

Love and Compassion Ministries

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

January 1, 2011 In The Year of Our Lord

NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year 2011 is here!

Now that 2011 is here many of us will be looking at the past year while trying to see what is in our future. Many will seek the wisdom of fortune tellers, tea readers, and others will read their horoscope to tell them "their so-called future."

James 4:13 –17: ¹³. Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell and make a profit"; ¹⁴. whereas you do not know not what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time, and then vanishes away. ¹⁵. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that." ¹⁶. But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. ¹⁷. Therefore to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.

I pray that this will be the year where we will put away our own self-made plans and allow God to have our future. What is more important, making a lot of money or seeking God's will? There is nothing wrong with making a lot money as long as you don't leave God out of it!

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Self confidence is good, but when we start thinking of ourselves more than we should, it is sin. We must know that we are nothing without God. And He is the one that holds all the time in His hands, so don't boast of your health, riches, or knowledge for it is God that has given them to you and can take them away at a moment's notice.

Proverbs 27:1-2: ¹ Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knows not what a day may bring forth.
² Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.

May we pray every day: **Lord I don't know how many days I have left on this earth, but please help me to use this day to serve you in a mighty way.**

Many of us have a procrastinating will. We put thing off that we know God wants us to do. We tell ourselves that we will do something tomorrow or we tell God that we have more important things to do right now. We believe that we know what is more important than God! Many of us have become self-willed. Failure to do God's will when He wants it done is as good as not doing it. I have found that God is always working in people's lives, through others. Many times just at the right moment someone gives you what you need, or you are there for someone else. If you have been a Christian for very long, I know you have seen it in your life.

We need to learn to die to self as we learn to have our ears open to our Lord's voice and be willing to do His will. Many people want to serve God, but can't seem to find the time to do so. Many are chronic procrastinators! Without knowing it, they practice putting God off completely unaware that they are doing so.

When we hear that small voice that lives within us say "call that person, write that letter, go see someone, give this to him or her," we need to just do it, without any questions! Look, it is so simple and obvious we just need to do it. But I also know it is hard to change from a person thinking that we need to put our own life above others for we have become a nation that loves ourselves. The desire to live is a very strong emotional self preservation and physical faculty that is built into all of us. But, our Lord said in Matthew 16:25 ... For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

Let's be honest. We are selfish in many ways! We live our own life to our own interest or happiness. That supreme self-love or self-preference leads one to direct his purposes to the advancement of his own interest, power, or happiness and usually without regarding others. Many have become so strongly infused with a sense of importance of his / her own personal life that their thoughts, desires and aspirations have nothing to do with God, their Creator.

When we are in tune with God we are able to serve Him so much better. If you went into a diner to eat a bite of lunch and found that you could not communicate with anyone there, it would be hard to order what you wanted to eat. There are places where people speak only their own language, so I don't go there because I cannot communicate with them. I believe God is the same way. He is speaking to us in love, yet we do not want to hear Him, are willing to put Him off or wish to ignore Him completely.

God does not want us to neglect our Bible reading, paying our tithes, going to Church, praying and doing good! But more than that we need to be in tune with our Lord and Savior, ready to serve Him at a moments notice. May we all learn to allow God to be first in our lives for He holds all time in His hands! Happy New Year!



Hello GOD

Hello GOD, are you there?
 I was told that you really care
 True love I have never known
 I've always felt as if I was alone.
 Hello GOD, are you there?
 If so, please answer my prayer
 My heart aches as if pierced with a
 knife
 Is loneliness all there is to life?
 All my nights are filled with tears
 All my days are filled with fears.
 Hello GOD, are you there?
 Is it true that all my burdens you will
 share?
 Can it be that you are the reason why
 That when I should have, I did not die
 When the Bible I began to read
 For you I felt the need.
 Now life's troubles I can bear
 Because I know...YES, GOD you are
 there!



NUMBERS 6:24-26

“May the Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.” “So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them.”

