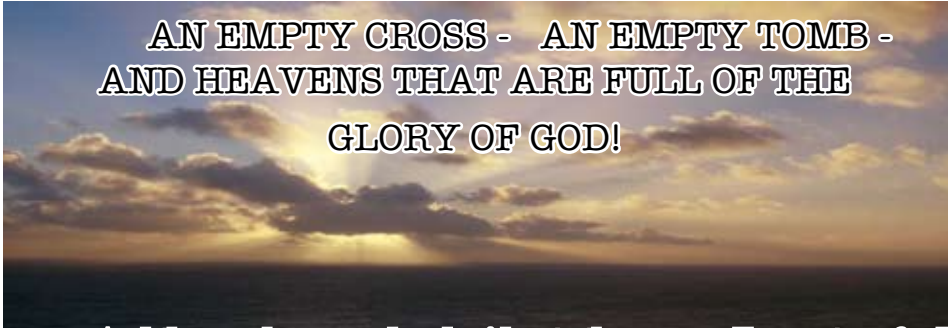


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AND HEAVENS THAT ARE FULL OF THE
GLORY OF GOD!



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And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you. **Matt 28:5-7**

We serve a living Savior. There are many gods in the world today, but there is none like the God of Creation! Who is your god? What is your life ruled by? Are you attempting to be the god of your own life? Do you follow a god of this world? Have you ever committed your life to the Living God? To whom have you intrusted your life?

It is very foolish to attempt to be our own god. No man has the power to bring life to himself. If you are looking to a god of this world, you must remember they do not have the power to forgive sins and redeem you from death. If you believe that you simply evolved, then how do you explain all the creativity around you, plus your own ability to create? Nature it'self tells us there is a creator.

Thousands of people live daily without settling the question, "Who is God?" You may have chosen to be part of the crowd of believers and yet never have personally dealt with the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. I was very religious before becoming a born again believer. I looked good to the world, but God knew my sins had not been washed away. Forgiveness of sin and reconciliation to God comes only through repentance and belief in the work of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is offered to all! The Scripture clearly defines our day and time.

Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

**Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:
But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept**

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We have set up a new web site for the paper, thanks to Matthew Guay (son of missionary family to Thailand), who did all the work.

The website will enable missionaries to read our paper without cost. Most missionaries have e-mail in order to keep in touch with their families at home. We are excited about this because we can add all missionaries without having to consider the cost. Our missionaries are a long ways from home and love to know someone is thinking and praying for them. This is a great opportunity to minister to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Do you know missionaries that would like to receive the paper? Please send us their names, addresses and e-mails. Send to:

1801 Old Hickory Trail, DeSoto, Texas 75115, or to TidBitsWWW@aol.com

Be patient with us, we are still setting up the pages for the site.

---Gloria Brewster

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**AN EMPTY CROSS -
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in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:3-9

It is not God's will for us to die condemned to eternal fire. He wants us to repent and believe upon His name so we can have eternal life. It was not a simple work that provided this for us. He left heaven! He left everything that we are looking forward to having in the future. He left it so He could come and show us, by example, the life God created us to live. He left heaven because God loves us and it was God's will for Him to come. He left heaven to endure and take upon Himself the sins of the whole world. Not one of those sins could keep Him in the grave, because His life was sinless. He had no desire to be touched by sin, but He had a great desire to deliver us from the penalty of sin.

When Christ came out of the grave on the third day, the Day of Grace began. For over 2,000 years, man has lived in the "Day of Grace". The Day of Grace is, that from the day that Christ completed the work of redemption, God has freely offered to all forgiveness of sin and reconciliation to Himself. With this comes eternal life. We are not only in covenant with God, we are born into the family of God. We are birthed with an incorruptible seed. Our first birth came with corruption and the only way to escape death is to be born again of a seed that no one can destroy (that includes us!!!).

