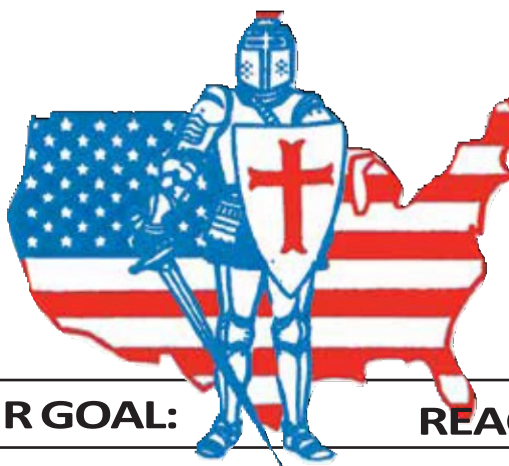




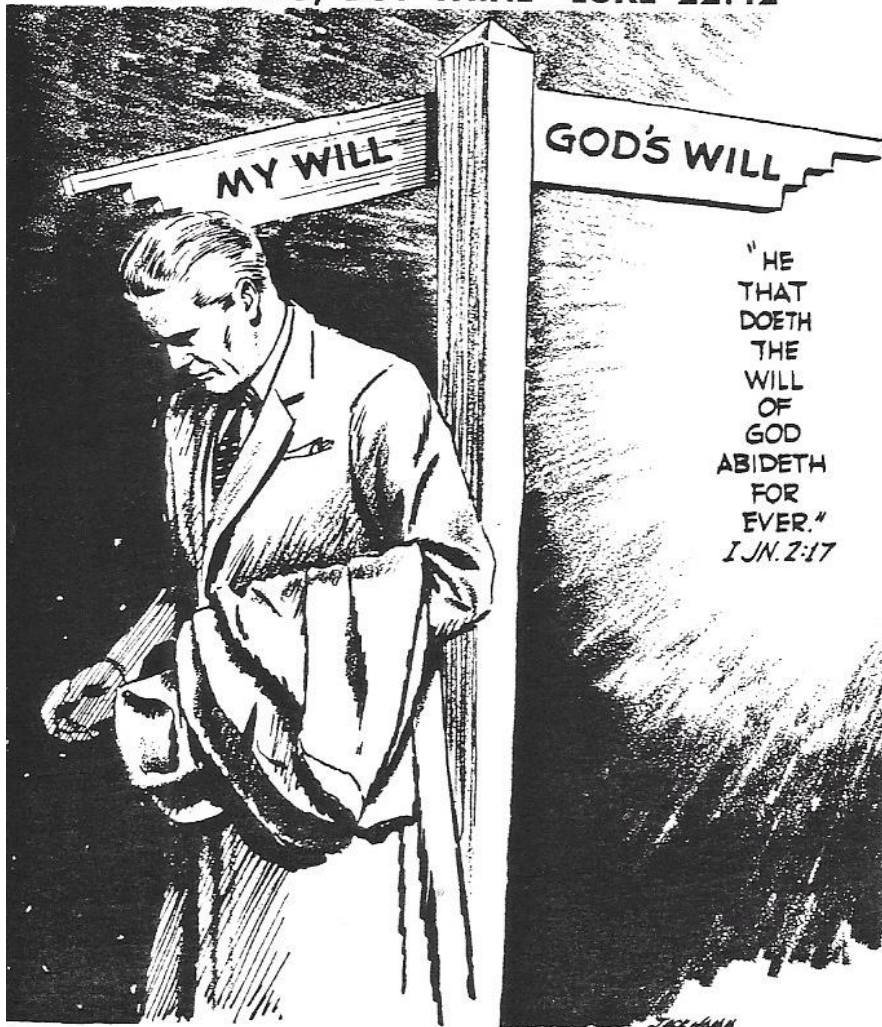
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NOT MINE, BUT THINE - LUKE 22:42



Unshaken and Renewed Romans 12:2

They shape the clay, they press and mold, A world that whispers—"fit the fold." But I was formed by hands divine, Not crafted for a hollow shrine.

I will not bend, I will not break, Nor trade my soul for fleeting sake. This age may twist, may pull and press, Yet I am wrapped in righteousness.

Transformed beyond the world's design, Renewed in heart, with truth aligned. No fleeting tide shall set my course— God's perfect will shall be my force.

Though voices rise, though shadows creep, His word is strong, His love runs deep. I walk in light, I stand up tall, Unconformed—I heed the call.

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Greetings to the Saints of God!



Pastor Junior & Brenda Tingle

I am delighted to share the incredible success of this year's Youth Conference, an event that brought together passionate and engaged young individuals from across country.

The atmosphere was filled with enthusiasm, inspiration, and a strong sense of unity as youth and elders gathered to grow and connect.

One of the most powerful aspects of this year's conference was the spiritual growth witnessed among the attendees. Young people of like faith came together in heartfelt prayer and worship, lifting their voices in praise and strengthening their connection to God.

This shared experience of faith deepened bonds, reinforced their spiritual foundation, and ignited a renewed passion to live out their beliefs with conviction and purpose.

Additionally, the presence of children involved in Vacation Bible School (VBS) added another profound element to the conference. These young hearts, eager to learn and grow, looked up to the older youth as role models witnessing firsthand the sincerity and joy of a life rooted in faith. Inspired by the worship and fellowship around them, they began their own journey of spiritual discovery, following in the footsteps of those demonstrating unwavering devotion. Through engaging activities, meaningful conversations, and new friendships, they were able to form connections with peers who share their values, creating a lasting impact on their faith walk.

This year's conference was a celebration of 50 years but also a reaffirmation of our commitment to empowering the next generation spiritually, emotionally, and intellectually. The overwhelming participation and positive feedback have left us once again awed by the power of God.

We extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who contributed to making this event a phenomenal success—our dedicated organizers, anointed ministers sponsors, and most importantly, the vibrant young attendees who made this conference truly unforgettable.

