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Melva's Corner

Want to Change the World?

Bible Text: Matt 28:19-20

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“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”
(Matt 28:19-20, NASU)

A chance to change the world! Now there's a challenge that will do one of two things for a person. It will either scare them silly or it will cause them to rise to the challenge and do greater things than they ever dreamed possible.

I don't know what you're doing with your life, or where you think its going. I don't know if you think you're involved in some thing important or if you think you're

Life Events

Happy Birthday!



**Loretha Bradley
Jesse Sims
Oris Williams**

Happy Anniversary



Denise & Ricky Jones
May God Continue To Bless Your Marriage
(Cake by C.M. Designers - Jackson, MS)

spinning your wheels. I don't know if you're amply rewarded financially for your work or if you're constantly flat broke. I don't know if there is a deep sense of personal satisfaction with your life's work or if you're bored and wish for something new and exciting. What I do know is that I have an offer that you need to consider.

Listen to me carefully. We're in the process of building something great. It's not great because we're great. Quite the contrary, we're doing something great because the product of our work is great. Let me put it this way. What we're doing is providing the way for people to find God's will for themselves. We're helping them learn about a loving Creator, whose greatest desire is to give them eternal life. We're helping them reconnect with God through Jesus Christ and in the process, they are finding forgiveness of sins, learning how to live in positive, productive ways and discovering that life has a purpose far greater and much more significant than that which humans concoct. We're putting people in touch with divine purposes, eternal plans, heavenly resources and goals. We are helping people take their tired, broken lives and give it all up for an abundant life that exceeds all the dreams of earth-bound creatures. In short, we're changing the world.

Someone may say, "That sure sounds like a pompous attitude." No. For you see, it has little to do with us other than the fact that we're the tools, the messengers, the laborers who are effecting God's work in the world.

God is using us to get His work done and that work results in something more glorious than the mind of man can conceive.

This is not an invitation for you to join McClain Ministries; on the contrary, it is an invitation to join the Body of Christ.

I know that you must involve yourselves in all sorts of things, but let me urge you to rethink what you're doing. However important you think all the activities of your life to be, you've got a chance to change the world. Help us build the church of Jesus Christ, the body of saved, redeemed souls, who are being transformed into the image of God's son. What are you doing that's more important than that?

Scriptural References:

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PROSPERITY IS A LIFESTYLE

Bible Text: Genesis 8:22

Central Truth: God's Word defines rich as "able to be generous." God's Word also says we'll be made rich in every way.

I Will Make You Rich in Every Way

Years ago, a man was building a house in rural New England. Needing water for his new home, he commissioned an expert to dig him a well. The old well digger, seasoned in the art of his trade, scouted out the property, searching for the right spot to sink a shaft. Sure enough, he found an underground river and put in a well. Packing up his gear to leave, he left the home owner with some important advice: "Every day you must pump some water from the well. If you don't, you'll be sorry." The home owner thanked the man for the advice, and for weeks he followed the well digger's counsel and pumped water every day.

As time went on, the home owner began to take the cool, sweet water for granted. One day he left on a trip and forgot to get someone to pump water for him each day while he was away. When he returned, the water at the bottom of the well was stagnant and almost gone. He tried pumping in fresh water, but nothing came out. Later, he went to town and told the well digger his well had dried up. The old gentleman asked, "Did you remember to pump water from the well every day?" The younger man confessed his neglect and asked why this mattered. The well digger replied, "The water in the well comes from an underground river that feeds the small tributaries of water which are connected to your well. Water must continue to flow through these small tributaries so that the well can receive water. If you quit pumping the water, the ground will dry up slightly and the underground river can't find its way to your well. This cuts off the water supply." Then the older man concluded, "Remember, the source of the water is the river, not the well."

If the source of your financial strength is your own personal well of resources, you risk running dry!

