

Achieving Gold At Home Neh.8:2,7; Josh 20:?, Ps. 46:1; Matt. 22:36-40; John 8:12; 1 John 2:11; Ps. 1:1

We worship the King because we want to see Jesus lifted high.

In the Old Testament a slave's debts were posted for all to see. A prospective buyer would have to consider if he could pay the debt in order to acquire the slave. The equivalent for us is our sins. They were posted on the cross (Col. 2:13,14) and paid for by Jesus. If we have done the exchange then His blood and His grace covers our sin. (Is. 53). Are we still calling out to Him for the ones we know who have not made the exchange or have we given up? Let's continue asking God to bring a breakthrough.

If we have school age children who can understand instructions then they are able to sit under the instruction of God's word. As parents it is our duty to make sure they understand it. Don't rely on the pastor or the Sunday School teacher to do it all. They are there to build upon what you as a parent do. When we don't understand for ourselves, we need the body of Christ.

We need to be going for gold on home turf; we ought not to be satisfied with doing great things for others, we need to be doing great things for our marriages, in raising a family, in our home church. Are we willing to sacrifice for our family? The best chance we have to achieve gold is in the family of God. Don't live isolated lives, live in community, be there for each other listen to the prompting of the Holy Spirit and walk in obedience. Your actions could be the answer to someone's prayer. Getting gold at home involves collaboration and cooperation. We need to know how to come in to the presence of God and how to come out again. You never know when God's going to move. We need to focus on grace that brings salvation, to add to your life get things on the agenda for discussion and decision; don't talk about- talk to. Make sure the lines of communication are open, both vertical and horizontal. It is an absolute necessity that we have a relationship with God and with God's people. (Matt. 20:36-40) You cannot love God and not love his people (John 8:12) anymore than you can be at odds with a brother and not have it affect your relationship with God (1 John 2:11). You are living in deception if you think otherwise. There is a refuge in godly friendships. Ps.1:1; Phil. 2:4; 1 Sam. 14. This is CARE Groups, there is strength, there is courage in numbers. Heb. 10:25 we are commanded to gather together. We are a family when He is our Father and spiritual family takes priority over natural family. We need to be making sure that our natural family becomes our spiritual family. None of us are perfect but we are all pointed in some direction. In which direction is the person you are spending the most time with pointed? Who has the greater influence? We need to live holy separate lives. Make sure your friends are pointed in the same direction as you. We all know people who are nice but not godly. They are not to be our counsel. Most of us surround ourselves with people who say what we want to hear, not what we need to hear. We need to surround ourselves with people who know our vision. Godly counsel is a necessity. Because we are salt

and light we need to be in contact with people who are in darkness but selectively and strategically. Who do you allow into your life for most of your decisions? Are they godly? Is your advice to others godly? Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the ungodly... whatever he does shall prosper. We need godly people who are full of God's book.