



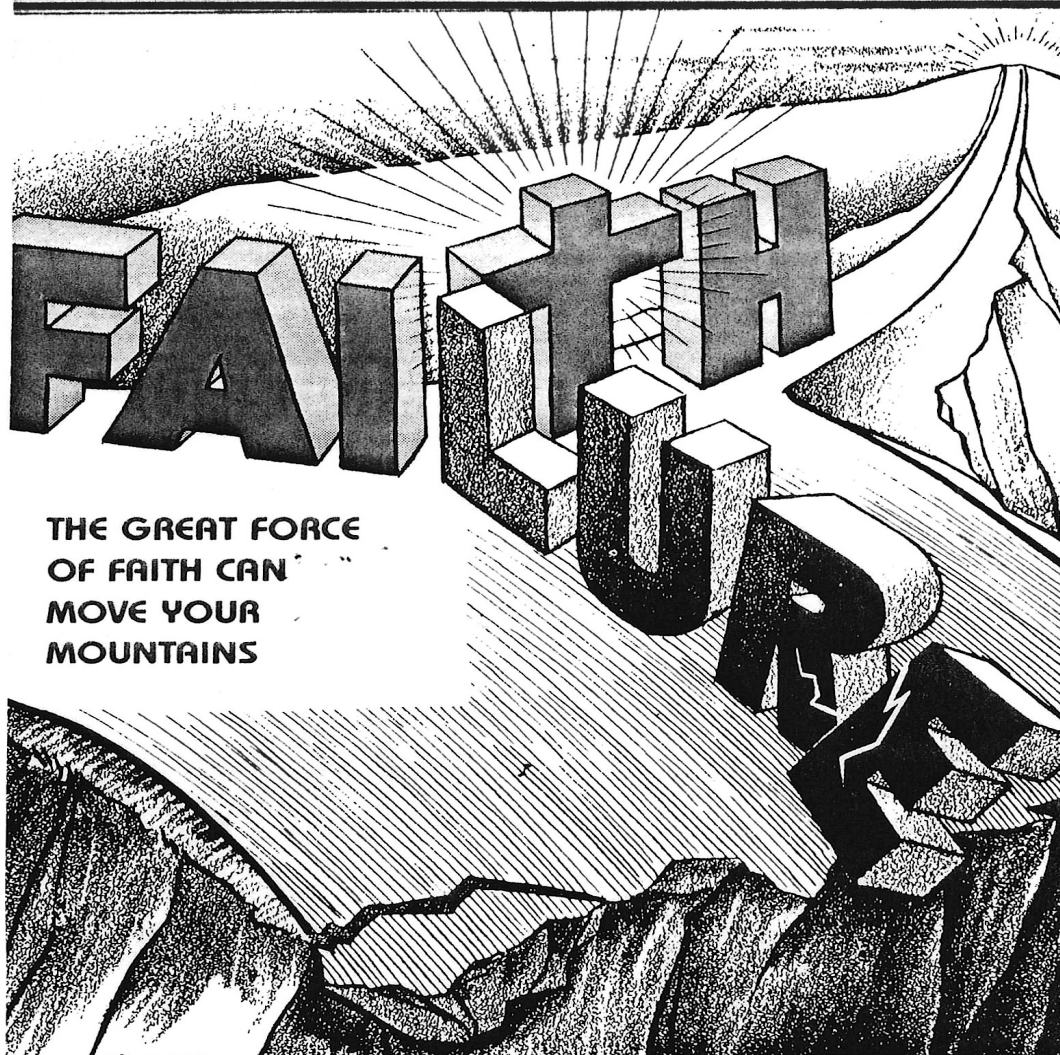
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OUR GOAL:

REACHING FOR LOST SOULS FOR CHRIST WHILE THERE IS TIME

THE WAY OF FAITH



THE GREAT FORCE
OF FAITH CAN
MOVE YOUR
MOUNTAINS

Faith or Failure

Faith or failure—two roads in the dust,
One built on hope, the other on rust.
Both whisper softly when the night grows long,
Both ask your heart which beat feels strong.
Faith is a lantern held high in the storm,
A trembling hand still keeping it warm.
It's choosing to rise when the world says fall,
It's hearing your name when no one calls.
Failure is heavy, a stone in the chest,
A shadow that follows where dreams try to rest.
But even its weight can carve out a way,
Shaping the soul like night shapes the day.
Between the two edges we walk every mile,
Some steps are broken, some steps reconcile.
But courage is born where the two intertwine—
Where failure teaches, and faith redesigns.
So stand in the doorway of all you've survived,
Both faith and failure have kept you alive.
And know in your bones as you face what's ahead:
You rise not because you never fell—
You rise because you did.

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Greetings In Jesus Name



Pastor Junior and Brenda Tingle

Dear Beloved Friends and Faithful Partners,

Grace and peace to you. As I sit to write this letter, my heart is overflowing with gratitude for each of you.

Your prayers, your generosity, and your steadfast support have been a constant reminder that God builds His work through willing hearts joined together in faith. I truly thank God for you.

Your partnership has strengthened my hands in moments when the work felt heavy and the road seemed long. Ministry is never a solo calling; it is a shared journey. Every soul reached, every life touched, every seed of truth planted – you have a part in it. I want you to know how deeply I appreciate your faithfulness.

At the same time, I feel an ever-growing burden for the lost. When I look at our world – so full of confusion, pain, and searching – I'm reminded that the harvest is still plentiful, and the laborers are still too few. There are countless men, women, and children who have never truly heard the hope of the gospel. Their faces, their stories, their struggles weigh heavily on my heart. This is not a burden of despair, but a holy urgency.

We cannot grow weary. We cannot shrink back. The truth we carry is the very thing that can break chains, restore families, heal hearts, and bring eternal life. And because of your support, we are able to keep pressing forward – reaching farther, loving deeper, and shining the light of Christ into places where darkness has lingered for too long.

Thank you for standing with me. Thank you for believing in this mission. Thank you for giving, praying, encouraging, and sacrificing so that others may come to know the truth that has transformed our own lives. I pray that God multiplies back to you every seed you've sown and fills your home with His peace and presence.

Let us continue together with renewed strength and unwavering purpose. The lost matter to God – and because of that, they matter to us. May we be found faithful in this calling.

With heartfelt gratitude and hope,

Bro. Junior Tingle

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Question

Bro.O.F.Fauss

Please discuss the need for a sacrificial, self-denying life among the ministry. Perhaps it would strengthen younger ministers to hear you speak out on the proper attire to be worn by ministers.

Also, since we are living in quite a materialistic time, when it is easy for a God-called preacher to have the conveniences and luxuries of this world do you think ministers can become too involved in these things?

