

CHURCH NEWS

Help! There's A Killer Among Us!

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(Prov. 16:18, 19) *Pride goes before destruction. And a haughty spirit before a fall. Better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.*

Did ya'll hear? There's a sickness in the land! Yes, this dreaded disease, unfortunately is affecting many people. It doesn't matter if you're black or white (we sure do miss Michael); male, female, short or tall. Saints of God, this illness will creep in when we least expect it! The disease we're talking about today is the same one that devastated King David. You see, although David had conquered armies, and triumphed over enemy



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territories—his greatest defeat came at a little tiny place. David was defeated in a place called 'Ai' (pronounced 'i') hmmm.

Do you know of anyone—

maybe the reflection in the mirror—that is showing symptoms of the killer called 'i' itis? It's sometimes known as arrogance and pride. If we aren't careful, it will kill marriages, families and nations. It's easy to recognize but in case you need help, symptoms include:

1. S.C.S—Swollen Chest Syndrome—usually sets in after we've been commended for a job well done or when we feel 'used by God' (unhuh)

2. The most noticeable symptom is the continuous use of the personal pronouns *i*, *me* or *my* (unhuh)

Saints, we must be ever mind-

ful to give **God Glory** in every situation and circumstance. No matter our gifts, talents or abilities, **REMEMBER: EVERY BLESSING COMES FROM AND BELONGS TO THE LORD.**

How wonderful our homes and worship places would be if we would just check our EGO's (Easing God Out) at the door!!! (Excuse me, I need to run)

Saints don't panic. We can vaccinate ourselves against this illness before it's too late.

1. Find the nearest chair, sit your wonderful self down and study our personal life prescription called God's Word to see what our Savior thinks about that thing

called 'pride' (there are quite a few)

2. Get yourself a good pair of 'humble shoes' (lace-ups are great cuz you can tie them real tight!). Wear them daily—they're good for the—Soul (sole).

3. If the first two are difficult to receive, when you feel one of the symptoms manifesting, simply say with your whole heart 'To God be the Glory for the things HE Has done'! (Amen)

Don't be afraid. Let's take the medicine and we'll be fine. After all, we've got the best Doctor in town—DR. JESUS!!

And Now, Let the Church Roll On!

Prostitution

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ment agencies which are currently affected by the downturn in the economy.

Though the odds may seem to be stacked against the efforts to build facilities to help child prostitutes, Starr Kennedy is not deterred. "We have no idea where the money will be coming from," she said and added, "but the amazing thing is that God always provides when you're at the center of His will."

The Kennedys stated that the current lack of care facilities in Las Vegas is "shocking" and that they are heartbroken by the current practice of sending child prostitutes to detention centers just so they can be safe. "They are re-victimized, absolutely," said Starr who strongly believes that every minor working in prostitution is a victim and not a criminal. "Kids don't choose to be prostitutes," she explained. "They aren't willing." Starr also pointed out that the costs of a care facility are about half of that as a detention center, something the government really needs to take into account.

The Way Out has been working for more than two years to plan the operations of their proposed facility and to navigate all of the legalities involved. Because of their desire for the program to be Christ-based, they will be precluded from some government funding sources, said Earl. "We won't compromise and have to offer Jesus Christ as a healer," asserted Starr. Earl also mentioned that the acceptance of federal funds would put the facility under some federal governance that child victims would have to testify against their pimps and perpetrators. That's a situation The Way Out would like to avoid if at all possible. "The same laws that are meant to protect kids are the same laws that can be troublesome," Starr pointed out.

As for willing hearts, Earl said, "So far, God has put an awesome team together" for the facility. "We do want to have more churches involved," he added. "We'd love to do a mentoring program and have this be a mission-capable facility," he explained.

As they work, The Way Out is banking on prayer and awareness. Judge Voy's efforts also seem to include the mission to attract more attention to the problem of trafficking and the need for facilities. With hundreds of thousands of victims in the United States and only about 50 beds, according to a government report in 2010, in purpose-built facilities, there is a huge need for ways to help child prostitutes.

"The main issue is recognition that this is a serious problem in the United States," said Earl. "The government denied that this is an issue here for too long," he said. "It is just now coming to the surface," he explained.

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individual to speak those things in your life!! Was the person a person that you respected and loved or was it someone you had uneasy feelings about and was kind of fearful of them? Was the person or parties someone who would push you into greatness or someone who tore you down every chance they got, it seemed??

My point is no matter how they came across –be it positive or negative they still impacted your life. For good or bad; let’s be real!! There are people in your life right now that you know are there to push you forward and there are others who ware willing to keep pulling you back. We as women of God must make a conscience choice of who we surround ourselves with. Do we want to surround ourselves with people who are envious—mean spirited –or surly? Or should we surround ourselves with people with goals, aspirations, good heartedness, love God and encourage progression?? I know there could be some goal oriented people could be solid on aspirations and could be mean as a junkyard dog. But I really wanted to use it for a positive light.

