

“Abundant Life“

How do we get a life that is abundant?

The little foxes that spoil the vines

The focus of this topic was on Songs of Solomon 2:15, “Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines; for our vines have tender grapes.” It is very important that we lay a foundation of holiness and purity in our lives. Even the smallest sin which appears to be so harmless and invisible – in the scripture referred to as “little foxes” – is still sin and causes destruction. We have to identify sin and throw it out. The good thing that God has planned and put inside of us is still gentle and tender in the beginning when it grows up, like tender blossoms that can be destroyed easily so that no fruit can come forth. That’s how it is with sin in our lives. It hinders us from bringing forth fruit. Sin leads to destruction of the fruit. Sin leads to destruction of our spiritual lives. Just as the little foxes that spoil and destroy the vines so that no grapes can grow. Many Christians pray, they are faithful but they need a breakthrough. There are many things that want to hinder us from getting into the plan of God, from getting a breakthrough in our lives and eventually from entering into our calling. Sin deters us from that. Even the smallest sin needs to be thrown out of our lives so that the “tender blossoms” can grow, so that we can bring forth fruit and enter into a life of perfection. Repent from even the smallest sin, don’t allow it. Be determined! Work out your salvation with fear and trembling, it is your responsibility to be holy.

Blessings

If we want to receive more blessings from God we should start by asking ourselves, “How can I be a blessing for others?” We should start to pray, “God, as you are blessing me, make me to be a blessing!” Because it is not just important to God to bless us but He wants to make us a blessing for others. Are you a blessing to others? Start with what you have! God will multiply it. The blessing upon your life will increase. The Bible says, though your beginning is small, your end will greatly increase! God will open doors for you. God expects you to give what you have. Let nothing be too expensive or too big to give to someone – except your salvation which you cannot give away for anyone, let nothing come between you and God. You have a testimony if you obey and give what God asks you to give. The enemy wants to hinder you from receiving it.

The benefit of unity

Jesus prayed, “As me and the father are one let them be one.” The early church was in divine unity. There was no pride, envy, gossip, jealousy, greed, disrespect, no speaking as the world speaks... that was why the church was strong. They were one. There were no sick people, no lack, no spiritual, physical or mental need. Their prayers were powerful. Peter was set free from prison because of their prayers. Unity makes the anointing to flow, it brings healing and deliverance. God gave Jesus anointing without measure. Jesus is the head of the church, you are part of it. When the anointing flows, every part of the body receives a certain measure of it. Every one of us needs to take his place in the body of Christ in order to work and function there. We need the anointing of God for that. We must not hinder or hurt anyone as we hurt Jesus by doing so. Everything you are doing for God is going to yield a response. The depth of your relationship with God helps you to know the kind of services you render to God, for example praises and worship. When the body of Christ is united, the anointing functions well and God’s blessings flow (Psalms 133:1-3).

Death in the life of a Christian

Many Christians are afraid of death because they are not sure of their salvation. They are not sure where they will go to someday. You have to be prepared for death! Everyone who is ready will go with Jesus. The others will wait for antichrist. Christians are compromising with the world in order not to be criticised. Overcome sin, run away from those that deceive you, don’t backslide

because of money, because of your spouse, because of the world... When you die you will have to leave everything behind. Your real self will go to meet his owner. Every Christian must live for the Lord. There is a reason why you are alive. If you are not working for the Lord you will have no fruit, you will not get any reward. Don't waste your time. How useful and helpful are you for others? Everything you have, what are you spending it for? What does a crusade cost you? Invest in the kingdom of God. How many souls are you winning for Christ? If we are not useful our life is in vain. Those who give their whole lives to the Lord are not afraid of death. There is a reward waiting for you, for what you are doing for the Lord. Lay up treasures in heaven. Let us be prepared! Paul said in Phil. 1:21, "For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain." When a Christian dies it is gain for him, because he is going to be with the Lord forever.

Don't give room to Satan!

When Jesus is in you, you take pleasure in righteousness, you hate sin. The devil only comes to destroy your life. When Satan is present in your life you love sin. He makes you enjoy sin in order for him to grab hold of you. Repent from it immediately you realise it. Also, there are certain things that you cannot deliver yourself from. Your deliverance can only be done through the prayer of someone who has the anointing. Don't be proud, make use of it. Jesus has to live in you. You are not your own, you are the temple of the Holy Spirit. You need to walk in God's timing, this is very important! Jesus must have total control over your life, it is then you will have abundant life of righteousness, peace, joy and power in the Holy Ghost. If you don't have this kind of life then open your heart and throw out that which hinders you!

God's plan and anointing for you

God has a plan for you, right from the beginning of the world. You need to find out what it is. There is a purpose for which God wants to use you. Some have not committed sin but they are not happy and not full of joy. They are struggling and suffering because they are not fulfilling God's purpose for them. You have accepted Jesus as your Saviour but have you also accepted Him as your Lord? Is Jesus truly your Lord? If Jesus is your Lord then you will obey Him in everything! You won't receive any reward in heaven for things that God did not tell you to do. You have to make sure that what you are doing is in the will of God. If you are running away from the will of God you won't make heaven. The day you say "yes" to the will of God is the beginning of your breakthrough and He will give you direction. The Lord gives certain measure of His power (anointing) to you to do every work he commits into your hand. He gives the anointing to make the work easy. In fulfilling God's will for your life you get fulfilled also and experience his abundant life of peace and joy (Psalms 16:11).

One afternoon there were separate sessions for children, for youths / singles, for married couples / parents and for widows.

The children were taught how to be an example and shine as light as good Christian children - in school, at home, in the house of God and everywhere.

To the youths / singles it was spoken about whether and how they are taking their place in the body of Christ. They were encouraged to please God by their behaviour, speech, dressing and conduct as well as to be an example to the believers. Many testified about their lives were changed after giving their lives to Christ.

The married couples / parents were taught about the Christian family, about how to have a good marriage as couple / parents, how to be a good example to their children and to others, many questions were answered.

The widows were ministered to in a special way from the word of God, to encourage and uplift them in their situation.

God bless you!