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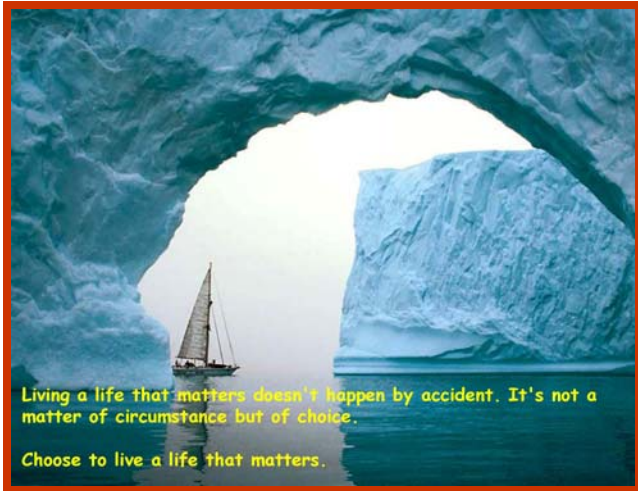


Thank you, Lord, for the courage and selfless service of our military troops. Thank you for their dedication in the face of difficulties and challenges. Thank you for their families. I pray that all of our servicemen and women will experience Your mercy each day, and that You will provide for their every need. Let them feel your presence with them, and your everlasting love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

(militaryfamiliespray.com)

MELVA'S CORNER

WHY ARE WE SO UNHAPPY WITH WHERE WE ARE?



Tapping the Source of Power

Central Truth: We should plug into our spiritual source of power and just make it happen!

Sometimes I tend to look to my past and remember "the good old days" and compare them to today. I remember churches where I have worshipped, friendships I have had, works in which I have been involved, and think, "I sure wish I could go back there again" or "I sure wish it could be like that again." I've been guilty of sometimes doing this to the point that I forget my present journey or overlook the opportunities in the place where I am.

If we believe that God opens doors and directs steps, then why are we so unhappy with where we are? Why in our hearts do we turn back to Egypt?

The Israelites remembered the good things they experienced in Egypt to the point of forgetting how bad things were for them as slaves there.

They rebelled against God and where He was directing their journey. In fact, they rejected the journey, they rejected where they were and they ended up rejecting God's instructions and in that rejected God.

Contrast that with the description of the Apostle Paul and his struggle in life:

"I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection! But I keep working toward that day when I will finally be all that Christ Jesus saved me for and wants me to be. No, dear brothers and sisters, I am still not all I should be, but I am focusing all my energies on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us up to heaven" (Philippians 3:12-14).

The next time we are tempted to compare the present with the past, might I suggest that we stop ourselves and try to refocus on the present. We have so many blessings, but we also have so much work to do. Let's focus on making these days "the good old days." Let's build relationships and churches and love the way we should and stop turning back to Egypt in our hearts. Let us do as Paul did. Let's forget the past, look forward, and strain to reach the prize God has for us!

The best way to improve the past is to live the way God wants us to live today, rooted in the moment and living for God — in service to others and in service to Him.

Scriptural References:

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already reached perfection! But I keep working toward that day when I will finally be all that Christ Jesus saved me for and wants me to be. No, dear brothers and sisters, I am still not all I should be, but I am focusing all my energies on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us up to heaven . . . You who are mature Christians will agree on these things.” (Philippians 3:12-15 NLT) 📖

Experiencing Dark Days?



Tapping the Source of Power

Central Truth: Spiritual growth is an ongoing transition from bondage to freedom in prayer and in every other aspect of life.

Countless have been the times that I have heard (and probably said) something to the effect: "This is the darkest day of my life."

For starters, the "dark day" is a profoundly good thing. It is an ongoing spiritual process in which we are liberated from attachments and compulsions and empowered to live more freely. Of course, this doesn't mean that the darkness isn't painful — for loss and grief do bring pain. The good news is that in obscurity and uncertainty — two realities most Christians do everything to avoid — God is present.

