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THE PROBLEM

ALLEN AND JEAN HITCHCOCK decided to end their marriage of 24 years.

In anticipation of the divorce settlement, Allen began to review the family's financial records. As he sorted through the files, he came across an old faded check made out to the hotel where he and Jean had stayed on their honeymoon. Another check had paid for an installment on their first car. He picked up still another check and remembered with fatherly pride how he had written it out to the hospital when their daughter was born. And then there was the down payment on their first home....

After several hours of sorting through such checks, Allen realized how much

he and his wife had invested in their marriage. He paused, deep in thought for several minutes. Then he closed the file and dialed his wife's number. After an awkward exchange he blurted out the reason for his call. Would she work with him to rebuild their marriage?

While a family crisis such as Allen and Jean's may be foreign to some of us, the message of their family's checks is common. It is the story of our lives. It tells of our values, how much we save, what we spend, to whom we give. In fact, our checkbooks tell us more about our priorities than does anything else.

That's why Jesus talked so much about money. Sixteen of the 38 parables were concerned with how to

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WHAT GOES AROUND, COMES AROUND...

The man slowly looked up. This was a woman clearly accustomed to the finer things of life. Her coat was new. She looked like she had never missed a meal in her life. His first thought was that she wanted to make fun of him, like so many others had done before.

"Leave me alone," he growled... To his amazement, the woman continued standing. She was smiling -- her even white teeth displayed in dazzling rows.

"Are you hungry?" she asked. "No," he answered sarcastically. "I've just come from dining with the president.. Now go away."

The woman's smile became even broader.

Suddenly the man felt a gentle hand under his arm. "What are you doing, lady?" the man asked angrily. "I said to leave me alone.

Just then a policeman came up. "Is there any problem, ma'am?" he asked..

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WHAT TO DO IF YOU GET SICK: 2009 H1N1 AND SEASONAL FLU

How do I know if I have the flu?

You may have the flu if you have some or all of these symptoms:

- Fever,*
- cough,
- sore throat,
- runny or stuffy nose,
- body aches,
- headache,
- chills, fatigue,
- sometimes diarrhea and vomiting.

*It's important to note that not everyone with flu will have a fever.

What should I do if I get sick?

If you get sick with flu-like

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OBSERVE THE CHILDREN - LEARN FROM THEM

This is the season for rapid changes. You have to really, really pay attention to observe the colors of the leaves as they change by the hour. It may seem smooth, almost transcendental and unstoppable but if you intend to, you can internalize and observe the transition before they pass you by. The weather dips too uncomfortably, too low, urging most of us to bring back the coats of last winter almost too soon to believe. That's what it may seem. Just pay attention; because the next thing you know something else has also come and gone. For good. For the year. Till next time.

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From the Desk of Pastor Harvill

December 3, 2009

Dear Church Family,

Greetings In The Name of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

I write this letter expressing my thanks and love to you and yours. The month of December is a wonderful time to give thanks to the Lord of our salvation and to demonstrate our love for Christ and one another. Your prayers and faithfulness have helped to keep the Old Ship of Zion sailing on this journey of faith.

It is the season to celebrate the birth of Christ and to serve in faith and love anticipating the second coming of Christ. In the words of I Thessalonians 5:8, but let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. Even in these difficult, dreary, and dark days we still have the light of Christ shining bright and directing our path to peace and prosperity. In this season of faith and love share the gift of Christ with your family, friends, co-workers, and others that stand in need of encouragement.

I write with a compassion and concern for your soul and spiritual maturity in the Lord. It is my sincere prayers that you would heed the call and serve the Lord with gladness. There is no greater joy than being in the presence of the Lord in His consecrated Church.

In this season of hope, peace, and prosperity, let us all run with the vision.

“Write the Vision, and make it plain upon the tables, that he may run that readeth it” (Habakkuk 2:3).

Let's get moving with the Vision!

Running with the Vision – The Next Level of Ministry:

500 Plus attending Sunday Worship

300 Plus Tithing & Offering Members

100 Plus Men Serving in the Church

100 Plus in Bible Study & Corporate Prayer

100 Plus in Attendance for Church School

All Budgetary needs met.

Let us continue to work together in the unity of Spirit and in the bond of peace. Have a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year! The Best is yet to come in 2010.

