoice together, mourn together, labor and suffer together...as members of the same body. So shall we keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace...We shall find that the God of Israel is among us...We shall be as a City upon a Hill, the eyes of all people are upon us."

I recently read former **President Ronald Reagan's farewell address on January 11, 1989** and I wanted to share **some** of it with you today; hopefully to stir your thinking: ..."An informed

patriotism is what we want. And are we doing a good enough job teaching our children what America is and what she represents in the long history of the World? Those of us who are over 35 or so years of age grew up in a different America. We were taught, very directly, what it means to be an American. And we absorbed, almost in the air, a love of country and an appreciation of its institutions. If you didn't get these things from your family you got them from the neighborhood, from the father down the street who fought in Korea or the family who lost someone at Anzio. Or you could get a sense of patriotism from school. And if all else failed you could get a sense of patriotism from the popular culture. The movies celebrated democratic values and implicitly reinforced the idea that America was special, TV was like that, too, through the mid-sixties.

But now, we're about to enter the nineties, and some things have changed. Younger parents aren't sure that an ambivalent appreciation of America is the right thing to teach modern children. And for those who create the popular culture, well-grounded patriotism is no longer the style....So, we've got to teach history based not on what's in fashion but what's important—why the Pilgrims came here, who Jimmy Doolittle was, and what those 30 seconds over Tokyo meant.

And let me offer lesson number one about America: All great change in America begins at the dinner table. So, tomorrow night in the kitchen I hope the talking begins. And children, if your parents haven't been teaching you what it means to be an American, let 'em know and nail 'em on it. That would be a very American thing to do."

(To be continued next month)

2 Chronicles 7:14 (KJV)

¹⁴ If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land

IT IS TIME FOR CHRISTIANS TO AWAKEN AND ACT

MAY GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!