With great excitement, we look forward to the next Youth Conference

continued journey of growth, and spiritual renewal. *Sincerely, Bro. Jr. Tingle*

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THE GREATNESS OF JESUS

By: L.A. Fairhurst

WHILE many prophets and seductive cults disparage the greatness of Jesus and deny His Deity, His Almighty power and His saving grace, the Word of God remains to defy them with its wit-ness and its spiritual power to reveal to the sincere seeker how great Jesus really is.

Every really born-again Christian who has experienced the power of a personal Pentecost has got that which can never know defeat, no matter how fierce the onslaught of these false doctrines.

In Matthew's gospel, chapter 12, the greatness of Jesus is affirmed thrice. First He says He is "greater than the temple," second "greater than Jonas" and third "greater than Solomon." In these three statements much wonderful truth is hidden that has undoubtedly long been hidden. May God help us to realize that it is His purpose to reveal to us these wonderful mysteries of the Word.

Greater Than The Temple

Jesus asserted that He was "greater than the temple." This statement was drawn from Him by the rebuke given to the disciples by the Pharisees concerning the plucking and eating of some ear of corn on the Sabbath Day. He met them as He always did by quoting from the Scriptures and gave David and the priests, who ministered in the Temple on the Sabbath, as examples of those who profane the Sabbath and yet are blameless. After alluding to Himself as Lord also of the Sabbath, He went on to refer to the Temple where the priests ministered on the Sabbath and said, "But, I say unto you, in this place is One greater than the temple." The Temple was magnificent, the Temple was the center of Jewish worship, the Temple was the place where God dwelt in the Most Holy Place between the cherubims above the mercy-seat. But Jesus Christ was the human temple of the invisible God, and this temple, being ultimate, re-placed the Old Testament Temple and all its activities. Paul could say of Him, "In Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily (Col. 2: 9); and He testified of Himself,



"The Father (Jehovah) which is in me doeth the works." Behind the veil in the Holy of Holies in the Old Testament Temple dwelt God-not His substitute, not a part of God but the fulness of God-and so likewise in the Hebrew Epistle we are told that the flesh of Christ was the veil, and behind this dwelt the exclusive God; not God in a measure, not a substitute for God but the Great Creator in all His fulness. Hallelujah! Men and women under the New Covenant no longer worship God by visit-ing a temple to offer sacrifices but, filled with the Holy Spirit, they worship God through the New Testament temple of God-the Spiritual temple which is the Lord Jesus Christ.

Greater Than Jonas

Jesus Christ said He was "greater than Jonas." He contrasted the people of His generation, who rejected His message of salvation and repented not, with the people of Nineveh who repented at the preaching of Jonas. He was greater than Jonas in obedience: Jesus willingly fulfilled the Divine will whereas Jonas at first refused to carry God's message to the Gentile Ninevites. He was greater than Jonas in the manifestation of power that accompanied His preaching, because He was God. He did the works of God, and both spiritual and bodily healing were inseparable from His ministry. He was greater than Jonas because He presented a message incomparable to any that had ever before been preached. No one before could say what Jesus said: "The words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit, and they are life." He alone "brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." Peter recognized this when he said, "To whom shall we go?

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Bro. David Gray

Question:

The standard of holiness in dress and hair in our church is different from a neighboring church. My pastor is stricter than the other pastor, and insists that we obey him and the standard of holiness he preaches; I can't see why we have to be different from the other church. If they can dress differently and be saved, why can't we?

Answers:

I can understand your confusion. I hope the day will come when we all can speak with one voice on these matters and have a unified standard all over our fellowship. Frankly, however, it seems to me that the day is still far off when everyone sees eye-to-eye on every point.

But let us not magnify these differences. For the most part they are minor. We stand unitedly on the major, important things relative to dress. We all believe in long, uncut hair for our girls and women, and short, cut hair for boys and men. We believe in modest apparel for both sexes, the women's dress covering their knees and upper arms with no sheers or "see troughs" and no tight skirts; and the men with no tight pants, effeminate styles, or long sideburns.

Having said this, let me now stress the value of convictions, and the solid ground a pastor is on when he teaches and preaches additional convictions to his people, whether other ministers do or not.

God has little use for namby-pamby, spineless, follow-the-crowd weaklings, whether in the pulpit or in the pew. The men God has used have always been men of deep personal conviction. When a minister compromises his convictions for expediency's sake, because of threats that

convictions for expediency's sake, because of threats that his saints will leave him unless he does, or to follow the lead of another minister who is getting a crowd, he is then in deep trouble. First he loses his self-respect, knowing he has sold out. Then, even those worldly-minded members of his congregation who want to compromise lose respect for him, although they might have been the very ones that urged him to do so.

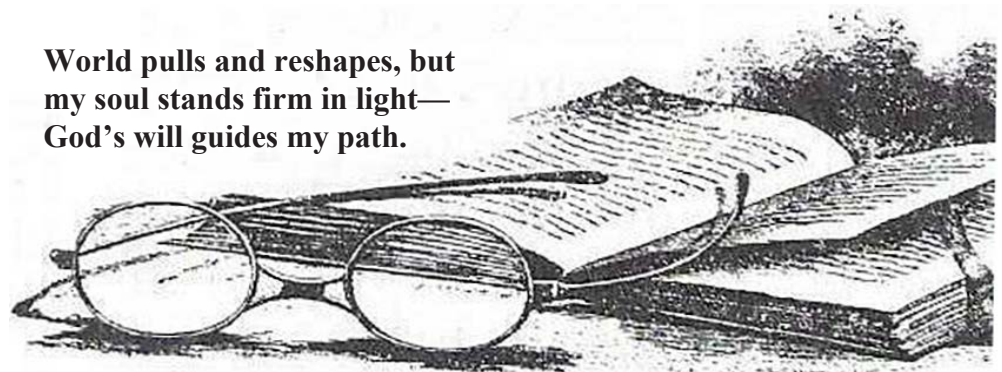
The holiness-minded saints are bewildered and ashamed. Worst of all, his ministry loses its power and anointing. He becomes a hireling, and Satan has his number. The downhill slide never stops once the momentum has begun. "Ichabod," the glory has departed, is eventually written over the church door. I am sure you do not want this to happen. Therefore you should be glad that your pastor is a strong man, a man of conviction and spirituality.

