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FROM US TO YOU

As we draw closer to the Holiday season (for Thanksgiving is just around the corner), there is so much we have to be grateful about! One of the nicest blessings that God has given us has been the opportunity to work together in this ministry. It is a labor of love! For we are truly "one flesh" united together (Genesis 2:24) in this holy calling. And that is the way that God originally intended for couples to be (see Mark 10:6-9)! We were on vacation in Vermont a few years ago when we asked a boutique owner if she knew of any good restaurants where we could go for dinner. She asked us what kind of a place we were looking for and Anne responded, "Some place romantic." She recommended a beautiful country inn. But when she found out that we had been married for about sixteen years (at that time), she was amazed. "You're **married** and you want a **romantic** restaurant!" she said with surprise. "What's your secret?" How sad it is that this nation has fallen so far away from its foundation, in Christ Jesus (Matthew 7:24-27), that something as fundamental as a good marriage seems rare in America today! For, "...*God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him*" (1 John 4:16 NIV). Our Maker is the very essence of love, the sum total of all that is good, pure, righteous, honorable, and holy. Therefore, because His love burns so abundantly within us, it is easy for us to love each other. For we love Christ **more!** And that is the secret the boutique owner was inquiring about.

If we were to love one another more than we love God, our love would not be as strong. For human love is selfish and can become idolatry, as in the case of Adam, who put the carnal desires (1 John 2:16-17 and James 1:13-15) of his wife ahead of the will of God (Genesis 3:17). In fact, **anything** that means more to us than our Creator and Savior is idolatry! (See Exodus 20:3, Luke 14:26-27 and Matthew 10:35-38.) For God did not spare "...*His only begotten Son...*" (John 3:16 KJV), "...*but gave Him up for us all...*" (Romans 8:32 NIV. Also, see 1 Peter 1:18-19 and John 1:12-13). How then, can we not love Him, who has done so much for us? And, since we love Him, we also love those in whom His Spirit dwells (John 14:16-17 & 1 John 4:13). Consequently, we love each other (John 13:34-35, 1 Peter 1:22-23, 1 John 3:11 and 4:7-12). For, when we look upon each other, we don't see the carnal natures of our past (Romans 6:6-8, 7:5-6, 8:5-9, Galatians 2:20, 5:24, Ephesians 4:22-25 & Colossians 3:9-10). We see the personality of Christ in action! When Anne sees Eric, she sees a new creation in Christ Jesus (see 2 Corinthians 5:17). When Eric sees Anne, he sees a temple in which Christ dwells (1 Corinthians 3:16 & 2 Corinthians 6:16). We are two halves of a whole in our marriage, one flesh in our walk with God (1 Corinthians 6:16-17). And, as part of the church, we are united in spiritual marriage to Christ (see 2 Corinthians 11:2). Metaphorically, we are a part of His body (Ephesians 5:25-32).

Therefore, the same Spirit works through us both (1 Corinthians 12:13, Ephesians 2:18, 4:4, Philippians 1:27), to achieve the goals that **God has selected** and "...*prepared in advance for us to do*" (Ephesians 2:10 NIV). For we have agreed that it is not our will, but

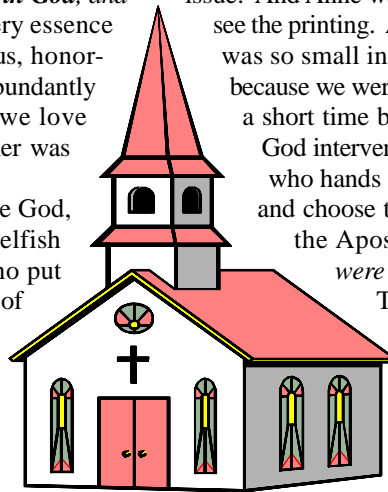
God's will that must be done (Luke 22:42 & 2 Corinthians 12:7-10). That's why there is harmony in our relationship. For, although we are **in** the flesh, that which emerges to the top is not **of** the flesh, but the oil of God's Spirit working through us (Leviticus 8:10-12, 1 Samuel 16:13, Psalm 89:20, Mark 6:13, James 5:14 & Hebrews 1:9). "*For we walk by faith, not by sight*" (2 Corinthians 5:7 KJV). That's why it is a joy for us to work together in this ministry, in submission and obedience to Christ, our Lord. He has given us a peace of mind and an exuberance of spirit that can never be found in this world. For we are not of this world (John 17:6-16, Romans 12:2, & 1 John 2:15-17) just as Christ is not of this world (John 8:23 & 18:36).

