

WORD LIVING

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OUR PURPOSE

Our purpose is to offer help to families with budgeting and planning. We assist families in obtaining knowledge and awareness of all human resources/ services available to them. We sponsor FREE seminars that coordinate various services to meet changing needs. For more information on events we sponsor visit us on FACEBOOK or our website: www.stewardsinaction.com.



WELCOME TO
WORD LIVING

O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. Psalm 34:8 (KJV). When we trust in Jesus, he turns the pit into a school of higher education. He clothes the submissive student in a robe of victory such that even the enemies stand in amazement. While in the pit, he adjusts the student's attitude to trust and obey. Then he sensitizes the hearing so the student has direct connection to the Jesus station and walks as an example to the world.

WORKING FOR THE KING

We began this newsletter year with the theme - FROM THE PIT TO THE THRONE and noted seven (7) points that stood out as God prepared Joseph for the position He had chosen for him.

From the story of Joseph as recorded in Genesis, chapters 37 – 50, the Lord used skill builders, that is, various situations to teach Joseph the lessons he would need in order to do the job as God designed.

Today, each of us has a calling, and the Lord uses skill builders, that is, various situations to prepare us for His kingdom work.

This month, we focus on:

➤ **Accept the help that is available at the time with gracefulness and gratitude**

ACCEPT THE HELP is the most difficult assignment for us today. In the story, those whom God put in Joseph's life, aided in his growth. From his brothers who sold him to the Ishmeelites who bought him and carried him to Egypt. From Potiphar who bought him to serve his house, Potiphar's wife who desired him, the keeper of the prison who gave him charge of all the prisoners, to the chief butler that remembered him at the appointed time, each one entered Joseph's pit to teach and prepare him for the opportunity to meet with Pharaoh, the earthly ruler of Egypt.

Note the following lessons:

Hungry - There was a man who had not eaten for days. He came upon a home and the smell of food lifted his spirits, and gave him the extra strength to make it to the door. With all he had, he knocked on the door. The little door opened and someone welcomed him in.

They gave him water to wash his hands and face. Quickly the food was set before him. He asked for music to be played as he ate. There was no music available. He wanted a table covering so he would not have to look at the ugly table. They did not have a covering. He demanded that the food be placed in a plate more befitting to him. They had given him their best.

After much complaining, and the fact that no one changed to fit his demands, he stood up, walked to the door, opened it, and left. He came in hungry – He left hungry.



Knowledge - A young student was accepted to attend her dream university. Upon her arrival, she was given a schedule letting her know when to attend orientation. With that completed, and a fun-filled weekend behind her, she attended her first class. This class was an entry-level class. All students had to pass this class to be accepted as a student of the university.

She received a schedule listing all the homework assignments, the project due date, and various reference articles to be read. The key, per the professor, was to do a little each week. If she keeps on schedule, she will not fail.

Each class period the professor asked if anyone was having trouble keeping up. He also asked, "Does anyone need help? Is anyone having trouble keeping on schedule?"

The last day of class, when everything was due, the young student approached the professor and said, "I do not have my assignment completed. It was too much work for such a little time period. I think you should have given less work."

As the other students turned in their completed assignments, the professor said, "You had the same amount of time, and the ability to get help if you had just asked. Now, all I can give you is a failing grade." She came in empty - She left empty.



Salvation - An older man came to church and was faithful in his attendance. He attended Sunday school, Bible class, weekly meetings and gave faithfully.

One day the sermon pointed to the fact that attendance was important and giving was too, but the only way to live in eternity with Jesus was living in obedience to the word of God.

The pastor explained the plan of salvation - believe and confess. (Romans 10:8-13 and John 3:16.) The next step is to obey – that is, pray, read, and obey the word of God daily.

The man thought about all he would have to change in his life. He never came back again.

He came to be saved – He left needing salvation.



Accept the help that is available at the time with gracefulness and gratitude - WHY?

In each case, there was a need and help was available. So what was the problem? The provisions did not meet their needs according to their specification. Those in need were so concerned with the wrapping paper and bows that they missed the real gift.

One cannot achieve their maximal potential when the line is drawn that limits the person to their own ability to advance based on their perception vs. reality. How many times have we walked passed something or someone and thinking it cannot or they cannot meet my needs?

When he was a boy, John Weber was given an old cup by his grandfather. He **assumed** that it was just a worthless piece of brass and occasionally used it for target practice with his air rifle. Eventually, Weber decided to have it appraised, and experts concluded that it was a 2,300-year-old Persian gold cup was worth \$ 250,000. It sold at auction for \$99,000 in 2008.

When we assume there is no worth, in the help that is provided because it comes in a form that is different from what we are accustomed to, we reject it and loose the opportunity to gain what we need. How many gold cups have we walked by? How many gifts have we laughed at or tossed in trash because they did not come from a person of our standards or have our monetary expectations?

Today, each of us has a calling, and the Lord uses skill builders, that is, various situations to prepare us for His kingdom work.

In each of the examples above, the Lord provided each individual an opportunity to bring glory and honor to him by a humble act of accepting His gift of love in meeting their needs. It is the humble attitude that allows us to accept His undeserved gift of salvation that our lives may be a living example of his love for all.

It is that same attitude that keeps our walk with the Lord in the proper perspective. The attitude of being humble that is meek (Matthew 5:5), places us in position for Jesus to shine through us because we understand the truth, we can do nothing. God gives. (Genesis 41:16)

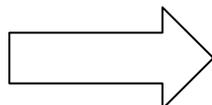
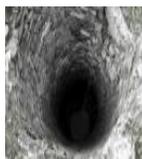
Joseph was in training for thirteen (13) years (Genesis 37:2 and Genesis 41:46) so he could fulfill the assignment that God had chosen for him.

Through the eyes of humility, we can see the love and power of God working through others to prepare us for service.



We are prisoners by our own choosing when we live outside His teachings.

The story continues in December. His Servant, Karen Cheathem



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Love Yourself Healthy – Mind Body and Spirit

Saturday, November 15, 2014 8am – 3pm

Blue& Gold Room, Muskegon Community College Campus

Workshops, vendors, Cont'l breakfast and lite lunch.

More information called 777-0348 or muskegoncc.edu.ce

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ESTATE PLANNING – GETTING YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER

Saturday November 22, 2014 10:00 Am – 12:30 PM

Workshop presenter: Attorney David Covell,

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