



### WHAT WILL BE OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE?

How will things change for our next generation? Will there be a morning rush hour for them to get to work, or will they enjoy life doing nothing but stimulating their minds? Will computers and machines take over the physical functions needed to live comfortably? Will there be free education, free food, free housing and free health care? Apparently there will be no need for theaters, restaurants, shopping malls, service stations, or even a reason to go on vacations, when all these items will come to them with sights, sounds, smells and touch.

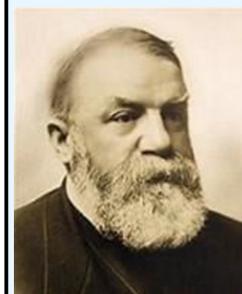
My dad passed away on August 22, 2016. He was 96 years old. In his lifetime he got to see so much good come about and yet so much hurt and pain.

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**Satan has used drugs and alcohol for many years to destroy people** of all ages, gender, nationality. Many have lost everything including their families. So many of them end up in jail and or prison.

While serving as assistant Chaplain for almost three years, I got to see the brokenness in people's hearts. What satan used to destroy people, God used to draw people to Himself. As Chaplain, some of my duties were to schedule clergy's Bible studies, make sure everyone that wanted a Bible would get one, schedule all visitations, gave out good Christian books for inmates to read, verified deaths in the family and council inmates while informing them of a family member's death. I inform inmates of their child's

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### God Can Use Any of Us

I Corinthians 1:26-28 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: <sup>27</sup> But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

**D.L. Moody** used prizes, free pony rides and picnics along with genuine love for children to produce the largest Sunday School in Chicago, reaching some 1,500 each weekly. God used D.L., who only had a fifth grade education, to win thousands to the Lord. The Moody Bible Institute and the famous Moody Church in Chicago are God-given ministries to reach the lost of this world.

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### YOU CAN BE SURE OF YOUR SALVATION

By

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- A. Many only "hope" they are saved.
- B. God wants us to "know" (I Jn. 5:13). This knowledge is the basis of gratitude and motivation. I Jn. 3:19
- C. God offers 5 tests that are "written so you can know..."
  - 1. You can't even trust your conscience. It may condemn us falsely. I Jn.3:20-21
  - 2. Trust what God has said. We believe others. - I Jn.5:9 Take God's "written guarantee" — I Jn. 5:13
- D. Test yourself with the...
  - I. Relationship Test I John 1:3-2:2,3:6

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My dad was born on February 22, 1920. He grew up in hard times. He loved to grow all kinds of fruits and vegetables. He had the ability to grow everything from peanuts to flowers. He did not have an easy life. He grew up on a farm with eleven other brothers and sisters. Life was hard with no running water, no electric and no phone. When WWII broke out he joined the Airforce where he saw death and destruction. He lived through droughts, hail, floods, famines, disease, pest, plagues, earthquakes and tornadoes.

He also got to see the start of commercial airplane flights, the mass production of cars, radios, TVs, computers, cell phone, cameras, dishwashers, tractors, chain saws, modern medical medicines, electric sewing machines, stoves, Twinkies, restaurants, gas stations, fast foods, shopping centers and grocery stores. He got to see the production of concrete, steel, electric motors, rockets, the atomic bomb, man walking on the moon, air-conditioning, and so so much more!

What will our next generation see and do? Nobody has a crystal ball that can tell us what the future will be like, but I believe the world will slide faster and faster to becoming a place where no one will want to live. One thing for sure is that because of the ever-growing population of this earth and the rising cost of food, along with less farm land to grow crops, before long scientists will create a synthetic food that will give us all the vitamins, minerals and protein we need to live even a longer life. It will taste great and be chewable. In order to keep diseases and health issues at bay, children will be given a group of shots at birth along with a tracking chip that will give one all related information about the person including wealth. Paper money and coins will be phased out very soon. Newspapers and all paper products including this newsletter will be phased out soon.

I believe in just a few more years, in order to save money and keep us safe, super markets, restaurants, banks, retail stores will close their existing doors only to have a store on line that will allow us to shop 24 hours a day. They will be able to deliver everything from large to small items to you within hours. In a few years you will be able to have dinner with friends in a nice restaurant without you or others leaving their homes. All this will be done by computers. You will be able to smell, touch and react to others as if they were there with you!

