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EVERYDAY IS A DAY OF THANKSGWING



Melva's Corner

KINGDOM POWER (FAITH IS THE LINK)

Bible Text: II Corinthians 10:3-5

Central Truth: The personal presence of God through the Holy Spirit is the source of all power.

The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. (II Corinthians 10:4)

Christians can fall into a number of satanic traps. Some may be deceived into thinking that "intending" to obey Jesus is the same as actually doing what Jesus says. Some seek great knowledge about God and His will and are satisfied with this, rather than trusting God and acting on that knowledge. Others are busily involved doing religious things based upon human traditions, rather than seeking to live each day in the power of the Lord through His Holy Spirit. And still others seek a mystical experience without changing their lifestyles to reflect the the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Life Events

HAPPY ANNIVESARY

The Gilliams' & Hardys'



Happily joined in love celebrating everyday

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

TO OUR TROOPS



We ask your protection to surround the troops that their return from duty may abound and let us show our gratitude this date as we remember our troops and their families. We thank you Father for your readiness to hear us and for the many blessings we enjoy.

Accept our praise and gratitude; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen

Jesus distinguishes between knowing God's will and doing it! Jesus repeatedly reminded His followers that they would be blessed by "doing" God's will, not just believing in it. (Matthew 7:13-27; (John 13:15-17).

Why is it that we are so adamant about hearing what Jesus says, and so slack in doing it — always learning, but never acting? Knowledge is wonderful, but Paul says, "Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up." (I Corinthians 8:1 NRS)

The only way knowledge about things can become knowledge possessed by a person is for that person to act on that factual knowledge and thereby discover for himself if it is true! Theoretical knowledge becomes experiential — or real knowledge — only through obedience. Faith is the link between the two! For example, from information about the construction of a bridge across a river, one may come to believe intellectually that it will hold his weight. However, only when one walks across the bridge, trusting himself to the bridge, will he truly know it is reliable.

Jesus said to those who began to believe on Him intellectually, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31-32). Holding to one truth allows you to reach for another truth. Growing in grace and knowledge is based on trust and obedience to the knowledge of the truth that is confronting us at the time. To fail to act on one aspect of truth about God keeps us from progressing to another aspect.

For too long, the church has been held guilty of Paul's indictment of "always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth." (II Timothy 3:7 NIV)

It is imperative that we never stop learning, but it is only when we use what we learn that we will we be people of truth.

God has no competition. He describes Himself as a jealous God, and He will go to great lengths to bring His errant children back to Him. He continually manifests His deity and His power so that those who seek Him can have no doubt that He, and He alone, is God. Anyone or anything that supplants His rule as lord of our lives is as powerless to save us as was Baal. The personal presence of God through the Holy Spirit is the source of all power.

So let's go forward in faith just like Paul urged the Christians at Ephesus to have: "Above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one." (Ephesians 6:16) "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." (Ephesians 6:12) We have the power to resist our enemy, "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds." (II Corinthians 10:4)

So the next time the devil tries to give you a hard time through attack or temptation, don't pretend it isn't happening. Don't give in to a fatalistic pity party. Instead, remember the words of John, the beloved apostle, "You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world." (I John 4:4)

Scriptural References:

"For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."

(II Corinthians 10:3-5)

THANKSGIVING

Bible Text: Matthew 25:45

Central Truth: God help us to set a place for Jesus at our Thanksgiving table on Thursday and all of the Thursdays to come.

Thanksgiving, we assume, is a day to be surrounded by family and friends. It's a day of celebration. We certainly show our gratitude for God's blessings. by consuming huge quantities of them. By laughing with people who we love. And there's nothing wrong with all that, of course. l'm iust concerned Thanksgiving has become yet another excuse to turn inward, to relax, to enjoy self. Are we becoming too much like the rich man in Jesus' parable. I fear: eating well and living in comfort while the Lazaruses outside our door are begging for alms, being licked by dogs, and dying in piles of garbage. And all of this taking place on our watch.

