

Dalton's Food Pantry

SEEDS OF GRACE



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peace

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Pause! Let that resonate within your mind. Read it again...slower this time...

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Why are we allowing the enemy to get a stronghold over us in this way? How quickly it happens each day; maybe several times a day. He's happiest when we're in unrest. And what is the result of unrest? Anxiety, worry and turmoil - the lack of any peace in our lives.

This is the war that has been going on inside of my soul lately and statistics show that most likely you are dealing with unbalance as well. Anytime the enemy gets ahold of me, it makes me down right angry that I've allowed him to do so. So, I armor up and prepare for battle! My favorite armor:

The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still. – Exodus 14:14

Be still, and know that I am God; - Psalm 46:10

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. – Philippians 4:7

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The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace. – Psalm 29:11

Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. – Psalm 34:14

Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you.- Psalm 54:10

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. *But take heart! I have overcome the world.* – John 16:33 (Thank you Jesus!)

Within the next few days, we will be voting for our next President of the United States. No matter who wins the election, find the peace in knowing that God is, always has been and will always be on the throne. He is the King.

Additionally, within the next month or so, we will be entering the most stressful time of the year for a lot of people - the holidays. My prayer for you is that this year, you will have the stronghold of your peace. May this year you go into battle with Jesus by your side, "You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me." There's no other position I want to be in while on this earth. How about you?

*Quote by Pricilla Shirer

autumn leaves

BY: J.R. DALTON

Has autumn arrived in your life?

Oh, what a beautiful, peaceful sound as I sit in my backyard, in the middle of the woods, on this autumn afternoon, as the leaves hit the ground.

Close your eyes for a minute or so and consider what God has been doing deep within your heart.

Philippians 1:6 - *God who began the good work within you will keep right on helping you grow in his grace until his work within you is finally finished on that day when Jesus Christ returns.*

At the root of Gods' agenda is the promise - think of it as a guarantee. The one who started "the good work within you" won't leave the task unfinished. At the end of the course, God won't get an incomplete for sure. He won't fail. He is God! Remember it takes four seasons to make a year.

The autumn season of our life may be uncomfortable: unemployment might be your issue, or broken relationships, a recent loss of a loved one. Maybe you are lonely or hungry, thirsty, or cold. You are nervous about what lies ahead in your life. The wind is blowing hard now on the leaves of the trees and you feel afraid.

As I witness to people, I feel they are more interested in the fruit - not God. He's watching over the roots. We like the product, he emphasizes the process and yes, it is a storm in our life but God - He who began will keep right on until his work is finished.

Come wind - come weather - we welcome autumn.

As I witness to people daily about the love of Jesus Christ, I have noticed the people that I am in contact with are just like the leaves on trees. If the wind blows, one way they go that way. If the wind changes, they go the other way.

I have noticed most people just want to take the fruit from the tree and move on. In my Spirit I feel they will never be more than a leaf while living on plant earth.

Some people are like branches. They look strong, nice, healthy and intelligent, but as soon as all Hell hit's in their life, they run away and break off friendships just like a broken branch in the woods. They have left you for another tree to pick from.

I suggest that you find yourself 2 or 3 good people that are like roots at the bottom of the tree. The tree cannot live without the roots in good soil. Where are you rooted today in your life? A whole lot of branches and a few roots won't save



you. I thank God for my church

daily. My pastors, deacons, elders, volunteers, members are roots in my life.

Hold on to your roots and let the leaves go on., blowing in the wind. Let them go in the name of Jesus. It won't be easy but start living yourself. Be strong. Tell your fiends. It should be a privilege to be my friend and visa versa. If you see something evil and wrong, pray with them and let them know, "I love but things need to improve if you want to call me a friend. You need help and I love you too much to see you make bad choices in your life. You must fix your problems or I cannot be your friend."

I hold on tight to the people that are truly trying to do right. That's a leaf that will be something some day

and wants to grow up to be a tree.

I personally would rather live single with 2 pit bulls, on fire for Jesus, than a family of daily drama - running away from Christ - play church and living in Hell.

I once heard my senior pastor preach - you need to put "legs" on your prayers in order to be successful with Christ - you must do some work personally in order to receive a blessing.