Answer:

Some may think that such should be discussed for and among ministers only, but I feel that the laity also need to know and recognize the responsibility and seriousness of the position of their ministers, whom God has set in the church, for leaders to guide them, teachers to teach them, watchmen to oversee them, and, finally, to present them to Christ at His coming (1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11, 12; Hebrews 13:17; Acts 20:28; 1 Corinthians 11:1, 2).

What I have to say may not be so important, but as we turn to God's WORD, and in it is God's plan, we do well to take heed.

To Moses was given God's plan and pattern for the ministry of the Tabernacle- the priesthood, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites (Hebrews 8:1-5). Those who were the ministers for Israel were called and set apart for all the tribes of Israel. Read Leviticus 21 through 22:16. They were required to be without blemish, even to their dress and attire, which distinguished them as ministers filling the position for which they were called and set apart. The law God gave Moses was a shadow " ... of good things to come patterns of things in the heavens ... which are the figures of the true a greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands" (Hebrews 10:1; 9:23, 24, 11).

Questions & Answers

Great things are not accomplished by those who yield to trends and fads and popular opinion.

All this portrays God's plan and pattern for the New Testament church and its ministry. The Apostle Paul compares the Old with the New in 1 Corinthians 9:1-7. Beginning at verse 8, we read: "Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law also? For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen? Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things? Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel" (verses 8-11, 13, 14).

Paul's instructions to Timothy are also very clear and plain, pertaining to the life, conduct and example of a minister. Read 1 Timothy 4:1-11. First he warns of some things to come in the latter times: a departing from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and a seared conscience. Then he admonished Timothy to " ... be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up on the words of faith and of good doctrine ... and exercise thyself unto godliness" (not worldliness). In verses 12-16 he said, "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity ... give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Meditate upon these things; GIVE THYSELF WHOLLY TO THEM; that thy profiting MAY APPEAR TO ALL. Take heed to thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."

Paul states that one desiring to be a bishop, which is an overseer, and is a good work, " ... must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of GOOD BEHAVIOUR, given to hospitality, apt to teach; not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; One that ruleth well his own house, having his chil-dren in subjection with all gravity; not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemna-tion of the devil. Moreover he MUST HAVE A GOOD REPORT OF THEM WHICH ARE WITHOUT: Lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil" (1 Tim-othy 3:1-7). Also read 2 Timothy 2:1-4.

The Apostle Peter gave some very strong admonition to the elders (ministers): "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's heritage, **BUT BEING ENSAMPLES TO THE FLOCK**" (1 Peter 5:2, 3).

These references, from God's WORD, are just a small portion of what could be quoted. The Apostle John, too, admonishes: "Love not the world, _neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father but of the world, And the world passeth away, and the lusts thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever" (1 John 2:15-17).

For a minister, young or old, to pattern after the fashion and fads of this present age is certainly to miss the will of God for his life. in being the proper EXAMPLE for a flock to follow. To appear in the pulpit-that holy place where all caution and fear should be taken-dressed in the flashy, bright colors of the age in which we live, beyond any question, lowers the DIGNITY and SANCTITY of that sacred place.

Called to Be Saints

by David K. Bernard

"Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours" (I Corinthians 1:2)."



Sanctification is part of our salvation experience. As with all aspects of salvation, it is the work of God (I Thessalonians 5:23), purchased for us by Christ's sacrifice (Hebrews 10:10). It comes to us through the truth of God's Word (John 17:17), and its work is done in us by faith (Acts 26:18).

In his greeting to the Corinthian Christians, the Apostle Paul enun-ciated the doctrine of sanctifica-tion. Jesus Christ has sanctified all true Christians, and He calls all of them to be saints-to become and remain sanctified.

The Meaning of Sanctification

The word sanctification means separation. In the above context, it specifically refers to separation from sin. The Greek word here is *hagiasmos*, which means "holiness, consecration, sanctifica-tion." The King James Version translates *hagiasmos* as "sanc-tification" (I Corinthians 1 :30) and as "holiness" (Romans 6:19, 22). The word saint comes from the same root word, and it means "a sanctified, separated, consecrated, dedicated one."

A person receives initial sanc-tification at the new birth. When he repents of his sins, receives water baptism in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and receives the Holy Ghost, God separates him from sin. Every person has been a sinner, but this changes when God saves him. "And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God" (I Corinthians 6:11).

Although every Christian is sanc-tified when he is saved, yet each must also submit to an ongoing process of sanctification, a process that continues throughout the Christian life. As a Christian walks with God, he becomes more and more separated from worldliness in his values, thoughts, and actions.

At the same time, he should pro-gressively grow more godly and Christ-like. This sanctifying pro-cess is a work of the Spirit (II Thessalonians 2:13; I Peter 1:2), and it will continue until the Sec-ond Coming of Christ (I Thessalo-nians 3:13; I Thessalonians 5:23). At that time, our transformation in-to the physical and spiritual image of the man Christ will be complete (Romans 8:29-30; Philippians 3:21; I John 3:2).

There is a distinct difference be-tween the meaning of sanctifica-tion and justification, although both refer to salvation. While justification means to be declared righteous, sanctification means to become righteous. If a person has faith in God, he will experience both an inward knowledge that God has justified him even though he is guilty of sinning, and an in-ner transformation of his spiritual nature that is made godly and holy.

The Sanctification Process

It is the Christian's responsibili-ty to allow the process of sanc-tification to unfold in him. If a per-son expects to inherit eternal life, he must submit to the leadership and control of the Holy Spirit and live by the power of the Spirit. We are called to be saints and have the God-given ability to be saints, but we must assume the responsibili-ty to live as saints.

"Follow peace with all men, and holiness {sanctification}, without .which no man shall see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14). "Be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless" (II Peter 3:14). "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die; but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live" (Romans 8:13).

Living as saints means that we are to "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (II Peter 3:18). Growth is toward "the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:-13). We must not suppose that any of us has achieved perfection, but as we hold to what we have attained, we can move toward maturity in knowledge and experience (Philip-pians 3:12-16).

We can live victoriously over sin. We have been delivered from the power of sin and have been united with the living Christ. The same grace that removed the guilt of past sins will help us overcome sin as we encounter it in the present and future. The gospel of Christ provides not only a remedy for sin-ful acts, but also a remedy for the sinful nature. We are free from sin's dominion. Jesus said, "Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. continued on page 5

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If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:34--36). The Apostle Paul wrote, "What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? ... knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin" (Romans 6:1-2, 6-7).