Eric takes care of all the technical and financial aspects of this organization. And Anne, handles the spiritual and administrative end of the ministry. However, it didn't always work this way! When we first began, we both wanted to do **everything**. It was a battle of egos. Eric wanted to write articles. They appeared alongside Anne's in each issue. And Anne wanted to stuff envelopes, order supplies, and oversee the printing. All of this worked for a while, because the ministry was so small in those days. Nevertheless, there were conflicts, because we were frequently getting in each other's way. Then, just a short time before we moved into our current office building, God intervened. And He made it clear to us that **He** is the one who hands out the assignments to His flock. We cannot pick and choose the roles that we will play in His church. For, as the Apostle Paul put it, "...*You are not your own; you were bought at a price...*" (1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NIV).

The Lord has blended our various talents and abilities in such a way as to give Himself the most glory. And we would not have it any other way! For we do not boast in ourselves, "...*except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ...*" (Galatians 6:14 NIV). And, just as God can bring joy and harmony to a marriage, when we love Him and put Him **first** in **all** things, He can do the same thing with the body of Christ (Romans 12:4-8, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31, Ephesians 4:4-6, 25 and Colossians 3:15). For "...*all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose*" (Romans 8:28 KJV). Our main article, "**Soul Winning For Jesus Christ,**" goes into more detail on this.

On the subject of "all things working together for good," one recent example of this has been the new "screen savers" that Eric has created. They are available as either freeware or shareware, and can be downloaded directly from our web site. Since adding this feature, our hits have gone from approximately 220 to about 1,000 hits **a day!** We are hoping that the sale of these screen savers will help us with the expenses of running this organization. The anointing of God is upon them, as they each give Him the glory and honor He so rightly deserves! The pictures come from our private collection of photos taken on our various trips. And the music was donated to us by some talented young Christian artists. Please pray for the success of this new project. And have a wonderful Thanksgiving everyone!

In Christ's love, *Eric and Anne Kaestner*



Soul Winning For Jesus Christ

By Anne Kaestner

One of the greatest desires of those of us who love and serve Jesus Christ is to bring new souls into His Heavenly Kingdom. We want to lead them to Christ so that they will receive the same love (1 Peter 1:22 & 1 John 4:11-12), hope (Acts 26:6-7, Romans 4:18 & 1 Corinthians 13:13), peace (Philippians 4:7), and joy (Nehemiah 8:10 & Philippians 1:26) that we have in our Lord. It is a desire every Christian should have. In fact, it is a part of the Great Commission (see Mark 16:15-16)! Yet there is a right way and a wrong way to go about it! The **right** way brings glory to God. The **wrong** way brings glory to mortal Man (Genesis 5:2)! The glorification of Man has always been a major part of the counterfeit gospel (Mark 13:22, 2 Corinthians 11:3-4 & Galatians 1:6-9). The problem is that too many people are so busy, trying to please God in their own way, that they cannot be led by His Spirit. That was the sin of Cain (Jude 1:11, 1 John 3:12 & Hebrews 11:4)! He tried to grow his own fruit for God, but the Lord would not accept it (Genesis 4:1-7). For God the Father is the gardener, not us (see John 15:1 and Isaiah 5:1-6). And the only fruit that He will accept from us is the fruit of His Spirit, that He Himself grows! That's why we must be submissive to His will (James 4:7), and obey Him (Luke 6:46), regardless of the circumstances. "For we walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7 KJV).

