

## PARTNER LETTER SEPTEMBER 2007

Dear Partner

Grace and peace to you in the Lord Jesus Christ. Are you sure you are in Him?

John 15.5 KJV *I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.*

You see Anne abiding or remaining in Christ is not something that automatically comes to us all. It is a lifestyle that involves discipline and effort.

We have to choose to give our lives to Him and to give Him MORE ATTENTION than anything else. If you want to GROW SPIRITUALLY then you must take time to get to know Him.

That's not something you do in an ON and OFF manner either, it's something you must do EVERY DAY, because the moment you STOP MOVING CLOSER to The Lord you start drifting AWAY from Him.

As you are very much aware we are all surrounded in this old world by ungodliness, so if you spend time in prayer and Bible reading each day your mind will not give in to the pressures around you every day.

John 15.1 Amp *I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much (abundant) fruit. However, apart from Me [cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing.*

Message Bible *I am the Vine, you are the branches. When you're joined with me and I with you, the relation is intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant. Separated, you can't produce a thing.*

Phil 4.13 New Living Testament *For I can do everything with the help of Christ who gives me the strength I need.*

This tells me according to John 15.5 that OUTSIDE of Christ we can do **NOTHING** so when we are IN CHRIST we can do **EVERYTHING**.

John 15.6 KJV *If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.*

I wonder if I asked you could you make a list of about 100 things you should do to please God, I guess you could make a good attempt to do it.

I would think you probably know many spiritual do's and don'ts perhaps even more don'ts than do's, that seems to be the way most people see things. However you can relax I'm not going to ask you to make a list today, you might not know where to start.

I want to SIMPLIFY the whole matter for you by giving you the ONE spiritual DO that matters.

**\* REMAIN IN CHRIST!**

John 15.4 KJV *Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.*

The one thing that God holds you responsible for, is your relationship with Christ and if you keep that close relationship with Him **EVERYTHING ELSE WILL BE ALRIGHT**.

Galatians 2.10 AMP *I have been crucified with Christ [in Him I have shared His crucifixion]; it is no longer I who live, but Christ (the Messiah) lives in me; and the life I now live in the body I live by faith in (by adherence to and reliance on*

*and complete trust in) the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself up for me.*

You may say today I just don't have the time to spend reading the Bible and praying, I have housework, take the children to school, or I work in a factory or a nursing home or whatever you do, but I am going to tell you today you can't afford not to spend time with Him if you want to have any real success in this world we live in.

If things are going tough for you that means you are not spending time with Him and you must change your routine to include that time, whether you get up earlier or stay up later or drop something else out of your day to fit in that time with Him, it is the most important time of your day.

I know it's not easy to find that time especially when things are tough and you may have a family to care for, but that's why the devil sent the tough time in the first place to get you away from your relationship with Christ.

In John 16.33 Amplified Bible *I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have [perfect] peace and confidence. In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.]*

John 10.10 Amplified Bible *The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows).*

This day you must make a choice to put Christ as the **PRIORITY** in your life even if you did a long time ago, but sometimes we get slack these matters.

Keep your mind **FIXED** on God's Word listen to teaching tapes and CD's they will help you understand what He wants you do. Read these monthly letters over again and again that's why I send them to you.

If you do that you will experience what God plans for you everyday as He says in Ephesians 2.10 Amplified Bible *For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live].*

Do you really want the good life! Well get on with His plan for your life and you will experience it. It doesn't drop on you like ripe cherries off a tree, you have to go for it and take hold of it by faith.

In His Righteousness and love

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