As saints, we must not practice sin; we must rather disown sin's rule: "Reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof" (Romans 6:12-13). We both died with Christ and rose with Him. God declared us to be righteous and im-parted His nature of holiness to us. As we live in Christ and for Him, we learn to be in practice what we became by faith in Christ. Sanctification involves a life transformation and a continual renewing of the mind by the operation of the Spirit: "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:2). "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord" (II Corinthians 3:18). We are to take the mind of Christ, learning how to think according to spiritual principles and evaluating life by heavenly standards. As we commune with God in prayer and worship and as we implant God's Word in our hearts through reading, studying, meditating, and listening to preaching, God's Spirit continues to transform us. We put on Christ, denying the flesh any opportunity to gratify sinful lusts (Romans 13:14-). In this manner, Christ is formed in us (Galatians 4:19). The sanctification process includes the whole man-body, soul, and spirit. "Ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (I Corinthians 6:20). "Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" (II Corinthians 7:1).

"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Thessalonians 5:23).

Both the inner man and the outer man need sanctification; these include thoughts, attitudes, and spiritual stewardship on the one hand, and actions, appearance, and physical stewardship on the other. We must be sanctified in the thoughts we entertain, the attitudes we harbor, the spiritual fruit we bear, the words we speak, the clothes we wear, the things we allow ourselves to see, the places we go, and the actions we take. In all things we must conform to the personality of Jesus Christ and to the principles of God's Word. **Historical Perspective** In our day, there is an urgent need to proclaim the experience of sanctification. The Christians of the first three centuries emphasized separation from the world, specifically opposing idolatry, immorality, warfare, abortion, luxurious or immodest clothing, jewelry, makeup, dancing, gambling, the theater, worldly sports, and other worldly amusements. (See *Practical Holiness: A Second Look* by David K. Bernard, Chapter 5.) **(see [thrift books online](#))**

After the Emperor Constantine's "conversion" to Christianity and the subsequent establishment of Christianity as the state religion, the biblical concept of sanctification fell into disfavor. During the Protestant Reformation, leaders such as Luther, Calvin, and Zwingli largely ignored the matter of sanctification in their zeal to restore the doctrine of justification. For example, Luther taught that Christians are still sinners in nature and in actions, but "justified" sinners. Only the small groups such as the Anabaptists emphasized holiness as a necessary expression of a person's new life in Christ. John Wesley, founder of Methodism, was the first prominent Protestant to emphasize the doctrine of sanctification. He taught that sanctification is a lifelong process which begins with justification. Moreover, he believed that in this life a person can attain Christian perfection, which is purification from inward sin. By "perfection" he did not mean the same as sinless perfection (the impossibility of sinning) but a perfection of motives, desires, and thoughts. He held that the sanctified person can live a life of victory over sin through self-examination, godly discipline, methodical devotion, and avoidance of worldly pleasures. This led him to oppose immodest or extravagant dress, jewelry, alcohol, tobacco, the theater, and worldly amusements.

The Holiness movement that emerged in the nineteenth century felt that Methodism was losing its traditional zeal for holiness. Two different doctrines of holiness developed during this time. The more traditional Wesleyan view, called Oberlin perfectionism and advocated by Oberlin College and Charles Finney, taught that sanctification is a "second work of grace"-an instantaneous experience subsequent to conversion. It was believed that by this experience the sinful nature is completely eradicated, after which the Christian battles only external temptations and not internal lusts. The other view of holiness, called Keswick holiness after Keswick parish in England and advocated by such leaders as Dwight Moody, held that the sinful nature is never totally eliminated in this life. At conversion, however, this view held that the believer receives power in the Spirit to overcome the sinful nature. Advocates of both views agreed that the Christian can and should live a holy life of obedience to God, having victory over sin and adhering to strict holiness standards.

Doubters Never Win

THE TWO THIEVES, crucified one on either side of our Lord, present a graphic illustration of how two people made use of their opportunity. Faith and doubt these two qualities are always filled with contrast.

The Curse of Doubt

"One of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, 'If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.' The unbelieving thief was a hard-hearted doubter, caught in his crime and sentenced to death. His position in these final minutes put him at arm's length from the Son of God, but his evil, doubting attitude held him a million miles away. He was so taken up with bitterness that he never grasped the marvelous spiritual opportunity that was his. 'If thou be the Christ. ...' He never gave an opportunity to hope. The disbelief expressed by the word 'if' betrays our true feelings, as it did his. Although this man sought solace with his words, he found none. Doubt brings the night of gloom, not the dawn of hope. The Lord made no response, for divine assurance is denied the doubter.

The Great Forgiver, with all His kingly powers, cannot release the soul that is shackled by doubt. True admission of the need of faith is this confession, "Lord help my unbelief."

The Reward of Faith

But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?" The feeling of faith in another reacts to rebuke doubt. A defeatist attitude strikes horror to the heart of even a benighted soul. In sharp contrast was the surprising faith of this thief on the opposite cross. He had nothing to lose. A condemned man, caught in his crime and made to pay with his life. His faith stood out like a white lily in black soil. There was no hesitation. There were no "ifs" coming from this condemned man. Here was open faith and full surrender.

His rebuke to an associate in crime was his first expression of faith. He said, "You and I die justly for our deeds, but this man hath done nothing amiss." Then faith, in full expression, asked, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." How typical of a truly repentant soul!

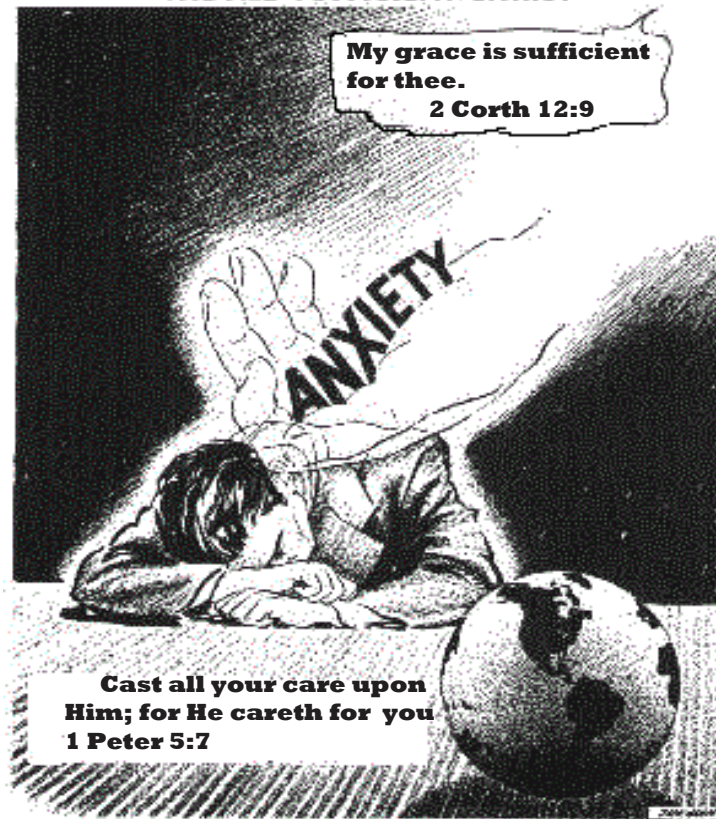
"And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." A dying man found his way to God by simply using faith. As the trusting thief focused his eyes on Jesus, his faith enabled him to view what ordinary eyes could never see truly a Saviour of mankind, the Son of God. Both thieves looked upon the same face. The first man saw only the face of another dying man. The second saw Him as God.

