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Decide and Decree

Dr. Giles Croft is a British Psychiatrist! He is also a photographer, writer, and motivational speaker who motivates people to find the right career in life. At the University of Leeds he did an experiment to find out whether people, who believe in the reality of Monday Blues, are more likely to feel blue on Monday. What Dr. Croft discovered was that the first group which received the report substantiating Monday blues

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What Dr. Croft discovered was that the first group which received the report substantiating Monday blues were more likely to rate Monday as being the worst day of the week. From his experiment and research he concluded, "How people expect to feel greatly affects how they will feel.

What you believe is crucial. Beliefs not only affect what you expect to feel, but what you think and do become. Beliefs are the grid we use to interpret life. For many of us, our lives have been structured by what we have been told and taught in the past. The things we read, the things we hear, whatever we give our attention to many times, determines how our lives will become. Giving our attention to negative information can have a bad influence on us.

We live in a world which has great impact and influence on our lives. The things we hear through the media, the opinions of others can persuade our thinking and believing and hold us back from how God wants us to freely live. Along with that, what we have experienced in the past; the circumstances we are dealing with now can determine our beliefs, making us think, "*This is the way it is! The flu is coming to town, It'll end us with it too! Que sera sera, whatever will be, will be!*"

The Good News is, it doesn't have to be that way! We don't have to live our lives like a tennis ball on a court being batted back and forth. The Word of God says we can establish and control our own destiny.

Job 22:28 (NIV) *Surely you will find delight in the Almighty and will lift up your face to God. You will pray to Him and he will hear you and you will fulfil your vows. **What you decide on will be done and light will shine on your ways.***

What this passage of scripture tells us, especially what I have highlighted, is that we can "Decide and Decree!" We can decide whether or not Monday is going to be a blue Monday or a good Monday. We can decide what

"THERE YOU SEE" in 2023

this year is going to be like and decree it, or declare that this year is going to be a good year; a prosperous year; a year of increase; a year where we see and experience the goodness of God.

No matter what day of the week it is, we can get up every morning decide what kind of day it is going to be and decree it. *"This is the day the Lord has made. I will rejoice and be glad in it!* We can decide to walk by faith everyday and decree who we are in Christ!

Don't let the weather man determine your day! Don't let the markets declare how your finances are going to affect you. Don't be affected by rumours of some bug virus that's going around. Just decide and decree no plague is coming near your dwelling.

But what about Job you may ask? Wasn't he a victim of circumstances? Job became victim to fear allowing the enemy ground to bring about destruction which Job experienced. Job wasn't trusting God, fear and enemy was able to attack him. However, in the midst of all that chaos, Job decreed the goodness of God. As a result, double was restored to Job. He had twice what he possessed before his troubles.

The Apostle Paul said the following – *"Rejoice in the Lord always and I say it again, Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near! Do not worry or be anxious about anything, but in everything with prayer and petition present your petitions to God. And the peace of god which passes all understanding will keep our hearts and minds through Christ. Whatever is true! Whatever is noble! Whatever is right! Whatever is pure! Whatever is lovely! Whatever is admirable! If anything is excellent or praiseworthy, think on these things... And the peace of God will be with you!"* – Philippians 4:4 – 8 (NIV)

So don't let the opinions, thoughts and views of others influence your life! Don't let past experiences determine your destiny! Don't let the circumstances determine what the will of God is for your life! God has given us the ability to choose. *Let us choose life so we may live (Deuteronomy 30:19)* So lets make a choice everyday to "Decide and Decree" what our path will be!



FALL COLOURS IN GOD'S COUNTRY



What's Happening at NFC

Word Nuggets

Join the Pastor every Sunday morning at 8:30 AM on Canoe FM - 100.9
For his weekly message and devotion

Ladies Fellowship Bible Study

Tuesday mornings from 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Ladies Fellowship will resume on Tuesday, September 5th.

Bible Basics

Wednesday evenings with Brenda Bain from 6:30 - 7:30 PM
Being held weekly in our Welcome Centre.



Two Great Classes On One Night Every Week For 10 Weeks



Midweek Manna - "Faith For The End Times"

Wednesday evenings with Pastor Bev from 6:30 - 7:30 PM
Being held weekly in our Welcome Centre

Jonathan Edwards

Evangelist Jonathan Edwards will be coming to visit us again on Sunday, September 17th.
This date also marks the 15th Anniversary of NFC

Participant Information Class

Sunday October 29th with Louise - more details to come

A Town and Country Christmas

Friday December 8th - 7:00 PM -- more details to come

September Birthdays

Brenda Bain, Gord McWalters, Susan Tomlinson, Robin Woodcock

September Anniversaries

Don and Karen Dunsmore, John and Louise Ewing,
Larry and Julie Hunter, Bill and Laurie McFarland

Where Can I Find Perfect Peace?

There are a whole lot of people in this world feeling hurt, stressed and confused! So many people feeling unloved, disappointed, discouraged with life, and looking for happiness. They are struggling to find answers but the tragedy is that most people are looking for help and healing in all the wrong places. If for instance we have a technical problem with our new GM car we take our car back to the GM dealer who made the car and sure enough the experts at GM can tell us how to fix the car. Doesn't it make sense that they would know? They designed each model, and put all the pieces uniquely together so the GM vehicle would run smoothly.

How much more would our Heavenly Father who created and formed us in our mother's womb know how to fix anything that is not going right in our lives? And because our Father God created us and knows everything about us, every intricate detail, and even knows the number of hairs in our head, doesn't it make sense that He can solve everything and anything that is wrong with us? Only one problem, it's up to us where we want to go for help!

The Bible says..."If you trust in God, keep your mind stayed on God, He will keep you in 'perfect peace,' because He is an everlasting rock. (Isaiah 26:3) How do we get 'perfect peace' you ask? Realize that our Father God is our 'mechanic' and He is the only one who really knows how to fix us! He has all the answers for us because He created us and He loves us perfectly...no conditions! I have found through the years that if I keep my thoughts off of the wrong things and put them on the right things all my problems get solved and I enjoy peace every day. I refuse to live without His peace in my life and when it starts to slip away I realize I am thinking wrong! If we ask the one who created us for His help, and keep our mind on Him, He promises us and I know it's true that we can enjoy every single day with Him living in "perfect peace!"

Praying for you and your family...Love Julie H. TODAY FAITH MATTERS!

Luke 6:27-28 (NIV) "But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you."

Luke 1:37 (NIV) "For no word from God will ever fail."

Teriyaki Chicken Breasts – Slow Cooker

Ingredients:

- 4 boneless skinless chicken breasts
- ½ cup soy sauce
- ¼ cup water
- ¼ cup apple cider vinegar
- ¼ cup honey
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- 1 tbsp. minced garlic
- 2 tbsp. cornstarch
- rice or quinoa, for serving
- sesame seeds - garnish
- sliced green onions - garnish



Instructions:

- Lightly spray the slow cooker with non-stick spray.
- Place chicken breasts on bottom of slow cooker.
- Combine soy sauce, vinegar, honey, brown sugar, and garlic in a small bowl and pour over chicken breasts.
- Cook on LOW for 4 hours or until an internal temperature of 165F.
- For shredded chicken, cook on LOW for 6-8 hours. Remove chicken from slow cooker and shred with forks. Set aside.
- Pour sauce into small saucepan and combine cornstarch with water, and add to sauce.
- Over medium heat, bring sauce to a low boil, stirring often, and cook another minute, until sauce is thickened.
- Pour thickened sauce over shredded chicken.
- Serve over rice or quinoa, topped with sesame seeds and sliced green onions.