

Love and Compassion Ministries

In the Name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit

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GOD IS A GOD OF THE HARVEST



The "harvest" needs workers (servants):

Read

Matthew 25:31-46

Servant: one that serves others; a public servant.; *especially:* one that performs duties about the person or home of a master or personal employer.

Matthew's scripture displays a theme or call to humbleness-servant hood.

Matthew 20:24-28

And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation against the two brethren. ²⁵ But Jesus called them unto him, and said, "You know

that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. ²⁶ But it shall not be so among you, but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister, ²⁷ and whoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant:

²⁸ Even as the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

On whose "authority" will we serve? Scripture talks about the goats and the sheep. Goats are very independent and stubborn

by nature and will eat anything.



Sheep rely on the Shepherd. They are very dependant by nature. They eat only grass because that is nourishing to them.

What is your "nature and diet"? Do you rely on the Lord and feast on His Word? Or do you wander here and there and go with the world's views.

Our testimony and

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lives reflect the harvest. Do we have a “spoken” testimony where we speak about what God has done for us? Do we also have a “displayed” testimony where our lives display Christ in us for others to see. Remember the old phrase: Actions speak louder than words”.

God is looking for true servants for the harvest, those who have a passion for the lost, who remember where they came from and where God has brought them to. A people who do not need the spot light but need Jesus.

See, life isn’t just an opportunity for selfish indulgence. This is a special opportunity to labor in the Lord’s harvest field, so to speak. This is the reason we’ve been

given grace in this time!

Philippians 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and my hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.

Many times when we share the good news with others, they do not get what we are trying to communicate. We need to be patient, wait and trust God for the harvest.

If we plant God’s Word in our hearts, the harvest we reap is eternal life. Let’s heed the warnings and the promised blessings. We should expect to share in the crop at the harvest because of our labors.



Ecclesiastes 11:4
Whoever watches the wind
will not plant;

Our Friends, Fellow Brothers, and Sisters of Teen Challenge

Need Your Help!

If You Golf, Please Contact

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or

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Teen Challenge Annual Charity Golf Tournament

At the Verandah Club
Friday, October 2nd
8:30 Shotgun Start with
Lunch to Follow

Old Orange Course



Matthew 6:1-8

Giving to the Needy

¹"Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

²"So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. ³But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Prayer

⁵"And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. ⁶But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. ⁷And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

THE FIFTH DIMENSION:

There are five parts of me (and probably) you.

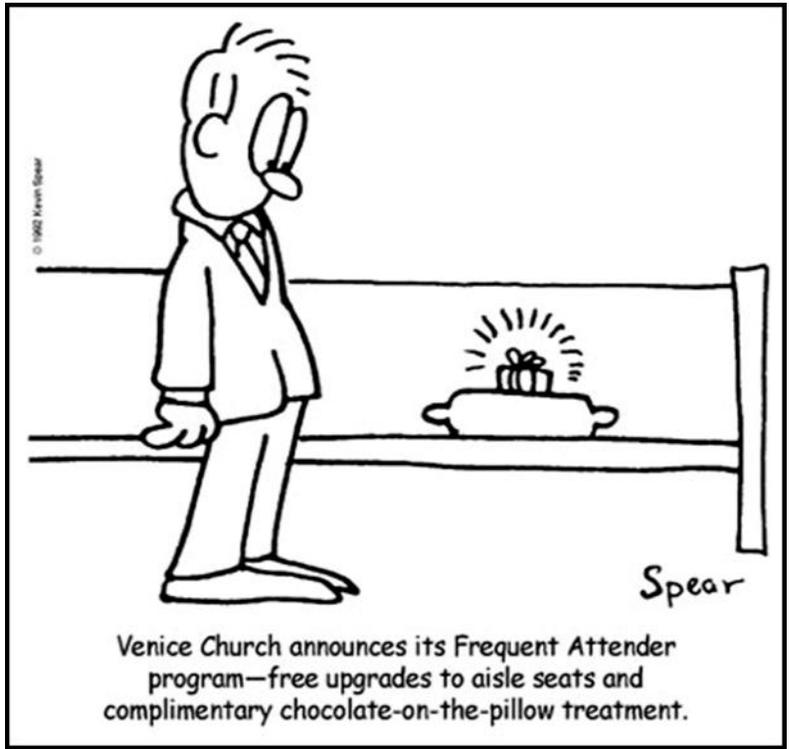
1. Part of myself that I know and like and let my friends see -
2. Part of myself that I know and dislike and try to keep hidden -
3. Part of myself that I do not know but my friends do -
4. Part of myself that neither I nor my friends know, but God knows -
5. Part of me only God and I know.

