**HOW TO WRITE A GOOD BOOK**

 **BACKDROP SCRIPTURE…..*John 10:10 The thief cometh not but for to steal to kill and to destroy but I am come that they might have life, and might have it more abundantly”.***

**We all have a book or two we hold dear in our lives…I have very good Christian library at home but I have three which I hold in great respect…Pigs in the Parlor, The Holy Spirit and You by Mary Garrison and of course THE BIBLE!!!**

 **I MYSELF STARTED TO WRITE A BOOK A LONG TIME AGO BUT HAVEN’T QUITE FINISHED IT! GOT MUCH MORE TO WRITE!!
ANYONE HERE EVER WRITE A BOOK? FIRST WE START OUT WITH AN INTRODUCTION, THEN AS WE GET MORE IMPUT WE MOVE ON TO WRITE OUR FIRST PAGE AND A NEXT AND A NEXT THEN WE PAUSE AND BEGIN TO START A NEW PARAGRAPH AND AS THE BOOK PROGRESSES WE BEGIN TO GO CHAPTER BY CHAPTER UNTIL WE REACH THE PART WHERE WE ARE ABOUT TO PUT AN ENDING TO OUR BOOK AND WE WANT IT TO BE AS INTERESTING AS EVER, FINALLY WE END THE BOOK AND WE CAN ADD A DOXOLOGY A CLOSING REMARK AND WE CLOSE THE BOOK.**

**FACT OF THE MATTER IS WE ARE ALL WRITERS OF A BOOK……TODAY I WANT TO SPEAK TO US ON THIS TOPIC… HOW TO WRITE A GOOD BOOK!
 You see Beloved, We are all very busy during our life span not realizing that each day given to us by God is another page in our book! And what we need to understand is that from the day we are born into this life we are actually writing a history of our lives, by the minute, hour, day, week, month, and by the year. A new day comes in and it goes out but at the end of each day we are really writing another page in our book then a new chapter and every year that ends we are actually closing another chapter in our book and at the end of life we will close the book.
But the bottom line is the book we are all writing will not remain a closed book for long, because this book will be opened again at the judgment day!!!.**

**The Bible tells us in…..**

**Revelation 20:11-15 *1And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.12And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.13And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.14And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.15And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.***

**Beloved these words that are written should really strive every child of God to do everything possible to live a life that agrees with God! In other words, we should strive to write each day and every chapter of our lives the very best possible. And the truth is we can, if we let God guide us.
We need, therefore, to study this subject concerning things we need to do to help us write a best seller by living better lives before God and man.
But in order for us to do so we need to be warned of pitfalls and problems that might arise from time to time.**

**You see, God spoke unto his prophet and gave him specific orders as He does with us also, by the way this applies to all of us!!!**

***Ezekiel 3: 16-21… 6And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,17Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.18When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.19Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.20Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling-block before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand.21Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul.***

**Then also here in these scripture…..**

***Ezekiel 34:1-10. 3Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: but ye feed not the flock.4The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them.5And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered.6My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them.7Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the Lord;8As I live, saith the Lord God, surely because my flock became a prey, and my flock became meat to every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my flock;9Therefore, O ye shepherds, hear the word of the Lord;10Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them.***

**Beloved we are all watchmen on duty and the responsibility of The watchman is to warn people about their sins. But not only that we are also called to warn the false shepherds that are feeding themselves off Gods flock. Too many flocks are being fleeced at the hands of false shepherds, the have become a prey and meat to them but God says he will deliver them from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them!!! This is where we come in!!!! We are called to warn them from the Lord!!!!**

**But how can we accomplish such a feat before us??????

THIS CAN ONLY HAPPEN WHEN WE HAVE A DISTINCT REALIZATION OF THE VALUE OF THE SOUL!!!!!
Only he who realizes the value of his soul is prepared to write the life God wants him to live in the very best way he or she can in his or her book!!!
Do you know the value of a soul? Beloved, the bible is not silent on this topic….**

***Matthew 16:26. 26For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?*
What the scripture is declaring here is that a soul is priceless, it has a price tag attached to it that nothing can come close to equaling its price. But do you know or have an idea why it is so valuable?
Beloved, Because it is from God – and it is made in His image.**

**Genesis 1:26,27…*26And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.27So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.***

**It is the only part of us that is eternal.**

***Mathew 10:28. 28And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.***

**Realizing the value of the soul, one should want to take the very best care of it that is possible.
It is a unique entity of our life in that it is the only one that you have or ever will have and with it we are actually writing a book that one day God himself promises will open!!

