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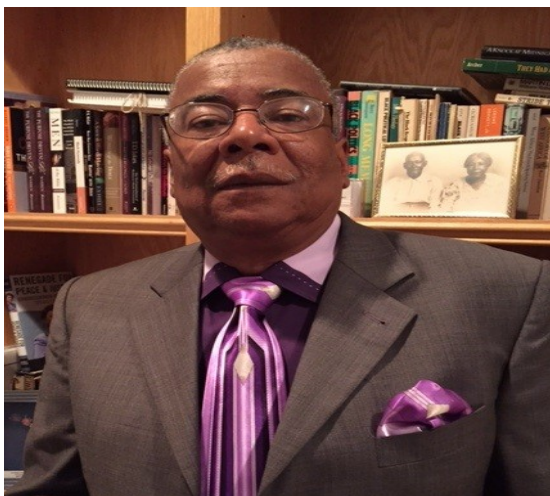
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Decent and in Order

Numbers 2, Numbers 3.

Many of us have heard this phrase “Decent and in Order” mentioned in the church. We also hear God is not the author of confusion.” This means whatever God has for His people it is to keep order in the church. In the book of Numbers God asks Moses and Aaron to number the people. That is how the book Numbers received its name. As God’s people would be on the move, they needed to know how to break camp. They also needed to know who the leaders were and how to follow orders.

Chapter 2 God instructs Moses where each tribe would be located around the Tabernacle. This would not change also the standard each tribe leader would be posted.

Chapter 3 God informed Moses which families from the tribe of Levi what duties they had during service in the Tabernacle. In the church today we need to do things decent and in order. Just as God was involved in setting positions in the early church. So should we be involved in filling position in today’s church. Every position in the church there should be much prayer. Before someone is asked to fill that position. There is also a chain of commands which each member must respect. If you are in the music department, you work under whoever is over the music. If you are working as an usher, you work with the person in charge of the department. There may be a committee set up by the pastor for special events. No one should bypass the committee by going to the pastor or telling folks “I spoke to the pastor.” The one person who needs to know what is going on is the pastor. He should be aware of all that is going on in the church. For example, no one should be invited to speak to the church unless it is cleared with the pastor because he watches over your soul. Heb. 13:17



The Evangelistic Call Part 2

By Rev. William Heights

BIBLE REASONS EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD BE A SOUL WINNER

Our Position is Urging Us

II Cor. 5:20 "No then we are ambassador for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us; and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation."

An ambassador is representative of another. They are an agent or spokesman who has a definite responsibility of speaking for another. This is our position. We are to speak for Christ and on behalf of Christ.

Luke 24:47 "And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem, and ye are witnesses (messengers) of these things."

The witness is under obligation to tell what he knows. If we know that Christ died for sinners and have experienced Him in our own life, we are responsible to witness this reality to others. We are representing Him. Therefore, not to be winning souls is to be guilty of the sin of dishonesty to a sacred trust.

Responsibility Is Pressing Us

Rom. 1:14 "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise and to the unwise."

Ezek. 33:8 "If thou doest not speak to warn the wicked from the error of his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand."

James 5:20 "Let him know, that he which converteth a sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death."

We **ARE** responsible for the lost around us. We **ARE** our brother's keeper. Paul says "I am debtor" which means we have a debt to all classes of people to give them the gospel of Christ. God warns that if we fail to give them the message that he will require their blood at our hand. We will answer for it at the judgement.

Therefore, not to be winning souls and carrying out our obligation of sharing the gospel is to be guilty of Soul-Murder. Many would be spared from hell if we would only speak out and win them to Christ.

The Field is Calling Us

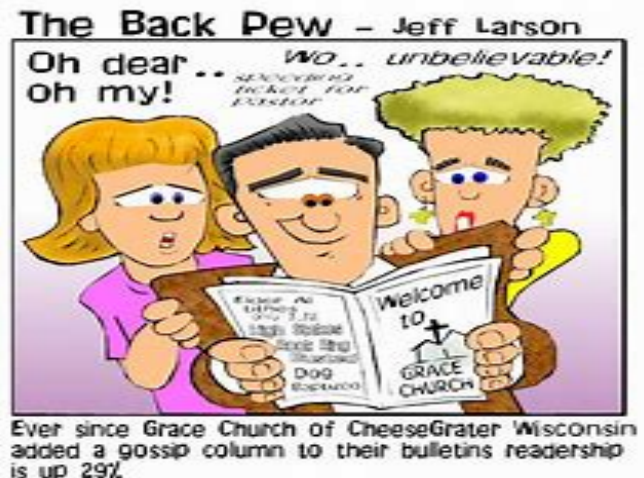
John 4:35 "Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

Matt. 9:37 "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

Yes, the field is calling us to do soul winning because so many are lost. There are over 3 ½ billion people on the earth today and very few of them know the Savior. According to the Interdenominational Foreign Mission Association report, there are 320,000 births every 24 hours and 160,000 deaths every 24 hours. This means 62 million increase every year. Something like 2 million people are reached with the Gospel each year--- only about 1 in 30 of the world's population increased.