I believe travel will be non-existent. Instead of going to a location, the location will come to you. Before long we will travel out of our solar system to planets and stars we never dreamed of before, all from the comfort of your residence.

We can't determine what will really happen in the future, but we can take a thoughtful look at what might happen and the consequences. As Christians we can know how everything ends up by reading the Word of God, but before Christ comes back for His people we need to be aware of potential problems and choose which future we want to leave for our children and grandchildren. We hope that things will turn out fine without our active intervention, but do we really want to take that chance?

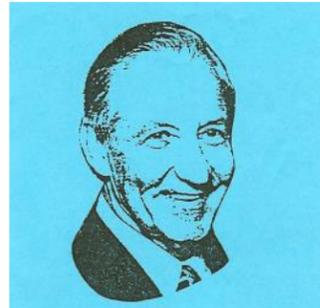
May God help us make the right choices!

Ron Willis



**The Future is in our hands!**

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Since our paths  
may never cross again,  
may I share some good news  
that happened to me?

Charles (Chuck) Hirst

birth, and visited the inmates including ones that were on suicide watch. I resigned my position to start Love And Compassion Ministries, for I continued to see the same people coming back into the system over and over again. LCM was designed to stop the flow back into the jail / prison system. I cannot tell you how much I miss the interaction with the inmates day in and day out. I taught three Bible studies every week and along with some very Godly teachers, of the Bible, we led hundreds of people to the Lord every year.

A good friend of mine, Chuck Hirst, agreed to baptize all that desired to be, every Sunday at the downtown jail. I would arrange to have all participants transported if needed and the tub cleaned before Chuck got there. Chuck would always make sure they knew what they were doing and that they had accepted the Lord as their Savior. Many times he baptized as many as fourteen on one Sunday.

The problem was, that we would get them saved, but upon them being released they would get right back into the same situation, again and again. That is where LCM is making a difference. God help us!  
Ron Willis

#### Matthew 25:31-46 KJV

<sup>31</sup> When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: <sup>32</sup> And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: <sup>33</sup> And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

<sup>34</sup> Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: <sup>35</sup> For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: <sup>36</sup> Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

<sup>37</sup> Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? <sup>38</sup> When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? <sup>39</sup> Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

<sup>40</sup> And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. <sup>41</sup> Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: <sup>42</sup> For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:

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Dwight Lyman Moody BORN: February 5, 1837  
Died: December 22, 1899

Dwight L. Moody didn't attend school beyond the fifth grade; he couldn't spell and his grammar was awful. His manners were often brash and crude and he never became an ordained minister. Once, before his conversion, he so outraged an Italian shoe salesman with a prank, that the man chased him with a sharp knife, clearly intending to kill him. Yet, Dwight L. Moody was used by God to lead thousands of people to Christ.

Dwight came to Boston as a teenager from Northfield, Massachusetts, and he felt all alone in the big city. The boy was desperate for work. An uncle took him on as a shoe salesman with the condition that he be obedient and that he attend Mt. Vernon Congregational Church. The young man had been raised in a Unitarian church which denied the full divinity of Christ and did not emphasize human need for salvation from sins. Now Dwight heard about those things. But he decided that he wanted to enjoy the pleasures of the world and wait to get saved until just before he died.

However, the kindness of his Sunday School teacher, Edward Kimball, turned young Moody into his life-long friend and encouraged him to persist in his church attendance and regular Bible reading. Though Moody did try to read the Bible, he couldn't understand it. Kimball later said he had never seen anyone whose mind was as spiritually dark as Dwight's.

That changed on this day, April 21, 1855. Kimball came to the shoe store to ask Dwight to commit his life to Christ. Dwight listened closely and became a Christian that day. Immediately he began sharing his faith with others, including his own family. They wanted nothing to do with his faith.

When Moody later moved to Chicago he wandered the streets to find young boys to bring to his Sunday School class. He had a passion for saving souls and determined never to let a day pass without telling someone the gospel of Jesus Christ. Often he irritated strangers on the street by asking them if they were Christians, but his pointed questioning stirred the consciences of many. God used the converted shoe salesman to become the leading evangelist of his day. Estimates vary, but Dwight Moody is thought to have led as many as a million people to confess faith in Christ. Among his many achievements on either side of the Atlantic was the founding of Moody Bible Institute.

