

Love and Compassion Ministries

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

January 1, 2016 In The Year of Our Lord

NEWSLETTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR



When the clock tolls twelve midnight on December 31, 2015, most of us will ring in the New Year with new resolutions of self-betterment, by leaving the bad habits behind in 2015 and agreeing that 2016 will be the year of change in our lives.

Many times our hope collapses around us and by the end of January we are lucky if we even remember what our New Year's resolution was.

So this year, I am asking all of you to pray with us that we will make resolutions that line up with God's direction.

May this year be the year that we allow God to use us in a mighty way!

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The Years

by *Jerry Ousley*

Is it just me or are the years passing by faster and faster? I don't think that it's just me because I hear a lot of people talking about it, especially those who are my age or above. The clock never stops ticking and it seems seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months and years are hurtling by at lightning speed. It sort of reminds a person of those colored blurs going by at a race track.



It wasn't like that when we were children; at least it wasn't for me. It seemed that the days were endless, especially school days. I, like many of you, couldn't wait until I was old enough to get a driver's license, and then until I was twenty-one and considered a man. But after that, life seemed to speed up. Before I knew what hit me I was fifty years old and considered over-the-hill. Now I'm beginning to get senior citizens discounts. Folks, sometimes it's nice getting those special favors but at other times I want to just grab the reins and tell those horses to slow down or maybe even stop for a while. You know what I mean?

But there's not much we can do about it except to make the most of our days. This year has been no different as far as the passing of time. There's been a lot of things take place, changes made, and at times we all wondered if we'd get through it or not, but here we are, ready to embark on yet another year.

What will this one be like? There's only one way to find out and that's to step right into it and get our hands dirty. It isn't like we've got much of a choice.

In II Kings 20 we read the story where King Hezekiah had 15 years added to his life. He had become sick and the prophet, Isaiah, had told him that he should get his house in order because he was going to die. Hezekiah didn't want to die. Who does? Anyway, the king began to pray and God revealed to Hezekiah that He would add 15 years to his life. The king wanted a sign, I suppose much like a guarantee, that God would fulfill His promise. So Isaiah asked him in so many words, "Do you want the clock to go forward or backwards?" It wasn't really a clock but a sun dial, which was what they used for a clock in those days. Hezekiah responded that it was an easy thing for the clock (or sun dial) to go forward, but it was a sure miracle if it went backward. So God made it to go backward.

The point is that we don't control the time. In fact, time is an invention of man. God allowed it because we, in our finite minds, need to measure beginnings and endings. Our Lord is eternal so He doesn't have a beginning or ending. But in our fleshly, mortal lives, we do. So we measure it by time. God knows how much time we've got left. I've known of many cases where people have contracted fatal diseases and doctors have tried to give them a number of days, months or years before their lives will be over. In some of these cases those folks had less time but in many more they had more time. We humans really don't know. But God does.

Thinking again about Hezekiah, I'm not sure I'd want to know the time I have left. It would be too tempting to worry and fret as each one of those days slipped by. The fact is, unless God has revealed to us that we have a certain number of days left, we shouldn't spend our time worrying about it. We should make certain that we have arrangements made so as not to burden our loved ones, and the most important thing is to make sure that we have accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior no matter how young or old we are. Our lives are compared in the Bible to a vapor of smoke that floats in the air for a few moments and then simply dissipates and is no longer seen.

But one hard, true fact, according to the Bible, is that our spirits, our true lives, will go on forever. Many contest this belief but I choose to hold to it. To think that once our lives have vanished from this earth, we will reign with our Lord, at least that's the way I see it. But knowing that we can have hope of an even brighter future even after this mortal life has ended...well, that makes me happy for one.

What about you? What do you believe? The future doesn't have to be bleak and hopeless, not if we give ourselves, our meager lives, and the time we have, to God. He has made the way to stretch time into an endless eternity.

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A New Year Prayer

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

We praise You for Your unequaled 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.

