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The fundamental doctrine of this organization shall be the Bible standard of full salvation, which is repentance, baptism in water by immersion in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the initial sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

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Only As One

by Amy Gill
Word of Life Apostolic Church
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Did He call just one disciple?
No
Well then out of the 12 He did call, did
He tell only one of them to testify?
No
Did He tell only one of them to preach?
No
Did He tell only one of them to pray?
No
Did He tell only one of them to teach?
No
Did He tell only one of them to baptize?
No

You see way back then God did not call
one person to do everything.
He calls everybody to do one thing.
And to this day nothing has changed.
He still calls everybody to build His kingdom.
In other words one person cannot build the kingdom of God.

So why do we try?
One person will accomplish nothing, but
one people will turn the world upside down.



Attention Junior Campers!
Hope you're getting ready for...
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Guest Article:

I've Been Hurt

Ohio District Superintendent, Rev. J. Mark Jordan

Reprinted from *Ohio District News*

Life comes with pain attached. From a physical standpoint, most of us expect our share of scrapes and bruises, injuries and ailments. Even when we undergo serious bouts of acute pain, we usually don't lose our senses. We understand that no one slides through life unscathed.

Emotional hurt, however, tortures us far more than the physical kind. It attacks our will to work, love and live. It eats away at our identity and sense of self-worth. It makes us feel like running away. Double that for anyone working for God. Coping requires enormous amounts of spiritual strength, maturity and grace.

Callous remarks, petulant digs and ignorant statements make up a big share of hurt. We sometimes get lied on, gossiped about, knifed in the back, or openly opposed. Why? Perhaps those who inflict pain are living out their own character deficiencies. In many hearts, anger, bitterness and jealousy seethe below the surface. But sometimes people, especially in leadership, get stung by well-orchestrated plots deliberately staged to remove or destroy them. Leaders provide easy targets for malcontents.

It's tough to go on when you've been hurt. For one thing, no one may know the adversity you've had to overcome just to be who you are. You may have had to wade through abuse, rejection and put-downs all your life. Sickness, financial loss and personal heartache may have dealt you staggering blows. Suddenly, someone hurls a careless, selfish insult at you. They pick you apart or treat you like you are an intruder. Inside, you scream out, "That's all I need!" Instead of praise, you get criticized; instead of appreciation, you get ignored. In other cases, it may not be personal at all. You may have unwittingly stepped into a power struggle or a long-standing feud. Whatever the reason, it's never pleasant. You feel like drawing back. And when you know that someone is out to get you, it is extremely difficult to re-enter the realm where you make yourself vulnerable to attack.

What should you do when you've been hurt? Strike back? Complain loudly? Get somebody to come in and fix it for you? Back off and let "them" have their way? You don't really

want to quit, but it is tempting at times. Here are a few suggestions that may help:

Make sure your armor and shield are in place. The helmet, breastplate, footgear and shield all protect the soldier from harm, whether from the enemy, the elements, or "friendly fire". Only the sword equipped him for the offensive battle. In God's work, we should expect opposition. Keep your armor on and minimize the hurt.

Humbly try to make things right. Did you initiate the problem with a careless remark of your own? Did you act in a way that was misunderstood? Even if not, assume some of the responsibility and offer a genuine apology. Asking and receiving forgiveness not only relieves stress immediately, it opens the door for future understanding.

Seek to understand what is really behind the attack. Understanding is light. "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." (1 John 1:7) You may discover a hidden false impression or a misunderstanding that has caused all the difficulties. Remember who called you to your life's work. Never place your feelings, reactions or spiritual identity in someone else's hands. Others can only cast you as a bad person if you grant them permission. Don't do it. Besides, God must not agree with their low opinion of you or He would not have called you in the first place.

Rise above it. If nothing changes, it falls your lot to suffer it out. Shift into a spiritual gear and soar above the conflict propelled by God's grace and power. Smile at your detractors, love your enemies, kill them with kindness. Sometimes we don't get a free ride. We have to endure the heat and prove that the Holy Spirit really does live within us. Be better than your enemies say you are. Respect for you, and for yourself, will grow at geometric proportions.

