

A Call To Action - Assess Yourself

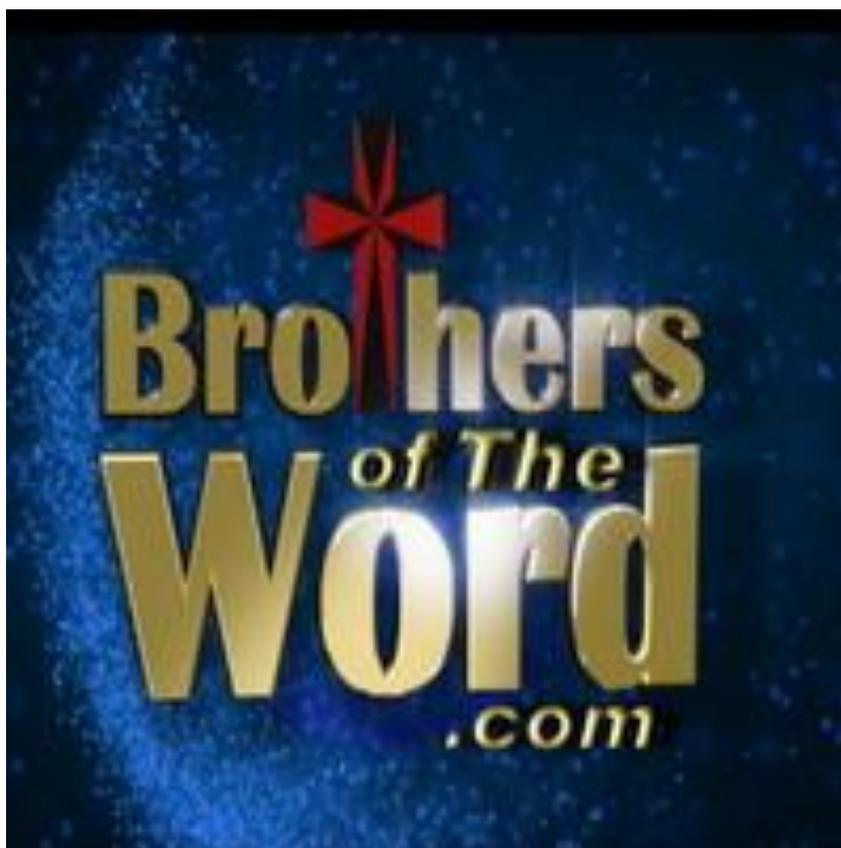
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And now, for A Call to Action, Assess Yourself.

George Bronner: I am George Bronner, as you know, and I just like to start off this message by saying thank God for absolutely everything, really. I'm genuinely elated. This month and pretty much any month, I normally speak on my biggest trouble and I suppose I've done this before but this month, I'm just absolutely delighted with life. I genuinely have nothing to complain about, all of my enemies, whether blessings from God. I do -- let me talk to you for a minute and basically, I talk to you for a minute on a daily basis and yesterday, I said, be thankful for your enemies because your enemies had been put in your life to make you stronger. Since you are enemies are there, they may have thought they were pushing you off a cliff or pushing you to your death but instead, they pushed you to new heights and God allowed that. So, I am thankful for absolutely everything in my life because I know even if it is negative, it is simply there to make me stronger.

So, today, I actually have a call to action for you. This month other than being absolutely joyous, I've been learning primarily. Every day, trying to be better than I was the previous day. And that's primarily been with spiritual and biblical knowledge. It wasn't until a couple weeks ago that I decided I was going to be a theologian when I grew up. So, basically, YouTube videos, I've been watching ministers, Living Waters, Off The Kirb Ministries, Brother Marcus Rogers, Lion of Judah. Many channels just been watching for a few hours a day up until a few days ago, at least, and it's brought me to a call of action for you. And it is simply, if somebody else was to look at your life, would they be able to tell you were a Christian, your daily life, not your overall life, but what you do on a daily basis, does it reflect what Christianity does?

Now, I don't want to be general. I don't want to generalize anybody, but I would assume that a hardcore which, if you were

to look at their lives, you will be able to tell very clearly that they were not a Christian. You would be able to tell very clearly that they were into some demonic activities. So, the question for you is if somebody was to look at your daily life, would they be able to tell clearly that you were Christian? Now, when I say this, I want to make it very clear off the start. I'm not telling you to judge anybody. Anybody that you are close to, who you think you may see most of their lives because you don't know everything about them. The only person that you are with 24/7 is yourself. So, I have a Bible verse for that as well. Let me scroll to it.

Who are you to condemn someone else's servant? Their own master will judge whether they stand or fall. And with the Lord's help, they will stand and receive his approval. Romans 14:4. So, do not judge anybody but do assess yourselves. Looking at your daily life, would you consider yourself a Christian? Now, I did this assessment with myself and I was simply looking at myself on a daily basis. I mean, I pray every day. I read the Bible every day. I pray with two different people every day. I watch a few hours of biblical videos each day. But what I really say that that is the life of a Christian. Well, I'm not up here to judge myself, I'm up here to help you understand how to do it a little bit better.

So, when you look at yourselves, do you pray every day? Do you read the word every day? Do you pray with others every day? Yesterday, it was Thanksgiving. Did you pray over the meal before you ate it? There are many questions that you could ask yourself to help you assess. Well, what is my life really look like? And when I was looking at mine, although what I just said may have sounded really good, I didn't state the negatives because the most apparent thing to me was not what I just stated, the most apparent thing to me was that I was a hypocritical sinner. Now, I stated at the start of the message that I do let me talk to you for a minute, a minute each day. And I was thinking, well with all of this knowledge, all of these things that I tell other people to do confidently, do I do them each day? And the answer to that is no, not at all. I mean, like I do some of them each day, but currently, I have 50 videos on my Instagram page and that's just kind of a lot of things to follow every day.

