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# Fall Camp Meeting! September 12-16, 2011 Old Time Holy Ghost Camp Meeting!





We feel the need to bring an important need to all of you, our readers, supporters, and friends in the service of the Lord.

As all of us are well aware of the United States economy is in a desperate shape, and many if not all of the churches and ministries around the country are feeling the effects of the financial hardships that we currently face. While God has and is continuing to bless His people, times are hard, and we all can see the evidences of this.

We receive many reports each and every month from those of you who enjoy this Quarterly Publication of "The Messenger". This publication serves to inform, encourage, and reach out to people, and is sent to places that we do not have the ability to go physically. Many people by word of mouth or by actually writing us have let us know how much they enjoy and are blessed by this publication and the messages and information they receive from it.

Unfortunately however, this publication carries with it a great expense as well. Due to the current tightening financial reality we are afraid we cannot continue to publish it as it currently is without support to help with the cost to print and mail it. That is why we are asking for anyone who truly enjoys receiving this paper to pray about supporting it either monthly, quarterly, or with a once a year donation. Any donation of any amount will be greatly appreciated and will help us keep sending out a quality publication that can go into homes, churches, and all across the world, reaching out with the GOOD NEWS that JESUS IS LORD!

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### WE THANK YOU SO MUCH AND APPRECIATE ALL OF YOU, OUR MANY FRIENDS, SUPPORTERS, AND FELLOW-LABOURERS IN CHRIST!



### Bible Way Association's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner November 5, 2011 At Bible Way Assembly of Salem, Mo

In-Gathering & Fellowship from 10:00 am – 11:30 am The speaker for the day will speak from 11:30am – 12:15 pm Dinner will be served at 12:15 pm

Turkey and ham will be served as the main dish. If able please bring a covered dish and desert. Directions: From State Hwy 19, take Hwy 68 north 1 mile. The Church is on the right with three white crosses in front.

Pastors please announce and extend this invitation to your congregation!



### "Resolving Problems The Bible Way""



Part 1: Excerpt From The Book "Resolving Problems The Bible Way"

THIS MESSAGE IS A EXCERPT FROM A BOOK WRITTEN BY REV. LESLIE BUCKNER. THESE BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE FOR A GIFT OF \$5.00 AND CONTAIN A VERY THOROUGH AND IN DEPTH STUDY OF THIS TIMELY MESSAGE.

Let's look at the subject of "Quietness". Quietness is a beautiful thing. There are many words synonymous with quietness that are dear to the heart. "Peace, stillness, rest, ease ..." are thoughts that come to mind associated with quietness. The scriptures have much to say on the value of quietness and rest:

### Ecc 4:6 Better is an handful with quietness, than both the hands full with travail and vexation of spirit.

If there is a storm in your life it must be quieted. Whether it is in you personally, your church, job, family, whatever situation you may be facing. There is a way to quiet the storms of life. You can't hear from God until you get the storm quiet.

## *Isa 32:17 And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.*

Notice the relationship between righteousness, quietness and rest. Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people. Righteousness is what we are supposed to be full of. We are to be clothed in the Righteousness of God; We are to pray (Hos. 10:12) until the rain of Righteousness comes upon the earth and into our lives. Furthermore, Romans 14:17 savs that Righteousness is what the Kingdom of God consists of. Matthew 6:33 states that we are to seek first the Righteousness of God, and the Kingdom. Righteousness is the message of the hour, but many have been afraid to speak this message because of error that has been popularized on the right hand and on the left.

Just like the gift of prophecy, the gift of tongues, and many other things God wants to propagate in His church, righteousness and the doctrine of righteousness have been abused in the church by the ignorant and the unlearned. Some legalistic believers have abused this great doctrine, as have liberal, nominal groups who have used their interpretation of righteousness to excuse sin.

There is a middle of the road. Our righteousness is filthy rags, but we are to be clothed in the righteousness of God. When righteousness is our bread and wine, then there will be an effect that will bless us, even as the foregoing verse declares, yea, "... even quietness and assurance forever."

The effect of righteousness is quietness. The work of righteousness is peace. Do you want a quiet, peaceable life? It only comes through righteousness and the work of righteousness. If you are unwilling to embrace the righteousness of God, and face up to His righteousness, then is there any wonder that your life is continually in a turmoil?

### *Num* 9:8 And Moses said unto them, Stand still, and I will hear what the LORD will command concerning you.

In this verse, there were a group of people who felt they were defiled by a dead body, and had come to Moses to get their problem resolved. This verse can be likened in some ways to the church, also, how many believers have been defiled by a dead church, a dead local body? What do they do when they get into this type of difficulty? They run to the leader, "... blame the leader, he's to blame," (so you think) and you expect him to answer all your dissatisfactions and complaints.

Notice how Moses dealt with these "rattlers". First of all: STAND STILL! In other words, they were rattling on so much so that Moses couldn't hear what God was saying. Moses commanded them to get quiet so he could get his mind on what God was saying.

