

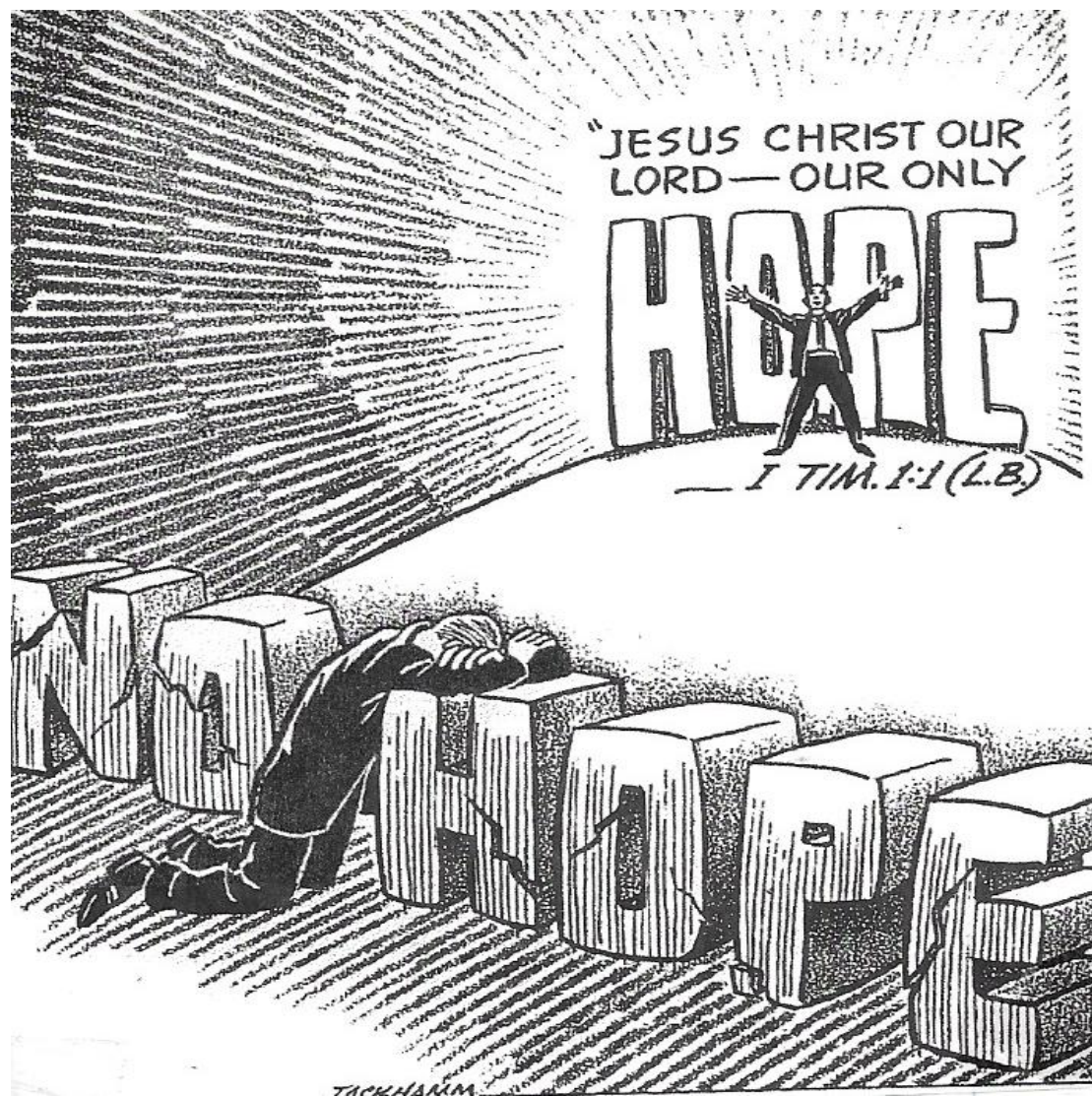


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Hope Found in Christ Alone

When shadows gather on the road,
and every earthly promise fades,
I lift my eyes to Christ my Lord—
the One who meets me in the shade.

No other voice can calm my storms,
no other hand can lift my soul;
His mercy finds me where I am,
His grace restores and makes me whole.

When fear would steal my breath away,
He speaks a word, and fear must flee;
My anchor in the fiercest winds,
my refuge for eternity.

The world may tremble, kingdoms fall,
yet still His faithfulness is known;
For every hope my heart could hold
is hope found in Christ alone.

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Greetings In Jesus Name



Pastor Junior and Brenda

Tingle

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we approach the close of another year, I am reminded again how swiftly time moves and how faithfully the Lord has guided us through every season. This has been another year blessed by His goodness — a year in which we have had the privilege to serve God in a land of peace, freely proclaiming the truth of His Word.

This year has also brought trials that caused me to step back, pray, and remember the words my father spoke to me long ago. He said, “There will come a time when you will have to step away from things that move away from the convictions God has given you. It may cause you heartache, but never compromise. When people start moving away from the old paths that the Word of God teaches, people change — but God never changes.” Those words have stayed with me, and they have strengthened me once again. They remind me that the greatest priority in ministry must always be souls. Never give up on a soul — as long as there is breath, there is hope.

Our desire has always been to reach people with the life-changing truth found in Scripture. Every message shared, every outreach completed, every heart encouraged has been possible because of your prayers, your support, and your faithfulness.

For nearly fifty years, you have stood with us. Your kindness, your generosity, and your commitment to the work of the Lord have made it possible for this ministry to continue shining His light. We thank God for you, and we thank you for allowing us to serve Him together.

May the Lord bless you richly as we finish this year and step into the next with renewed hope, renewed strength, and renewed purpose in Christ.

Bro Jr. Tingle

Thought for Today

Sometimes the strength you need doesn't come all at once — it comes in quiet measures, poured out by God exactly when your heart reaches for it. Every step you take in faith becomes another reminder that you're not walking alone. The path may twist, the day may feel heavy, but God's hand is steady, His grace is present, and His help arrives right on time. Keep your spirit lifted, your feet moving, and your trust anchored. You're being guided, strengthened, and held more than you know.

