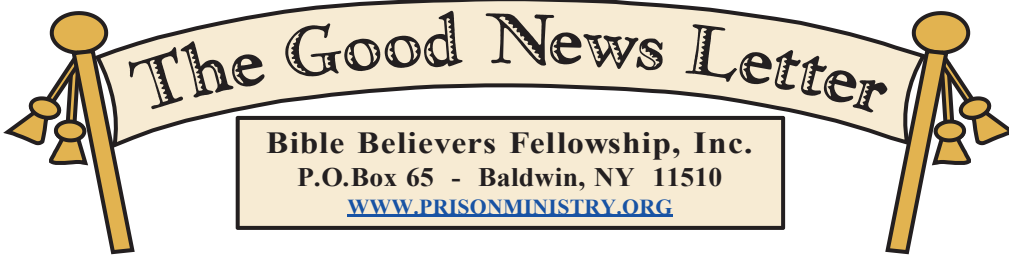




NON-PROFIT



Bible Believers Fellowship, Inc.
P.O.Box 65 - Baldwin, NY 11510
WWW.PRISONMINISTRY.ORG



TAX-EXEMPT

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" MARK 16:15

May 2025

FROM US TO YOU

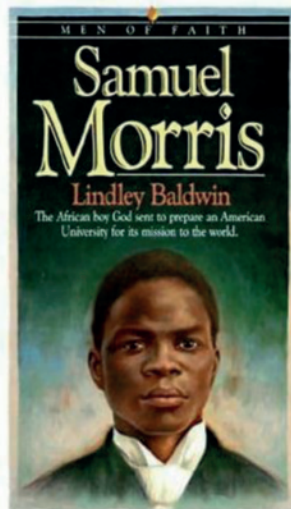
After a long winter it's nice to see new life begin in Springtime. Here in Long Island, New York, it's pleasant to see the trees bloom with pretty pink flowers. And plants that looked so dead during the winter are now coming back to life. Who told the plants to wake up after all these months? They didn't use a calendar or an alarm clock. They just knew it was time. Someone invisible and all powerful is watching over us and our planet. Someone cares about all of us. He is God, our Creator. He knows when it's time for things to happen. It's also nice to see the birds return after their winter vacation. Jesus told His disciple, that not only did God love us enough to create a beautiful world for us, He even cares about the little sparrows. We all know that sparrows are so prolific, that people don't pay attention to them anymore. But God cares about them. Jesus said, *"...not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father"* (Matthew 10:29 NIV). So why is there trouble everywhere? It's because, although God made this world perfect (Genesis 1:31), He isn't running it. Satan is!

We humans were made perfect by God originally. However, we started out with one man and his wife, Adam and Eve. They were the prototype of what mankind should be (Genesis 1:27). However, God didn't want a race of robots. He wanted children who would love Him. For no one is more worthy of love (John 3:16). You can't program a robot to love you. Real love has to come from the heart, from one's free will. So God gave mankind the gift of freedom of thought. He told them, *"...Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground"* (Genesis 1:28 NIV). Adam and Eve were able to think and make decisions for themselves. Consequently, they made the stupid decision of not trusting God. Instead, they believed a fallen angel who had rebelled against God and became God's enemy (Revelation 12:7-9). His name is Satan. However, God had trusted Adam and Eve with the ability to procreate all of us humans to ever be born.

Therefore, mankind brought sin into this world (see Genesis 3:1-24), and so the rest of us are all born with Adam's blood in us, and are therefore, contaminated with Adam's sin. God had given Adam authority over the whole world. However, Eve obeyed Satan and ate the forbidden fruit. Adam did the same. And Jesus said, *"...I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin"* (John 8:34 NIV). A slave does not own anything. All he has becomes the property of his slave owner. Adam and Eve obeyed the devil. So Satan got the authority over this world that God gave to Adam. That is why this world is a mess and there seems to be trouble everywhere. As Jesus prophesied, there would be, *"...wars and rumors of wars... Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places"* (Matthew 24:6-7 NIV). And, have you noticed recently, there is prejudice against the Jews worldwide?