You see, the world says, "The squeaky wheel gets the grease..." But in the kingdom, things are always the opposite. In the world, the louder you complain, the more forceful and aggressive you are, the more things will go your way. In the Kingdom, the Lord wants us to see that ....In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength (Isa. 30:15). You are not going to see the problems of life resolved by warring after the flesh, and approaching situations in life the same old way the carnal and worldly crowd does.

### GOD'S PEOPLE ARE A WARRING PEOPLE

God does indeed want His church to know what it is to go into battle. But how do we fight our battles? In the flesh? Do we fight the spiritual battle by biting and devouring one another? No, we fight the good fight of faith in the spirit of meekness and humility. We fight the good fight of faith on our knees before God, praying through to victory.

The church today is too much like a "peace time" army. We have gotten fat, and lazy. We have forgotten what it is to shed blood on the field of battle. We have forgotten that souls are weighed in the balance and found wanting every day, and going to a sinner's hell. We are caught up with ourselves, our pursuits and plans, without any thought for a purpose beyond our own selfish ambitions.

### Eph 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

There can be no peace and quiet if you see man, or natural circumstances as the enemy. The true enemy of your soul is a spiritual being who cannot be moved by emotions, bought off with money, or influenced by any natural instrumentality. Satan can only be moved by the effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man who has determined at all costs to see victory, and will not, absolutely will not resort to the world's tactics to gain his objective.

### YOU MUST APPROACH YOUR PROBLEM FROM A SPIRITUAL STANDPOINT

If you are to resolve the problem before you the Bible Way, then settle it in your heart that you will not react in the flesh, or war in the flesh, but that you will take the time to get quiet, shut yourself away with God and wait on His still, small voice to bring the answer that delivers.

Then when the answer comes, when you have a direction from God, then take the offensive and move forward. Now you must have a weapon of attack if you are to go on attack. The shield of faith is a defensive weapon, as all the other items of equipment mentioned in the Ephesians 6 passage, with one expectation. The Word of God is the Sword with which you mount your offensive against the forces of spiritual darkness ranged against you.

Hebrews 4:12 speaks of the Word as a sword that is powerful and quick, or living. The Word is life.

You can only combat death with life. In the world, you fight fire with fire. In the kingdom it is exactly the opposite. In the kingdom you conquer death with life, you overcome by dying, you conquer by giving up, you gain by losing, losing yourself in the purposes of God, and his best interests in place of your own.

King David said in Psalms 119:11 "Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee..." The Word keeps you from sin. Where is the Word? In your heart. The spiritual warrior carries the Word inwardly, adorning his inner man with the Righteousness of God. The hypocrite carries the Word outwardly, making broad his phylacteries, trying to impress others with his spirituality when inwardly he is morally and spiritually bankrupt.

In John 6:63 Jesus said "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, [they] are spirit, and [they] are life..." The Word of God is the offensive weapon of the believer, only so far as he is operating in the best interest of the Kingdom of God. If you are out for personal gain, then the flesh profiteth nothing.

The Word of God then is the Word of Righteousness. Jesus Christ is Righteousness personified. When this Righteousness has free course in your life, Isaiah is saying its effect will calm your life, and will bring peace. Peaceableness and quietness is not something you can make happen. Just try ordering people to get along with one another. Try telling people to get quiet. They will devour you. But the Word of God under the anointing will quiet their storm.

We often create our own storms. Ministers for example, will stand in the pulpit and direct a sermon right at someone they want to straighten out in the church. Or worse yet, they get up and beat the sheep that came to be fed, because of what everyone else is doing who isn't even in the church service. What you should do is go find the person with the problem, pull them aside and face the storm. Don't speak to the faithful, speak to the storm. Get the storm quiet first, lay the ax at the root of the tree, then you can take care of all the fall out in the congregation. This works in the pastorate, on the job, in the home, any where there are lives in turmoil. Do what God said and speak to the storm. Draw those trouble makers aside and address them head on. Confrontation is not harmful. Confrontation is beneficial if you stay in the Spirit and out of the flesh.

### TEMPERANCE IS THE KEY TO MASTERING THE TONGUE

Sometimes we are talking when we ought to be listening. Quietness and rest can never be yours until you close your mouth. You can resolve every problem you've got and then in one unwise remark stir up the situation ten times worse than before. We need to learn to be quiet and at peace if we are to have quietness and peace in our lives.

### Ecc 5:1 Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil.

# *Pro* 10:19 *In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise.*

So many places in the gospels even the Pharisees called Jesus master. But before Jesus was a master of the waves, a master of sickness, a master of men, He had to be a master of himself. Solomon wrote in Proverb 16:32 ... ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city. You hear foolish men and silly women in the church continually talking about winning the city for Jesus, but they haven't even tamed their own nature. If you can't control your tongue, and your own carnal nature, what makes you think you will survive a confrontation with the prince of the power of the air?