Have you been hurt? Kneel before the cross for an attitude adjustment. Then, get up and hurry back to your post of duty. There is still plenty of grace available to get you through.

Jesus, The Object of Our Faith

**Rev. Gordon Mallory
1998 Kentucky District Conference**

Jesus, the object of our faith. This title of the message that Bro. Gordon Mallory preached during our District Conference, April 20-24th, summed up the attitude of those present in Madisonville, Kentucky. Our District Board conducted needed business. New ministers were licensed. Other ministers were ordained. The choir sang beautifully. Seminars were conducted. Other ministers preached the Word. Fellowship among friends separated by distance was welcomed. Yet, the passage of

scripture taken from Mark chapter 2, focused us all on what our whole experience is about. It is Jesus, who is the object of our faith. May we never get so busy with our lives that we cease to reach out with compassion to a dying world around us. I encourage you to order the preaching tapes from Greater Lighthouse in Madisonville.

Thank you to all the saints and ministers who made the 1998 District Conference a success. Continue to pray for the growth of the Kentucky District.



Editors note: Although we see intimacy as something reserved for marriage, it is obvious from the following article that some of our educators do not concur. This great testimony should be shared with your children. There is nothing wrong with abstinence.

What About Abstinence?

By: Sis. Teresa Barcus, Choir Director
Twin Cities Apostolic Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

I was holding a notice from my 13-year-old son's school announcing a meeting to preview the new course in sexuality. Parents could examine the curriculum and take part in an actual lesson presented exactly as it would be given to the students.

When I arrived at the school, I was surprised to discover only about a dozen parents there. As we waited for the presentation, I thumbed through page after page of instructions in the prevention of pregnancy or disease. I found abstinence mentioned only in passing. When the teacher arrived with the school nurse, she asked if there were any questions.

I asked why abstinence did not play a noticeable part in the material. What happened next was shocking. There was a great deal of laughter, and someone suggested that if I thought abstinence had any merit, I should go back to burying my head in the sand. The teacher and the nurse said nothing as I drowned in a sea of embarrassment. My mind had gone blank, and I could think of nothing to say. The teacher explained to me that the job of the school was to teach "facts," and the home was responsible for moral training.

I sat in silence for the next 20 minutes as the course was explained. The other parents seemed

to give their unqualified support to the materials. "Donuts, at the back," announced the teacher during the break. "I'd like you to put on the name tags we have prepared they're right by the donuts and mingle with the other parents." Everyone moved to the back of the room. As I watched them affixing their name tags and shaking hands, I sat deep in thought. I was ashamed that I had not been able to convince them to include a serious discussion of abstinence in the materials. I uttered a silent prayer for guidance.

My thoughts were interrupted by the teacher's hand on my shoulder. "Won't you join the others, Mrs. Layton?" The nurse smiled sweetly at me. "The donuts are good." "Thank you, no," I

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replied. "Well, then, how about a name tag? I'm sure the others would like to meet you." "Somehow I doubt that," I replied. "Won't you please join them?" she coaxed. Then I heard a still, small voice whisper, "Don't go." The instruction was unmistakable. "Don't go!" I'll just wait here," I said.

When the class was called back to order, the teacher looked around the long table and thanked everyone for putting on name tags.

She ignored me. Then she said, "Now we're going to give you the same lesson we'll be giving your children. Everyone please peel off your name tags." I watched in silence as the tags came off. "Now, then, on the back of one of the tags, I drew a tiny flower. Who has it, please?" The gentleman across from me held it up. "Here it is!" "All right," she said. "The flower represents disease. Do you recall with whom you shook hands?" He pointed to a couple of people. "Very good," she replied. "The handshake in this case represents intimacy. So the two people you had contact with now have the disease." There was laughter and joking among the parents. The teacher continued, "And whom did the two of you shake hands with?"

The point was well taken, and she explained how this lesson would show students how quickly disease is spread. "Since we all shook hands, we

all have the disease."

It was then that I heard the still, small voice again. "Speak now", it said, "but be humble." I noted wryly the latter admonition, then rose from my chair. I apologized for any upset I might have caused earlier, congratulated the teacher on an excellent lesson that would impress the youth, and concluded by saying I had only one small point I wished to make. "Not all of us were infected," I said, "One of us ... abstained."

