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THE LORD'S MERCY!

READ THRU THE BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.

The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.

Lam 3:22-25

It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, but continue to have freedom to worship in our country. With the world in such a turmoil, it is the Lord's mercies that keeps us safe. Many of the things we enjoy in America, we have taken for granted or misused through the years, yet God in His mercy has left us with opened doors. These doors may not always be open, but let us thank the Lord for what He has given us this day.

How would we like it if our Heavenly Father reacted to us like some of our father's of the flesh? There are fathers who refuse to forgive their children or make a way for them to return to the family. Our Heavenly Father always acts in righteousness and at the same time makes a way of escape for the sinner when he comes with a repentant heart. What a wonderful Father who is so quick to forgive us our sins and trespasses.

Some of our children remained home after they were out of school. We did not follow them around to see if they were doing right, but they always knew that they could not bring their sins to our house. They were always welcome, but sin was never allowed. If one of our children was taken in a sin, once they were repentant, it was not mentioned again.

So often, because of the iniquity that abounds, we become hardened and are not quick to show mercy to one another. The Lord gives us this verse to remind us of our need for mercy and truth.

Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: Prov 3:3

If we hope to find mercy from the Lord, then we must show mercy to others. Forty-five times in the Scripture when the word mercy is used, the word truth is used along side of it. To stay balanced we must have both mercy and truth. Mercy doesn't mean that we do not deal with sin; it means that we show compassion to the one taken in sin.

Many times our children step on our hearts and it is so easy to become offended! If we are not careful we plan revenge and before we know it we have lost the heart of our child. Vengeance belongs to the Lord. Mercy softens the heart and truth brings conviction. Love melts hard hearts and makes it easy to work with one another. These are tools the Lord has given us and yet too often we do not use them.

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These are names of those who have read through their Bible in one year.

We may have some more to add next month. We would also love to know the names of anyone who finished their Bible, but took more than a year to do so. Let us know if you have read through your Bible, because it encourages others to attempt to read through their Bible.

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MERCIES OF THE LORD

Years ago, Gloria and I found ourselves in bondage. When we took our foster children we had charged a lot of clothing and schooling, thinking that the Lord would pick up the bill, since we were doing His work! We took our first daughter before I even got my first paycheck after returning from Bro. Roloff's. It made sense to us that if we would step out by faith the Lord would pay the bills. NOT SO! When we came to our senses and realized the Lord was not going to pay those bills, we, due to extreme pressure, went to prayer. The Lord had wanted to take care of those needs from the start, but He wanted us to pray them down, not charge them. That's what we began doing and words can never express what our children learned about God's supplies as we knelt around the couch and prayed. Everyone of our children pray down their needs today and never come to us for help. They learned it from those prayer times.

When we counted up our debt it was going to take 4 years to get out of debt. That meant we had to pay bills and still find the money for that day's needs. We had done a very unwise thing, but God in His mercy, made a way for us to pay out of debt in two (very hard) years, instead of four years. He didn't owe us that, but when He saw we understood His way, He showed mercy.

Many times we assume God's way in a matter instead of seeking His face. I'm sure you have been there also. Where would we be without His mercy?

The Scripture is very clear that if we expect to receive mercy, then we are to give mercy. I'm reminded of another incident that happened during the time we were paying our way out of debt. We had a couple in our church who needed a car but they didn't have any money. We had a car for sale and we decided to let this family have the car and pay us when or if they got the money. We were asking \$300 for the car. About a month after we gave them the car, they showed up on our front porch with \$150. They said they would pay the rest when they got it. Well, two years went by and we had forgotten about the car. We were praying for another need and needed an answer that day. Early in the morning the man showed up on our porch and said that God had reminded him the night before that he had never paid us for the car. That \$150 was just what we needed. We showed mercy and the Lord repaid on the perfect day, just what we needed.

We cannot outgive the Lord. We need His mercy every day and therefore we had better be busy giving mercy to others as the opportunity arises. We need to be reminded of the benefits of the Lord that we enjoy daily.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and *tender mercies*;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Ps 103:2-5

I never really knew my earthly father and he really never showed a lot of mercy to my mother or us five children, but my Heavenly Father has taught me the joy of having a father that is of great mercies and loving kindness - a Father who will not forsake us or turn a deaf ear to our cries in time of trouble. We need to seek Him and get to know Him so we can learn to love as He loves us, then people will know that we are the children of the Heavenly Father.

