

Love and Compassion Ministries

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

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NEWSLETTER

FIRE is on the **HORIZON**

(Jeremiah 23:28-29) ²⁸ *The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD.* ²⁹ *"Is not My word like a fire?" says the Lord, "and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"*

We are now living in a world where right is no longer right. It seems that wrong is now right. Men and women are marrying the same sex, drugs are killing the young and old alike, abortions are being done more today than ever before, people are killing each other for no apparent reason, God has been taken out of our schools, parents are scared to punish their children, and yet Christians stand by and watch it all happen right before our eyes. Matter of fact, most seem to support it and it affects us all.

Our success is determined by what we are willing to ignore.

As most of you know, my life is wrapped up in this ministry and the people we help. I cry with the people that are going through a divorce. I cry with the people that have lost everything. I cry with the people that are sick and tired of being sick or hungry or hurting or worse having a loved one dying. I cry with them for I feel their pain.

With very little support, Love And Compassion Ministries has served more than 20,000 people in fifteen years. It has taken a lot of sacrifice to do this but I can say I have the best job in the world.

Time is short and our Lord wishes not one to perish, so as this world darkens with suicide, pornography, child molestation, profanity, devil worshipping, divorce, anger, hate, drugs, alcohol, prison overcrowding, broken homes, juvenile delinquency, being homeless and so much more, we stand ready to do battle with evil every day. I ask in faith that you will please pray for us.

Love And Compassion Ministries' board of directors has always been dedicated to developing policies and approve programs that focus on the homeless, veterans, disadvantage families, prisoners, and troubled youths. We have helped many with food, clothing, car repairs, gasoline, bus tickets, paying utilities, medical needs, finding jobs, working with courts to get people

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into drug programs, transporting people to programs, doctor’s appointments, job interviews, and hospitals. All of this for free. We are doing all we can to help more people with less each year.

With very little hope in the world, God wants us to reach out to the lost before it is too late. I pray that you will grasp the vision of a place called **God’s Place**. A place filled with hope - hope for the **drug addicts** that have lost everything, sometimes even their families, due to “getting the next fix”; hope for those **alcoholics** that just can’t seem to get free of the bottle; hope for the **homeless** who feel like an outcast of society; hope for those who are temporarily homeless due to a job situation or illness that has drained them of finances; hope for the **youth** who feel they have only a prison or gang that will accept them; hope for **those just released from prison or jail** with little or no skills and no family support and of course hope for our **veterans** with their mental, physical and emotional problems. **And God’s Place won’t cost any of them a dime!**

God’s Place is to be a community where respect, yet discipline, is present. God’s Place will combine Biblical teaching (not religion), responsibility, education and hands-on experience to allow each person a chance to better his or her life. God’s Place for many will be a place where they will be given the opportunity to develop self-sufficiency, including educational opportunities and a trade that can be used anywhere in the United States. As residents learn skills and are given responsibilities for the function and upkeep of God’s Place, we intend to be self supporting by raising our own crops, cattle, manufacturing and merchandising items for sale, and being able to remove ourselves off the power grid system as soon as possible. LCM wishes to sustain the group with very little outside assistance and at the same time creating an atmosphere that will be a healthy balance of mind, body, and soul.



In plain English, Love And Compassion Ministries wishes to purchase a large parcel of land and open a drug and alcohol, homeless, youth, and prison reentry program. We are asking the State of Florida, our community, local Churches, other ministries and businesses to assist us in doing what is right for these people.

It is time for Floridians to embrace the knowledge that people respond in a positive way when Biblical teachings are combined with actions that are known to work such as St. Jude, Mercy Memorial Hospital, our Military Base Hospitals, and thousands of others. We all know that the relationship with faith and healing is well known to lead to success.

We have found several hundred acres all together that will be perfect for God’s Place. It has all we need to make this dream come true, but if we are having troubles keeping the Street Outreach Ministry, Prison Ministry, Youth Ministry, Drug Program Ministry and the Homeless Ministry running now, how can we believe that people will support such a project as God’s Place in the future.