Love and Joy,

Pastor Harvill & First Lady Eledia

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"No problem here, officer," the woman answered. "I'm just trying to get this man to his feet. Will you help me?"

The officer scratched his head. "That's old Jack. He's been a fixture around here for a couple of years. What do you want with him?"

"See that cafeteria over there?" she asked. "I'm going to get him something to eat and get him out of the cold for awhile."

"Are you crazy, lady?" the homeless man resisted. "I don't want to go in there!" Then he felt strong hands grab his other arm and lift him up. "Let me go, officer. I didn't do anything.."

"This is a good deal for you, Jack," the officer answered. "Don't blow it."

Finally, and with some difficulty, the woman and the police officer got Jack into the cafeteria and sat him at a table in a remote corner. It was the middle of the morning, so most of the breakfast crowd had already left and the lunch bunch had not yet arrived.

The manager strode across the cafeteria and stood by his table. "What's going on here, officer?" he asked. "What is all this, is this man in trouble?"

"This lady brought this man in here to be fed," the policeman answered. "Not in here!" the manager replied angrily. "Having a person like that here is bad for business."

Old Jack smiled a toothless grin. "See, lady. I told you so. Now if you'll let me go. I didn't want to come here in the first place.."

The woman turned to the cafeteria manager and smiled. "Sir, are you familiar with Eddy and Associates, the banking firm down the street?"

"Of course I am," the manager answered impatiently. "They hold their weekly meetings in one of my banquet rooms."

"And do you make a goodly amount of money providing food at these weekly meetings?"

"What business is that of yours?"

I, sir, am Penelope Eddy, president and CEO of the company."

"Oh.."

The woman smiled again.. "I thought that might make a difference."

She glanced at the cop who was busy stifling a laugh. "Would you like to join us in a cup of coffee and a meal, officer?"

"No thanks, ma'am," the officer replied. "I'm on duty."

"Then, perhaps, a cup of coffee to go?"

"Yes, ma'am. That would be very nice."

The cafeteria manager turned on his heel. "I'll get your coffee for you right away, officer."

The officer watched him walk away. "You certainly put him in his place," he said.

"That was not my intent... Believe it or not, I have a reason for all this."

She sat down at the table across from her amazed dinner guest. She stared at him intently.

"Jack, do you remember me?"

Old Jack searched her face with his old, rheumy eyes. "I think so -- I mean you do look familiar."

"I'm a little older perhaps," she said. "Maybe I've even filled out more than in my younger days when you worked here, and I came through that very door, cold and hungry."

"Ma'am?" the officer said question-

ingly. He couldn't believe that such a magnificently turned out woman could ever have been hungry.

"I was just out of college," the woman began. "I had come to the city looking for a job, but I couldn't find anything. Finally I was down to my last few cents and had been kicked out of my apartment.. I walked the streets for days. It was February and I was cold and nearly starving. I saw this place and walked in on the off chance that I could get something to eat."

Jack lit up with a smile. "Now I remember," he said. "I was behind the serving counter. You came up and asked me if you could work for something to eat. I said that it was against company policy."

"I know," the woman continued. "Then you made me the biggest roast beef sandwich that I had ever seen, gave me a cup of coffee, and told me to go over to a corner table and enjoy it. I was afraid that you would get into trouble. Then, when I looked over and saw you put the price of my food in the cash register, I knew then that everything would be all right."

"So you started your own business?" Old Jack said.

"I got a job that very afternoon. I worked my way up. Eventually I started my own business that, with the help of God, prospered.." She opened her purse and pulled out a business card. "When you are finished here, I want you to pay a visit to a Mr. Lyons. He's the personnel director of my company. I'll go talk to him now and I'm certain he'll find something for you to do around the office."

She smiled. "I think he might even find the funds to give you a little advance so that you can buy some clothes and get a place to live until you get on your feet. If you ever need anything, my

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“But the fruit of the Spirit is LOVE, JOY, PEACE, LONG-SUFFERING, GENTLENESS, GOODNESS, FAITH, MEEKNESS, TEMPERANCE: against such there is no law.” (Galatians 5:22,23)

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: MEEKNESS

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance:....” (Galatians 5:21,22)

MEEKNESS: Power, patience, humility, gentleness, tenderness, courage.