----Jerry Brewster

Photographer (to fidgety old maid): "Now, don't worry, miss. I'll do you justice." She: "I don't want justice, I want mercy."

GET OUT OF THE CAR!

(This is supposedly a true account recorded in the Police Log of Sarasota, Florida.)

An elderly Florida lady did her shopping and, upon returning to her car, found four males in the act of leaving with her vehicle.

She dropped her shopping bags and drew her handgun, proceeding to scream at the top of her lungs, "I have a gun, and I know how to use it! Get out of the Car!"

The four men didn't wait for a second threat. They got out and ran like mad.

The lady, somewhat shaken, then proceeded to load her shopping bags into the back of the car and got into the driver's seat. She was so shaken that she could not get her key into the ignition.

She tried and tried, and then she realized why. It was for the same reason she had wondered why there was a football, a Frisbee and two 12 packs of Cokes in the front seat.

A few minutes later, she found her own car parked four or five spaces farther down.

She loaded her bags into the car and drove to the police station to report her mistake.

The sergeant to whom she told the story couldn't stop laughing.

He pointed to the other end of the counter, where four pale men were reporting a car jacking by a mad, elderly woman described as white, less than five feet tall, glasses, curly white hair, and carrying a large handgun.

No charges were filed.

Moral of the story?

If your going to have a senior moment....make it memorable.

A little preacher with a shrill voice was about to preach to a lodge of big, brawny men. He piped out his text. "It is I, be not afraid."

TID BITS OF WISDOM MONTHLY REPORT

We praise the Lord for the beginning of our fifth year. Thank the Lord we have not missed one month these years. This month has been trying, seeing that Gloria has had a major surgery and has six to nine weeks recovery. Gloria does all the typing and setting of the paper each month. She is sitting at the computer with a tube in her stomach, putting this paper together. Everyone told us to skip this month, but Gloria has been very concerned that if people are going to support the monthly paper, then there should be a paper each month. We would appreciate your continued prayers for Gloria that the Lord will lift her up quickly so she can be back to the things God has given her to do.

We would like to say thank you to those who gave special gifts in the month of December. We are getting very close to having all of the books entered into the computer, but there are many hours of work left in order to set up the books in library form. If you would like to give toward this work it would really be appreciated. One hundred dollars will hire ten hours of work.

Words cannot express the joy we have when we see the faithfulness of a few to have their support in the mail at almost the same time every month. Faithfulness is almost a lost art in this country, yet God has given us a faithful family, that are as faithful as clock work. If you would like to join our faithful monthly family, no amount is too small. Together, it is always enough! Every gift is tax deductible.

Galilean Baptist Church had a revival in October with Bro. Melton Ker. The Lord was gracious and the altars were working every service. We had a lady saved and many rededications. It has been such a joy to watch God work in these lives through our people. New birth and revived hearts are what puts the spirit in the church house. **Bro. Melton Ker** has just retired from the pastorate and is open for revivals and special meetings. We would encourage you to have him at your church. He can be reached at **110 Merrimac Drive, Hendersonville, TN 37075. Cell phone number is 304-661-3365.**

We begin this year with the sad note that Bro. Brown, who has been a board member for years, went home to be with the Lord. Through the years this work has lost all but one original worker, Mrs. Connie Cimino. Mrs. Connie's daughter and son-in-law, Bro. Darryl and Mishel Smith are also on the Board of Directors. The path that the Cimnios made is an opportunity for us who come behind them to do the work the Lord has for us. The Ciminios had a desire to get the Word of God into the hands of the Spanish speaking people, plus to anyone who would take it. Bro. Dick Cimino came to America, from Italy, as a young child and found Christ as a young man. He had been religious, but knew nothing about being born again. Once he became a Christian, he couldn't study hard enough or work hard enough at getting the Word of God into the lives of others. He then met Mrs. Rose, who was a widow with a young son, and together they gave themselves to the service of the Lord. This also is the desire of us who come behind them. It is sad to us that so many Christians spend no time learning the Word of God. Yet, they wonder why they don't have answers for the troubles in their lives. Our desire is that Christians mature in God's Word so they can persuade others to place their trust and faith in the work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Letters from our readers: Tid Bits arrived today. Always enjoy. Especially like the piece you did on your hands. God bless you for recognizing your God-given talent and for using it and your other many talents for His glory! Also, enjoyed "Whom do men say that I am?" Because in November Larry and I had the opportunity to be at Casarea Philippi - the site where Jesus asked the question and Peter answered. Lou Ann Jackson

