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"The unfolding of thy words give light; it gives understanding to the simple"

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FULFILLING

GOD'S VISION

We have just celebrated Easter. He has risen! Glory to God! This event in history set all of mankind free from the bondage of sin. We use this time of the year to focus upon the Cross of Jesus Christ and all that it means and how the great sacrifice of God's Son impacts our personal lives, families, friends and ministry to others.

We are reminded of what the great theologian *Charles Spurgeon* once said about the Cross.

"In the Cross of Christ we glory, because we regard it as a matchless exhibition of the attributes of God. We see there the love of God, desiring a way by which He might save mankind, aided by His wisdom, so that a plan is perfected by which the deed can be done without violation of truth and justice. In the Cross we see a strange conjunction of what once appeared to be two opposite qualities—justice and mercy. We see how God is supremely just; as just as if He had no mercy, and yet infinitely merciful in the gift of His Son. Mercy and justice, in fact, become counsel on the same side, and irresistibly plead for acquittal of the believing sinner. We can never tell which of the attributes of God shines most glorious in the sacrifice of Christ; they each one find a glorious high throne in the person and work of the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world. Since it has become, as it were, the disk which reflects the character and perfections of God. It is meet that we should glory in the Cross of Christ, and none shall stay us of our boasting."

In reflection, we would all live more Christ-like lives if we focused more often on the Cross instead of just once a year. We take Christ for granted in so many ways and by so doing nail Him back on the Cross by our selfish nature. God forgive us.

The vision of BOLM is wrapped up in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in whatever way the Holy Spirit would lead us; currently in training believers to be true disciples of Christ through our school, Pneuma Bible Institute.

We should NEVER neglect or compromise the message of the Cross in fulfilling the purposes for each one of our lives or in our ministry to others. In Ephesians 4:11,12, we are told, "It was He who gave some to be Apostles, some to be Prophets, some to be Evangelists, and some to be Pastors and Teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the Body of Christ may be built up."

We may not be specifically called by God to fulfill any one of these roles, and yet as we yield to the words of Jesus in Matthew 28:19,20, "Therefore GO and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you---." In obedience to His command, we believe that there will be elements of the five- fold ministry being drawn out of all of us by the Holy Spirit in fulfilling the great commission in these latter days. Like Isaiah, we should proclaim "Here am I, send me."(Isaiah 6:8)

FULFILLING GOD'S VISION (CON'T)

We must ALWAYS remember in fulfilling our personal and ministry visions that without the Cross there would be no Gospel to share and no way for man to be set free from his sin.

May the CROSS be as a burning fire within us as we proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ through our personal lives, families and ministries.

Xen & Dawn

PRAYER FOCUS

God does nothing apart from prayer and everything through it.

John Wesley

Please pray for the following:

- Our country to return to Godly values and morality based upon the Word of God
- A restoration of Biblical manhood, womanhood, fatherhood, motherhood, marriage and family life
- Open doors for ministry (domestic and foreign)
- Protection to help us stand firm against the enemy
- Anointing for consulting services, ministry, teaching, writing new materials and publications
- Financial needs to be met
- Divine health, strength, wisdom, guidance and protection
- Fulfilling our Apostolic role to Ministers, Missionaries, Churches and Ministries
- Light of Life Ministries and its outreach locally and around the world
- Light of Life Christian Center and its outreach to the community and overseas
- School of Biblical Living that it might change the lives of its students for His glory
- Pneuma Bible Institute that it would transform the lives of its students in preparation for fulfilling their calling

Ephesians 6:18 – And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests---

FEED MY SHEEP

A Cooperative Effort

“It seems God is limited by our prayer life – that He can do nothing for humanity unless someone asks Him.” --- John Wesley

God will have ALL men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth; (I Timothy 2:3) but He does need and has chosen to use men to be His witnesses and intercessors.

When God created the world and all that is in it He acted alone – that is – God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit cooperated in Creation.

(Genesis 1:26) But in His redemptive purposes, He chooses to unite Himself with human instruments to bring about His ultimate victory.

The “cooperative effort” works this way: God, by the power of His Holy Spirit, reveals to His people His desires. He leads them to pray and then gives to them the very thing He burdened them to pray for. Thus we can plainly see that the vital indispensable part of this “cooperative effort” is prayer. One incident in the Bible that reveals this principle is in the life of Elijah regarding the drought that God caused by withholding not just rain but also dew!!! (I Kings 17:1)

God then commands Elijah to go to Ahab and tell him that He will send rain (I Kings 18:1). After his encounter with the prophets of Baal, when God showed Himself powerful, Elijah then began to pray that God would fulfill His promise of sending rain to relieve the drought (I Kings 8:42) – and He did!