And not only is he present, God eventually

brings about a dawn; a dawn that is characterized by liberation of love, deepening of faith, gratitude and awareness of our union with Him.

To guide us toward this union with God — to the love we most desire — we must be taken where we could not and would not go on our own. And though the 'perceived' darkness can be quite troublesome and frustrating, it is when we cannot chart our own course that we become vulnerable to God's protection and the darkness can even become a guiding light.

Thankfully, though the "darkness" is healing and liberating and humbling, it is not an end in and of itself. It is rather an ongoing transition from bondage to freedom in prayer and in every other aspect of life. In other words, one of the greatest fruits that comes from the "darkness" experience is the Spirit's nudge — which sometimes feels like a "yank" — to receive the offer of contemplative prayer as a way of life. Of course, in our fast-paced, busy, compulsive society, few willingly choose contemplation, much less silence. But as life comes to a stop — whether through loss, fatigue, failed expectations or a gnawing sense that life is meaningless — God, through the "darkness," calls us to relinquish our idolatries and see that He is closer to us than we think.

As we — or others we love — go through the dark days, two questions seem especially appropriate: "Do you really want to go back to the way things were?" and "What then do you most deeply desire?" It is through those challenging times that you can affirm that it is indeed when life seems darkest and silent, that you begin to experience how close the love of Christ really is and how our ultimate vocation in life is to share this love with the world!

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Higher Mountains... Higher Praises

ENJOYING HIS PRESENCE

Jannice Horton

If God does not do another thing for me, He has already done enough. Praise to the Father for allowing me to experience His presence in a special way for quite some time. What I mean by this is, it does not take me as long to enter into His presence as before, and when it happens it is the most awesome experience I have ever encountered. I do not want it to end. I do not have to be praying for this to happen. My mind just thinks on Him and there He is. His presence sort of envelopes me in His Love, it is really unexplainable. I can now somewhat understand what it means to “taste and see that the Lord is good”, or why Moses face was glowing, because in His presence is fullness of joy and everything nice.

It is so awesome that I wanted to tell someone and I did, but I will be careful of this because some people will tell you to, “enjoy it while you can because you never know what tomorrow will bring”, or some say, “I have been like that too but there are times when God seems so far away, etc, etc, etc.”

Well, I did not want to hear that. I just wanted to share and have that person enjoy it with me not tear me down from my Glory High. We have to learn to exhort one another more.

Lets us seek to enjoy the Lord more while He may be found and call upon Him more while He is near.

TRUSTING GOD

Charles Simpson – by Mary Simpson

God has many ways in which He chooses to heal. Most of the time it’s not the way we think. My son Charles had severe lower back pain that eventually radiated down his leg. He had several forms of treatment the past 3 months because he didn’t want to have any type of surgery because he didn’t want to be put to sleep. When the pain became so severe he could barely move he then sought God on what he should do and it took about 3 weeks before he received confirmation from God that He has given man knowledge to help His people. He also revealed to Charles that fear would keep him in pain but just trust HIM because He would guide the doctor during the procedure.

Charles experienced the peace of God and consented to have the surgery and had no problems. The incision was only 1 inch and required 3 staples to repair the ruptured disc. He is not experiencing any pain and said he will seek God in all things from now on and wait on Him. Now I consider this not only a blessing but is worthy to continue to give God praise and thanks because this caused Charles to have a closer and more personal relationship with God. He said, “Ma I see what you meant when you said to pray God’s will, don’t doubt, wait on God and you’ll know for yourself that God’s hears and answer prayers.” I told him to remember to teach this to his children so they can pass it on to the next generation.

HISTORY OF VOTING

1776 When this country announced its independence from Britain, voting rights were based on property ownership. This typically meant that those voting were white males over the age of 21 of Protestant religion.

1787 In the newly drafted Constitution, states were given the power to set voting mandates and most were still favorable to white males who owned property.

1830 Many states had dropped religion and property ownership as requirements for voting and with such a large percentage of the population at the polls, political parties were beginning to develop.