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by

the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you. 1 Peter 1:23-25

We, who have come to Christ, have a wonderful inheritance. When we receive His work of love for our lives, we are born of **incorruptible seed** (1 Peter 1:23), we run the race for an **incorruptible crown** (1 Cor. 9:25), we are **raised incorruptible** (1 Cor. 15:52), and we receive an **incorruptible inheritance** that is undefiled and fadeth not away, because it is reserved in heaven (1 Peter 1:4). No other god can or will provide such promises to his followers. We are born by love, and we are commanded to love our God, our brothers and our sisters. Love is the secret of the success of the Christian life. LOVE NEVER FAILETH (1 Cor. 13:8).

We heard about a survey that was taken in the United States this year which showed a great decline in the professing of Christianity and a great rise in atheism. Most of the college students said they had no belief in any god. These are our children. We are loosing a generation of children. Why? Because we have sinned against the Lord in this country. The penalty for sin is the loss of children. When we live in open sin, we sacrifice our children to the devil. We have a wonderful Savior. We must allow His Spirit to work through us so this generation can see the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Can others see Jesus in you? While we rejoice and celebrate the Resurrection, we must not forget that the Resurrection is not the end of the matter. There is going to be a return of our Lord and Savior, and this time He is coming to judge!!! The Day of Grace will be gone. Yes, we the believers will be raptured and caught up with Him in the clouds, but what about the lost? Do we care? God does. It's almost over, what will we do for Christ?

----Editor



In evil long I took delight,
Unawed by shame or fear,
Till a new object struck my sight
And stopped my wild career.

I saw One hanging on a tree
In agony and blood;
He fixed His languid eyes on me,
As near His cross I stood.

Sure never, till my latest breath,
Can I forget that look;
It seemed to charge me with His
death,
Tho' not a word He spoke.

My conscience felt and owned the
guilt
And plunged me in despair;
I saw my sins His blood had split
And helped to nail Him there.

A second look He gave, which
said,
"I freely all forgive.

This blood is for thy ransom paid;
I die that thou may'st live.

---John Newton
*Quoted from Bro. Clyde H. Box's
book, "Glimpses of Jesus". Bro.
Clyde has written many books. His
two newest booklets are, "The Cry of
the World" and "Help Me!" For a
gift of \$10s or more to Tid Bits of Wis-
dom Ministry, you may request one
of these two little booklets. You will
enjoy reading Bro. Clyde's book.*

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WHAT WAS THAT YOU SAID?

but God would not leave me with an unwillingness to obey.

Through a crazy dream the Lord brought me to a place where I said, "OK, Lord! If you ask me to forgive, I will forgive." There couldn't be anything I was unwilling to do and still pledge my undying love to my husband. There was no question about Jerry's faithfulness, but I had to be willing to face anything that God allowed me to go through in order to keep my vow.

What have you vowed? What have you promised? What have you spoken that has not been fulfilled? We can justify ourselves all day, but our words are what clearly justifies or condemns us, not our justification.

This has not been a generation that can be trusted to keep their word. We see this in the family, in the church and in the government. What we see in the government is what has come from our homes. Every man and woman in the government were raised by a family. It all starts at home. One of the most destructive works of Satan has been his work in the home. Divorce has been accepted as a way to solve all problems. It has never solved a problem but has created multitudes of heartaches. The church has done a very poor job of dealing with this issues.

Divorce happens!!! There are victims of divorce. If your partner wants to break their vow, you cannot make them stay. There are victims. Did they have responsibility in the destruction of the home? You will not find a perfect person, and yes both parties have responsibility, but when one refuses to work on the problem, the other becomes a victim. We have not loved the victims as God would have loved them. We have not always been there for the children who are victims.

We also have not helped those who have broken their vows, to come to repentance. We join them in their sin by justifying their actions due to

the situations. Christianity does not work off of situations. It works by right and wrong, good and evil. We justify our breaking of God's Word because someone sinned against us. God doesn't judge us by what someone else does, but by our words we are justified or condemned.

