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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

In this column we want to understand what vision is, what does the Bible say about vision, how does it apply to our individual lives, and how is it unfolding through BOLM?

First, the dictionary definition is: "something seen by other than normal sight; something supernaturally revealed, as to a prophet." The Bible says in Proverbs 29:18 (KJV) "Where there is no vision the people perish---." It also says in Acts 2:17 (NIV) "In the last days, God says, I will pour out My Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophecy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams."

According to the Word, having a vision for our lives is so important that without it we perish. Or as the NIV translation says the people cast off restraint (lose direction).

Is vision just for some and not for others? NO! The Word says that God will pour out His Spirit on ALL people. Since vision is supernaturally imparted, we ALL need to have a vision revealed to us by the Holy Spirit in order to live fulfilled and productive lives.

Have you ever cried out to the Lord for vision for your life and wondered why you have not received it? In Habakkuk 2:3, we are told: "For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and not delay." So never give up, in God's timing you will receive it. For without it, it is like wandering in the desert without hope or direction for your life and ministry.

Now we want to share how God's vision for BOLM has directed us over the past 18 years. As we look at our small beginnings in 1987, we never dreamed that we would be used by God in the way He has used us over these many years. When we first started the ministry,

God had us conducting seminars and conferences all over the country and overseas along with writing and perfecting our written counseling materials.

Starting in early 1990, it was obvious that He was directing us into a one on one Biblical counseling role where people would come to us for counsel (meetings were dropping off and demands for counseling were increasing). In the year 1999, after counseling approximately 10,000 people, the Lord directed us into a new phase, that of establishing the School of Biblical Counseling, now known as the School of Biblical Living (counseling demands were decreasing and training demands were increasing). The purpose of the school was to prepare and train Biblical counselors to build up the Body of Christ. This was the fulfillment of a prophetic word given to us in the mid 90's.

Most recently, He has raised up Pneuma Bible Institute to train and prepare God's people for the work of the Gospel ministry as an outreach of BOLM to the community and beyond. The School of Biblical Living has been incorporated into the course offerings under PBI. You can find out more about PBI by going to our website at: www.pneumabible.org

We also continue to make ourselves available to conduct topical seminars as requested and remain sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit in writing new materials to build up the Body of Christ. Currently, we have written 5 books that are translated into 5 languages which are being used in more than 25 countries.

In addition, we are providing consulting services to churches and ministries who desire help in setting up their own counseling services.

On top of all this, we are functioning in an Apostolic role providing accountability and ministry to independent churches, ministries, pastors and missionaries. This role allows us to ordain those into the Gospel ministry that are deemed worthy by BOLM's guidelines and the Word of God.

FULFILLING GOD'S VISION (CONT'D)

In talking about vision, we have found that it is so very important to document God's leading as He unfolds the vision so that we would not depart from it.

Habakkuk 2:2 reminds us of the importance of documentation: “---write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it.”

Our prayer is for wisdom, health, strength and anointing to fulfill the vision and race He has called us to at BOLM.

We also pray that you will finish well the race and fulfill the vision He has called you to, and be able to say with us “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” (II Timothy 4:7)

Xen + Dawn

PRAYER FOCUS

“*Any Heart* turned God-ward, feels more joy in one short hour of prayer, than e'er was raised by all the feasts on earth since its foundation.

Bailey

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

Peter 3:12 – *For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are attentive to their prayer ---.*

FEED MY SHEEP

Practicing the Word of God

Luke 11:28 --- Blessed rather are those who hear the Word of God and obey it.

Have you ever wondered why people in un-westernized countries seem to, without questioning or doubting, experience powerful moves of God in their lives the minute they believe and accept Jesus Christ?

The answer to this question resides in focus: ours on our materialistic culture; theirs on God and His power and grace.

The culture that we enjoy in America fosters a self-focus rather than a God-focus and limits what God can accomplish in and through our lives. By so doing, we tend to trust ourselves vs. God. No wonder we see God's work limited in our lives and in our country.

We are filled with information through preaching and teaching in our churches which many times compromises the Word because of our obsession with self, fed by the culture surrounding us. We absorb immense quantities of materials including the Bible through seminars and conferences which tickle our ears, but gather dust in our hearts and on our book shelves after an event is over.

We acknowledge the importance and need to act upon what we have heard and learned, but do little or nothing to implement these truths into our lives. It seems everything else is more important. We become like the Dead Sea, stagnant without life

Jesus said in Matthew 18:3 — “I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of Heaven.”

Have you ever noticed how small children trust their parents to be there for them? I can remember my children when they were small, they had no fear of jumping into my arms at any opportunity. They never asked if I would catch them. They always knew that Daddy would not let them down. This is the same kind of trust that God expects from us as His children.

God has never and will never let us down, so in every way we should trust Him, remembering His promise in Hebrews 13:5 – “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

If we say that we love Him, His response to us in John 14:21 is “Whoever has My commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves Me,---.”