WHY PEOPLE SUPPORT LOVE AND COMPASSION MINISTRIES

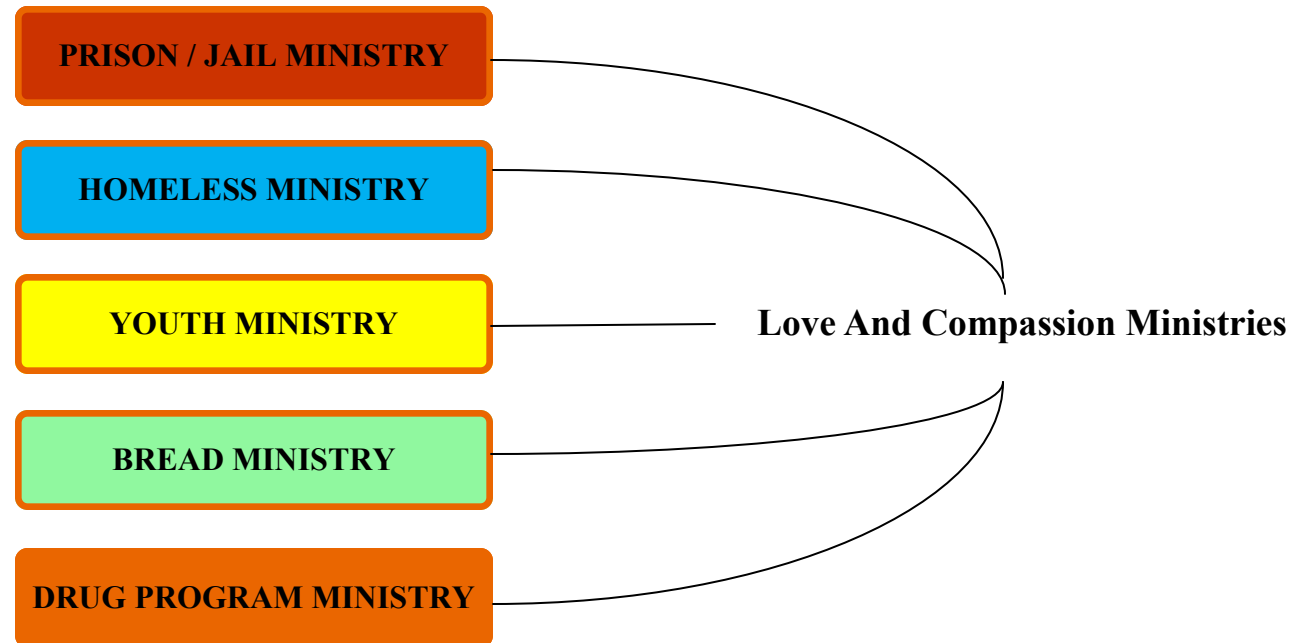
Ron, you are not just a part of this ministry, you are through the love and grace of God, the ministry. You held your ground at the post that God gave you to watch over. During all the slack times and all the wiles of the enemy, you bent, but you did not break. For your love and loyalty to God and His purpose, you will and have been truly blessed by the hand of the Father.

Continue to stand and do not waiver when the ill winds of the enemy blow in your direction.

Sincerely,
Mr. and Mrs. Henry B

Love And Compassion Ministries, Inc.

More than seventeen years ago Love And Compassion Ministries was started as a prison ministry. We are now many ministries all in one.



With more than 30 volunteers we serve our Lord in Lee, Charlotte and Collier Counties. We have made such a difference in so many lives because we were there in their time of need. Our goal is to teach others of God's grace and love as we battle against suicide, pornography, profanity, devil worshipping, divorce, anger, hate, abuse, drugs, alcohol, laziness, hunger, loss of hope, homelessness, prison overcrowding, along with physical, mental and emotional problems.

Please consider joining us. We need your talents, influence, financial support and your willingness to become actively involved in the growth of the ministry as we recognize nothing is impossible with God.