Really, the worries and concerns many of us will bring to our Thanksgiving tables are trivial and self-centered. Family squabbles over who said what to whom? Please. Financial problems? Don't you have a fridge full of leftovers right now? Problems at work? Hey, you have a job, and can get another one. There are folks who would gladly trade our problems for the ones they bring to the table -- or would bring if they had a table to bring them to.

"Whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me," says Jesus. It's one of the most startling and troubling of all the startling and troubling things He said. Someone in this parable dropped the ball. Hope that's not my miss, but I'm afraid that it is. At least partially. I wonder if there's any valid excuse for homelessness and hunger, for people dying on Thanksgiving Day or any other day, in a country in which the church is so wealthy and prosperous.

I think not. It seems the only reason for it is that we fail to see how people could experience God's love and share in His blessings through our generosity. It's either that we don't see or deep down we don't care enough to put ourselves out. And I can't bear to think it's the latter.

Jesus' point in identifying Himself with "the least": the hungry, thirsty, strangers, naked, sick, and imprisoned was to let us know that He stands with the very folks our society overlooks, the have-nots. "What you fail to do for them," He reminds us; you fail to do for me. And by counting Himself among them, He makes overlooking them impossible. To serve them is to serve Him, and to neglect them is to neglect Him. He makes it impossible for us to cherish Him in our hearts without cherishing those on the fringes.

Recent natural disasters, in our world, have uncovered the ugly under belly of the less fortunate, the ones we had come to view as invisible.

It takes time to help the less fortunate. Christian service requires a mega investment. Have you noticed how much encouragement it takes for a new believer? Do you know that alcoholics often need to talk to somebody at 2:30 in the morning? Are you aware that people who lead others to Christ typically do so by investing huge amounts of time and interest in them over time? Spiritual service calls for the sacrifice of time and energy on the behalf of others.

I've made some decisions. Next year will be different for me. But I'm not waiting until then to change some things about myself. You shouldn't wait either if you need to make some of the same changes. Start thinking and praying about how you can serve the less fortunate. Ask God to remind you that Jesus stands with them and that devotion to Him must include devotion to them.

Ask Him to open your heart in generosity and to open doors to share the blessings He's given you. Talk to the leaders of your church about what your congregation is already doing for the poor and be an advocate for them if there is currently no one in your church to do that. Offer to take a community leadership role in serving "the least" of them.

Memory Text

"I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me." (Matthew 25:45) \square



PRAISE REPORTS VIA EMAIL

Original Prayer Request Sent to Melva - I just received a call from Mary Jordan Smith; her father Rev. C. F. Jordan was rushed to CMMC Emergency Room in Jackson, MS. I will update you when I know more.

Praise Report from Mary Jordan Smith - My daddy is doing very well. He got out of the hospital last Wednesday, and was at church Wednesday night; and has been going to church activities every since -- Thursday night, funeral at 11:00 Saturday morning, and church Sunday morning. He is planning to go to church tonight to revival.

Original Prayer Request Sent to Lena – A prayer request from Gloria Wallace, "We are leaving tomorrow October 11 going to Las Vegas we will be back on Sunday the 15th. We are asking the Saints to pray that we have a safe trip there and back."

Praise Report from Gloria Wallace- Just wanted to let you and all the saints know that we had a safe trip to Las Vegas and back. Thank you and all the Saints for your prayers.

Original Prayer Request Sent to Melva - Please see the prayer request below from our sister Carolyn Cooper regarding her mother Lucille Coleman. All will go well because we will be manning our post.

Request from Carolyn Cooper - Melva, my mom is scheduled for a procedure called a PTA with possible stint placement. A balloon will be placed across the area in her femoral artery which has been identified as severely narrowed but not completely blocked off yet. They will inflate the balloon to open up the blockage, if needed they will also deploy a stint to hold up the walls of the artery.

Since my mom has only one kidney and a history of kidney insufficiency, she will be treated with a medication pre-procedure as well as IV fluids before and after the procedure. This treatment will help flush the dye out of her system as quickly as possible to help protect her kidney from further damage. The procedure is scheduled for Wednesday Morning, Oct. 18 at 8:00 A M at St Vincent Infirmary. Dr. Fred Meadors is the attending physician. We check in at 6:00 AM and if all goes well she will go home Wednesday around 4:00 P M. Please pass this prayer request to our prayer warriors.