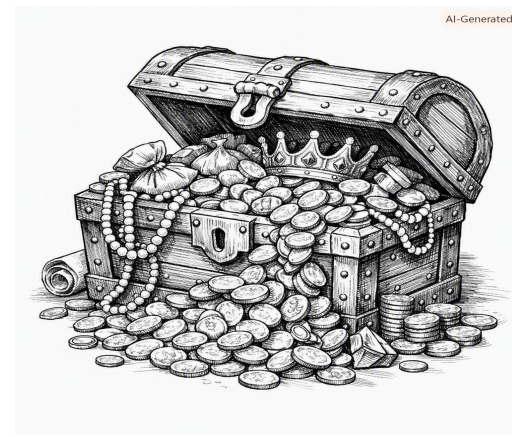
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Q & A

Answers



Question

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There are times when I miss Church I have things to get done before I go to Work on Monday or I may go visit family or they visit me on church times what does the Bible say about missing services.

Answer:

The Bible teaches that gathering with God's people is not just a tradition — it is a command, a spiritual protection, and a source of strength for every believer. When someone begins missing services for chores, visits, or personal plans, it may feel harmless, but Scripture warns that neglecting the house of God weakens the soul over time.

The clearest instruction comes from Hebrews 10:25, which says we must "not forsake the assembling of ourselves together." This means God expects His people to make worship a priority, not an option. Church is where we receive preaching, correction, encouragement, fellowship, and spiritual covering. When we repeatedly miss services, we step away from the very things God uses to keep us strong.

Jesus taught that the Kingdom must come first. Family, work, and responsibilities matter, but they cannot replace worship. In Luke 14, Jesus warned that even good things — land, work, and family — can become excuses that pull people away from God's call. The Bible shows that when we put other activities in the place of worship, our spiritual life begins to drift.

God designed church as a place of feeding, strength, and unity. When we miss services, we miss what God prepared for us that day —

the message, the encouragement, the protection, and the fellowship that keeps us spiritually healthy. The enemy works hardest when believers become isolated, distracted, or inconsistent.

The Bible's message is simple:

Make God's house a priority, and He will bless the rest.

Put worship first, and everything else will fall into place.

Question

Is it necessary to pray daily and read our Bible, There are times I don't feel like fellowshiping

Answer:

Why We Pray Daily — Jesus taught in Luke 18:1 that "men ought always to pray, and not to faint." Prayer is the lifeline of the believer. It keeps the heart soft, the spirit strong, and the mind clear. Without prayer, spiritual strength fades; with prayer, it grows.

Why We Read the Bible — Psalm 119:105 says God's Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. The Bible is not just information — it is direction. It keeps us from sin, strengthens our faith, and teaches us how to walk in God's will.

Why We Must Stay Faithful — 1 Corinthians 4:2 teaches that "it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." Faithfulness is the measure of spiritual maturity. God rewards consistency, obedience, and steadfastness. When we stay faithful, He strengthens every step we take. We need to be faithful in fellowshiping with the Children of God the Bible says "Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend." — Proverbs 27:17

It's a powerful reminder that believers grow stronger through godly fellowship, correction, encouragement, and accountability.

America Is Coming To Her Knees

Dennis Croucher

Time is running out for America. Our beloved nation has forgotten God and they will follow a path that many nations have trod in history.

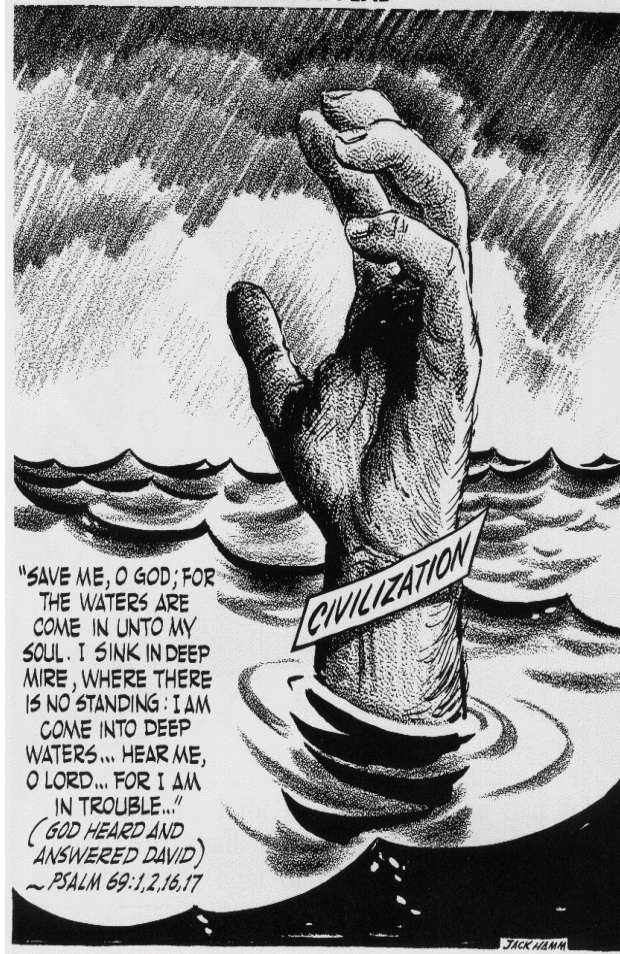
America's silent partner is the Church of Jesus Christ. Behind the scenes she is the mediator that has helped stay the judgment of God. Yet, even this in time will not prevent the uneventful and dreadful day of God's wrath.

A Nation Humbled Once a nation so strong and proud is now paying its respects to third rate nations. We are humbling ourselves to Arabs, who a few years ago were begging us for food. Now they are buying our land as though we were the paupers and they are the kings. We are forced like Samson of old to surrender ourselves to their proud boastings. Never have we been at the mercy of nations and problems like we are facing now. America has been living on borrowed time for several decades now, and the fierceness of God's anger has come. The beginning of sorrows has already unfolded across our land. The roaring lion is chasing the tired doe, and it is only a matter of time until the kill will be made. James the fifth chapter says, "Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days." James seems to have zeroed in on America in prophecy. Without question, our gold and silver will be valueless in the not to distant future.

The Depletion of Resources

It is certain that America's storehouse is running low. Shortages are cropping up everywhere. There are not enough answers for the questions of world problems. A land once so proud and able to boast of our vast natural resources, now is searching for allies to help them in desperation. America has lost face with her allies and has no one to turn to for help or sympathy: The rich are howling and weeping because their miseries are come upon them.

TIMELY APPEAL



Darkness Covers The Land

Darkness and even gross darkness has covered the land and the people. Eastern religions have found their place in our society. Many ridiculous cults have risen in many areas of our country. How long will God put up with our idolatries and backsliding?

