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“But exhort one another...” – Hebrews 3:13 KJV

DIRECTING THE MIND. CHOOSING THE PATH: MEDITATING ON PSALM 1 AND 2

While I am not a legalistic believer, I do believe there are basic spiritual disciplines that position us to better hear God amidst the busyness of everyday life and the chaos of this world. One discipline that I have practiced for twenty five years is Scripture memorization and meditation. My heart's desire is to have the mind of Christ always (1 Corinthians 2:16).

The problem is, if I don't intentionally guide my thoughts, they will guide me—and never toward Jesus. My mind drifts. It debates, replays, and wanders unless I rein it in and aim it where it ought to go.

The Bible doesn't merely recommend meditation—it commands it.

“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth;

but thou shalt meditate therein day and night,

that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein:

for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.”

(Joshua 1:8, KJV)

“But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.”

(Psalm 1:2, KJV)

“I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings.”

(Psalm 77:12, KJV)

I learned this early. The first pastor who discipled me said, “Not a lot of Christians memorize Scripture—but if you do, the rewards will be great.” That stayed with me.

Even now, twenty-five years later, I still carry index cards with handwritten verses in my back pocket. I rehearse God's Word in my mind as I walk, work, and pray. Not to boast—but because if I don't direct my thoughts, they go places they shouldn't. I need to actively focus on two things every day: the Living Word, Jesus Christ, and the living written Word, the Holy Scriptures.

“Pray without ceasing.”

(1 Thessalonians 5:17, KJV)

“Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.”

(Psalm 119:11, KJV)

I do not do this perfectly. I'm up against the world, my own carnal flesh, and the devil himself. But if I aim at nothing, I will hit it every time. So I aim deliberately—toward the Word, toward the Lord.

This has been especially real as I've been teaching through the Psalms on Bible Teaching Corner. Psalm 1 is personal. Psalm 2 is national. And both demand a decision.

Psalm 1 shows us the rooted, fruitful life of the man who delights in the Word:

“And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water...”

(Psalm 1:3, KJV)

The ungodly, by contrast, are “like the chaff which the wind driveth away.” No root. No weight. No anchor.

Then Psalm 2 moves from the individual to the nations:

“Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?

The kings of the earth set themselves... against the LORD...”

(Psalm 2:1–2, KJV)

It sounds a lot like our headlines. But God is not shaken. The psalm ends with both a warning and a blessing:

“Kiss the Son, lest he be angry...”

Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.”

(Psalm 2:12, KJV)

So what will we choose? The way of the Word, or the way of the world? The planted tree or the blown-away chaff?

As for me, I choose Jesus. I choose His Word. And I choose to keep filling my mind with what is true—because only the light of His truth will keep me from stumbling in this dark hour.

Let's be a people who meditate, remember, and walk close to Christ. Not just on Sunday. But every day.

TIME TO RETURN TO PUBLIC SPEAKING...UMM, HELP LORD!

While I've been greatly enjoying extended times with the Lord this past year—and continuing in online ministry—I now sense the Lord stirring me to go again. With fear and trembling, yes... but also with faith. He is calling me to rise, to speak, and to encourage today's often weary, fearful, and hesitant church.

I must go.

I am now available to speak at your event, church, morning service, small group, or spiritual gathering. Through "Bible Teaching Corner Live," I bring deeply encouraging messages that uplift, challenge, and equip believers to stand on God's Word and live it out. My manner is passionate yet pastoral, warm, Spirit-led, and rooted firmly in God's unchanging Word.

When you bring me in, you'll receive:

- A fresh and bold Word in season for your people
- Clear and uncompromising Bible teaching
- A shepherd's heart with a preacher's fire
- Practical encouragement to strengthen your walk and your witness

I also lead verse-by-verse Bible studies, offer leadership training in worship and preaching, and yes—even officiate weddings and funerals when needed.

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Let's build up the Body of Christ—together.

To God be the glory.

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TRM AND BEYOND: A NEW BEGINNING

The Teaching Room has been online for nearly five years, flowing out of over 25 years of ministry in discipleship and biblical encouragement. Recently, I launched a new channel:

 Bible Teaching Corner with Reverend Darren

It's a fresh start—focused on concise, biblically rich videos that teach, connect, and encourage.

We're also entering the publishing world. My first book—

 "Encourage! Devotional Writings to Empower and Renew the Body of Christ"—is in the works. Please pray for God's provision and favor as we take this step of faith!

TRM RESOURCES – SHARE FREELY!

Whether you've been following TRM for years or are just discovering it, we invite you to explore and share:

- * 🎬 Over 300 Teaching Room videos on YouTube
- * 📖 More than 12 full Bible book studies on our website
- * 🗣️ Dynamic speaking opportunities available for your church or event

Let's spread the Good News together!

BLESSINGS IN CHRIST

Thank you for taking time to read this second edition of the TRM newsletter. Whether you're a long-time supporter or just passing through—remember:

God is alive, and He's at work around you!

Grow in His grace, and encourage others to do the same.

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

— 2 Peter 3:18 (KJV)

With love and thanks,
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