The Difference Between Source and Supply

Recognizing the difference between source and supply can be tough. Our bank accounts, our abilities, and our intellects are not the sources of our provision and blessings. They are simply the means by which God, the Source, provides blessing. God provides for our needs according to the riches of Christ. He uses the material resources of our world as the delivery system to care for us. To experience His abundance, we must first see Him as the Source of every blessing.

Secondly, we must take Him at His word because we trust that His word is true.

Spiritual principles about giving relate closely to how God chooses either to bless us or to withhold His blessing. If we want our wells to contain enough resources to function effectively in the world, we must trust God and follow His teachings on the subject. The Word teaches that giving generously out of love for God will tap you into God's unseen river of blessing. God Will Be the Source of Your Blessing.

We will improve our attitudes about giving when we recognize that God will be the source of our blessings. In Paul's thank you note to the church at Philippi for their financial support, he says, "**And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus**" (Philippians 4:19). Paul said God would meet every need they had. That is an awesome promise to Believers.

God's Law of the Seed Time & Harvest

The way we share our funds may be the most practical issue we face. Every successful farmer knows that he must sow seed if he wants to reap a crop. Scripture clearly teaches this concept. It is often referred to as the "law of seed time and harvest." Simply stated, the more you want to reap, the more you have to sow.

This principle is first found in **Genesis 8:22**: "**As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.**" This passage concerns physical planting and harvest. But throughout the Bible you'll find that the law of the harvest applies to more than just the physical production of crops. It applies to virtually every part of our lives, including our moral behavior. "**Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows**" (Galatians 6:7).

Another illustration of this law appears in **Matthew 17**. When Jesus' disciples were

unable to cast out an evil spirit from a boy, he told them, **"I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you"** (vv. 20, 21). Jesus' point is clear. If you sow even a tiny amount of faith, you will reap enormous spiritual results.

The Holy Spirit guided Paul to use harvest imagery to encourage our becoming generous givers when Paul wrote, **"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously"** (II Corinthians 9:6).

God Promises Rewards

Giving to the Lord is, in fact, a God-backed, guaranteed investment, not an uncertain gamble. Jesus uses the promise of reward to teach us. He teaches us to give without a public display because the glory should go to God, not man: **"Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you"** (Matthew 6:4). God promises to reward the person who gives.

Jesus also teaches that **"if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, . . . he will certainly not lose his reward"** (Matthew 10:42). Again, the Lord reinforces a cause-and-effect relationship between giving and receiving.

The healthy desire for rewards is a legitimate motivation for Christians today.

The classic text on faith, Hebrews 11:6, tells us that God **"rewards those who earnestly seek him."** In Matthew 6:19-34, Jesus compares giving to storing up treasures in heaven (v. 20). He tells His followers not to worry about the physical needs of life because God will take care of His children! This passage fits today, doesn't it?

God longs for us to trust Him enough to "seek first His kingdom and his righteousness." As we do, Jesus promises that "all these things will be given to you as well" (v. 33). "All these things" includes necessities of life such as food and clothing. Jesus gives us permission to expect God to reward His children when we trust Him to provide.

God's teaching on generosity is also expressed with another principle: Trust God to reward true obedience. In general, it's easy to accept this principle in the Word of God. We see a number of examples verifying this idea throughout Scripture. We trust God to bless children who obey their parents in the Lord (Ephesians 6:1-3). We trust God to make **"all things work together for good"** (Romans 8:28, KJV). And we trust God to save us when we obey Jesus (Hebrews 5:9). If we didn't believe God was trustworthy in keeping His promises, there would be little point in following Jesus.

Unfortunately, many Believers act as if this principle applies in all areas of life except in their financial dealings. I know many Christians who are convinced that they can't afford to give to God. The reason? Fear. It's one thing to believe in God; it's another to trust God to provide the rent payment. When you're engulfed in financial hardships, it's humanly impossible to think about giving. Yet, **"what is impossible with men is possible with God"** (Luke 18:27). When God asks us to trust Him with our finances, He also promises to reward us. He doesn't always spell out the exact ways He will repay our trust, but He does promise us a rich reward (II Corinthians 9:11).