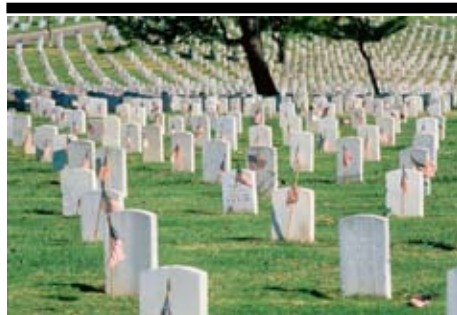
If you have suffered because of the breaking of your word or the breaking of someone else's word, remember God is our life and He can restore all things. A humble and contrite heart He will not despise.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. Ps 51:17

I am so thankful that God's Word has been tried and it is true. But we have a problem with sin and we do not always follow through on our words to others. If you have been broken or wounded because of broken words, you need to do one of two things. Either ask forgiveness for yourself or forgive the other person. You may have to do both in order to get right. We fail. God does not fail, but He does restore. Praise the Lord.

Before we speak, remember, we are justified or condemned by the words that come from our lips!!!

---Gloria Brewster



The body of Benjamin Franklin, Printer, lies here, food for worms, but the work shall not be lost, for it will appear once more, in a new and more elegant edition, revised and corrected, by THE AUTHOR.
self written epitaph---Benjamin Franklin

Submitted by Wanda Alexander

Unforgiveness is the poison we drink hoping the other person gets sick.

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The Ups and Downs of Life

ladies were standing. We all began to laugh to the bottom of our toes. But we had to go into the auditorium and could not be laughing when we entered.

Jerry finally got his feet to working. He jumped up and quickly went in. All the ladies were trying to withhold laughter as we sung the first song. Then the choir was seated and Jerry tapped me on the shoulder and whispered, "Gloria, do I have something on my forehead?" I turned to look at his forehead and almost lost it. When Jerry had fallen forward, the man in front of him had hit his forehead with the bottom of his tennis shoe. There on Jerry's forehead was the perfect imprint of the sole of his tennis shoe. Needless to say, I was stilling trying to get control when we came to the invitation.

Jerry and I have often laughed until we cried over the situations that life has brought to us. I am so glad we learned early how to laugh at ourselves and to laugh together. I would rather live a life of comedy than a life of tragedy. There were many things in our youth that we could not talk about without getting angry but today, after the Holy Spirit working in our lives, we can go back to those things and laugh. How can we do that? Because we have allowed the Holy Spirit to instruct us and teach us how not to take offence with one another. Are we still tempted to take offence? Yes sir! But we have learned the joy of living in peace and harmony. We do not want to trade that peace for selfish indulgence.

Learn to laugh. Learn to enjoy life. Learn to rejoice. This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. ---Gloria Brewster

"The secret is Christ in me, not me in a different set of circumstances."

(Elizabeth Elliott)

Faith sees the invisible, believes the unbelievable, and receives the impossible!



by
Gloria Brewster



INSPIRATIONS

WHAT WAS THAT YOU SAID?

A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Matt 12:35-37

What was that you said? Often we speak without thinking. If it's really true that a woman speaks more than a man, then we have more words to give an account for. Although, I'm not sure we talk more than the man. Most of the man's words are spent talking about how much the women talk!

Have you ever stopped to think about the fact that you will give an account to God for every idle word! If this is not enough to scare you, then stop and think about the fact that each word we speak either justifies, or condemns us. Every word that comes out of our mouth is bringing judgment to our life. It's a sobering thought, is it not? Every word we speak reveals our hearts. Do you really think that you are hiding those thoughts in your heart? You are not. They are revealed by the word, by the tone of the word and by the intent of the heart concerning that word.

I admit, I am a talker. Before I was saved I was very backward, but the moment I was saved, life was so wonderful that I could not learn about it fast enough. I have a question and an answer for everything in life. My daddy told me once that when I died, they would have to keep my coffin closed for three days. I asked, "Why?" He said, "Because you will be talking three days after you're dead." I must have been getting on his nerves about that time! The secret is not to quit talking, but to make sure our words are words that justify us, and not words that condemn us.

What is it that we love so much about God? We can trust His Word!