Here is a Scripture we should never forget: "Obey (that is, outwardly conform to your pastor's teaching in full obedience) them that have the rule over you (God has not given the neighboring pastor the oversight of your soul, but He has given it to your pastor), and submit yourselves (this is an inward attitude void of resentment or secret desires to disobey or rebel): for they watch for your souls (your pastor is burdened for you, that you will be saved), as they that must give account (never forget that God will call your pastor to account for the convictions He has given him to preach), that they may do it with joy, and not with grief (a disobedient or rebellious saint is a grief to his pastor, and it will turn to be a grief to that saint when the pastor gives account of his disobedience to God): for that is unprofitable for you" (Hebrews 13:17).

Finally, suppose the neighboring pastor is wrong and your pastor is right? The chances are that the stricter one is closer to the will of God and God's true standard of holiness than the more lenient one. It is always safe to adhere to the strictest standard you can. Take it from God when your pastor preaches it he does not do it because he enjoys it, but because he wants you to make it into heaven.

You are not responsible to obey the pastor of a neighboring church. But you are responsible to obey your own pastor. The old saying, "The grass is greener on the other side of the fence," is not always true. The blessing of God will come into your heart only when you stop looking across the fence, pray through, obey your pastor with gladness, and rejoice that your pastor is a man with deep and God-given convictions. By submitting to his leadership you will make it through to heaven

**World pulls and reshapes, but
my soul stands firm in light—
God's will guides my path.**



THE GREATNESS OF JESUS (continued)

thou hast the words of eternal life." His message brought the glorious tidings that men and women could, from henceforth, have a new experience of God, even the mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire, and live as overcomers in a world of sin.

Greater Than Solomon Jesus declared, "Behold a greater than Solomon is here." Solomon's wisdom was proverbial and the fame of it spread far and wide, so much so that the Queen of Sheba made a long journey to acquaint herself with it at first hand. Christ said that because of this she would rise up in the judgment and condemn the generation that refused to listen to a greater than Solomon. They would not believe His claims, for they said, "How is it that thou being a man makest thyself God?" In their blindness they missed the glorious truth later declared by Paul in Col. 2: 3, "In Him are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." Solomon had a measure of wisdom from God. Jesus Christ was the Wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1: 24), therefore the indisputable fact remains that from Him Solomon received the measure of wisdom that made him renowned.

He was greater than Solomon in kingly power. Solomon was king over Israel but Jesus Christ is one day to become King of kings and Lord of lords when He returns to take up His great power and reign. He was greater than Solomon in descent, for though, according to the flesh, He was David's son (Rom. 1: 3), in relation to God He was very Deity Himself, and so in spirit David called his own son Lord, for this He was.

GOD GIVE US MEN

By Dale Burden



ACROSS AMERICA and around the world the church of our Lord is weakening for lack of strong men. We have people of both sexes in greater numbers than ever. But where are the men? Where are those specimens of masculine Christianity with the manly characteristics God says He wants His leaders to have?

America is dying for lack of leadership. We have brilliant politicians—people who are masters at deciding which way the crowd is going, then running around and getting in front in order to proclaim themselves "leaders." But where are the statesmen, the men who believe something and stand for it at all costs? Real men are not only scarce in government but in every segment of our society, especially in the church.

The insipid, sissy, effeminate

styles of the past few years have done more than affect our haircuts. They've affected our hearts! It's no longer popular to look like nor act like a man!

The TV and movie heroes are everything but manly. Disgusting as they are to us, they have infected the very atmosphere of our age.

All the wonderful graces (softness, daintiness, etc.) with which God has endowed womanhood are marvelous in women. Someone needs to speak out more for these virtues and exalt them for our godly ladies and head off the lesbian-oriented women's libbers.

But what are graces in women become weaknesses in men. We need some men of courage with steel in their spines in this age of compromise.

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THE MAN WHO STILL POINTS UP

"BE OF GOOD COURAGE...
ALL YOU THAT HOPE
IN THE LORD" — *PSA 31:24*



By: E.L. Holley

Preacher Pointers

Only the pastor can hold forth a vision of God's great cause, and rally the ranks of the redeemed behind it. Only he can articulate the Church's values, define its goals, and marshal its will. His unique role affords an opportunity which is matched only by its awesome responsibility!

"Without a vision, the people perish ... " Any fool can condemn, criticize and castigate a people for having no vision; but it takes a pastor, worthy of the name, to hold out God's cause in full view and enable the people to see it. If the saints of God could see everything clearly for themselves, there would be little need for pastors! Only the pastor can present the cause of Christ in such a manner as to enlist the involvement of the redeemed.

How wide should the scope of a pastor's vision be? Pastors who enjoy the greatest range of success find it true that "The heart is never emptied by loving; Nor the purse emptied by giving." They have found that the giving church is a living church! Involvement is the key. The local congregation widens its vision when it is a part of every sectional, district, and national function.

And, odd as it may seem, the church that sees with a worldwide vision always sees the needs at home better! By the same token, the church that knows little about the worldwide struggle seems to know and care less about the local effort. Anytime you see a church that is ill cared for and just barely existing with a congregation which is lax and indifferent, you will note that they never support anything beyond their own doorstep. On the other hand, you will never find a congregation which gives and gets involved with every worthwhile project of the church that is lagging at home!

Only the pastor can help a congregation see the true value of life; only the pastor can define attainable goals and marshal the will of the assembly to reach them! Involvement is the key to life for an assembly and the pastor is the key to involvement for the church.

Why is there a church anyway? For what are we in existence? Will not the individual member feel more of a commitment if he sees the role of the church in the world? And if he sees the role of the church in the world, will he not see his individual role in the church in a better light? When each member sees his church as a part a responsible, supporting part of a worldwide effort, then he will really see himself in proper perspective.