“The fruit of MEEKNESS disarms the stormy, tempestuous person. MEEK saints do not argue. It possesses the qualities of mildness and gentleness in dealing with others. It is not flimsy or weak, it is power. “ Persons who possess this fruit experience a high quality of spiritual strength. (World-Wide Keswick)

How to Cultivate the fruit of MEEKNESS:

1. Acknowledge continually the fact that we are creatures who have obligations to our Creator, that we are nothing without Him.
2. Remember we are sinners who have been saved by grace.
3. Remember we are saved for a purpose. We are under obligation and bondage to be what God desires us to be.
4. Remember we are being empowered and trained for a purpose.
5. Study the ministry of Jesus. His life is the best example of MEEKNESS.
6. Study the life of Moses. His life is also marked by MEEKNESS.
7. See to understand yourself and develop insight into the needs of others.

Look for persons who -

- are courageous, but not argumentative or rude
- do not seek to be elevated by man
- are soft-spoken and peacemakers
- are not self-centered
- are honest about their gifts and their ability to use them successfully
- do not display false modesty
- are gentle toward people in all circumstances
- are long-suffering and patient

WARNING: Be aware of the enemy of MEEKNESS - false modesty and self-seeking.

Additional Scriptures:

Titus 3:2 - 7; Ephesians 4:1- 3; Luke 9:46 - 56; Matthew 14:14-21; Psalm 22:26; Psalm 25:9; Numbers 12:1-7; II Corinthians 10:1; Matthew 11:28-30.

The fruit of the Spirit abides in us and it is up to us to cultivate it so that we may experience the blessing and the fullness of the Spirit. God is the husbandman...”He prunes, nurtures, waters and protects His own. The indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit will energize and control every faculty of our nature when our will joins the will of God. Then the “beauty of the Lord will be upon us” (Psalm 90:17) and “we shall bring forth fruit unto God” (Romans 7:4).”

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door is always open to you."

There were tears in the old man's eyes. "How can I ever thank you?" he asked.

"Don't thank me," the woman answered. "To God goes the glory. He led me to you."

Outside the cafeteria, the officer and the woman paused at the entrance before going their separate ways.. "Thank you for your help officer," she said.

"On the contrary, Ms. Eddy," he answered. "Thank you. I saw a miracle today, something that I will never forget, And thank you for the coffee."

Have a Wonderful Day. May God

Bless You always and don't forget that when you "cast your bread upon the waters," you never know how it will be returned to you. God is so big He can cover the whole world with his Love and so small He can curl up inside your heart

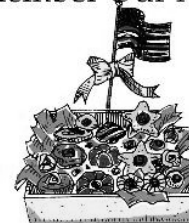
The power of one sentence! God is going to shift things around for you today and let things work in your favor. If you believe, send it. If you don't believe, delete it.

God closes doors no man can open & God opens doors no man can close.. If you need God to open some doors for you....send this on.

Have a blessed day and remember to be a blessing...

"The Task Ahead of Me is Never as Great as the Power Behind Me!!

Remember Our Military

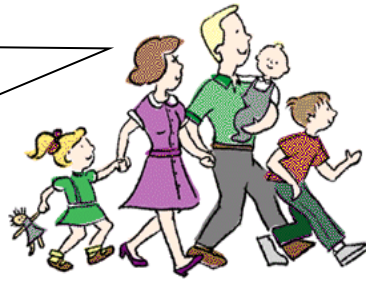


and their families
with Prayers, Cards, & Letters

Church School is a Family Affair,
Come and Grow with US,

Sunday Church School begins: 8:30 a. m.

For Transportation Needs Please call
the Church 860-344-9527



Sunday Church School meets from 8:30 a.m. **sharp** to 9:45 a.m. each Sunday. We have classes for all ages – from age 3 to 103. New Members Class and the Spiritual Gifts Class meet at the same time. **Light breakfast for ages 3-18**

QUARTERLY REVIEW

Winter Quarter – December 2009, January, February 2010

Lessons are based on International Sunday School Lessons: the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching.