1868 The 14th Amendment recognizes African Americans as citizens, giving them the right to vote. However, state officials continue attempts to deny this right.

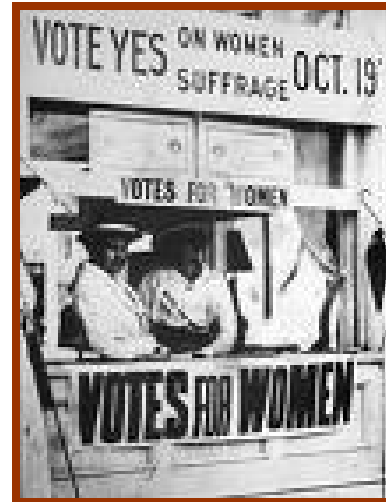


1870 African Americans were given the right to vote in the 15th Amendment. It prohibited any state or local government from denying that right.

1890 Wyoming becomes the first state to recognize women's right to vote and provide for it in a state constitution.

1913 Voting power is expanded with 17th Amendment, calling for the popular election of US. senators.

1920 The 19th Amendment was added to the Constitution, giving women across the nation the right to vote.



1940 Congress recognizes Native Americans as citizens. However, it wasn't until 1947 that all states granted them the right to vote.

1964 The 24th Amendment declares that no person should be denied the right to vote because they cannot pay a "poll tax."

1965 An amendment to the Voting Rights Act bans the use of literacy tests, poll taxes and other obstacles designed to keep people from voting.

1971 The voting age is lowered to 18.



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WHEN THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO...LEAN ON GOD

Perhaps you've learned to "survive" after being diagnosed with a deadly disease. Perhaps you've learned to "survive" while raising several children alone after the death or desertion of a mate. Perhaps you've learned to "survive" the last few days of a month as you juggled expenses to make sure that there was enough money to cover meals before the next payday.

If you're in "survival mode," it's difficult for you to plan years down the road. It's all you can do to get through the day. And, as much as you might pray for it, you may find that there is no such thing as "immunity" from life's challenges. The hardships don't disappear. And you learn that there are times when there is nothing you can do, but lean on God.

That is exactly what He wants you to learn. Listen to the apostle Paul as he shares with us his struggle with a challenge he had:

"Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. Each time he said, "My gracious favor is all you need. My power works best in your weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may work through me.

Since I know it is all for Christ's good, I am quite content with my weaknesses and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong." (II Corinthians 12:8-10)

God calls us to look outward and upward to the limitless possibilities He has placed before His children. Trouble enough awaits those who walk this path on the way to glory. We will all stumble and fall now and then. However, the secret is to keep our eyes open to the vision of the Almighty who will always be there to pick us up and lead us on to victory. So I say to you today:

Lift up your eyes! When you stumble, God has a new plan for you to follow.

Lift up your eyes! You have a mission given to you by the Creator of the universe.

Lift up your eyes! Your Father calls you to His glory and goodness.

Lift up your eyes! There are no great visions at ground level!

When it comes to vision, most of us remember the great message of wisdom, **"Where there is no vision, the people perish." (Proverbs 29:18 KJV)** The Spirit's leading is a critical part of your destiny in God. **(Galatians 5:25)**

The Bible says that Paul followed the vision God gave him: **"Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision." (Acts 26:19)** We too want to go the way the Spirit leads and God's Word reveals, rather than simply setting out on our human wisdom. **(Proverbs 14:12)**

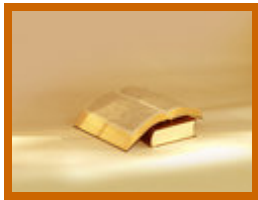
If you are not quite at a visionary level today and you are just trying to survive. May God's grace be with you as you strive to "survive" the challenges you face today — and be assured that His grace is sufficient! It is enough for y



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark your calendars for the month of **November**. Please join us and take the next step in your walk with God.