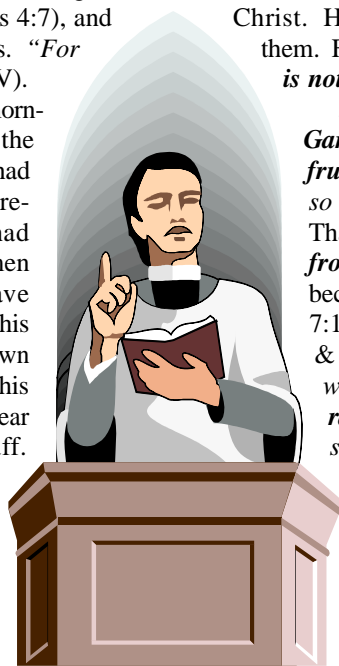
Years ago, my husband and I attended the Sunday morning service at a certain church. During his sermon, the pastor told the congregation about some teenagers he had spoken with at a public park. It was obvious, as he recalled the incident, that he was angry about what had occurred. Apparently, he had gone up to the young men and told them about their need for salvation. He gave them scripture to back up his position, and presented his case. Then he followed it up by asking them to kneel down on the grass before him and repent of their sins. To his surprise, they just stared at him. And, when it became clear that they would not acquiesce, he walked off in a huff. The pastor told the congregation that, as far as he was concerned, they deserved to go to Hell for refusing the opportunity to get their hearts right with God. Was he right to approach them? And did those young men deserve to go to Hell? If so, just about all of us would suffer the same fate! For very few believers come to Jesus the first time they hear the message of salvation. Moreover, there was an important ingredient missing from the pastor's message. It was love! Pure, Christ-like love is a part of the fruit of God's Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23), which is the new nature we receive after our old sinful nature has passed away and we have become a new creation in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17).

This was a man who had once been used by God in a wonderful way. His church had once been a powerhouse of Spirit filled anointing. Young people had flocked there, hungrily feeding their souls on the Bread of Life (see Matthew 26:26, John 6:31-35 & Psalm 34:8) and soaking up the pure milk of the Gospel (1 Corinthians 3:2 & Hebrews 5:12-14). So, what went wrong? The Pastor's fruit had once been very good! He had loved the Lord with **all** his heart (Mark 12:30 & Deuteronomy 4:29), and he had just glowed with the light and love of God. But slowly, over a period of time, other things had begun to replace Christ in the minister's life. (See Deut. 10:12, Matthew 22:37, Mark 12:30 & Luke 10:27.) Consequently, the good seed that God had planted in his heart became choked by the thorns, the things of this world (1 Corinthians 3:19 & James 4:4). When that occurred Jesus was no longer his top priority. The pastor became one of the many (Matthew 7:13) who are more concerned with the "...cares and

riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection" (Luke 8:14 KJV). He still thought that he was bringing lost souls into God's Kingdom. But the thorns (Luke 8:14) had choked off any hope of growing good fruit! You see, when we backslide away from Christ, we begin to revert back to our old carnal nature. As a result, hypocrisy enters in. And there is nothing Jesus hates more than hypocrisy! For it springs from a rebellious heart, and a sanctimonious attitude. Yet because it is done in His name, He gets the blame. Thus, it obscures the real nature of Christ, and draws people away from Him, their only true means of redemption (1 Timothy 2:5). I listened to the pastor's sermon as he bristled at the thought of those young men refusing to obey him. And I knew that the sin was not there's, but his! For Jesus said, "**No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him... It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.'** Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from Him comes to Me" (John 6:44-45 NIV). Only God can change a human heart! And unless His Spirit works through us, no soul can ever be saved through our efforts. Those young men needed to find Christ. However, the pastor did not have God's **love** to give them. For "...if anyone loves the world, the **love of the Father is not in him**" (1 John 2:15 NIV).

