

BBC UPDATE

Dubai Ministry



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

It was a privilege once again for me to visit and minister in Dubai, UAE. During the week of Jan. 7-11, 2019, the books of I and II Timothy were the module topic for at least twenty pastors and church members. Dr. Emmanuel Tanierla (doctoral graduate of BBTs) was involved in starting the assembly back in 1999 and turned the work over to Pastor Flory Maloto. During the church services on Friday over one hundred church members and visitors attended the services. On Saturday night an ordination council met to examine Pastor Flory for recommendation to the assembly for the purpose to ordain him as elder of the assembly. The council of three experienced pastors, namely Dr. Tanierla, Pastor Jhun Han, and Dr. Strouse, examined Pastor Flory concerning his salvation, call to pastorate, biblical qualifications, doctrinal knowledge, and vision for the future of the church. Men of the assembly also were involved in the examination. The council gave recommendation to Bible Baptist Church to proceed with the church ordination service on Sunday.

On the Sunday night service, 8-10 PM (the Moslems' weekend is Friday and Saturday since Friday is their holy day; Sunday through Thursday is the work week), Dr. Strouse challenged the church about biblical pastoral leadership, and men from the congregation participated in "the-laying-on-of-hands" ordination of Pastor Flory Maloto. The ordination council and men from the church examined and recommended ordination, and the church membership proceeded with ordaining the pastor.

The New Testament teaches the need for the public ordination of pastors. Several salient Bible texts follow:

1. "And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed" (Acts 14:23). Paul, Barnabas, and the congregation "raised their hands [in collective vote]" for the elder of each new church.
2. "For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting, and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee" (Tit. 1:5). Titus, as an "apostolic representative" worked with and guided each church in Crete in recognizing God's ordained pastor/elder from within the respective assemblies.
3. "Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery" (I Tim. 4:14) and "Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands" (II Tim. 1:6). The practice of laying-on-of-hands by elders and church members represents the approval of, the extension to, and the identification with the elder.



*Above:
Recognizing Pastor Flory after the
ordination council.*

*Right:
BBC-Dubai members after the
ordination council*



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Bible Study group in Abu Dhabi



Sunday night service



Choir special



Dr. Strouse behind pulpit in Dubai



Children's trio



Lunch time for over 100 at church service



Dinner at Fridays next to ski slope in Dubai



Ramil surrendered to serving as pastor in new work



Pastor Cas Reeves

Surrendered and Blessed

What does it mean to surrender? Very simply it means to make the words of God the priority of your life over every thing else: to follow them and to obey them as the Lord arranges for you to know them. An example of this is found in the shepherds to whom the angels appeared at the birth of Christ. They, after hearing the heavenly announcement, surrendered themselves to go to "...see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us." (Luke 2:15)

The Apostle Paul reveals this about personal surrender: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." (Romans 12:1-2) It reveals in verse one, that saved people are exhorted to surrender themselves unto God and that this is their reasonable service to do. Further in verse two, that the surrendered party must go on to follow and obey.

Certainly the blessings of a surrendered life abound. One of those blessings is recognized in knowing "what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Also, David, in Psalms 112:1-4, shares a number of blessings for the surrendered child of God. He is a person that finds delight in the Lord's words (1). He is a person that has hope in the future of his family (2). He is a person that is blessed both mundanely and spiritually (3). And he is a person that is given light for his direction, producing a gracious and compassionate man who does right (4).

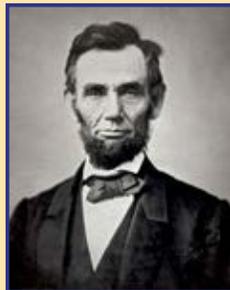
Are you a saved and surrendered child of God, receiving the blessings of God? -CAR

Quotes From the Past:

Abraham
Lincoln

1809-1865

16th President of the
United States



"You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred. You cannot build character and courage by taking away people's initiative and independence."

2019 Upcoming Events

February 18-22

Philippine Module (Minor Prophets I)

March 23

Baptist Heritage Conference

April 12

BBTS Spring Lecture Series

April 13

Ordination Council—Community Baptist Church

April 27

Ladies' Fellowship

May 19

BBTS Graduation

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DEVOTIONAL FOR WOMEN

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Devotional for Women

A Song in Your Heart

Read Philippians 4:1-9

Philippians 4:6-7 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Reflection: When you read through this passage, how many ways can you find Paul referring to thoughts, mind, and thinking? Many Christians today recite **Philippians 4:7**, it's a favorite verse but does it simply happen on its own? Do we automatically get peace or is there a responsibility on our part to receive this peace (apart from salvation)? Could you get arrested, be thrown in jail, and sing unto the Lord with joy? How does this happen? How did Paul do this? Do you think he had mastery over his thoughts, emotions, and behaviour?

Paul tells us to be careful for nothing (**this requires intentional thinking and faith**)

Paul tells us to pray (**this requires intentional thinking and faith**)

Paul tells us to be thankful (**this requires intentional thinking and faith**)

What does Jesus say about our 'worry-full' thought life?

