

Acts # 30 “Momentum Testing” Acts 4:1-6

Our greatest blessings often come to us in times of suffering.

Some people will never truly orient to life because they have never done anything to increase their understanding of life.

The greater our understanding of life, the greater our potential for accurate thought.

And these days, emotion has been substituted for increasing one’s understanding of life from God’s perspective.

Therefore, emotions are not expressed as God intended; as responders to objective truth.

Without God’s truth circulating in our stream of consciousness, we will not endure persecution.

Jesus Christ approves, authorizes and empowers those pastors who teach biblical truth in their local churches.

God’s provision of power includes the following 6 facts for the pastor who faithfully teaches God’s Word:

1. He has power from a spiritual gift, the gift of pastor-teacher.
2. His function in the plan of God is both preparation and communication of biblical truth.
3. **Through spiritual growth and divine guidance, the pastor is prepared spiritually, physically, mentally, academically along with his personal character traits, to teach Bible doctrine.**
4. Personal character traits include the importance of humility, impersonal love, objectivity and professionalism.
5. *Personal character traits include motivational and functional virtue plus passing momentum tests.*
6. Professionalism is the ability of the pastor to study and teach and not be distracted by inconsequential tradition.

Historical disaster results from wrong decisions which destroy future options for blessing.

Too often people individually and collectively make wrong decisions by trading their freedom for what appears to be security or what appears to be pleasure.

The exchange of freedom for security results in worldly involvement and historical downtrend as noted by the rise of socialism, liberalism, the welfare state, redistribution of wealth and other satanic philosophies which offer limited false security instead of freedom.

While God has not overlooked our security in providing our living-grace support, freedom is the real issue in the continuation of the angelic dispute in human history.

Our daily decisions as believers determine the historical uptrend or downtrend of our nation.

All momentum in the Christian life results from learning and applying biblical truth.

Any uptrend of history is related to the believers in the nation functioning inside the experiential plan of God on a daily basis.

A downtrend of history is related to believers in the nation functioning inside Satan's world system.

Not only believers but all mankind are the products of their own decisions not their environment.

This is why there are no tragedies in history and this also explains the principle then: as goes the believer in his daily life, so goes the believer's nation before God.