Jesus said, "**I am the True Vine, and My Father is the Gardener. He cuts off every branch in Me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit He prunes so that it will be even more fruitful**" (John 15:1-2 NIV). That's why we must **remain** in Christ! He said, "**...apart from Me you can do nothing**" (John 15:5 NIV). It is because "...a bad tree cannot bear good fruit" (Matthew 7:18 NIV). And in our natural, sinful state (Romans 3:23 & 1 Corinthians 2:14), "**all of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away**" (Isaiah 64:6 NIV). Autumn leaves may look pretty on the ground. But, since they have fallen from the tree, they will become dry and crisp. For they are no longer receiving moisture from the tree! Likewise, what happens to those Christians who do not remain in Christ? Jesus said, "**If anyone does not remain in Me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned**" (John 15:6 NIV). Therefore, "**the ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire**" (Luke 3:9 NIV. Also, see Mark 9:43).

Being Born Again (John 3:3) is only the **beginning** of our walk with God! Our rebirth (see John 1:12-13) connects us up to the Vine, Jesus Christ. He is our umbilical cord to salvation! If you are a Christian, it is His holy blood that nourishes you as long as you **remain** in Him. The **only** way that any of us can bear fruit that is acceptable to God is to receive our nourishment from Christ. It's what Jesus was referring to when He said, "**...unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you... Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood remains in Me, and I in him**" (John 6:53-56 NIV). The Lord was speaking figuratively, but what He was talking about was our **attitude**. For, without Christ, the heart of mankind "**...is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked...**" (Jeremiah 17:9 KJV). That's why we must keep the initial commitment we made to live for God at the time that we first came to Him in repentance (Matthew 4:17). True salvation is not a matter of **lip service** (Mark 7:6-8). It is a matter of humility, obedience, and dependency upon



Christ (1 Peter 5:6-7), through His Holy Spirit (see Acts 2:1-4 & 1 Thessalonians 5:19)!

The pastor tried to win new souls **for** God. But, all he could grow was bad fruit! For the Holy Spirit was no longer ministering **through** him, because the pastor had stopped depending on the Lord! He had become proud, worldly, and arrogant. These traits are the **thorns** Jesus spoke about (Matthew 7:16) in regard to false prophets. They not only have thorns themselves, they produce them in their flock! And grapes don't grow on a thornbush! Pastors who invite the things of this world into their churches just to increase their congregation are not growing fruit for God. All they are producing are proselytes! Jesus said to the false prophets in His day, "...*You hypocrites! You travel over land and sea to win a single convert, and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of Hell as you are*" (Matthew 23:15 NIV)! Those young men needed salvation, but you can't get water from a broken cistern! God has said, "...*My people have committed two evils; they have forsaken Me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water*" (Jeremiah 2:13 KJV. Also, see Jude 1:12-13, 1 Timothy 6:3-5 & 2 Timothy 4:3-4). As Jesus told the woman at the well, "...*If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water*" (John 4:10 NIV). Jesus Christ, God's Son (John 1:14, 3:16, and Matthew 26:63-64), is the **only** source from which can flow the cleansing waters of salvation (John 7:38). If His Spirit had still been within the pastor, those young men would have felt the Holy Presence of God. However, the man no longer had the fruit of the Holy Spirit within him (Galatians 5:22-25). For God's Spirit will not remain in the heart of someone who is rebellious and proud (Isaiah 13:11 & 1 Peter 5:5-6).