Praise Report from Melva - I am pleased to report that Carolyn's mother Lucille Coleman's surgical procedure went well yesterday in fact to quote the doctor, "It was an excellent procedure." Carolyn further indicated that the doctor was so pleased with the outcome that he actually thanked the family-it was as though he had some "extra help" in the operating room.

He had planned to go into the calf of Lucille's leg to relieve other blockage but the blood flow was so good in the upper part of her leg that he didn't need to go further. The procedure was scheduled to take approximately 2 hours; however, it took the doctor only about 20 minutes.

The attending nurse said she had never seen anything like it . . . simply amazing. Lucille was released at 5:30 PM yesterday and is home resting comfortably. She wants to thank everyone for their prayers.

Original Praise Report Sent to Melva from Loretta House Saturday September 16, 2006. It is official! My son Theodis, who is in the Peace Corp, passed the intermediate high in French today. As you know he had to pass intermediate French prior to being assigned to his new village. He is very grateful and asked me to thank everyone for their prayers and energy. PRAISE GOD.

PRAISE REPORT UPDATE Melva McClain



Theodis is now in his village . . . he's the young man to the far right of the picture. Let's continue to pray for him and his village . . . what a privilege it is to be a part of this wonderful missionary journey of this exceptional young man:

NATIONAL BULLETIN BOARD PARTY PRAISE REPORT

Melva McClain

October 7, 2006 marked our 2nd Bulletin Board Party. The concept of a National Bulletin Board Service was conceived with the idea that the Body of Christ should provide all of the services and products

needed in the "Body" . . . that together we could be a formidable force against the destruction of the enemy. We took a giant step in that direction on October 7. The physical presence of Entrepreneurs under one roof spoke volumes of the potential of such a group.

The potential to:

- Serve others with love and compassion as well as goods and services
- Help the less fortunate in our midst
- Be role models for those who need a tangible source of inspiration

"How can one idea; one concept have so much potential," you may ask. A one word answer is sufficient, "Unity." Standing Together As 1. Unity always works! Pooling our tangible and intangible resources toward a common goal will always result in success.

Time Warner's Channel 18 taped the party and will be featured during their Saturday Programming. And repeated the following Wednesday.

A CD Party Photo Album is also availablefree of charge. You can just pop the CD into your computer and watch the entire party come to life.

Here is just one of our Entrepreneur's displays, C. M. Designers Carolyn Michael.





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THE GOODNESS OF GOD ALWAYS SHOWS UP

Lena Williams

Thanksgiving 2006 is special to me. I am redeeming the time.

I am expressing my deepest love and gratitude to our Father of Glory for the powerful love he has shed abroad in our hearts.

I am so thankful for McClain Ministries . . . all the partners and friends. It means a lot to me to be given the opportunity to express my love and gratitude for all that Melva does for us through the ministry . . . teaching and preaching the gospel.

It is an honor for me to express how thankful I am for Bible Class and to be an active part of the National Bulletin Board Entrepreneur Program. Together . . . we can achieve anything.

Without the Word of God I am nothing . . . but with it I am everything and I want for nothing. It's The WORD of GOD that guides me in paths of righteousness protects and provides for my family . . . so All is well.

No matter what this year has brought forth so far. It is written, "He commands the light to shine out of darkness. If there were no darkness in our life . . . how could we interpret the light?

When the darkness comes and it will . . . HE has given me the confidence to say LIGHT BE . . . then "There " is a New DAY and I can clearly see. And I am so thankful.

Its Harvest time! Psalms 100 says, " Enter into His courts with Thanksgiving . . .

GOOD NEWS ABOUNDS

Mary Jordan Smith

Good news! The Health Department approved my tenant for license this afternoon! "Ain't that good news!" Thanks for all your prayers. And please continue to keep Jordan Personal Care Center on the prayer list.

