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Newsletter - January 2008

Dear One in Christ Jesus:

The evil one has been very busy attempting to destroy me, body, soul, and spirit.

But now, though Parkinson's disease and other illnesses are still causing me constant distress, in my whole life I may never have seen so many "good things" happen, or so many prayers answered in such a short period of time. And others have reached out to me in love, blessing and help.

Five tremendously well qualified people have recently volunteered their time to play key roles in the ministry.

At the same time, just when it was necessary for us to make important decisions about the future of the ministry, the Lord sent in unexpected funds. He answered one prayer after another until we could only sit back in almost continuous awe. Praise Him.

Then, to cap it off, after last month confessing that I have too frequently hurt people and have needed to confess this sin, the Lord gave me this message that says in part,

"Only God the Spirit can change this. And He can change it only as we agree with Him and willingly acknowledge it. We need constantly to recognize and confess our sinful selfishness both in general, and when it shows itself in specific instances."

For ~50 years it has been my business to change your life! . . . And mine.

If I don't do anything to make some life better for time or eternity, what good am I to anyone?

Read the message below. Let it make a difference in your life.

Visit our web site to request these and other pamphlet messages to give others whose lives also God may change.

Now, whether this is the first or the 1000th message you've received from us, decide right now to be part with us in every way possible.

Watch God work in the miraculous way to which we have become accustomed day by day. Yes, this is Transformed Living.

"My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

Pastor Marr

From 'round the World!

* I was going thru a pile of papers and found this large check made out to you hiding. One of my daughters has filed divorce. I know you have been praying for them. Her husband threatened her with physical violence when he was drunk. - J.G., OK

* We have been giving to your wonderful ministry. Now we've increased it to \$50. We can't tell you how much your ministry means to us spiritually. We also give the messages and books to others with prayers that God will reach out and touch them, bringing them to Himself. - P.B., PA

* I need to keep in touch with you. My situation is beyond my ability. One doctor has told us that my husband is on every medicine known to man to try, to keep him alive. Please pray for us. I need your constant counsel. - P.G., WV

* Thank God for the good work he is doing in you and through you to our brothers and sisters in the faith. We believe your efforts are not in vain. I understand that you are true followers of Jesus Christ because you are preaching the light of the gospel to reach all nations. I like reading much; especially books that would help me grow in the Spirit. I need your help to enable me to proclaim the Word of God. I believe by the will of God we can bring many people to Christ. The Lord is coming soon. - Pastor J.O.N., Kenya

* I have just been released from prison, and I want to help people who are in prisons in England by donating Christian books to their libraries. I will be very grateful if you can help me by donating some books from your ministries. Such a gesture could save many prisoners. - S.N.

* I missed your letter this month. The last one I got you mentioned the \$10,000 gift that God provided in such a wonderful way. Praise His name. I've just seen three doctors and thank God no cancer. In spite of all the expense I'm able to send my usual support. I still have more bills coming in next month, but the Lord is faithful. - W.S., WY

* Thank you, and thank God. Each of us has our share of suffering and a very special purpose here to serve others and be used as part of the body He has created. He is so loving and patient to give us a chance to trust and depend on Him in everything. He is able and willing to help us if we pray and ask Him. He has promised He will never forsake us. All things are possible to our powerful and merciful God. Always praying. - H.D., ME

* I just want to thank the Lord for blessing me through your wonderful books and tracts. - D.S., N.J.

* I am a Bible College student here in India and presently doing my M.Div II yr. I am a 23 yr. old man from the north eastern part of India which is called Manipur. The place where I'm studying is in South India. Bangalore. I formed a ministry group in my own place. The title is LIFE CHANGING MINISTRIES. We focus mainly on children and youth. Please pray for us. I want to have a relationship with your ministry. This is my prayer. - Z.V., India

* I appreciate you and your ministry! I definitely want to continue to receive your mailings also. - L.C., AZ

To God be All the Glory! He Alone is Worthy!

Living in Sweet Harmony!

Living in sweet harmony!

What a beautiful ideal, to live our lives in sweet harmony with God and man.

Still, beautiful and desirable as it may be, it is not the simplest to achieve.

We're All Unique!