Home Bible Workshop Schedule



Saturday November 1
Home Bible Workshop

5:00 P.M. CST

“The Power of Intercessory Prayer”

National Bulletin Board Synergy Meeting
(Entrepreneur Training Session)

November 15

5:00 – 7:00 PM CDT

1050 Ridgeside Drive

Brandon, MS

(601-824-7498 - Melva)



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The Power of Partnership

I am so thankful our paths have crossed. In fact, I believe it was a divine appointment. Over twenty - five years ago, an encounter with God changed my life forever, and I believe He'll do the same for you. I consider it a privilege to have the opportunity to share the truth of His life-changing power and grace with you.

God called me to teach the truth of the Gospel to the body of Christ with special emphasis on God's unconditional love and the balance between grace and faith.

At McClain Ministries we are working diligently to fulfill that call by training others and by developing ministry materials designed to help you in your relationship with the Lord.

Your interest in partnership is evidence of the fact that not only has this ministry affected your life, but you also have a desire to help someone else and believe this message can provide that help. Together, through partnership, you and I can reach thousands of people with the good news of the Gospel.

I believe the message the Lord has entrusted me to deliver will change the way the body of Christ perceives God. However, it doesn't matter how important the message is or how well I deliver it, until the message is sent, no one will hear. Partnership makes the delivery possible.

The Apostle Paul understood his role as the messenger, but he also understood that partnership was not only about what he received but what the partners received as well. **In Philippians 4:19 he wrote, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."** This was written by Paul to his partners.

The Philippians were the only ones who supported him after leaving town. In fact, they wanted to give more but didn't have the opportunity. Paul was saying that there is a special provision for those who recognize the power in partnership.

For me, it has never been about "you" supporting "my" ministry. If you're a partner, then consider this our ministry, and together we will accomplish God's will. In fact, I'm an extension of you and your obedience to God. Like Paul, I'm just the messenger that God has called for a specific purpose. If I fulfill that call, the fruit will be evident to everyone, and if I don't, then God will find another messenger and direct your support to that person.

Although I am committed to doing my part to bring revival to America, we have an awesome opportunity to make a big difference in people's lives around the world. Our current projects must be funded by those of us who are more blessed.

Do you remember when you first began to partake of the message from this ministry and how it affected your life? There are thousands just like you all over the world, waiting to hear the truth that will set them free. Will you help us? Together, we can do it.

You may never realize what your gifts accomplish during your life on earth, but I can promise that in eternity, people from all over the world will thank you for your investment in their lives. I want to thank you in advance for your consideration and response.

Please make your gifts payable to, "McClain Ministries". All funds given for Community Outreach projects will be used for that purpose exclusively until the projects are fully funded. Any surplus will then be applied to the McClain Ministries general account.

HERE ARE OUR CURRENT PROJECTS:

Computer Clinic



Tutoring Classes



Community Pantry



National Bulletin Board Service



Internet Radio Station



We are pleased to offer the ability to make donations to McClain Ministries online using your credit or debit card. As you all know we have six (6) ongoing projects at this time. And all of our projects are funded through donations. Thank you so much for your support.

Just simply use the link to go to our website at:

<http://mcclainministries.org/>

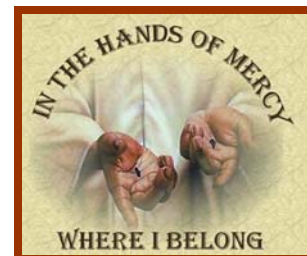
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THE GOD EFFECT OF PRAYER

6:00 P.M. Hour of Prayer



SPEND TIME PRAYING FOR OTHERS

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.

Hearts throbbing as one, prayers ascending to heaven multiplied by those praying in **one accord**. Sharing burdens, joys, and petitions to bear. Lay all your cares at the foot of the cross and encourage others to do the same. Lives are being changed. Breakthroughs are happening.

COMMUNITY PANTRY



Going Forward!