Gold Wrapping Paper

The story goes that some time ago a mother punished her 5 year old daughter for wasting a roll of expensive gold wrapping paper. Money was tight and she became even more upset when the child used the gold paper to decorate a box to put under the Christmas tree.

Nevertheless, the little girl brought the gift box to her mother the next morning and said, "This is for you, Momma."

The mother was embarrassed by her earlier over reaction, but her anger flared again when she opened the box and found it was empty. She spoke to her daughter in a harsh manner. "Don't you know, young lady, when you give someone a present there's supposed to be something inside the package?"

She had tears in her eyes and said, "Oh, Momma, it's not empty! I blew kisses into it until it was full." The mother was crushed. She fell on her knees and put her arms around her little girl, and she begged her forgiveness for her thoughtless anger.

An accident took the life of the child only a short time later, and it is told that the mother kept that gold box by her bed for all the years of her life. Whenever she was discouraged or faced difficult problems she would open the box and take out an imaginary kiss and remember the love of the child who had put it there.

In a very real sense, each of us, as human beings, have been given a Golden box filled with unconditional love and kisses from our children, family, friends and GOD. There is no more precious possession anyone could hold.

Friends are like angels who lift us to our feet, when our wings have trouble remembering how to fly.



Fifteen Things You Probably Never Knew or Thought About

At least five people in this world love you so much they would die for you.

At least fifteen people in this world love you in some way.

The only reason anyone would ever hate you is because they want to be just like you.

A smile from you can bring happiness to anyone, even if they don't like you.

Every night, someone thinks about you before they go to sleep.

You mean the world to someone.

If not for you, someone may not be living.

You are special and unique.

Someone that you don't even know exists, loves you.

When you make the biggest mistake ever, something good comes from it.

When you think the world has turned its back on you, take a look:
you most likely turned your back on the world.

Stop thinking that you have no chance of getting what you want.
With God all things are possible. (Matthew 19:26) Don't give up!

Always remember the compliments you received. Forget about the rude remarks.

Always tell someone how you feel about them; you will feel much better when they know.

If you have a great friend, take the time to let them know that they are great.

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to
appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them.

Take the time... to live and love.

Pass the love around!

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HARD TIMES, but let's not lose our heads!

Many of you may be going through tough time right now in your lives. Many are losing their good health, jobs, cars, and even homes. Many people today have been medically diagnosed as being bi-polar yet there is no evidence or symptoms of being bi-polar in their lives. We are seeing what I would describe as deep depression. They have lost hope! They are depressed about everything.

We live within the richest, strongest, best, country in the world, yet we are in such a crisis. We must get off fossil fuels while doing something about the pollution of our air, water and land. We must protect while producing more food, for the population of this world has gone wild. I understand that there are 15 million people dying from starvation each year, while we develop super weapons of mass destruction.

I do not wish to be a prophet of doom but I ask you what is our future's outlook?

With every days' passing we are closer to our Lord's return. We must realize that the Lord's return is due at any moment. What are we to do until our Lord returns?

#1. Don't panic! Stay the course. To panic would do nothing to help matters. Keep a cool head. Stay close to the one with the answers (our Lord).

#2 Keep God's commandments. Know God's Word, read it, and live it.

#3. Cast off the works of darkness. Stay away from sexual immorality – strife – envy – drunkenness, etc.

#4. Keep hope running through your life every day while telling others about our Lord who is our hope. Romans 15:13

#5. Ask God to forgive you when you have failed. We sin, but we have a great Savior who wants to forgive us and He will.

#6. Expect a miracle. God loves to do the impossible. I have experienced many miracles. We serve the same God we read about before the Bible was written. Psalm 8:1-9



It Starts Today

by [Todd Tribble](#)

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Enjoy today.....it's the only one you have.

I woke up this morning and realized that yesterday was gone. It had been here when I went to sleep but when I woke up...gone. I can't get it back and there is no way to change anything that happened. I categorized it as "normal" and part of me wishes that I had made it more exciting. I bid that day goodbye when I closed my eyes

and it was gone before my dreams could overtake my tired mind.