Also, understand that this is not what some have called the "get rich gospel." Any prosperity theology that attempts to turn God into some kind of genie in a bottle is merely a selfish abuse of Scripture. God has promised rewards that include financial blessings, but we must be committed to following His purpose.

Specific Rewards We're Promised

God promises us many rewards when we give. Here are three specific rewards:

Reward 1 — You will be made rich in every way. In His letter to the Corinthian church, Paul gives an interesting definition of the word rich: **Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God (II Corinthians 9:10, 11).**

God's Word defines rich as "able to be generous." God's Word also says we'll be made rich in every way. This proves we should never limit the extent of God's blessing to only the spiritual or emotional arena. God promises that if we give to Him, He will give us the financial capacity to be generous. The Bible describes riches as both spiritual and material. Of all the riches we can possess, none of them is more important than spiritual riches. Scripture speaks about the riches of God's grace, God's glory, His understanding, His wisdom, and His insight. When we are generous givers, we have access to all of these riches.

Paul explains to the Corinthians that financial decisions have physical advantages as well.

He isn't merely referring to the emotional or spiritual blessings we can receive from giving. He is saying that financial generosity leads to greater financial resources—even physical wealth! This is the clear, unbiased teaching of Scripture.

However, if you have the desire to be wealthy so that you can spend these resources only on yourself, don't expect to claim this reward (I Timothy 6:9, 10).

The so-called "get rich gospel" teaches that Christians should give to get. But God says we should give to get to give again. This, in a nutshell, is my "theology of generosity" (Titus 3:14). I believe we have steered so far away from the ditch of the get rich gospel that most Believers now find themselves in the ditch on the other side of the road. We're hesitant to take God at His Word and believe or teach what Scripture teaches. The text says we'll be made rich in every way, which means we'll be able to share.

I spoke with a friend who is a successful businessman and an elder in his church. Over the years he has counseled more than fifty couples who were in deep financial difficulty. When they came to him for advice about solving their money problems, he agreed to help if they would decide to give ten cents of every dollar they made to the "Lord". My friend said every couple who followed through not only got their financial house in order; they had the opportunity to do good for God. That's a tremendous track record!

If deep in your heart you have the desire to be a good manager of God's resources and want to be generous in meeting needs so that people give thanks to God, then you must expect God to provide. Paul set the stage for the proper desires of our heart when he wrote, **"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich" (II Corinthians 8:9).** It's difficult to twist the Scriptures into a selfish interpretation when you keep the focus on Jesus!

God doesn't oppose blessing us with material well-being, as long we keep their desires and fortunes devoted to Him. First **Chronicles 29:12** tells us that wealth comes from God. Passages like **Joshua 1:8; Proverbs 3:9, 10; and Malachi 3:10** will help

us overcome our fears about God's provision.

The Old Testament clearly tells us that God made people like Abraham, Jacob, David, Solomon, Jehoshaphat, and Job wealthy. In the New Testament we read of wealthy people of God, like Joseph of Arimathea, Lydia, and others. If there were no wealthy Christians, there would be no need for this kind of teaching. If God hated material wealth, why would He grant physical riches as a reward to many of His people? God wants to reward His faithful, generous followers with both spiritual and material riches. I believe this is true because it is taught in God's Word.

Reward 2 — You will receive more than you give.

When was the last time you read [Luke 6:38](#)? **"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."**

Jesus says to tap into God's economy. The Lord is a generous provider. You won't run out of money! Don't be afraid to give. When you give, you also receive -- "a good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap." I've never seen an exception to this rule. You always receive more than you give. If you give love, you receive more love. If you give friendship, you receive more friends in return. I've even noticed if you give a smile to someone, you will receive more smiles. So it follows from Scripture and practical experience that if you give money, you receive more money.