America needs to repent and turn her face to God. She has sought natural means to turn judgment away. Peace talks have failed as well as Salt agreements, and Armageddon is ever nearer. America, your time has nearly expired and you are coming to your knees. You are living on the prayers of the saints and the blessings of your church. The church will leave soon and there will be none left to comfort you. Who will you turn to then?

There Is A Fountain Flowing

There is a fountain flowing, full and free, a gift of grace poured out for you and me. Its waters shimmer with mercy's light, a stream of strength in the darkest night.

I come with weary hands and thirsty soul, and find its waters making broken places whole.

No drought can stop it, no storm can slow this fountain follows everywhere I go.

It is the fountain of life, renewed each day, refreshing the heart that chooses God's way.

When burdens press and shadows fall, its living waters answer every call.

Drink deeply, child of God, drink again, for this fountain washes fear and quiets pain.

It lifts the weak, restores the worn, and brings new hope where hope was torn.

Some days the path feels rugged and long, but the fountain whispers, "I will make you strong."

Keep walking forward, step by step, for every promise God has spoken, He has kept.

So drink from the fountain that flows full and free, the fountain Heaven poured for you and me.

Drink when you're weary, drink when you pray— and keep on drinking as you keep walking God's way.

For the fountain never runs dry, never fades, it flows through valleys and mountain shades.

And every sip reminds the soul to say: "God's grace is enough for the path today."

BULWARKS OF OUR FAITH

No other city in history has influenced the destinies of mankind as has Jerusalem. Since that day of long ago, when King David drove Jebusites from the city and claimed it as the capitol of his kingdom, Jerusalem has stood first and supreme among the cities of the world. Other cities have had much greater populations. In fact, during the period of Christ's earthly ministry, the city numbered only twenty-five to thirty thousand. Rome and Athens could boast of its magnificent architecture. Sparta could brag of its well-trained armies. But no other city on earth has ever been called the City of God.

Jerusalem has always been the object of reverence and love by all Jewry. Though Jews have been scattered all over the world, still their affection for this city is boundless. In the plush synagogues of wealthy American Jews, or in the humble meeting places of fearful Russian Jews, chants can be heard every Sabbath day proclaiming the yearning of the Jewish heart for the hill of Zion,

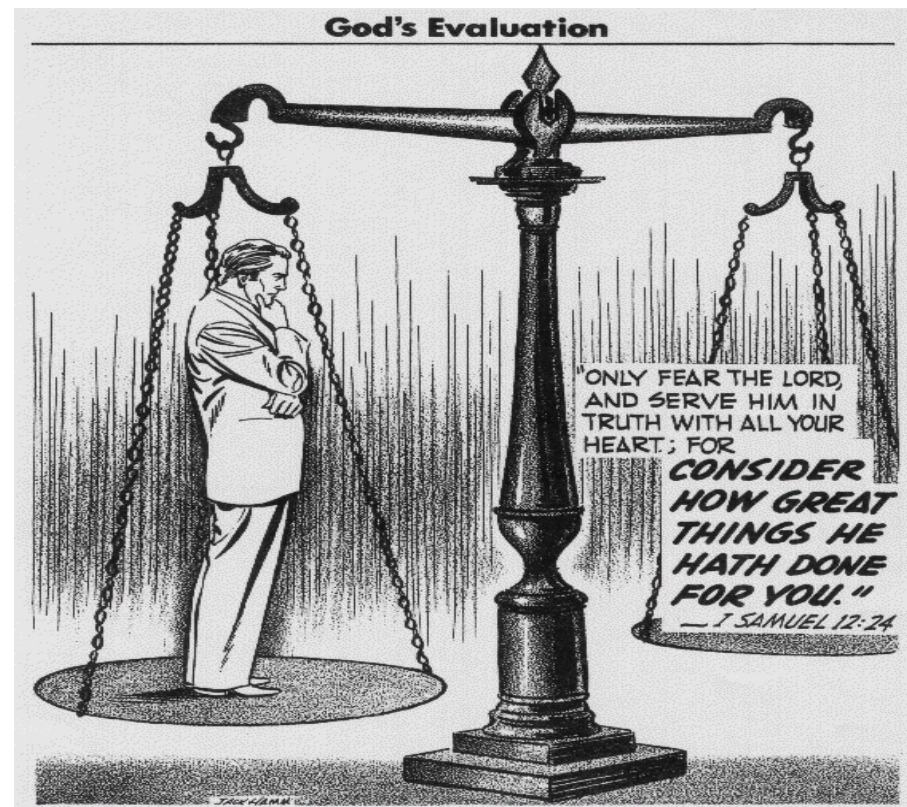
In 1948, after almost 2,600 years of wandering through the earth, Israel became a nation. Isaiah's prophecy (66: 8) was literally fulfilled. A NATION WAS BORN IN A DAY. From the ghettos and pogroms of Europe; from the hostilities of nearby countries; from every nation under the sun, they came. Many of them fell upon their knees after embarking from their ships, and kissed the earth. The strange magnetism of this tiny country had drawn them there.

Let us consider the source of her greatness. Here is a city in a rocky isolated situation, with very little commerce or business. It has no rich farmland nearby, few natural resources, and was removed from the beaten path of traders from three continents. What, then, could be so outstanding about such an insignificant city? She was the chosen city of the One True God.

Another significant feature of Jerusalem was its tremendous defenses. It was an almost impregnable fortress. The lay of the land around the city made it very nearly impossible for the enemy to get near the walls of the city. The only instances in history when the enemy broke through the walls and destroyed the city were preceded by unrepented sin by its inhabitants. If Israel had been faithful to God, its enemies would have perpetually failed in their attempts to conquer the city of David.

After all is said and done, the bulwarks of Jerusalem were greater than the advantageous terrain around the city, or the massive walls protecting it. Their greatest bulwark was related to their obedience to God.

As Jerusalem was protected by its bulwarks, so the church of Jesus Christ is protected by some powerful principles that God set into motion at Pentecost. It is the responsibility of each generation of this church to acquaint itself with these bulwarks of our faith.



We are to "Walk about Zion, and go round about her; tell the towers thereof (Psalm 48: 12). We must know wherein our strength lies. We must not be deceived by our enemies who beckon us to leave the protection of our fortress. How sad that so many have been made to believe that our greatest strength is our greatest weakness. How often have we been told that our strict standards of holiness hinder us from growing. It is a fact that the strongest churches among us are the ones with pastors who dare lift up their voices against worldliness.