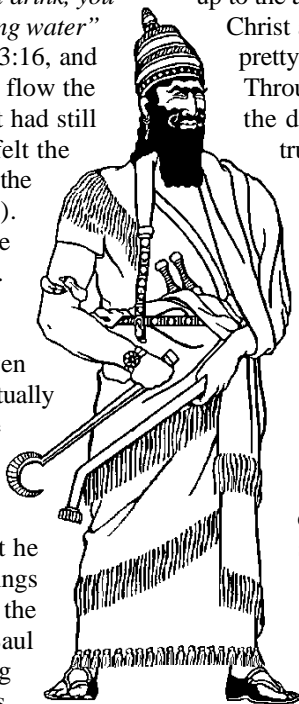
This is reminiscent of the life of King Saul. He had once been mightily blessed by God, who had made Saul King of Israel (1 Samuel 15:1). The Lord had even given him spiritual gifts (1 Samuel 10:11). However, Saul eventually allowed the blessings of God to lead him astray. Like many backslidden believers, he still gave God lip service (Mark 7:6-8), and wanted the Lord to help him. However, Saul's continual disobedience eventually became more than God could stand. Saul thought that he could make up for his insubordination by sacrificing things to God. But even the sacrifices were not acceptable to the Lord. For they came from heathen flocks that God told Saul to slaughter, not as a holy sacrifice, but as something abhorrent to the Lord. How symbolic this is of rebellious ministers today! They offer God that which God has already rejected! The Lord sent the Prophet Samuel to Saul to deliver a message. "...*Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice... For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He has rejected you as king*" (1 Samuel 15:22-24 NIV). Yet even among those who truly love and serve God, there can be erroneous notions.

Some Christians seem to think that we get Brownie points in Heaven each time we lead a new person to Christ. But that's not what the Bible tells us! When we sincerely love and serve the Lord, we do not do the choosing of what we will and will not do for God. He hands out the assignments, not us! And, my experience has been that He does it in such a way as to use **many** different believers in order to reach the souls of the lost (see Luke 19:10). I'll never forget an incident that took place during an evening service at a church my husband and I attended years ago. That night the Youth Pastor, Steve, was in charge. He was showing the congregation slides from a trip that he and some of the other men from the church had taken. About

six of them had sacrificially left their homes and families for a few days so that they could travel to a rural area of South America. The missionary there was desperate for help and he didn't have the money or the resources to build a church on his own. It was hard work, but the men from our congregation pitched in, traveling there at their own expense. The mission was in a remote location. They worked from morning until night hammering nails and putting up walls, a floor, and a roof. By the time that they left to return home, the missionary had a no-frills building in which to worship God. We felt the Lord's presence as we watched the slides. Then, afterward, the pastor gave a short sermon and we sang a few hymns. At the end of the service, he gave an altar call. I felt the Spirit of God move throughout the sanctuary and some people went up to the altar for prayer. But there was a girl, about fifteen years old, sitting next to me, who seemed troubled and in a quandary. I knew, through the Holy Spirit, that she was having serious problems in her life and I seemed to sense that she had been abused in some way by a man who was close to her, probably a relative.

She was quiet and shy, and very introverted, but I knew that God wanted to reach her. So I softly whispered, "Would you like me to go up to the altar with you sweetheart? Would you like to accept Jesus Christ as your Savior?" She nodded affirmatively. She was a pretty young girl, but she was troubled way beyond her years. Through God's Spirit, I could feel a little bit of her pain and the deep emptiness in her heart. Someone she loved and trusted had hurt her and she was confused, ashamed, and distressed. There was no reason for her to feel shame, for she was the **victim** of the oppression, not the perpetrator. But guilt is one of Satan's nastiest weapons. Not only will he cause someone to be attacked, but then, afterward, he will try to make them believe that it was all their own fault. Worse still, women in this situation are often deceived into believing the lie! The young girl and I walked up to the altar together. I went through the sinner's prayer with her and she accepted the Lord as her Savior! Then I called over to Pastor Steve. I was thrilled! This little girl had just become a true child of God (see John 1:12-13). She had been removed spiritually from Satan's kingdom by her acceptance of Christ, who had called her "... *out of darkness into His marvelous light*" (1 Peter 2:9 KJV). How wonderful an occasion it was! A new soul had been added to the Kingdom of God! A new name had been written in the Lamb's book of life (see Revelation 3:5, 13:8, and 20:12)!