As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him. Ps 18:30

For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth.

Ps 33:4

Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.

Ps 119:140

Would you trust God today, if yesterday He didn't keep His Word? No! You would not. Yet how many times have we spoken and did not follow through with our words. We will give an account for that. What if others try our words? Will they find those words spoken in truth? Can they trust our words to be right? Will our words be a buckler to those who trust us?

We are living in a throw away generation. Think of all the paper items you have in your home; paper plates, plastic silverware, napkins, paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, etc. We don't use a repair man very much anymore; we just throw away whatever broke and buy a new one. We don't repair our lives anymore like we once did; we just throw it away and think we can make it new. Life is not like our material goods. You have ONE life and you do not throw it away. It remains with you until death. Oh, you may think you have started a new

life, but the old one stays with you. Thank goodness our sins are gone when we repent and trust the work of Christ for our life, but we must deal with whatever we created by our words, our works and our actions. Once the Holy Spirit is sealed in our hearts, then He begins to work on us to purge out all the things we have wrongly built in our lives, but if we resist Him, we continue in our own destruction.

How do you pay your bills? You gave your word to pay those bills, did you not? Have you read your church covenant? When you joined your church, you agreed to abide by that covenant. Are you? When you married, you made a vow. Are you living in harmony with that vow?

I grew up knowing that marriage was to be until death!!! I went into marriage thinking that I would be married forever. I spoke those vows as my daddy said, "Repeat after me." I said, "In sickness and in health. In poverty or wealth. Until death do us part." This is what the audience heard me say. What they did not hear me say was, "I will stay married until you are unfaithful!" I had no intention of living with an unfaithful man. But I was vowing until death. In my heart I had put a stipulation on my vow. I didn't mean what I was saying. I told Jerry before we married, that if he was ever unfaithful to be me, I would forgive him, because God required me to forgive him, but he just couldn't live here any longer! Later in our marriage the Lord revealed to me what I was doing. I was saying, "I will forgive any thing but this." My love had a stipulation. God forgives all sins. The only sin that will condemn you is the sin of rejecting Christ. Charity...

Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

1 Cor 13:7

Had I forgiven Jerry but not honored my vow, I still would not be obeying Christ. Often, we go half way with God. Thank the Lord I never had to face unfaithfulness. Jerry's faithfulness has been his greatest quality,

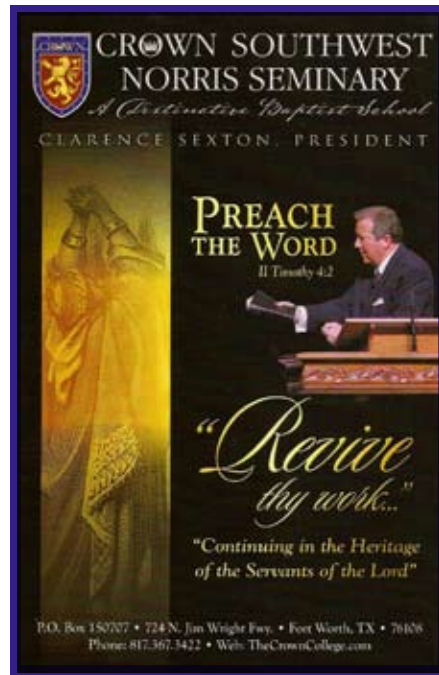
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Jonathan Langman

My name is Jonathan Langman and I am a senior studying at Crown Southwest, a Bible College in Fort Worth, Texas. I received the Lord as my personal Savior when I realized I needed Him at the age of seven. God has worked many different ways in my life and even through many mistakes. I realized that the center of God's will is the only place where I could find true peace. At the age of fifteen, I surrendered to do with my life whatever God would have me do but decided to live for myself for the time being. Finally at the age of twenty, after a couple years of Bible College, I realized how badly I needed to be right with God. Not knowing where God would lead me, I gave my life back to Him and have done my best to live for His glory since. I will be finishing my college studies this coming December with a Youth Ministries Degree and my plans are to go to the country of Canada where I grew up. I want to work with the teenagers of my land. My desire is to one day begin a youth camp to reach out to the next generation. Pray for me as I finish Bible College. Pray that God will continue to work in me and please pray for the youth of Canada, that their hearts will be tender to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

I am serving at the Galilean Baptist Church this semester. I am working with children, teens and visitation program.



