

the **BEACON**

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

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FULFILLING

GOD'S VISION

In our last issue of *The Beacon* for 2004, we talked about the importance of having a vision for our lives and ministries and that without it we wander aimlessly throughout our lives with little purpose or direction.

As we start this New Year, we thought it would be appropriate to talk about our personal GOALS for 2005.

How many times have you purposed to accomplish specific goals for the New Year (weight loss, exercise program, scholastic achievements, more time in the Word and Prayer, etc.) and never fulfilled them?

The Bible has something to say about setting goals without consulting God and the leading of His Holy Spirit.

In Galatians 3:3, we are asked, "Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to obtain your goal by human effort?"

Could this be why we fail to achieve some of the goals or all of them that we have set for ourselves each New Year? In reality some of the goals we set are SELF serving and not necessarily the goal(s) He would have us make. So without His approval or leading we will most likely fail to meet them. Sometimes it appears that we know better than God what our goals should be.

God shows us a better way through His Word. II Corinthians 5:9 tells us, "So we make it our goal to please Him,---."

The Lord is interested in every aspect of our lives. The Word says He has a specific plan for each one of us.

Ephesians 1:11 – In Him we were chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of Him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of His will,

Isaiah 46:11 --- What I have planned that I will do.

We trust that your desire is the same as ours. We want to allow God to reveal His plans and goals for our personal lives and ministries and purpose to discipline ourselves to fulfill them for His glory, not ours.

Philippians 3:14 – I press on toward the goal to win the prize for when God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Our prayer for BOLM is that as God continues to unfold the vision for this ministry in 2005 through Pneuma Bible Institute, our teaching, writing and fulfilling our Apostolic role, that the goals we set conform to His plan for this ministry.

In closing, may our individual lives and ministries be a reflection of His plans and related goals for each one of us during this New Year of 2005.

Ken & Doreen

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God Opposes the Proud

In James 4:5, we are told that, “--- God opposes the proud---.”

This verse tells us very clearly that God does not sanction or approve of pride in our lives. Pride is based on a person allowing himself to be the master of his own destiny without any need for God or others. *Webster* defines pride as an unduly high opinion of ones self (worth, merit, superiority).

That is why God says that pride is a sin , it separates man from Him. In fact, in Proverbs 8:13, He says that, “---He hates pride---.” He also states in Proverbs 16:18, that, “Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.”

If God detests pride, then why do we allow pride to enter into our lives? It certainly is not listed as a fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22,23). Pride came into the world through Adam and Eve when they desired to be like God and ate the forbidden fruit from the tree of good and evil. Ever since, pride has been a real temptation for man in his choices. We can allow it to rule in our lives and live like the world or we can reject it and live as Jesus would have us to live, free from pride. Wasn't pride what caused Satan to fall from God's grace and to be banished from Heaven?

Knowing that God detests pride, then what does He desire us to replace it with? Again, we look to Scripture. In the latter portion of James 4:5, He, “gives grace to the humble.” *Oswald Chambers* in his devotional *My Utmost For His Highest* states that, “a true disciple is one who has his new name written all over him – self interest, pride and self sufficiency have been completely erased.”

In James 4:10, we are told to, “Humble yourself before the Lord, and He will lift you up.”

If pride is a natural fleshly response for man, then how do we achieve the characteristic of humility? The Bible says in Galatians 2:20, that when we are born again, “I(we) have been crucified with Christ and I(we) no longer live, but Christ lives in me(us) ---.”

In Matthew 11:29, Jesus sets the example, “--- for I am gentle and humble in heart,---.”

I believe pride can enter into our lives when we do not develop a consistent life of intimacy with God (Word, Prayer, Fellowship). It has little to do

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concerning how many times we attend church or how long we have been a Christian, but has everything to do about having an intimate child-like relationship with Jesus.

Pride can also creep in when we are seemingly blessed beyond measure and focus on our blessing(s) rather than God. By so doing, intimacy with God, becomes a secondary goal rather than a primary or priority one.

You may be gifted or talented in a specific area(s), so you find yourself depending on self rather than God. Hence, pride can easily enter in.

If God hates pride, then we must focus on Him rather than ourselves.

The following formula helps us to understand how to live a life of humility:

Death to Self + Intimacy With God = Walking in the Humility of Christ

“It is a joy to Jesus when a disciple takes time to walk more intimately with Him. The bearing of fruit is always shown in Scriptures to be the visible result of an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ (John 15:1-4).” *Oswald Chambers*

As we start this New Year of 2005, let us renounce the temptation to allow pride to enter into our lives and purpose to walk intimately with Jesus in humility. Thereby, setting an example for our families and others to follow.