Pastor Steve came over and I told him the marvelous news. But, instead of being joyful, as I was, he looked disappointed and surprised. He told me that he knew the girl and had been working with her for a long time. I didn't doubt it for a minute. After all, **he** was the youth pastor! I was just a member of the congregation. He was the one who had nurtured and taught her about the Lord. It had been **his** service that night. The Holy Spirit had performed a wonderful work through him. If it hadn't been for the love and dedication he had showed during the evening, the girl may never have wanted salvation. I hadn't brought her to the church that night. It had been Steve's ministry that had done that! I was just a last minute fill-in that the Lord had chosen because this particular girl had been mistreated by at least one man in her life and, as a result, she didn't truly trust men. Yes, she would talk with them, and learn from them, but when it came to something as important as going up to the altar and accepting Christ, the Lord knew that she would respond better with a woman comforting her and leading her to Jesus. As far as I was concerned, Pastor Steve was the one who was primarily responsible for the girl's rebirth. I only had a tiny part in it at (Continued On Page 4)



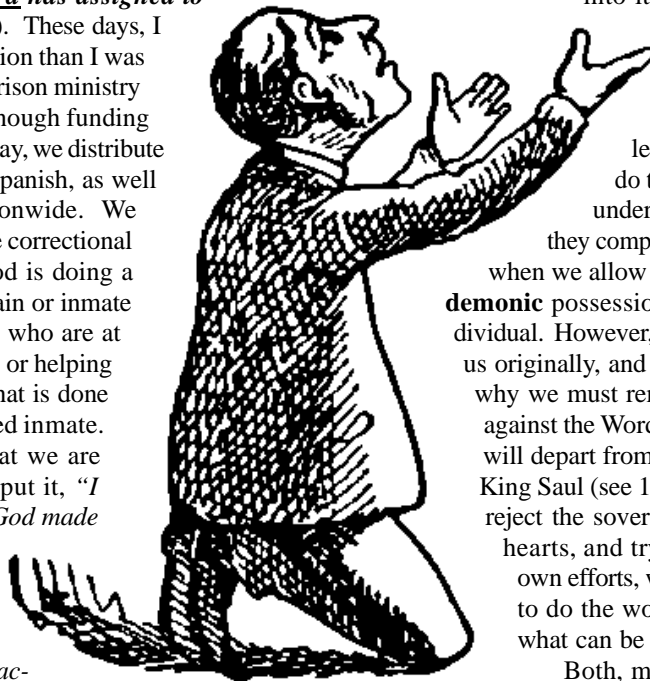
the very end. Nevertheless, all the joy that Steve should have felt was swallowed up in pride. And I sensed in him a resentment, as if I had usurped his position, and his right to bring her to the Lord. (See 1 Corinthians 3:3-8.) This type of thing is common in the church, because too many Christians fail to understand the way that God works in the hearts of His flock. For He does not want any **human** to get the credit (1 Corinthians 1:27-29) for the redemption that Christ purchased with His own blood (Hebrews 9:11-12 & 1 Peter 1:18-19).

In the days of the Apostle Paul, the Corinthian church did not understand this principle either. And, like today, they had a tendency to glorify the human **messenger** of salvation, rather than *“looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith...”* (Hebrews 12:2 KJV). So Paul wrote back to them and said, *“You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men? For when one says, ‘I follow Paul,’ and another, ‘I follow Apollo,’ are you not mere men? What, after all, is Apollo? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe--as the Lord has assigned to each his task”* (1 Corinthians 3:3-5 NIV). These days, I am more likely to be in the opposite position than I was in the anecdote. God led us to start this prison ministry in 1988. Then, in 1993, He brought in enough funding for us to expand into many new areas. Today, we distribute free Christian literature in English and Spanish, as well as spiritually edifying video tapes nationwide. We seldom get to see how they are used at the correctional facilities. But we see the proof that God is doing a great work each time we receive a chaplain or inmate letter telling us so. We are not the ones who are at the prisons, leading lost sinners to Christ, or helping backsliders return to the fold. Usually that is done by either a chaplain or a Holy Spirit filled inmate. Yet it is rewarding enough to know that we are links in God’s mighty chain! As Paul put it, *“I planted the seed, Apollo watered it, but God made it grow. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor”* (1 Corinthians 3:6-8 NIV).