Satan hates the Jews because Jesus was Jewish. Jews, almost exclusively, wrote the Bible, except for the books of Luke and Acts, which were both written by Luke. And Satan knows his control over this earth will soon be over. *"Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short"* (Revelation 12:12 NIV). In the not to distant future, Jesus will return to take over and kick the devil out (Revelation 19:11-21). Satan and all his fallen angels (Revelation 12:9), and all his followers, will end up in Hell and the Lake of Fire forever and ever (Revelation 20:10, 21:8).

Some of our regular readers might say, "I know all that. You've mentioned it many times before in your newsletter." Yes we have. However, we hear from new people all the time. They may have seen our website, but may not have read the newsletters. We are constantly hearing from people all over the world, who have prayer requests. Eric is kept very busy with that. There are also those who have a question for us, even in Moslem countries. We have a section for that as well. We started out as a prison ministry, but people in many other countries are finding us on the web. However, we have a problem. Prison inmates and people in foreign countries almost never help us with our funding. There have been a few exceptions, but not enough to pay the bills. Most of the public has no idea what expenses we have, but they are many. We want to thank those who donated Bibles to this ministry recently. We have received many of them. Eric has been busy sending them to prisons. But gifts of Bibles, as appreciated and needed as they are, don't pay the bills.



Many years ago we had clerical and shipping employees helping us with the work, and we were regularly sending out thousands of printed copies of the newsletter, in English and Spanish, to prisons in 48 states nationwide. We also sent out many Christian videos, and 26,000 copies of the paperback, "Samuel Morris." It's a role model book about a young black boy who came from the jungles of Western Africa. God miraculously saved his life from a horrible death, and he became a Christian. He then traveled to an American university to preach Christianity to the world. However, after that, our funding began to slow down due to the economy. We couldn't afford to print the newsletter anymore, and had to stop sending it out. Some former inmates have written to us, asking to keep getting the newsletter. Sadly, we had to lay off our employees and had to get God's Word out through the Internet alone. Eric is the company's President. He gets no salary at all, and donates his work. Anne gets a tiny salary. That's all we can afford. We are in nine fundraising state campaigns in around the country as well as the nationwide "Combined Federal Campaign." We are audited every year. If you can help us with this work, please do so.

In Christ's name, we do this, *Eric and Anne Kaestner*

DEEP IRRATIONAL HATRED

By Anne Kaestner

Many years ago we published a newsletter where I asked the question, "Have you ever felt the urge to close your eyes while driving, or use a knife to hurt yourself or someone else, or find yourself angry about something that happened long ago?" I said that type of urging comes from the devil to cause trouble, perhaps even death for someone. We got a number of letters from prison inmates who got the newsletter. Each one was different, but they all acknowledged that they had experienced at least one of those types of things. One of them said he'd felt a strange anger or hatred about something that happened long ago. He said, "At least now I know where it is coming from." Strange irrational impulses of political anger are especially common these days. We watch the news at night and hear about the hatred some people have for our President, Donald Trump. It has gone on for many years. Their hatred is so strong that it manifests itself in tangible ways, such as graffiti, as well as verbal threats and mockery. It's strong enough that there are those who have tried to kill him!

Recently Elon Musk has been the object of hatred by many liberals. Very rich and powerful men have often been the object of hatred by those who don't have as much as they do and are consumed with jealousy. Yet Musk lives very modestly. He was very popular not that long ago with the same kind of people, the liberals, because they claimed to be worried about the environment and wanted to do away with gas driven cars, and Musk makes electric cars. However, that has changed now. Musk has become concerned about the economy and the exorbitant amounts of money the previous administration has spent on silly or trivial projects. Musk has been kind enough to volunteer his time to help the President get rid of government waste. That's taxpayer money that is meant for normal government expenses. There has been talk about the possibility of some of it running out for needed expenditures, like medicare, medicaid, and social security. President Trump has implied that he will make sure that it doesn't. However, he is concerned about waste, fraud, and abuse. He wants to make sure that bankruptcy absolutely never happens. Logically it would make sense for people to realize that such a concern is something good.