Which One Are We?

Can we capture such faith in a day when to doubt seems the easier way? Can we eliminate our unbelieving "ifs" in an age of cutting cynicism, bitter sarcasm, stinging character assassination, and general disruption? Can we scatter the symptoms of self-defeat and gloom?

For the spiritual faith-filled heart, there is no option. We accept wholeheartedly this challenge to replace sick attitudes of doubt and pessimism with the healthy ones of faith and trust. Only in this spirit can we accomplish worthwhile achievements during our days on the earth. How true the lines: "A man who follows behind others to steal golden crowns from their heads will some day be startled to learn that there are multitudes walking along behind him, trying to steal any crown that he might gain. If, on the other hand, a man goes through life placing golden crowns on the heads of others, he will be amazed at the number of people following his way, trying to place crowns on his head." This is a law of life. Doubt begets doubt. Faith begets faith.

THE ALL-SUFFICIENT CHRIST



God's Everlasting Love

When trials come and hope seems dim,
Remember, child, to trust in Him.
Through storms and waves,
His hand will guide,
In His embrace, you'll safely abide.

His love, unyielding, strong, and pure,
A healing balm, a steadfast cure.
Lift your eyes; His light will show,
The path to peace where blessings flow.
unknown

You're Always There for Me

When the world comes crashing in
And chaos rules my mind,
I turn my heart to you, Lord,
And pure, sweet peace I find.

You lift me out of trouble
You comfort me in pain;
You nourish, heal and cleanse me,
Like cool, refreshing rain.

In times of joy and bliss,
When things are going right,
You lift me even higher,
And fill me with delight.

You listen to my prayers;
You hear my every plea;
I'm safe because I know
You're always there for me.

By Joanna Fuchs

God's Will

Many Christians wrestle with the question of God's will. He explains that Romans 12:1–2 is the clearest biblical road map for discovering it. God's will is not primarily about choosing the right job, spouse, or location — it's about becoming the kind of person who naturally walks in God's ways.

- That discerning God's will begins with surrender. Paul urges believers to present themselves as living sacrifices, meaning that God wants our whole selves — not just our Sunday worship but our daily decisions, desires, and habits. This surrender is ongoing and forms the foundation for spiritual clarity. Believers must resist being shaped by the world. The world constantly pressures us to adopt its values, priorities, and definitions of success. When Christians allow worldly thinking to dominate, God's will becomes harder to discern. Instead, transformation comes through renewing the mind with Scripture, prayer, worship, and obedience.
- The “good, acceptable, and perfect” will of God using a bullseye illustration. God's will is not a single narrow path that we must fear missing. Instead, it has layers — and as we grow spiritually, we move closer to the center. Even when we make imperfect decisions, God can redirect us.
- There are five principles for discerning God's will: living a consecrated life, separating from worldly influences, renewing the mind, cultivating humility, and maintaining a prayerful spirit. These qualities position believers to hear God clearly and walk confidently in His direction.

Five Principles for Discerning God's Will

1. A Consecrated Life

- Surrender your whole self to God.
- God reveals His will to those who are yielded.

2. A Separated Life

- Resist worldly influences.
- Holiness sharpens spiritual discernment.

3. A Transformed Mind

- Renew your mind through Scripture.
- God's will aligns with God's Word.

4. A Humble Heart

- Pride blocks guidance.
- Humility invites God's direction.

5. A Prayerful Spirit

- Prayer aligns your desires with God's
- God guides those who seek Him.



Present your
bodies as a
living sacrifice

Romans 12:1

Do not be
conformed
to this world

Romans 12:2

Consecrated Life Romans 12:1-2 1 Corth 6:19-20 Psalms 101:3 Prov 4:23-27

Renewed Mind Romans 12:2 Col 2:8

The counsel of God's word Psalms 119:105 Joshua 1:8

The comfort of God's peace Col 3:15

The confirmation of God's people Prov 11:14

**“God’s will,
will never take you
where His grace
cannot keep you”**

Philippians 1:6 – “Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.”

Isaiah 41:10 – “Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.”

1 Thessalonians 5:24 – Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.”

2 Corinthians 12:9 – My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.”

God's Word to You

Dear One

You may not know me, but I know everything about you (Psalm 139:1). I know when you sit down and when you rise up (Psalm 139:2). I am familiar with your ways (Psalm 139:3). Even the very hairs on your head are numbered (Matt 10:29-31) for you were made in my image (Genesis 1:27). In me, you live and move and have your being (Acts 17:28) for you are my offspring (Acts 17:28).

I knew you even before you were conceived (Jeremiah 1:4-5). I chose you even before I planned creation (Ephesians 1:11-12). You were not a mistake; all your days are written in my book (Psalm 139:15-16). I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live (Acts 17:26). You were fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14). I knit you together in your mother's womb (Psalm 139:13) and brought you forth on the day you were born (Psalm 71:6).

I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me (John 8:41-44). I am not distant and angry, but I am the complete expression of love (1 John 4:16), and it is my desire to lavish my love on you (1 John 3:1). I offer you more than your earthly father ever could (Matthew 7:11) for I am the perfect father (Matthew 5:48). Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand (James 1:17) for I am your provider, and I meet all your needs (Matthew 6:31-33).

My plan for your future has always been filled with hope. (Jeremiah 29:11) Because I love you with an everlasting love (Jeremiah 31:3), my thoughts toward you are as countless as the sand on the seashore (Psalm 139:17-18) and I rejoice over you with singing (Zephaniah 3:17). I will never stop doing good to you (Jeremiah 32:40) for you are my treasured possession (Exodus 19:5). I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul (Jeremiah 32:41).

I want to show you great and marvelous things (Jeremiah 33:3). If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me (Deuteronomy 4:29). Delight in me, and I will give you the desires of your heart (Psalm 37:4) for it is I who gave you those desires (Philippians 2:13).

I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine (Ephesians 3:20) for I am your greatest encourager (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17). I am also the father who comforts you in all your troubles (2 Corinthians 1:3-4). When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you (Psalm 34:18). As a Shepard carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart (Isaiah 40:11).