### THE LEADERS MUST SET THE EXAMPLE

### 2Ti 2:6 The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits.

As a leader, in the church, household, or in the workplace, you must set the example. All of the problems that are tormenting you and grieving you many times are a reflection of what you need to get straight in your own life. Do you wish people would be more faithful in church? Well, what has your attendance record been in the association or group you are a part of? Can you be counted on? Do you wish your people would pay tithes? Do you tithe faithfully, or is it like pulling teeth to sit down and write that check? Those under you will reflect your own spiritual walk. God will not give your people grace to be a blessing to you if you are not a blessing to Him and His greater purpose in your life. If you are a problem to God, He will not allow you to find the wisdom to get your problems resolved. So the first place to look is at yourself. Preach the message to yourself, find an altar and repent. Then you will see the miracle working hand of God going to work on your spouse, your children, your church, or your employees, whatever the case may be.

### HOW TO WALK AND PLEASE GOD

The beginning of problems resolution is to check up on your walk with God. Are you walking pleasing to the Lord. If you are a problem to God, all the wisdom in the world will not deliver you. You must get right with Him and then, (Prov. 16:7): When a man's ways please the LORD, He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

The entire aim and goal of the believer is to have a life and testimony pleasing unto God. This is the work, which when fulfilled in our life will result in the crown of righteousness Paul spoke to Timothy concerning. Pleasing God is not a mystery. It is not so high that we cannot conceive of it, or so far beyond us that we cannot attain to it.

### Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Without faith you cannot please God. Faith is not just a head matter, or doctrine, faith is something you walk by. 2 Cor. 5:7 says For we walk by faith, not by sight.. If we walk by faith, what are the legs we walk on? The legs of faith are hearing and doing the Word of God. You cannot have active faith without hearing and doing the Word. Jesus said in Matt. 7:24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock...

Paul wrote the Thessolonian church about this matter of pleasing God in his first letter to that region:

### 1Th 4:1 Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.

Sometimes it takes awhile, a time of obedience and faithful service, but when your walk pleases God the abundance will come. Stand fast, be faithful, God's blessing is on the way. Be assured in between your obedience and God's blessing you will be tested by the blessings of God on other lives, who aren't walking before the Lord as closely as you think you are.

So God wants us to abound. How do we do this? By walking. Walking is good exercise. Walking is good training for battle. That's why when you are in basic training they take you off on a 20 mile bivouac. You might wonder, why in the world that march was necessary, but that walk, that heavy pack, conditioned you for battle. That march put determination in you. You get half way through and determine that you will make it to camp, if its the last thing you do. If nobody else makes it, make your mind up that you will. Walking with God, marching in the Spirit will condition you for battle. Enoch is a good example from the scriptures of a walk with God.

### Gen 5:24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

What was Enoch doing when God took him? He was walking with him. God is coming for a people who are walking with him in this thing, not for those who are standing by, sitting in the pew watching others work. If you aren't walking and working in the things of God, what makes you think He will take you when the time comes?

Let's consider Enoch somewhat further: When Enoch walked with God, did he walk in the flesh? Heb. 11:5 says that "By faith Enoch was translated...." Enoch's faith did something powerful. Enoch's faith so moved the Father that He reached down and took Enoch to Himself; "for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God." How did Enoch please God? Enoch pleased God by his walk and by his faith. Enoch didn't walk in the flesh, he didn't walk in legalism. He walked in faith and found favor with God. Now you and I are no different. What He did for Enoch He will do for us. You have the ability to walk with God, you have the same measure of faith Enoch had. If you will do with your walk what Enoch did, and do with your faith what Enoch did, you can experience what Enoch experienced. One day the entire bride of Christ will be walking with God in faith and be translated even as Enoch did so many thousands of years ago. Even Enoch foresaw this and Jude declares the testimony: (Jude 1:14) And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saving, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints...

### WE WALK AND PLEASE GOD BY KEEPING HIS COMMANDMENTS

So Paul is reminding the Thessalonians of things he has taught them previously about walking and pleasing God. Then he goes on to say, (1 Thess. 4:2) For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus. v. 3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication... Walking and pleasing God involves some commandments. The rebellious won't hear this part of the message. They want to abound more and more... Yes, they will preach the abundance all day long, but this commandment issue gets very little treatment. There can be no true abundance in the absence of obedience and sanctification. God's will for our lives is that (verse 4); That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; v.5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God...

### HOW TO WALK UNDER THE BLESSING OF GOD IN QUIETNESS AND REST

The principles in this study will work in whatever situation you apply them to. Whatever problem you are up against, these things will help you resolve it to your benefit and to the glory of God. Paul emphasizes all these things about the walk with God and promise of abundance, and then gets down into some practical instruction that hits us all right where we live.

## 1Th 4:11 And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;

Quietness is something we have to study to do. If you study the Word of God and pray, this will quiet the storm in you. This is the first thing to take care of. Quiet the storm in you and then you can carry that out to others. Consider how this applies in different situations in life.

On the job, it is important to be quiet, do your own business, and work with your own hands, or production goes out the window. If you don't follow these principles you will lose your job sooner or later.

