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rebuild and restore generations.***

Words of Stille

**Jeremiah Castille Foundation
4th Quarter 2012**

**We wish you a *Merry Christmas* and a *Happy New Year!* May
God richly bless you and shine upon you. May his peace
enfold you and his love encompass you during
the holiday season.**

Tis the Season

MERRY CHRISTmas!

By: Kristi L. Oliver

Matthew 11:29

*Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
for I am gentle and lowly in heart.*

Can you believe it's that time of year again? Bring on the family, friends, fun, gifts, and time off from work. Oh yeah, get out the eggnog, too (ok, maybe not). But what more could you ask for? I say, MUCH more! What do I mean by that, you ask? Well, allow me to sow a seed in your spiritual garden.

As I sit reflecting on the year that will soon come to end, God gave me some clarity in the area of purpose that touched my spirit deeply. We are less than 2 weeks away from Christmas and for the first time in many years, I have not even begun to purchase any gifts. Ok, I'll admit I AM one of those people that usually finishes shopping by the week of Thanksgiving. But there is something different about this year. Our family unit has changed dynamically with the loss of loved ones, sicknesses and conflicts. I am recognizing how much I rush through life, keeping a full schedule, eating on the go, making commitments to all that ask and burning the candle at both ends. Sound familiar? So you know how the saying goes....

I burn my candle at both ends, It will not last the night. But ah, my foes, and oh, my friends, It gives a lovely light (Edna St. Vincent Millay).

I had to admit to myself that while the light I want to project forth is brighter burning from both ends, it won't last as long. Then what good am I to others? I have found myself praying and asking for guidance and direction more than EVER this year! I was frustrated and not able to figure out why I was unhappy in certain areas of my life. Why did it seem like everything that I tried to do took longer than it should? Why was I constantly being met with opposition? I began to seek God more for answers and God spoke to my spirit and said... "*Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*" *Matthew 11:28-30.*

I instantly came to the realization that NOTHING is really about me (or you). Every part of our being, our journey and God's plan and purpose for our lives is to serve others. I think this is a concept some (if not most) of us are completely oblivious to because by nature we are self-serving creatures. We walk around with unforgiveness in our hearts

(check for me), we neglect our loved ones for our jobs, hobbies and other interests (another check for me, yikes) and we have expectations of people that they are not even aware of and when they don't meet our standards or live up to our goals, we get upset and add conditions to our love (Ouch! Another check for me). Yet we serve a forgiving God who forgives us for our sins over and over and over again, a God who gives us His undivided attention and unconditional love. We serve a God who remains by our side even when we fail miserably at His expectations for us. Needless to say, I didn't like the check marks by my name. We are either growing to be more like Christ or less like Christ each day and my report card was not looking so good. By the way, how did you do? Did you make the honor roll or did you fail? I will admit that I was ashamed and pleaded with God to remove those flaws in me that were not like Him. This sent me on a mission for change as those words again flowed through my spirit with great conviction....."*Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart.*"

Elder Neal A. Maxwell of the Council of the Twelve has told us being meek and lowly of heart does not mean being used or abused-or being a "doormat" for others. "Meekness," he says, "is more than self-restraint; it is the presentation of self in a posture of kindness and gentleness, reflecting certitude, strength, serenity, and a healthy self-esteem and self-control"¹ So I decided to do a little experiment. My mission was to serve as many people as I could in a 24 hour period, asking ANYONE that I encountered (even strangers), "How may I help YOU? Do you need anything? May I pray and agree with you on something?" If I saw a need, I tried to fill it, without expectation of anything in return.

At first, this was VERY uncomfortable for me and you can probably imagine some of the strange looks that were dished out to me. As a society, we have become accustomed to not verbally communicating, self-consumption and rudeness. I have actually witnessed people walking down the street change their direction to avoid someone. What is the harm in speaking to someone? But more often than not, my posture of selflessness was received well once they realized I was serious and genuine. In fact, people began to do the same thing for me in return. It became easier the more I did it. I was so amazed that after the 24 hours was up, I decided to keep it up. As I have continued, I cannot tell you how many doors have started to open for me or how productive I have been. No longer am I experimenting, I am exemplifying a new way of life. Do I pass the test every day? By no means! But when I fail, I pick up the pieces and try again. What God showed me is that He is our provider and He invites us to be encouraged, comforted and assured that our faith is secure in Him. As I served others, I forgot about my frustrations, my "problems," and my focus on me. Imagine what the world would be like if we all served each other. I'll tell you, no one would be in need!

As we celebrate this season, remember to reflect on the REAL purpose of CHRIST-mas. Jesus made a powerful statement about his birth. He said, "*For this purpose I was born and for this purpose. I have come into the world-to bear witness to the truth.*" (John 18:37). And it is in this TRUTH that we find the true meaning.

I leave you with this...

*Just one week before Christmas
Once prayers had been heard,
The people were scurrying
To get out God's Word.
The hymns were being sung
To Holy God above,
In thanks for Him sending,
Jesus Christ and His love.
Christmas brings remembrance
Of family and friends,
And the importance of our sharing
A love without end.
(Author: unknown)*

MERRY CHRIST-mas to all and God's Love to you my friend!

1 Taken from Patricia T. Holland, wife of Jeffrey R. Holland, gave this devotional address at Brigham Young University on 21 January 1986 "Meekness-A Dimension of True Discipleship," Ensign, March 1983, p. 71; emphasis added.

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Castille Corner

5 in Tuscaloosa, 4 still in school, 3 work on the team, 2 grandbabies and a National Championship!