There are approximately 3 million villages in the world without a resident gospel witness. More than half the people in the world do not know the Way of Salvation. The Bible still waits to be translated into more than 1500 languages and dialects. At the present rate of progress this would take at least 150 years.

Think of it. 170,000 people die every day on our earth. That is 7,000 per hour or 120 each minute. Probably 90% of these do not know Christ as their Savior. Certainly the field is calling us to win souls. We may say therefore, not to win souls is to be guilty of indifference. It is being at ease in Zion.



Keep driving!

A young woman was driving with her father and they ran into a storm. The young woman asked her father: What should I do? Her father told her, "Keep driving."

The cars began to edge, the storm was getting worse. What should I do dad? - "Keep driving," replied her Father. Up ahead, a trailer was pulling up as well. She said, "Dad, should I stop? It's terrible and everyone is stopping!" Her Father said, "No, keep driving!"

Now the storm was stronger, but she obeyed her dad, and soon she could see a clearing ahead. After a couple of kilometers she was again in a quiet, calm and sunny area. Her father told her, "Now you can stop and go out." She said, "But why now?" He told her: "When you go out, look back, all the people who surrendered are still in the storm, you did not give up and your storm is behind you."

If you are going through "hard times". Remember even if everyone else, even the strongest, stops or gives up, you keep going, because soon your storm will end and the Sun will shine and shine on you again ...

PRESS ON

If you rearrange the letters in the word DEPRESSION, you will get "I PRESSED ON". Your current situation is not your final destination.



Doctrine of Salvation

by Dr. Rev. Ray Howard, A.A., M. Div., D.D., J.D.

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A. Repentance

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The Nature of Repentance

- a) **As Touching the Intellect:** Matt.21:29 ... "He answered and said I will not; but afterward he repented and went." the story of the prodigal son is an act of repentance. (Luke 15:18). Repentance results in on changing his or her mind about Jesus and accepting Him as Savior and Lord.
- b) **As touching the Emotions:** 2 Cor. 7:9..."Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance, for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing." 10- For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of but the sorrow of the world worketh death. Luke 10:13 – Repentance causes some kind of action on the part of the person who is repenting.
- c) **As Touching the Will and Disposition:** Repentance is not only being heartbroken for sin, but it must be from sin as well. (St. Luke 15:18-20). Repentance is more of a experience than a single act. The part of the will and disposition in repentance in the following manner:

A) In the Confession of Sin to God.

Psalms 38:18 – "For I will declare mine iniquity, I will be sorry for my sin." The Publican beat upon his breast and said, "God be merciful to me a sinner," Luke 18:13. The Prodigal's reply..." Have sinned against heaven, and in

thy sight, and am no more worth to be called thy son.” Luke 15:21. There must be confession to man also in so far as man has been wronged in and by our sin; as seen in the following scriptures: Matt. 5:23-24, James 5:16.

B) In Forsaking of Sin: Isa. 55:7— “Let the wicked forsake his way and the righteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord.” Proverbs 28:12-13, Matt. 3:8.

C) In Turning unto God. There are two things required in the act of repentance.
1) a Turning from sin and 2) a turning to God. I Thess 1:9, Acts 26:18.



Bold Faith, Divine Favor, and Spiritual Expansion

Scripture Focus: 1 Chronicles 4:10

Jabez’s name meant “sorrow,” yet his prayer became a model of hope, courage, and spiritual ambition. He didn’t settle for the limitations of his past—he asked God for more, and God granted his request.

“Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain.” —1 Chronicles 4:10

Four Pillars of Jabez’s Prayer

1. Bless Me Indeed

- **Meaning:** A plea for divine favor—not just material, but spiritual.
- **Reflection:** Ask God to bless you with wisdom, peace, and purpose.

- **Prayer Prompt:** “Lord, bless me with what draws me closer to You.”