In the home, when the children are fussing and fighting, what do you do? Send them to their room to do their chores or homework, and things quiet down real fast. If the husband and wife are at odds, what do you do? Well, wife, you be quiet and go to the kitchen and wash dishes. Husband you get out of the kitchen and get the yard mowed. Be quiet, mind your own business and go to work. This is not difficult to understand. Peace can rule if we will obey God.

All problems go back to these three principles. Anywhere there is a problem someone is in somebody else's business. Somebody needs to close their mouth. Everybody needs to go to work. This is basic training. In the military you didn't tell the man in front of you how to march. You didn't have time or the inclination to mind someone else's affairs. You also learned to be quiet. You didn't want to get that company commander's attention. You didn't want to get under his scrutiny, so you kept quiet. You would never get through basic training until you learn these three simple lessons.

The children of Israel died in the wilderness because they could not mind their own business. They meddled with God's business, trying to vote Moses out of office, they wouldn't be quiet. Thousands died from "foot in mouth" disease. Their bones bleached in the wilderness because of refusal to follow these three simple principles.

In the church, the pastor is there as the leader, according to God's Word. The people need to stay out of the pastor's business. The evangelist needs to stay out of the pastor's business. The deacons need to stay out of the pastor's business, they are not the pastor's supervisory committee, they are there to assist him and relieve him so he can do what God says do.

Everyone has an opinion about how the job ought to be done, how the kids should be handled, or what the pastor ought to do. Study to be quiet. Be more quick to hear than to speak. Speak to the storm. Not with your opinions, but with the Word. Man's opinion stirs storms. The Word of God stills storms.

### GOD'S ORDER MUST BE OBEYED IN ORDER TO ENJOY QUIETNESS AND PEACE

Being guiet like God wants us to, involves the need for understanding God's order in the home. the family, and every other situation. Storms break out when God's order is abrogated. Adam submitted to Eve and plunged all mankind into sin. Abraham hearkened to Sarah and Ishmael was born bringing a storm upon Israel that rages still. These people ignored God's order. The church is a woman also. The woman is to be under authority. The leadership is to guide the congregation not the other way around. Many pastors and congregations make the same mistake Adam and Eve did, and bring folly and devastation into the church. God is a God of order. God's order does not bring bondage, but liberty and freedom, only, however, to those walking pleasing to Him in all things.

1Pe 3:1 Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; The congregation is to her leadership what the wife is to her husband. The church should submit to her leaders, in godly fear. If that leader is not obeying the Word, if the pastor is not right, what should the church do? Should it complain and rebel and starve him out of the pulpit? No, the church should submit and maintain her chastity and prayer until God resolves the situation. Taking matters into your own hands according to your own opinions only fosters rebellion. Take the problem to those who are responsible, to the overseer, or director.

The church must learn to be quiet in time of trial. When a problem arises, keep quiet and let God work it out through those who are responsible. Many times women's meetings and prayer meetings become gossip sessions. Study to be quiet. Like Moses, give the Pastor an opportunity to hear from God. You can't hear from God in a family or a church that is out of order.

When everybody just stays quiet, problems are ten times easier to solve and take care of. Don't burn up the phone lines talking about things that you are not responsible to take care of. Be quiet. Guard your tongue. Shut your mouth. Only the wind brings the storm. If we cut off all the wind, the storm dies and we can go on. This is the first thing to learn in handling a problem. Before you do anything else, get quiet and get everyone else quiet.

This message is an excerpt taken from the book "Resolving Problems The Bible Way" For a copy of this entire message in book form contact us at:

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### Youth Camp 2011

What an amazing youth camp we had. Many young people testified of being saved, or rededicating their lives to Christ. There was a real move of God around the altars in every service, and the ministry was absolutely outstanding.

I want to thank each and every one of you that came and helped in the youth camp. No matter what role you played in the camp, from working in the kitchen, on the grounds, as a dorm attendant, or ministering in the services. Each and every person made the camp run very smoothly and we are so very thankful for each one that came.

God Bless You All!

Bro. Darrell Armstrong



We are expecting a great and powerful move of God. Do not miss out! Bring your friends and neighbors and come be revived!

### Special Guest Speakers For September Camp Meeting!

We are very excited about the upcoming Camp Meeting on September 12-16, 2011. Camp Meetings have been held here in Doniphan, Mo on the Bible Way Headquarters Camp Grounds since 1966. Back then there was little here except a few small buildings, and services were held in a tent for the first few years. It has been truly amazing to watch the Lord bless year after year at the Old Time Camp Meetings, and to see how he has moved upon people's hearts to help keep the Camp Meetings going. We now have a nice tabernacle and dorm and a nice dining hall where we can serve the people who come to be a part of the move of God that happens here year after year.

This September we are very pleased and excited to announce that we have two very special speakers who will be ministering the Camp Meeting. We pray that everyone will make an effort to come and hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church in 2011!



Rev. Terry Eddings was converted to Christ soon after his discharge from the U.S. Navy in 1971. He began hungering for the Baptism of the Holy Ghost as soon as he heard of it, and received Him on Halloween night, 1971. In the spring of 1972, at age 22, Terry began preaching the gospel and conducting revival meetings in his home area.

