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- Self Examination Soul winning will keep you examining yourself as you reach to others. (Remove the timber from your eye Matthew 7:5)
- Refusing to Eat the King's Meat Purpose in your heart to have a pure heart. (Daniel I)
- Soul Winning refreshes the bowels (Philemon) Renews the revelation of God's Mercy and the power of the gospel (Freshness)
- Preservation of God's seed (growth, fruit) Psalms 2 heathen are inheritance

Self Examination

- Does our lifestyle cause sinners to feel conviction?
- Continue in the doctrine, you will save yourself and them that hear you. I Timothy 4:16
- Matthew 7:15 Do we really have to rebuke someone to get them to remove the splinter out of their eye? How about if our example and compassion pulls splinters out of others with no rebuke from our lips required.
- Paul said he had to keep himself under subjection lest while he preached to others he himself would become a castaway. (I Corinthians 9:27)

Refuse the King's Meat

- Daniel and his three friends refused the King's Meat.
- Daniel I:8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself
- Don't believe the lie of the end time age that states we have to compromise to understand unbelievers so that we can win them to God.
- Their dedication made a distinction and allowed God to anoint them and bestow upon them gifts.

Refuse the King's Meat

- Daniel I:(17) As for these four children, God <u>gave them</u> <u>knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom</u>: and <u>Daniel had</u> <u>understanding in all visions and dreams.</u>
- Their gifts were not just a blessing, they were <u>ESSENTIAL TO</u> <u>THEIR SURVIVAL</u>. Such it is in the Church, the Spiritual Gifts operate for our SURVIVAL. We cannot expect to grow in God if the gifts do not operate. If we expect a move of God and the gifts to operated, we <u>MUST HAVE DEDICATION</u>.

Result of Refusing King's Meat – Souls for God!!!!

- Daniel and his 3 friends became GREAT SOUL WINNERS.
- King Nebuchadnezzar honored them and worshipped the God of Daniel – because of the OPERATING of the gifts given to Daniel.
- Being a pagan king, he quickly forgot about the revelation of Daniel's God and setup an image.
- Daniel's friends STAND (result of DEDICATION) to the point of being thrown in the FIERY FURNACE, and again Nebuchadnezzar worships the God of Daniel.

Refusing the King's Meat Final Thought

 Proverbs 18:16 A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.

(Gift could mean <u>bribe</u>, but in the example here for the right intention.)

Daniel and his friend's dedication to God impressed extremely powerful kings and eventually the entire kingdom of Babylon and the Medes and the Persians.

A life of dedication brings anointing and spiritual gifts, and will open the doors for us to be used and trusted by God to deal with all men (including great men).

Soul Winning refreshes the bowels

- Psalms 126:6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.
- Philemon gives us an example of soul winning by Paul while he was IMPRISONED! There is just something about doing the work of God in the midst of bounds. The soul he worked with is named Onesimus, a slave of a wealthy brother in the Lord associated possibly with the Church at Colossae.

Soul Winning – Refreshing to the bowels

- The conversion of Onesimus was obviously very dear to Paul, the letter of Philemon shows Pauls is winning to vouch for this man. He asks Philemon to charge his debts to Paul, and to receive him as a "brother" instead of just a servant.
- Paul also said that this man "refreshed his bowels"

Soul Winning – Refreshing to the bowels

- What a reference, and an experience that we can have with working with the harvest. So many times, we can testify of what a new soul means to us.
- New perspectives of revelations, joy of a baby in the Lord.
- Encouragement when we see that the Lord is still calling whosoever will!
- Refreshes our vision and reminds us anew of the MERCY of God.

Give us the HEATHEN for our INHERITANCE!!!

Psalm 2:

- 8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.
- 9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

Give us the HEATHEN for our INHERITANCE!!!

- The Church must reproduce, we must feel the responsibility and burden for the birth of new souls.
- God has no other way of Salvation than through the MOTHER!
- The Burden of Rachel "Give me children, or else I die!"
- Leah's son Reuben found mandrakes
- Rachel made a deal for the mandrakes.
- "God remembered Rachel, God hearkened to her and opened her womb".

Give us the HEATHEN for our INHERITANCE!!!

- Rachel's desire for children was fulfilled by the birth of Joseph and Benjamin
- This is a pattern throughout the Bible The MOTHER is IMPORTANT!
- Galatians 4: 24 Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar.
- 25 For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.
- 26 But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.

Preservation of God's Seed: Ishmael or Isaac

- Genesis18:17 And Abraham said unto God, <u>O that</u> <u>Ishmael might live before thee!</u>
- Abraham spent almost 13 years with this son before he bore Isaac, he taught him to hunt, he taught him to worship God, he was connected with this seed, believing that God needed to amend his promise. Ishmael was NOT the PROMISED seed. He was NOT born of the MOTHER!
- The Acts 2:38 Church is the mother of us ALL. We are children of the promise (Acts 2:39) therefore our mission is to make disciples of all nations just as our Lord taught us (Matthew 28:19, Luke 24:47) in the Great Commission.

Conclusion: God has no other plan

- The Lord has laid the task upon His Church.
- John 17 He sent us into the world.
- He prays for us! those that received His Word through the Apostles.
- We carry the only message that truly delivers the soul from sin. We carry the only name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved! There is no other plan – there is no other way – God's Church is His Body on the earth.
- If we don't do it, it won't get done. With great privilege, comes great responsibility!

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