The Psalmist cried out to his generation, "Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following" (verse 13). It was 'important for each, Jew to know the bulwarks that had been provided for his safety and protection. How much more important it is for us to know the bulwarks of our City of Refuge. We have a tremendous responsibility to the generations that follow us. It is not enough that we pass on stories of former glory to, our children. Every generation must experience a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Theories of religion, and moral codes, will not long survive in prayer less; hearts and tear less eyes. Cynics stand on the sidelines and tell us that Pentecost cannot survive the present moral crisis that has infected the world with a reckless abandonment of all that is holy and pure. To these doubters we must reply that light shines brightest when it is darkest. The bastions of truth, doctrine and vision will live on. Our bulwarks are impregnable.

By James R. Farley

The Carnal Mind

Nathaniel Wilson

IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN the way of thinking men to try to reason their way to God, and historically they have always failed. From Socrates to Dicaire to Hicall and into the modern college classroom, the attempt continues to find a spiritual God with a carnal mind. The Bible says the carnal mind comprehendeth not the things of God. And again, the carnal mind is enmity with God.

The difficulties of the carnal mind have been with us since the fall of man in Eden. The problem of the carnal mind is that it cannot understand the miraculous nature of God.

This is why the skeptic has so much trouble with Christianity. It's because of its miraculous nature. You cannot separate Christianity from the supernatural. It is powerful, not only in an intellectual way, but also in a miraculous way. Now, it is this miraculous business that gives the carnal man so much trouble.

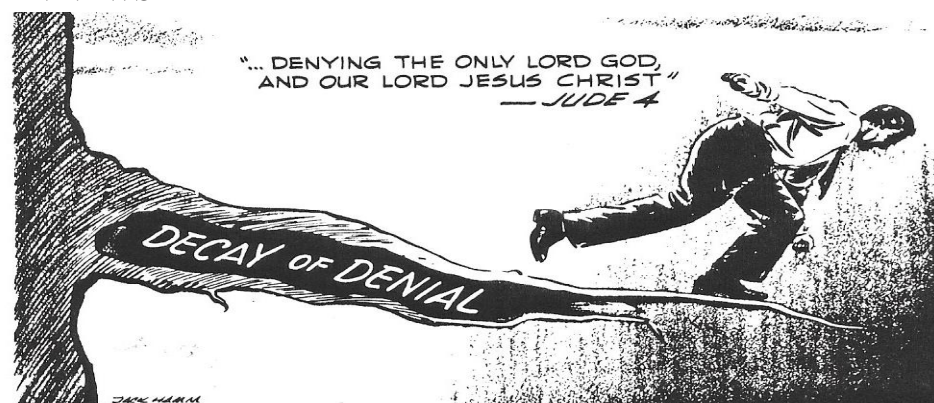
In Acts 17, Paul preaches a masterful message to the philosophers in Athens that perfectly indicates and shows to us the problems of a carnal mind. On Mars Hill were many idols. They were so desirous to appease the gods that they made one idol with the inscription, "to the unknown God."

Paul speaking to them said, "Whom therefore you ignorantly worship him declare I unto you." In his presentation to them he covers six basic points. (1) That God is everywhere and cannot be put in a temple or a room. To this the philosophers all agreed. (2) He said, God is independent of man as far as needing man for his own personal existence. And to this also, the philosophers apparently agreed. (3) All men come from the same forefathers and have the same blood. When Paul brought this to their attention, the philosophers agreed. (4) He pointed out that God appoints the time that things happen and controls how far things are allowed to go. To this point, the philosophers agreed. (5) He pointed out that God is approachable and that He is the source of life; that He can be personally known. Even to this the philosophers tentatively agreed.

(6) Paul came to this point. He said that men everywhere must repent; that judgment is coming; that men have a joyful assurance because Christ rose from the dead.

Now when it came to this repentance point, which is spiritual rather than intellectual, and to the certified fact of Christ's resurrection from the dead; there the philosophers hesitated. Some of them mocked. Why the sudden halt in their agreement with Paul as he preached? They had agreed with the previous five points almost without exception, apparently, from what the Bible record gives us. Why did their intellect refuse to accept the last part?

They accepted the fact that God is everywhere and cannot be put in a temple or a box. They accepted also, that God is independent of man as far as needing him to exist. They also accepted that all men came from the same forefathers and have the same blood, regardless of their race, color or creeds. They also accepted that He appoints the time that things happen and He controls how far things are allowed to go. They also accepted the fifth point, that God is approachable and that He is the source of life. But when it came to the sixth point, this idea of repentance and judgment, this idea of the resurrection-at this point they hesitated, and the Bible says, that some of them mocked.



Repentance is an act of the Spirit rather than an act of the mind. John 4:24 simply and clearly states, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and truth." Your Spirit does not function by deduction but rather by faith. Its reach is not made by curiosity but rather with sincere hunger for reality. Ultimate spiritual fulfillment in God does not come with criticism and suspicion, but rather with surrender and trust.

You must, as Paul put it in this same message, "Feel after Him, if haply you may find Him." There is the tangible, feeling aspect of spiritual search that is not clearly deducted and reasoned by the carnal intellect. Jesus said in John 3:8, "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit." There is an unpredictable element concerning God's Spirit. In Acts, Chapter 8, Philip is at a great revival. He is baptizing folks, casting out demons; many lives are being transformed. And then suddenly, the wind shifts direction and Philip ends up in a lonely desert, witnessing to a solitary man.

It's this constant moving miraculous element of true Christianity that is disconcerting to the carnal mind, but so exciting to those who know what it means to walk in the Spirit. I don't mean to be critical, but for many folk, church on Sunday morning means a good meditative nap. It's dead, boring-another book report or political analysis or such. Sad to say, many leaders know no more about the moving of God's Spirit than does their congregation. No life-giving force, no miracles, no wind-just stifling stillness. Anywhere there's wind there's always a reaction. It is no different with the spiritual wind.

Have you ever wondered what happened on the day that the Church came into existence? Jesus had risen from the dead and told the disciples to go to the city of Jerusalem and tarry there until they were endued with power from on high. He also told them that (a) they would receive power and authority (b) they were to baptize in His name (c) they would speak with new tongues (d) they would receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost (e) and then, John records that Jesus, very uniquely, acted out for them how the Holy Spirit would come. In John 20:21, 22, He tells them, "As my Father has sent me, even so send I you, And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost." There it is. He says, "As I am sent that's how I am going to send you," How was He sent? He was sent with power. While other scribes and Pharisees and religious leaders spoke academically; He spoke with authority and power, with an endowment of power and anointing.