In 1974 he married his pastor's daughter, Kathryn Tennison; she has been his unfailing partner in ministry ever since. Their first pastorate came in 1975 at Parkin, Arkansas. Later, they pastored at Biscoe and Palestine, Arkansas. In 1984 they moved to the Union Road church, in Harrison Arkansas, where they have remained for 25 years. The have a son, Casey Ryan Eddings, who is currently attending Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas.

Rev. Eddings will be the speaker for the morning services during the September Camp Meeting.



Pastor Curtis McGehee is the senior pastor of the Abiding Life Full Gospel Church in Whitney, Texas. He has been in the pastoral ministry for over 28 years with more than 30 years of ministerial experience. He began a ministry of missionary evangelism in 1992 in Moscow, Russia with the School of Christ International; he has ministered in many nations of the world including Armenia, Africa, China, Europe, the Middle East, South and Central America and Israel.

Pastor McGehee also speaks at campmeetings and revivals and teaches at Pastor Conferences.

Pastor McGehee has a degree in theology from CBC (Christian Bible College.)

Pastor McGehee resides in Texas with his wife Marlena. They have two grown children and one granddaughter who along with their son in law all work in the ministry with them in Texas.

Rev. McGehee will be the evening speaker for the September Camp Meeting.

Again, we are very excited about having these two anointed men of God with us for our September Camp Meeting, and just want to encourage each of you to make your plans now to be here. **This will be a Camp Meeting that you definitely do not want to miss!** 

If you would like more information about the Camp Meeting coming up on September 12-16, 2011 you can contact us here:

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During Camp Meeting we provide two meals a day Tues.-Thurs. and breakfast on Friday.

We also have rooms available as well as RV hookup sites.



An Outreach Ministry of Rev. Leslie & Margaret Buckner

Greetings from The Voice of Truth World Outreach Ministries!

We pray that you are all well and being mightily blessed by God, and seeing His will done in your life.

Here at the Voice of Truth we have one underlying purpose that directs this ministry. That purpose is to be an OUTREACH to all we can, for we know that the harvest is great, the laborers are few, and our time to work is short.

### What is an outreach?

Simply put, outreach is an effort to reach outward beyond the current or apparent surroundings to make a difference. It is the act of reaching out to someone in their hour of need.

We see this idea of outreach demonstrated in the life of Christ while here on Earth. He was constantly reaching out to help people in need. Many times, he even made the effort to reach out even when it seemed he had no means to provide help, but yet, he always had more than enough. In the story of the multiplying of the fishes and loaves, the disciples even asked the question, "What is so little among so many?"

John 6:9 There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?

It seemed the little supply, was not enough, yet when placed in the hands of the Master, it was more than enough. An act of sacrifice and compassion became a miracle that met the needs of a hungry crowd.

### **Compassion: A Lost Trait In Modern Christianity**

Mat 9:35-38 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. (36) But when he saw the multitudes, he was <u>moved with compassion</u> on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. (37) Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; (38) Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest. What motivated Jesus, who is our great pattern and example? What moved him from city to city, healing the sick and ministering the truth? COMPASSION. The word used here is as follows in the greek:

to have the bowels yearn, that is, (figuratively) feel sympathy, to pity: - have (be moved with) compassion.

Compassion in the dictionary is defined as:

A suffering with another; painful sympathy; a sensation of sorrow excited by the distress or misfortunes of another; pity; commiseration. Compassion is a mixed passion, compounded of love and sorrow; at least some portion of love generally attends the pain or regret, or is excited by it. Extreme distress of an enemy even changes enmity into at least temporary affection.

Our world in 2011 is suffering tremendously. There is pain, heartache, and hardships on every hand and effecting every area of people's lives today. Yet in the church as a whole, there has been a shutting up of the bowels of compassion. We have retreated into a "survival" mode, rather than realizing that the time of suffering is the GREATEST time to reach the harvest! This is what we are to learn from OUR MASTER JESUS CHRIST. We see him over and over being moved with compassion upon them that in our eyes and today's church mentality would be considered unworthy of such love and attention.

Folks, we must realize and remember that the church's ONLY purpose in the world is to .... REACH OUT! The church is not about what we have made it to be, it is about reaching out in compassion to those in need. In need of what? The message of love, truth, forgiveness, and restoration that is ONLY found in Christ. When we stray and retreat from that purpose, we withdraw ourselves from the resources of heaven to accomplish the task at hand. In simpler terms, when we go into survival mode instead of outreach mode, we concern ourselves with OUR needs, and OUR wants, and OUR plans. Doing this, detours us from being moved with compassion for the lost and needy around us, and steers us in a direction of selfishness and greed, that by the way has been the downfall of MANY ministers and their ministries. Why is that? Because when we get out of the purpose and will of God, the real supply of his anointing and blessing shuts off, and we then are forced to search for spiritual supplements, or other tricks, gimmicks, and solutions to accomplish what we want.