A place to start may be with the realization that the relationship of every Christian with his God is uniquely and blessedly different.

The God Who makes every snowflake after its own pattern, not only makes every human being exclusively different. He's able to respond appropriately to each person's uniqueness in distinctive ways designed to best meet his needs, provide the finest fellowship with Him, and make best use of his God-fashioned potential to serve the Lord and others.

What He asks of one He does not necessarily ask of another. What constitutes a realizable degree of sweet harmony for one is not the same as for another. Some of us have a lot further to go than do others.... Just ask me! Some of us find our circumstances more difficult and demanding than others. ... Just ask me!

For this reason we must be most careful to not judge our brothers and sisters in the Lord superficially.

Sacrificial Service A Key

Instead, we can begin learning to say with Paul from our hearts,

"We do all things, dearly beloved, for your edifying." -II Corinthians 12:19

We are privileged to serve man as well as God. And there's no harmony without glad, sacrificial service.

Out of our heart-service grow blessings beyond measure, not only for others, but for ourselves. Among these blessings is the sweet harmony for which our being-saved, being-sanctified spirits long.

To sacrifice our own leisure and pleasure for God and others may have been natural to mankind before the Fall. But it is no more.

Admit Our Native Selfishness Now, unfortunately, we are natively selfish, self-centered, me oriented people.

Only God the Spirit can change this. And He can change it only as we agree with Him and willingly acknowledge it. We need constantly to recognize and confess our sinful selfishness both in general and when it shows itself in specific instances.

When our egoism leads us to do or say things that ignore, belittle, aggravate, carelessly impose on, or otherwise hurt others, we need to willingly, open-heartedly admit them as the sin they are to the person we hurt.

This is a good place to begin furthering the process of learning to bend to God, His Word and His will.

It's a good place to begin furthering the process of learning to live in sweet harmony with God; Father, Son, and Spirit.

It's a good place also to begin furthering the process of learning to live in sweet harmony with others of our sinning race.

I've deliberately chosen to use the unusual expression, "begin furthering the process of learning." It's a learning process that should be going on most positively every day of A19our lives. And, if we are born again children of God by faith, we aren't just beginning the process now; we're taking a new step of increased commitment to that process and the God of that process.

Our Delightful God Does It.

What a delight to be learning to live in joyous harmony with God and man.

This is a harmony that exists, not because of perfection on our part or that of others.

It's a harmony that exists because of the perfections of our God. He perfectly understands our inadequacies, our incompetence, our failure, our sins, and our sense of guilt. He not only knows and understands them, He accepts us in spite of them. He accepts us in His Son, and through the sacrifice of His blood, His finished work on our behalf.

He loves us just as though we were as perfect as He. Because of His perfections, He can do this without lessening His recognition of our shortcomings, without lessening His recognition of our short-comings, without reducing His efforts to make us more like Him.

It's a harmony that exists and grows because Christ lives within us in dynamic life, working always to do us good.

Die To Live & Love In Harmony

It's a harmony that thrives as we learn to die to our own desires and live in the increasingly sacrificial love, caring, and giving that is the opposite of the egocentric selfishness that destroys our relationship with God and man.

Paul learned to maintain this harmony in spite of His weaknesses and those of his children in the Lord. See II Corinthians 12.

An Absolute Trust

He went so far as to trust God implicitly with all the nastinesses of life. Incredibly, he was able honestly to say,

I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

-II Corinthians 12:10

This leaves no room for anger, hatred, and bearing grudges against those, even brothers and sisters in Christ, who we see as the perpetrators of the persecution, the designers of our distress.

God had told him that he needed a thorn in the flesh to keep him from being puffed up with pride. Instead of rebelling and losing his harmony with God and man, Paul said, "If you can use that difficulty to keep me in line and do me and others good, I'll delight in all the other difficulties you send my way knowing they'll do me nothing but good."

Yes, we truly can trust God in all things and for all things good and all things truly needful.

This trust, when accompanied by quiet waiting on God, produces a peace and rest of heart, mind, and spirit that leads to harmony of spirit with God and frequently to a surprising degree of harmony with others.

Jesus Christ - the King of kings and Lord of lords!