CHRIST, THE FULFILLMENT

Unit I: The Promised Birth Fulfilled

Unit II: Evidences of Jesus as Messiah

Unit III: Testimonies to Jesus as Messiah

This quarter's lessons look at Christ, the Fulfillment, beginning with the first unit on the fulfillment of the promised birth. It looks at the lineage of David by tracing David's family from the book of Ruth and comparing it with Matthew's lineage. This is followed by a look at Isaiah 7 and Luke 1, where the virgin birth is presented. The announcement of Jesus' birth to Mary caused her to wonder how such a miraculous thing could happen. It then deals with Messiah's birth as recorded by Matthew. Here we find Joseph in a dilemma over the news that his beloved one was pregnant; yet he obeyed God and went ahead with the marriage. Everything was strongly confirmed for him in the visit of wise men from the East.

The second unit presents lessons that examine evidences that Jesus truly was the Messiah. The voice of God from heaven at Jesus' baptism proclaimed "This is my beloved Son of whom I am well pleased". We then study Jesus' temptation and learn that it was important that He be demonstrated to be sinless before He began public ministry. We are also encouraged to realize that victory over Satan's temptation is possible not only for Him but for us too. Jesus demonstrates His deity in acts of healing. He healed two blind men and a demon-possessed man. In answer to a question from John the Baptist, He pointed out His works as evidence of who He was. One lesson is dedicated to His prayers and His invitation for the spiritually weary to find rest in Him. We see evidence of Jesus as Messiah being rejected, which was proof that He was like many of the Old Testament Prophets: accepted by many but rejected in His own hometown.

The third unit examines various testimonies about the Messiah. One lesson is about a Canaanite woman who knew who Jesus was and knew she could appeal to Him to heal her daughter. Peter knew what the religious leaders did not know and he declared that Jesus was the Son of the Living God. Another lesson looks at the transfiguration, when three disciples saw Jesus in His glory and witnessed Moses and Elijah talking with Him.

The last lesson takes us to Bethany, where Jesus was anointed for burial with costly oil. All these studies show that He truly is the fulfillment of all the Old Testament messianic prophecies.

Sunday Church School begins at 8:30 a.m. with classes for all ages, beginning at age 3. A nutritious breakfast is available each Sunday and a hot breakfast is served on 5th Sundays. You are welcomed to come join us in studying the word of God from the book of Isaiah, and the Gospel of Matthew during the Winter Quarter. Sunday Church School is a family affair. Come **GROW** with us.

By: Keith E. Eggert, Union Gospel Press
Submitted by: Mary L. Cooper

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symptoms this flu season, you should stay home and avoid contact with other people except to get medical care. Most people with 2009 H1N1 (<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/ga.htm>) have had mild illness and have not needed medical care or antiviral drugs and the same is true of seasonal flu.

However, some people are more likely to get flu complications and they should talk to a health care provider about whether they need to be examined if they get flu symptoms this season. They are:

- Children younger than 5, but especially children younger than 2 years old, People 65 and older,
- Pregnant women People who have: Cancer
- Blood disorders (including sickle cell disease)
- Chronic lung disease [including asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)]
- Diabetes
- Heart disease
- Kidney disorders
- Liver disorders
- Neurological disorders (including nervous system, brain or spinal cord) Neuromuscular disorders (including muscular dystrophy and multiple sclerosis)
- Weakened immune systems (including people with AIDS)

Also, it's possible for healthy people to develop severe illness from the flu so anyone concerned about their illness should consult a health care provider.

There are emergency warning signs. Anyone who has them should get medical care right away.

What are the emergency warning signs?

In children

- Fast breathing or trouble breathing • Bluish skin color
- Not drinking enough fluids
- Not waking up or not interacting
- Being so irritable that the child does not want to be held
- Flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough • Fever with a rash

In adults

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen
- Sudden dizziness
- Confusion
- Severe or persistent vomiting

Do I need to go the emergency room if I am only a little sick?

No. The emergency room should be used for people who are very sick. You should not go to the emergency room if you are only mildly ill. If you have the emergency warning signs of flu sickness, you should go to the emergency room. If you get sick with flu symptoms and are at high risk of flu complications or you are concerned about your illness, call your health care provider for advice. If you go to the emergency room and you are not sick with the flu, you may catch it from people who do have it

Are there medicines to treat 2009 H1N1?