To me it appears quite evident that the way for the church to enter back into true blessing and abundance, is to return to being moved with real compassion for the scattered lost masses in today's world.

The Voice of Truth World Outreach Ministry was originally the personal ministry of Rev. Leslie Buckner. For years he traveled from place to place preaching the Gospel, and REACHING OUT to touch lives with this amazing message of freedom and hope in Jesus Christ. Several years ago, Bro. Buckner organized this ministry in what is now The Voice of Truth World Outreach Ministries Division of Bible Way Association. We have hundreds of messages preached over the span of 54 years, on tapes and CD's. Technology has advanced to the place that messages can go forth 24 hours a day and 7 days a week literally around the entire globe. Yet, sadly, support has diminished for this great opportunity. I feel like we should all get behind this outreach and see it do more than it ever has, because I indeed feel that we are running out of time to reach souls, and the harvest has never been more ripe and ready to be brought in than it is today.

Just think of all the possibilities and uses for these anointed messages.

### 1. Prison Ministry

Prisons are full of lost scattered sheep. People who are unsaved, others who once knew the Lord yet lost their way. Is there a better time and place to reach them than when they are sitting in a cell, feeling the despair and misery that the sin and world has led them into. What an opportunity to reach out, yet are we?

### 2. Nursing Homes

Elders are at a time in life when sickness and loneliness are a part of every day life, especially when they are forced to have to enter a nursing home for care. We have supplied in the past many nursing homes with videos of uplifting songs and encouraging messages to bless and minister to those within such establishments. We should continue this ministry and expand it.

### 3. Ministers Training

Much of Bro. Bucker's ministry has been targeted to ministers. What an opportunity for tapes and CD's to be compiled into training materials for those in ministry today. Grounded, Biblical anointed teaching by a seasoned minister with a proven record of life changing ministry.

### 4. Printed Material

The Teaching and Evangelistic Dept. is an arm of outreach housed under the Voice of Truth World Outreach Ministries. Courses, Sunday School Literature, and all printed materials come out of this department. As you can well imagine, this is a needed yet costly endeavor. Having these books, and materials available to ship around the world though, is worth every effort to see this department grow and succeed. To be honest, and blunt, I am rather disappointed in the Bible Way churches in concerning the use of our literature. Information about the Sunday school literature has been in every issue of The Messenger for many, many, years, and yet there are only a handful of churches even using it. In one case, we provided the literature to a church and pastor that couldn't afford it free of charge, and yet when someone from the office attended a service at the church, the literature was sitting still boxed and unused on a shelf over a year later. These materials contain very valuable teachings that need to be more implemented in our churches, and I

would like to see that come to pass in the coming year. By using Bible Way's literature in your church you are helping us be able to produce more new volumes of teachings in the future.

### 5. Radio and Television Broadcasts

This is an area of outreach that we here at Voice of Truth would like to see flourish and expand in the coming months and years. We have the technology to make these videos and programs, yet, we do lack the funding to make it happen. But again, this is a great opportunity to reach out in a time when people are looking for answers.

So simply put, we need to pray about these things, and let the Lord show us direction and provision for these things to happen. We ask you to join with us in sincere prayer for this ministry, and also, ask you to pray about your part in being able to reach out to this generation with the love and truth of the Gospel message. Every donation whether great or small helps us to keep reaching out from month to month, year to year, and an increase in support will help us increase the outreach.

We want to thank each and every one of you who already support this ministry faithfully with your donations and prayers. Your partnership means so much to us, and we are honored to be able to serve the Lord with you, and fulfill the purpose of reaching the lost at all and any cost. May God abundantly bless you is our prayer!

Written By: Bro. Darrell Armstrong

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### Bible Way Association Teaching & Evangelistic Dept. Adult and Children's Sunday School Literature Available!

We have many volumes of adult literature ready and available. If you are interested please contact us for an updated list of available studies.

All literature uses KJV only, and is drawn directly from the teaching and preaching ministry of Rev. Leslie Buckner, Founder and President of Bible Way Association and The Voice of Truth World Outreach Ministries Division!

### 2 Corinthians 10:3-6

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

In these troubled times there is great uncertainty throughout the world. The financial stability of the entire world is on shaking ground at best. The political foundations of many countries are involved and occupied with unrest and tumultuous stirrings. Several countries have recently seen uprisings to overthrow their governments. Confusions, protest and uprising are a constant part of the turmoil of our day. It appears that earthquakes, powerful and disastrous storms, famines and pestilences are on a rise. Sin and ungodliness is more open and boasting of its desires and activities than ever before. This sounds strikingly like the end times as the Word of God speaks of it, doesn't it! Truly the world is engulfed in perilous times. However, this is nothing new for the world, is it? When so much of the world is wrapped up in themselves and their own desires and their own ungodly agendas and cannot, or will not, see the nature and love of Christ, how can we expect anything else to happen. To see these things transpiring before our eyes is heart wrenching in its self and it should cause the body of Christ to press and strive even harder to reach the lost and have an affect on the outcome that is inevitable. But that is the world, isn't it? The lost, the sinners, the ungodly of our times are just that, they are lost and in need of Christ!