Why God Used D. L. Moody... because he was  
 a fully surrendered man;  
 a man of prayer;  
 a deep and practical student of the Bible;  
 a humble man;  
 a man free from the love of money;  
 consumed with passion for the salvation of the lost; and  
 a man definitely endued with power from on high.

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Homeless Stand Down



Crossroads Youth Ministry



Suncoast In His Service Ministry

I. **RELATIONSHIP TEST** 1 John 1:3-2:2;3:6

*"Have you found a remedy for your sin problem that comes between you and God?"*

- A. God wants "fellowship with us" — vs. 3. Not mere "religion," But a personal "relationship."
- B. The problem is that sin breaks fellowship.
  - 1. God is holy — vs. 5. This is the central message of the Bible.
  - 2. Any lesser standard is a lie — vs.6-7a.
- C. Our fellowship is already broken — vs. 8-10. False religions lower the standard and make God a liar -vs. 10
- D. Fellowship is restored by cleansing — vs. 7b, 9. 1. Cleansing only by the blood of a substitute — vs. 7b, 2:2.

**Test yourself:** Have you asked for cleansing? Was there a time when you asked for cleansing and entered into a new relationship with God as a blood-washed sinner?

Initially — for salvation?

Daily — for joy?

Momentarily — for victory and power?

**This should lead to some "fruits" - or evidences – in our lives.**

II. **LOVE TEST** 1 John 2:9-11; 3:14, 18. *"Do you have a growing love for other Christians?"*

- A. We can choose friends but must accept family.
- B. All Christian "brothers" are not easy to "like."
  - Must love as a choice, not as a feeling. "Ah, to live above with the saints I love, That will be glory; But to live below with the ones I know... Well, that's another story."
- C. Love must show itself in word and deed — I Jn 3:18.
- D. Brotherly love must be worked on constantly. Matthew 18:15-20.

**Test yourself:** Do you have a growing affinity for the people of God? (That's a good sign!)

III. **SEPARATION TEST** 1 John 2:15-17

*"Do you try to live separate from the evil motives of the world's system?"*

- A. We are in the world but not of the world. "World" is the system, not the planet. O.K. for the boat to be in the water. Dangerous when water gets into the boat!
- B. Christians are to be separate from the system – vs. 15a.
- C. Worldliness defined as "lust" — inordinate desire for: "please-you-ers" ; visible material things; pride-builders (status)
  - 1. Aren't these the motives of the "man of the world?"
  - 2. Hard, because nothing evil of itself. Things can be "tools" or idols.
  - 3. Like eclipse of moon — when world comes between it and sun.
    - Is anything of this world eclipsing the Son of God in your life?
  - 4. Takes constant refocusing and renewing of the mind.

**Test yourself:** Are you uncomfortable, whenever worldly things eclipse the Lord in your life? (That's a good sign!)

IV. **SIN TEST** 1 John 3:6 "Do you have a changed attitude toward sin?"

- A. Christians can still sin... And do — I John 1:8 But they can't ever enjoy it anymore. "Can sin as much as I want... But don't want to anymore."
- B. But Christians will not "go on sinning" or "practice sin" — 3:6
- C. Peter explains our revulsion toward sin as part of our receiving a new nature — II Peter 2:22.
  - 1. Dogs have taste for vomit. Unregenerate have taste for sin.
  - 2. Pigs thrive in mud. Christians can slip in mud, but they want to get out for a bath.
  - 3. Church members who head for sin are not born again.

**Test yourself:** Are you now uncomfortable in the mud-holes of sin? Do you find sinful ways increasingly distasteful? (That's a good sign!)