If you "read along" in tempo with the infamous Christmas tune "12 Days of Christmas", it would sound something like this:

*Fiiiiivvvveee in TUSC-A-LOOSAAA!
FOUR -still-in-school
THREE work with the team
TWO grandbabies
and a Na-tion-al Champion-shiiiiip!*

The Castille Crew during the holiday season is a whirlwind of cheer and family bonding! With the Crimson Tide doing so well, we have and will throw in a few family trips to places like Atlanta (SEC Championship) and Miami (BCS Championship) in January! We love our family and enjoy every minute we have together. How blessed we are!!!

The oldest of the crew, Tim, is the newest Crimson Tide Graduate Assistant under Nick Saban and his wife Dee is building her new business selling real estate in the Tuscaloosa area. They have two precious little girls that bring the family so much joy; Breanna is 3 years old and Braelyn is one!



The second in line, Simeon and his wife Haley reside in Orlando, Florida. Simeon has signed his second contract with the Orlando Predators Arena Football team. He is training to be a financial planner and is building a wellness company, *Body of Stille* (nutritional products, boot camps, personal training and etc.) For more information about Simeon, visit www.simeoncastille.com.



Haley's company, *i am mermaid LLC*, sells spiritual and motivational clothing and mentors young women. As a singer/songwriter, she frequently travels to Nashville and

is currently recording an album. Please visit www.iammermaid.com for inspirational clothing for the beautiful woman in your life.

Third in line, Leah, is in graduate school at The University of Alabama and will complete her master's degree in social work in May! She is ready to start her career and impact the lives of teen girls! Rachel, the second Castille daughter is focused on completing her degree in Hospitality Management and enjoys her job at the child care center at the Mercedes facility.

As a member of the Crimson Tide football team, the youngest of the three Castille brothers, Caleb, is on his way to Miami for his second National Championship game. Danielle, the baby of the Castille family, is a freshman at The University of Alabama.



Those of you who have known the Castille family for a long time now realize how time flies. Baby Danielle is a Freshman in college! Jeremiah and Jean are empty-nesters and rumor has it; though they miss their babies, they love every minute of it!

Please keep the Castille family and children in your prayers as each walks out the destiny God has placed before them and continues the legacy that Jeremiah and Jean have begun.

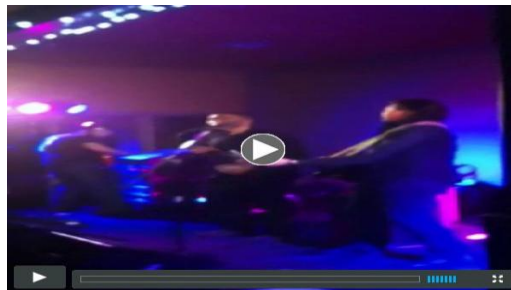
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Vision Security Technologies Celebrity Golf Invitational

Thank you to Vision Security Technologies for a successful 2012 golf tournament benefiting Jeremiah Castille Foundation. We sincerely appreciate the hard work and dedication of Barry Komisar, Jeff Holland and the staff of Vision Security Technologies. We are grateful for the support of our dedicated sponsors and look forward to our continued partnership. A special thank you to our celebrity guests for donating their time and talents to the foundation.

Please join us for the 2013 tournament!

Enjoy the videos of Mark Collie and Jeremiah Castille at The Pairings Party



Sweet Home Alabama



Amazing Grace

Stille Moments

A Quiet Time with God
Written by: Jeremiah Castille

The 12 Days of Leadership

Merry Christmas Ministry Partners,

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, I have been meditating on the reason for the

Christmas season. The life of Christ exemplifies *LEADERSHIP*. Can you think of a person in history who exemplified *LEADERSHIP* in a greater way than Christ? I am so thankful for the sacrifice He made for mankind.

I am personally extremely grateful for the impact *LEADERSHIP* had on my life. We would not be who we are without *Impactful LEADERSHIP*. *LEADERSHIP* has been our **KEY WORD** in chapel this season with the University of Alabama football team, and the team has definitely exemplified *LEADERSHIP* this year!

As we celebrate Christmas 2012, I want you to think about how you can become a better **LEADER** for 2013! My desire is that you will spend the "12 Days of Christmas" studying the "12 Qualities of Leadership".

God Bless You, Merry **Christmas** and **Roll Tide!**

Jeremiah

December 14, 2012: LOVE
John 3:16
December 15, 2012: LEAD I
Samuel 30:8
December 16, 2012: ENDURANCE
Isaiah 40:13
December 17, 2012: VALOR
Judges 6:12
December 18, 2012: PERCEPTION
Judges 6:22
December 19, 2012: HONOR
Judges 6:18
December 20, 2012: WISDOM
Daniel 1:4
December 21, 2012: SERVANT
Daniel 1:4
December 22, 2012: FAITHFUL
Daniel 1:8
December 23, 2012: RESPONSIBLE
Genesis 37:2
December 24, 2012: VISION
Genesis 37:5
December 25, 2012: HUMILITY
Genesis 4

Upcoming Events

December 14
Alabama Sheriff's Boys Ranch
Christmas Party
Summerdale, AL

December 25
Merry Christmas

January 7
BCS Championship
Miami, FL
ROLL TIDE!

January 25
Energen
Birmingham, AL

January 31
Alabama Power
Mobile, AL

February 16
Women's Committee of Fifty Gala
Benefiting Jeremiah Castille Foundation
Birmingham, AL

March 2
Gilbertown Baptist Church
Wild Game Supper
Gilbertown, AL

March 10
Dawson Family of Faith
Birmingham, AL

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