Blessed is the church whose pastor holds forth a vision of God's great cause! They will know the joy of total commitment and the sweet feeling that comes from fulfilling God's commands. Their Christian love and devotion will grow with its every expression. Yes, blessed is the church!

What a wonderful opportunity for pastors-and what a responsibility!

A Heart Came to Jesus

*A heart came to Jesus,
All wounded from within,
It had many afflictions,
Not all were from sin.*

*Life had sent many sorrows,
To this little heart that came,
And had not strength of
itself,
To call on Jesus name.*

*But Jesus in all of his mercy,
Picked the heart up to his
chest,
To let it feel his heartbeat,
And to give the heart some
rest.*

*Cast all your cares upon me,
For all your needs I will
meet,
Rest little heart upon my
chest,
Receive strength with every
beat.*

-Becky Wooten

*Life ain't
no dress
rehearsal.*

The Key to Freedom

Deep within the abyss, where shadows stretched endlessly, the Devil ruled his domain—a vast prison of suffering. Iron chains clinked in the cold silence, binding souls who had wandered too far into deception, sin and despair. He held the key in his clawed hand, a wicked smile upon his lips.

"You are mine," he whispered to his captives—those too lost in apathy, fear, and false comforts to even realize they were enslaved. They sat idly in their chains, some murmuring in resignation, others too weary to resist.

They are so easy to ensnare.

With a whisper, a temptation, a well-placed deception, they stumble forward, never realizing they have walked willingly into my grasp. Some tell themselves they can leave whenever they wish. Others scoff at the very idea of bondage. Fools. They sit in my domain, chains coiled around them, too lazy, too afraid to fight back.

I hold the key. It is mine alone, shaped from their doubts, their fears, their selfish desires. With it, I keep them here, comfortably captive, convinced that freedom is a myth.

Then He arrives.

But then, light pierced the darkness. A presence, greater than any force of evil, entered the domain. The Master of All stepped forward, His radiance shattering the gloom. In His hand, He held a key—a key identical to the one the Devil clutched.

"You are not bound forever," the Master said, His voice filled with power and love. "You may walk free, if you choose it."

Some captives, hearing His words, trembled. Could they trust Him? Could freedom be real? The Devil laughed, mocking their hesitation. "Don't listen to Him," he sneered. "Your chains are strong. You are too weak to be free."

"You are not bound forever," He says. "You may walk free, if you choose it."

I laugh. How pathetic. Do they truly think they can leave? That they will not crawl back, begging for the hollow comforts I provide?

Some hesitate. I see the battle in their eyes—the weight of choice pressing upon them. I lean closer, whispering doubts, stoking their fear. "It is dangerous to go with Him," I murmur. "He will demand more than you can give. Stay here, where it is safe."



But some rise.

I snarl as chains fall away, as their feet find strength. They step forward, toward Him, toward freedom. I grip my key tighter, furious. Their trust in Him undoes everything I have built.

Yet, not all leave. Some shrink back, clinging to their shackles like old friends. Their terror feeds me. I watch, satisfied, as they settle back into the shadows, unwilling to risk the unknown.

And yet, one by one, the brave stood. With trembling hands, they reached for the Master's key. The moment they touched it, their chains melted away, and their feet found strength. Joy filled their faces as they stepped forward, leaving the prison behind.

But not all accepted. Fear gripped some too tightly. They shrank back, clinging to their chains as if they were comforts. The Devil grinned, knowing that even the open door could not free those who refused to walk through it.

For those who chose redemption, light guided them forward. The abyss faded behind them as they walked with the Master, into a place where bondage was no more—where freedom was theirs to claim, forever.

Neighbor ?

Church ?

WHO IS GUILTY ?

By ; Johnny King

You ?

Parent ?

I STAND IN JUDGMENT now, looking up into the face of Almighty God. As I stand, I am speechless. But even though I can't speak, I find myself thinking ... remembering my futile life on earth.

It seems like just yesterday-and maybe it was-when I walked down the streets of that place I so mistakenly called home; walking by your side as we discussed politics, sports, the weather ... well, just everything, or just about everything. You see, as long as we had been best friends, YOU NEVER TOLD ME ABOUT GOD! I went all through life thinking that I knew just as much about our Creator as anyone else. And you never let me know any different. Until now, I always thought I was right, that I had done all that was possible for salvation. But now, yes, now ... now, when it's too late to do anything about it, now when all hope is gone, now when everything but my very soul has been taken from me and in a few short seconds, I'll wish that it could be, NOW, I know differently.

You see, I am the neighbor who spent twenty years living next door to you, going to all the neighborhood gatherings with you, making all those good barbecues you held, giving and taking like neighbors all over the world do ... and yet, I never heard anything about God from you.

Yes, I'm the teacher who spent some twelve years teaching your children the things they would otherwise never learn at home. Teaching them of our country, and the society which they would grow up in. How was I to know there were more important things to learn? Nobody ever told me. I never even knew they went to church anywhere. And through all of those parent-teacher talks that we had for your benefit, not once did you witness to me for my soul's benefit.