But progressing forward, just assess yourselves, you could look at your day to day, and if somebody else was to see it from your perspective, would they say that this person right here is a devout follower of God? Or would they say this person here is a lukewarm? Or this person here is not even a follower of any religion? What would your daily life show? Now what you think but what people would see. So, this is a very unorganized notes to follow, but progressing forward, I would like to read a few texts from The Book of Luke. Luke 12:35-42, I believe.

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Be dressed for service and keep your lamps burning as though you were waiting for your message to return from the wedding feast. Then you will be ready to open the door and let him in the moment he arrives and knocks. The servants who are ready and waiting for his return will be rewarded. I tell you the truth. He himself will sit them, put on an apron and serve them as they sit and eat. He may come in the middle of the night or just before dawn, but whenever he comes, he will reward the servants who are ready. Understand this, if a homeowner knew exactly when a burglar was coming, he would not permit his house to be broken into. You also must be ready all the time for the son of man will come when least expected. Peter asked, "Lord, is that illustration just for us or for everybody?" And the Lord replied, "a faithful sensible servant is one to whom the master can give the responsibility of managing his household servants and feeding them. If the master returns and finds that the servant has done a good job, there will be a reward. I tell you truth, the master will put that servant in charge of all he owns. But what if the servant thinks my master won't be back for a while and he begins beating the other servants, partying and getting drunk? The master will return unannounced and unexpected and he will cut the servant and pieces and banish him with the unfaithful." And the servant knows what the master wants but isn't prepared and doesn't carry out those instructions will be severely punished. But someone who does not know and then does something wrong will be punished only lightly. When someone has given much, much will be required in return. And when someone has been entrusted with much, even more will be required.

So, I read that decent limb passage, which was Luke 12:35-48 if you wanted to look back on it later, to tell you not only if

somebody else was to look at your daily life what would they think, but if Jesus was to look at what you did today, what would he say? If judgement day was today and this is just completely theoretical. But if judgment day was today and you were to be judged off of only today, would you make it into heaven? And keep in mind what was stated. Somebody that has been entrusted with much, much will be required of them. So, I'm not saying that you have to go out and do everything that I do. I do all of this because I want to be better when I come up here. I want to be better if I see somebody in the street and I simply want to minister to them on the spot. I mean, I'm no Evangelist but I was watching Evangelist videos and that seemed like something that interest me, truly. But what I am saying is that no matter what you have been tasked with, no matter what you are capable of, are you doing it? Even if it is something very basic, very intro level, and that is just getting to know God, are you praying for at least a minute a day? Now, that may seem incredibly small, but not everybody is given a whole lot. What is a penny to somebody that has no money? And then what is a thousand dollars to a millionaire? Depending on how much you have, well, much may be expected of you.

And I have another set of verses. This one is also fairly long and then I shall finish up. And it is a parable by Jesus, one body, but many parts. There is one body but it has many parts, but all its many parts make up one body. It is the same with Christ. We were all baptized by one Holy Spirit and so we are formed into one body. It didn't matter whether we were Jews or Gentiles, slaves or free people, we were all given the same Spirit to drink. So, the body is not made up of just one part, it has many parts. Suppose the foot says, "I am not a hand, so I do not belong to the body." By saying this, it cannot stop being part of the body. And suppose the ear says, "I am not an eye, so I don't belong to the body." By saying this, it cannot stop being part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, how could it hear? If the whole body were an ear, how could it smell?

God has placed each part in the body just as he wanted it to be. If all the parts were the same, how could there be a body? As it is, there are many parts, but there is only one body. The eye can't say to the hand, "I don't need you." The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you." In fact, it is just opposite. The parts of the body that seem to be weaker are the ones we can't do

without. The parts that we think are less important, we treat with special honor. The private parts aren't shown but they are treated with special care. The parts that can be shown don't need special care. But God has put together all the parts of the body and he has given more honor to the parts that didn't have any, in that way, the parts of the body will not take sides. All of them will take care of one another. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it. If one part is honored, every part shares in its joy. You are the body of Christ, each one of you is a part of it. And this is 1 Corinthians 12:12-27.

Now I say this to tighten everybody here. What is the church if it has no members? Each one of you is important because without each one of you, why am I even here? Each one of you that is watching online are important because without each one of you, why am I here? Music, each one of you is important, it could be an instrumental if there was no singer or it could be acapella if there was no beats, no drums, no piano, the attracted plays behind it. Everybody has a part but are you playing yours?

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Just as it is needed, are you feeling in the roll? Are you an eye? What happens if you close your eye and walk away? Now, the body no longer has you. Are you a tongue? What happens if you decide to close your mouth and never speak again? What would happen if right when they called me up, I decided to just walk out of the church? None of this would have ever been stated. So, I'm here to simply give you A Call to Action and that is to Assess Yourselves, assess what you need to do and make sure that you do it. because the thing that I did not mention at the start of the message was, truly, my biggest challenge of the month was to remain consistent with everything that I was supposed to be doing. I had also stated that I had been watching videos for hours a day, except for up to a few days ago. So, I am not perfect. I am a hypocritical sinner. I am just about infinitely far away from perfection, but I serve a perfect God. It is only through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ that on Judgment Day, if Judgement Day was today, then I would make it into heaven. And it is the same way for you. None of us can make it into heaven on our own goodness.

So, that's all I have to say to you today, is I have a Call for Action to you, and I hope you listen to it. Thank you.

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