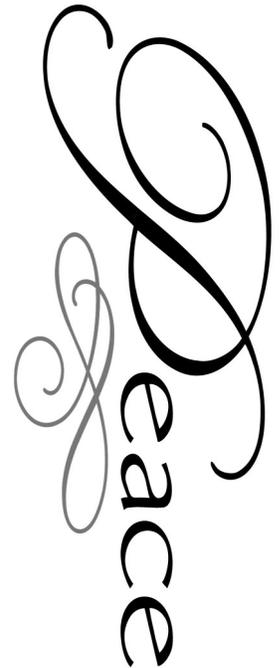
I feel two places you can have peace: 1) the grave, 2) in your home. The choice is yours.

Remember, you can't change him or her, only God can do that. Also, the root grows deep "when the winds are strong".

God Bless,
J.R.

They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit. Jeremiah 17:8

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Become the solution!

Many people come to our pantry each week needing help. The need is great and you can help us provide hope. The numbers and the needs are greater than ever before. Here are some ideas how you can get involved:

CHURCHES - Volunteer on Saturdays to share the gospel or pray with those who are in line (bilingual is a plus!); Pray for the work being done at DFP (Dalton's Food Pantry); Financially support us; Gather a team of people to minister to us, reaching out letting us know we are being prayed for; Let DFP be your mission beyond the walls of your congregation.

INDIVIDUALS - Volunteer at Amazing Grace or DFP, Pray for our work and pray for those who come to us in need; Become a monthly donation supporter; Donate needed items (call the office to find out what greatest needs are); Help with after school tutoring.

SMALL GROUPS - Become a volunteer on Friday evening at Amazing Grace or Saturday morning at DFP; Collect and donate items needed (underwear, shoes, socks); We need small groups of people to help feed the children a hot breakfast every Saturday morning.

BUSINESSES - Hold a food drive and make the donation to DFP; Provide financial support; Do a fundraiser giving all proceeds to DFP; Promote us by offering to match gifts your employees make; Sponsor us during the holiday season to help a family or child in need.

christmas

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 - Depending on when you receive this newsletter, Christmas at Dalton's Food Pantry will be about 8 more Saturdays. Yes, on this very special Saturday, our food pantry becomes Santa's Toyland for the girls and boys!

What a blessing to see the faces of the girls and boys as they talk to Santa and go through our Toyland. If you've never joined us, won't you consider it this year? You don't know what you're missing! Your heart will be FULL when you leave! Be that special blessing to a child this year! Please put this date on your calendar. Next month we'll give you more details!



Please pray for Dalton's Food Pantry as the next three months are the busiest time of the year for us. God will provide countless opportunities for us to share the gospel with people. Pray for those whose lives we will be touching. May they not only come with open hands for their tangible needs, but open hearts for their spiritual needs. God bless you for your continued support!

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Dalton's Food Pantry compassionately touches lives in being the hands and feet of Jesus, by providing essential necessities and pursuing souls in planting seeds of love, hope and encouragement for the assured growth which is promised in God through whom all things are possible.

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What have you done for GOD today?

october and november

halloween

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29 - TRUNK OR TREAT - Trunk or Treat is a very special night at Amazing Grace. The children are allowed to dress up and we pass out candy to them in this safe environment. This is a special time for the kids as they go from car to car receiving candy. We would love to have you join us for this special event, **6:00 pm - 8:30 pm**. We expect to have 150-200 kids.



If you can't join us, you could make a donation of candy. Donations can be dropped off at the pantry - 3326 W. 10th Street.

thanksgiving

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19 is Thanksgiving at the Pantry. And Thanksgiving at Dalton's Food Pantry is a REALLY BIG deal!

We have a **BIG** dream and we serve a **BIG** God! For the past three years, it has been our goal to feed 5,000; that's our goal again this year!

Will you join us in praying for those who will be coming that day who are in need? In fact, **will you join us and serve with us that day?** This is our largest distribution of the year and takes a large amount of volunteers. What a better way to celebrate thanksgiving by giving thanks for God's bountiful blessing and helping others who are in need.