Dear Folks, Thanks again for a wonderful year of Tid Bits. It's amazing how often they come in handy or hit the spot or fit the situation. Thanks especially for the article on "Hands". We too, play music and arthritis has invaded both my thumbs, which makes it painful to play the guitar. We play four nursing homes a month on a regular basis, plus other venues. We do mostly gospel as the senior folks seems to respond better to this type of song, plus it is our way of witnessing for our Lord. So now, when I feel like quitting, I will remember what you said about keeping on as long as the Lord gives us the strength. We are praying for your recovering from surgery. God has given you a wonderful talent and folks like me reap the benefits of that. Thanks again for all your hard work. Cass & Sue Reasor

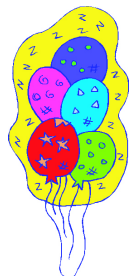
Thanks again for the wonderful word. I enjoy it so much each month. May God bless you both for all your work every month, and all the others that help to get it out. Lewis Cox

Will you please send my Aunt a couple of the last Tid Bits of Wisdom that you mail out. I really enjoy them and study them really as words of Wisdom. Cynthia Smith

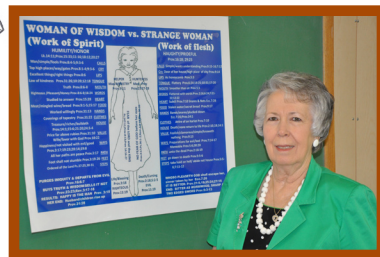
UP A TREE!

THE THEOLOGICAL STUDENT WAS CALLED BEFORE THE CLASS TO SPEAK WITHOUT PREPARATION ON ZACCHAEUS. HE SAID IN PART:

"IN MANY WAYS I AM LIKE ZACCHAREUS. I AM A LITTLE MAN; I AM UP A TREE; AND I'M COMING DOWN OUT OF THE TREE."



by
Gloria Brewster



Is any sick among you?

Having just gone through major surgery, I suppose this question has been heavy on my mind. In the early 80's I taught a class on "Sickness". Every Sunday morning, I listen to a Bible teaching tape while I do my hair for church. The Sunday before my surgery, I went to find a tape to listen to and saw the one I had done on sickness and I decided I would listen to it. As I was listening, I got under conviction. I had not done what the Bible said to do and what I had taught others to do. I had not called for the elders of the church to anoint me with oil and pray for me. I had done much prayer over this surgery and I had found a peace about having it, but because of that peace, I forgot about doing what the Scripture says to do. The Lord seemed to say to me, "Just because I give you peace is no reason to not obey the Scriptures."

I told Jerry that morning at church and we got four elders to meet with us in the office Wednesday night before my surgery on Thursday.

Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.

Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

James 5:13-16

Jerry and I deal with sickness almost everyday of our lives. It seems we just go from one hospital to another, or nursing homes. In Dallas, there are many hospitals and of course no one goes to the same one any more. My father was a preacher and I remember going to my first funeral when I could not even see in the casket. All I could see was gray hair on their heads. I decided that if a person had gray hair they were about to die. When I would spend the night with my grandmother, I would pray for the Lord to not let her die while I was sleeping next to her. She had beautiful gray hair. We never know what children are thinking.

How do you pray for someone who is sick? There are a group of Christians that believe that it is only your faith that heals you and if you don't have enough faith you can't be healed. Yet search the Scriptures and find out how Elisha died (11 Kings 13:14-21). The Bible says that Elisha died of "his sickness". Yet, later when some men were trying to bury someone they threw him in Elisha's grave and he revived and stood on his feet. There was enough power in Elisha's body to raise the dead, yet he died sick. Job had not sinned nor was he lacking faith, yet he suffered some real sickness. Paul was used of God to heal the sick, yet when he had his problem the Lord did not heal him, but said, "My grace is sufficient." (Acts 19:11-12; 11 Cor 12:7-10) So, how do we pray for someone?

Our sickness is for one of three things. It is either for the Lord to be glorified, or it is for correction, or it is unto death. We need to pray for discernment as to what the Lord is doing with us.

We all hope it is for bringing glory to the Lord. We always desire a miracle from the Lord to remove whatever the problem is. We have every right to ask for our desires, IF we are willing to accept the Lord's will.

It could be for correction. That doesn't mean you were in deep sin and He is punishing you (although that could be the case), but it may be that the Lord will use sickness to help you correct your priorities; to teach you something you would never learn if you were well.