One day, I will wipe away every tear from your eyes if you will be obedient to my word (Revelation 21:3-4) and I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth (Revelation 21:3-4). I am your father, and I love you (John 17:26). Upholding all things by the word of my power (Hebrews 1:3). I came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you (Romans 8:31) and to tell you that I am not counting your sins (2 Corinthians 5:18-19).

I died so that you could be reconciled (2 Corinthians 5:18-19). my death was the ultimate expression of my love for you (1 John 4:10). I gave up everything I loved so that I might gain your love (Romans 8:31-32). If you receive this gift, you receive me (1 John 2:23), and nothing will ever separate you from my love again (Romans 8:38-39).

I have always been your father and will always be your father (Ephesians 3:14-15).

My question is, will you be my child (John 1:1-13)?

I am waiting for you (Luke 15:11-32)



Like You

Lord help me to be in Your holy will; Tell
me what to do today;
Lead me in Your righteousness;
Make me more like You, I pray.

Guard me against this corrupting world,
Its perverted priorities, temptations, too.
Direct my mind toward Your commands,
So I can focus my life on You.

Fill my heart with Your light and love, So I
can assist those I see in need;
With You as my role model, let me be Like
You in thought and word and deed.

The Offering Plate Mix-Up

During the offering, young Emily accidentally
dropped her lollipop into the plate.
The usher tried to hand it back, but she shook
her head and said, "No, I'm giving it to God.
He likes grape flavor, right?"

The Two Seeds

Two seeds lay side by side in the soil. One said,
"I'm afraid to grow; what if I fail?" The other
said, "I'll trust the sun." Months later, one
bloomed into a beautiful flower, while the
other remained buried in fear.

Lesson: Faith requires stepping out of the soil
of comfort and trusting God's timing.



"A Bible that's falling apart usually belongs to
someone who isn't."

"If you're too busy to pray, you're busier than God
ever asked you to be."

"Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any
more than standing in a garage makes you a car."

"Feed your faith and your doubts will starve."

"God doesn't call the qualified — He qualifies the
called."

"A closed Bible is a closed mouth from God."

Anchor of Hope

When storms arise and shadows fall, Your
voice still answers every call.
You hold my soul, my fears release, And
wrap me in unending peace.

You calm the waves that shake my chest,
And lead my weary heart to rest.
No night too dark, no path too steep—Your
steadfast love my soul will keep.

When doubts press in like rising tide, Your
faithful hand stays at my side.
My refuge strong, my guiding light, You
carry me from storm to sight.

**God's truth is the light that makes every
step clear."**

**"Wisdom grows when the heart listens
before the lips speak."**

**"To walk with Christ is to walk in the way
of true understanding."**

**"Heavenly wisdom begins with humble
surrender."**

**"You can't walk with God while running
with the world."**

The Day Brother Harold Tried to Help God Out

Brother Harold was a good man—faithful in church, generous with his time, and always ready with a handshake that could nearly dislocate your shoulder. But Harold had one small problem: he liked to "help God out" a little too much. One Sunday morning, he marched into church with a toolbox under his arm.

Pastor looked at him and said, "Harold... what's the toolbox for?" Harold grinned. "Pastor, I've been praying all week for God to fix my patience. But He's taking too long. So I figured I'd help Him speed things up." Pastor raised an eyebrow. "And how exactly do you plan to do that?"

"Well," Harold said proudly, "I'm going to fix everything that annoys me. Starting with that squeaky pew, the slow coffee pot, and Sister Martha's habit of talking through the announcements." Pastor chuckled. "Brother Harold, if you fix all that, you might feel better... but you won't be any more patient." Harold paused, scratched his head, and sighed. "Pastor, are you telling me God doesn't need my help?" "Harold," Pastor said gently, "God doesn't need your toolbox. He needs your trust." Harold closed the toolbox, sat down, and whispered, "Well... that's inconvenient."

Sometimes we're so busy trying to fix everything around us that we forget God is trying to fix something in us. And unlike Brother Harold, we don't need a toolbox—just obedience, patience, and a little faith.

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Obedience to the Gospel continued

We are given the answer of how to obey the gospel in Romans 6:3-5 which says, "Or do you not know, that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death: that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection."

So here we see that we are baptized into His death, we are buried with Him through baptism, and then just as Christ was raised up from the dead, we also are raised to walk in newness of life after baptism. Only after baptism according to Acts 2:38 are we born again and our new life in Christ begins. There must be a death, burial, and resurrection before this new life is possible.

Only in baptism does our old sinful person die, is buried, and rises as a new person free from sin. We are transformed from death to life. We become a new creation. in the sixth chapter of Romans we read in verses 17-18 (KJV), "But God be thanked, that you were the servants of sin, but you have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, you became the servants of righteousness." So, we see when people obey that form of doctrine that is a form of the Lord's death, repentance (death) when they are baptized, (burial) receives Holy Ghost (raised) at that point are then made free from sin and become the servants of righteousness.

Have you obeyed the gospel of Christ. have you been made free from sin. As we have already seen, the Lord will take vengeance on all those who obey not the gospel of Christ. If you haven't why don't you correct your situation and make things right?

Don't put it off. Satan wants you to put off making it right. People pervert the gospel of Christ today when they attempt to make changes in God's plan to save man to suit themselves. It is a serious matter with God to have his gospel perverted and it will not go unnoticed. That person will be accursed by God.

I trust the next chapter because I know the author.

HOW DOES ONE OBEY THE GOSPEL?

THE GOSPEL IS
DEATH - BURIAL - RESURRECTION
ROMANS 6.3-4

HOW DOES ONE OBEY THE GOSPEL?



DIE TO SIN
REPENTANCE



BE BURIED
BAPTISM



Holy Ghost

BE RAISED
WALK IN NEWNESS
OF LIFE

ACTS 2:38

Baptism: More Than Confession—An Act of Obedience

Many people today view baptism as merely a public confession of personal faith, a symbolic gesture to show others that they believe in Christ. While baptism certainly does testify to our faith, Scripture presents it as far more than a symbolic announcement. According to the apostles, baptism is an act of obedience—an essential step in responding to the gospel.

In Acts 2:38, Peter stands before a convicted crowd and gives a clear command: "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ..." This was not presented as an optional ceremony or a suggestion for those who felt ready. It was the Spirit-inspired instruction for how to respond to the message of Christ. Repentance and baptism and infilling of the Holy Ghost were joined together as the obedient response of a heart turning to God.