WHERE TWO OR MORE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER IN HIS NAME

Lena Williams

I received an email from Mary Simpson to pray for her son Charles to have Success incorporating his "Science For Everyone Business Project" with members of JPS. I emailed her back and asked her to agree with me for my son Jarrett to receive the Wireless Expert position at Best BUY . . . where he is currently employed.

Jarrett had been approached regarding the position but had not heard back from management, so I decided to fast and pray with Mary and believe God for good news for Charles and Jarrett. We agreed to pray and fast for both Charles and Jarrett on Wed. October 4.

Mary reported all went well with Charles' meeting . . . with him getting even greater offers. "I gave Glory to God".

On Saturday October 21, Jarrett came home and said "Mom look at my new shirt" It was his new Best Buy shirt with various patches on the sleeve and at the top of the sleeve it read "WIRELESS EXPERT." Jarrett got the new position. Mat. 18:19 "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, THERE AM I in the midst of them."

Glory to God . . . our Father is so good . . . His mercy and His Truth endures forever! ONLY BELIEVE.

Home Bible Workshop Schedule



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

November 4th & 18th

The Message... "God's Power Principles"

March 1050 Ridgeside Drive Brandon, MS 39042

Phone: 601-824-7498

(Please Use Workshop Side Door Entrance)



IN HIS PRESENCE

AT THE 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. Break-throughs are happening.

WEBSITE OFFERINGS

(Article Excerpts)

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THE NEW MINISTERS

Business people and ministers may have more in common than pained expressions. In fact, I believe that you, today's Christian business leaders, can be some of the most influential ministers! So, hats off to the "new ministers"!

Today, the marketplace holds enormous clout and it is business leaders who now broadly influence our values. So, authentically Christian business leaders are strategically positioned to perpetuate our ethical, moral and spiritual heritage. You may not wear the title comfortably, but you are the "new ministers."

Of course, every Believer is a "minister," priests ministering to the world (I Peter 2:9-17), but business and professional people can minister in special ways.

I am impressed by the tough questions being raised by some Christian business people:

- Did God make me affluent, visible and powerful?
- If he made me affluent, visible, and powerful, why?
- How do I witness in the marketplace without taking advantage of my position?
- How will I do so without appearing partial to believing employees?
- How will I do so without being typecast with phonies who tout religion for business advantage?

You courageously navigate waters beyond the depth of most churched ministers. We are deeply grateful that God has placed you, the "new minister," where you are.

At times it may seem easier to follow the church at a detached distance or to zip past the cumbersome thing toward more vigorous para-church enterprises. In either case, both business people and the church lose.

I often hear Christian business leaders confess enormous need for the church. Facing the chill wind of the secular marketplace alone, without the support and accountability of the church, overwhelms even the strongest.

You know you need the church. But some of you ask, "Does the church need me? Am I of any value to the church, given the mouse and elephant phenomenon? Beyond dropping my generous check in the plate, does the church really expect anything significant from me?"

I reply with a thundering, "Yes!" You are profoundly important to the church. Not merely to pay the bills, not only to prop up the sagging self-esteem, but as primary colleagues in ministry. You enrich our of the faith. "Business understanding ministers" help keep "Church ministers" in touch with the marketplace. You call us to accountability and excellence. Personally, I cannot imagine functioning as a balanced Christian without a circle of spiritual confidents from the marketplace. Today, as we face a vacuum of character and the vertigo of change, we look to you. This is your hour. Thank God for "new ministers."

WHAT DO YOU SEE?

It was poet Robert Burns who wished for humankind the power to see ourselves as others see us. My, what insights that would bring! But there is still another perspective on human affairs that is greater still.

WHAT IF WE COULD SEE AS GOD SEES

What if we could see as God sees? I'm convinced His perspective would set us free to really live.

If we could see as God sees, we would know that most human fears never materialize.

Most of the things we spend time worrying over are never going to happen anyway. So we waste energy and weaken ourselves for the day's task. Maybe this is why Jesus said, "Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."

If we could see as God sees, we would realize that no problem that does come is insurmountable.

In our gloomier moments of financial stress, illness, or family problems, we brood over questions without answers. But the promise of Scripture stands: "God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it."