In my early years I struggled with this text. I thought it was materialistic to think God would bless me financially when I gave money to do His work. But, in reality, the materialistic view is thinking that my own ingenuity is the only source of my ability to

make money. A spiritual person obeys and trusts God to release His blessings and provide all the resources of life. The unspiritual person believes human effort is the source of material wealth.

Reward 3 — You will receive a greater blessing.

[Acts 20:35](#) shares a familiar quotation of our Lord: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." We all agree that it's a blessing to receive, but Jesus says it's an even greater blessing to give! However enjoyable you think receiving is, Jesus says giving is better—it is more blessed. I've pondered Jesus' statement for years. How could giving bring a greater blessing? This initially made no sense to me, especially as a young child. Like most kids, I always hoped for a big haul under the tree on Christmas morning. I had my wish list and was never bashful about sharing it with my love ones.

But then I received revelation as to what the Scripture really meant. First, I receive a greater blessing by helping someone and seeing their excitement or appreciation. Second, I receive a greater blessing by realizing God has given me something to share. What if I were the one in need? Having something to share creates feelings of gratitude for God's provision. Third, I receive a greater blessing because I have something else to look forward to. Giving allows me to participate in God's economy, where my financial investments in His kingdom generate remarkable returns.

A preacher friend of mine has a quick, three-point outline on giving that he drew from [Galatians 6:7](#). He says: (1) You reap what you sow; (2) you reap more than you sow; and (3) you reap after you sow. When I use this Scripture to see the way God works, I see giving in a different light. Giving is not an expense, it's an opportunity!

Receive Blessings "In Kind"

Both common sense and these passages imply that the type of seed you sow determines the kind of crop you will receive. If you sow corn, you will reap corn (**Genesis 8:22**). If you sow moral actions in your daily behavior, you will reap a moral life (**Galatians 6:7**). If you sow faith, you will reap faith (**Matthew 17:20**). If you sow financially, you will reap financially (**II Corinthians 9:6**).

This teaching is well represented throughout the Word of God. If you sow obedience to the gospel, you reap eternal life. If you sow Bible study, you reap spiritual insight. In Scripture, there is an exact match between the kind of thing you sow and the kind of thing you reap. This same cause-and-effect principle applies to judging, condemning, and forgiving (**Luke 6:37**). Jesus promises **a good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over**" (v. 38). Jesus wants us to know not only that we receive more than we give, but that we receive the same kind of thing that we give. So Jesus tells us that the amount and kind of gift we give determines the amount and kind of gift we receive. I have found no exception in Scripture to this insight.

Trust God to Provide


God's Word calls us to have faith in His promises. If we see Him as the source of our blessings, we won't be afraid of running out of the physical resources we need. When you are facing too much month at the end of your money, remember God's promise to provide for your needs—and more. One of the most fantastic accounts of God's provision comes from **II Kings 4:1-7**. A poor widow came to Elisha the prophet and cried out to him in despair. Creditors were threatening to take away her two sons as slaves to pay her debts. When Elisha asked what resources she possessed, the woman replied that all she had was a small amount of oil.

Elisha told her to go to all her neighbors and borrow as many of their empty jars as she could get. Then she was to go inside and start pouring oil from her jar into the empty jars. Her sons brought jars to her, and she kept pouring until all the jars were full. When she poured her oil into the last jar, the oil stopped flowing. Elisha then told her to sell the oil to pay her debts and live on what was left.

Not only did God provide for her, but the amount of God's provision was in direct proportion to her trust. He gave her as much oil as she was prepared to receive. And God will provide material blessings to meet our physical needs and gain our spiritual attention as well.

God's response to money problems is the same as His answer to health concerns, family problems, or any other difficult circumstances. God wants us to trust Him, not our job or our bank balance. Jesus said, **"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"** (**Matthew 6:21**). Since God wants our hearts, He works through our finances. When we learn to trust Him with our money, we will learn to trust Him with anything—even our very lives!