Have a Blessed New Year,



WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

Many thanks are extended to you at BOLM for your *Biblical Living Course*! Not only did I receive some “instant” healing from guilt and condemnation through the process, but also received countless convictions through the teaching. I believe without a doubt, God sent me to your school and because of the awesome teaching I received, I have been convicted by our Heavenly Father to join Him as a servant to help others in need of inner and emotional healing. As a result, I recently enrolled at Regent University to obtain my Masters Degree in Human Service Counseling. I thank God and BOLM for your faithfulness to serve Him and to direct those of us who desire to follow His will for our lives.

R.M. - Virginia Beach, VA

COUNTING THE COST

We thank God and all of you who are current ministry partners for what was accomplished through BOLM during this past year of 2004.

We have nine students enrolled in our school, Pneuma Bible Institute, who are involved in two trimester courses (Biblical Living and Foundations of Faith) for the 2004-2005 school year. (see testimony in column "What People are Saying")

We conducted or facilitated 45 class sessions at PBI during 2004.

We have developed a partnership with the International School of Ministry an outreach of Good Shepherd Ministries International in Los Alamitos, California utilizing their materials and ours in our course curriculum at PBI. It is a real divine connection.

We also have up and running websites for our school, www.pneumabible.org, and for BOLM, www.bolm.org. The sites are still under construction and revision. (check them out)

Psalm 29:2- Ascribe to the Lord glory due His name.

We look forward with great anticipation to what He will do with this ministry in this New Year of 2005.

We hope to add one more course at PBI for the 2005-2006 school year and start the accreditation process.

We also hope to start a distance education program through PBI in the near future.

BOLM continues to provide administrative services and counsel to the Women of Hope Project currently active in Afghanistan who give hope to the suffering women and children of that country.

BOLM continues to make its Apostolic services available to independent ministers, missionaries, churches and para - church organizations who desire our services, covering and ministry.

Proverbs 16:3 – Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.

However, we are always mindful that it takes many faithful partners through their giving and prayers to enable us to accomplish the tasks that God puts before us.

None of the services listed above are self - supporting. We try to make them affordable to all worthy participants. Thus the ongoing need for additional funds.

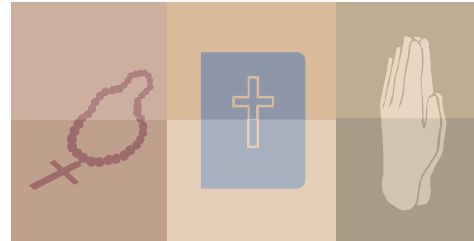
If you are not currently a supporter of BOLM, would you consider asking the Lord if He would have you become a financial and prayer partner? Your contribution of \$10.00 or more per month (33cents per day) or a one-time gift of \$120.00 or more will help us touch more lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.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

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 on your current level or even increase it. You, our partners, play a

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major role in helping BOLM fulfill its vision and calling. God Bless You!

Please find a faith pledge card and envelope for your responses. All contributions to BOLM or any of its outreaches are tax deductible.



PRAYER FOCUS

HELP – God brings no man into the conflicts of life to desert him. Every man has a friend in Heaven whose resources are unlimited; and on Him he may call at any hour and find sympathy and assistance.

Morris

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

Psalm 6:9 – The Lord has heard my cry---;The Lord accepts my prayer.

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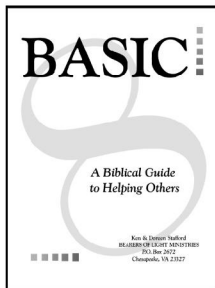
SAILING – To reach the port of Heaven we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it. But we must sail, and not drift nor lie at anchor.

Oliver Wendell Holmes

MINISTRY SERVICES AVAILABLE

- **BIBLICAL COUNSELING CONSULTANTS** (Giving counsel to counselors and helping churches and ministries to establish counseling services)
- **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)

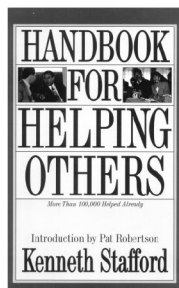
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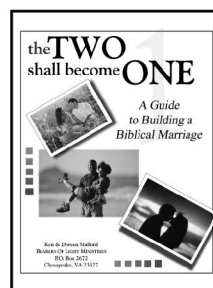
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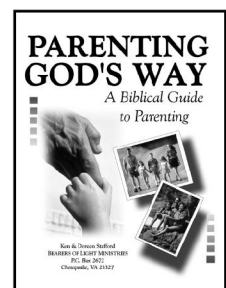
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