2. Enlarge My Territory

- **Meaning:** A request for greater influence and responsibility.
- **Reflection:** Where is God calling you to grow—your ministry, your compassion, your leadership?
- **Prayer Prompt:** “Father, expand my heart and my reach for Your glory.”

3. Let Your Hand Be With Me

- **Meaning:** A desire for God’s presence and guidance.
- **Reflection:** We need divine strength for divine assignments.
- **Prayer Prompt:** “God, walk with me through every challenge and choice.”

4. Keep Me From Evil

- **Meaning:** A cry for protection from sin and sorrow.
- **Reflection:** Holiness is not perfection—it’s dependence on God.
- **Prayer Prompt:** “Shield me from temptation and keep my spirit pure.”

Devotional Thought

Jabez didn’t pray timidly, he prayed with boldness and humility. His prayer teaches us that God honors those who seek Him earnestly and ask for more—not for selfish gain, but for Kingdom impact.

Personal Reflection

- What area of your life needs God’s blessing today?
- Where do you feel called to grow or stretch?
- How can you invite God’s hand into your daily walk?
- What temptations or fears do you need protection from?

Closing Scripture

“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think...”

—Ephesians 3:20

Golfing

Jesus Christ, Moses, and an old, bearded guy were playing golf. On the first tee, Moses shanked his ball into a lake. He parted the water and hit his ball onto the green.

Jesus teed off, hitting his ball into another water hazard. But he walked on water and stroked his ball just short of the cup.

Then the old man with the beard stepped up for his tee shot. He hit the ball with tremendous force but hooked it badly. The ball bounced off the clubhouse roof, hit the cart path, and rolled down a hill into a pond, coming to rest on a lily pad. A frog hopped over and picked up the ball, then an eagle swooped down, snatched the frog, and flew over the green. The frog dropped the ball, and it rolled into the cup for a hole in one.

Moses turned to Jesus and said, “I hate playing golf with your dad.”

Trivia Challenge

1. Fill in the blanks: “The LORD is far from the _____: but he heareth the prayer of the _____.”

- a) lazy, workers
- b) wicked, righteous
- c) widows, children
- d) nations, slaves

2. Who wrote the book of Ephesians?

- a) Paul
- b) Matthew
- c) John
- d) Luke

3. Paul tells the Thessalonians that he had previously suffered in what city?

- a) Ephesus
- b) Galatia
- c) Philippi
- d) Colossae

4. After offering a sacrifice on the evening of the first day of the Passover Celebration what were the Israelites commanded to do with the meat?

- a) Eat it all that night leaving nothing overnight
- b) to give the meat away
- c) to burn it up

5. In David’s time the ark of the covenant rested at the home of Obbededom. What happened to that family as a result?

- a) he and all that he had were blessed by the Lord
- b) David paid him and his family handsomely
- c) the people became afraid of him and his family
- d) those in his family that touched it died

6. What quality did Timothy have that his grandmother and mother also had?

- a) unfeigned love
- b) unfeigned mercy
- c) unfeigned faith
- d) unfeigned hope

7. What was the name of him who sat on the white horse that John saw descending from heaven in his vision in Revelation?

- a) the Son
- b) Faithful and True
- c) the Lamb
- d) Righteous One

8. Who told Habakkuk: “I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe.”?

- a) the king of Babylon
- b) Nathan the prophet
- c) King Uzziah
- d) God

9. Fill in the blank “Let every soul be subject unto the _____”

- a) Lord Most High
- b) Jesus Christ
- c) higher powers
- d) God Almighty

10. What is another name used in the Bible for Jerusalem?

- a) Jabesh Gilead
- b) Arimathea
- c) Bethlehem
- d) Zion

(Answers on Page 7)



The Day Care Drama

Dropped my daughter off at daycare & she said, “Mommy, yesterday Miss Kita bit me.”
 I’m like WHO IS MISS KITA?!

She said, “Miss Kita... you know her”

Now I’m marching in there like a concerned parent AND a detective—

“Which one of y’all is Miss Kita biting my baby?!”

Her teacher said, “Umm... we don’t have a Miss Kita...”

...but a mosquito did bite her yesterday.”

I looked at my daughter like—

GIRLLLL. YOU BETTER PRONOUNCE THEM SYLLABLES BEFORE I END UP ON THE NEWS.

A Sunday School teacher asked, ‘Why do we need to be quiet in church?’ A little girl replied, ‘Because people are sleeping!’

