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## Taste and See (Psalm 34:8)

We do not sustain life merely through what we eat from God's creation but by understanding and faithfully trusting His Word to rule our doing it. The great Abrahamic faiths—Judaism, Christianity, and Islam—affirm that our Creator defined life through His spoken Word that ruled all long before our arrival. We are not accidents; this Divine rule by Word remains challenged by Satan, who claims individuals should define their own truth rather than relying on their Maker's definitions of priorities.

The faithful believe it is clear that Jesus spoke the rule as the Creator on earth, governing physical reality with His words. This assertion of spoken truth surpasses the emotional and psycho-social influence that others use today. Jesus continues to form disciples who share the Good News of God's ongoing presence, guiding those who accept His authority through the Holy Spirit to do good.

Living in God's Kingdom means accepting Jesus' principles, which distinguishes us from other Abrahamic religions. His words set the rules for life, while Satan's deceptions kill it off. Truth corresponds to measurable reality; otherwise, it is false (De.18:20-22; Pr.29:18; Ho.4:16). As a prominent <u>preacher</u> <u>shared</u> decades ago, without Jesus' rescue, there would be little to no fruitful science or education compared to what we enjoy today.

## Come and See (Psalm 66:5)

The measurable principles for managing our communal lives in this creation underpin Community Health Evangelism/Education/Engagement (CHE) principles. As 19th century American Christians changed N. American institutions, 21st-century African Christian leaders use CHE strategies to change their world. The

attached image communicates recognized steps to see change per the <u>theory of</u> <u>Prochaska</u>, which outlines prominently how CHE advances spiritually in Cote d'Ivoire. The most effective care is typically the most expensive: teaching with mentorship leads to better health practices in the home. CHE strategies cut the costs to do such instruction significantly, allowing profound gains of health that testify to God's provision for temporal and eternal salvation. As the USA accepts a new president, Verlin hopes the Make America Healthy Again (MAHA) movement will see the national adoption of many approaches used by CHE in several states.

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Debbie continues learning about government support services in Tennessee while voluntarily assisting for three to four days or more weekly with her father's transitions. Meanwhile, Verlin recovered from a winter respiratory bug while preparing a temporary location for Debbie's dad in Cookeville, if needed. He also met new neighbors—a factory technician and a stay-at-home mother—eager to learn about God's provisions. Verlin shared some broth with them and plans to deepen their relationship over a meal next week, aiming to involve them in Discovery Bible Studies.

## Prayer and Praise

Pray Debbie's encouragement from her father's increasing activity and her obtention of a resource detailing lodging options facilitates decision-making, so her father needs to make only one additional move in this life.

Pray Verlin can recover momentum on editing CHE lessons, assisting an NGO integration of CHE strategies that works out some financial reporting challenges, and renewing communications with W. African leaders sooner rather than later while stateside, probably until at least February's end.

It appears that the 4th QTR of 2024 giving sustaining our ministry remained generous, though less so than in 2023. Pray with us that each stays motivated and undistracted by seeming imperative family and ministry needs to complete our financial ministry review by March's end.

Your partners in the Gospel, Verlin & Debbie

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