Have you ever met someone briefly that you just didn't like, and didn't know why? They seemed good mannered and pleasant enough, but you just had a sour feeling about them. Maybe they reminded you of someone else who you didn't like. Maybe it was the way they dressed, or that their mannerisms irritated you some way. But you can't be specific. You can't put your finger on it. They just make you feel uncomfortable when they are around, and you don't know why. The Bible tells us that the further away from Christ we are, the more Satan, the devil, can influence us. It says, "...our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this **dark world** and against the **spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms**" (Ephesians 6:12 NIV). Actually, when he wrote that scripture, the Apostle Paul was writing to a Christian church in his day. He was saying that it was not human beings that were causing so much trouble in their lives. Demons, who are fallen angels, were. And they can affect how we feel about others.

You don't see them unless something unusually spiritual happens. That's because the devil and demons don't have solid bodies. They did originally when they were obedient heavenly angels. However, after they rebelled against God (Revelation 12:7-10), He put them on trial and incinerated their bodies. God said, "By your many sins

and dishonest trade you have desecrated your sanctuaries [physical bodies]. So I made a fire come out from you, and it consumed you, and I reduced you to ashes on the ground in the sight of all who were watching" (Ezekiel 28:18 NIV). Actually, angels existed before humans were created. After the mutiny mentioned in Revelation 12:7-10, God threw Satan and his fallen angels to the earth (see Revelation 12:9). However, we humans can't see them. They're like the wind. You can't see it, but you can see its destruction (John 3:8). When mankind was created they were here already. The only way the devil and demons can be seen by us is when they enter in to a human body or an animal (Matthew 8:31-32). That's why Satan entered the body of a snake to tempt Eve. It was Satan speaking through the snake (Genesis 3:1-6). He was "...that ancient *serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him*" (Revelation 12:9 NIV). Jesus said, "...I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven" (Luke 10:18 NIV).

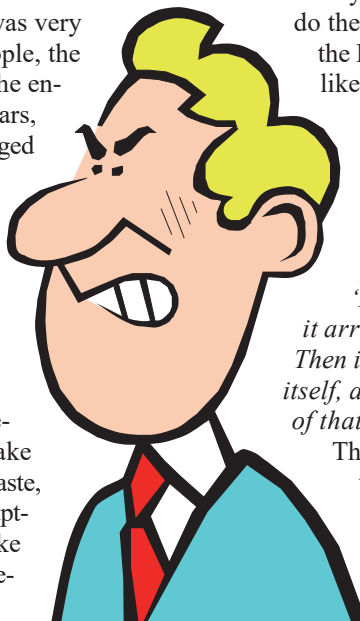
Since the devil and demons don't have bodies of their own they can easily move into the bodies of humans, especially those who do their will. Our only protection is to have the baptism in the Holy Spirit protecting us (Act 19:1-7). God's Spirit is like a ball of fire (Hebrews 12:29). When you have God's

Spirit in you, no other spirit can enter your body. When you don't have God's baptism, what the demons can do by entering into a human or animal body is called "demonic possession." Jesus said that "When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, 'I will return to the house [human body] I left.' When it arrives, it finds the house swept clean and put in order. Then it goes and takes seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first" (Luke 11:24-26 NIV).

There are sometimes foolish people who try to get demons to leave the body of a possessed individual when they don't know what their doing. I don't care how many degrees the person has or what they learned in college. Only the anointed gift of God can do it (Luke 10:17)! It's not something you can learn in any classroom. "Some Jews who went around driving

out evil spirits tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon-possessed. They would say, 'In the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out.' Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. One day the evil spirit answered them, 'Jesus I know, and I know about Paul, but who are you?' Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding" (Acts 19:13-16 NIV).

I remember when I was a child at Sunday school one day. The teacher was telling us about the things she had learned from Christian missionaries. She mentioned that in countries that are so far away from God, the devil and his demons (Revelation 12:9) have a strong influence on the people. Many of them are demon possessed. She said that the strongest demons are the political or religious ones. They are very powerful. I remember seeing Saddam Hussein on television and noticing the demon activity in his eyes. Undoubtedly men like Idi Amin and Adolf Hitler had demons in them too. In the days of Christ, many people had demons in them. Jesus cast out lots of them (Matthew 8:16). And my Sunday school teacher said that the one thing Satan hates the most is being exposed. He likes to do his evil work incognito. She said, "He hates being exposed more



than anything!” In the case of hatred toward Elon Musk, he is doing just that. Recently in our “From Us To You” section, we mentioned a list of ridiculous expenses that the Biden administration had allowed. Many of them were in foreign countries, where Biden was pushing a woke type anti-Christian, liberal agenda. Trump is trying to eliminate as much of that as possible. However, first you have to find something before you can get rid of it. So first it has to be exposed. And that’s why the devil is influencing people to hate Musk. The devil can’t have as much influence over those who love the Lord, and live according to His laws. But the further away someone gets from Christ, the easier it is for the devil to influence him.