Baptism is obedience because it is submission. It is the believer's willingness to follow Christ's command, to identify with His death, burial, and resurrection, and to step into the new life He offers. It is the outward act that reflects an inward surrender. When a person is baptized, they are not simply declaring their faith—they are obeying the call of God.

The early church understood this. Throughout the book of Acts, those who believed were immediately baptized. There was no delay, no debate, no redefining of baptism as optional. Faith produced obedience, and obedience led them into the waters.

In a world filled with watered-down doctrines and casual Christianity, it is vital that we return to the clarity of Scripture. Baptism is not a ritual we perform to impress others; it is a command we obey to honor God. It is the believer's first step of discipleship, a visible demonstration that they have turned from sin and embraced the lordship of Jesus Christ. Confession declares our faith.

Baptism demonstrates our obedience.

Together, they reflect a heart fully surrendered to God.

There are two Absolutes one natural, one spiritual think on this:

Death is an earthly absolute

Every human being faces physical death. Scripture speaks plainly about this reality:

“It is appointed unto men once to die...” (Hebrews 9:27)

In that sense, death is an unavoidable certainty for every person.

Eternity is a spiritual absolute

Christian teaching holds that every person continues beyond death—either with God or separated from Him. Eternity isn't optional; it's the destiny of every soul.

So in a theological sense, death and eternity are both unavoidable realities. They are absolutes in the sense that:

You cannot escape them!

You cannot change them!

You cannot opt out of them!

**But here's the deeper layer
Death is absolute only in this life.
Eternity is absolute beyond this life.**

“Two things are certain: “Death is guaranteed, but eternity is already waiting—this is why the gospel matters now more than ever.”

“There are two absolutes—death, and what comes after.”

**“Death is unavoidable. Eternity is inescapable.”
we cannot outrun eternity; we can only choose whom we face it with.”**



Are you ready to meet your maker?

You may tie your shoestrings in the morning, but the undertaker may untie them before night.

Be still and know that I am God Isa 46:10

When the Blind Lead the Blind

Jesus warned His disciples with a sobering image: “If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into the ditch.” It’s a reminder that spiritual direction is no small matter. Whoever we allow to shape our beliefs, guide our decisions, or influence our convictions will ultimately shape our destiny. And if our guides are blind to the truth, we risk following them into the same darkness.

In a world overflowing with opinions, trends, and persuasive voices, it has never been more important for believers to anchor themselves in the unchanging Word of God. Scripture does not call us to be passive listeners but diligent students. Paul urged Timothy to “study to show yourself approved unto God,” not approved by culture, not approved by popular teachers, but approved by the Lord Himself.

This means we cannot simply accept every teaching that sounds spiritual or feels inspiring. Not every “new revelation” is truth. Not every confident voice is a trustworthy one. Winds of doctrine blow through every generation, and without discernment, they can carry us far from the foundation of the gospel.

God calls each of us to personal responsibility—to open the Scriptures, to test what we hear, to weigh every message against the truth of God’s Word. Discernment is not suspicion; it is obedience. It is the humble recognition that our hearts can be misled if we are not rooted in truth.

The danger Jesus described is real: when the blind lead the blind, both are lost. But the promise is just as real: when we walk in the light of God’s Word, we will not stumble. The believer who studies, prays, and seeks truth will stand firm, even when the world is shifting.

Let us be people who follow the Light, not the crowd—students of Scripture, seekers of truth, and disciples who refuse to be carried away by every passing wind. In doing so, we honor God, guard our souls, and shine as steady guides for others who are searching for the way. GH

God's Eternal Ink

I dreamed I was in heaven where an angel kept God's book
He was writing so intently I just had to take a look.
It was not, at first, his writing, that made me stop and think
But the fluid in the bottle that was marked eternal ink.

This ink was most amazing, dark black upon his blotter
But as it touched the parchment it became as clear as water.
The angel kept on writing, but as quickly as a wink
The words were disappearing with that strange eternal ink.

The angel took no notice, but kept writing on and on
He turned each page and filled it till all its space was gone.
I thought he wrote to no avail, His efforts were so vain
For he wrote a thousand pages that he'd never read again.

And as I watched and wondered that this awesome sight was mine
I actually saw a word stay black as it dried upon the line.
The angel wrote and I thought I saw a look of satisfaction.
At last he had some print to show for all his earnest action.

A line or two dried dark and stayed as black as black can be,
But strangely the next paragraph became invisible to see.
The book was getting fuller, the angel's records true
But most of it was blank, with just a few words coming through.

I knew there was some reason, but as hard as I could think
I couldn't grasp the significance of that eternal ink.
The mystery burned within me, and I finally dared to ask
The angel to explain to me his amazing task.

And what I heard was frightful, as the angel turned his head
He looked directly at me and this is what he said . . .
I know you stand and wonder at what my writing's worth
But God has told me to record the lives of those on earth.

The book that I am filling is an accurate account
Of every word and action and to what they do amount.
And since you have been watching, I must tell you what is true
The details of my journal are the strict accounts of YOU.

The Lord asked me to watch you as each day you worked and played
I saw you as you went to church, I saw you as you prayed.
But I was told to document your life through all the week
I wrote when you were proud and bold, I wrote when you were meek.

I recorded all your attitudes whether they were good or bad
I was sorry that I had to write the things that make God sad.
So now I'll tell the wonder of this eternal ink
For the reason for its mystery should make you stop and think.

This ink that God created to help me keep my journal
Will only keep a record of things that are eternal.
So much of life is wasted on things that matter not
So instead of my erasing, smudging ink and ugly blot.

I just keep writing faithfully and let the ink do all the rest
For it is able to decide what's useless and what's best.
And God ordained that as I write of all you do and say
Your deeds that count for nothing, will just disappear away.

When books are opened someday, as sure as heaven is true
The Lord's eternal ink will tell what mattered most to you.
If you just lived to please yourself the pages will be bare
And God will issue no reward for you when you get there.

In fact, you'll be embarrassed, You will hang your head in shame
Because you did not give yourself in love to Jesus' Name.
Yet maybe there will be a few recorded lines that stayed
That showed the times you truly cared, sincerely loved and prayed.

But you will always wonder as you enter heaven's door
How much more glad you would have been if only you'd done more.
For I record as God sees, I don't even stop to think
Because the truth is written, with God's eternal ink.

When I heard the angel's story, I fell down and wept and cried
For as yet I still was dreaming I hadn't really died.
And I said: O angel tell the Lord that soon as I awake
I'll live my life for Jesus- I'll do all for His dear sake.

I'll give in full surrender; I'll do all He wants me to
I'll turn my back on self and sin and whatever isn't true.
And though the way seems long and rough I promise to endure
I'm determined to pursue the things that are holy, clean and pure.