A TIME TO BE SELFISH

By: Bro Ron Schoolcraft
Columbus, Indiana

(Bro. Schoolcraft is the father-in-law of our Kentucky District Youth President, Pastor Scott Marshall)

I have not forgotten the excitement I felt when my first Sunday school teacher wrote this little acrostic on the blackboard:

Jesus first
Others second
Yourself last

I was instantly illuminated. I sensed that this was a life changing formula for JOY -- a profound principle that I could solidly build upon, a firm foundation for my walk with God.

It's amazing how that now, years later, I have come to realize that the equation for joy won't truly be complete unless we take special heed to this vital third part -- "yourself." After all, leave "yourself" out of the equation and you no longer have JOY! "Yourself" is not necessarily last, but a necessary *third* -- and third only to Jesus and others.

The Scriptures bear out the fact that we need to pay some attention to ourselves occasionally. The following list of twelve "self-maintenance" tips is but a small sampling:

1. **TAKE HEED TO YOURSELVES** - "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine" (I Timothy 4:16). This great proof text for the importance of doctrine places taking heed to "thyself" on an equal footing with the doctrine. It takes both. This verse concludes, "continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." Clearly, taking heed to ourselves is absolutely essential.

2. **SAVE YOURSELVES** - "Save yourselves from this untoward generation (Acts 2:40). Of course we know that God saves us, but He doesn't force us or drag us kicking and screaming to the altar against our will. He knocks, but we must answer. As Max Lucado has said, "If there are a thousand steps between us and Him, He will take all but one. But He will leave that final one for us. The choice is ours."

3. **SANCTIFY YOURSELVES** - "Sanctify yourselves: for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you" Joshua 3:5). Here again, we know that in one sense sanctification is a work that God does in us. But in another sense we must sanctify (make holy or set apart) ourselves. "As he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, *Be ye holy*, for I am holy" (I Peter 1:15, 16 emphasis added). Failure in this matter of sanctifying ourselves will doubtless prevent the Lord from doing wonders in our day as in Joshua's.

4. **CLEANSE OURSELVES** - "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" (II Corinthians 7:1). We would do well to work diligently, in the fear of God, at perfecting holiness by separating and cleansing ourselves from any pollutant that would contaminate or defile our flesh and spirit. What are "these promises" that we will receive if we cleanse ourselves? "I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" (II Corinthians 6:17, 18). Can you think of any other promises more worth cleaning up for?

5. **SUBMIT YOURSELVES** - "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James

4:7). The all-important first step in resisting the devil, our cunning and powerful adversary, is to submit ourselves to God. Further, "All of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble" (I Peter 5:5).

6. **HUMBLE YOURSELVES** - "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up" (James 4:10). And again, "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time" (I Peter 5:6). The close proximity of these scriptures on humility to the scriptures on resisting the devil suggests that humility may indeed be a vital component of devil-chasing. (See James 4:6-10 and I Peter 5:5-9.) "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray. . . ." (II Chronicles 7:14).

7. **ARM YOURSELVES** - "Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin" (I Peter 4:1). We should expect some suffering and arm ourselves with the mind of Christ to endure it. Longsuffering is, after all, part of the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22). "For unto you it is given . . . to suffer for his sake" (Philippians 1:29). Let us also arm ourselves with "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" complemented with the whole armour of God (Ephesians 6:13-17).

8. **ASSEMBLE OURSELVES** - "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is" (Hebrews 10:25). We must stand fast against the increasingly popular trend in these "busy" times to assemble ourselves together less, lest we be *disassembled* (dispersed and scattered). This verse concludes, "but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as we see the day approaching." Hear the spirit of David: "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple" (Psalm 27:4).

9. **KEEP YOURSELVES** - "Keep yourselves in the love of God" Jude 21). The preceding verse gives explicit instructions on how to keep ourselves in His love: "But ye, beloved, *building up yourselves* on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost" Jude 20, emphasis added). If we will keep ourselves in His love by building up our faith, by praying in the Holy Ghost, then we can safely leave the rest to "him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy" Jude 24).