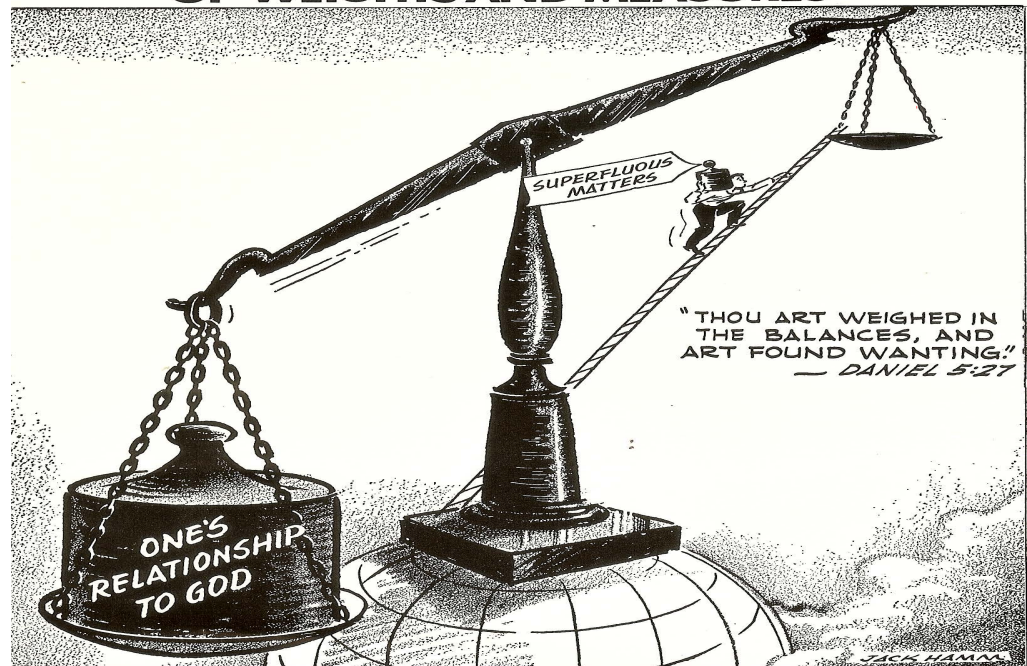
I am the student who came to your town because of the education offered there. And for all the knowledge that I gained right around the corner from your little

Perhaps if only you had stopped me on the street, or even if you had come to the campus to visit me ... well, it's too late now. We'll never know. And I'll never get another chance.

I am the soldier who spent fourteen weeks training at the military base just outside of town, and I was interested in your church. But when I had gone there two or three times, and nobody took the time to even shake my hand and invite me back, well, I just didn't feel quite right. So I stayed on base and attended the weekly chapel service. It was rather dead and dry, and it left me with an empty feeling, but at least they were friendly. But now, I don't have any friends; and only the people who weren't friendly could have helped me.

And now! Now, my last breath on earth has gone, and my chances have run out. As I stand before the Master, speechless, awaiting my fate which I know is to be eternal punishment in hell, I only wish I might find strength and power enough to just utter one word. I would point my finger straight at you friend, and scream with all I have left, as I feel the flames leap out to envelop me and take me into their depth: "GUILTY!"

OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES



Joy On Your Journey

The Promise

*There is a promise in our sorrows,
And a blessing when we sigh.
There is a light beyond the shadows,
And a cleansing when we cry.*

*So when we are discouraged
And face tremendous grief,
It is during those times of trouble
That the heavens send relief.*

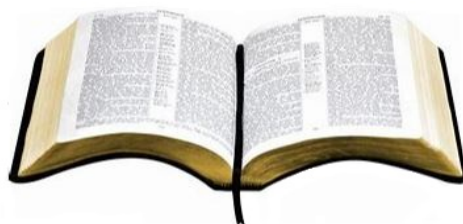
*When our hearts are in tune with Jesus.
Our source of joy and peace,
Be mindful of His Promise, that all
Suffering He will cease.*

*He has cried our tears of sadness
He has felt our every pain.
He has walked our path before,
For all the glory to His name.*

*Just listen for the spirit as it
Whispers to be still,
For there is JOY and comfort
Beyond Calvary's hill.*

*So if the sky should darken,
And if the Earth should shake,
Remember life has Struggles,
On the journey that we take.*

*For He is our Redeemer,
Our only true best friend,
He promised he would never leave us.
He will guide us to the end,
- Penny Boylan*



DON'T OPEN THAT DOOR

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? If thou doest not well,
Sin lieth at the door.
- GENESIS 4:6-7

Ten Rules For Happier Living

1. Give something away (no strings attached).
2. Do a kindness (and forget it).
3. Spend a few minutes with the aged (their experience is a priceless guidance).
4. Look intently into a face of a baby (and marvel).
5. Laugh often (it is life's lubricant).
6. Give thanks (a thousand times a day is not enough)
7. Pray (or you will lose the way).
8. Work (with vim and vigor).
9. Plan as though you will live forever (because you will).
10. Live as though you will die tomorrow (because you will die on some tomorrow).



Truth Will Set You Free

*The Truth is more precious
Than rubies to me,
Far more valuable than
Diamonds may be.*

*More priceless than riches
Silver or gold,
Greater than a famous painting
For crowds to behold.*

*The truth can't be measured
With man's measuring tools,
And can not be appraised
As costly gems or jewels.*

*Truth can't be weighed
On scales so frail,
And can't be bought
It's not for sale.*

*Truths value is priceless
Yes it is to me,
Bought with Jesus' blood
To set us all free.*

-Becky Wooten

*The Lord has
Guided me on every
mile, As I traveled
through tears and
smiles.*

I'm Leaving The Church

It's happened to all of us who have pastored any length of time. It usually begins with, "Pastor, I'd like to talk to you " This can often occur just before or immediately after service. It seems as though to some people this is their crucial timing. However, I have had it happen in a very terse, curt phone call. Here's the scenario:

"Pastor, I have something I want to talk to you about." "Yes, what is it? I'll be happy to help you." "I'm leaving the church." Suddenly, that big unexplainable lump comes in your stomach. He might be your Sunday School Superintendent, Youth Leader, or some other key man. He might just be a good blessed Joe that's always stood by you. On the other hand, he could be one of those cantankerous ones. I have found the emotion is always the same. My usual retort is, "Could I ask you why you are doing this?" Then comes the sanctified answer, "I feel led of the Lord" or "God spoke to me." Now, that's something that's hard to argue with! By the end of the conversation, if you are a wise pastor, you will have avoided a confrontation. However, some-times it is unavoidable. I have known of the volume to get louder and, upon deeper probing, many accusations, real or imagined are hurled. They can leave in a good attitude or they can leave bitter, hurling some vindictive accusations veiled in innuendos. Whatever happens, the result is the same.