Yes. There are drugs your doctor may prescribe for treating both seasonal and 2009 H1N1 called "antiviral drugs" (<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/antiviral.htm>). " These drugs can make you better faster and may also prevent serious complications. This flu season, antiviral drugs are being used mainly

to treat people who are very sick, such as people who need to be hospitalized, and to treat sick people who are more likely to get serious flu complications. Your health care provider will decide whether antiviral drugs are needed to treat your illness. Remember, most people with 2009 H1N1 have had mild illness and have not needed medical care or antiviral drugs and the same is true of seasonal flu.

How long should I stay home if I'm sick?

CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours (<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/exclusion.htm>) after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other things you have to do and no one else can do for you. (Your fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine, such as Tylenol®.) You should stay home from work, school, travel, shopping, social events, and public gatherings.

What should I do while I'm sick?

Stay away from others as much as possible to keep from making them sick. If you must leave home, for example to get medical care, wear a facemask if you have one, or cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue. And wash your hands often to keep from spreading flu to others. CDC has information on "Taking Care of a Sick Person in Your Home" (<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/homecare.htm>) " on its website at <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/homecare.htm> (<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/homecare.htm>)

Taken from CDC Center for Disease Control and Prevention 2009

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handle money and possessions. Indeed, Jesus Christ said more about money than about almost any other subject. The Bible offers 500 verses on prayer, fewer than 500 verses on faith, but

more than 2,350 verses on money and possessions.

The Lord said a lot about it because He wants us to know His perspective on this critical area of life. He dealt with

money matters because *money does matter*.

Taken from "Your Money Counts" by Howard Dayton

DECEMBER			
1 Galatians 1-3	8 2 Thessalonians 1-3	16 Hebrews 8-10	24 1 John 3-5
2 Galatians 4-6	9 1 Timothy 1-3	17 Hebrews 11-13	25 2 John, 3 John, Jude
3 Ephesians 1-3	10 1 Timothy 4-6	18 James 1-2	26 Revelation 1-3
4 Ephesians 4-6	11 2 Timothy 1-4	19 James 3-5	27 Revelation 4-8
5 Philippians 1-4	12 Titus 1-3	20 1 Peter 1-2	28 Revelation 9-12
6 Colossians 1-4	13 Philemon	21 1 Peter 3-5	29 Revelation 13-15
7 1 Thessalonians 1-5	14 Hebrews 1-4	22 2 Peter 1-3	30 Revelation 16-18
	15 Hebrews 5-7	23 1 John 1-2	31 Revelation 19-22

JANUARY			
01) Genesis 1-2	08) Genesis 23-26	16) Exodus 1-4	24) Exodus 28-31
02) Genesis 3-5	09) Genesis 27-29	17) Exodus 5-7	25) Exodus 32-34
03) Genesis 6-9	10) Genesis 30-32	18) Exodus 8-10	26) Exodus 35-37
04) Genesis 10-11	11) Genesis 33-36	19) Exodus 11-13	27) Exodus 38-40
05) Genesis 12-15	12) Genesis 37-39	20) Exodus 14-17	28) Leviticus 1-4
06) Genesis 16-19	13) Genesis 40-42	21) Exodus 18-20	29) Leviticus 5-7
07) Genesis 20-22	14) Genesis 43-46	22) Exodus 21-24	30) Leviticus 8-10
	15) Genesis 47-50	23) Exodus 25-27	31) Leviticus 11-13

FEBRUARY			
01) Leviticus 14-16	08) Numbers 11-14	16) Deuteronomy 1-3	24) Deuteronomy 26-28
02) Leviticus 17-19	09) Numbers 15-17	17) Deuteronomy 4-6	25) Deuteronomy 29-31
03) Leviticus 20-23	10) Numbers 18-20	18) Deuteronomy 7-9	26) Deuteronomy 32-34
04) Leviticus 24-27	11) Numbers 21-24	19) Deuteronomy 10-12	27) Joshua 1-3
05) Numbers 1-3	12) Numbers 25-27	20) Deuteronomy 13-16	28) Joshua 4-6
06) Numbers 4-6	13) Numbers 28-30	21) Deuteronomy 17-19	
07) Numbers 7-10	14) Numbers 31-33	22) Deuteronomy 20-22	
	15) Numbers 34-36	23) Deuteronomy 23-25	

ADVENT

Advent is the season of expectation, hope and celebration of the past, present, and future comings of Jesus Christ to the world. Much of the focus is on the prophecy of the coming of the Messiah to Israel and the expectancy of that fulfillment. The Advent cry is “Come,” even though Emmanuel has come. Jesus has come, presently comes into the hearts of believers through grace, and is yet to return. This season is a time of anticipation as the Church makes ready for the coming of the Lord and the celebration of Jesus coming as a babe in Bethlehem. Therefore, Advent embodies a vital element of the Christian faith. The Advent season has marked the beginning of the Christian Year since the eight century and consists of the four weeks before Christmas.

