

Beware of a Divided Life!

As we live, we rarely realize we allow our life to be divided. God desires for us to live a satisfied and well-balanced life, not a divided life. But there are days when we become self-aware, which is a conscious awareness of our feelings and desires. That self-awareness can be self-pity about a sickness or its symptoms that we carry in our body. Other times, self-awareness focuses on slanderous attacks, a lack of finances, or a severed relationship. Our thoughts, while in self-awareness become frustration, then anger, and finally leaves us sorrowful and unfulfilled. These emotions cause a split in our oneness with God our Father. It is God's will that we remain in oneness with him (John 17:21, NKJV). Thus, he tells us in Matthew 11:28-30 to come to him with our burdens and he will comfort us and give us rest. He teaches us in Proverbs 3:5-6 to trust him with our hearts and not lean on our understanding.

Beloved, self-awareness is our understanding. Therefore, we must guard against any emotion, verbal statement, or visual distraction that can separate us from our oneness with God. He will not leave us (Romans 8:38-39). It is we who leave God's presence. I know it is difficult to remain in God's presence when Satan brings vengeful attacks such as sickness, mistreatment by others, or

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uncertainty about the future. During those attacks, we should not throw away our confidence in God. Yet there are times we cannot endure. We must try again to endure until he meets our need (Hebrews 10:35-36). I assure you that if you endure Satan's attacks; you shall see God's love for you as he meets your need. His love will comfort your mind and body. Jesus assures us in John 14:13-14 that whatever we ask in his name, he will do it for us. Shalom

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