Memory Text:

"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."(**Genesis 8:22**) 



Higher Mountain...Higher Praises

GOD OUR ADVOCATE Gloria Wallace

Original Prayer Request: Hi Lena, I e-mailed Melva last night, I know she is out of town and I am asking all prayer partner's to say a special pray for Derek Walker my son. He goes to court tomorrow June 1st for his sentencing. I know that the Lord will be in court with us tomorrow. The Judge is speaking Probation. I receive it and it is done. The courts are checking to make sure he has a Job and a Degree; He has both Praise the Lord. Thank you and all the pray partner's for your prayers. God Bless All Of You.

Praise Report - Hi Lena, we just got back from court. Derek got 5 years probation and he has to spend 100 days doing community service on weekends. God is so good he is worthy to be praised. Tell Denise I did take my anointing oil with me. I want to thank all of you for your prayers for Derek and I want all of you to continue to pray for him that he will grow stronger in the Lord and give his life to him. Thank God for all of you.

From Mary Simpson

Original Prayer Request: Please join me in prayer for my mother Mary Hill. I took her to Baptist ER on Tuesday. She was having severe stomach pains and constant vomiting. She has been admitted and is in room 5036. She has been diagnosed with Diverticulitis and due to the pain her pressure spiked to 198/100. She was also dehydrated. We know that Jesus is in control and in Him all is well. She is being given antibiotics, liquid fluids through IV, a shot for blood thinning and medication for nauseous and vomiting.

Praise Report: Mary Hill is home now and doing well. Thanks for all of your prayers and concern.

From Cheryl Hudson

Original Request: Hello Friends, I am writing to ask you, prayer warriors, to please lift up my sister, Kay, in your prayers. We learned yesterday that there are cancer cells active. The doctor is consulting with a team about treatment options and he feels confident that we have found this activity in its early stages and that treatment will work. Like you, I know that our God is The Physician, so I am asking you all too please call my sister's name in your prayers. Also, my oldest brother has to get some tests done because his doctor has found some spots on his lymph nodes. Our prayer is that these spots are not cancer or lupus (that's how my oldest sister's bout with lupus started). Well, I am asking you to please remember my family in your prayers because He hears the prayers of the righteous. Thanks for listening, Marcia Dukes.

Update/Praise Report: Just wanted to let you know that my sister, Kay, will start treatment next Tuesday. She will be taking a low dosage of a chemotherapy drug once every 3 weeks. Her Oncologist is optimistic about the course of treatment and Kay's spirit is up. My brother's colonoscopy results were "clean" so now we're waiting for the results of testing on his lymph nodes. Thank you for your continued prayers!!! Thanks for listening.

CLASS REUNION A SUCCESS!

Denise Jones

Greeting Saints last month Denise reported that she was ask and accepted the assignment to do the catering for Lanier High School Class Reunion Class of 1981–**Step #1.** Well witness for yourself the results:

Step #2.– June 8th, I received a call during lunch from the secretary of the class; Saints, I now have in my hands the KEYS to the building in which I will be catering and decorating tomorrow. PRAISE GOD!

The Finale: I was honored to CATER and DECORATE my 25TH CLASS REUNION. I received a standing ovation from my fellow classmates.



Fantastic!

GOD'S GOT THIS Sylvia Washington

On May 10, I had a thyroidectomy. This is where a surgeon goes into your neck and totally removes your thyroid.

I did not want to have this procedure done, but when I removed the fear I was able, with the help of God, to go ahead with this procedure.

I was told that I had 2 nodules on my thyroid. There was a fine needle aspiration, which is a biopsy of the nodules done and it was found to have a small amount of calcium in one of them. The doctor wanted to have the nodules removed. The endocrinologist sent me to the surgeon who was to perform the thyroidectomy. When I was seen by the surgeon, he decided to take the entire thyroid out.

I was saying to myself, why he is taking the entire thyroid, when I was told by the endocrinologist that the surgeon was only going to take the nodules off.

