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# Fall Newsletter

#### A word from the President's desk:

Greeting in the name of Jesus! Wow, what a powerful year we have had so far here at Faith Christian Fellowship. From the Florida and Michigan regionals to our International Conference in Sharpsville, Indiana...God has really blessed this organization!

So now, as we enter the last part of the year, I want to share a word that will help keep us walking in victory.

In Psalms 37:1-5, there are three things I want to focus on. The first one is in verse 3, which says, "<u>Trust in the LORD</u>, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed."

The word *trust* is defined in the dictionary as, 1. Firm reliance; confident belief; faith. 2. One in which confidence is placed.

If we are ever going to take that next step of faith, and move to the next level, we are going to have to be able to put our complete trust in Him and His Word. We must make sure that our faith is ready also for this next level. We must do what it takes for His divine purpose to be fulfilled in each of our lives.

In Proverbs 3:5-6 the Word tells us, "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

The enemy will try to get us to operate out of our own understanding so he can bring confusion and hinder us from walking in the realm of faith that God has desired for us. When we lean to our own understanding, we automatically limit God. The children of Israel, after seeing all the mighty miracles that God did in their midst, still questioned whether God could furnish them a table in the wilderness [Ps 78:19]. Because they tried to figure it out on their own, the Word says in doing so they limited the God of Israel. Listen, we can't afford to put limits on God.

We need Him to be able to move in our situations with His full ability. Let's make a decision to trust fully in the Lord God Almighty and not our own understanding.

The second part is found in Psalms 37:4, which says, "<u>Delight thyself also in the LORD</u>; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart."

I have heard this verse quoted many times and the part that is often brought out is, "He shall give you the desires of your heart," but before we can ever receive the desires of our heart, we must first delight ourselves in the Lord. When we do this, it puts us in position for Him to transfer His desires and blessings over on us. It's God's desire to give unto His children. Remember what John 3:16 says, For God so loved that He gave. See, giving is His nature but we must delight ourselves in the Lord first.

I looked up the word *delight* in the dictionary and it said, 1. Great pleasure; joy. 2. Something that gives great pleasure or enjoyment.

God wants to be the source of our pleasure. He is the one that wants to bring us fullness of joy into each of our lives. For this to happen, we need to have great pleasure in serving Him. If we have lost any joy in our walk with the Master, let's find ourselves back on our knees in His presence, worshipping Him for who He really is. This is not the time for anyone to lose the joy of their salvation but to possess all the benefits of their salvation.

The third part of this word is found in the 5<sup>th</sup> verse of chapter 37 which says, "<u>Commit thy way</u> <u>unto the LORD</u>; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass."

This is the clincher. The Word is telling us to commit all that we have to Him and trust Him completely. To be victorious in our Christian walk, we are going to have to learn to roll the whole of our care over on the Lord. Remember, we can't make things happen in the natural realm. We need His hand involved in our situations. We don't need to get all worried about how the plans are going to come together. Instead, we need to trust and rely totally on Jesus who is the author and finisher of our faith. Philippians 4:6-7 tells us, "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Being careful for nothing means not being anxious or worried about what is taking place or how something is going to work out. I know very well what it is like to have something in your heart that you desire so much to see come to pass and on the inside, you don't know how it's going to happen. I have been there. I have spent much time trying to figure out how to get it to come to pass. Thank God, He's the one that can make it happen and bring it to pass. He places the desires in our hearts and He is the one that can bring them to fullness.

We must continue to trust in the God that is more than enough. The things that we need Him to do for us are not going to happen by us trying to figure it all out, but will come by following the leading of His Spirit and trusting in the Word. The more we get His Word involved in our hearts and our situations, the more we will be able to trust completely in Him, knowing that He is able to do all that He has promised.

In Hebrews 10:35 the Word says, "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward." What this verse is saying is, don't throw away or lose your assurance. Keep pressing on, knowing that victory is just one more step ahead.

As you have read this, I pray that you will hold this word in your heart. I really believe that we have entered into a time that God is ready to open up things like never before. If there has ever been a time where the body of Christ needs to push ahead, it is now. It's our desire for our partners to be right in the flow of what is going on in the Spirit.

### 2019 FCFI Renewal

#### 2019 Renewal Time is approaching very soon.

The Leadership Team wishes to express a special thanks to all those whom have chosen to be a part of FCFI. We love you and appreciate you and your ministry.

We will be sending out a revised renewal form this year which we believe will simplify the renewal process. Please return your renewal forms ASAP as the deadline is December 31, 2018 with a \$10.00 renewal late fee after that date.

# A special notice to all Comprehensive Ministries (those that receive their 501(c)(3) coving for your ministry):

The final 'cut-off' date for renewal will be May 1, 2019, at which time your 501(c)(3) status for your ministry will be terminated. **Sooooo**, please submit your renewal on time. Thank you.

#### ATTENTION FCFI CREDENTIAL MINISTERS

The Executive Board has made the decision to charge an annual fee of \$35.00 for FCFI Credential Renewal in 2019. This has been shared with the membership for about two years of the possibility of a credentialing fee being charged. For the 2019 renewal year, and for all new credential applicants, an annual fee of \$35.00 will be charged annually. Fee will be due at time of renewal.

## **Upcoming Events:**

Florida Conference: January 30 - 31 - February 1, 2019

Location: Foundation Church

Pastor Tom Laipply

3385 South McCall Road (off of S. Access Rd),

Englewood, Fl 34224

941.473.8030

More information coming soon...

Michigan Conference: April 7 – 8 - 9, 2019

Location to be announced

Annual Conference: August 14 -15 - 16, 2019

Location: Heartland Ministries, Sharpsville, IN

Moore information coming soon.

#### NOTICE - NOTICE - NOTICE - NOTICE

Our new FCFI Office phone number: (937) 456-2177

Office hours: 900 am to 4:00 pm Monday - Friday

### 2018 FCFI Annual Conference

## Sharpsville, Indiana

August 15- 17, 2018



What a wonderful time of fellowship as we witnessed a powerful anointing of the Holy Spirit in all of our services.

A very special thanks to Pastors Bill & Connie Salsbery, the Leadership Team and congregation of Heartland Ministries for hosting the conference.





