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SURGERY SEASON



WITHIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE OR SOON WILL UNDERGO SURGERY. THERE ARE KNEE AND HIP REPLACEMENTS, BACK SURGERIES, AND SURGERY FOR CATARACTS AS WELL AS OTHER AILMENTS OR CONDITIONS. I SUPPOSE MANY WAIT FOR THE SUMMER ACTIVITIES AND OUTINGS TO BE OVER AND THEREFORE ELECT TO HAVE THEIR SURGERIES AT THIS TIME OF YEAR BEFORE THE WEATHER GETS REALLY BAD THIS WINTER.

I'M WONDERING IF THIS SHOULDN'T BE SURGERY SEASON FOR ALL OF US. WE ALL HAVE SINFUL ELEMENTS THAT SHOULD BE REMOVED. CONSIDER THESE.

BRAIN SURGERY: "I URGE YOU THEREFORE, BRETHREN, BY THE MERCIES OF GOD, TO PRESENT YOUR BODIES A LIVING AND HOLY SACRIFICE, ACCEPTABLE TO GOD, WHICH IS YOUR SPIRITUAL SERVICE OF WORSHIP. AND DO NOT BE CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD, BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND, THAT YOU MAY PROVE WHAT THE WILL OF GOD IS, THAT WHICH IS GOOD AND ACCEPTABLE AND PERFECT." (ROMANS 12:1-2)

EYE SURGERY: "AND WHY DO YOU LOOK AT THE SPECK THAT IS IN YOUR BROTHER'S EYE, BUT DO NOT NOTICE THE LOG THAT IS IN YOUR OWN EYE? "OR HOW CAN YOU SAY TO YOUR BROTHER, 'LET ME TAKE THE SPECK OUT OF YOUR EYE,' AND BEHOLD, THE LOG IS IN YOUR OWN EYE? "YOU HYPOCRITE, FIRST TAKE THE LOG OUT OF YOUR OWN EYE, AND THEN YOU WILL SEE CLEARLY TO TAKE THE SPECK OUT OF YOUR BROTHER'S EYE." (MATTHEW 7:3-5).

MOUTH SURGERY: "BUT NOW YOU ALSO, PUT THEM ALL ASIDE: ANGER, WRATH, MALICE, SLANDER, AND ABUSIVE SPEECH FROM YOUR MOUTH. DO NOT LIE TO ONE ANOTHER, SINCE YOU LAID ASIDE THE OLD SELF WITH ITS EVIL PRACTICES," (COLOSSIANS 3:8-9)

HEART SURGERY: "AND SO, AS THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN CHOSEN OF GOD, HOLY AND BELOVED, PUT ON A HEART OF COMPASSION, KINDNESS, HUMILITY, GENTLENESS AND PATIENCE; BEARING WITH ONE ANOTHER, AND FORGIVING EACH OTHER, WHOEVER HAS A COMPLAINT AGAINST ANYONE; JUST AS THE LORD FORGAVE YOU, SO ALSO SHOULD YOU." (COLOSSIANS 3:12-13).

THERE WILL BE PAIN ASSOCIATED WITH THESE PROCEDURES, BUT THE HOLINESS THAT DEVELOPS AFTERWARD WILL BE WORTH IT. MIGHT EACH OF US PRAY TO THE GREAT PHYSICIAN, "EXAMINE ME, O LORD, AND TRY ME; TEST MY MIND AND MY HEART" (PSALM 26:2). WHEN THOSE EXAMINATIONS REVEAL WICKED DISEASE, MIGHT WE ALSO BE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN SURGERY SEASON.

LOOKING UP!

PASTOR CHUCK CIRCLE

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