Conclusion: I know my worth to God in public is only what I am in private.

Do you believe that?

**"THE JOY OF THE LORD"
IS MY STRENGTH"**

Nehemiah 8:10



Venice Church announces its Frequent Attender program—free upgrades to aisle seats and complimentary chocolate-on-the-pillow treatment.

Unbreakable?

By Bryan Wiklerson

Text: 2 Corinthians 4:7-12

Topic: Jars of clay in a crash-bang world

We demonstrate the power of Christ by enduring hardship.

Keywords: Attitude; Call; Calling; Christ like; Circumstances & faith; Comfort; Compassion; Courage; Defeat; Faith & Feelings; Faithfulness and goodness of God; Growth; Holy Spirit; Hope; Ministry; Outreach; Overcoming; Patience; Victory

Paul wrote 2 Corinthians after surviving more than a few train wrecks in his life, and it speaks about the unbreakable faith that sustains us through dangerous times.

Vs 7: We have these jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

Vs. 8: Many times we feel hard pressed on every side; but we are not crushed; perplexed, but not despaired.

Vs. 9: Persecuted, but never abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

Vs. 10: We carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in us.

Vs. 11: For when we are alive we are being given over to death for Jesus' sake.

Vs. 12: So if death is at work in us, then life is at work in you.

Paul continues his defense of himself and his ministry. He acknowledges that he does not lose heart because he is renewed every day by the knowledge that affliction is light and temporary compared to the eternal weight of glory that awaits him, and a very important truth, Paul keeps his focus on things which are unseen but eternal.

If the Gospel seems veiled, it is only to those whom satan has blinded so they might not see the light of the gospel. Do our trials "blind" us to the light of the gospel or do we see God's power in us?



"Yet, O Lord, Thou art our Father; we are the clay, and Thou art our potter; we are all the work of Thy hand" (Isaiah 64:8 RSV) and "The spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life ... I too was formed from a piece of clay." (Job 33:4,6 RSV)

LOVE AND COMPASSION MINISTRY NEEDS

Your Prayers

We are in terrible need of a new or late model minivan or SUV

and

a high-quality laptop computer.

Little John the Baptist

Matthew 18:4-5

"Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And who ever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me. "

Johnny's Mother looked out the window and noticed him "playing church" with their cat.



He had the cat sitting quietly and he was preaching to it. She smiled and went about her work.

A while later she heard loud meowing and hissing and ran back to the open window to see Johnny baptizing the cat in a tub of water.

She called out, "Johnny, stop that!"



The cat is afraid of water!"

Johnny looked up at her and said, "He should have thought about that before he joined my church."

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When things are not working in our lives, many times we decide that we need to make some big change - quit our job, fire someone, leave our spouse, buy something, sue somebody. But we may well be making a big change that won't change anything at all.

When you know something has to change in your life, turn to our unchanging God and serve the Lord with all your heart.

God's Place, the promise land.

Our Lord told Moses to send out spies into **the land that our Lord gave them**, a land which floweth with milk and honey. So Moses sent out twelve leaders. After forty days they came back. Ten of the spies gave a report of yes the land is great, but the people are giants that live there and they make us look like grasshoppers. The congregation started murmuring against Moses and Aaron. They wanted to select a new leader and return to Egypt. Is this like Christians today?

Two of the spies, Caleb and Joshua rent their clothes and said, "the land, which we passed through to search, is an exceedingly good land. If the Lord delight in us, then He will bring us into this land, and give it to us; a land which floweth with milk and honey. Only rebel not against the Lord, neither fear the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defense is departed from them, and the Lord is with us: fear them not." But all the congregation said to stone them. And the glory of the Lord appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation before all the children of Israel. And the Lord said unto Moses, "How long will this people provoke me? and how long will they not believe me, for all the signs which I have performed among them?"