They're leaving. Sometimes they'll say, "You don't know how hard this is on me." Then they will tell you "We love you. We respect you. We love the church. But God is Leading us to go to another church." I am certainly not saying that God never leads in that direction. But, I suspect he doesn't lead nearly so much of the time as human emotions lead people to go. My experience has been, whenever you get to wherever you are going you are going to be there because you take yourself with you.

Whatever your troubles are, they are going to accompany you. I read an interesting observation by John Loftness with reference to this subject. He said this, "Sometimes the best way to discover a person's commitment to his church is to see how he leaves. Or better, to see how he deals with issues that can cause someone to leave the disappointments, hurts, offenses. Leaving isn't the problem. Under certain conditions we would be wrong not to leave. And that is where we see commitment in action. Staying poses a far bigger challenge." Our first and greatest commitment is to God Himself. It is our allegiance and obedience to him that compels us to practice what the Bible teaching among a clearly

defined group of people a local church. Relationships with those in our church demonstrate a second level of commitment: While common values and methods help hold a church together, the strongest glue comes from the living bonds between people.

Long after methods have come and gone, people remain. If we chase a particular vision so hard that we lose sight of our relationships, breakdown will inevitably occur. Not only will we displease God, but we will derail the very mission we pursued so fervently. Our third commitment is to a church's leaders. They are the ones responsible to God to see the church fulfill its mission. We have a responsibility to follow: them in that mission. Not that pastors are always right, or that we always have to agree, but we should be willing to follow as long as their leadership doesn't violate a fundamental Biblical value. Paul said, "Follow me as I follow Christ." We should bring our disagreements to them directly, rather than sow discord among our brothers and sisters.

Finally, commitment to church is not just tested in crisis or offense. It is tested in our daily willingness to complete even mundane tasks of service with excellence. It is kept by maintaining relationships that demonstrate love and care for one another. It is shown when in large issues and small we put Jesus, His church, His people above our own petty desires. When we act in this way, we become that "city on a hill which cannot be hidden". It becomes a place of refuge and life for all the world to see.

Now, think about all of this the next time you feel led to leave. Somewhere you are going to have to be committed to a body, to a man, to fellow believers. It may as well be where you are. Let's commit!

The World's Bible

Poet: Annie Johnston Flint

Christ has no hands but our hands

To do his work today;

He has no feet but our feet

To lead men in His way;

He has no tongue but our tongues

To tell men how he died;

He has no help but our help

To bring them to his side.

We are the only Bible

The careless world will read;

We are the sinner's gospel,

We are the scoffer's creed;

We are the Lord's last message

Given in deed and word-

What if the line is crooked?

What if the type is blurred?

What if our hands are busy

With other work than his?

What if our feet are walking

Where sin's allurements is?

What if our tongues are speaking

Of things his lips would spurn?

How can we hope to help him

Unless from him we learn?

Faith over

Fear

Conviction

over

Convenience.

WE SEE FROM BENEATH THE TAPESTRY



What Would You Do IF?

Is the temptation from God, the devil or yourself?

James 1:13: "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man" The Lord has all power. Heaven is His throne and the earth His footstool. The streets of His palace are paved with gold and the gates are pearl. Heaven is so wealthy that all of God's people will live in mansions. The walls of His city are garnished with precious jewels and the angels are His guard. Nothing can tempt God.

The Incarnation

Matt. 4:1: "Then was Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil." That's true. The body or flesh of Jesus Christ was tempted. Jesus was the body or tabernacle of God. God was in Christ. The Spirit of God incarnated in that body of Christ was tempted, but Satan was driven back in defeat and conquered. So was death, hell and the grave. The heavens have been purified by the ascension of the glorified Christ. Sin or temptation can never enter there. It is true that our Lord cannot be tempted. He lives in the glory world:

"Neither tempteth he any man." God tries or proves but He always knows that we are able to overcome the test. When we conquer the trial He gives us rewards that were never ours before. After God tried Abraham that grand patriarch proved that he loved the Lord more than Isaac look at the reward! Multiplied blessings! Children as the stars of heaven and the sand of the sea! Nations of the earth blessed! Remember this: whenever you are tried by the Lord He knows you can make it. He will not destroy you! Remember also that you will be stronger and your rewards will be multiplied. He will not suffer you to be tried above that you are able to bear.

What about Job?

The trials of this champion of faith were severe, but satan could go just so far "only upon himself put not forth thy hand ... " "he is in they hand: but save his life ... "

Can satan tempt us? Yes, but as far as God almighty will allow him. The Lord will never permit the devil (without the consent of the person who is willing to be destroyed) to crush one of His children. There must also be a willingness on the part of the backslider to turn his back on God.

God does not tempt or try to destroy us. Neither does He allow the devil a free hand in crushing His people. How can temptation destroy a soul? James 1:14, 15: "But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when Just hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil" is a very important prayer.

Most of our temptations are caused by our own enticements. If you can control your eyes you have an excellent chance of making heaven your home. Achan said, "I saw . . . I coveted . . . I took ... I hid)) and lost his life and soul.

The next time you are tempted try to follow these guide lines. First, if the test is from the Lord be thankful He considers you a strong Christian and has true riches for you that you have never known. Second, if the Lord allows the devil to tempt you, rest assured the adversary can only go so far. There is a way of escape. Third, be honest. Is the temptation yours?

Did it originate in your eyes or other lusts? If so, cry out to God for deliverance. Be honest enough to pay the price for your mistake or misleading. Don't blame God or the devil. Pray, fast and sing that old song, " It's me, it's me, it's me, Oh Lord, standing in the need of prayer." Fight temptation like a rattlesnake! Rebuke the thing. Suffer some pain if necessary, for he that suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin. The race is almost over. We cannot afford to lose now, We can almost see the light of the city.

