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DEDICATED TO ENRICHING YOUR
MIND SPIRITUALLY THROUGH GOD'S
INSPIRED WORDS OF THE HOLY BIBLE

Hebrews 4:3 For only we who believe God can enter into His place of rest. He has said, "I have sworn in my anger that those who don't believe me will never get in," even though He has been ready and waiting for them since the world began.

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Doing your own thing

If my memory serves me well, there use to be an old song written by the Isley brothers in the late sixties or early seventies called It's Your Thing. Some of the lyrics went like this. It's your thing do what you what a do, I can't tell your, who to sock it to. How true those lyrics are today. Society today does not want to be under any kind of mandate or rules. They want to be totally unbridled in anything that they decide to do. Just think for a moment how scary the world would be, if everyone could just do there own thing without any consequence. When I look at it on a large scale, I say thank God that there are all kinds of civil restrictions and laws today, for our protection and well being. The man made version of restrictions placed on us today does not really cover the real moral dilemma that we are faced with today. Society as the song goes, is really doing there own thing morally. It becomes more obvious everyday when you turn on the news, listen to the radio, or pick up the newspaper. All the horrors that take place in the world today, are all to do with the lack of real moral values, and people doing there own thing. When I was a young man growing up back in the sixties, the moral fiber of the country wasn't as bad as it is today. Society back then was setting some sort of example for us to follow. Today there is examples being set, but not good ones. The kind of examples set today are promoting ramped sex, violence, and mind pollution. The absolute core of the problem that is destroying our world today as I speak, is the lack of the word of God. Once you take the time and thoroughly examine the word of God, it becomes crystal clear what the real problem really is. They can take and spin it anyway they want, but it all boils down to the absence of Jesus Christ in there life. A lot of people today walk around thinking that it is okay to have sex with whoever or whatever, just as the song says, it's your thing do what you want to do.

Well I hate to bust your bubble, but it's really not your thing do what you want to do. Your natural body according to the Bible belongs to the Lord. According to His will, your body is God's temple. So if your body is God's temple, then why do people go out of their way to pollute there temple ? The answer is really simple. It's because the devil makes the

moment so inviting, and alluring that without the word of God front and center in our life , it is impossible to resist. Once you take the bait, he will tempt you until you finally fall into his trap. He makes you believe that when it comes down to it, that anything that you say or do is okay and acceptable, even murder. The Lord says in 1 Corinthians 10 : **:13 But remember this –the wrong desires that come into your life aren't anything new and different. Many others have faced exactly the same problems before you. And no temptation is irresistible. You can trust God to keep the temptation from becoming so strong that you can't stand up against it, for he has promised this and will do what he says. He will show you how to escape temptation's power so that you can bear up patiently against it.** It is so important that you try and realize how powerful the devil really is. You are probably saying to yourself, what is he taking about, or what devil is he taking about, there is no devil controlling my life. That is the same way that I used think before coming to know Jesus. Once you start to really understand the word of God, Satans plans to destroy your life, becomes so obvious. Most people that I have come in contact with today are really doing there own thing, or they are playing both sides of the middle. They like there cake and eat it to way of thinking. God says you can't have it both ways in 1 Corinthians 10:21 The Lord says ----- **You cannot drink from the cup at the Lord's Table and at Satan's table too. You cannot eat bread both at the Lord's Table and at Satan's table.**

Let us pray: Heavenly Father up above, please help me to overcome the overwhelming temptations that I am faced with daily. They continually cause me to sin against You. I find myself weak and helpless from time to time against the Devils mighty advances. Help me to put on the full armor of Your righteousness daily. And please help me Father not to become too complacent with my selfish, self serving nature. Also please help me to remember that Satins temptations have no where to go, when You dwell in my temple..... Amen

So my dear friends in Christ, try and always remember that your body is the dwelling place of the Lord, and that it really is not your thing to do what you want to do. This would be true if you made your own body, but you as you can see you did not, God did !

JUNE EDITION OF HOPE FOR LIVING

POWER FOR PROBLEMS

A friend told me of a non- believer who came to him in the midst of a troubled day. Knowing my friend was a Christian, the man asked, “ If I get born again, will all of my problems go away?” “No,” said my friend, “but you will have the power to deal with them.”

God will give us wisdom and courage. He will surround us with brothers and sisters in Christ to help carry our burdens, and even provide us with insight and practical assistance.

Satan will always try to discourage those who belong to Christ. When problems persist, He may even whisper, “See, God doesn’t care about you!” But with the Holy Spirit’s help, we can combat the evil one and contradict his lies.

If God dismissed all our problems with a single stroke, we would be left defenseless, unequipped to meet the inevitable attacks of the enemy of our souls. But in the midst of life’s problems God supplies everything we need to see us through..... Billy Graham

SPIRITUAL CLICHÉ’ FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

Proverbs 22:1 If you must choose, take a good name rather than great riches: for to be held in loving esteem is better than silver and gold.

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