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"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth...I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth" (3 John 2, 4)

Amazing grace be extended to our ever increasing Canadian and international ministry family, from God our Father through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Welcome to HEALTH MONTH! June is the month to break out the running shoes; the athletic wear, the Gatorade, the protein shakes and the vitamin water as we set our focus on expanding health. It is my position that proper attention to healthy living would bring about the necessary balance so needed within the church. As believers we're often guilty of emphasizing the spiritual elements of our existence to the detriment of our bodies and at times even our souls. It is God who created us as three dimensional beings or tripartite image bearers, meaning that we consist of three essential components; spirit, soul & body, making us whole. Each dimension of who we are must be given proper attention if we're ever going to live balanced lives.

On the subject of health there are three brief points that I would like to make and I trust that they will be blessing to you.

Health is God's Wish - Scripture teaches that God's desire is for us to prosper and be in good health, in other words God connects prosperity with health. It is fair to say that part of God's will for our lives is the experience of good health. This was the objective of Jesus' coming, the bringing of abundant life. This kind of life is best enjoyed when we are in good health, (John 10:10).

Health is Man's Work - Once we acknowledge God's desire for our health the next step is to apply ourselves to the work of becoming and remaining healthy. Good health is not wishful thinking; rather it is the fruit of hard work and discipline. Much like our salvation, health is the blessing of faith and works; you must first believe then you must do something about it, (James 2:26).

Health is Our Welfare - Finally, the Scriptures teach that God will satisfy us with long life as He shows us more of His salvation. As a result of our attention to health, family members, our friends and those who we impact in this world will be the beneficiaries by having us around a lot longer. The simple benefits of being healthy reach beyond

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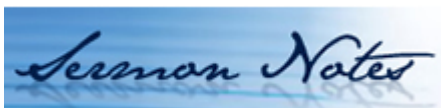
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us and touch the lives of so many others around us, (Psalm 91:16).

If you're not already doing so, I encourage you to use this month to give attention to your health. Why not join us as our *Health & Wellness Team* charts a course to good health with our Walk - Run Club. This club is one of the many vehicles that we will be using to prepare for our annual CIBC Run-For-The Cure 5K run in the fall. For more information simply log onto to our website and click the Health & Wellness icon. Finally, my sincere prayer for you is that you will enjoy the best of health as God prospers you in your soul and in your spirit!

With love while *Changing & Affecting Lives*,

Your Pastor, Orim M. Meikle



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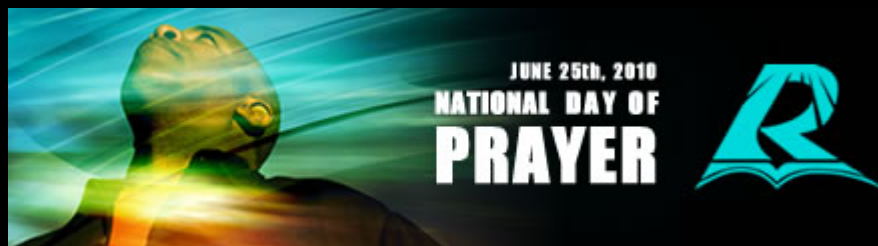
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You Are A Living Altar

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"Then the fire of the LORD fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench. When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, 'The LORD -he is God! The LORD -he is God!'" (1 Kings 18: 38-39, NIV)

It's amazing to me, even as I think about it now, that of all the things that God One of my favourite Old Testament battle scenes does not actually take place on a battle field but at an altar. It was at a time when the spiritual atmosphere of ancient Israel had grown so dense with apostasy and idolatry that it was necessary for the people to be reminded of who God is. The story unfolds in 1 Kings 18:16-45 as we are told that four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal assembled on Mt. Carmel at Elijah's summoning. They were told to prepare a sacrifice upon their altar and call upon their god Baal to respond with fire. When Baal failed, Elijah "repaired the altar of the LORD, which was in ruins" and called upon the name of the "LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel" and fire fell from heaven, consuming Elijah's sacrifice. It was then that the people cried, "The LORD - he is God!"

What if I told you that you the Christ-believer, the prayer-warrior, the worshipper, that you, the called of God, the servant who dwells in the "secret place of the Most High", are a living, breathing, walking altar? I say that your life is an altar that summons the presence of God wherever the soles of your feet tread. [more...](#)

The Benefits of Sacrificial Giving

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"Now it came to pass, as David sat in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, Lo, I dwell in an house of cedars, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD remaineth under curtains. Then Nathan said unto David, Do all that is in thine heart; for God is with thee. And it came to pass the same night, that the word of God came to Nathan, saying, Go and tell David my servant, Thus saith the LORD, Thou shalt not build me an house to dwell in: For I have not dwelt in an house since the day that I brought up Israel unto this day; but have gone from tent to tent, and from one tabernacle to another. - I Chronicles 17:1-5

David was a man after God's heart, but it was this singular action that made God decide in verse 12 of this same chapter, that Christ will come from the lineage of David. **He had a desire to build a house for God.**

I Chronicles 21, tells of how David succumbed to the temptation of numbering Israel and God's judgement began by 70,000 people dying. Well as the plague was going on, an angel came to the threshing floor of a man named Ornan-Who was this man? Why did God make the angel stop when he got to Ornan's land? What kind of man was he? Ornan was not just a casual giver, he gave it all when it was needed. He gave more than David asked. [more ...](#)

Why I Love to Serve

With over 51 listed ministry programs and services the opportunities to serve, grow and develop are endless. Welcome to the "Why I Love to Serve" column, this column seeks to share on the experiences of those who serve. Rhema's many initiatives, programs and services could not be offered without the dedicated support of the men and women who serve this great vision. At Rhema serving is a family affair and in this issue we will hear from two beautiful families who support each other in propelling the vision of Rhema forward.

WHY I LOVE TO SERVE



I am passionate about it...

At present, I serve in Rhema Ottawa as Team Lead for Hospitality Services. Serving comes at a cost (time, effort, etc.), but I am passionate about it, as it gives me an opportunity to affect others with the gifts and talents God has given me. It is very gratifying to partake in the Lord's work, and to see children, teenagers and adults blossom spiritually; to see them open up and build relationships; to see them support one another through hard times, and to see them pray for one another. Serving has taught me that God's Word will not come back to Him void; He is faithful to His Word. I have decided to let the Potter mould me and use me and to lay aside my own agenda and plans. We are called for such a time as this to advance God's Kingdom.

by Natalie Hall, Rhema Ottawa



It's what Jesus did...

I like to serve because that is what Jesus did. He was a servant to humanity with all his heart. Whatever he did when he served he did with excellence. Jesus honoured His father. I love to see people healed, delivered, born again into the kingdom of God; serving makes all of this possible. To serve is not to merely perform a physical task out of duty or requirement. No. Serving *must* involve a spirit of excellence and joyful heart. In fact, I believe the physical manifestation of serving is the expression of a loving relationship with Jesus Christ. Jesus walked the earth honouring His Father by serving on His behalf. He healed, delivered, brought salvation and ministered to people all over the earth via serving. Not for a single instant did Jesus half-heartedly, drowsily minister to someone; His heart was *in* it. He purposed to serve, and so do I. I desire to be a servant like Jesus. I do not serve because I have to satisfy anyone on this planet; I serve because I have to satisfy my Lord. I know the character of Jesus, and I know that He is pleased with me when I serve. That in itself is my fuel, joy, and passion for serving, and I am thrilled that I can do it through the vehicle of Rhema Christian Ministries.

by Elder Harry Sookram, Rhema Toronto

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