If you don't want the fruits of sin, stay out of the devil's orchard

2 Thess 5:22

That Good Part

by: the late Orion Gleason

The cares of this life and pressures are taking a toll on ministers and laity in the form of nervous breakdowns and disorders. I can not feel this is a product of a proper relationship with "Him who is the prince of peace," and with Him who gives rest, "wherewith he causes the weary to rest." Perhaps a new look at the recipe for perfect peace of mind will be in order.

First, let us note that Martha was occupied with legitimate things. However, legitimate things can become a snare of the enemy if we allow our busyness to keep us from fellowship with Him. Jesus warned twice in Luke of the danger of "cares of this life." In Luke 8:14 He stated that legitimate cares can become as thorns and choke out the seed of the word from our hearts. We can become too busy to read the Word, to have family altar, to attend Bible study. Or, on the other hand, it is possible to be so busy doing work for God that there is no time to do the work of God. In Luke 21 :34, 35 He said, "Take heed to yourselves lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, so that day come on you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth." Jesus tried to teach Martha that all things are secondary to the great thing- love for Him.

Mary deliberately chose that good part. She took time out to commune with Jesus. It is at Jesus; feet that we can unload our burdensome cares and gain the added strength to meet the demands on us. It is there that the soul is restored, the cup is refilled from the inexhaustible fountainhead. It is in His presence that we can find with David, fullness of joy and a "table prepared in the presence of mine enemies." The words of the song writer kindle a fresh indictment when he says,

Oh what peace we often forfeit,
Oh what needless pain we bear;
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.

No Other Foundation-- 1 Cor. 3:11



Richard Halverson once said: "The last man on earth to take too seriously is yourself. No man is indispensable to any job. The man that thinks he is, is in for a staggering blow. It is absolutely ridiculous for good men to wear themselves out at an early age under this delusion. At the bottom it is nothing more than pride, which has ruined more men, disrupted more business, slowed down more production, wasted more energy than almost anything else." God made man for fellowship with Himself. The man who is too busy to sit at Jesus' feet is not only cheating God but he is killing his own soul, and making application for an early grave.

Let me close this message by listing ten rules to avoid a nervous breakdown.

1. Have a regular time for daily prayer (Psalms 5:3), and reading the Word (Psalms 119:97, 103).
2. Establish the habit of accepting everything that happens in your life as the will of God for you (Romans 8:28; I Thessalonians 5:18). This will eliminate murmuring, which is sin (I Corinthians 10:10).
3. Maintain proper balance between work and rest (Mark 6:31).
4. Maintain a good conscience (I Timothy 1:19). To sin against the conscience brings immediate loss of peace of mind; which cannot be restored until confessed and corrected.
5. Witness and labor in the power of the Spirit, instead of in the energy of the flesh (Galatians 5:25; Philippians 4:13; Acts 1:8).
6. Refuse to compromise with the world (I John 2:15; James 1:8).
7. Walk by faith and not by sight (II Corinthians 5:7).
8. Think on right things (Philippians 4:8).
9. Practice inward holiness as well as exterior (II Cor 7: 1).
10. Be content (Hebrews 13:5; Philippians 4:11, 13).

Thought Provoking Gems

I Shall Not Want



David's great Twenty-third Psalm begins, "The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want." "I shall not want" means "I shall not lack" (Amplified Version). I shall not lack REFRESHMENT-"He leadeth me beside the still waters."

I shall not lack REVIVING-"He restoreth my soul."

I shall not lack GUIDANCE-"He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake."

I shall not lack COMPANIONSHIP or COURAGE-"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me."

I shall not lack COMFORT -"Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

I shall not lack SUSTENANCE-"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies."

I shall not lack JOY or LOVE-"Thou anointest my head with oil."

I shall not lack ANYTHING-"My cup runneth over."

I shall not lack ANYTHING IN THIS LIFE-"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life."

I shall not lack ANYTHING IN ETERNITY-"And I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever."

Once a little boy was taught the first sentence of this much loved Psalm by his uncle. The uncle said, "The LORD is my shepherd." The small child repeated it. Thinking this was as much as the boy could remember, the uncle said, "That's enough."

The little fellow repeated, "The LORD is my shepherd. That's enough!"

He was right. When the Lord is the shepherd of your life, He is enough!

Are You Able ?

*Able to suffer without complaining,
To be misunderstood without explaining
Able to endure without breaking,
To be forsaken without forsaking?
Able to give without receiving,
To ask without commanding,
To love despite misunderstanding?
Able to turn to the Lord for guarding?
Able to wait for His own rewarding?*

Things to Be Remembered in 2025

*That it pays to forget those things that are behind.
That what I would do for Christ must needs be done for others.*

That a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches.

That the greatest thing in all the world is love.

That the way to find happiness is to forget self.

That a word once spoken can never be recalled.

That no suffering is too great if it contributes to the building and nurture of Christian character.

That to correct one fault in myself is greater than to correct ten in my neighbor.

That yesterday is gone forever; tomorrow may never come; today, only is mine.

That time is too precious to be used other than for His glory.

That to offer a cup of cold water in His name or to help one discouraged soul, is a greater contribution than to speak with the tongues of men or of angels.

That the glory of life is: To love, not to be loved; to give, not to get; to serve, not to be served.

That nothing short of loving the Lord my God with all my heart and my neighbor as myself will please Him.

The Four Calls

*The Spirit came at CHILDHOOD,
And pleaded, "Let me in."
But thoughtlessness and sin reigned.
"I am too young," the child replied.
"I will not yield today.
There's time enough tomorrow!"
..... The Spirit went away.*

*Again, He came and pleaded,
In YOUTH'S bright happy hour.
He came but heard no answer.
For lured by Satan's power,
The youth lay dreaming then.
And saying, "Not today!"
"Not till I've tried earth's pleasures!"
..... The Spirit went away.*

*Again, he called in mercy,
In MANHOOD'S vigorous prime
But still He found no welcome.
The merchant had no time.
No time for true repentance.
No time to think or pray.
And so repulsed and saddened,
..... The Spirit went away.*

*Once more, he called and waited.
The man was OLD and ill.
He scarcely heard the whisper.
His heart was so cold and still.
"I'll call for Thee," he cried.
Then sinking in his pillow
Without a hope, He died.
..... The Spirit went away.*

We make a living by what we get, We make a life by what we give.