Well, BIG H (Holy Spirit) stepped in and saw something that the doctors did not see with the human eye or even with the testing that was performed, and prompted the surgeon to take the entire thyroid out. Well, after the surgery was completed, I went to my sister Melva's house to recover. The day that I left the hospital, I received a call from Dr. Petro, the surgeon who performed the thyroidectomy and he gave me the name of what they found in the thyroid nodules. I can't call what it was but it would have become a problem but because BIG H stepped in and told Dr. Petro to take the entire thyroid, I don't have the problem now.

From the time that I found out about having the nodules, God kept telling me, "I got this". "I got this". And you know what, "HE GOT THIS".

If we could just realize that ALL POWER is in HIS hands and to ask what you will of the Savior and it will not be in vain. Call when you need HIS assistance, HE will hear when you call HIS name (JESUS). I SERVE AN AWESOME GOD!

For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee. Isaiah 54:10



IN HIS PRESENCE

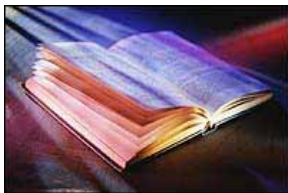
6:00 P.M. HOUR OF PRAYER



Use this wonderful supernatural tool the Lord has blessed us with **the 6 o'clock hour of power**. This is the time to intercede for the needs of others, the concerns of the ministry, and to pray for the leadership within our community, our nation, and our world.

Bring all of your cares and burdens to the altar and encourage others to do the same. Lives are being changed. Breakthroughs are happening.

Home Bible Workshop Schedule



Mark your calendars for the July 2006 dates. Please join us and take the next step in your walk with God.

July 8th and July 22nd

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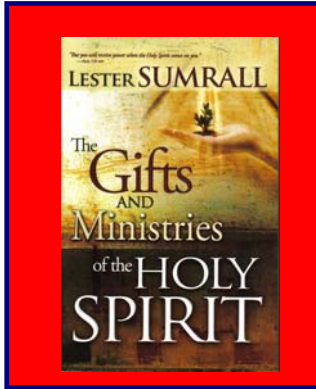
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THE GIFTS AND MINISTRIES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



Included in our Bible Workshop will be a study of Lester Sumrall's book, "The Gifts & Ministries of the Holy Spirit."

The power of God is invincible, and the gifts of the Spirit have been given to the church as the weapons of our warfare. However, the church today is going into battle without a true knowledge of those weapons. Any time you go to battle without your weapons properly functioning, you cannot expect to win the fight.

It is my true desire that through this study of the gifts of the Spirit, you will recognize the true greatness of these spiritual gifts and allow them to become a vital part of your life.

When our Lord Jesus came to this earth to conquer it and redeem it, He functioned only within the framework of the gifts of the Spirit. His total ministry on earth was not as God, but as a man, functioning in the gifts of the Spirit. All the "miracles" Jesus performed were the result of a gift of the Spirit functioning at that time.

THE SECRET LIFE OF THE BRAIN

At the age of 95, Stanley Kunitz was named poet laureate of the United States. Still writing new poems, still reading to live audiences, he stands as an inspiring example of the brain's ability to stay vital in the final years of our lives.

The latest discoveries in neuroscience present a new view of how the brain ages. Overturning decades of dogma, scientists recently discovered that even into our seventies, our brains continue producing new neurons. Scientists no longer hold the longstanding belief that we lose vast numbers of brain cells as we grow older. The normal aging process leaves most mental functions intact, and may even provide the brain with unique advantages that form the basis for wisdom. The aging brain is also far more resilient than was previously believed.

ARE WE TALKING RUTS AGAIN?

So often in every day living, many of us get in our ruts and never realize we've fallen into them. These comfortable patterns in our lives become so ingrained that we fail to even recognize they are there. Every-once-in-a-while, our Father finds a way to help us see our ruts and nudge us to get out of them.