Can we say that we consistently obey Him, while we allow sinful behavior to rule in our lives? Are we truly loving one another, treating others better than ourselves, free from un-forgiveness, bitterness, resentment, anxiousness, worry and doubt? Are we guilty of judging others and excusing our own sin?

In order for us to say that we PRACTICE the Word of God, we must examine our own hearts, repent, and out of obedience, change our behavior. Making the changes God wants to make in our lives tells God and others that we truly love Him.

FEED MY SHEEP (CON'T)

How broken and repentive we should be when we find ourselves focusing and trusting in ourselves and the things of this world rather than God. Can we say that our fleshly behavior truly pleases God? And yet we expect everyone else to PRACTICE the Word and judge them if they don't. By so doing, we are no better than the Pharisees. In Matthew 23:3,5 Jesus told the crowds and His disciples, "--- Do not do what they do, for they do not PRACTICE what they preach --- Everything they do is for men to see---." Are we guilty of the same judgment?

In Matthew 7:24-27 – Jesus said, "Therefore everyone who hears these word of mine and puts them into PRACTICE is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into PRACTICE is like a foolish man who built his house upon the sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

Jesus also said in Luke 8:21, " --- My mother and brothers are those who hear God's Word and put it into PRACTICE."

Do we understand why the power of the Holy Spirit is thwarted in this country when we act like the Pharisees? God promises us a blessing when we obey the Word.

Psalms 1:1,2 – Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law he meditates day and night.

In James 1:6,7 we are told that when we ask God to act upon His Word, we "must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like the wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does."

We must become single minded in our focus on God in order to see Him move in and through our lives and in the lives of others. We cannot allow the cares and culture of this world to interfere with our un-wavering trust in God.

The words in this column have been very strong and I make no apology for them for I believe they are straight from the heart of God.

I personally am convicted by these words and trust that you will be too. Lets quit being religious like the Pharisees and obey God's Word by PRACTICING it every day of our lives. If we do, then we will see a move of God in our lives and in this country and around the world like we have never experienced before in our lifetime. I want to see God move in power in and through my life and I know that if you love Jesus, that is your desire also.

Won't you join me in obeying God and PRACTICING His Word (24-7)?



COUNTING THE COST

Martin Luther used to say that "each one needed a three-fold conversion, that of his heart, his head and his pocket-book." Someone has said that "the book with the seven seals that no one could open was the pocket-book." We need to feel that every dollar in our keeping belongs to God and must be used so as to best promote the interests of His kingdom. The greatest thing you can do for God and yourself today, is to consecrate everything to the Lord.

If we could always remember, when we set down to disperse the money that He has provided, that it ALL belongs to Him anyway, and that His wisdom in how we proportion it out needs to prevail and not the need of the moment determined by our wisdom.

I am overwhelmed by the fact that if all of God's people would at least tithe that all the social needs in our country would be met without governmental intervention. And if we were all sacrificial givers on top of this, that no church, ministry or missionary would ever have to struggle or beg for needed funds to fulfill their ministries.

This column is being written to energize all of us in our giving. It grieves me to see churches, ministries, missionaries and others who have been called by God struggle to operate their ministries and sometimes have to curtail or even shutdown the work that God has raised up. Truly God is our provider, but He uses obedient and sacrificially giving people to accomplish His work on this earth.

God has blessed BOLM over the eighteen years that we have been in ministry with many faithful giving partners who have supported us consistently. We are thankful to God for each one of them as well as for those who will become supporters of the work that God has called us to.

My preceding comments are not meant to signal that BOLM is in some sort of financial crisis, even though our support base has lessened somewhat over the years while our needs have not. However, my prayer is that we will all truly wake up from some sort of apathy concerning the work of God around the world and the need for all of us to be liberal givers.

Luke 6:38 – Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

If you are not currently a supporter of BOLM, would you consider asking the Lord if He would have you become a financial partner? 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.

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 are the ones who make it possible for BOLM to fulfill its vision and calling. God Bless You!

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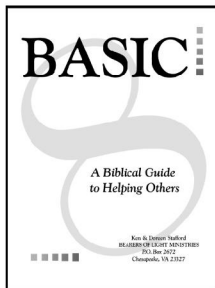
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Charles Kingsley

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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)
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- APOSTOLIC (Providing services, resources, ministry and accountability for independent Ministers, Missionaries, Churches and Ministries)

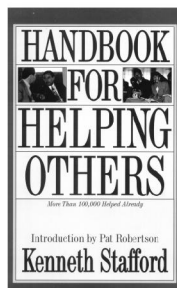
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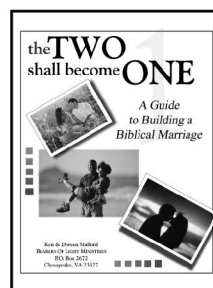
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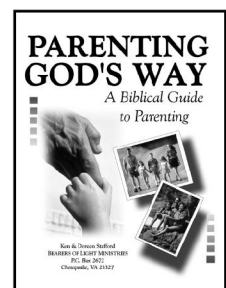
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