



Teaching, Modeling, and Imparting Responsiveness to the Holy Spirit for Life and Ministry.

TEACHING:

Living Your Coat of Arms

by Mike Flynn

This Spring, Sue and I had the great privilege of driving around the Highlands of Scotland. As I planned the trip, I especially wanted Sue to have the chance to visit the Wallace Monument in Stirling. Her clan, the MacCambridges, are part of the Wallace sept. You remember the movie "Braveheart" about William Wallace? His monument is a 220 feet tall square tower planted on top of a hill overlooking the city. You can see it from anywhere in the town. As we walked around the monument we noted the motto on the Wallace family coat of arms: Pro libertate, which means "For liberty."

This started me thinking about my own family crest which has the motto Non sine periculo. This means, "not without danger." And it caused me to mirthfully remember the times when the Lord has prompted me to do something that could easily have turned out badly. The more I thought of it the less mirthful I became, for I can have mirth about the past because I know how it turned out. But about the future...well, the mirth dies off quickly and the "danger" part looms large. I don't like danger (or worry, fear, discomfort, lack of faith, etc., etc.). But I got the distinct sense that the Lord was saying that my family crest's motto was still very much in effect for me.

Let me share a few of the mottos with you (found on www.heraldryandcrests.com/Mottos.htm):

A Deo et rege = For God and king

A Deo lux nostra = Our light comes from God

Ad finem fidelis = Faithful to the end

Amino non astutia = By courage, not craft

Candor dat viribus alas = Truth gives wings to strength

Cede Deo = Submit to God

Deo adjuvante non timendum = With God assisting we must not fear

Deo didelis persistas = Trusting in God persevere

Dieu et ma droite = God and my right hand

Dulce periculum = Danger is sweet

Toujours fidele = Always faithful

Esse quam videri = To be, rather than to seem (MacCambridge)

Finis coronat opus = The end crowns the work

Fortiter et honeste = Boldly and honestly

Soli Deo Gloria = Glory to God alone

Gardez bien = Guard well

Ora et labora = Pray and labour

Now maybe you're part of a family tree that doesn't do coats of arms. But what is your family line known for? What slogans or "mottos" come out of your heritage? And then the question pops up: how are you fulfilling your family's heritage, its goals, its aspirations, its values?

I have always been blessed by my wife's living out of "to be, rather than to seem". She is real. There isn't anything phony about her. WYSIWYG. And I cherish that quality about her.

My family crest shows a right hand clasping a snake. "Oh great!" I thought when I really grasped what that meant: spiritual warfare! "Just what I wanted" I moaned. But that has turned out to be an amazingly accurate prediction. I spend at least 15 minutes every day doing battle with the enemy by putting protection on scores of people God has given me some responsibility for. And 15 minutes is the minimum; there are plenty of times when warfare intercessory prayer occupies me for hours. But you know what? I wouldn't have it any other way. I believe I am fulfilling my destiny.

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Sept. 27-30	Provincial Church of Uganda	Leaders Conference	By Invitation Only ssembiro@yahoo.com
Oct 21-23	St. Uriel Epis. Ch. Sea Girt, NJ	Training Instruction	sturiel@me.com

Other invitations that have not yet been finalized will be posted on our website which is updated frequently.

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Destiny. That's a powerful word. What's your destiny? Where did it get its start? Who in your family line or among your mentors has contributed to the mapping of your destiny? And how is God using you to formulate the destiny of your heirs?

On a recent prayer day I was worshipping with Revival in Belfast and these words by Don Moen particularly struck me:

When it's all been said and done

There is just one thing that matters

Did I do my best to live for truth?

Did I live my life for you?

When it's all been said and done

All my treasures will mean nothing

Only what I have done

For love's rewards

Will stand the test of time

Lord, your mercy is so great

That you look beyond our weakness

That you found purest gold in miry clay

Turning sinners into saints

I will always sing your praise

Here on earth and in heaven after

For you've joined me at my true home

When it's all been said and done

You're my life when life is gone...

That song summarizes the importance of Destiny quite well.

It's summertime. Hopefully you have a bit more time on your hands. Why not use some of it to assess how you're doing with your family crest. What does it say? What does it mean to you? Does your life demonstrate it? What could you be doing to give that motto greater application in your own life?

Bits of Feedback

Dear Mike and Sue, Art and I want to thank you for a wonderful conference...We especially loved the participation activities with the audience. We learned a lot of new ideas but also were reassured in our teaching of OSL that we were doing a lot of effective teaching. We are grateful for your devotion to the ministry and the sharing and witnessing of your holy experiences. We pray for continual protection during your many travels. We send blessings, Art and Irmgard Allard

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The weekend at St. Dunstons' was really helpful. Thank You, and blessings on your ministry, Dick Eckert

Gotta share that my hip pain is completely gone and the leg is 90% better BUT even more exciting is the healing I've received that I didn't even know I needed! I have seasonal depression and it's been hanging on a little longer than usual this year. I realized yesterday that I feel light and positive and energized!!! Then this morning I started to use my computer, put my glasses on and everything was fuzzy. I wiped my glasses clean but everything was still fuzzy. I looked at the computer screen without my glasses on and everything is clear as a bell. Apparently God DOES think HE's God and will do what he wants for us whether we know we need it or not!!

The weekend has been a blessing for me on so many levels. I have been praying for God to grow my faith and healing gifts and take away any discomfort I have sharing my story with others. Now he's magnified my personal healing testimony and I feel strong, confident and empowered to be a prayer warrior and healing instrument for him. Thank you!! Blessings, Diane G.

I have been blessed beyond measure with the training you did for us at Church of the Holy Spirit. It is a joy to actually hear and do what the Holy Spirit leads me to. God bless you and your entire ministry for all the "discovery" you have stirred up in the body of Christ. I am kindly requesting a copy of the 15 session teaching on healing to help me on this wonderful journey of fulfilling my calling. Again God richly bless you. -Eva M.

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Mike's Books

Mike's Books can be explored on www.freshwindministries.org, purchased direct from Mike at the Fresh Wind Office or on amazon.com

Holy Vulnerability, \$12

Inner Healing, \$15

Mustard Seed Book, \$13

Making Disciples, \$5

How To Be Good Without Really Trying, \$13

All Books, \$43.50 (a 25% discount)

*Make checks out to Mike Flynn.
Contact Mike at mkfln@aol.com to order.*

I just received a phone call from Lynn Marie E., who is doing some marketing for ACTS 29. She said she spoke with you in December to get your permission to use articles you wrote for the ACTS 29 magazine. She is creating books from articles that were written in the 70's and 80's.

Her main reason for call was to say, "the way you glorify God in what you say is incredible."

Dear Mike,

Today I celebrate 33 years in the ordained ministry. As Tina and I were having our morning devotions, I thought about you. You have been my mentor from afar mostly and sometimes at a very close distance, Praise God! I want to thank you for your love of the Lord and His Church. I want to thank you for being there for Tina and me for the past 22 years. You and Sue are dear, dear friends and we love you. --Rev. Joe R.

Mike & Sue,

Just a note to tell you how happy we are with the way the (funeral) service turned out. Your words were uplifting and compelling. All were touched! Several folks commented how much they liked what you said, and how you said it! --Mary Jayne W.

Through your teachings and leading at New Wineskins, the Holy Spirit has touched my life and sent me to serve with The Church of Uganda. Just arrived on 6/17. First attended NW in 2000, then in 2007 and last year. May the Lord continue to bless you and your family. (unsigned)

Responses

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