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Warm hellos to you dear brethren, co-workers, and spiritual family here on the Coast of the Gulf of Mexico, and scattered children of God.

My wife and I pray and hope this finds you all doing well, and that again your week has been blessed!

What you Do and Think, You Are

So, we've come home from the Feast of Tabernacles and Eighth Day, and I'm seeing many comments on Social Media about a "Post Feast Let Down".

I'm confused by this statement. Why?

Because as children of God we live this way of life, daily, 24-7 if you will.

We've recently had a genuine boost with having 8 days to be together in worshipping God, but it should be a spring board, not a slide which ends at the bottom, right?

As we begin this weekly Sabbath, might we consider and ponder **Galatians 6:7** "...whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap".

Earlier today as I finished my sermon for tomorrow, I mused on some thoughts I once read by Madame Chiang Kai-Shek.

If your and my past in this physical life teaches us anything it is that every cause brings effect, every action a consequence. How we live *and think* produces an outcome. This moral foundation of the universe would apply equally to the world we live in today, and the one that is coming. God knows this. It's why he also said, "as a man thinks in his heart so is he" (**Proverbs 23:7**).

The population living in China have a saying, "If a man plants melons, he will reap melons; if he sows beans, he will reap beans." This is true of all of our lives. God tells us that good begets good, and evil leads to evil.

So, true enough, the sun that was made by our Creator shines on those God calls, and those He's not yet called, and does it not seem that all too often the wicked around us prosper?

How about a "Post Feast Upward Focus!" to redirect our thinking from what we "see" around us? I remember years ago working on the staff of a magazine that truly reflected this, and at the very least with its title, "Vertical Thought". Where do we focus our thoughts and living?

You and I can say with absolute certainty that, with each one of us individually, as with our families, nation, world, fellowship, etc. the flourishing of the wicked is an illusion, for God keeps books on every one of us. As a famous song once beckoned, "It's a Grand Illusion".

In the end friends, we are a sum total of all our actions and also how we think and where our focus is. Character can't be counterfeited, nor can we simply put it on or take it off as if it were a piece of clothing that we have chosen.

Growing up in Nebraska I often would examine limbs and trunks from trees that had been cut. Similar to the markings on wood which are ingrained in the very heart of a tree, character requires time and nurture for growth and development...it tells a story of our past and our future.

So, day by day, you and I write our personal destiny as we focus and respond to God. We actually do become what we DO and THINK.

Let us each truly seek to sow the seeds, and focus our mental and emotional energy on those things that build up and are positive. (**Phil 4:8**) Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Let us DO those actions that produce true Godly character, as we walk this trek in our lives as God's children.

...as I close this letter, as I do every Friday evening...as we enter His Sabbath...reflect on this with me, will you?

And again, may God continue to richly bless you. Our prayers and thoughts are with you daily. Please do pray for us as well.

-Scott Hoefker (Pastor and wife (Gayle) The Living God Ministries Gulf Coast)

The schedule for this week's **Sabbath** is:

November 1st / Friday: Evening Praise Sacrifice to welcome God's Sabbath 6:30 pm (via Teleconference live connect with Stephen Glover and Friends.)

November 2nd / **Saturday: Spirit and Truth Worship Services** 10:15 am, with services held in **Montgomery** (All others are welcomed and encouraged to connect live to Worship Services via our normal phone conference) and the *Gulf Coast* brethren will combine in Mobile with *The COG Mobile Sabbath Day*. *A noon lunch will be held in Mobile shortly after services end.

November 2nd / **Saturday: Sabbath Fellowship** (Interactive Bible Discussion) **3:30 pm** from Spanish Fort. (Connecting live with all via telephone conference).

Next Sabbath's Schedule:

November 8th / Friday: Evening Praise Sacrifice 6:30 pm (via Teleconference live connect with Stephen Glover and Friends.)

November 9nd / Saturday: Spirit and Truth Worship Services 10:15 a.m., with local services held in **Montgomery.** (All are welcome and encouraged to connect live to Worship Services via our normal phone conference). There will be *no* local services for the Gulf Coast in Spanish Fort on this Sabbath. A **potluck noon fellowship meal** will follow services in Montgomery.

November 9th / Saturday: Our *LifeSouth Community Blood Centers* **Blood Drive** will be available after the noon meal.

November 9th / Saturday: Sabbath Fellowship (interactive Bible Discussion) **3:30 pm** *from* **Montgomery** with Stephen Glover (connect live to all others via telephone conference).

November 9th / Saturday: "Family Meeting" with Congregation @ **5:00 p.m.** We'll be having a short family discussion about our fulfillment of the works of God entrusted to *The Living God Ministries* after sunset from Montgomery. All are welcome to connect via our teleconference as well. (We plan to have this every month on the 2nd Sabbath henceforth)

Telephone Ministry (English): Call **1-712-770-4700**; then, when asked, enter Code **112165** # to join. (Note: All callers are muted and must press *6 to comment and *6 to resume mute.)

All times are listed in Central Standard Time zone.

Our Daily Bread Recordings

Sunday through Saturday / Our Daily Bread [listen anytime 24/7 to a recorded 15 minute

message] Call 1-712-770-4709 (note this call in number is different and ends in "9"), then when asked, enter code 112165# [reference code numbers are on "Spiritual Fellowship Opportunities" on this website http://www.tlgministriesgc.org or at "Resources/Archives" on http://www.haggai114.net]

Daily Fellowship Opportunities

Sunday – Friday / Morning Sacrifice (Prayers & Scripture Reading) at 6:00 a.m. Sundays / History & Background of the Gospels (Interactive) at 6:30 p.m. [Scott & Friends]

Mondays / Africa Discipleship at 7:00 a.m. [Glovers & Moses]

Almond Branch Fellowship at 6:30 p.m. (Interactive) (Stephen & Friends)

Tuesdays / Haggai Fellowship (Interactive) at 6:30 p.m. (Interactive) [Stephen & Friends]

Wednesdays / Africa Discipleship at 7:00 a.m. [Glovers & Moses]

1st & 3rd Wednesday / Sons of God Fellowship (Young men training) at 6:30 p.m. [Stephen & Friends]

2nd & 4th Wednesday / Lydian's Fellowship (Ladies) at 6:30 p.m. [Esther/Gayle & Friends] Thursdays / Mt. Carmel Fellowship (Interactive) at 6:30 p.m. [Hoefkers & Friends]

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