CROWN COLLEGE STUDENTS

1. **Crown College students** know that the call of God on their lives is a call to follow Christ.
2. **Crown College students** understand that the Christian life is a holy life and that the Word of God teaches we should be separated unto the Lord and separated from the world.
3. **Crown College students** believe in the work of personal soul winning and are engaged in bringing people to Jesus Christ.
4. **Crown College students** have a strong conviction that the field is the world and that God's plan is to go into all the world with the Gospel.
5. **Crown College students** recognize that it is the responsibility of every Christian to be actively involved in obeying the Great Commission by winning souls to Christ and establishing local New Testament churches.
6. **Crown College students** respect and appreciate men and women of the past who have served the Lord faithfully and have lived holy lives handing down to us a great heritage.
7. **Crown College students** know the will of God settles everything in life.
8. **Crown College students** desire to be directed by the Holy Spirit, through the Word of God, and with godly counsel to make Christ-honoring decisions.
9. **Crown College students** understand that no two Christians have the same ability or the same opportunity, but that every Christian must meet Christ at His judgment seat with what he has done with his ability



Jordan Rodgers

Hello, my name is Jordan Rodgers and I am a junior at Crown Southwest and Norris Seminary this semester. Crown Southwest is located in Fort Worth, Texas, and is a division school of Crown College in Knoxville, TN. The Lord first lead me to Crown Southwest my sophomore year and now I am back for my junior year. The Lord has used Proverbs 27:24 to lead me here and to keep me here. It says, "For riches are not forever: and doth the crown endure to every generation?" I know that the crown does not endure to every generation; it must be contended for. We must earnestly contend for the faith. It was only once delivered and will never be delivered again, and now it must be contended for. I know that we are a part of a great work here. God is doing great things. I trust that "... greater things than these shall ye see..." I want to contend for God compassionately and earnestly, for the crown will not endure to the next generation unless it is contended for now.

I am now in my second semester serving at the Galilean Baptist. I work with children, teens & visitation.

and opportunity.

10. **Crown College students** seek to walk with God each day and live a holy life.
11. **Crown College students** enjoy serving the Lord.
12. **Crown College students** know they must be ready at any moment for our Lord's return.

TID BIT'S OF WISDOM



MONEY

This year is almost 1/4 of the way over. Can you believe that? Time moves on and we must make the best of it. We have seen four people saved in the last few weeks at our church and this has been so refreshing. Our country is in trouble and people are beginning to feel the pressure. It's a good time to give the Gospel to those who have no hope. We have hope and we are secure and yet it is scary. What must the lost feel like when the ship starts down? As Christians we have one mission, and that mission is to give the Gospel to the lost.

Tid Bit's of Wisdom desires to be an encouragement to the body of Christ and a witness to the lost. Thank you for your support that allows us to minister through the paper. Last month we added over 200 names to our mailing list. Many of them were in foreign countries and the cost for postage is very high. We have created a web site, tidbitswww.com, where we can publish the paper without cost and be able to send it to all missionaries with e-mail.

Because of the generous gift we received last month, we will be able to secure more equipment in the future. The person who was so gracious to Tid Bits of Wisdom last month had received a blessing from the Lord and shared that blessing with us. We shared a portion with others. When we give with a giving heart to a person with a giving heart, and they give to a person with a giving heart, the blessing of the Lord just keeps on going. Tid Bits tithes from the gifts that are given to us. We were able to give to 5 ministries of the gospel because of the gift we received. We cannot outgive God!

