

## His Love Will Keep You Together

Proverbs 19:27

27 Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err from the words of knowledge.

I was listening to a podcast that made reference to a study that came out of Great Britain that stated that an average of a staggering THIRTEEN HOURS is spent a day per person on some type of machine (computer, smartphone, or tablet). I feel a little sheepish right now knowing that I am typing this out on an iPad, and I will be sending this out via some form of electronic media platform.

During this time of being sheltered in place, the church is trying to conservatively use technology to try to stay connected. At the church that God has blessed me to pastor, we have traded our Monday night prayer meeting with a Tuesday night church service; we have added a Wednesday night discipleship class, in addition to our Thursday night and Sunday morning services. We are having more church than we have ever had before, and by the end of the month we will be adding a Saturday evening service.

However, when you look at all we are trying to do, are we really making headway against the influences of the world?

Let me share with you what the Amplified says:

Proverbs 19:27

27 Cease listening, my son, to instruction and discipline And you will stray from the words of knowledge.

Technology is trying to influence us. I am trying not to make light of our current situation with the COVID, but if we continue to allow the news

media to try to influence us, we will be so scared that we won't even want to leave our houses.

1 John 4:16-18

16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

Fear has torment, fear has the capability to immobilize us, if we are not careful fear will demoralize us.

Fear takes away our boldness; herein is our love made perfect; perfect love casts out fear; perfect love will give us a boldness when facing our darkest hour; perfect love will allow us to be like He desires us to be in the world.

Proverbs 28:1

1 The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.

This is not the time to flee; this is not the time to be immobilized by fear; it is a time to fight. Let the boldness of the Lion of the tribe of Judah rest upon us as the people of God.

2 Cor. 5:14-15

14 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:

15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

Thayer's definition of *constraineth* is:

1) to hold together

1a) any whole, lest it fall to pieces or something fall away from it.

This world is falling apart by the seams. Drugs aren't holding people together; illicit relationships aren't holding people together; technology isn't holding people together. There is only one thing that will hold us together during these trying times that we are living in, and that is the LOVE OF CHRIST.

If you feel like everything is caving in around you, let Him wrap you in His loving arms. His love will keep you from falling apart at the seams.

Psalms 91:14-16

14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

THIS IS MY PRAYER FOR YOU TODAY:

Eph. 3:16-21

16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages,  
world without end. Amen.

No one can touch you like Jesus can; no one can give you peace you  
cannot understand; no one can bind your wounds through nail scarred  
hands; no one can touch you like Jesus can . . .

No one is too far away from Him today that He can't touch you!

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