Actually Christians can be influenced too, through temptation, but to a much minor ability. Even Jesus was tempted by Satan (Matthew 4:1). Influencing your mood negatively is one type of Satanic action that leads to temptation. You might be annoyed at someone for something they have said or done. But if you yield to the anger, it can build up within you and eventually turn into hatred. I can’t remember anyone I have ever hated that much. However, I have been hurt physically and emotionally by people. Yet when you have God’s love within you from the fruit of His Spirit (Galatians 5:22-24), it’s hard to work up enough venom for hatred. Nevertheless, I know the way the devil works.

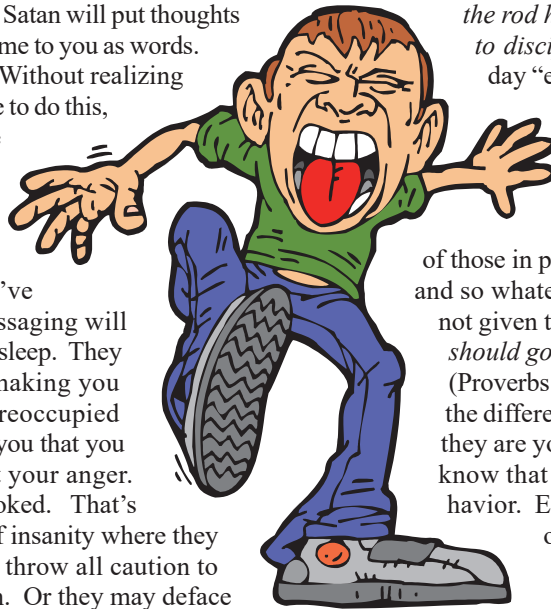
When your hatred for someone is there, Satan will put thoughts into your mind. Spiritual messages won’t come to you as words. But in your heart the messages will come. Without realizing where it is coming from, the urging will come to do this, or do that. The more angry you get, the more your heart will be pounding away. You will feel subtle demon messages like this, “She is making a fool of you.” “Are you going to let her get away with this?” “Everyone is laughing at you. What a jerk you’ve been!” If you let it persist, the devil’s messaging will get so bad that you won’t be able to relax or sleep. They will keep pounding at you emotionally, making you more and more nervous. You will be so preoccupied with the demon messages they are sending you that you won’t have much interest in anything but your anger. You’ll be short-tempered and easily provoked. That’s how people can get to the point of a type of insanity where they will be so consumed with hatred that they throw all caution to the wind, and seek to hurt or kill the person. Or they may deface or damage their property or any symbol of the person they hate. Even though they know that they will suffer in some way from the law, and probably go to prison, the hatred forms a crust so thick that common sense can’t penetrate. The urging keeps up, the messages keep up. You will feel like the only way to get rid of this anger is to obey the demonic messages within you. Don’t do that!

There are some people who are so weak spiritually, and so far from Christ, that their temptations turn into demonic oppression, which can easily lead to demonic possession, even murder or suicide! What can you do about it? Pray, read your Bible, and talk to a strong Christian you know about it, and ask them to pray for you. If you don’t know a strong Christian, get on your knees, humble yourself (Psalm 51:17 and Luke 18:9-14), and talk to God directly. Repent of your initial feelings of anger and pray that God will take these feelings away from you (Matthew 4:17). Pray that God will give you the peace and calmness of spirit that you need to keep the devil away and that “...the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:7 NIV).