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The Carnal Mind

This is probably the place that Luke was referring to when he recorded Christ as saying, "Ye shall receive power after the Holy Ghost has come upon you" (Acts 1:8). Then Christ demonstrated to them by breathing on them that the Holy Ghost would come as a wind, as the breath of God. Sure enough, several days later on the Day of Pentecost, Acts chapter 2 records, "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting." Sure, they knew what it was. They knew it was coming like a wind. Christ had shown them it would be a breath from heaven. God has a breath of heaven for you today.

It's no wonder Spiritless preachers insist you can't live above sin. Of course you can't, on your own. But with God's power-with the Holy Ghost baptism, with this enduement of fresh, refreshing breath from heaven you can live victoriously over sin.

When Paul met the Ephesians in Acts chapter 19, the first question he asked was, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" It was important; it was imperative; it was a necessity. They counted heavily upon the enduement of power of the Holy Ghost, not only to spread the gospel message, but to be able to live a powerful life above sin from which they had been delivered. Jesus said in John 7:38, "He that believeth on me, as the scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive. , .. " To believe on Christ, in the true scriptural sense of the word, is to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

I know that there are many of you reading this today, who do already have a personal experience with God. You know that God has touched your life. You have been converted. In your repentance there came to you a cognizant sense of peace in you. You feel like there is something lacking, that the fulfillment of God's Spirit has never fully come to you; that the powerful unction that would lift you out of this world and let you live in an enraptured state of power and grace knowing the cause of Christ as your own because He lives within you- you know this is lacking. I want to tell you today, that God has that for you. You need not be confused concerning God's

promise. Whatever you need from God, He has for you, Whatever He gave to the New Testament Church He has to give to you.

*Obviously, there are many things about God that we do not know, but there are things that we do know about Him that He has wanted us to understand. One of them is that He wants to live in the hearts of men and women such as you and I. *****

I'm Living Upon a Mountain: Living for God and I'm Alright

There are seasons in life when the valley feels long, the climb feels steep, and the weight of the world presses hard against the heart. But there comes a moment — a holy moment — when a believer realizes that God has lifted them higher than the trouble beneath their feet. That moment is when you can say with confidence, "I'm living upon a mountain, living for God, and I'm alright."

Living upon a mountain doesn't mean life is perfect. It means God has elevated your perspective. Problems may still exist, but they no longer define you. Storms may still blow, but they no longer shake you. The mountain is not the absence of struggle — it is the presence of God's strength.

When you live for God, you begin to see life from a higher place. You see His hand in the details, His mercy in the moments, His guidance in the decisions, and His protection in the battles. You realize that the climb was worth it because the view from obedience is clearer than the view from fear.

The mountain is a place of stability.

A place of renewal.

A place where the soul breathes again.

It is where God whispers, "You're not alone. You're not forgotten. You're not defeated." And suddenly, the heart settles. The mind quiets. The spirit strengthens. You stand taller, not because you are strong, but because He is.

Living for God brings a peace the world cannot imitate. It brings a joy that circumstances cannot steal. It brings a confidence that trials cannot break. When your feet are planted on the mountain of God's promises, you can face tomorrow without trembling.

You can say,

"I'm alright — not because life is easy, but because God is faithful."

The mountain is not a place you reach once; it is a place you return to daily. Through prayer, through worship, through obedience, through surrender. Every day you climb a little higher. Every day you trust a little deeper. Every day you walk a little stronger. And every day, God proves again that living for Him is the safest, strongest, and most beautiful place a soul can stand.

The Potter, the Clay, and the Beauty of a Yielded Life



In Scripture, the image of God as the Potter and His people as the clay has long offered comfort,

challenge, and clarity. Yet the metaphor carries a deeper reflection for today's believer: why do some live: display the beauty of God's craftsmanship while others remain spiritually plain, unfinished, or half-formed?

The answer, you may say, lies not in the skill of the Potter but in the willingness of the clay.

Across the pages of the Bible from Isaiah's declaration, "We are the clay, and God is our potter," to Jeremiah's visit to the potter's house the message is consistent. God; shapes lives with intention, purpose, and patience. But the final appearance of the vessel depends on the clay's response, to his hands. Some lives resemble the most beautiful pottery: patterned with grace, strengthened through trial's, and marked by a clear devotion to God. These are the believers who seek to please Him, who welcome His correction, and who allow His shaping to reach every corner of their character. Their lives draw attention not to themselves but to one who formed them.

Others, however, resemble vessels that remain plain useful, perhaps, but lacking the beauty that comes from full surrender, These are the half-hearted lives, shaped only in part because the clay resists the Potter's touch. The result is a vessel that functions but does not flourish.

Yet the biblical message is not one of condemnation. The potter in Jeremiah's workshop did not discard the marred clay; he reshaped it. The same is, true of God. The plainest vessel can become beautiful When placed back on the wheel. The Potter's patience is as much a part of the story as His craftsmanship.

In a world that often celebrates self-made strength, the ancient image of the potter and the clay offers a counter-cultural truth: the greatest beauty in a believer's life comes not from effort but from surrender. The vessel becomes most radiant when it yields fully to the hands that formed it.

For those seeking a deeper walk with God, the invitation remains open. The wheel is turning. The Potter is waiting. And the clay-pliable; willing, and surrendered can still become something beautiful.

"The Potter's Touch"

Upon the wheel the clay is laid,
A trembling form, not yet remade.
The potter's hands, both firm and kind,
Press purpose into shapeless mind.

Some clay softens, yields its way,
And rises gently day by day.
Its curves are formed by love's command,
A masterpiece beneath His hand.

And when the hands return once more, It
trembles, but it yields its core.
For even clay, when held with care,
Can learn to trust the potter's air.