For many years now the purpose of what God has put in my heart has revolved around the churches. The church of the living God is a place of beauty, peace, love and joy when the hearts and minds of the people are in tune with the Spirit of God and the Holy Ghost is allowed to move as He wills. Christ Jesus is the center of the church and the head of the body of Christ. As long as Christ remains the center of our purpose in all things, especially in our services, then the Holy Ghost can move and regenerate the body of Christ to establish and strengthen her against the turmoil of the day and to bring her into his divine nature and a place of peace and empowerment to perform His will and accomplish His intended purpose.

When I speak of the church I am referring to two separate things. One part of this statement involves working to enable the churches we have to remain open when problems arise, whether there be financial or spiritual needs involved. In today's society the body of Christ needs a valid place to assemble themselves together to be in service to the Lord. Equipment failures can disable a church from having the quality of surroundings but should never be allowed to disable the quality of service to the Lord. Legal and government issues may be confronted from time to time, however, these things are not of greater importance that the quality of service to the Lord. We have spent literally tens of thousands of dollars and many long hours endeavoring to keep these concerns from hindering the ability of the body of Christ to meet together and be in service to the Lord of glory. While these things may be important, they should not be the center of concerns in these days.

Also in these tumultuous times the church, the body of Christ, the people of God, are going through some shaking and test of their walk with God. Often the concerns of the world and its conditions, and perhaps even the same spirit will creep into the body of Christ and will stir some legitimate concerns about the results it could have on the church.

There are greater concerns that are before us all that must require the lion share of our attention. Too often the spirit of the church has been overtaken by a sense of, or even a spirit of control that drives the body of Christ to respond to needs or circumstance by endeavoring to take things into their own hands bringing a shameful hissing response rather than taking them to the Lord in prayer and waiting for the Lord to fight the battles and bring the victories that bring glory, virtue and honor upon the church.

God has set the pattern for the church and its operations. He gave gifts unto men and ordained proper order of duty, responsibility and conduct within the church under the wisdom and leadership of the Holy Ghost. The gifts and callings of God are without repentance, or in other words, without change or alteration. When the power and wisdom of the Holy Ghost is allowed to have His way the church can only prosper in the kingdom of God which is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. Many teachings of our time have sought to change this God ordained plan for the body of Christ by mixing leadership authorities, duties and responsibilities in the church into the God ordained calling and position of the congregation. We are in time when the Jezebel spirit of control is influencing and seducing the body of Christ and bringing confusion into the minds of the people. The consequences of these influences may appear to be subtle but are always devastating to the church. Remember, God is not the author of confusion. (1Corinthians 14:33) For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

From time to time I have the opportunity to speak with ministers and to be in churches that are not a part of Bible Way Association and these influences are being seen everywhere. Too often the people of God become involved in every matter, large or small, and the end result is confusion. The leadership of the church is there to take the oversight and manage these matters and under the oversight and direction of the Holy Ghost and to provide an atmosphere where the people of God can come together to truly worship and praise the Lord in a spirit of humility in the presence of the Lord. The congregation of the body of Christ must hold up their pastors and leaders in the church by supporting and pray for them. One of the first things that take place when someone doesn't see eye to eye with the pastor or leadership of the church is to withhold the tithe and support thinking to pressure or influence them until they get their way. If that doesn't happen they will begin to stay home and separate themselves. I must ask, "Is this the wisdom and mind of Christ?"

The pastor and leadership of the church is not there to be overbearing or self determined, but rather to initiate and foster an atmosphere where the presence of God can rule and reign. Church must be a place where the children of God can come together in one accord to hear the Word of God and worship Him for who He is and for his gracious works and loving care. The leadership of the church must never take this position as any other job may require, but to take their position provided with humility and reverence considering the awesome honor and responsibility that has been place upon them by God.

The body of Christ, or the congregation of the church, must come together with only one purpose in mind and that is to worship, honor and praise God. They must take their responsibility to honor, uphold and support the leadership of the church and to bear their God appointed portion of the labors for the kingdom of God. They must pray one for another that the body may be healed together and lest the enemy gain a foothold by any means.

Has this ordained pattern for the church been lost through lack of humility and submission to Gods plan? Has the ministry lost sight of the God ordained responsibilities and goals of their God ordained calling? Have the children of God lost sight of what the plan of God is all about, a plan to raise up a glorious church, a church without spot, wrinkle, bitterness, lack of care and forgiveness or anything else that defiles?

Unless the church operates according to Gods ordained plan how can it prosper? This is the subtlety of this spirit of control and dominion that is creeping into the church. It isn't often recognized and is often disguised as concern for their church, but a misdirected concern and often in the wrong spirit. Even the apostle Peter was rebuked of the Lord for being in the wrong spirit. Remember Moses and Korah with his followers in Numbers chapter 16.