In the early 70's I was told that I had only two years left to walk. All of a sudden being able to walk was so important to me and I decided to be busy walking for as long as the Lord would give me. I am walking today; they were wrong. They were not wrong about my problem, they were wrong about the way the Lord was going to work in my life. The sicknesses that I have endured through the years have given me a zeal to do today what I can and not to think about tomorrow until tomorrow comes. Had I been healthy, I might have gotten nothing accomplished these years.

Then there is sickness unto death. It is appointed unto men once to die and then the judgment. There are many ways to die and one of those ways is sickness. For Elisha, God said it was "his" sickness!

My favorite verse for praying for the sick is Hebrews 11:6;

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WHY GOD USED D.L. MOODY

WRITTEN BY R.A. TORREY
FORWARD BY JOHN R. RICE

Eighty-six years ago (February 5, 1837), there was born of poor parents in a humble farm house in Northfield, Massachusetts, a little baby who was to become the greatest man, as I believe, of his generation or of his century - Dwight L. Moody. After our great generals, great statesmen, great scientists and great men of letters have passed away and been forgotten, and their work and its helpful influence has come to an end, the work of D.L. Moody will go on and its saving influence continue and increase, bringing blessing not only to every State in the Union but to every nation on earth. Yes, it will continue throughout the ages of eternity.

My subject is "Why God Used D.L. Moody," and I can think of no subject upon which I would rather speak. For I shall not seek to glorify Mr. Moody, but the God Who by His grace, His entirely unmerited favor, used him so mightily, and the Christ Who saved him by His atoning death and resurrection life, and the Holy Spirit Who lived in him and wrought through him and Who alone made him the mighty power that he was to this world. Furthermore: I hope to make it clear that the God Who used D.L. Moody in his day is just as ready to use you and me, in this day, if we, on our part, do what D.L. Moody did, which was what made it possible for God to so abundantly use him.

The whole secret of why D.L. Moody was such a mightily used man you will find in Psalm 62:11: "god hath spoken once; twice have I heard this, that POWER BELONGETH UNTO GOD." I am glad it does. I am glad that power did not belong to D.L. Moody; I am glad that it did not belong to Charles G. Finney; I am glad that it did not belong to Marthin Luther; I am glad that it did not belong to any other Christian man whom God has greatly used in this world's history. Power belongs to God. If D.L. Moody had any power, and he had great power, he got it from God.

But God does not give His power arbitrarily. It is true that He gives it to whomsoever He will, but He wills to give it on certain conditions, which are clearly revealed in His Word; and D.L. Moody met those conditions and God made him the most wonderful preacher of his generation; yes, I think the most wonderful man of his generation.

But how was it that D.L. Moody had that power of God so wonderfully manifested in his life? Pondering this question it seemed to me that there were seven things in the life of D.L. Moody that accounted for God's using him so largely as He did.

A FULLY SURRENDERED MAN

The first thing that accounts for God's using D.L. Moody so mightily was that he was a fully surrendered man. Every ounce of that two-hundred-and-eighty-pound body of his belonged to God; everything he was and everything he had, belonged wholly to God. Now, I am not saying that Mr. Moody was perfect; he was not. If I attempted to, I presume I could point out some defects in his character. It does not occur to me at this moment what they were; but I am confident that I could think of some, if I tried real hard. I have never yet met a perfect man, not one. I have known perfect men in the sense in which the Bible commands us to be perfect, i.e., men who are wholly God's, out-and-out for God, fully surrendered to God, with no will but God's will; but I have never known a man in whom I could not see some defects, some places where he might have been improved. No, Mr. Moody was not a faultless man. If he had any flaws in his character, and he had, I presume I was in a position to know them better than almost any other man, because of my very close association with him in the later years of his life; and furthermore, I suppose that in his latter days he opened his heart to me more fully than to anyone else in the world. I think he told me some things that he told no one else. I presume I knew whatever defects there were in his character as well as anybody. But while I recognized such flaws, nevertheless, I know that he was a man who belonged wholly to God.

The first month I was in Chicago, we were having a talk about something upon which we very widely differed, and Mr. Moody turned to me very frankly and very kindly and said in defense of his own position: "Torrey, If I believed that God wanted me to jump out of that window, I would jump." I believe he would. If he thought God wanted him to do anything he would do it. He belonged wholly, unreservedly, unqualifiedly, entirely, to God.

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Is any sick among you?

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

To exercise our faith we must first believe that **He is!** He is whatever we need. God can do anything we ask or think. If we get the ear of God and God desires to show mercy, He can do anything we need.