Except for Caleb and Joshua, they all died without being able to go into the promised land because of their unbelief. Today, God has given us a land designed to reach people of all walks of life for Christ Jesus. We now need people that are willing to make a stand for our Lord. Each employee of God's Place, has to be looking for more than a job; it has to be a calling, a passion for them! What God is offering will be unique – a blend of innovation, love, education, research and respect. Most important, employees will have access to opportunities that build great careers. From working with top-notch professionals to cutting edge technology and products, our people will have the opportunity to accomplish the highest level of excellence combined with hands-on application. We believe that great employees will have a great impact on our clients. Please pray with us that by June 2010 our Lord will set aside the people that He wants to help run **God's Place**. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS

Is it too early to think about Christmas?



Love and Compassion Ministries will be selling the magnet decals again this year for your car. In order to get a reduced price we are going to order them on the first of the month. If you wish to give some of them as Christmas gifts to your friends and loved ones, please call us with your order so that we may add them to our order.

All decals are \$5.50 each.

Thank You!

**Ron Willis, all the directors, and staff here at
Love And Compassion Ministries
wishes to thank you all for your prayers, your donations, and the
love you have shown us!
God Bless You All!**



Love And Compassion Ministries

Dear Friends,

Life is short! We are here today and gone tomorrow.

James 4:13-14 in the American Standard Bible says Come now, ye that say, To-day or to-morrow we will go into this city, and spend a year there, and trade, and get gain: ¹⁴whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. What is your life? For ye are a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

I recently got to spend some time with my dad and brother in Tennessee. It was great being able to hangout, eat comfort food, and sit on the front porch and do nothing but talk and take in the experience. As we sat enjoying each other's company, we remembered the times Dad had taken us fishing, hunting, to ball games, and so many vacations. Dad never had a lot of money or time, but he did a lot with his boys. I miss those days! Now we all know that time is short and yet it is so hard to be able to find the time when we can see each other.

As I looked around, I saw so many things that reminded me of years gone by. You see, my dad believes in the statement that "one man's junk is another's treasure." In the more than twenty-three years of construction Dad would be very hard pressed to let me discarded any materials that was left over on a job. He would take left over materials such as brick, stone, plants, doors, windows, scrap lumber, wiring, light fixtures, roofing, etc. Now as I look at all the things in and around his home, I remember the homes where many of the items came from. What memories!

It is good to be able to reminisce about days gone by but since we are only on this earth for a short time, we need to use the time God has given us to make a difference in others. We all know that life will never be as it was before computers, microwaves, and fast food but we can do something about satan's hold on our children and grand children's lives. Every day innocent lives of unborn babies are been snuffed out. Sounds and pictures fill our children's minds with music of rape, murder, same sex marriages, adultery, and satan worship. Drugs have overtaken our country and we have legalized gambling in almost all the states. We have been silent for too long!

The future of our next generation and this country is in our hands and yet we have become slack. We are floating along with the tide of least resistance. We have become too much of the world! It is time to drop to the floor, cry out to God, and pray for the lost as we have never done before! It is time to ask God for forgiveness, direction, and wisdom. The Word of God has to be acted upon. If we are hearers only, we can never expect to receive the strength of faith necessary to move mountains. Have our hearts become hardened? Has satan put so much doubt in our hearts that we can no longer believe?

I here by recommit my life to doing all I can to take what our Lord has given us, including time, to reach out to the lost and suffering of this world through Love and Compassion Ministries as never before. Please join me as God directs this ministry in His ways. May God always receive the glory and honor as we minister in His Name to all generations.

In the Presence of our LORD,

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The LORD is near to all who call upon HIM, to all who call upon HIM in truth.

If you would like to be a part of our exciting prayer team, please send us your e-mail address and we will send you updates of people who need our prayers.

P R A Y E R

It is a great privilege that we have, as sons and daughters of the King, to be able to come into His presence with our needs, our hurts, and our cares.

We know that we can leave them at His feet because He cares for us and will always answer us in our time of need. Prayer requests are very important to us! We always need people who are caring and willing to personally pray for others' needs.

As we pray for their physical, moral, and spiritual needs, we must understand that because of Jesus Christ's love for all of us, we are able to do this. Christ is the answer to every human's needs.

As members of the Body of Christ, we have the privilege and responsibility to pray for our Churches, our missionaries, public officials, other ministries, and each other.

It is so exciting to see prayers being answered. May we always give Christ the Glory!