Color: Purple (violet or Lilac) is the color used to denote royalty, praying, fasting, and penitence. It represents a symbol of the majesty of Christ, and Jesus’ humanity, suffering, and fasting.

Name of God	Meaning	Application
ADONAI	The Lord My Great Lord	God is the Master and majestic Lord. God is our total authority.
EL	The Strong One	He is more powerful than any false god. God will overcome all obstacles. We can depend on God.
EL ELOHE YISRAEL	God, the God of Israel	The God of Israel is distinct and separate from all false gods of the world.
EL ELYON	The God Most High	He is the Sovereign God in whom we can put our trust. El Elyon has supremacy over all false gods.

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It is all part of the changing seasons. One day you hear the 'gong-gong' announcement that they are coming! They are coming! The next thing you know, they've come, they've performed, they've bowed and they're gone.

The Ugandan Children's Choirs have become so much a part of American end of summer culture that, they seem to come out of nowhere and to disperse and melt away, back into nowhere. Since not too many people actually know about the history of this cultural phenomenon, I want to highlight a few facts about these adorable children.

There are actually more than a dozen different African Children's Choirs ready to tour the United States, Europe and Asia during the end of the summer season. The group that visited Cross Street recently, was the **Destiny African Children's Choir from Kampala, Uganda, East Africa**. In 2008, when they were planning to visit the United Kingdom, they had such a tough time securing traveling visas that finally, when they managed to get into the country, they staged their most memorable performance for Premier Gordon Brown for his singular successful effort to intervene on their behalf. If you consider what it takes to travel these days of national 'homeland' security controls, isn't it amazing that the children do not show any signs of frustration and disappointments? They are seasoned, and they are conditioned. After all, if anyone of them were to talk to you about what they have already faced in their young lives, even before leaving their own backyards, you will appreciate why they always seem to look up and never down.

East Africa has now become the world's classroom for the training and grooming of youth choirs that uses music and dance to inspire the rest of the world. This is not too different from other well-known specialties such as Brazil and soccer, Philippines and nursing, India and computing, Korea and electronics, Jamaica and sprints, Chinese and fast cuisines, the Swiss and precision, Tibet and compassion and Kenya and long distance running. When nations take on this economic phenomena of specialties the whole mankind appear to be better off. If you happened to hear the well rehearsed response of the children when asked to introduce themselves, you could not help but feel confident that they were all primed to better themselves in whatever environment within which they will grow up.

They bubble with hope and aspirations – you should hear them introduce themselves:

My name is Julius. I am 12 years old and when I grow up, I want to be the president of Uganda.

My name is Irene. I am 12 years and I want to be a teacher.

My name is Nicole. I am 14 years old and I want to become a pastor and a doctor.

My name is David and I want to become a doctor.

My name is Nathan. I am 11 years old and I want to become a pilot when I grow up.

Finally, there is Isaac who is 5 and wants to be the head of the police.

For their effort, Uganda has produced other choirs such as the Watoto Children's Choir, the Uganda Children's Choir, the African Children's Choir – that actually includes other children from other countries in Africa -

Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda, Nigeria and Ghana.

The other choirs include; Suubi International Children's Choir, the Matsiko Children's Choir, The Mwamba Uganda Children's Choir and the Sifa African Children's Choir. Almost eighty percent of the choir members are full orphans from wars, diseases and natural causes. A large proportion of the children have no one to call family. They depend on each other from the orphanages within the East African region.

In spite of their seeming insurmountable disadvantages, these children have so much to offer all who hear them. The important and relevant thing to remember is that God gives each of us the skill to survive and the economic sense of local expertise to allow the human race to tend to each other in various ways for our own survival. It is essential therefore that we devote attention to the promotion of regional specialties based on environmental resources, cultural and natural advantages, pragmatic and concerted efforts, and various other initiatives.