THEREFORE WE MUST ALWAYS HAVE A CONSCIOUSNESS OF JUDGMENT WHEN WRITING OUR BOOK!!!**

 **God has appointed a day of judgment. This is not an appointment by man!!! It’s by God Himself!!
*Hebrews 9:27; 27And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:***

***Acts 17:31. 31Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.*Every person born has a spirit and will be there.!!! There will be no escape for anyone for any reason. Every book will be there open and ON DISPLAY!!!!**

***Romans 14:10-12. 0But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.11For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.12So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.***

 **One will be judged according to his own works or the life he wrote in his or her book!! WHAT WILL YOUR BOOK SAY!!!**

***2 Corinthians 5:10; 10For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.***

 ***Romans 2:1-11. Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.2But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.3And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?4Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?5But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;6Who will render to every man according to his deeds:7To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:8But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,9Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;10But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile:11For there is no respect of persons with God.***

 **A consciousness of these facts should help us to live and write a better book about our life.
Are you ready for that day to come?

WE MUST ALSO MAINTAIN AN AWARENESS OF THE UNCERTAINTY OF LIFE
 BELOVED, Life is very short at the most in view of eternity. In other words some books will be short just a few chapters long other will be very long books with many chapters in it !!!! A chapter consist of many pages and it ends every year. So far, I have written in my book approximately 26,480 pages which makes up a little over 72 chapters.**

**The question is WHAT HAVE I WRITTEN IN MY BOOK IN THOSE 26,480 PAGES AND THOSE 72 CHAPTERS.!!!!**

**TIME FOR SOME SELF EVALUATION HERE!!!! WHAT HAVE YOU WRITTEN IN YOUR BOOK, DOES IT PLEASE GOD AND IS IT A GOOD BOOK THAT ALSO PLEASES MAN !!**

***Job. 14:1; Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble.***

***James 4:13,14. 13Go to now, ye that say, Today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain:14Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.***

 **Beloved one thing is certain we know not when the end of writing our own book will be.**

***Mark 13:33-37. 33Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.34For the Son of Man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.35Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:36Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.37And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.***

 **We need to live every day as though it were our last day, for one day, it will be, and the book will close!!

WE MUST HAVE A TRUTHFUL KNOWLEDGE OF ONE OF TWO DESTINIES**

**Both are the same length in duration -- eternal.
a. However, One is a place of torment -- no experience of man can compare with it.
b. The other is a place of happiness and joy -- everything that God can give to make man happy will be there -- everything that will make one sad will be absent.**

**BELOVED IN THE WORDS OF OUR EVAN. GOPIE “Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people”. !!!!**

***John 14:1-3; Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.2In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.3And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.***

**Sheep and the Goats**

***Matthew 25: 31-46; 31When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:32And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:33And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.34Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:35For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:36Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.37Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?38When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?39Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?40And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.41Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:42For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:43I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.44Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?45Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.46And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.***

***2 Thessalonians 1:7-9. 7And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,8In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:9Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;***

 **Hell is prepared for the Devil and his angels. All that serve him are his angels or messengers of Evil.**

 **Matthew 25:41.*1Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:***

**OUR LIVES SHOULD CONSIST OF SEEKING A GREATER DEGREE OF FAITH!!
Peter began to sink into the water because of the lack of faith.
*Matthew 14: 28-31. 28And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.29And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.30But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.31And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?***

**Unbelief causes one to depart from God.
*Hebrews 3:12. 2Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.*We should call upon the Lord to help us increase our faith.
*Romans 10:17; 7So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.***

***Luke 17:5. 5And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.*
We need to lay aside every sin and the weight that doth so easily besets us.
*Hebrews 12:1,2. 12 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,2Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.***

 **IN WRITING THIS BOOK WE NEED TO BE MADE AWARE OF THAT WE ARE TO BE AN EXAMPLE TO OTHERS
We are an example to the entire world our book leaves a legacy to others like no other-- no one lives or dies unto himself alone.
*Matthew 5:13- 16; 13Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.14Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.15Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.16Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.***

***Romans 14:7; 7For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.***

 ***1 Corinthians 11:1. 11 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.*
Someone is always following in our footsteps.
Timothy was told to be an example to the believers.
*1 Timothy 4:12. 2Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.*A Christian is a Christian book on display before the world and therefore should magnify Christ in his life.
*2 Corinthians 3:1-3; 3 Do we begin again to commend ourselves? or need we, as some others, epistles of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you?2Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:3Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.***

**Philippians 1:20 20According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.**

**Beloved God says to all of us …WRITE A GOOD BOOK THAT WILL BE A LIVING TESTIMONY OF WHAT GOD WILL DO WITH A SERVANT WHO WILL GIVE HIS LIFE FOR THE SAKE OF THE MINISTRY OF GOD AND HIS GOSPEL!

OFFERING ENCOURAGING WORDS OF DOING RIGHT
Nothing helps us to improve like encouragement, all of us need it.
We usually speak of good things about a person after they are dead.
We should not resort to flattery -- but we should give honor where honor is due.
If you want to help someone live better, speak an encouraging word concerning the things he/she has done right.
 A continuous downgrading of a person will finally break his spirit.

CONCLUSION:
No better or more profitable life can be lived than that of a faithful Christian.
Are you a Christian?
Do not these things cause you to realize you should be?
Time to get started.**