Had I made a difference or had I settled for mediocrity?

Was the world better off or had I just been a blip on the vast radar of life? Had I touched some one's heart? When people called on me did I help or had they survived in spite of me? What kind of day had it been? Had I made the air that I breathe worth the effort?

Had I lived the day in God's

eyes or mine?

What about you? Have you done your best? When people needed your assistance did you jump in to help or turn your back? The co-worker who needed a smile, the waiter who needed that extra dollar, the child who needed a hug...were you there? When that moment of opportunity presented itself did you seize it or let it float by?

Would God be proud of our efforts?

A New Year Prayer

God of our yesterdays, our today, and our tomorrows.

We praise You for Your unequalled greatness.

Thank You for the year behind us and for the year ahead.

Help us in Your new year, Father, to fret less and laugh more.

To teach our children to laugh by laughing with them.

To teach others to love by loving them.

Knowing, when Love came to the stable in Bethlehem, He came for us.

So that Love could be with us, and we could know You.

That we could share Love with others.

Help us, Father, to hear Your love song in every sunrise,

in the chirping of sparrows in our backyards,

in the stories of our old folks, and the fantasies of our children.

Help us to stop and listen to Your love songs,

so that we may know You better and better.

We rejoice in the world You loved into being.

Thank You for another new year and for new chances every day.

We pray for peace, for light, and for hope, that we might spread them to others.

Forgive us for falling short this past year.

We leave the irreparable past in your hands and step out into the unknown

new year knowing You will go with us.

We accept Your gift of a new year and we rejoice in what's ahead,

depending on You to help us do exactly what You want..

I say it again, we rejoice!

In Jesus name, Amen.





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Dear Lord,

Another day has gone, now I cry alone, for the young lady with four children needing money to pay her electric bill. I pray that you will find a way to help her for we have no money to do so. I pray for the Church that cannot help, for her neighbors, relatives, and all the agencies that have no resources to help. I pray for the children because I know it is going to be cold tonight. Please Lord have mercy on them tonight.

I cry tonight for the young man that has been looking for any kind of work for over a year now. You know his heart and his desire to do what is right and yet he is on the verge of giving up. Please touch his heart tonight and show him Your love. I am very concerned that he is about to take his life.

Lord please help the gentleman who was just released from prison, then was charged with another crime, sent back to prison and released a day later. He needs transportation back home. He has no one to call upon. He accepted Your Son as his Savior in prison and now he feels alone. Please put someone in his path who can help him, for he could turn back to crime very easily. Satan is telling him if no one cares then you must do what you have to do to survive.

Yes, I cry for the one on drugs who I put into a detox center today, for I can see the fear in his eyes as I hugged his neck and told him that everything is going to be all right. He desires to be clean yet he pleads for the pain to go away.

Lord please help the young couple who are in need of healing for their daughter. There is no life in her, but they are not giving up on her walking out of the hospital one day. I pray for all three of them. The father has no desire to know You! The mother worships You with all her heart and believes that you will save her daughter. My soul cries out for the father to know You before he does something harmful. I also pray for life to re-enter this child.

And I will cry for the lady that will call again tonight for I know no matter how bad her husband beats her, she will never leave him. She will cry out with pain tonight, but run to his arms in the morning when he says, "I am sorry!" God help her to have the courage to leave him before he kills her.

I cry out to You Lord for guidance and direction as we will have so many that will contact us tomorrow for their needs are great. We serve You Lord with less resources every year but with more love than the year before. Please touch people's hearts and give them the ability and desire to help us with needs that are beyond our abilities. Help us to show the hurting people of this world love and compassion. And Lord, I love you so much it hurts me to think that I have failed you by not having the ability to help all you have sent to our doors. God please help me.

And yet Lord, as I wipe away the tears, I know others will never feel anymore alive than I do this night.

In Your presence... your servant,

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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.

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.

PRAYER

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!