It is almost a no-brainer to observe that as we make the effort to collectively depend on each other's regional specialties and conditioning, we tend to pay attention to each other, respect and honor each other and invariably, tend to become each others' keeper rather than looking for ways to outwit and sabotage each other. In effect there is a clear better way to relate to each other, to live in peace with each other and to look out for each other.

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REVIVAL

Key Scripture: "For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Habakkuk 2:14).

Key Thought: Earnest prayer paves the way for revival.

Prayer: Lord God, thank you for all the promises of your Word which give me hope for revival. Your Word is alive and dynamic, and it is sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and it is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the human heart.¹ Let your Word have its work in my life, Father. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.²

I ask you to hasten the day when the earth will be filled with the knowledge of your glory, as the waters cover the sea.³ I know, dear Father, that it is not your will for anyone to perish. You want all people, everywhere, to come to repentance, and I believe your promises of revival.⁴ Therefore, I will

patiently watch and wait for your coming as a farmer waits for the fruit of the earth to come forth, after the early and latter rains.⁵ Bring forth the latter rain of your Spirit upon earth, O God.

It excites me to anticipate the day when you will pour out your Spirit upon all flesh. Thank you for that stirring promise, Father. I believe that revival is imminent, and when it happens, the young men and women will prophesy, old men will dream dreams, and young men will see visions.⁶ You Lord God, will make bare your holy arm for all the world to see, and all the ends of the earth will see your salvation.⁷ I seek your promised revival, Lord.

When the revival fires you promise are ignited, Father, you will do a new thing in our midst. You will make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.⁸ Thank you, Lord God. You will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away. You will bind up that which was broken, and you will strengthen

that which was sick. You will decree your judgment upon the people of the earth.⁹

Lord, I ask you to usher in the end-time revival you have promised to your people. I look forward to that glorious revival with zeal and faith. I believe it will cause all the ends of the world to remember you and to turn toward you. All the nations will worship before you, because your's is the Kingdom, Father.¹⁰ My Father in heaven, your name is hallowed. I pray that your kingdom will come, and your will shall be done, on earth as it is in heaven, for yours is Kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.¹¹

References: (1) Hebrews 4:12; (2) Psalms 51:10; (3) Habakkuk 2:14; (4) 2 Peter 3:9; (5) James 5:7; (6) Joel 2:28; (7) Isaiah 52:10, (8) Isaiah 43:19; (9) Ezekiel 34:16; (10) Psalms 22:27-28; (11) Matthew 6:9-13.

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Strange as it may seem, there are still some people who believe that their good works will save, or at least help to save them.

"I am doing the very best that I can," they tell us, and they think that is it. Honestly, one wonders where they get such an idea, as it certainly does not come from the Bible.

Many people will still be pleading their good works in the Day of judgment, but it will be all in vain, for Jesus says:

"Many will say to Me in that Day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name? And in Thy name have cast out devils? And in Thy name done many wonderful WORKS? And then will I profess unto them, I never

knew you; depart from Me, ye that work iniquity" (Matthew 7:22-23).

WHAT DOES GOD SAY?

"Knowing that a man is NOT justified by the WORKS of the law ... for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified" (Galatians 2:16) .

"NOT by WORKS of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us" (Titus 3:5).

"For if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain" (Galatians 2:21). In other words, if our good works could save or even help to save us, then Christ died for nothing, and His sacrifice was useless and unnecessary.

HOW ARE WE SAVED?

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is

the GIFT of God: NOT of WORKS, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9). "And if by grace, then it is no more of works" (Romans 11:6).

"But to him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness . . . unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works" (Romans 4:5-6).

What a wonderful, glorious way of salvation! In His great love the Lord Jesus Christ went to the cross and laid down His spotless life for ungodly sinners like us! And now He is ready to save and transform your life the moment you come to Him and put your trust in His sacrifice for you. Then your "faith is counted for righteousness," He gives you His own perfect righteousness because of your faith and trust in Him. -C. D. CARTER

Reasons To Tithe, Every third Sunday, Try Tithing Sunday

HOW AND WHEN TO TITHE

THESE GUIDELINES WILL HELP YOU TO MEET YOUR PLAN FOR TITHING.