I Don't
know
where you
are on this
ladder of
Life



BUT CLIMB!

Because
Jesus is
waiting at
the Top!

"As I climb this Gospel ladder Always heeding every sign"

Hebrews 2:1 – "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip."

"I know my Savior's with me, and He's teaching me to climb."

Galatians 6:9 – "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

"Every day that I am climbing"

Luke 13:24 – "Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able."

"There's a battle on for me"

1 Timothy 6:12 – "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses."

"Every step on this ladder is another Victory"

Luke 15:10 – "Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."

"They're holding up the ladder that I'm climbing on"

1 Peter 4:12 – "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you."

"I'm climbing up the ladder and I'm going home" Philippians 3:14 – "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

"At the top of the ladder, Oh what joy there shall be, For the angels are holding up this ladder for me"

Psalms 16:11 – "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

"Theres a mansion being built for me, somewhere in glory land"

John 14:2 – "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

"And this ladder that I'm climbing it is part of that plan"

Jeremiah 29:11 – "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."

"I can hear the angels beaconing, keep on climbing don't stop"

Hebrews 12:1 – "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us."

"There's a crown of life awaiting, for you, when you reach the top"

James 1:12 – "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him."

"Now come on you Christian Soldiers show the world your light and shine" Matthew 5:16 – "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

"Get on this Gospel ladder and don't be afraid to climb" 2 Tim 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

"Can you hear the angels cheering soon the battle will be ore" Psalm 91:11 – "For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."

"And we'll celebrate the victory when we reach the other shore" Revelation 21:4 – "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

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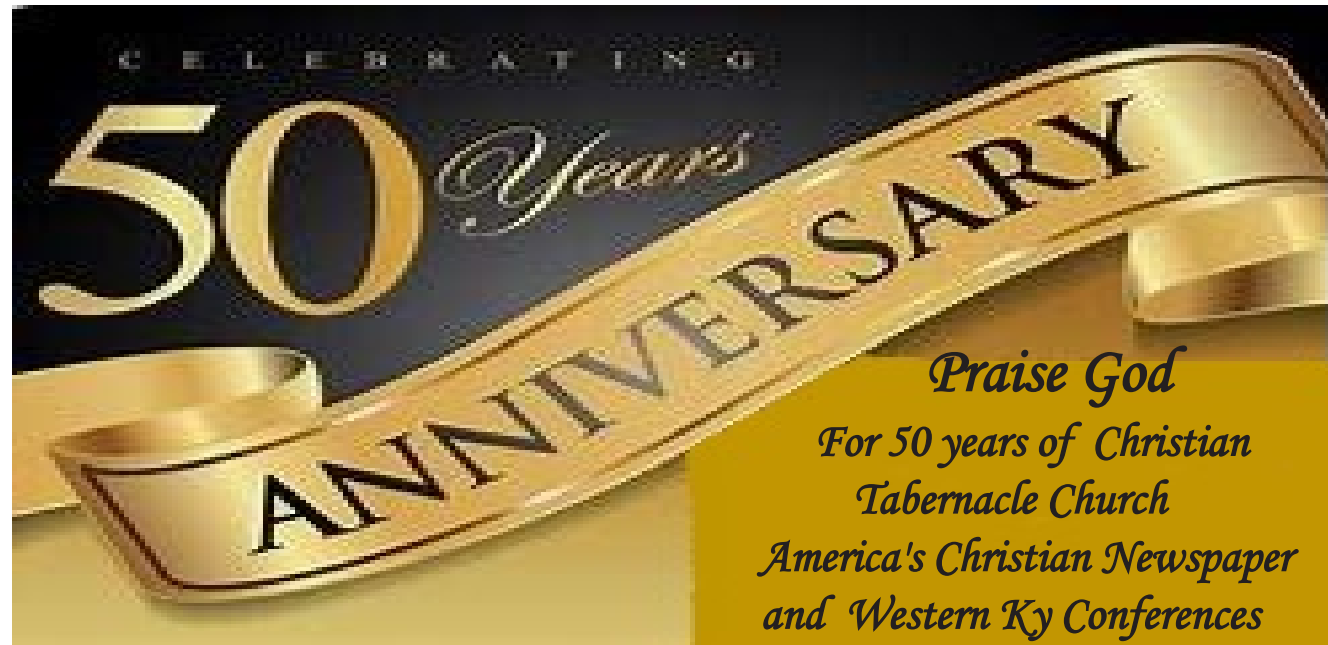
For with God nothing shall be impossible
Luke 1:37

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Honoring Elder Bud Tingle: A Legacy of Faith and Vision

Elder Howard "Bud" Tingle, who passed away in 2015, left behind a powerful legacy rooted in faith, compassion, and a tireless commitment to spreading the Gospel. As the founder of Christian Tabernacle Church in Madisonville, Kentucky, Elder Tingle created a spiritual home where countless lives were transformed through worship, teaching, and fellowship

His passion for outreach extended beyond the pulpit. In 1973, he launched a small out reach leaflet that became America's Christian Newspaper, a publication dedicated to sharing Christian news, testimonies, and biblical insights with readers across the country. Through this platform, he gave voice to the faithful and helped unify believers around shared values and purpose.

Perhaps one of his most enduring contributions was the establishment of the Western Kentucky Conference, a gathering designed to bring people together to worship, grow in their faith, and be equipped for ministry. Elder Tingle's burden for the lost and his vision for revival led him to labor for decades, ensuring that the conference became a beacon of hope and spiritual renewal.

As we mark the 50th anniversary of the Western Kentucky Conference, we remember Elder Tingle not only for what he built, but for the heart behind it. His life was a testament to the power of one person's obedience to God's call—and the ripple effect it can have across generations.

May his vision continue to inspire, and may the work he began continue to flourish