There’s something else that I want to focus on that’s very prevalent these days, as well. Everyone who doesn’t know the Lord Jesus Christ is prone to this, and lately it has become very much a part of liberal politics. I’m talking about crude and vulgar talk, including

blasphemy and obscenities. The further away from Christ a person is, the more likely they are to engage in this. Sometimes it’s as if it just comes naturally. “...the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned” (1 Corinthians 2:14 KJV). Some people just can’t seem to say anything without filthy words coming out of their mouth. The more influence Satan has over them, the more this will happen. It’s as if they can’t seem to help themselves to stop cursing. Our enemy, the devil, influences those who don’t respect God and accept Him as their Savior. They think that people will respect them more when they do this. It is really the opposite. Most of the public will be offended and not listen to you when you curse. It makes you look uneducated and lacking in a decent vocabulary.

Another character trait that’s prone to people who are full of hatred toward someone or something, and heavily influenced by evil, is the tendency to have temper tantrums. That’s something we associate with children if they don’t get a toy they want or a food they like. It’s a trait that has to be “nipped in the bud” to coin a phrase. In other words, it has to be brought under control while they are young enough to teach them that such an attitude is unexceptionable. To parents with young children, God says, “He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him” (Proverbs 13:24 NIV). Modern day “experts” may shrink back in horror at the suggestion, but I’d rather trust in what God,



our Creator, says in the Bible. When a son or daughter is taught how to control their actions as a child, you are far less likely to have problems with them as an adult. Many of those in prison were not raised up properly as children, and so whatever good may have come of their lives was not given the opportunity. “Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it” (Proverbs 22:6 NIV). Also, teach your children to know the difference between God’s will and the devil’s when they are young. Teach them Bible stories and let them know that there are painful repercussions for bad behavior. Even nature tells us that if you put your hand on a hot frying pan, it’s going to get burned. And it will hurt!

It’s bad enough when children have a temper tantrum. However, it’s dangerous and destructive when an adult has one. Sadly, my dad had a bad temper, and it destroyed the kind of good relationship I could have had with him. He considered himself a Christian, and went to church, but he didn’t have any of the fruit of the Spirit that Christians should have (Galatians 5:22-25). He couldn’t seem to control his temper. Often it seemed that he couldn’t control his language either, and would use profanity. And I, the smallest one in the family, was the one who usually suffered from it. I remember when I was about 18 years old. I was in bed one night when my sister, Penny, and my brother Eddie, were arguing about using the bathroom. There was only one in the house. They were very noisy and my dad, whom I called Pop, couldn’t hear his television. For when you’re been born again (see John 3:3), Jesus said, “...call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven” (Matthew 23:9 KJV).

Finally, their noise set his temper off. He yelled up at them, “That’s it. No one goes to the bathroom tonight.” I had been patiently waiting for the whole thing to blow over because I had been wanting to use the bathroom myself. Pop came upstairs in a horrible mood. I got out of bed to head to the bathroom, and he ordered me back to bed. By now, the urge I had to go was even stronger. I told him that I had to use the bathroom, **(Continued on Page 4)**

DEEP IRRATIONAL HATRED *Continued From Page 3)*

and he ordered me back to bed again. “But I’ve got to go,” I protested and kept walking toward the bedroom door. Both my sister and brother were in bed by now. Pop was in one of those moods where no one could reason with him. When he got into one of those moods he looked like he was seeking for someone to hit. He smacked me hard across the face. I told him that because of what he had done, I had lost every bit of respect I ever had for him. He then hit me across the face two more times. It wasn’t the type of thing that a true Christian father would do. The Bible says, “...*the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control*” (Galatians 5:22-23 NIV). I was used to his temper. Over the years he had unfairly hit me many times across the face.

He went to bed after that, and I was finally able to use the bathroom. Frankly, I had lost respect for him years ago, but that sealed it as far as I was concerned. Years later, as soon as I could afford it, I moved into my own apartment in Staten Island. It was just a ferry ride away from Manhattan, where I worked. After that, I continued to have a casual relationship with both of my parents and would often drive out to Long Island on weekends. The Lord led me to a good church on Staten Island and, thank God, I eventually married Eric, a kind, gentle man. However, Pop never apologized for hitting me, and took the attitude that he was the head of his household and no one was to dare question his authority. He had previously gone through the Born Again (see John 3:3) experience, but didn’t permanently change directions, as you are supposed to (Matthew 13:07 and 13:22). Despite this pop even taught Sunday School for a while. The church never saw his bad temper, and thought he was a great Christian. He kept his dark side hidden in public. Moreover, anyone who is influenced by the devil is going to have an irrational dislike for those who do God’s will, as with the work the Lord gave to me years later.