Gloria and I were able to take a week away this month. We went to Colorado where two of our children live. Our foster daughter and husband live in Denver and our son and his family live in Pueblo. Our son is youth pastor at the Parkhill Baptist Church. We had planned to go eight months ago, after Gloria's mother's death, but every time we planned to go, we had a death in our church, in our family or one of our friends. We have had two weeks in the last eight months without a death. As we were packing to leave, we received a call that our shut-in member, Mrs. Madine Spears had passed away. We were heart broken that we would not be there for her family, but we felt we must get away and spend some time with the Lord in prayer. God was good and Bro. Bob Wallace, who had been her pastor for 22 years, was able to preach her funeral. The ministry does not stop. Don't forget to pray for your pastor and those that serve your church. Money is not the only thing the ministry needs. It also needs strength, wisdom, health and courage.

Mrs. Karen Blankenship has been a real blessing by sharing Tid Bits with those she encounters while on deputation. She has also obtained two testimonies from preachers' wives. If you would like to share how you came to Christ and how Christ has worked in your life, please write to us at Tid Bits of Wisdom, 1801 Old Hickory Trail, DeSoto, Texas 75115. We will not print them all right away, but we will put them in a file to be used at a later time.

We praise the Lord for sending enough support to mail and produce the paper each month and we thank you for responding to His leading in your lives. May God richly bless you for sharing your life with this work.

EITHER CUT OR TAKE A HIKE: A teenage boy had just gotten his driver's license and asked his dad if they could discuss the use of the family car. His dad said he would make a deal with the kid. "You bring your grades from 'D' to a 'B' average, study your Bible a little, and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk." The kid thought for a moment before deciding to go for the offer. After a couple of months, the dad said, "Son, you've brought your grades up and I've been watching you study your Bible, but I'm a little disappointed that you haven't gotten your hair

It can buy a House...But not a Home

It can buy a Bed...But not Sleep

It can buy a Clock...But not Time

It can buy a Book...But not Knowledge

It can buy a Position...But not Respect

It can buy Medicine...But not Health

It can buy Blood...But not Life

It can buy Sex...But not Love

Money its not everything!



DA END BE NEAR!!

Reverend Boudreaux was the part-time pastor of the local Cajun Baptist Church and Pastor Thibodaux was the minister of the Covenant Church across the road. They were both standing by the road, pounding a sign into the ground, that read:

"Da End is Near

**Turn Yo Sef 'Roun Now
Afore It Be Too Late!"**

As a car sped past them, the driver leaned out his window and yelled, "You religious nuts!"

From the curve they heard screeching tires, and a big splash....

Boudreaux turns to Thibodaux and asks, "Do ya tink maybe da sign should jus say....Bridge Out."

cut yet." The kid looked at his dad and said, "You know Dad, I've been thinking about that. I've noticed in my Bible that Samson, John the Baptist and Moses had long hair. To which the father replied, "And did you also notice that everywhere they went, they walked?"



**SERMON OUTLINE:
SOUL WINNING**
by Bro. Jerry Brewster

PROVERBS 11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life: and he that winneth souls is wise.

WHY SOUL WINNING?

BECAUSE OF:

I. GOD'S CORRECTION FOR SIN:

A. ROMANS 3:23 For all have sinned and come short....

B. ROMANS 6:23 For the wages of sin is death;

C. EZEKIEL 18:4 & 20 ..The soul that sinneth, it shall die.

II. GOD'S CONCERN FOR MEN:

A. JOHN 3:16 For God so loved the world,...

B. ACTS 17:30 At the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent:

C. ROMANS 5:8 But God commended his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

D. II PETER 3:9 ...Not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

III. GOD'S COMMANDMENT TO WIN:

A. MATTHEW 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them....

B. MARK 16:15 ...Go ye into all the world, and preach....

C. EZEKIEL 3:18 (READ)

CONCLUSIONS:

I. COMPEL THEM TO COME IN:

A. LUKE 14:23 And the Lord said unto the servant, Go out in the highways and hedges and compel them to come in.

II. A JEWELLED CROWN TO WIN:

A. I THES 2:19 (READ)



THE UPS AND DOWNS OF LIFE!