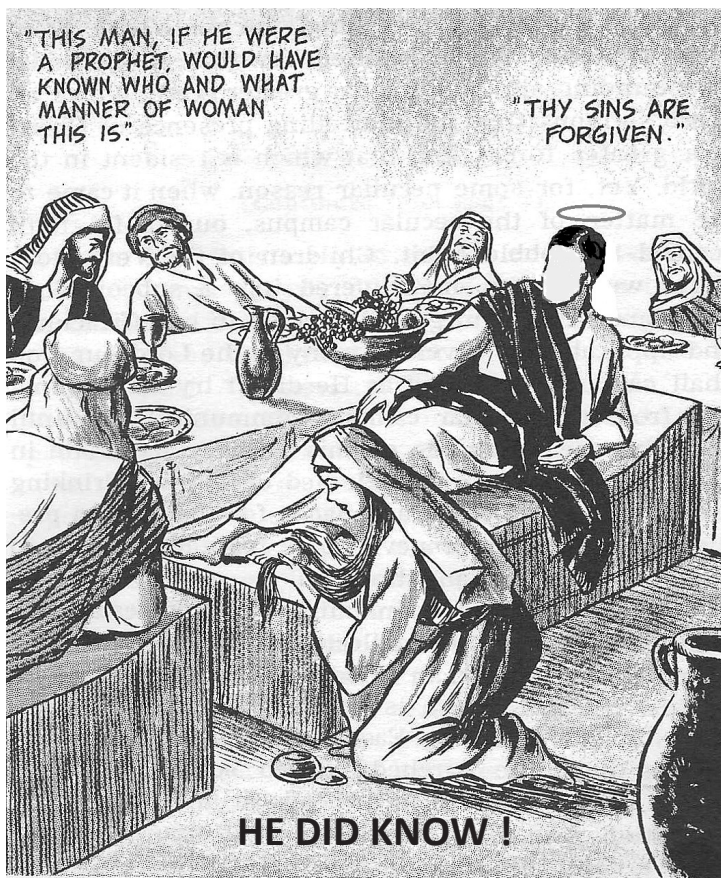
With Jesus as my helper, I will win lost souls to Thee
For I know that they will live with Christ for all eternity.
And that's what really matters when my life on earth is gone
That I will stand before the Lord and hear Him say, well done.

For is it really worth it as my life lies at the brink?
And I realize that God keeps books with His eternal ink.
Should all my life be focused on things that turn to dust?
From this point on I'll serve the Lord - I can, I will, I must!

I will NOT send blank pages up to God's majestic throne
For where that record's going now is my eternal home.
I'm giving all to Jesus, I now have seen the link
For I saw an angel write my life with God's eternal ink.

Written by Pastor Craig F. Pitt -

At Jesus Feet



JESUS PAID MANY VISITS to a home in Bethany, where two sisters and a brother lived. John 11:5 tells us that Jesus loved this family.

Martha, upon receiving Jesus as the house guest, began to cumber herself with preparing foods that she felt Jesus might enjoy. Martha felt her efforts would please Jesus.

Luke 10:39 says that the other sister, Mary, sat down at Jesus' feet. In humility and reverence, she listened to Him speak to her. What a privilege this woman had to sit at His feet of knowledge. It thrilled Jesus to know Mary was interested in listening to Him. This paid honor to the Master.

In Mark 14:3 we read that Jesus again traveled through this city. He was sitting at meat in Simon the leper's home. A visitor named Mary came in and performed an unusual act of worship at a seemingly odd moment. She broke an alabaster box of spikenard and poured it upon Jesus' feet. In verse 9, Jesus said this gesture of worship would be a memorial for her.

Jesus again proved that it was more blessed to honor and worship Him, than to set a natural feast before Him.

Another time that Mary was at Jesus' feet is recorded in John 11:32. Mary was in sorrow, and crying this time. She said, "Lord if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died." I'm sure that later that day, Mary felt well paid for her listening to Jesus.

We can never speak profitable words of exhortation and advice, unless we are first willing to sit at Jesus' feet and listen. Our prayer must be a two-way conversation. When we speak, our audience must be aware that we have been with (listening to) Jesus!

Our message to souls will lack the power to save unless we can discipline ourselves to take time out in the day or night to listen to Jesus. Such strength comes from these times in prayer!

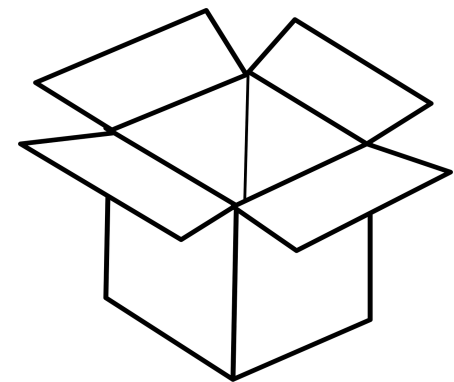
Let us not get cumbered about with the cares of this life. Jesus made it clear what was needful by saying, "Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her" When the good and needful part is done, the tasks of being a wife and mother will be easier. But if we put first the thing that can be taken away, we will become confused.

What would the Samaritan woman in John 4 have said to the people of the city, if she had done all the talking? I'm glad she listened. After she heard Jesus, that was not enough. She arose, went into the city, and said, "Come see a man .. is not this the Christ?"

Our message is the same: "I've found Jesus ... come and see!"

Politics :

It's time for both political parties to come to the aid of their country.



God's Boxes

**I have in my hands two boxes
Which God gave me to hold.
He said, "Put all your sorrows in the
black box
And all your joys in the gold."**

**I heeded His words, and in the two boxes
Both my joys and sorrows I stored.
But though the gold became heavier
each day
The black was as light as before.**

**With curiosity I opened the black
I wanted to find out why.
And I saw, in the base of the box, a hole
Which my sorrows had fallen out by.**

**I showed the hole to God, and mused
"I wonder where my sorrows could be."
He smiled a gentle smile and said
"My child, they're all here with me."**

**I asked God why He gave me the boxes
Why the gold, and the black with the
hole?
"My child, the gold is for you to count
your blessings
The black is for you to let go."**

Author Unknown -

Think On These Things

Your allegiance to God, doesn't
depend on your circumstances.

I Prayed for Thee Today

I prayed for thee today,
To the God Who has all power
That He would keep thee close to Him
And strengthen Thee this hour,
And that thou be conformed to Christ
In Whom thy life is hid
And reflect to all the Father's love
As Christ our Savior did.
I prayed that thou might know Him
well
And delight thyself in Him
Who sacrificed Himself for thee
And cleansed thee of thy sin
I prayed thy eyes be lifted high
To Him enthroned above
Until He brings us home to Him
Upon His beams of love.