10. **SPEAK TO YOURSELVES** - "Be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" (Ephesians 5:18,19). Surprisingly, the Bible even exhorts us to talk to ourselves; but when we are filled with the Spirit, the language will be in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. When we speak to ourselves in this manner, we may often find that the Lord Himself becomes a part of the conversation.

11. **EXAMINE AND PROVE YOURSELVES** - "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves" (II Corinthians 3:15). Self-examination is here enjoined by Paul along with the admonition to prove ourselves. He

further expanded on this in his instruction to Timothy, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Timothy 2:15). We should be earnest and diligent students of the Word to be approved of God and to rightly divide (literally - - straight) the Word.

12. MAKE YOURSELVES READY- "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready" (Revelation 19:7). The wedding garment which Christ grants the bride is "fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints" (Revelation 19:8). The price of redemption and purification for this chaste bride is the cleansing blood of the Lamb. "Christ also loved the church,

and gave himself for it: That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of the water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish" (Ephesians, 5:25-27). To make ourselves ready we must accept the garment, wear it and keep it clean, holy, spotless, and blemish and wrinkle-free.

In summary, the formula for JOY is still Jesus first and others second; and if we will take heed to ourselves and save, sanctify and cleanse ourselves; submit, humble and arm ourselves; assemble, keep and speak to ourselves; examine, prove and make ourselves ready, then our JOY will surely be unspeakable and full of glory, and we will have given "diligence to make [our] calling and election sure" (II Peter 1:10).

We Are Apostolic

Rev. Robert Fox, Section "D" Presbyterian, London, Kentucky

We are not charismatic, we are apostolic. An apostolic is described in Acts chapter 2:41-42. "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized; and the same day there were added unto them about 3000 souls. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers". 2 Tim 3:1, speaks of perilous times. "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come". Because we are living in the last days, we have seen the scripture fulfilled, "Now the spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;" (1 Tim 4:1-2). Some of our brethren who claim to be apostolic have departed from the true apostolic faith.

Psalms 55:11-16 states, "Wickedness is in the midst thereof, deceit and guile depart not from her streets —For it was not an enemy that reproached me; then I could have born it; neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; then I would have hid myself from him —But it was thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance — We took sweet counsel together, and walked, into the house of God in company.—Let death seize upon them,

and let them go down quick into hell; for wickedness is in their dwellings and among them —As for me, I will call upon God; and the Lord shall save me".

It is a sad thing to witness men that have stood in our pulpits and preached this glorious truth, fall into the trap of compromise and confusion. They leave the foundation of truth to build upon the sands of compromise. "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do? — The Lord is in His holy temple, The Lords throne is in heaven; his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men — The Lord trieth the righteous; but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth — Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest; this shall be the portion of their cup — For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness, his countenance doth behold the upright" (Psalm 11:3-7).

Proverbs 10:20-25 states, "The tongue of the just is as choice silver; the heart of the wicked is of little worth.— The lips of the righteous feed many; but fools die for want of wisdom.- The blessing of the lord it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it. —It is a sport to a fool to do mischief-, but a man of understanding hath wisdom.—The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him; but the desire of the righteous shall be granted. As the whirlwind passeth,

so is the wicked no more; but the righteous is an everlasting foundation. Paul said we could not lay other foundations. He also to take heed how we build on the foundation of the finished work of calvary. We still so desperately need to build on Eph 2:19-22. "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God — And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone;— In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord.— In whom ye also are build together for an habitation of God through the Spirit". Those who build on any other foundation than Jesus Christ and the doctrine he commissioned his apostles to preach, are despisers of God. "For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness —He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his Holy Spirit". (1 Thes. 4:7-8). Paul said he was not ashamed of the gospel for it is the power of God unto salvation. (Rom 1:16). Neither am I. We should never be ashamed of nor despise the message that gave our wretched lives eternal salvation.

I am not glad to be called apostolic. I am glad because I AM APOSTOLIC! Let us continue to herald this apostolic truth!

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