Still patient stands the potter true,
Awaiting hearts made soft and new.
For only those who yield can be
The vessels shaped for destiny. selected--

The Potter takes His molding clay,
And with His love's rich skill
He twists and shapes and brings to light
The object of His will.
The finished work doth not appear
At once; nor do we see
The plan He has, the finished form
This work of His shall be.
At times the clay beneath His touch
Unwilling is to yield;
But He works on, rebuilds, reshapes,
Till goodness is revealed.
This Potter molds with patient love;
Perfection is His thought,
As from the ugly, barren mass
A masterpiece is wrought.
The task is long; the work is great;
But on He works with joy,
For in His mind He sees the whole
Which nothing must destroy.
God is the master Potter; yea,
My life, the clay He molds.
My twisted, shapeless, yielded will Within
His hands He holds.
I cannot see the finished work,
But 'neath His shaping hand
I place myself-my life shall be.
made by His command unknown...

PURE PATHWAYS: Humor & Wisdom for the Heart

Holiness Path — Holiness is not a destination — it's a daily direction.

Pure Living — A pure life is built one surrendered moment at a time.

Set-Apart Heart — A set-apart heart shines even in ordinary days.

Modest Spirit — Modesty is the quiet beauty of a heart aligned with God.

Sanctified Thoughts — Sanctification begins in the thoughts long before it shows in the walk.

Right Choices — Doing right is rarely the easiest path, but always the safest one.

Honest Living — Honesty builds a foundation no storm can shake.

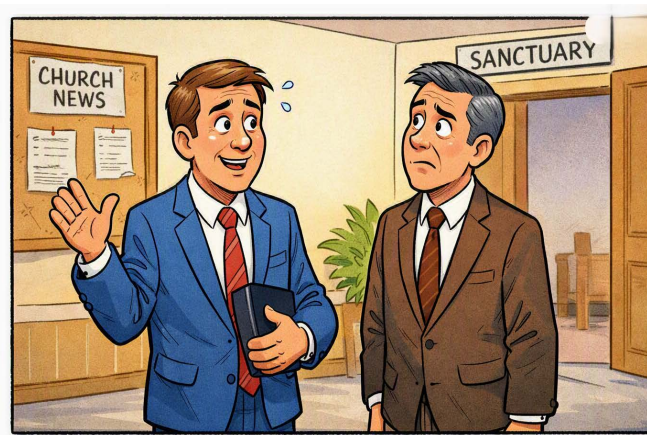
Pure Intentions — Purity begins in the thoughts long before it shows in the actions.

Pure Living — A pure life is built one surrendered moment at a time.

Kind Actions — Kindness is a seed that never fails to grow somewhere.

Faithful Character — Character is revealed when no one is watching.

Quiet Moments — Stillness is often where God whispers the loudest truths.



"I've missed services because my dog swallowed my alarm clock... and I have to wait until he Barks to wake me up."

"Lord, steady my heart for the journey and strengthen my steps for the path You've prepared." There are moments in life when the road ahead feels longer than the strength we think we have. The future can look uncertain, the responsibilities heavy, and the next step unclear. But the Lord never asks us to walk a path He has not already prepared. He does not send His children forward without equipping them for the journey.

The strength you need tomorrow is already being planted in your heart today. God builds endurance quietly — in prayer, in obedience, in small acts of faithfulness that seem simple but shape the soul. What feels like waiting is often God's way of strengthening your spiritual muscles for what's coming.

When the path ahead looks steep, remember this:
You are not climbing alone.

The One who called you is the One who carries you. His presence is not behind you, nor merely beside you — it goes before you, clearing obstacles you cannot see and opening doors you didn't know existed.

Let your heart rest in this truth:

Courage is not loud. Sometimes courage is simply taking the next step.

Holiness is walked one choice at a time. Strength is built one surrender at a time. Peace is found one prayer at a time.

If your future feels heavy, lift your eyes. The God who guided you yesterday is the same God who steadies you today and strengthens you for tomorrow. He has not changed. His promises have not weakened. His love has not dimmed.

Walk forward with quiet confidence.

The path ahead may be long, but His grace is longer.

The road may be narrow, but His hand is steady.

Your strength may feel small, but His strength is made perfect in weakness. Selah..

Don't give up.

God is telling you, "Don't give up now — you made it this far."

Don't turn around

every tear has watered strength,
every prayer has built the courage you're
using today. Hold steady.

The same God who brought you through
yesterday

is guiding your feet into tomorrow.

Don't give up —

you're closer than you think,
and He's walking the path ahead of you.**

Ministerial Ethics: Honoring God by Honoring One Another

In every generation, God calls men to shepherd His people. Ministry is not a competition, a territory, or a personal empire — it is a sacred stewardship. The flock does not belong to us; it belongs to the Lord. Because of this, Scripture teaches us to walk with deep integrity when dealing with another pastor’s congregation, ministry, or labor.

Ministerial ethics are not optional guidelines. They are expressions of obedience to the Word of God and reflections of the character of Christ. When we honor another minister’s work, we honor the God who called them. When we respect the boundaries of another pastor’s flock, we respect the order God Himself established.

Why We Follow the Word of God in Ministerial Conduct

The Bible teaches that God is not the author of confusion, but of peace. Ministry must reflect that peace. When pastors interact with one another’s congregations, they must do so with humility, clarity, and respect. The Word of God calls us to:

- Walk in unity — not rivalry
- Build up the Body — not divide it
- Protect the flock — not scatter it
- Honor laborers in the field — not undermine them

The apostle Paul warned against those who “draw away disciples after themselves.” This is not just unethical — it is spiritually dangerous. Sheep are vulnerable, and God holds shepherds accountable for how they treat His flock. Ministerial ethics ensure that our actions align with God’s heart, not human ambition.

Why It Is Against God’s Will to Tear Down Another Minister’s Work

Every pastor knows the weight of laboring in prayer, preaching, counseling, and spiritual warfare. Ministry is built through tears, fasting, sacrifice, and years of faithful sowing. To move against another minister — to weaken their influence, to pull their people away, or to sow distrust — is to strike at the very work God has entrusted to them.

- Such actions violate several biblical principles:
- Love does no harm to its neighbor.
 - A house divided cannot stand.
 - Blessed are the peacemakers.
 - Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

When a minister tears down another’s work, they are not fighting flesh and blood — they are resisting the order God established. They are harming the sheep, grieving the Spirit, and placing themselves in opposition to the unity Christ prayed for. God does not bless ministry built on the ruins of another man’s calling. Or move to take over His work that has been built over decades with prayer and labor the work given to that minister by God's calling.