McClain Ministries is a non-profit organization which focuses on "ministering" to the entire community - the young, old, poor, ambitious, learned, unlearned, disadvantaged, and challenged.

Our ultimate goal is to make as much of life easier for persons in communities in our service area on a long-term basis as possible. We don't just want to provide fish for them to eat, but we want to teach them how to fish.

The geographical location of McClain Ministries is Brandon, Mississippi; however, the services and programs are being provided for several cities surrounding the ministry headquarters some of which are

Jackson, Madison, Ridgeland, Pearl, Clinton, and Byram.

Our immediate goal with the community pantry is to partner with local agencies including soup kitchens and shelters in an effort to supplement their services by providing good items on an as-needed basis. This activity will serve as reinforcement to current community outreach programs. And the good news is that we are well on our way to obtaining two corporate sponsors. If you would like to help with this project-contact:

melvamccain@bellsouth.net



LOCAL IBS STUDY

To learn more about this study, please contact :CRC of Jackson 601-714-3260

Local doctors are looking for people with Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS) whose symptoms are not currently relieved, to help evaluate an investigational medication for the treatment of IBS.

We encourage you to inquire about the study if you:

- Are at least 18 years of age or older, and
- Have had abdominal discomfort and other symptoms associated with IBS for at least 12 weeks over the last 12 months, and
- Have not had adequate relief of your IBS symptoms and IBS bloating, and
- Have loose and watery stools

Qualified participants will receive study medication as well as study-related medical evaluations and tests at no cost. Reimbursement for time and travel may be provided.

REFLECTIVE PERSONALITIES

(Law of Attraction)

During your sojourn you will invariably encounter people that you do not "like" for one reason or another.

You might for example think that someone you meet is "arrogant" or a manager at work is "egotistical", your bank manager is "aloof", a relative is "argumentative", a friend is "greedy" and so on.

Sometimes you might confront the person, other times you might talk about him or her with others, and you might wish to "get even".

The truth is this - dealing with a very wide array of people and circumstances is one of the most important reasons we are here in the first place, and one of the greatest virtues of this physical world of matter and its infinite variety.

In this physical World we meet and must deal with numerous different people, and overcome numerous situations, each one of which is a valuable learning opportunity - of course whether this opportunity is accepted or not is a different matter. In many cases people might "argue back", seek "revenge", want to "get even", report the person to someone "in authority", talk about them to others, and so on.

If only these situations are accepted as the great learning opportunities they are, then great progress can be made instead of failing to learn by them and remaining static or even regressing.

If each such opportunity was acted upon, then great progress can be made on Earth and makes life much easier and more pleasurable.

So how can we learn these valuable lessons?

Well the Law of Attraction is always operating at all levels, in accordance with the Principle "like attracts".

Just as emotions attract, so do attitudes - they are all states of mind. And reveals what's in your heart.

How then can we apply this to everyday life?

Quite simply, everyone we encounter is an exact match for some aspect of our personality.

Knowing this, everyone we meet becomes a learning experience.

So next time you meet a person who "upsets" you in some way, for example you find them to be "greedy", or "egocentric" or "arrogant" - any trait at all - instead of reacting, look inwards and ask yourself "what aspect of that person was attracted to me?" Once you have the answer, which should be obvious, then resolve to immediately transmute that negative aspect of yourself into its polar opposite.

For example - if you meet a person who is greedy - mentally thank the person for the lesson they have offered - then resolve in future to take every opportunity to be generous. Donate to a charity for example, and generally give of yourself to others whenever possible.

If you meet a person who is "arrogant", "pompous" or "aloof", then resolve in future to act towards others only with humility. If you encounter someone who is aggressive, then resolve in future to always be gentle and kind towards others. And so on.

So you can see now how every personality is a reflection of some aspect of our own personality to some degree.

If every time you meet someone who invokes negative emotions in you by becoming the opposite positive emotion, not only are you evolving Spiritually, thereby fulfilling your purpose here on Earth, you will eventually reach the moment where your life is always harmonious, peaceful and tranquil, because you will have surrounded yourself with like-minded people.