V. **OBEDIENCE TEST** 1 John 2:3; 5:2-3

*"Do you have a real desire to obey God?"*

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- A. Jesus said: "If you love me, you will keep my commands." John 14:15  
Obedience is motivated by gratitude — I Jn. 4:19. No desire to obey shows no salvation, for which to grateful.
- B. Love keeps God's commands from being "grievous" (a drag — a heavy burden to be chaffed at)
- C. Thus, obedience from loving gratitude is the acid test of a new life in Christ — vs. 3.
  - 1. How do you tell a sheep from a goat (Matt. 25:31)? A sheep follows. A goat "butt's."
  - 2. Look at church crowd, and watch who "but's."  
"I know I ought to..."  
Worship regularly... but!  
Serve my Lord... but!  
Give a tenth of my income... but!  
Witness for Christ... but!  
Pray fervently... but!  
Forgive my brother... but!  
Put God first... but!  
When you see all that "but"-ing you've got a goat!!!

**Test yourself:** Do you have a growing desire to obey God? Are the things, which He asks you to do, not a grievous burden? (That's a good sign!)

Conclusion: These things are written so that you may know that you have eternal life.  
Do you know?  
Would you like to make sure?  
Has there really ever been such a conversion, or change, within?

- A. Admit - you are a sinner — Romans 3:23; 6:23.
- B. Believe - Jesus Christ died on the cross for your sins — I Corinthians 15:3-6.
- C. Confess — I John 1:9; Romans 10:9.

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## Life on Fire

When I was a General Contractor, one of my most important jobs was to pull permits. This process alone can be boring, frustrating and time consuming, a real pain in the “you know what.” You are there in a line with a lot of other contractors and subs who are attempting to get their particular permit at the same time.

You have to drive down town to get your permit, wait in line for no one knows how long, then they start asking questions while wanting this and that. Before you know it, you've been there several hours fighting to get one simple permit. If that was not bad enough, I had a job that I needed to start the next day. Even though the office doesn't close until five o'clock, because there is usually a very long line, they determine how many people will be served that day and send the rest home.

As you may know you can't start a building project without a permit. It was getting late when I realized I had to get downtown to pull the permit so I jumped in my pickup truck, peeled out of the parking lot, to get down town to see if I could get the permit pulled before they closed. I was hauling it!

I got to an intersection with a red light that I had to stop for, and instead of going straight, where I should have gone, I turned left. I realized how stupid I was for turning left, almost as soon as I turned. There was no place to turn around so I continued on, knowing that this was taking me way out of my way and time was running out on getting the permit that day.

I had not traveled far on this street, when I saw a man in front of an old pickup truck with the hood up, and smoke rolling out from it. The man was swatting at a fire with a flimsy shirt, which probably helped to feed the fire instead of putting it out. I always carried a fire extinguisher with me, so I pulled over, ran to the truck on fire and shouted to the guy “do you want me to put it out?” He said nothing, so I shouted to the guy again “do you want me to put the fire out?” He never said a thing so I shot the fire extinguisher off putting the fire out instantly. Had it been another few seconds I believe the fire would have taken over the whole truck.

The man instantly collapsed in a heap onto the cement curb. His eyes were as big as saucers and tears started flowing. He said, "Everything I own is in that truck. I was about to lose everything." He said that he prayed to God that he wouldn't lose all his things. As the man was talking I realized that I turned where God wanted me to, not where I wanted to go. Did God hear this man's prayers and answer them by sending me to help put the fire out? Couldn't God just help the man out by giving him a heavier shirt to put the fire out or did God want me there for some other reason?

This man had indeed received an answered prayer! His truck and his possessions were safe, but I was very concerned that his truck might not ever run again, because of what I had done with the fire extinguisher. I cleaned as much of the chemicals off the engine as possible with a rag, jumped into the truck to try to get the truck started again with the fire extinguisher ready to put out another fire if necessary. To my surprise the man's truck started and ran great.

The truck had caught on fire when the man had trouble starting it. He had poured gas into the carburetor and tried to start it. The engine immediately caught on fire. I know God was there that day, and had His hand in everything that was going on. His timing was perfect. God is always in control of everything.

With little faith in getting my permit that day, I drove to the building department. You know what? There was not another person there. I was able to get my permit, and had time to spare. What a miracle that was! I believe, had I not stopped or turned down the wrong road, I probably would not have gotten my permit that day.

Looking back on the events that happened that day, I don't believe that God needed me to help this man as much as God needed to show me that He is in control and that I needed to slow down. Of course if I had not stopped to help this man, nor turned down the wrong street, I would not been able to tell this story which I pray will glorify our Lord.

True Story

From The Book Titled: God's Way

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