Vicki Baird

A Ballast for My Soul

Life is like a stormy sea
That tosses to and fro,
But God's Word will ever be
A ballast for my soul;
By its truth I'll be held fast
Till I reach heaven's shore
Where I will be home at last
And sail life's sea no more!

Perry Boardman

"Moment By Moment"

Dying with Jesus, by death reckoned mine;
Living with Jesus, a new life divine;
Looking to Jesus till glory doth shine,
Moment by moment, O Lord, I am Thine.

Moment by moment I'm kept in His love;
Moment by moment I've life from above;
Looking to Jesus till glory doth shine;
Moment by moment, O Lord, I am Thine.

Never a trial that He is not there,
Never a burden that He doth not bear,
Never a sorrow that He doth not share,
Moment by moment, I'm under His care.

Never a heartache, and never a groan,
Never a teardrop and never a moan;
Never a danger but there on the throne,
Moment by moment He thinks of His own.

Never a weakness that He doth not feel,
Never a sickness that He cannot heal;
Moment by moment, in woe or in weal,
Jesus my Savior, abides with me still.

~By Daniel W. Whittle, year 1893~

Set Apart

Isolate me, if Thou must
Train my heart to love and trust By the
arrow's inward thrust
I am reminded Thou art mine

I'll cleave to Thee, I'll not let go For Thou
alone, my heart doth know, Hath sent this
wound to bid me grow And remind me I am
Thine

Vicki Baird

An evil man will
burn his own nation
to the ground to
rule over the ashes
Sun Tzu

Making A Difference

In Maine, they tell of an old man
walking along the beach with his
grandson.
The boy picked up each starfish they
passed and threw it back in the ocean.
'If I left them here,' said the boy,
'they would dry up and die. I'm
saving their lives.'
The old man said, "But the beach
goes on for miles, and there are
millions of starfish. What you're
doing won't make any difference."
The boy looked at the starfish in his
hand, threw it in the water, and
answered: "It made a difference to this
one." □ unknown

CHRISTIAN LIVING

Live as though Christ died yesterday, rose from
the grave today, and is coming back tomorrow.
[T. Epp]

PRAYER & THE DEVIL

The devil believes in the power of prayer more
than anyone. He doesn't practices it. He suffers
from it.

Truth does not cease to exist because it is
ignored.

A GUIDING VOICE

A touching story came to us from Minnesota. A farmer, living on the edge of one of the many lakes of that state, started to cross it in a small sailboat one evening after dark. The wind changed, and a gust overturned the boat when he was in the middle of the lake. The surface of the water was covered with large masses of floating ice. The farmer was an expert swimmer, and he struck out boldly toward the shore, where he thought his house stood, but he grew confused in the darkness. The ice formed rapidly over the whole lake. He was in a small, quickly narrowing circle, in which he beat about wildly, the chill of death creeping over his body. He gave up at last and was sinking in the freezing water when he heard a sound.

It was the voice of his little girl calling him: "Father! Father!" He listened. The sound of her voice would tell him which way home lay. It put fresh life into him. He thought: "If she would only call once more! But she will be frightened at the dark and cold. She will go in and shut the door-"

Just then came the cry, loud and clear, "Father!" "I turned," said the man afterward, in telling the story, "and struck out in the opposite direction. I had been going away from home. I fought my way. The ice broke before me. I reached the shore and home at last. If my dear little girl had not persisted in calling me, though hearing no reply, I should have died there alone under the ice." What a multitude of souls about us, like that poor man, have lost their balance and let go their grip on the lifeboat and are struggling amid the cold, icy waves of sin soon to sink to the bottomless pit and be forever lost, unless someone goes as near to them as possible and calls them in the right direction. Just one word spoken in Jesus' name may show them the right way and be the means of their salvation.

Dear one, the sound of your voice, the words you speak, the kind action you do may show some fallen brother or sister the way home. O let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

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By Ruby Klemin

THE BIBLE

I hold in my hand the book called the Bible. It is the most profound book in the world, for holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. The material in its pages enlightens us about the future, and reveals the past. It deals with both the origin and destiny of the whole human family.

Scientists of our generation, with all their newly acquired knowledge, are miles behind the writers of the Bible. For they saw past the rocket age, and moon trips, into the third heaven, and wrote of a day when the sun shall be darkened and the moon turned to blood. In fact, they saw past the fearful chances of another world war: They told us both the place where it will be fought and the leading warring nations, and then told the results, who the conqueror will be, and what his reign will be like. They write in detail of the passing away of the heavens and earth, and of the new heaven and new earth. The Bible tells us:

Where we came from and where we're going
How to make friends
How to be happy
How to overcome self and sin
How to get ready for life after death

Isaiah said, "O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea"
What a compass is to a ship's captain ... what a radio beam is to an airplane's pilot ... what a map is to a traveler-THE BIBLE IS TO US!

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Thank you Gail Huddleston

Happiness IS

The writing of the first Psalm gave us these gracious words: "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners,

nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doeth he meditate day and night and he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper"

Happiness is more than a fleeting feeling—it's a way of living, a steady current beneath the waves of life. The first Psalm paints a vivid picture of this truth, showing us that joy is not found in chasing every voice or following every path, but in choosing the right one.

It tells us that the truly blessed person is one who resists the pull of harmful influences, who does not shape their life by the advice of those who reject what is good, and who does not linger in places where wrongdoing is celebrated. Instead, their heart delights in what is true, pure, and life-giving.

Such a person is compared to a tree planted by streams of water—rooted, nourished, and fruitful in every season. Their stability does not depend on perfect circumstances, but on the deep well of wisdom and strength they draw from daily.

Happiness, then, is not about avoiding hardship or securing constant comfort. It is about living in alignment with what is right, finding joy in God's ways, and letting that joy shape every choice. It is a quiet confidence that no matter the storms, your roots run deep enough to stand.

Happiness is not a destination—it is the fruit of a life well-planted.



A Song of Joy in His Light

*In morning's light, I lift my eyes,
To see the dawn of endless skies.
The Lord has blessed my heart anew,
With joys untold, forever true.*

*His mercy dances upon my soul,
Restoring fragments, making me whole.*

*Each step I take, His hand guides near,
Dispelling doubt, casting out fear.*

*Happiness blooms in simple things,
The song of birds, the joy He brings.
Through trials faced, my spirit sings,
For Christ's own love gives endless wings.*

*Rejoice, rejoice, the angels say,
In every moment, choose His way.
His grace abounds, His peace will stay,
Turning dark nights to golden day.*

*So lift your heart, in prayerful cheer,
For the source of joy is ever near.
In Christ alone, our souls will find,
A happiness eternal, gentle and kind.
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