

UP! Day 1 7/5/21

With all that's going on in the world, the church, the nation, danger comes from only or mostly looking down. Down at all that's wrong, negative, depressing.

Fact- God wants us to answer His invitation to UP! So we can be lifted up and built up! Up is an extremely important spiritual and theological truth and concept.

UP! is dimensional not merely directional. UP! is above our earthly, natural, fallen ways. UP! is higher, higher in spirit, observation and understanding!

Rev 4:1-2 After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this." Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne.

Fact- God has always called His people UP! Up in Spirit, up in observation and up in understanding!

Isa 55:8-9 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts higher than your thoughts.

Prov 15:24- the way of life winds upward for the wise. That he might turn away from hell below.

Jas 3:15- wisdom not from above but is earthly, sensual, demonic.

Jas 3:17- wisdom from above is pure, peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and hypocrisy.

Q. Are your ways and wisdom Up? Above? Higher? Earthly, sensual and demonic?

Phil 3:14- press toward the upward call of God in Christ.

Col 3:1-2- If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

Listen- if we are going to answer the call to UP! we're going to have to...
Wake UP!

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