

A Parked Mind Runs on Air

The mind is like this. It is either expanding or contracting, but it is NEVER staying the same. If you're just watching television everyday and doing the same ole things, your mind is losing momentum and this is how the devil subtracts from you until you're demented. However, put something new there often and the mind stays sharp and alert. Why? Because, in life, what is alive has to be fed to live!

Have you ever noticed how fast a parked car's tires lose its air? But, when that car is in motion, those tires stay up a lot longer. Or think about this. A car uses more fuel to drive around locally than it does for extended highway/ freeway drives. Why is this? Because, I'm sure you've heard that things in motion tend to stay in motion, and that's true! You were created to move! If it weren't so, you wouldn't have mobility!

Tomorrow you should be wiser than you are today, no matter how wise you are right now. God's wisdom is infinite; there are no ends to it. Unfortunately, many people put their lives in neutral, in a state of religiousness, never to arrive in holiness. They will go to church, scream and cry and come back home doing and saying the same-old things because nothing has changed in them. They got the Word and was immediately glad while in the church building. But, what happened after that? "And these are they likewise who are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; and have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution arises for the word's sake, immediately they are offended." (Mark 4:16-17)

There is no depth in them! Because they did not let the Word of God root in their hearts. You have to open up the depths of your heart to receive God's Word and know that sin makes the heart stony. Why should tomorrow be different from today? Who you are today is just a phase. You are growing up in Him more and more, and as you do, you will find that the things that once interested you, don't appeal to you anymore. You will love more of what He loves, and you will hate what He hates. You will become more peculiar just like your Father. Today's friends will slowly become the friends of yesterday because God is transitioning you into your tomorrow. It's a transitioning and sometimes it's rough, but it's so worth it. You are slowly dying to you to live for and in Him.

People say that when you're changing, you're going through a phase, but in reality, the 'today' version of you should be just a phase. If your heart is hard, you may be parked there for life, and peace may be a phase for you, but turmoil may be your reality. Some people live in turmoil to the point where they are even offended with peace! It scares them. As you continue to grow in Him and transition from the dead soul that you were to the living soul that you are, you will find that the root of your bitterness, heartaches and tribulations was a simple lack of knowledge. Think of it this way. Go to a country and pick up a 75-year-old woman who has never seen or rode in a car in her life. Put her in your car and

drive down the road. What will she do? More than likely panic. Why? Because she doesn't understand how the car operates and how it's able to accelerate like it is. She doesn't know what to expect. Okay, we are the same way as human beings. God has parked many vehicles in this phase called 'life on earth.' We enter life and for everything we don't understand, we panic and try to avoid. It's moving too fast! It's going in an unfamiliar direction! We'll see the obvious because we have learned to open our natural eyes, but it takes faith to open our spiritual eyes. Nevertheless, God will take you on spiritual rides that make you panic so that you can get used to trusting Him and knowing that He won't drop you, but your lack of faith will.

It goes without saying. Where you are today, you don't want to be there tomorrow. If your today bothers you, that's a good thing! Because that means the realm that you are in is birthing you out of it. The hard part is letting life deliver you into that realm because, even though today may be rough, you've gotten used to being where you are, and you know how to handle hard times from your familiar place. But, going into the familiar does not grow the mind, it taps into the heart and pulls on its reserves. While you are depleting the heart, what is expanding your mind? Again, God did not create you to run in circles, doing the same thing over and over again. In order for the mind to live, it has to be fed! Anything that is alive and not fed has to die. And feeding the mind the wrong thing is the same as feeding yourself gravel. You can put sugar on it, but you can't digest it. And people with parked minds tend to pick up dependencies just to fire-it-up because they've allowed it to fizzle out.

What is a trial? A trial is basically a pop-quiz. Satan is allowed to try you because of the Word that is in you or supposed to be in you in that particular season. But, if you're found unprepared, you will sound the alarm and panic. You have to be found with Sword (Word of God) in hand! You never want to fail a test because every failed test must be retaken and passed before you can go to the next level. Your heart should be filled with the Word of God. Your mind should be an operation's center, kicking out the devil and his allies and letting in wisdom, knowledge and understanding. As the right things come into the heart, it begins to fatten up with the things that you need to survive. That way, when the devil comes and tries you, the Word will come from your heart to pierce him and cause him to flee from you.

But, again, we like to do the same ole things, talk to the same-ole people and expect a change. It just doesn't happen that way! Change occurs on the outside after it has occurred on the inside. You will never live in the benefits of God until you submit to HIS whole Will. Not partially, because God wants all of you, but He won't accept a part of you. You can't share yourself with God's enemy and expect Him to take your other half.

You have to be in motion! And your mind must be constantly filled with the Word of God so that it can continue to grow.

Remember when you were a child. You had to eat everyday to grow up. And now, you eat everyday to stay alive. As you grow older, your metabolism will begin to slow down, howbeit your appetite doesn't shrink at all. This causes us to pick up weight. In order to lose that weight, you have to change the foods that you eat and exercise your body more. Because, as a child, you were active. You'd climb

trees, chase girls or boys and flip all over the place. Now, as an adult, you're probably treating your body like a used vehicle threatening to break down at any moment. You just want to get it from point A to point B and park it. The Word is the same! You NEED your daily bread!!! Why? Because Satan won't give you a rain-check just because you're not ready for the test! He's happy when you're not ready because that means you will get slapped around, disrespected, mishandled, and you can't do anything about it, but react in the natural. He's not scared of your natural man since he is a spirit. But, he is afraid of the Sword of the Word of God! You have to consume the Word to survive and just like you have to change your diet as you get older, you have to search the Word and pick the bones of wisdom as you grow older in Him. Because, to whom much is given, much is required. A baby isn't required to pay a bill, but a grown man is.

This is why you shouldn't park your mind! Even though you may be accustomed to doing certain things everyday; you have to take your mind outside of the norm and introduce it to the peculiar. Because when you are God's child, and you don't do this, He will take you to the peculiar anyway. And it is during these times that you may feel your worst pains. It's not an attack of the enemy. Sometimes, it's a transitioning from one place to an unfamiliar place. It's not that He wants to hurt you, but He is growing you up! He's pushing you from that comfortable nest that He built for you and teaching you to soar. But, you've got to fly by faith! And faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God! You can whine, snort, tantrum and fast until the peaches turn green, but if you don't have the Word in you, you will be a failure. And God did not design you to fail! Come out of today's phase and be the winner and the hero whom He has called you to be. Phase out! Don't stay where you are. It's supposed to be a phase, even if today feels normal to you and there is no negative activity going on in it. You still have to will yourself into getting a full dose of knowledge. Knowledge is like a vaccination. It'll keep you from being infected or affected by foreign parasites (demons, ungodly thinking). Without knowledge, you can't and you won't know how to fight back! With knowledge, you can push down the gas pedal and run over everything that is not of God that attempts to stand in the road of your destiny. Remember, your mind was not created to park! A parked mind runs on air and air is designed to go where it's needed. That means, even the air will leave you if you don't submit to God and let Him change you from being who you've learned to be into who He has called you to be.

The transition isn't easy, but submit your will to God's will and say, "LORD, let your will be done." Then, get up and learn something!