In fact, other than my mother-in-law, whom I led to Christ just one week before she died in 1998, it has been a long time since I have had the pleasure of bringing any new souls into God’s Kingdom. Does that mean that I am wasting my time? No! For it is not the amount of people we lead through the sinner’s prayer that makes the difference to God. It is whether or not we are **obedient** to His Word (John 1:14). This is probably the most difficult aspect of the Christian faith for believers to comprehend. For it is human nature for people to want to serve God in their own way (see Proverbs 14:12). So they do not rely on the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit. Consequently, they are *“...lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God--having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them”* (2 Timothy 3:4-5 NIV). It is God’s desire that we produce good fruit for His Kingdom (Romans 7:4-5, Galatians 5:22-26 and Ephesians 5:9-11). However, we must **“produce fruit in keeping with repentance”** (Matthew 3:8 NIV). That means to **turn** from the ways of our past and **wait** on the Lord to guide us along the “straight and narrow” (Matthew 7:13-14). Therefore, before teaching or preaching the Gospel to others, each would-be minister will have to decide for himself whether he is willing to pay the price of **total surrender** to Christ, thereby allowing His Spirit to operate through

him. Or does he want to be a hired hand? (See John 10:10-15.) The hired hands are the ones who want to build big churches and influence others with **their** religious philosophies. And they will pay any price to achieve their goal! For it is an ego boost, and will greatly enhance their **self**-esteem. Christianity, to the hired hand, is an ambiguous set of moral and ethical values based on the laws of God. However, no matter how eloquent a Christian may be, we cannot do the work of the Holy Spirit! And unless God’s Spirit draws an individual to come up for repentance, all the preaching in the world will do no good.

However, the Spirit cannot draw people to the altar of repentance when the person who is doing the preaching will not yield to the will of God! If we are patient (see Psalm 145:15, Isaiah 8:17, 40:31 & Galatians 6:9) and faithful to Christ, His Spirit will work through us (Zechariah 4:6 & Luke 10:19) to win lost souls for God. That’s what Jesus meant when He told His disciples not to call each other teacher, *“...for you have **one** Teacher, the Christ”* (Matthew 23:10 NIV). In other words, when we empty ourselves out of the things of this world and become puppets for Christ, we are led by the mighty hand of God. A puppet is just a fancy, lifeless glove until someone puts his hand



into it and manipulates it according to his will. That’s the way that we must be in our relationship with Christ!

We must be willing to allow His Spirit to fill us so full of the knowledge and love of God that we no longer do the teaching. He does! Most Christians understand demonic possession better than they comprehend the indwelling Power that comes when we allow God’s Spirit to possess us. Of course, **demonic** possession takes away the free will of the individual. However, God gave us free will when He created us originally, and **He** will never take that away! That’s why we must remain faithful to Him. For if we rebel against the Word of God (John 1:1-14), the Holy Spirit will depart from us just as surely as He departed from King Saul (see 1 Samuel 16:14). Christians today who reject the sovereignty of Christ (2 Peter 2:1) in their hearts, and try to win souls for Him through their own efforts, will fail. But, when we allow His Spirit to do the work through us, we will be amazed at what can be accomplished!

Both, my husband and I, have had the experience of responding to a question with such wisdom and authority that we know that the words that came out of our mouths did not come from us, but from the Holy Spirit (see Luke 12:11-12) within us! That’s what Paul was referring to when he said, *“...who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ”* (1 Corinthians 2:16 NIV). You cannot instruct someone else about the will of God unless you know what God’s will is! Yes, we have the Bible to depend on. However, even the Bible cannot be fully understood unless the Holy Spirit is there to teach us what God is saying. For even the words of Jesus were often spoken in figurative language (John 16:25) and camouflaged in parables (see Matthew 13:11-17). Hopefully, the Lord eventually put those young men in the park in contact with believers who had become true receptacles for His Spirit. For, as a mirror reflects the sun, the true servant of Christ becomes the reflection of the Son of God (see Romans 8:29, 2 Corinthians 3:18 and Matthew 5:14). *“For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us”* (2 Corinthians 4:6-7 KJV).