There are no limits as to what we can ask for. What a wonderful feeling to know that God is powerful enough to take care of our needs. The first step of faith is to believe that **HE IS!**

Step two is to believe that **He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him!** I am surprised at how many people I meet who feel they do not deserve to expect anything from the Lord. Our rewards are based on who He is, not who we are. He has promised if we will look to Him for our needs He will respond to our needs and reward our faith in Him.

While I was in the hospital, I was five days without sleep because of a reaction to the medicine. I pleaded with the Lord to remove the side effects and I could feel His presence, but He didn't remove them. The day I left the hospital and came home I had sat in a chair all night waiting to go home. I felt that if I could get home I could rest. When we came home the Lord removed all the issues and gave me rest, but it was in His timing and not mine. We want the answer right now, but everything is beautiful in His time.

I read a comment someone had written on Facebook last week. Their comment was, "How could God let this happen to me, I'm a Christian?" Sometimes we think because we love the Lord and seek to please Him that He is not going to let anything happen to us! Wrong.

I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of

skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all.

For man also knoweth not his time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them.

Ecc 9:11-12

We have some loved ones who appear to be dying of cancer. They are believing the Lord for a miracle, which as long as there is life, we should seek for healing. But we must be prepared for the Lord's will and His purposes to be performed. He does what is best for all, and it might not be what we would desire.

So how do we pray? We pray with faith believing that **HE IS** and that **HE IS** a rewarder of those that diligently seek Him. We then wait to see the hand of the Lord on our lives.

I could never tell you all the little things the Lord has done for me these last two weeks. When the elders prayed for me they asked for some specific things that I had been concerned about. While the Lord did not heal me so I would not have to have the surgery, He answered all of the request the elders asked that night.

If you are facing a sickness at this time, call for your elders. Baptists are bad about neglecting this Scripture because it has been so abused by others, but there is nothing like the peace that comes from obeying these verses. The oil will not heal you; it is simple obedience. After gathering for prayer you can be sure that your sickness will not overcome your spirit and He will raise you up either in health or in the resurrection. But He will do that which is good for you.

NATURAL GAS!

The pastor preacher preached very long and a young house wife became anxious about her roast in the oven at home. She scribbled a note and passed it to her husband, who happened to be an usher. He thought she meant it for the preacher and took it up to him. The pastor read, "Please hurry home and shut off the gas."

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WHY GOD USED

D. L. MOODY

Henry Varley, a very intimate friend of Mr. Moody in the earlier days of his work, loved to tell how he once said to him: "It remains to be seen what God will do with a man who gives himself up wholly to Him." I am told that when Mr. Henry Varley said that, Mr. Moody said to himself: "Well, I will be that man." And I, for my part, do not think "it remains to be seen" what God will do with a man who gives himself up wholly to Him. I think it has been seen already in D.L. Moody. If you and I are to be used in our sphere as D.L. Moody was used in his, we must put all that we have and all that we are in the hands of God, for Him to use us as He will, to send us where He will, for God to do with us what He will, and that we, on our, to do everything God bids us do. There are thousands and tens of thousands of men and women in Christian work, brilliant men and women, rarely gifted men and women, men and women who are making great sacrifices, men and women who have put all conscious sin out of their lives, yet who, nevertheless, have stopped short of absolute surrender to God, and therefore have stopped short of fullness of power. But Mr. Moody did not stop short of absolute surrender to God; he was a wholly surrendered man, and if you and I are to be used, you and I must be wholly surrendered men and women.

A MAN OF PRAYER

The second secret of the great power exhibited in Mr. Moody's life was that Mr. Moody was in the deepest and most meaningful sense a man of prayer. People oftentimes say to me: "Well, I went many miles to see and to hear D.L. Moody and he certainly was a wonderful preacher." Yes, D.L. Moody certainly was a wonderful preacher; taking it all in all, the most wonderful preacher I have ever heard, and it was a great privilege to hear him preach as he alone could preach; but out of a very intimate acquaintance with him I wish

to testify that he was a far greater prayerer than he was preacher. Time and time again, he was confronted by obstacles that seemed insurmountable, but he always knew the way to surmount and to overcome all difficulties. He knew the way to bring to pass anything that needed to be brought to pass. He knew and believed in the deepest depths of his soul that "nothing was too hard for the Lord" and that prayer could do anything that God could do.