I have taken the ladies of our church to many ladies' meetings. While we were riding down the road we would share stories of our lives with each other. Of course, I told more stories on Jerry than on myself (wouldn't you if you were me?). The ladies have begged me to write a book about our falls, but I just haven't had the courage. I thought today would be a good time to give every one a good laugh at our expense.

Before I start with Jerry's falls, I must admit that I have had my own embarrassing moments. I remember teaching a ladies' seminar at a mission conference in East Texas. I had taught all morning and the Lord had work greatly in the hearts of the ladies. I was on cloud nine! I finished my class right before lunch, so I picked up all of my materials and headed for the car, which was parked at the front of the building. As I got halfway across the parking lot, my ankle turned and I spread myself all over the parking lot. I must have slid several feet. I took all the hide off of my legs and arms, but somehow that wasn't what was important at that time. My first thought was, "How many people just watched the flying teacher go across the asphalt?" I finally got the nerve to look up and when I did, I realized that no one saw me fall!! Out of almost 300 people, no one saw me fall. My next thought was, "Nobody even cares that I'm lying on the ground!" Self pity stormed in like a lion. There was no one there to help me up. I liked to have never gotten up off the ground. Blood was running down my legs and arms (it really wasn't bad, but it looked bad). Finally, I got up and put my books in the car and walked into the fellowship hall (where everyone was but me) and looked around and realized that the world didn't even stop for my problem. How can I sit there hurting and no one even cared?

As soon as Jerry realized I had fallen, he began tending to me as a nurse would her child. The Lord taught me something that day. The truth is, many people sit around us today, who are bleeding and hurting and we don't know it. Maybe they fell into sin and are bleeding because of it. Take time to ask and listen to the needs of those around you. You might be surprised what is going on.

Now for my precious husband! We were in Albuquerque, New Mexico in the 70's at the Temple Baptist Church where Jerry had a college and career class. Bro. Curtis Goldman was our pastor. We had a black family in our

church and most of their children were in our class. Jerry and Bro. Evans loved to tease together. Jerry and I both sang in the choir and on this particular Sunday, Jerry and Bro. Evans were playing brer-rabbit and tar baby in the choir room, while waiting to go into the auditorium. The two of them kept the choir in stitches. Someone hollered, "Time to go!" We had not started lining up to go in, so we all began to hurry to get in line. Jerry was the last of the men and I was the first of the ladies, which put me right behind Jerry. We had about six wooden steps going into the loft. Jerry was in such a hurry that his foot slipped off and he fell forward with his hands on the steps and his back side in the air, with his feet moving ninety miles an hour, but going nowhere. It was the funniest site from where I and the

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--Psalms 68:11--

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THERE SHALL BE SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS

**“There shall be show-ers of bless-ing” -This is the promise of love;
There shall be sea-sons re-fresh-ing, Sent from the Sav-ior above.**

**“There shall be show-ers of bless-ing” - Pre-cious re-viv-ing a-gain;
O-ver the hills and the val-leys, Sound of a-bun-dance of rain.**

**“There shall be show-ers of bless-ing” - Send them up-on us, O Lord;
Grant to us now a re-freshing, Come and now hon-or Thy Word.**

**“There shall be show-ers of bless-ing” - O, that to-day they might fall,
Now as to God we're con-fess-ing, Now as on Je-sus we call!**

Chorus:

**Show-ers of bless-ing. Show-ers of bless-ing we need;
Mer-cy drops round us are fall-ing, But for the show-ers we plead.**



Deut 32:1-3

**Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will
speak; and hear, O earth, the words
of my mouth.**

**My doctrine shall drop as the rain,
my speech shall distil as the dew, as
the small rain upon the tender herb,
and as the showers upon the grass:**

**Because I will publish the name of
the LORD: ascribe ye greatness
unto our God.**

Zechariah 10:1

**Ask ye of the LORD rain in the
time of the latter rain; so the LORD
shall make bright clouds, and give
them showers of rain, to every one
grass in the field.**