

WORD LIVING

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STEWARDSHIP – Living Without Compromise

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God has blessed us to see the fifth month of 2011. We are thankful for another opportunity to share with you about our only hope, our savior Jesus Christ.

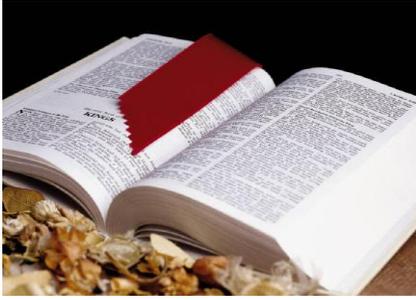
Years ago, the Word Living Newsletter was a hand written, two-page letter. Just a few letters written each day mailed to Sunday School students to encourage them to attend Sunday School and learn more about the Lord. There were many errors in spelling and punctuation, but my Lord said to continue. More than 20 years later, my spelling has improved with the help of spell check and grammar check; well I think it is still trying to figure out how to help me.

After 20 plus years, the unrest has not gone away. It is that unrest that calls us to continue to share God's word for the time is at hand.

What is the purpose of Word Living – the newsletter? The purpose is to share the word with God's people. It has been many years ago that I received a call from a young woman I had never met. She asked me if I was Karen that wrote Word Living Newsletter. She said she had moved into an apartment and the letters were coming there and she had done a bad thing and opened someone else's mail, and read it. Now she wanted to find a church and know more about God.

Well we talked about the Lord and I added her name to the mailing list and sent information on finding a Bible believing church. We would talk again and share the word. Then the calls stopped and one day the newsletter was returned with a note that said the she had died. The Lord provided an opportunity for two people to meet and share about Jesus via Word Living. There are many other stories that remind me of the fragility of life and the urgency of sharing his word, but this one was unique.

Our theme, LIVING WITHOUT COMPROMISE, is so important at this time. Perhaps it is the reality of Revelation 20:15 "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."



We live in this culture where the Holy Bible is considered the same as any other out dated storybook. The book of Revelation as viewed by one commentator on March 24, 2011, was written by a man suffering from , Schizophreniform psychoses, in which a person under severe emotional or psychic stress has a sudden onset, characterized by florid hallucinations, delusions and extreme behavioral disturbances. Hallucinations are very often visual and usually involve fantastic animals with frequent religious and magical content. Many words to simple state that John the writer of the Revelation of Jesus Christ, was crazy.

Statements like the above add credibility to the word of God. I Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. (KJV)

The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned (understood) only through the Spirit. (NIV)

When we, you and I, accept Jesus Christ as our savior and prayerfully read his word, the Holy Spirit reveals the truth to us. We understand why the word tells us to live holy, because there are many examples of those who chose to live outside the will of God and they suffered for it. Now you may say Paul and other Christians suffered too. However, the early Christians suffered for the cause of Christ knowing that they would spend eternity with Jesus. Ref. John 14. However, those without Christ who failed to see the need to accept the truth of God's word, continued to yield to their lustful desires no matter what the cost and put their all into the things of this world in order to achieve earthly pleasures, gain temporary gratification and eternity without Christ.

We are reliving history for there is nothing new under the sun. (Ecclesiastes 1:9) From the Holy Word of God, the path to eternity is revealed. The promise that our God will provide all we need is true. Spiritual warfare is present but Jesus has already won the war so we can walk without fear.

The Lord wants us to seek him with our whole heart and yield all to his will.

The Lord has the perfect plan for our earthly journey we make it difficult when we fail to follow his leadership.

Are you ready to yield all for the cause of Christ? Jesus is waiting

Romans 3:23 Romans 10:9 John 3:16

TWO MOTHERS

Long, long ago, or so I've been told,
Two saints, they met on the streets paved with gold.
"By the stars in your crown," said the one to the other,
"I see that on earth you, too, were a mother.
And by the blue tinted halo, I see that you wear,
You, too, have known sorrow and deepest despair."

"Ah, yes," came the answer, "I once had a son.
A sweet little lad, full of laughter and fun."

"But, tell of your child!" "Oh, I knew I was blest,
The first moment I held Him, close to my breast;
And my heart almost burst with the joy of that day."
"Ah, yes," sighed the other, "I felt the same way."

The former continued, "The first steps he took--
So eager and breathless--the sweet startled look
Which came over his face--he trusted me so."
"Ah, yes," sighed the other, "how well do I know."

"But soon he had grown to a bright handsome boy,
So stalwart and kind, and it gave me such joy
To have him just walk down the street by my side."
"Ah, yes," sighed the other, "I felt the same pride."

"How often I shielded and spared him from pain,
And when He for others was so cruelly slain,
When they crucified Him and spat in His face,
I would have gladly taken His place!"

A moment of silence, "Oh, then you are she?
The Mother of Christ!" and she fell on one knee.
But the blessed one raised her and drew her so near
And kissed from the face of the woman, a tear.

"Please tell me the name of the son you loved so,
That I may share, your grief and your woe!"
She lifted her eyes, looking straight at the other,
"He was Judas Iscariot, and I am his Mother."

Over 30 years ago when I first heard this poem, my heart was
touched not because of the words but the point that showed so bright.

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