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Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Last month I wrote on Charity and my need to seek its attributes gifted to man by God not the outward expressions pursued by the flesh! Sometimes we may be as stated “We put the cart before the horse!” The horse cannot push the cart and no progress is made as intended.

This month I would like to continue evidences which may be in a stalled cart while we humans pursue that which appear to others of our spirituality but God sees it differently.

(Galatians 5:19-26)

*“Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.*

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.”*

(Ephesians 5:1-11)

*“Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.*

*But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man (**preacher**) deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.*

*Be not ye therefore partakers with them. For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.*

*And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.”*

I am reminded of my Bible School days that in one class on prayer Sister Caroline Kessler made the statement: "Practice the presence of God! – PRAYER" Instead of seeking attributes which are seen of man, seek in a closed closet the attribute (quality) that comes from being in His presence! Fellowship with God leads to become more like Him to share with humanity. Forget about the unfruitful works of darkness and linger in His presence for the love He has for all flesh and then you can be successful in reprove. Reprove without God's love only drives a soul away rather than them feeling true concern for their soul and its destination no matter whether they accept or reject rebuke! Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

It took Peter and all Jesus' disciples many mistakes which brought many rebukes to be more like their Master. All made it except one named Judas Iscariot. When (not if) but when you fail go back to the Jesus and repent to Him alone and He will forgive and forget IF one follows His Word. "When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, **Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.**" (John 8:10-11)

Only by rebuke comes repentance! Salvation is the greatest gift of God offered to mankind and repentance is a second gift of God to His children. "Open rebuke is better than secret love." (Proverbs 27:5) Carnal churches are afraid to mention repentance of sin because repentance of sin only comes when sin is rebuked. Rebuking is not pleasant and a preacher who is concerned about what people think of them more than what God knows about their heart avoids rebuking sinful practices because it will spoil their carnal reputation as a people pleasure. "And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God." (Luke 16:15)

*"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. **Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.**" (Hebrews 4:12-16)*

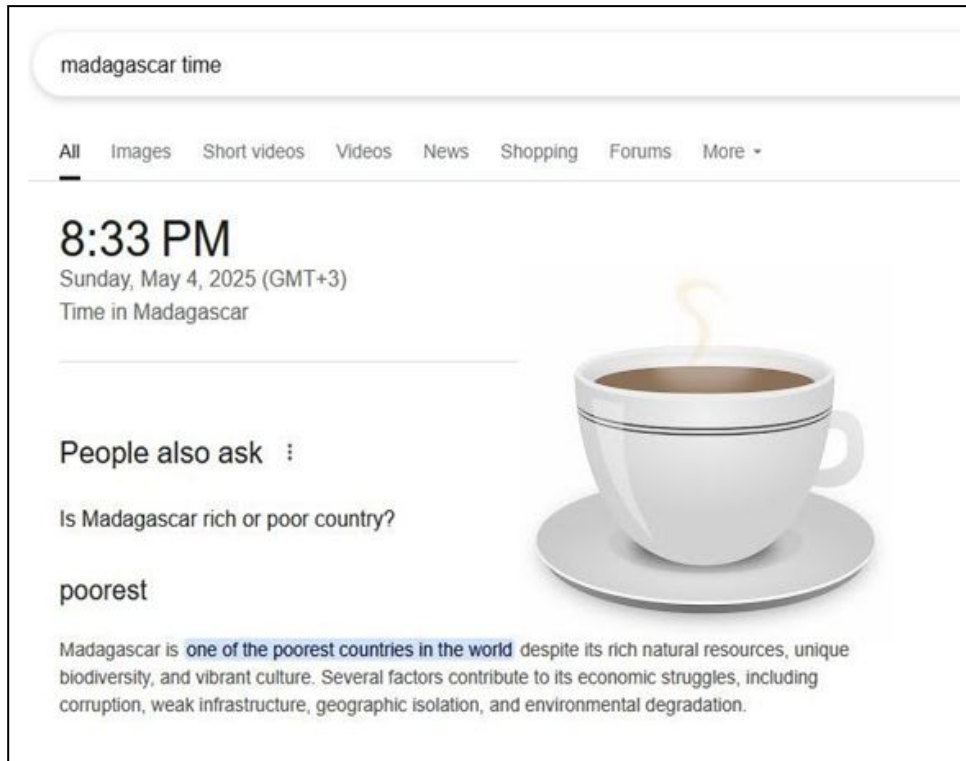
Human nature has never changed nor has spiritual obedience ever changed since Cain and Able in God's presence (church). There is always lurking an evil influence which overtakes a carnal soul and turns them into an evil impact on a congregation. "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" (Romans 6:16)

*"Woe is me! for I am as when they have gathered the summer fruits, as the grape gleanings of the vintage: there is no cluster to eat: my soul desired the firstripe fruit. The good man is perished out of the earth: and there is none upright among men: they all lie in wait for blood; they hunt every man his brother with a net. That they may do evil with both hands earnestly, the prince asketh, and the judge asketh for a reward; and the great man, he uttereth his mischievous desire: so they wrap it up. The best of them is as a brier: the most upright is sharper than a thorn hedge: the day of thy watchmen and thy visitation cometh; now shall be their perplexity. Trust ye not in a friend, put ye not confidence in a guide: keep the doors of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy bosom. For the son dishonoureth the father, the daughter riseth up against her mother, the daughter in law against her mother in law; a man's enemies are the men of his own house. **Therefore I will look unto the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me.**" (Micah 7:1-7) "Practice the presence of God! – PRAYER"*

In the last days ..... Read "2Timothy 3 & 4" - then obey!

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# Tea or Coffee?



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**8:33 PM**  
Sunday, May 4, 2025 (GMT+3)  
Time in Madagascar

People also ask :

Is Madagascar rich or poor country?

**poorest**

Madagascar is one of the poorest countries in the world despite its rich natural resources, unique biodiversity, and vibrant culture. Several factors contribute to its economic struggles, including corruption, weak infrastructure, geographic isolation, and environmental degradation.

I was going to call Madagascar this last weekend and searched for what time it was there.

I was surprised seeing a note beneath the current time listed on my search and what was highlighted.

“People also ask” “rich or poor” response was “poorest”


The next day, Monday, I decide to eat out for breakfast which I occasionally do. While studying the menu I noticed under the drinks “regular coffee \$3.39” I stated to the waitress when asked if I wanted tea or coffee: “A cup of your regular coffee cost more than one gallon of gasoline!” “Water please!”

I ask and examine myself concerning my daily activities and motives: “Am I investing in the Kingdom of God or in my selfish motives?” Motives that accommodate and satisfy only my immediate pleasures in life! To be like God is to be more concerned about others than one’s self. To deny the flesh to invest in some soul who in destined for hell! Tea or coffee?



*“Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and **look on the fields**; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth.” (John 4:35-37)*

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In Madagascar, the minimum wage is approximately **\$40 USD per month**. This is equivalent to MGA 184,653, according to some sources. [World Population Review](#) lists the hourly minimum wage as \$0.18 and the annual gross income at minimum wage as \$376. [Trading Economics](#) and other sources also mention the minimum wage as MGA 262,680 per month. 

## Water please!