We feel the compelling unction to call for prayer and humility among the churches and people of God. A call to search our own selves as to where we fit into the plan of God, whether it be in the worshipping, spirit filled congregation or is it in the God ordained leadership of the church. A call to humbly submit our selves in a heart-felt spirit of repentance under the powerful and compassionate hand of the all mighty God so we may abide in His will and purpose and see healing and prosperity in the body of Christ. Remember, judgment must begin at the house of God and if judgment begin at the house of God, where shall the sinner and the ungodly stand. We must be about our Fathers business, according to His ordained plan and purpose, to keep our selves unspotted from the world and to seek the lost while there is still opportunity and time.

Even though these are critical times please do not be so distracted by the affairs of the world around you and its distresses and confusions that you lose sight of Gods ordained purpose and the price that we must pay to be pleasing unto the Lord and to reach the mark of Gods honor, praise and provision. Have faith for God will take care of His people.

I have heard Brother Buckner say many times that if the pastor would pray for his congregation, God would re-

generate and renew them under the anointing and he would have a new church. He also said in the same respect that the if the church would pray for the anointing of their pastor that God would give them a new pastor under that new anointing. This would result in an end to conflict. A final exhortation: Jesus said in John 9:4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. If Jesus saw the night coming, how much more is it evident in our troubled times. Seek ye the Lord while He may be found for surely the day of the Lord is at hand. Pastors: humbly pray even more diligently until the power and anointing of the Holy Ghost can reign and minister through you as Gods ordained leader in the church. Children of God: pray for your pastor and leaders that they may find the mind and will of God and be filled with Gods holy anointing first of all, for they are chosen and called of God to minister and pray Gods will for you.

Let us once again pray that the church of the living God return to its intended state as a place of beauty, peace, love and joy where the hearts and minds of the people are in tune with the Spirit of God and the power and anointing of the Holy Ghost is allowed to move as He wills and where Christ Jesus is the center of the church and the head of the body of Christ, rather than a place of conflict, confusion and disturbance. Put your faith in God and not man!

Written By: Rev. Eugene Abrams







### **REMEMBER WE HAVE A MISSION**

Where is everything going? Many people have lost nearly everything in stocks and Washington is finally saying that things are bad and will probably get worse before things get better. It is becoming harder and harder for you and me to do the things we wish to do for the Lord because there is just not enough to go around. I am so glad that we have the Word of God to stand on and can be assured that every word is true. He cares more for us than the sparrow and has promised His children will never have to beg for bread.

God is going to take care of you and with everything will make a way to escape not only temptation but from the things happening on this earth. Don't be one of those with their hearts failing because of the things coming upon the earth. We are still highly blessed in the Lord and greatly blessed.

The same stress that is in the financial world is now coming into the churches as people have less to give and are afraid to give of what they have not knowing the future. I ask you now to not let this happen any longer as the whole work for the Lord will be hurt by your actions.

We have seen such a large number of needs during the last few weeks that without your praying for and your giving to Bible Way Home Missions there will soon be nothing to give to help. If I had taken all the nearly \$6,000 dollars in expenses out of Home Missions that was needed to meet these needs there would be no Home Missions. Bro Abrams was good enough to reach into money set aside for emergencies and keep this from happening. I already know of nearly \$2,500 dollars that will be needed during the next month and nearly this much on a monthly basis. This will only increase as the need for fuel for heating becomes a necessity.

Bible Way is not like the USA government that can print more money and keep going until the credit rating is lowered but we must stay within the amount of money that comes in. If God has blessed you and you are able to give to help I ask you to please do so.

We don't wish to be a burden to anyone out there but without your help we will soon be in the place that will require us to consider doing whatever necessary to cut the expenses.

I titled this remember we have a mission because the goal of Missions is to provide a place for worship to our God and to keep it as comfortable as we can. Help me to keep all the places for worship that we have open and reaching out into the communities they serve.

Even during these times of need we see God moving so greatly. If you missed the Youth Camp you missed some of the greatest moves of God ever. I hear of continued results from that camp. I just talked to Bro. Rockson in The Republic of Ghana and found him in good spirits even without the aid he needs from Bible Way Foreign Missions. His feelings are we must continue no matter what. He will not be able to come to Camp in September as he had hoped but will be praying for us all as the Camp goes on. I will be sending him a small amount of money in the next few days just to let him know that we all care about Ghana.

Keep praying for Bro. Thomlison and the work in Mexico and all the other endeavors around the world that look to us as their Mother Church.

Please remember to call me with your needs. When you take them to Bro Abrams he must then relay them to me to see what to do. Save a step and time by calling me directly. The end results will be the same and it will help lift the load off of Bro. Abrams.

May God bless you greatly until we meet either in September or at the Banquet in November.

In His Service, Rev. Chester Gaither Overseer of Home and Foreign Missions Bible Way Association Tel. 301-616-8108

I understand there are those that are still sending Missions Offerings to Doniphan so I will remind you of the following addresses. Please make all checks for Home Missions payable to Bible Way Home Missions Department and send them to:

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Please continue to pray for all the ministries and know all gifts will be used properly after much prayer.

In Christ, Rev. Chester Gaither



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