The Call to Protect, Not Plunder

- A true shepherd protects the flock — even if it is not his own. Ministerial ethics call us to:
- Speak well of fellow pastors
 - Encourage their labor
 - Support their spiritual authority
 - Refuse to entertain gossip or division
 - Redirect wandering sheep back to their shepherd
 - Pray for the success of other ministries

Holiness Is Right

Holiness: The Forgotten Standard

In an age when moral lines blur and spiritual convictions soften, a growing number of believers are returning to a timeless truth: holiness is right. Not trendy, not convenient, not culturally applauded—but right. And according to Scripture, anything that does not portray holiness—whether in thought, motive, action, or appearance—stands in direct conflict with the Word of God.

Holiness is not a relic of the past. It is the present expectation of a God who has never changed. As the apostle Peter wrote, “Be ye holy, for I am holy.” That command did not expire with the early church. It remains the foundation of Christian identity today.

The Inside Story: Holiness Begins in the Heart

Long before holiness ever shows up in clothing or conduct, it begins in the unseen chambers of the heart. The Bible teaches that the carnal mind is enmity with God, meaning human nature—left untouched by the Spirit—cannot produce holiness.

Holy living requires:

Holy Thoughts — A mind disciplined by Scripture rather than shaped by culture.

Holy Motives — Purity in the “why,” not just the “what.”

Holy Desires — Plans and ideas surrendered to God’s will.

Holy Identity — A life defined by Christ, not by trends.

Holiness inside is not optional. It is the birthplace of every outward expression of righteousness.

Outward Holiness: The Visible Evidence of an Inward Work

While holiness begins within, it cannot remain hidden. Scripture consistently teaches that the body, behavior, and lifestyle must reflect the God we serve. Outward holiness is not hypocrisy—it is testimony.

This includes:

Holy Actions — Conduct that mirrors Christ’s character.

Holy Speech — Words seasoned with grace, not worldliness.

Holy Dress — Clothing that honors God and reflects modesty.

Holy Standards — Boundaries that protect the believer from compromise

Holiness on the outside is not about legalism—it is about alignment. When the heart is holy, the life follows. It dresses holy to please God

Why Holiness Is Non-Negotiable

Holiness is right because God is holy. Anything that contradicts His nature contradicts His Word. Holiness is not a denominational preference; it is a divine requirement.

The Bible does not present holiness as an accessory to Christian living. It presents holiness as the standard.

Holiness is right because:

God commands it. The world opposes it.

The Spirit produces it. The Church needs it.

The Word defines it. Eternity requires it .

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Holiness Is Right

Anything that does not portray holiness—inside or out—cannot reflect the God who calls His people to be set apart.

The Spirit's Role: Holiness Is Impossible Without Him

Holiness is not achieved through human discipline alone. The flesh cannot produce what only the Spirit can create. Jesus described the Spirit as the wind—moving, cleansing, empowering.

Holiness requires:

Yielding to the Spirit
Walking in the Spirit
Being led by the Spirit
Being filled with the Spirit

Without the Spirit, holiness becomes performance. With the Spirit, holiness becomes transformation.

Holiness and the Modern Church: A Needed Revival

Many churches today have traded holiness for comfort, relevance, or cultural acceptance. The result is predictable: weakened conviction, shallow worship, and powerless preaching.

Holiness is the lifeblood of the church. Without it:

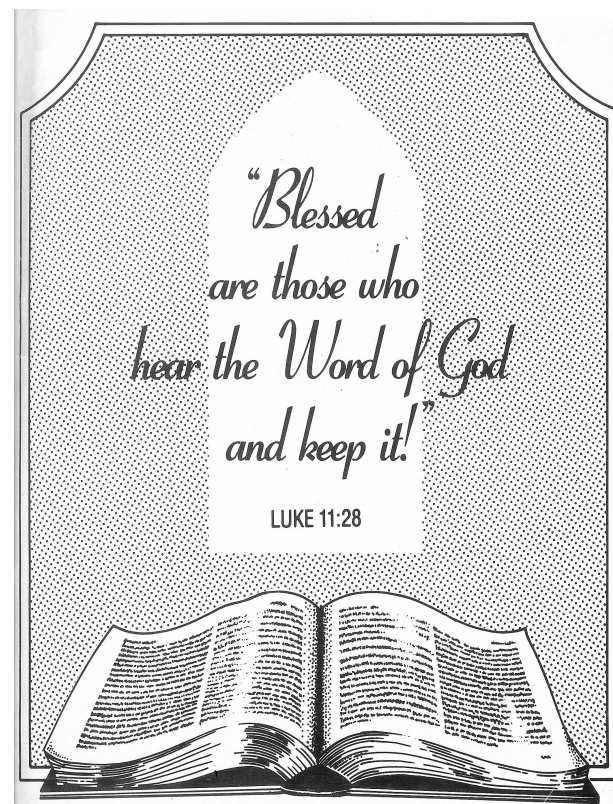
the gospel loses clarity
worship loses depth
preaching loses authority
believers lose distinction

Holiness is right because it preserves the credibility of the church's witness.

Holiness and Daily Life: A Practical Standard

Holiness is not mystical. It is practical. It affects:

how we think
how we speak
how we dress
how we behave
how we choose
how we respond
how we represent Christ



Holiness is not merely what we avoid—it is what we pursue. (continued on page 13)

Holiness Is Right

Holiness and Eternity: The Final Reason

The most compelling reason holiness is right is simple: Heaven is holy. No unclean thing will enter. Holiness is not just preparation for life—it is preparation for eternity.

Holiness is the believer's passport to the presence of God.

Conclusion: Holiness Is Right—Inside and Out Holiness is not outdated. It is not extreme. It is not optional. Holiness is the believer's calling, identity, protection, and testimony. Anything that does not portray holiness—whether in thought, motive, action, or appearance—stands against the Word of God.

Holiness is right because God is holy, and His people must reflect His nature.

Holiness is not a trend—it is a turning point. When churches rediscover holiness, they rediscover conviction, clarity, and spiritual authority. The world does not need a church that blends in; it needs a church that stands apart. Holiness is not about perfection—it is about direction. It is the believer's declaration that God's nature is worth reflecting, even when culture disagrees.

Ministerial Ethics: Honoring God by Honoring One Another

This is not weakness — it is holiness. It is strength under submission. It is the character of Christ expressed through His servants.

The Reward of Ethical Ministry

When pastors honor one another, God honors their work. Ethical ministry produces:

Stronger congregations

Healthier relationships

Greater unity

Clearer witness to the world

Deeper spiritual authority

God's favor on the labor of our hands

Ministerial ethics are not about protecting territory — they are about protecting testimony. They remind us that the Kingdom is bigger than any one church, and the harvest belongs to the Lord.