All I can do is ask you to please see the need and help us meet that need.

Ron Willis, President
Love And Compassion Ministries, Inc.



Hello, my name is Ray Myers. For most of us, the Bible can be hard to understand and many times leave us with lots of questions. Knowing my background in Bible studies and teaching Bible classes, Love And Compassion Ministries has asked me to write a monthly article for the newsletter in order to answer some of your questions regarding the Bible. For this to work I need your participation.

Here is an example: If you have read a Bible verse that you don't understand, send the name of the book, chapter and verse. I will do all I can to simplify the answers to your questions within this monthly article. We have set up a new email address for you to send me your questions and comments. I ask you to only give your first name. As a team I hope and pray that we will grow closer to our Lord as we share the knowledge of the Bible together.

Now, let me tell you a bit about myself before we start this journey together. I was raised in a Christian environment. I went to Sunday school from the time I could navigate by myself from home to the church. We lived only a couple of blocks away from the Church. As the years passed, (and they do pass quickly), I was confirmed. When I started going to the youth group classes, I already knew what the Bible was and the major stories within. The Bible was taught much differently back then.

More years sped by and Uncle Sam needed my presence for a few years. Church was not on my priority list but the lessons learned seemed to stick with me during those years. Then came the real life! Time to become employed to pay for our new home and to provide for my new bride. I was too busy for church but somehow God still had his hand on my shoulder. I went off to various company schools, got busy learning the job requirements and then came the first surprise, my wife is now pregnant and our lives changed forever. Two years later we had our second child.

Many years passed and I retired. Our economy took a sudden drop. The bottom fell out from under my feet. My current job was no longer needed. We had expenses to pay and not knowing what I was going to do, I stopped at a local church and for the FIRST time I met my SAVIOR.

By attending Bible classes at night, I realized that there were other sources available that make what was being read in the Bible "come alive." Let me explain... you may READ the Bible and form a picture. However, if you STUDY the Bible... fireworks go off! I personally study the Bible, meaning, that while you are in the forest you observe the trees but sometimes I step outside the forest to see a much larger view and now what I have read really does come alive.

Through this monthly article, I hope I will be able to pass on the simplified information that I have found while researching the Bible. I want this article to be a spiritual journey for all of us. That means that the communication has to be a two way street. Let this be known, I do not conjecture on what I think the Bible is telling me but proving that what I read in the Bible is GOLDEN and true. If you care to contribute to our new group, email me anything that you feel is worth passing on to:

ray@lovecompassion.com

Please only use the email address for questions and comments about the Bible.
Please no questions about specific religions.

I hope to start answering your questions by next month. When you interact we all benefit. We all have stood in the forest, but standing outside the forest is what I wish to share with you.

May God provide you with a warm HEART and a travel free road.

With God's will,

Ray

My Christian Testimony by John Michael Domino

***If You Ever Think About Back Sliding Make A List Like This One.
Then You Will Know There Is No Other Way But To Go Forward With Christ.***

Before Christ

Lost
Depressed
Impatient
Angered
Selfish
Hopeless
Sad
Self-serving
Remorseful
Self-pity
Faithless
Worldly
Selfish love
Restless
Unkind
Hopeless
Confused
Anxious
Rough
Uncontrolled
Fearful
Resentful

After Christ

Found
Blessed
Patient
Joyful
Selfless
Hopeful
Glad
Servant
Forgiven
Hopeful
Faithful
Biblical
Agape Love
Peaceful
Kind
Hopeful
Clarified
Calm
Gentle
Self-control
Fearless
Grateful

Galatians 5:22-23

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is **no law**.*



Dr. John Domino

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I grew up in the projects of Brooklyn, New York. My parents worked hard to give me what they did not have, three balanced meals, a good education and a room full of toys. As a young Catholic I attended church every Sunday and was taught not to sin. I recall vividly the comparison of the sour milk (sinful nature) and the fresh milk (with no sin) in Sunday school. I often stared at the tall colossal statues in our church of Saint Peter, Saint John and Saint Paul and wondered, "How am I ever going to grow up and fill their shoes?" I felt that I could never be sinless and there was no way I could live up to the expectations of the church. I knew that I could never measure up to the holiness of the saints (those huge statues). So in time, as I reached my teen years, I drifted away from my good habits and replaced them with some characteristics of what we used to call a J.D. (my initials) which stood for Juvenile Delinquent.