Luke 10:41 And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art **careful and troubled** about many things:

Luke 24:36-38 And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit.

And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and **why do thoughts arise** in your hearts?

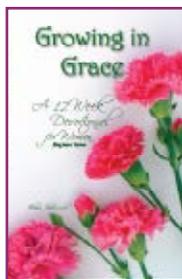
Matthew 6:31 Therefore take no **thought**, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (emphasis added)

Challenge: What are you careful and troubled about today? What is the source of worry and anxiety? How will being worried and troubled help you? What will it accomplish? What thoughts are you thinking that brings forth these emotions, examine them before you take action.

Memorize Isaiah 26:3 Thou wilt keep [him] in perfect peace, [whose] mind [is] stayed [on thee]: because he trusteth in thee.

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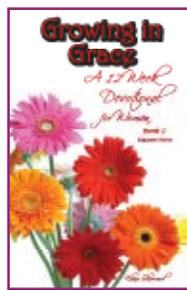
Growing in Grace: A 12 Week Devotional for Women Books 1 & 2



Book 1

This 12 Week Devotional is a ministry of Bible Baptist Church in Cromwell, CT. It is designed for women, and is meant as a support for victory in daily Christian living. Spiritual victory comes by having the Genuine Christ, Accurate Biblical Teaching, Applying the Infallible Word of God, and a Humble Heart.

Using this Devotional Each day you will be given a daily Scripture followed by thoughts upon which to



Book 2

reflect and a challenge for the day. To get the most out of this book, it is encouraged that you take the time each morning to reflect upon and apply each devotion.

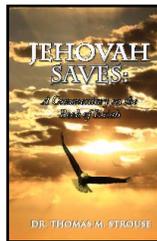
"Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart." (Psalm 119:2)

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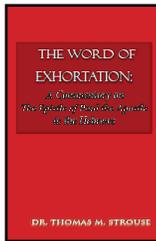
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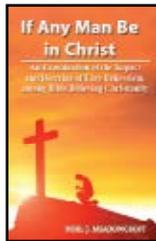
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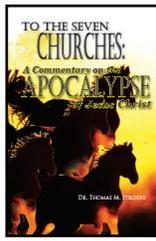
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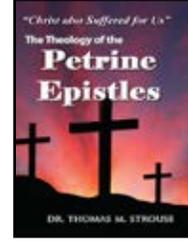
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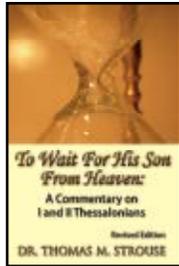
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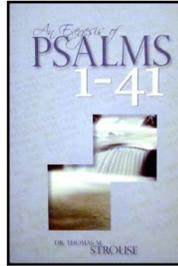
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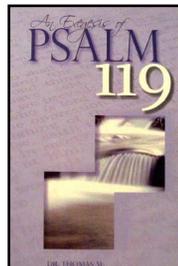
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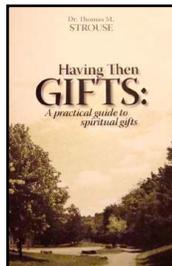
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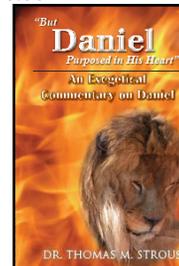
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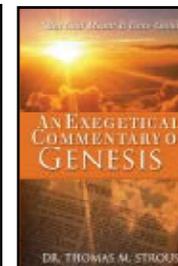
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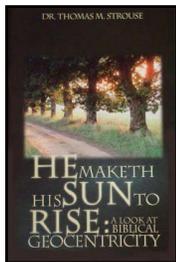
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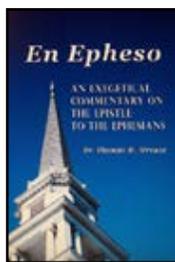
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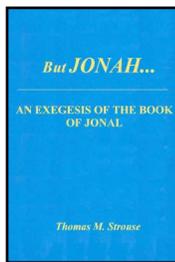
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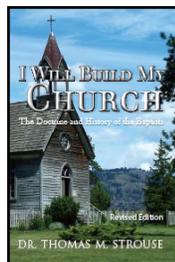
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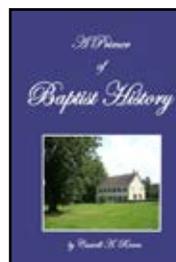
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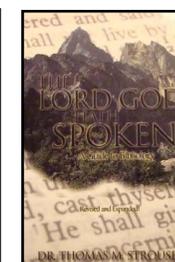
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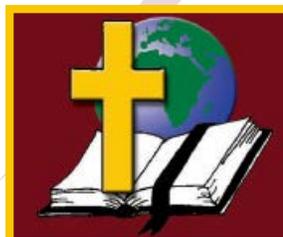
Left: Fresh goat meat in Dubai



Right: the sheep that ate the goat!

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