Each day, we need to ask the Lord to open our eyes to see the opportunities, people, situations and alternatives around us. We do this by beginning the day focused on the Lord and His will for our lives. We ask Him to lead us to the place, people and circumstances He wants to use to shape our lives. While we may not see something that immediately captures our attention, simply changing our familiar surroundings is often enough for us to see a new direction to pursue that leads us to other areas of service for the King and His Kingdom.

NOT MORE CHANGE!

For us as Christians, there is more to it than that. Change for us can be more than change. Change can mean transformation—a whole new world and not just a change in scenery. We can start life fresh and new. That's what conversion is all about. We are no longer sinners, but stand before God as His children, presented by Jesus "holy, without blemish, and free from accusation." As God's children who sometimes stumble and fall, we can have our spiritual world reset and return to perfection. When our world seems to come apart at the seams, we can trust that God's grace is at work undoing Satan's messes and disasters, while working things toward our ultimate good. As we face each new day, God's faithfulness means His blessings and love are new and fresh every morning. Even in those long stretches of life when things get monotonously similar and it seems we're going nowhere, God is at work through His Spirit transforming us a little bit each day to become more like Christ.

So while our world is subject to change, we can take heart that as God's children, we're intended for transformation. Our destination, our goal, is assured because the Agent of Change is at work making us more like Him!

BRANDON TEEN WINS YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR AWARD

The Clarion-Ledger - June 20, 2006

Ashley Gunn, 18, of Brandon is one of five regional winners of the NFIB/Visa USA Young Entrepreneur Award.

The overall Entrepreneur of the Year award will be announced tonight in Washington, D.C.

Gunn is the founder and chairman of

Students Aiding Indigent Families (SAIF), a nonprofit organization that buys, renovates and sells abandoned homes to families in need at below-market value.

Earlier this year, she was also named one of nine winners of the BRICK Awards, granted to community service "rock stars," for her SAIF project.

She received \$10,000 from the sponsor of the prize; Do Something, a community service organization co-founded by actor Andrew Shue.

ENTREPRENEURS-NO EXCUSES

Are you burying yourself in busywork to avoid really starting your own business?

Call it what you like. Procrastination. Fear. Necessary preparation. Regardless, the fact is that many new business owners fall into the trap of spending days, weeks and months staying "busy" without actually doing business.

It's true that starting a business requires a certain amount of preparation, or as Robert Spiegel, author of The Shoestring Entrepreneur's Guide to the Best Home-Based Businesses, prefers to call it, "pencil sharpening." Luckily, we're here to give you 10 specific ways to move past pencil sharpening and put those pencils to work.

ENTREPRENEURS-NEVER TO YOUNG

Only in America can a 19-year-old kid launch a million-dollar music business from his dorm room and two 17-year-old twins own a media empire worth close to \$1 billion.

And while it's easy to watch with envy as young entrepreneurs continue to grow up around you and fulfill your entrepreneurial

dreams, you really have two choices: You can seethe at their success, or you can put jealousy aside and listen to the advice they have to offer.

Technology Rules in the 21st Century

We are gearing up for our Next National Bulletin Board Party.

This effort will require the full participation of the entire ministry.

It is time we stop being merely consumers and start being producers. The 'Body of Christ' should provide all needed services for the Global Christian Community. And it is the responsibility of the Baby Boomer' generation to assist the 'Millennium' generation in making that transition.

The best way to make the transition is to become an Entrepreneur.

McClain Ministries has taken on the challenge of the global transition of the Body of Christ. The vision will incorporate the highest level of technology to make it a reality.

We really got off to an excellent start with our March 4th party. During our September 23rd party we anticipate a minimum of 100 attendees. The party will feature quality exhibits of all our Entrepreneurs. The exhibits should not exceed a 2' x 2' area. Entrepreneurs are required to have both professional business cards and brochures available for handout.

The best way to track the progress of our next party is to check in weekly with the Blog Site. You can ask questions and post your opinions here:

<http://melvamclain.blogspot.com/2006/06/national-bulletin-board-service.html>

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Also if you would like to know more about our Bulletin Board Service click here:

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