During a sermon on patience, a man stood up and said, ‘Pastor, I’ve been patient for an hour. Let’s wrap it up!’

A child asked, ‘Mom, is God in the bathroom?’ She said, ‘Why do you ask?’ He replied, ‘Because every morning Dad knocks and says, “Oh God, are you still in there?”’

The doctor said my sugar was too high. When I got home, I moved it to a lower shelf. It’s much more accessible now.

It’s true that exercise helps with decision making. I went for a run this morning and decided never to do that again.

What did the classmate say when asked why they kept walking next to the same person at school? “I was told I’m supposed to walk by Faith!”

Devout Christians: Unlocking the Power of Prayer – Navigating the Dynamics of Spiritual Warfare and Authority.

(ThyBlackMan.com) We are teaching on, Lord, Teach Us to Pray. We are on the section called, The Mechanics of *Prayer*, or the functionality of prayer. We want you first of all to read the Scripture. Our two foundational Scriptures are found in **Luke 18:1, and Ephesians 6:18**. **Luke 18:1 [1]** And He spoke a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

Ephesians 6:18 [18] Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

The second thing in this text is that we told you to list seven types of prayer that the New Testament illustrates and talks about, some seven types of prayer that the believer should be functioning in and operating in. We told you one was the prayer of thanksgiving. Number two was the prayer for a petition. Number three, the prayer of intercession. Then, number four, the prayer of warfare. Number five, the prayer of adoration and praise. Number six, the prayer of agreement. Then, number seven, praying in the Holy Ghost. Now, we have been praying with or in the Holy Spirit. We talked about, the last time we were together, the prayer of agreement. And now today, I want to skip over the prayer of praise and adoration and move into the prayer of warfare.

Now, go to **II Corinthians 10:4. [4]** (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Now, atonement was like this: Up until Jesus came and went to the cross, the only thing that could be done with our sins is they would be covered. In other words, if you lifted up the covering over them, it [the sin] was still there. But His blood, the blood of that substitutionary lamb, covered it. Even though it was still there. But when Jesus came, they changed the word from atonement to this other word, remission. Now, remission means simply, to remove. So, that means even if the enemy came and lifted up the

cover, when he pulled up the cover, the sin was removed. It was no longer there. Are you understanding what I am saying? But back in the old covenant, it was just atoned. It was covered. And if you peeked up under there, it would still be there. But it was covered. God always had us covered.

Now, when Jesus came, the level of spiritual authority greatly increased —because of the work, because of His blood, it removed the sin so that even though it's covered, if you came up under there, it is no longer there. It is gone. Touch three people and say, "It's just gone." Now, it is gone. Say, "Because of the blood of Jesus." That also means then that I have a different level or type of authority now. What the devil wants me to assume is that I don't have that authority. It is like if you had two million dollars' worth of bills, but I gave you a million dollars. What are you going to do with the money? You are going to start attacking that debt, if you've got any type of sense. In other words, you are going to take, and you have to use what God gives you. Use what God has given you. That means that I am going to take that money and, even though it is not enough to pay all of the bills, I am going to pay most of them. What did that do? That reduced my debt ratio. That is what wisdom would dictate. Of course, if I got all the money I needed, I would just pay it all off. That is the difference in atonement and remission. Atonement was just enough to cover. See, if you can make it with what you've got now, imagine if somebody gave you a jumpstart, one hundred thousand extra dollars, and you are already making it, guess what? After you pay off all your stuff with that one hundred thousand dollars, you are going to have some surplus income. Then, you will have more to operate with. If they came and totally wiped it out, you would get a clean start all over again. So, what the devil wants to do, since he is the deceiver, is to keep you thinking that you have no power, no authority, you know, you just have to take whatever he dishes out. Look at somebody and say, "The devil is a lie." Because of the blood of Jesus—we are talking about warfare—so, when you go to war now, you are not just covered, but really you have full authority over that devil. Real quickly, turn to **Luke 10:19**. [19] Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Answer Key

1. b 2. a 3. c 4. B 5. a 6. c 7. B 8. d 9. c 10. d

I just heard my grandma pray like "we are ready Lord, take us home"... First of all, who's we?



Running To Church

A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran she prayed, 'Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!'

While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again!

As she ran she once again began to pray, 'Dear Lord, please don't let me be late...But please don't shove me either!'

"Didn't I tell you to stop all that talking and playing in church?"



"I told you don't make me get up out my seat!"

Welcome to New Members

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