

HOME-WORD

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Autumn is a wonderful time to observe nature. As I watch the swirling leaves stirred by the wind, I am reminded that they display an important lesson for all of us to follow suit in a way. Just as the trees don't stubbornly hold on to their dead leaves, we shouldn't hold on to any unnecessary weight in our lives. When we long to enter a new season, the old can easily inhibit the new if we allow it. God's Word reminds us to:

Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:31, 32 (NIV)

To get rid of negativity in our lives, we must first identify it. How can we do this?

By reading God's Word.

By allowing His Spirit to show us the necessary heart changes we need.

By being willing to shun practices such as bitterness and anger.

By asking God to help us let go of the guilt from the past.

Oh how the Lord longs to empower and strengthen us for the new season ahead! If we're not sure of the issues detaining a kind and compassionate spirit, He will show us when we ask. And if guilt from the past is preventing this beautiful new season, we have His promises like this one to remember:

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. Isaiah 43:18, 19 (NIV)

What are you holding on to that is preventing a freshness to the season ahead? Could it be that the decayed leaves are piling up and your heart needs to discard them for good? If so, why not reach out to the Lord in prayer? He longs to hear from you. Ask Him to shine light on any thoughts, circumstances, habits or other "decayed leaves" you might be clinging to. As you watch the leaves fall this season, our prayer is that you are reminded to let go of anything that would hinder a fresh relationship with God.

Promise of the Week— 1 Timothy 4:12

**Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young,
but set an example for the believers in speech,
in life, in love, in faith, and in purity.**

Student and Teacher Dedication Service—There will be a Student and Teacher Dedication Service this Sabbath, Nov. 10, at 9:30 am at the 35th Ave. Church. The teachers and staff will be leading song service, and Mrs. Stratte will be telling the children's story. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Italian Dinner and Auction— Thank you to everyone who helped and came to the Italian Dinner. It was a huge success!

Reminder— The curb in front of the building is a loading and unloading zone only. This will help with morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up congestion. **Also please remind your students to only cross at the crosswalk and young students should always be accompanied by an adult.**

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Thanksgiving Play— Our 3/4th grade students will be performing their annual play on Thursday, Nov. 15th, at 7:00pm. Come and watch our very talented students.

Thanksgiving Brunch— Tuesday, Nov 20, will be this year's annual Thanksgiving Brunch. Cost is \$4.00. Students may use their hot lunch cards. Vegan and gluten free will be available.

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