Be Systematic: The key is to make tithing a normal part of your budget. Whatever your program of giving, keep records, be prompt and try not to miss dates.

Tithe Weekly: Weekly or monthly tithing helps your church plan its budget. Planning to tithe yearly often results in not having the money ready when promised. If you don't receive income on a regular basis, tithe when you receive it.

Tithing is Not A Substitute, for other Christian obligations such as volunteering your time for church-related activities. Think of tithing as an important part of your total stewardship responsibilities.

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. 1 Peter 4:10

Tithing Ministry: A guideline given by some money managers is as follows: Give 1/10 (tithe of your income to God). Put 1/10 in savings. Put 1/10 in an emergency account until three months of pay is set aside. Live on the remaining 7/10 with freedom to work towards giving as much as possible to God's work.

Reasons to Tithe: Everything we have comes as a gift from God. To show our faith and thanksgiving, we can return a part of God's gifts to us to help the church carry out its work.

What is Tithing? It's making a voluntary, systematic contribution of financial support to your church. Voluntary: giving out of love and gratitude for all God gives you. Systematic: giving a predetermined portion of your income as you receive it. The Old Testament Guideline for giving was a "tithe"-or tenth - of total property. "And of all that you give me I will surely give one tenth to you." Genesis 28:22 Today - the tithing tradition remains an important part of church life for many Christians.

Time, Talents (Gifts), Treasure (Tenth): "Give and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." (Luke 6: 38)

The Rewards of Tithing: Tithing is as meaningful to you as it is to those who benefit from your contribution.

Tithing Brings Awareness: Tithing is a way of sharing concern for others throughout the world. As we become more sensitive to others' needs, we grow closer to God.

"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," says the Lord of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of Heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it." (Malachi 3: 8 – 10).

The Service of Worship and the work of Cross Street Church are dependent upon the contributions of its members, friends, and visitors. Thanks. God sends His Love and Faithfulness. Psalm 57:3

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RE DEDICATION & COMMITMENT TO CHRIST & HIS CHURCH COVENANT

1. I will strive to live as a converted and committed Christian.
2. I will follow Christ example for Leadership and conduct
3. I will lead by example.
4. I will actively participate in Prayer & Worship Service, Bible Study, and other activities of the church and encourage other members to do the same.
5. I will vocally and visibly support the Pastoral Leadership and Vision.
6. I will strive to faithfully give tithes & offerings, and support the Lifestyle Stewardship.
7. I will contribute & participate as required to support the District, Conference and General Church.
8. I will participate in Leadership Training and Spiritual Renewal opportunities.
9. I will attend Ministry meetings, members meetings, and Quarterly Conference.
10. I will strive to have a personal prayer and devotional life.

TREASURE HUNT

READ: Proverbs 2:1-9

if you seek [wisdom] as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures; then you will understand the fear of the LORD. Proverbs 2:4-5

On January 1, 2008, Keith Severin and his 7-year-old son, Adrien, agreed that they would spend at least 15 minutes every day that year searching together for treasure. Carlos Alcalá's article in the *Sacramento Bee* described how they went out each day in every kind of weather to see what they could find. A year later their collection of coins, golf balls, recyclable bottles and cans, and various other items had yielded more than \$1,000. In the process, they enjoyed many hours of companionship and fun.

If we decided to spend 15 minutes a day searching for treasure in the Bible, what would we find? Solomon wrote: "If you seek [wisdom] as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures; then you will understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.... Then you will

understand righteousness and justice, equity and every good path" (Proverbs 2:4-5,9).

Growth won't happen all at once. But gradually, day by day, we will be changed through reading God's Word and obeying Him. And think of the privilege and pleasure of spending time with our heavenly Father.

It begins with a willing commitment, continues with exciting discoveries, and leads to the treasure of wisdom and life. -David McCasland

*Search the Scriptures' precious store-
As a miner digs for ore;
Search, and you will surely find
Treasures to enrich the mind. Anon.*

Rich treasures of God's truth
are waiting to be discovered.

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Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen. Jude 24-25



"God's Divine 2009 plan for greater works".

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you"

Matthew 6:33 NKJV

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