God help!
I CRY ALONE

Dear Lord,

Another day has gone, now I cry alone, for the homeless that need our help for they do not have a place to call home. I cry for the young mother with four children needing our help to pay her electric bill. I pray we will find a way to help her even though Love And Compassion Ministries has no money to do so. I pray for the Church that cannot help, for her neighbors, her relatives and all the agencies that have no resources to help. I pray for her children for they do not understand what is going on. 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. Help us be there for him. 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 jail, then was charged with another crime and sent back to jail and then released a day later. He needs transportation back home. He has no one to call upon. He accepted Your Son as his Savior in jail and now he feels alone. Please Lord give us the resources to help this young man, 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 endure.

Yes, I cry for the one on drugs who I took to detox 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. Please Lord help us be there for him.

Lord, please help us to be there for this young couple who are in need of healing for their daughter. There is very little life in her, but they are not giving up on her being able to walk 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 as I pray for You to breathe life into this child.

And I will cry for the lady that will call again tonight, for I know no matter how badly 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 many that will contact us tomorrow for their needs are so great. Lord help us not to give up, but to stand strong as you direct our path.

Lord, 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, it hurts to think that I have failed You by not having the ability to help all You have sent to our doors, and yet, as I wipe away the tears, I know others will never feel anymore loved than I do this night.

In Your presence... your servant,

Ron Willis

Ron Willis, President
Love and Compassion Ministries, Inc.

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needs your support!

We have made such a difference in so many lives this year, because we were there for them in their time of need. Our goal is to teach them of God's grace and love as we battle against suicide, pornography, profanity, devil worshipping, divorce, anger, hate, abuse, drugs, alcohol, laziness, hunger, loss of hope, homelessness, prison overcrowding, along with physical, mental and emotional problems.

Together we have the power to change lives!

I ask you to do something great for the Lord, support us

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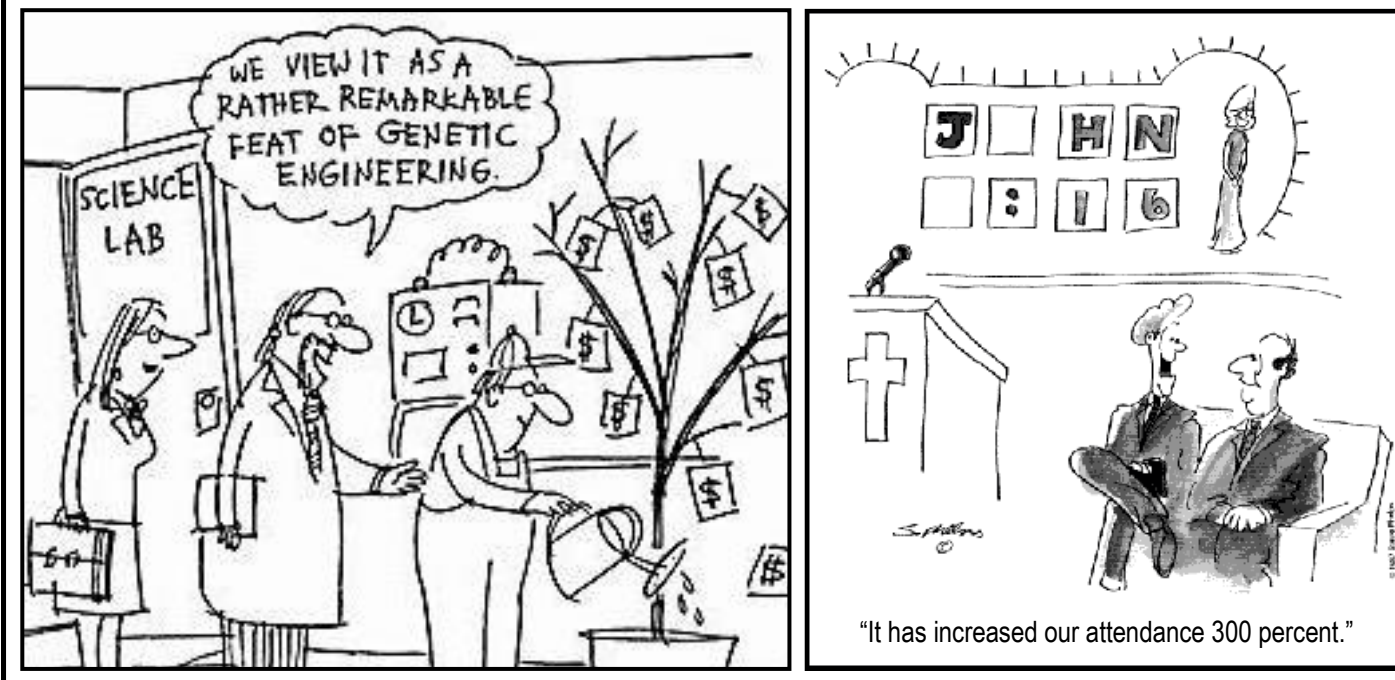
please don't forget to pray for us!