Final Reflection

To move against another minister is to move outside the will of God.

To honor another minister is to walk in the heart of God.

May every pastor, evangelist, teacher, and leader commit to this truth:

“Lord, help me build Your Kingdom — not mine.

Help me strengthen Your servants — not weaken them.

Help me honor the labor of others as I honor You.”

Jesus-Name Baptism: The Only Biblical Baptism

From the beginning of the New Testament church, baptism was never treated as a casual ritual or optional symbol. It was a command, a covenant, and a spiritual act of obedience that identified believers with the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And from the book of Acts forward, Scripture shows one consistent pattern: every baptism performed by the apostles was done in the Name of Jesus.

This is not a denominational preference — it is a biblical truth.

Why Jesus-Name Baptism Is the Only Scriptural Pattern.

The apostles were personally taught by Jesus. They heard His voice, walked with Him, and received direct instruction after His resurrection. When Jesus said, “Go ye therefore...” they obeyed exactly as He intended. And when they baptized, they did not use titles — they used the Name.

Every recorded baptism in the early church follows the same pattern:

Acts 2:38 — “Be baptized... in the name of Jesus Christ.”

Acts 8:16 — “...they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.”

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Jesus-Name Baptism: The Only Biblical Baptism

Acts 10:48 — "...he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord."

Acts 19:5 — "...they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus."

Not one single person in the New Testament was ever baptized using a formula of titles.

Not one apostle ever used any other name.

Not one example contradicts the pattern.

The early church understood something modern Christianity often forgets:

The power is in the Name.

Why the Name Matters

Jesus is not just a name — He is the Name above every name.

The Name carries authority, identity, and covenant. Titles describe God, but the Name reveals Him.

When a believer is baptized in the Name of Jesus:

Their sins are washed away, they take on the identity of Christ, they enter covenant with the One who died for them

they take on the identity of Christ, They enter covenant with the One who died for them, They obey the apostolic command

They follow the only pattern the Bible gives Baptism without the Name is baptism without the authority.



Why We Must Not Change What the Apostles Practiced

The apostles were entrusted with the foundation of the church. To change their teaching is to change the foundation. To alter their practice is to alter the gospel. Ministerial ethics apply here as well: no minister has the right to rewrite what God established.

Jesus-Name baptism is not a tradition — it is truth.

It is not a preference — it is obedience.

It is not one option among many — it is the only biblical pattern.

To baptize any other way is to step outside the example God preserved in Scripture.

Why Moving Against This Truth Harms the Flock

When ministers teach or practice baptism outside the Name of Jesus, they: Confuse the flock, Undermine apostolic doctrine

Remove the authority of the Name, Replace obedience with tradition, Lead souls away from the fullness of truth

God does not bless what contradicts His Word. He blesses what aligns with it.

The church must protect this truth, preach it boldly, and practice it faithfully.

The Call to Stand Firm

In a world full of religious opinions, the church must return to the simplicity and power of Scripture. Jesus-Name baptism is not complicated — it is clear, consistent, and confirmed by every apostolic example.

If the apostles did it, we must do it.

If Jesus commanded it, we must obey it.

If the Bible teaches it, we must stand on it.

There is only one saving Name.

There is only one baptismal Name.

There is only one biblical baptism.

Jesus-Name baptism is the foundation — and the church must never move from it.



Think On These Things

If I Gained the World

If I gained the world and all its gold,
its fleeting praise, its power bold—
if every door swung wide for me,
and every dream came easily...

If I held the stars within my hand,
and bent the kingdoms to my plan,
if every earthly crown were mine,
and every treasure's light would
shine...

Yet lost the Savior of my soul,
the One who makes the broken whole
what worth would all my triumphs be
if Christ were not my destiny?

For what is life without His grace,
without His love to fill its space?
A hollow breath, a passing day,
a fading joy that slips away.

But with the Savior—rich or poor—
my heart is full, I need no more.
For all the world could never pay
for life without His touch today.

So let the world parade its gain;
I choose the Christ who breaks my
chains.
For life is nothing on its own
if I gained the world
and lost the One who makes life worth
living. Selected

**There's no defeat in life
Save from within,
Unless you're beaten there
You're bound to win.**

Henry Austin

The Little Lamp That Didn't Quit

In a quiet village stood a tiny lamp on a wooden post. It
wasn't fancy, and it wasn't bright like the big lanterns in
town. But every night, it did its best to shine.

One evening, a strong wind blew through the village. The
big lanterns flickered and went dark. The little lamp
trembled, its flame bending low, but it refused to quit. It
whispered, "I'll shine as long as God gives me light."

Hours passed. The storm raged. And still, the little lamp
glowed — small, steady, faithful.

By morning, the villagers stepped outside and saw that only
one light had stayed burning through the night. The tiny
lamp had guided travelers safely home and kept the village
from stumbling in the darkness.

The mayor touched the lamp gently and said,
"It wasn't the biggest light... just the one that didn't give
up."

Moral

Even small faith, held steady, becomes great strength. Don't
quit — your light matters.

Friendship cheers the faint and weary, Makes the
timid spirit brave,
Warns the erring, lights the dreary, Smooths the
passage to the grave. Friendship - pure, unselfish
friendship, All through life's allotted span, Nurtures,
strengthens, widens, lengthens,
Man's relationship with man.

**Pure Confidence — Confidence grows when you
stop measuring your strength and start trusting
His.**

**Quiet Victory — Some victories come not from
fighting harder, but from surrendering deeper.**

The Best Outlook Is The Up look!

**When I look within me,
Fears and doubts prevail,
Lord, I am only human,
Made of clay and frail.**

**When I look behind me,
Satan's at my heels,
When I look before me,
Nothing much appeals.**

**But when I look above me,
My heart breaks forth with
song, For that's the best
direction,
The up-look can't be wrong!**
- **Edward M. Brandt**

Jesus Is My Everything

Jesus is my everything,
My morning light, my peace at
night,
My steady hand when storms arise,
My hope that never fades from
sight.

My song when I have lost my voice,
My joy when days grow cold and
long,
My shelter when the world feels
loud,
My strength when I am not so
strong.

My Savior, Friend, and guiding
truth—
In every breath His love I see.
Jesus is my everything,
Forever near, forever free.

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