The same can be said of every experience - all experiences are valuable lessons. Nothing ever happens by "chance". Such notions as "luck" and "chance" are nothing but superstitious notions of a humanity who does not understand who they are and why they are here.

So whenever you encounter a person or situation that invokes negative emotions in you, engage in immediate introspection to identify what aspect of your personality attracted the situation to you, and resolve to transmute it to its polar opposite positive attribute from that moment on. Do not leave it otherwise you continue to encounter negative people or situation until the lesson is learned and negative attribute transmuted.

It's as you will, it's in your hands!



ELECTION DAY
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008



Don't forget to cast your Vote! **GOD** is counting on us all to be **HIS** voice in the voting booth.

Psalm 33:11 "The counsel of the LORD stands forever."

National Bulletin Board Project

McCLAIN MINISTRIES ENTREPRENEUR NETWORK

The Network was created in 2006. The idea was simple – to create a cross sector peer-group of like minded individuals who could share ideas, knowledge, inspiration and opportunities in a relaxing environment. A non trading environment where real business is discussed and introductions are welcomed. Somewhere younger Entrepreneurs can tap into the experience of those who have been there and done it – learning from their mistakes and soak up invaluable business knowledge. A transfer of wisdom that supports growing businesses, nurtures emerging talent and helps to create the wealth, jobs and opportunities that are a major contribution to the sustainable transformation of our Global economy.

The growth of the network, which has seen over 158 Entrepreneurs join forces since it was launched, proves that the concept “by Entrepreneurs for Entrepreneurs” works and it works superbly well. Our members are completely cross-sector in terms of business activity and are at all stages of development, from large, long established businesses to those just starting out with ambitious growth orientated entrepreneurial businesses.

We’re a non - profit organization whose aim is to foster enterprise and Entrepreneurship Nationwide in order to encourage more successful start-ups and assist existing businesses.

Our Vision:

To build the world's most influential community of Entrepreneurs.

Our Mission:

Engage Entrepreneurs to learn and grow.

Mission Statement:

“To use personal experience to foster and champion Entrepreneurship”

Objectives:

To take the lead in encouraging a culture of enterprise in our nation

The Network believes that by raising the image and profile of Entrepreneurs, developing emerging Entrepreneurs, encouraging Entrepreneurs to network and linking Entrepreneurs with new opportunities, the network will help develop an Entrepreneurial culture

and promote enterprise nationally and internationally. The network provides a powerful cross-sector network that will mobilize the private sector under the banner of Entrepreneurship.

This is being made possible by a committed and energetic board all of whom are full-time entrepreneurs, yet are willing to devote their time and energies to a project that will benefit our nation and the world. However, this is just the start of a process that can have both a major short-term impact and sustainable long-term benefits.

To be the natural focus for high growth business owners

The Network is organized by Entrepreneurs who have high growth businesses for Entrepreneurs with high growth businesses and high growth expectations and has created peer groups that come together and share business challenges.

To help new and developing businesses

This is achieved by sharing practical experiences and providing learning opportunities for younger business people by lessen the pain and seemingly shorten the distance between the starting line and success.

Benefits of Membership:

- **Membership of a group of inclusive, growth-orientated Entrepreneurs; providing support, stimulation and inspiration in a non-trading environment to help you and your business succeed**
- **Provides a national database for consumers**
- **Free access to many Entrepreneurial events**
- **Access to our mentoring program – we can match up members who need help or guidance on particular issues with those who have the skills and experience in the relevant areas. All of our mentors come from within our broad-based membership and offer their time and support altruistically.**
- **The Entrepreneur Network is always working on new initiatives to promote and foster Entrepreneurship. Members are kept informed via the McClain Ministries website, through events and via our monthly newsletter.**

Registration:

Registration is simple just go to our website – complete the form and someone will contact you within 48 hours. Here is the link to use:

http://mcclainministries.org/e_list_registration/

McClain Ministries E-List Registration Form

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