Pop’s dead now, and frankly, I’m not so sure that I’ll see him in Heaven. I have forgiven him for his uncontrollable temper (Matthew 18:21-35). Actually all the abuse I took from my parents as I grew up just strengthened my walk with the Lord. The Lord God has been my real Father since I was ten years old, and I accepted Him as my Lord, Savior, and Holy Father (see Matthew 23:9). Pop used to quote the scripture, “*Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you*” (Exodus 20:12 NIV). However, the Bible also says, “*Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord*” (Ephesians 6:4 NIV).

Actually, we’re talking about spiritual messages. I’ve spoken about the evil ones. However, God’s Spirit can make you aware of His gifts as well. I remember decades ago, my husband, Eric, and I went to an event at a certain church in a town nearby. Someone had donated enough money to their church that they were able to construct a new building. After the ceremony some food was served buffet style. A man that we didn’t know came up to us and started talking about someone who we knew. We listened to him and eventually went home. I’ll call him Jack, because I don’t remember his name. But he had said he was a Christian. A year or two later, we saw Jack at the church again. He came right up to us and tried to start up a conversation. However, God intervened.

As soon as he approached, Eric and I both sensed a strong spirit

of phoniness and hypocrisy about him. It wasn’t something tangible. It didn’t have anything to do with our normal five senses; sight, hearing, taste, touch, and smell. It was one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11) that God gives to His children after they repent of the sins, accept Christ as their Savior, and Lord and become Born Again (John 3:3). It was the gift of “distinguishing of spirits” mentioned in 1 Corinthians 12:10. I’d never sensed anything like it before. It was so strong! It was as obvious as smelling a bad odor when passing a garbage dump, a disgusting odor. But it wasn’t really an odor. It was a message that the Holy Spirit gave us. After we left church, Eric said to me, “Did you feel that with him?” I told him that I had. Fortunately, we never saw him again, and never wanted to. Jesus must have felt that sense around the Pharisees and Sadducees in day. They may have been able to fool ordinary people, but they couldn’t fool Christ. The Bible says, “*Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap*” (Galatians 6:7 KJV). He knows the heart of each person.

Sometimes, the way we Christians act with other people speaks louder than words. I remember long ago, when I was about twenty-one years old and single, I had just bought a new car for the first time. However, I noticed that other people were not being very careful when they opened their car door when their vehicle was parked next to me. My car doors were getting gouge marks in them



and scratches. I was in a slightly back-slidden stage at that time. One day I was sitting in my car in the parking lot at the train station as I was going to take the train to work. Suddenly another car pulled up next to mine and a woman got out of it. I wasn’t in a very good mood at the time, and it didn’t help when she hit my car door as she got out. I shot out of the car quickly and told her to please be more careful about opening her car door, and that my door had enough gouges and scratches in it from people being careless.

Obviously I was angry. But she looked at me in such a sweet and kind way and said, “I’m awfully sorry about your car and I will never do it again.” At that moment a man she was with put his hand on her arm and moved her away. I was surprised at her sweet attitude. I had expected an angry response. But I didn’t get one. I felt a bit ashamed at my attitude instead. She was the one who acted more like a Christian. Her good fruit was there. My relationship with Christ should not get in the way of something material like a car. That can lead to idolatry. And it helped bring me under spiritual conviction for my guilt (1 Peter 1:18-19).

Another time I had an experience that I will never forget. It was when I was at the office of an oral surgeon. I wanted to express to him how much pain I’d been in since my last surgery. I wasn’t very careful about what I said that day, and I said something stupid. I said to the doctor, “I’ve been in so much pain lately. I must be paying for sins.” The doctor replied, “I don’t agree with you, but let’s not talk about that now.” Conviction and guilt hit me later that day. He must have been a Christian to respond the way he did! I should have known better. I had been used to being around so many Catholics that I was starting to talk like one. I should have known better. The doctor had not said much to me in response, but what he said was enough. If we humans could pay for our own sins, Jesus wouldn’t have needed to come to earth and suffer and die for us. I had meant it as a casual statement and a kind of joke when I said what I did. But I was understating the gift of love that Christ had for us and what He had suffered.