“BEING UP IN A DOWN WORLD”

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Dear Friends,

Greetings!

Central Philippine University is celebrating Christ Emphasis Week (CEW) this week. Our theme for this celebration is “Being Up in a Down World.”

Our world is characterized as a “Down World.” There are a lot of things that are pulling us down.

What are these things? Let me use the word DOWN as our outline:

D – Directed by Pride

If our life is directed by pride, then this will pull us down. The Bible is reminding us that “Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall” (Proverbs 16:18). Let it be that we will always discern and pursue the will of God in our lives.

O – Order of Priorities is not clear

We will be in a crisis situation if we do not know our priorities. Each of us has different priorities. But let it be that at the top of it is doing the will of God – the impetus behind each priority.

W – War of the Spirit and the Flesh

There is an ongoing war inside us. This is what Paul said in Romans 7:15-19 – “I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do - this I keep on doing.”

Who can pull us up in this quagmire? Only Jesus Christ.

N – No way! I will not do something!

The attitude of indifference is increasingly prevalent in our society. Let us fight this selfish and individualistic attitude.

Dr. Lee B. Spitzer, the CEW speaker for the Faculty and Staff last Friday, gave us a quote from Maimonides, a medieval Jewish thinker who said, “A single righteous act can tip the balance and make

Let it be that we will live lives that can make a difference in the lives of others.

May God bless us all!

Sincerely,

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