When you support this ministry it gives us the power to reach the lost, imprisoned, homeless, troubled youth, veterans and hurting people of this area!

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Thank You!





Dear Friends,

It is important, as a follower of Jesus Christ that our hearts be totally submitted to God. We must surrender all areas of our life to Him. Every year we have great expectations and great hopes for the coming year, however as the year proceeds, we find ourselves in tests, trials and storms that we never expected. I Corinthians 9:24 says, ***Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.*** As a follower of Christ, we must commit ourselves so that we can finish our race.

We all need God's grace to be able to run and finish our race. Grace is the power through the Holy Spirit to complete a difficult task in the natural. We need grace to run our race and we definitely need grace to fulfill the destiny that Jesus has called us to.

We all need God's favor. Favor will bring you into places and positions that money can't buy. Favor will open doors of opportunity and cause people to bless you.

We all need God's ability to love. We need to learn to love and appreciate all people. It's easy to love the lovable, but what about the not so lovable? We need to pray for our enemies and for God to change their hearts. Our Lord says, ***"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."*** (John 13:34)

We all need God's ability to have more faith to believe and receive God's blessings. God wants us to believe by faith that we have what we ask for. It's not easy to believe in something you can't see, and expectantly hope for, but if we believe we have it by faith, then we can receive it by asking His will be done and at the same time stand on His promise to deliver.

We all need to learn to worship God when we are on top of the mountain or in the deepest valley. Our worship can lift the spirit of heaviness and bring us into the presence of the Lord.

We all need to learn to praise our Lord. It's easy to praise the Lord when everything is going right. However, when problems arise, we need to remember that praise is our mighty weapon of warfare.

We all need to learn to trust our Lord with everything! There is so much fear in the world today and yet there are so many who are seeking peace all at the same time. God promises us that those that are steadfast in Him will have perfect peace. We need to have a heart totally submitted to our Lord. When our heart is right, everything else will fall into place. When our heart is submitted to Him, He will direct our path.

I pray that our hearts will burn with God's desires, that we will reach out to the lost and introduce them to our Lord's saving grace this new year!

Happy New Year!

In the Presence of our LORD,

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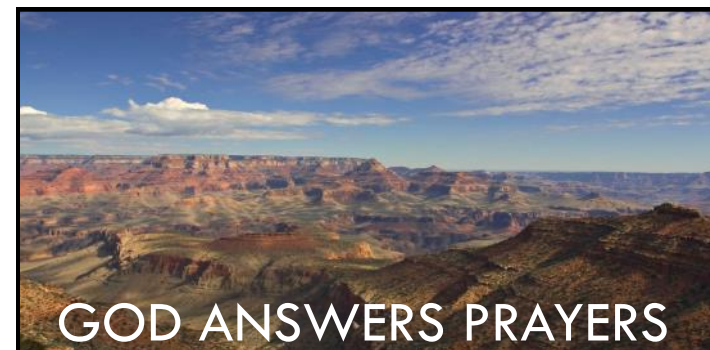
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