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I *See* YOU



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Week Four: Day 17 - Monday, March 25, 2019

I See You – Governing Authorities

Scripture:

Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same.

(Romans 13:1-3 – NKJV)

Devotional Reading

It's the police officer, the sheriff, the mayor, the governor, the Congress-member or Senator or even the President. These are just a few of the governing authorities who have jurisdiction over your life through the laws and edicts of local, state and national governments. How will you react to them when you encounter them?

When you get pulled over by the police officer for speeding, what will you say to the officer? How will you treat her? Will you consider his plight? It may be that she is going through a divorce and is in need of an encouraging word. It could be that he is depressed and is feeling unappreciated. Could it be that it is you who is hyper-sensitive simply because that person is an authority?

Christian duty demands that you show respect to governing authorities. They are human, they are frail, and God loves them. Show them what might cause them to turn toward God.

Be a Witness!

Week Four: Day 18 - Tuesday, March 26, 2019

I See You – Manager

Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.
(Hebrews 13:17 – NKJV)

Devotional Reading:

What is the status of your relationship with your workplace manager/s? Is it cordial? Is it colored with envy and lack of respect? Is it good and mutually beneficial?

No matter what your relationship looks like today, the potential is that it can be better. How? Because of your witness. Your obligation as an employee is to be obedient to the rules, regulations, tasks and expectations as delineated by your manager--so long as they are not illegal or immoral. To the extent that you are able to perform accordingly to the best of your ability makes way for your voice to be heard.

Your obligation is to let your manager manage so that you cause no grief which would that would not be of benefit to you. By conducting yourself with integrity, you open the door to be a witness---even to your boss. Begin to see your manager as God see her or him and before you know it, you will have their ear for reception of a good news message.

Be a Witness!

Week Four: Day 19 – Wednesday, March 27, 2019

I See You – Co-Worker

Scripture:

If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

(Romans 12:18 – NKJV)

Devotional Reading

She gets on your last nerve. He's a slacker. She's always late. He never carries his load. She's always complaining. He's a know-it-all. She's always bragging. He's constantly disparages others. She's Hindi. He's Muslim. She's Republican. He's a Socialist. He's your friend. She's your friend.

They are your co-workers. On average you will spend over 1500 hours with them this year. How can you make the time productive and prosperous for you and them?

As much as you can, share love and peace so that you can live in peace. Your co-worker may dislike you and even be unappreciative of your kindness. If it is possible live in peace. Your co-worker might not have any intention of changing his or her ways> If possible, live in peace.

When you offer and live in peace, you disarm your adversary. When you live in peace, you present the alternative to confusion, strife and that which is not right. When you live in peace, you showcase the love of God to those who need it most and by sheer force of your commitment to live in peace, eventually you be a living witness to your co-worker.

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Week Four: Day 20 – Thursday, March 28, 2019

I See You – Employee

Masters, give your bondservants what is just and fair, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.

(Colossians 4:1)

Devotional Reading

When you treat your employee fairly, you reap the blessing of the One who employs you.

Bondservants in the Bible were considered as employees and not as slaves. The Apostle Paul in writing his letter to the church at Colossae encourages masters (supervisors, managers, employers) to treat their employees justly and fairly.

When an employee is treated justly and fairly, they will be more productive. When an employee is granted what is fair and just, they will better represent what is righteous. How you see and treat your employee is an indicator of how you see yourself. Do you see yourself as a fair person? Do you see yourself as a just person? How does your employee see you and do you care enough to know?

Remember, God is your Master (employer) in heaven. Allow God to treat you as you wanted to be treated and then treat your employee in like manner.

Be a Witness!

Week Four: Day 21 – Friday, March 29, 2019

I See You – Enemy

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. ’But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

(Matthew 5:43-45 – NKJV)

Devotional Reading

How do you see your enemies? You know who they are. They are your haters. They are the abusers. They curse you and pronounce evil utterances about you. They defame you in social media and text and tweet lies. But again, how do you see your enemies?

Jesus says love your enemies. Jesus says, pray for your enemies.
Jesus says bless your enemies. Jesus says do good to your enemies.
Jesus says pray for your enemies.

To be a witness to your enemies will require you to do to them that which is neither natural nor logical. But the reward is that you will do what is required of every son and a daughter of God---that is to do good to the just and the unjust---your enemies.

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Week Four: Day 22 – Saturday, March 30, 2019

My Weekly Prayer Journal

Today, my prayer for others is:

Today, my prayer for family is:

Today, my prayer for my church is:

Today, my prayer for my community is:

Today, my prayer for myself is:



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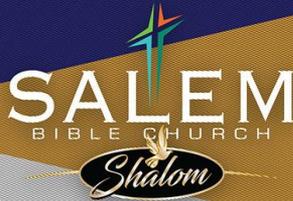


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MATT 28:19 | Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

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