James 5:17 reminds us of this “cooperative effort” regarding the prayer of faith – that Elijah was “a man just like us” – who prayed earnestly that it not rain and again that it would rain. God withheld rain and then sent rain, in the process used a man who He trusted to pray. This was not Elijah’s self-conceived idea but his working with God in a “cooperative effort.”

The will of God is not automatically accomplished on this earth. Our part in this “cooperative effort” is to pray according to God’s will. When Paul prayed three times for the thorn in his flesh to be removed God answered him with the words, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness (II Corinthians 12:9).

FEED MY SHEEP (CON'T)

God's answer to Paul has been used to help and encourage multitudes of Christians through the ages who have prayed in similar ways regarding some difficulty in their own lives.

Our great need is to be able to discern God's spiritual goals in the circumstances He allows to come into our lives and the lives of others. The power of prayer lies in the intertwining of the will of man with the will of God – only on the basis of our surrender of self-will.

Prayer is truly a “cooperative effort” in which neither man nor God is dispensable. God has so orchestrated His redemptive purposes on this earth that man's prayer is the force that moves those purposes into action.

We know that as we pray everything depends on God, but at the same time He would have us realize that everything depends on us.

Because You Prayed

Because you prayed I can be strong
I found my hope in the Lord, my strength renewed.
I can soar on wings like eagles, I can run and not
grow weary,
I can walk and not faint.

Because you prayed I can be calm
He quiets me with His love and clothes me with
His peace.

Because you prayed I can be useful to others
God filled my heart with living water
And turned my thirst into a fountain,
Bathing others with His Spirit,
Freeing captives, healing wounded souls,
... because you prayed.

Doreen

COUNTING THE COST

Through your giving to BOLM, you, our faithful partners, are leaving a powerful legacy for this generation as well as for generations to come.

Since the start of this ministry in 1986, literally thousands of people have been counseled and trained to serve the Lord and their generation. What a privilege it is for us to be your hands and feet and to see these many lives changed for God's glory in fulfilling the vision and calling for this ministry.

We know that your sacrificial giving has and will continue to make a significant contribution to building up the Kingdom of God on this earth and for all eternity.

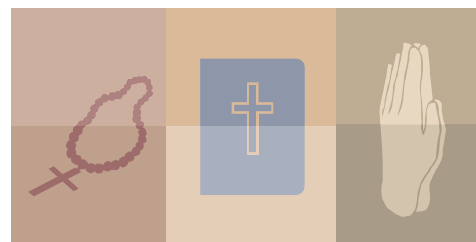
In our last newsletter, we laid out before you the specifics of where we felt the Lord was leading us in 2005 and beyond. However, in order to accomplish these goals and fulfill our vision we need many more faithful giving partners like yourselves.

If you are not currently a supporter of BOLM, would you please consider asking the Lord if He would have you to become one? Your contribution of \$10.00 or more per month (33 cents per day) or a one-time gift of \$120.00 or more will help us touch more lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Gifts of any size are always welcome and appreciated.

Again, we are so thankful for the faithfulness of each one of you who are currently giving to this ministry. We trust that God will encourage you to continue at your current level of giving or if He so leads, even increase the amount. May God Richly Bless You!

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Proverbs 22:9 – A generous man will himself be blessed ---.



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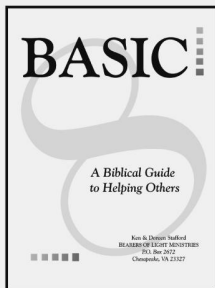
THE STUDY of God's Word, for the purpose of discovering God's will, is the secret discipline which has formed the greatest characters.

J.W.Alexander

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- SCHOOL OF BIBLICAL LIVING (Training in Biblical truths and principals for living and service)
- PNEUMA BIBLE INSTITUTE (Biblical training and preparation for ministry)
- SEMINARS (Conducting relevant topical seminars to build up the Body of Christ)
- BOOKS (Counseling materials and publications to challenge and strengthen the Body of Christ)
- APOSTOLIC (Providing services, resources, ministry and accountability for independent Ministers, Missionaries, Churches and Ministries)

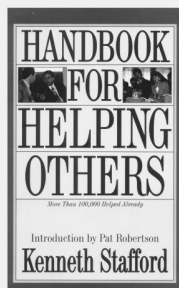
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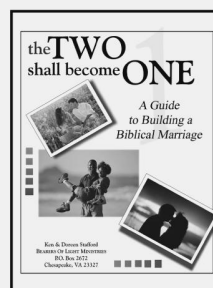
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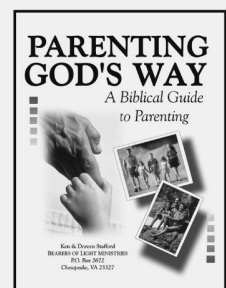
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