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Simplicity Within Complexity

Have you noticed within the last six months the need to deal with complex issues without the opportunity to resolve or bring solution with simplicity? It must be long, drawn-out, tiring, and frustrating. Wrong thinking and contemplation cause this response. Whatever happened to the main thing being the main thing and the plain thing being the main thing? Why do we create complexity in resolution? Is it simply stupidity or immaturity, or is it something else like a missing dimension of wisdom and discernment that only comes from one source? Both may be involved, but the latter is the key!

Allow me to share with you five simple thoughts that will assist you in your Christian experience as you deal with disturbances, difficulties, frustrations, and problems of this culture:

1. **Simplify Your Faith:** It is simply the Word of God, the Son of God, and the Spirit of God! *Focus on Jesus!* Very Clear and Very Simple. See Him in the Word of God, the Bible. Dependence on the Spirit of God to make Him real to you is the way. Simply Focus on Him. It is the Lord Jesus! Watch what happens to your thinking and emotions in life!! It will be amazing!
2. **Pray Dependently:** Pray always with the sense of complete dependence on Him. Regardless of your discipline, education, skill mix, or giftedness, you need His help at that moment. Utter and complete reliance on His enablement is paramount. As Paul stated: "Pray without ceasing!"
3. **Stay By 'The Stuff':** It seems that everyone wants change whether it is necessary or not. Having change just for change is the secret solution. **Wrong!** There are things that you do not change ... and we must know them. Proverbs 22:28 NKJV even states: "Do not remove the ancient landmark which your fathers have set." It is said again in Proverbs 23:10. Stay Faithful to things you have learned. Is not this what John said in Revelation 2:10 NKJV: "... Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life."
4. **Learn Lessons Quickly:** Whatever God is saying to you or teaching you, get the lesson under your belt. Do not procrastinate. Learn it and do not entertain a repeat of the lesson by the Almighty! Get it and move on! It would seem to me that when Elijah called fire down from heaven on the 'Captain and his fifty men' who were present to take him to wicked King Ahaziah and they were burned up, the second group who went after him would get the message. They did not and they also were 'burned up.' Thankfully, the third Captain got the lesson. His life was spared along with his fifty men. (2 Kings 1) *Why procrastinate?* Keep short accounts with the Lord. Be a quick learner!
5. **Anticipate with Joy:** There must be a sense of 'joy' regarding the future, a sense of expectation that will honor the Lord! There is always 'Gloom and Doom,'" but there must be JOY permeating anticipation. People will feel and notice

that ... and ask questions! The Spirit of the Lord will do this IN you and THROUGH you. This is not worked up or dependent on circumstances!

These five simple realities (fingers) of action will give you:

... **Hand of Accomplishment**

... **Hand of Abundance**

Let's Get Simple ... I am ready! How about YOU?

God Calls.
We Equip.
You Advance.

The Latest Happenings ...

In order to enhance **safety and security** for our student body, a gate, additional decorative fencing, along with landscaping techniques are being installed and initiated. Each vehicle will be registered along with an abundance of visitor access. Thank you to all who made this possible when the need was first presented to the President's Council.



Security Gate Construction Begins

Our Dining area is being refreshed and remodeled for student use. Our food management service, in addition to others, have made this a reality. CDC Guidelines, COVID funds, and donations were used to provide this specially designed area for student meals, fellowship, and study.

A **Gaga Ball Pit** has been erected on campus. It utilizes a bouncy or foam ball and provides our students access to personal exercise and competition.



Gaga Ball Pit

Anticipation with Joy is the theme of our **2021 Faculty and Staff Retreat** on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at the beautiful new facilities of Calvary Church East Lake. Dr. Philip Dearborn, President of ABHE, will be speaking in addition to other reports and presentations. A complimentary lunch will be provided.

The following are new or changed personnel

Administration: Dr. Eric Bargerhuff, Vice President for Academic Affairs

Financial Aid: Financial Aid Director Karly Dooley and Student Aid Specialist Corry Moore

Admissions: Director of Admissions Kenyata Hayes

Bible and Theology: David Miller, Ed.D., Assistant Professor, Associate Dean of the Traditional program, and Honors Program Director

Learning Resources: Krista Mallo, Ph.D., Director of Learning Resources, Circulation Manager, Program Chair, General Studies and Interdisciplinary Studies

Institutional Effectiveness: Cindy Hyer, Director of Institutional Effectiveness; Remote Reference Librarian

IT: *Network People* (Nate Freeland, President) will be assuming the responsibilities of Buddy Paynter, former Director of IT. Mr. Paynter has been selected to work on IT projects for the U.S. Government. Our contact person will be Cory Joy, working with Dominic Mallo and Miranda Hanlon to meet the student and faculty needs.

Online: Danny McDonald, Ph.D., Director of Online Learning and Support

New Landscaping at the College



Your Prayers are Needed:

- **Please Pray** for the new students seeking enrollment at Trinity College of Florida. **Pray** for the process that they are following for acceptance.
- **Please Pray** for our Faculty and Staff. **Pray** that they will be refreshed and ready to march forward for this new collegiate year.
- **Please Pray** for the use of all funds given to the College. **Pray** that the grants and the gifts will be utilized for the best use. **Pray** that the students' board and tuition will be distributed for the operational needs of the college including personnel compensations and mortgage payments.
- **Please Pray** for new partners embracing the mission and vision of the school. **Pray** for wisdom and refreshing of all donors.
- Following the homegoing of long-time employee Sue Wayne, please **Pray** for her family as they transition. Sue was a part of the Trinity family for 27 years and she will be missed by all.

Something to Think About ...

"I seek every blessing from you, and especially those which may lead me to yourself, and prepare me for the eternal enjoyment of you." - *A fresh translation of a Puritan Prayer by Philip Doddridge*

Serving the Lord with you,

Mark T. O'Farrell
President
Trinity College of Florida

Dates to Remember!

- New Student Orientation
August 14-15
- Fall Semester Classes Begin
August 16
- 2021 Convocation
August 19