Embrace what lifts you to the next level—surround yourself with positive influences. People who know who you are and what you represent and most of all people you can be who you are with. You should not have to change faces because of what I may think. Who you are is who you are –in Christ we strive for perfection in his word and in our purpose. Don’t get me wrong we are all subject to bad days –weeks and months but we can yet stand and in love embrace each other and know by the fruits that we bare that we can receive and give to each other in love and there be no attitudes, ill words just knowing that –hmm maybe I should “Check myself!”

Each of you are beautifully and wonderfully made!! That’s what he says about it! Let your thoughts of yourself be positive affirmations on a daily basis. If someone told you, “You would never amount to anything???” Tell yourself you are successful and will be successful in everything you do. God tells us in his word I Peter 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. By us being declared royalty—we have a responsibility to represent our Father who is God in Heaven. Embrace your royal title as God’s Royal Daughters! Be proud of your Faith Heritage!! Walk in your purpose, vision and direction of your calling. This is your season—don’t allow someone’s ill words to have you second guess your birthright in Christ! Pray for that person or persons who mean to do you harm with words—pray that despite the harshness of words that they will come to know God through the life you live. Kill them with genuine kindness, love and thoughts to becoming a better person. You are victorious!! You are Beautiful, You are full of Purpose!! Because your Daddy said so!!!

Art Fahy

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what He gives us as tithes and offerings, He expects for all that we have to be used in ways which please and honor Him.

Are we using our time and energy to glorify God? Are we good stewards of these resources God has given to us? Spring is right around the corner. Is there a neighbor who needs her garage cleaned? Does someone need yard work done? The economic situation has hit our area extremely hard. Is there a church family or neighbor we can surprise and provide a couple of homemade cooked meals? How about vol-

unteering to read at the library or teaching someone to read. These are a few opportunities God gives us to glorify Him and to share our faith. These activities cost little or no money. The only cost is our time, energy, and talents. Jesus promises a reward for those who have been faithful to the Master. Our heavenly rewards will be our most accurate reflection of what we have done on earth. When I am in God’s glory, I want to hear Him say, “Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your Master’s happiness!”

June Beland

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cent of the buying power. Celebrating its 9th anniversary, the Chamber is a testament to all the needs that are being met.

Now, she is focused on establishing a center that offers counseling services for career women and small business owners, especially those in transition given the economy. A champion of diversity and member of many local ethnic chambers, she’s also seeking to develop an International Chamber within her own for those who are too often forgotten or ignored. Personal investment is one of the common threads throughout her life, from her encouragement of young people’s enthusiasm and unique perspec-

tives to sharing her knowledge and expertise.

“To be able to be in my position and give back, I’m not saying I’m rich or anything (because I’m not), but I’m rich in giving. There’s no price tag as far as I’m concerned about that. You talk about the gifts that God can give you, that’s probably the biggest one,” Beland added. It is rare to have the heart for women, the position of power, and the array of talents that Beland possesses. If she has her way, there will be a new crop of women and men not just growing their own potential, but continually fostering the same in others by giving back themselves. A living legacy, not simply measured by a multitude of awards and titles, but solidified by lives changed and hearts won.



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tional job doesn't always allow for adequate time to serve. Using the resources of SendOutCards and leaders such as Hazzlerigg, people often work with the company for 3-5 years and generate enough passive, residual income to support their lives for years after that.

Hazzlerigg explained that SendOutCards serves many levels of customers and employees. Some people just want to send out cards on a personal basis, she said. Others use SendOutCards to support fundraising and marketing efforts for existing organizations, she explained. There is also a large group of people who want to use SendOutCards to support themselves financially. For that, she utilizes her extensive experience in coaching as well as specialized marketing tools to help people build their own businesses, but not before she helps them to work on themselves.

"I'd say that 95% of what we do is personal development," said Hazzlerigg. She explained that people need the ability to manage their time well, confidence to engage with others, and a clear sense of their goals. "Anyone can do this," she said, "but not without the skills."

Through all of it, Hazzlerigg said she is motivated by the ways in which SendOutCards really is

changing lives. "The stories are amazing," she said. "Whether it's mending relationships or gaining financial freedom," Hazzlerigg said she is a constant witness to love and caring. She has seen people become financially self-sufficient and take power over their lives and relationships. And although SendOutCards is based on the multi-level marketing model, Hazzlerigg said she has never felt that sales are the mission. "I don't consider it sales; I consider it sharing," she explained.

Though she is four years into working with SendOutCards, Hazzlerigg said she still feels as though her career is "in the building phase." She feels energized at this stage, she explained, and wants to build on that momentum. As for the future, she said, "I don't see me ever stopping, but I do see me spending less time on the business and more time in service." She has a heart for the human trafficking issue and has also been an active fund and awareness raiser for the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America since being diagnosed with Crohn's disease.

For those considering pursuing self-employment or something like SendOutCards, Hazzlerigg advised that people in full time jobs should maintain their employment as their own businesses are developing. "If you have a full time job

and need income, don't quit it," she said. "Put in extra hours and find the time to build your business on the side so you don't have the pressure of needing the new business to generate immediate income," she added.

Hazzlerigg also advised that people really look at their beliefs and seek out career coaching. "Get the right tools and the right mentor," she said.

Information about Hazzlerigg's efforts is available at the website: www.SendOutCards.com/Cathy.

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