In high school I was a very confused young man. I became restless, anxious, impatient, and I felt lost. At first, I was undecided about my future. Then with a push from a Godly and caring mother I was off to college. However, drugs and alcohol dominated the college campus and I was spiraling downhill fast. I attended college for two years, got married young and then joined the United States Air Force (USAF). The experience in the USAF helped me gain confidence and with some good solid Christian friends I was on the right road to spiritual recovery. Still, I was NOT yet saved and my internal dilemma went on between what was truly right and what was wrong. I was better off spiritually but I was still very much a lost soul.

Then, one evening, at Myrtle Beach Air Force Base I walked out of my home after having a heated family argument. I walked to the beach and I was halfway back home when this big blue chartered bus stopped in front of me. Stepping off the bus were dozens of smiling Christians who were on their way to a Christian retreat and stopped to ask for directions. I wondered, "These folks are asking me for directions but I am the one who is really lost!" After they were all contented with my answers they asked me to join them. I felt honored that they asked but explained that I had to get back to my family and walked on. While strolling back home I could not stop thinking about all the wonderful warm and cheerful people on that Christian bus. They had a special glow in their eyes and it was so uplifting just to be around them. I thought how great it would be to live a life like them! It was at that moment I decided that I had enough of my old life and I started my walk with Jesus. I NEVER looked back! There is NO reason why I would ever want to go back to the old me. The rest is history. My goal now is to follow Christ and let the world know that there is a better future on earth as we live and forever more with Him after we die.

Praise the Lord Jesus Christ!

John Michael Domino

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a New Creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

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Dear Ron Willis,

I've never been given the opportunity to tell you how thankful and grateful I am that God placed you in my life if it was not for God putting you in my life I wouldn't of been given the chance to form my relationship with the Lord and rededicate my life. I'm in jail in the RSAT program which I'm grateful for not being in prison I was looking at 2 yrs prison but I went back in front of judge Kyle and that's what he orderd! Again thank you for all you've done. With all my heart and love!

Mahlon Hetrick founder and president of Christian Financial Counseling has retired.

Mahlon Hetrick was born on a farm near Hershey, PA. and lived in Washington, DC. for twenty-five years where he met his wife Marlyn. In 1959 they moved to Fort Myers, Florida. They have three sons, Gary, Daniel and Kenneth. Mahlon served as a drum major and Chaplain's Assistant in the U.S. Army in Korea. He is a Dale Carnegie graduate and a graduate of the Savings and Loan School for executive Development at the University of Georgia. His teaching career includes management, communication and personal finance that were taught at Edison Community College; Biblical Financial Counseling at Gulf Shore Christian College and at Brethren Biblical Institute and on two occasions he was asked to teach the Bible as a book of finance at Florida Trinity College where Billy Graham was once a student.



After 30 years as a senior officer in banking Mahlon founded Christian Financial Counseling, Inc. on July 7, 1982, in Fort Myers, Florida. This nondenominational, nonprofit ministry shares God's principles of finance through individual counseling sessions, seminars and workshops. Mahlon found that God's way works and became debt-free during his eleven months of unemployment, between banking and ministry, while using the Bible as a book of finance.

Having been here since 1959, he's seen the county's ascension and eventual spiral into recession, bearing witness to the financial ruin of individuals and families left in its wake. Debt has piled up, families have been torn apart, while plenty of others have spent unwisely. He has a unique perspective on personal finance, one that combines common sense with the Bible which he uses as a tool to teach people how to manage their money.