Oftentimes Mr. Moody would write me when he was about to undertake some new work, saying: "I am beginning work in such and such a place on such and such a day; I wish you would get the students together for a day of fasting and prayer"; and often I have taken those letters and read them to the students in the lecture room and said: "Mr. Moody wants us to have a day of fasting and prayer, first for God's blessing on our own souls and work, and then for God's blessing on him and his work." Often we were gathered in the lecture room far into the night - sometimes till one, two, three, four or even five o'clock in the morning, crying to God, just because Mr. Moody urged us to wait upon God until we received His blessing. How many men and women I have known whose lives and characters have been transformed by those nights of prayer and who have wrought mighty things in many lands because of those nights of prayer!

One day Mr. Moody drove up to my house at Northfield and said: "Torrey, I want you to take a ride with me." I got into the carriage and we drove out toward Lover's Lane, talking about some great and unexpected difficulties that had arisen in regard to the work in Northfield and Chicago, and in connection with other work that was very dear to him. As we drove along, some black storm-clouds lay ahead of us, and then suddenly, as we were talking, it began to rain. He drove the horse into a shed near the entrance to Lover's Lane to shelter the horse, and then laid the reins upon the dashboard and said: "Torrey, pray"; and then, as best I

could, I prayed, while he in his heart joined me in prayer. And when my voice was silent he began to pray Oh, I wish you could have heard that prayer! I shall never forget it, so trustful, so definite and so direct and so mighty. When the storm was over and we drove back to town, the obstacles had been surmounted, and the work of the schools, and other work that was threatened, went on as it had never gone on before, and it has gone on until this day. As we drove back, Mr. Moody said to me: "Torrey, we will let the other men do the talking and the criticizing, and we will stick to the work that God has given us to do, and let Him take care of the difficulties and answer the criticisms."

On one occasion Mr. Moody said to me in Chicago: "I have just found, to my surprise, that we are twenty thousand dollars behind in our finances for the work here in Northfield, and we must have that twenty thousand dollars, and I am going to get it by prayer." He did not tell a soul who had the ability to give a penny of the twenty thousand dollars deficit, but looked right to God and said: "I need twenty thousand dollars for my work; send me that money in such a way that I will know it comes straight from Thee." And God heard that prayer. The money came in such a way that it was clear that it came from God, in direct answer to prayer. Yes, D.L. Moody was a man who believed in the God Who answers prayer, and not only believed in Him in a theoretical way but believed in Him in a practical way. He was a man who met every difficulty that stood in his way - by prayer. Everything he undertook was backed up by prayer, and in everything, his ultimate dependence was upon God.

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THERE'S A DIFFERENCE
There's a vast difference
between having to say something,
and having something to say.

It's a Great Life, If you Don't Weaken!

"The preacher has a great time. If his hair is gray, he is too old. If he is young, he hasn't had experience. If he has ten children, he has too many; if he has none, he isn't setting a good example. If his wife sings in the choir, she is presuming; if she doesn't, she isn't interested in her husband's work. If he reads from notes, he is a bore; if he speaks extemporaneously, he isn't deep enough. If he stays in his study; he is a poor mixer; if he is seen much on the street, he had better be at home preparing sermons. If he calls on a poor family, he is playing to the grandstand; if he calls on the wealthy, he is an aristocrat. Whatever he does, someone could have told him how to do it better."

- The Churchman.

OVERCOMERS!

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?
1 John 5:4-5

What are you planning to overcome this year? The Scripture says that we who believe, have the power to overcome the things in our life that rob us from abundant living. What do you need to conquer this year?

There are many things that we could set our focus on, but what would the Lord have you to work to overcome this year?

I've heard many people make fun of those who make New Year's resolutions, but at least they have a goal. Don't be unreasonable, but with balance, look around in your life and decide just what needs to be brought back in balance in your life.

What did you conquer last year? Don't let another year go by without real spiritual growth in your life. Make sure you give time to God's Word!

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Amazing Grace

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.**

Ps 25:7-15

**Good and upright is the LORD:
therefore will he teach sinners in the
way.**

**The meek will he guide in judgment:
and the meek will he teach his way.**

**All the paths of the LORD are mercy
and truth unto such as keep his cov-
enant and his testimonies.**

**For thy name's sake, O LORD, par-
don mine iniquity; for it is great.**

**What man is he that feareth the
LORD? him shall he teach in the way
that he shall choose.**

**His soul shall dwell at ease; and his
seed shall inherit the earth.**

**The secret of the LORD is with them
that fear him; and he will shew them
his covenant.**

**Mine eyes are ever toward the
LORD; for he shall pluck my feet out
of the net.**

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