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LEARNING FROM OUR MISTAKES

Each day that we put out a newsletter we copy the previous day's letter then we make the necessary additions and corrections so that it will be new for the correct day. It is much easier to do this than to make a completely new newsletter because of the time involved.

Yesterday evening I decided to start on Tuesday's newsletter so I would have a head start on it since Russell and I must be out of town today (Monday). I only did a little bit of work on it, like changing the day from Monday to Tuesday. Inadvertently when I intended to send Monday's newsletter out, I sent the one for Tuesday out instead.

Now everything that would have been in the Monday newsletter was also in the incomplete Tuesday newsletter, so the content was correct, but the day was wrong. Oops!

How often do we make mistakes in life that can be corrected? Probably for me it is every day, and probably for most of you it is the same. The question is, do we learn from our mistakes, or do we rush on to a new task forgetting the "lesson" that we learned?

Well, the answer to that could be yes, or no, and it totally depends upon us. When it comes to sin, we have the choice to eradicate it by repenting or just cover it up and go forward. When we cover it up, it lays dormant like a seed for a while, but you can be sure roots will grow and attach itself to your soul. Then it is harder to get rid of it. It must be pulled out by the roots to keep it from taking over.

Ah, how easy that sounds, right? This is why we must examine ourselves daily to see if there are any "seeds" that need to be eradicated. I learned something today about being careless. I could blame it on perhaps being overtired, but that is no excuse. God wants us to live in a spirit of excellence. We must check each gate in our lives (eyes, ears, taste, touch, smell) to make sure they haven't been opened to give Satan legal access. Then we rest in God's promises of protection.

I pray you enjoy today's message. It is a good reminder to all of us to inspect things in each of our lives for "errors" and then make good choices to change what is wrong.

Have a blessed day!