"The Bible is the best book of finance ever written," Hetrick said. "It has more to say about finance than any other subject other than love."

Hetrick said, "God's Word inspired him to teach Biblical truths about finances" and he has since helped more than 20,000 people in the nearly three decades of ministry. He teaches people how to live within their means because they are not being taught in schools and churches. He said families are at stake and without help as some families can't make it out of the doldrums of the recession. Money matters and family relationships are intertwined. If you have problems in one, you may also have problems in the other. Having worked since he was 8 years old, Hetrick said, "it's important for people to get back to an older ideology, one that says either use it up, wear it out, make it do or do without."

For 30 years he has provided all services without any fees. He always relied on donations to keep the operation going. Putting the word out there, he said, is crucial to letting people know that help is available. He helps both families and individuals with three sessions. The first two sessions focus on budgeting, while the third focuses on wills, trusts and life insurance, among other similar issues. Couples need to come together, he said, but they have to get along while they try to work out their financial problems. "I don't let them sit there and argue," he said. "I'm not a referee."

Hetrick at age 83 said, "Even though the office is closed if requested he will be available for speaking engagements in Churches, schools, civic clubs, radio or television." For more information call Mahlon at 239-481-3036.

His latest book "**Your Money in Tough Times**" is available in book stores and online nation wide, but his most complete and helpful book, "**Family Money Management God's Way**," is only available at the Christ Center Book Store in Fort Myers or from Mahlon. Both books give you guidelines as to the proper amount to be spent for housing, food, transportation, health care, entertainment, savings, investing and other miscellaneous items based on your personal gross annual income. These are guidelines that are not being taught in schools or churches.





Concerned Christians;

How much does God want us to give?

I want you to know about a ministry, made up of many wonderful Godly people who are on the front line of a spiritual war, every day. They are continually fighting suicide, pornography, profanity, devil worship, divorce, anger, hate, drugs, alcohol and the list goes on and on. They work with the homeless, the imprisoned, troubled youth, drug addicts and the ones who have physical, mental and emotional problems. They reach out to the lost while trying to meet their needs.

This ministry represents our Lord here on earth and is always trying to reflect God's love to all and is constantly teaching that God is the answer to our Prison overcrowding, broken homes, juvenile delinquency, homelessness and so much more.

These people are unselfish, full of the Holy Ghost, full of faith, trustworthy in all matters, loyal and have a high calling to serve Christ. They work long hours for the Lord. They love the Lord and are always striving to be everything our Lord wants them to be. God has given these people compassion, understanding and love for all. They are leading people to the Lord! They are teaching Bible studies to prisoners, to the drug and alcohol addicts, troubled youth and to the homeless. They give out Bibles, clothing, food while getting to know the people in need.

They send and give out tapes, Bibles, sermons, and pamphlets. They send cards and letters to prisoners all over the State of Florida. They provide good wholesome books to read. They help ex-prisoners and the homeless find jobs, housing and transportation. They are a nondenominational, nonprofit, religious organization where all donations are fully tax-deductible.

You may be asking yourself, "how do I know so much about this organization." It is because God has called me to serve within Love And Compassion Ministries and I thank God for allowing me to be a part of it. I encourage you to be a part of this ministry also, by joining me in financially supporting LCM. Without prayers and financial support we cannot continue to do what we are doing.

So my question is, how much does God want us to give? Each one of us has to seek God's direction in order to answer that question. For me it is simple, for this ministry stands for everything I believe in.

May God bless us all,

Lyle Smith

Lyle Smith, Treasurer
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They say a picture is worth a thousand words and I agree with that but I also say that you need to be there to since the power of the Holy Spirit when it comes to all that is happening at the Street Out Reach Ministry. This ministry is in the process of reaching more families in the area of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and Ford Street. We are serving a wonderful meal, giving out clothing, hygiene items along with giving the community the ability to hear an inspirational sermon and teaching for children and adults. This is a ministry that is so needed.

Street Outreach Ministry is having the Church come to the people.