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... from the President

How to Expand What You Are Passionate About?

What are you passionate about? Too frequently I hear in response to that question – “Nothing”. Or “I really don’t know.” We’ve all met people who have a clear passion. They can’t wait to get up in the morning and get started on their work (that’s me I can’t wait to see what today will bring). They are eager, enthusiastic, understand their purpose and are committed to living it out. That kind of passion comes from knowing what you were born to do. Passion helps you get more done in less time. It helps you make better decisions with less stress and indecision.

When you know your passion and have work that expresses that passion other people are attracted to you. Your enthusiasm is contagious. Others will want to be around you and really hope that some of that will rub off – and it will. You will see others become more enthusiastic and help you by adding their talents and abilities to what you are doing – and your work will be magnified with little effort. When you exhibit your passion the law of attraction kicks in, people want to be connected to someone and something that will make a difference. Working on your own without passion is exhausting. Your best efforts can’t stop the slow drain of energy and life. You don’t get the strength of those around you. Remember if you have a passion, let it show (I honestly don’t believe you have a passion about something unless it does show) put it out there, be proud of it and you will see that it draws others like a moth to a flame.

Jack Kelly, GCCA President

**AUGUST
GCCA Meeting
Daystar Campus**

**AUGUST 8th
10:00 am**

**302 Old Clay Street
Marietta, Georgia**

Topic:
**Working With Military
Families**

Juanita Warren will be the
speaker.

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Please submit articles
and ideas for inclusion
in our GCCA newsletter
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by the 15th of each
month

Upcoming GCCA Fall Conference ~ October 8th

“But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work”.

~2 Timothy 2:19-20



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“Where there is no guidance the people fall, but in the abundance of counselors there is victory”.

Proverbs 11:14




GCCA Monthly Meeting
2nd Monday ~ 10:00 am

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Living The Blueprint of Christ

In Jesus’ teaching of the Sermon on the Mount [Matthew 5– 7], He provides a blueprint of principles and attitudes that every Christian should be “conscious” to possess. The uniqueness of this teaching is that it is unfair to expect those outside the realm of “believer” to demonstrate these Christian principles and attitudes. In chapter 7 we find several tests of examination.

Judge not: No one but Christ is skilled to bring finality of judgment to another, however as children of the King we ought to be discerning and bring correction in a loving way. This is only possible by way of Matthew 7:8, we must ask Christ to help us to stay out of the condemning seat of judgment. Only by strength of God’s grace are we able to live in the way outlined in the Sermon on the Mount. What an imperative examination one must employ as Christian counselor in our ministry and counsel to others.

A childlike trust in Jesus Christ and a life of prayer is necessary to live on the narrow path of life. We must exercise caution that we do not live in a state of “unconscious hypocrisy”. The test of fruit is perfected only in the examination which extends beneath the surface. The truth will be found in the detail. After all it looks the same in appearance, it shows up in the same places and it follows appropriate protocol but inwardly it’s rotten to the core. The false prophet is not just the preacher, teacher or evangelist we hear for an hour on Sunday and Wednesday but it is the one who has the greatest influence upon you. The one whose unwise counsel you accept without fail and act upon . It may show up in your own household, workplace or social affiliations, however only a good tree will bear good fruit and you shall know them by examining the detail of the fruit.

More than being deceived by others is the prevalence of “self deception”. We measure and define ourselves by the abundance of our activities, what we do all in the name of Jesus Christ. The danger is that we lack balance in prioritizing and keeping first things first and our motives are far from bringing glory to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they center around power, position and prestige. Let us cast down all arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God and bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, ready to punish every act of disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled. Run the race of life so that you will hear the Savior’s voice say “well done thy good and faithful servant”, not depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness. Thank you Lord for your people and for empowering each of us to live holy and pleasing in your sight. Amen.

Reverend Terri Stalls, GCCA Communications Director