

There seems to be an epidemic of bad influences that have infiltrated our society. Perversities abound everywhere we turn. The schemes and plans of the enemy have successfully influenced every system in our society; family, government, schools, and even church. We have succumbed to the plots and plans of the enemy and it is time that the people of God rise up and begin to bring a New Influence into society.

In Mark 16:15-18 Jesus gave the command to go into all the world and preach the good news. He said "These signs will follow those who believe and are baptized." One of the 'signs' that will follow believers is that they will cast out devils. One of the meanings of the word 'cast out' here means to FORBID THE INFLUENCE OF. Another thing that I need to point out is that the word 'baptized' here does not just mean to dip or dunk into water. It means to be immersed into something that completely changes the structure of the original. Like a cucumber being changed into a pickle; a NEW CREATION!

Romans 12:6-8 says that we have been given Grace to function in the gift and capacity that God designed us for. Strong's Concordance describes grace as *'the merciful kindness by which God, exerting His Holy Influence upon souls, turns them to Christ, keeps, strengthens, and increases them in Christian faith, knowledge, affections and causes them to exercise Christian Virtues.'* God's Divine Influence working through the hearts of those that believe and align themselves with God's purposes and plans. When Christians display and operate in God's Spirit, Character and Virtues, the enemy's influences are hindered and forbidden to operate. The challenge for us as Christians is to break away from the 'other' influences that engulf us and allow the Grace of God to work through us to bring His Divine Influence into society.

We have allowed the enemy to gain ground for many years. We have not realized the power and authority that Jesus passed on to us. But we can begin today to start treading down the desolations of the past and begin to bring God's Light and Life into our homes, our work places, our schools and our communities. Each of us has been given a sphere to bring God's influence into (2 Cor. 10:13). The Grace of God, His Divine Influence, in our lives can limit and eventually stop the influence of Satan in our lives and in our society.

Let us begin today to ask God to give us a revelation of His Divine Grace and Influence in our lives. Let us ask Him to give us His heart for our communities so that His love and His Grace will permeate all that we do. The darkness is great; but the LIGHT of Christ in us is GREATER!

PRAYER; Lord thank You for Your Divine and Holy Grace. Thank you for imparting Your influence into my life. Thank you that You are changing me from Glory to Glory. Forgive me for allowing myself to come under the influence of the enemy. Forgive me for allowing myself to be aligned with the accuser of the brethren. Show me where I have sown seeds of strife, rebellion, jealousy, and discord so that I can pull them up and out of my life. Help me to be an instrument of peace that You can use to bring about a new influence into my home, my workplace, and my community. In Jesus Name. Amen

Scripture Refernces: Romans 12:6-8; Mark 16:15-18; 2 Corinthians 10



Romans 12:6-8 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us USE THEM; if prophecy, let us prophecy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality, he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.