If we could see as God sees, we would understand that no trial comes without a blessing attached.

THE LEARNING TREE

UNITY

Paul's letter to the Philippians serves as a passionate plea that encourages every generation of Christians to stand united against such divisive opponents as social separatism, spiritual segregation, congregational competition, religious rivalry and disunity in the body of Christ.

The letter to the Philippians is designed to inspire Christians to embrace one another with the humble attitude of Christ. This was a timely message for the church at Philippi because it was under assault from within and without by people motivated by a toxic mindset of carnal egotism.

A selfish, self-promoting, self-seeking and self-centered spirit threatened to tear apart the spiritual fabric of the fellowship in the Philippian church. There were hidden agendas driven by individualism and selfish ambition that caused members in the church at Philippi to competitively pursue the satisfaction of their own interests to the neglect of the interests of others.

There was a major disagreement between two prominent members in the Philippian church. This bitter conflict threatened to split the Philippian congregation into two warring camps with two separate loyalties dedicated to two powerful personalities.

This potential church split led Paul to plead with Euodia and with Syntyche in Philippians 4:1-2 to agree with each other in the Lord. Regardless of what divided them Paul knew the only way for them to resolve the conflict between them was for both of them to rely upon their mutual agreement they could find only in their common Lord.

Paul's advice to the Philippians is still true for the church today. No matter what serves as the basis of our disagreements in the church today, the only place we are going to find total mutual agreement is in the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

It is only through the Lordship of Christ that Christians are able to stand in unity with each other. It is only through the Lordship of Christ that we are able to give up our attempts to use human strategies and solutions to defeat the other side. It is only through the Lordship of Christ that we

shall find agreement in the midst of an array of theological differences.

It is the Lordship of Christ that stands at the center of our relationships with one another and not doctrinal arguments and theological positions. It is the Lordship of Christ that enables us to discuss our theological differences without expressing a mean spirit of negativity towards one another.

In Philippians 2:13, Paul says, "For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose." Paul encourages them to work out the works that God is working in them. He tells them to act out the will of God that God has placed in them. The Philippians are commanded to manifest the miraculous work that God is doing within and among them. They were to be revealers of God's harmonious nature before a divided and conflicted world.

It is interesting to note that Paul does not tell the Philippians to attend a seminar or a conference on church conflict. He does not tell them to read the most recent Christian literature written by Christian authors on Conflict resolution. He tells them that they already have what they need to work out their salvation as a congregation. They have Christ working in them.

Christians today must realize that we have what it takes in Christ to work out our salvation. We can work out the salvation in our marriages. We can work out the salvation of our families. We can Work out the salvation of our congregations. We can work out the salvation of our friendships. Paul says in 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."

It is possible in the power of Christ for Christians to erase the color line in the body of Christ. It is possible in the power of Christ for Christians to overcome class warfare in the body of Christ.

It is possible in the power of Christ for Christians to exalt the interests of others above their own.

It is possible in the power of Christ to exalt the body of Christ above the body politic.

It is possible in the power of Christ for Christians to exalt the Christian party above the Democrat or Republican parties.

It is possible in the power of Christ for Christians to relate to each other as brothers and sisters instead of liberal and conservatives.

Let us make the solid commitment to refuse to use the church as a vehicle to promote our personal agendas of vain conceit and selfish ambition. And commit ourselves to doing all we can through the power of Christ to protect and defend the unity of the Holy Spirit in the bond of peace.

Yes, we can come together as the body of Christ with the Godly determination to reflect the divine unity that exists within the Godhead between Father, Son, and Spirit. We stand as one person, in one spirit, against every strategy of division devised by the evil forces of hell.

We will soar above division.
We will soar above competition.
We will soar above rivalry.
We will soar above separatism.
We will soar above selfish ambition.
Thank God for soaring!



1st QUARTER TELECONFERENCE



Saturday, January 27th 8:00 A M. CST

8:00 A M. CST Toll Free Dial-In Number 1-888-422-7124 Participant Code: 730940

Quarterly teleconferences are one of many of the ministries communication tools. These conferences allow us to share the uncompromised Word of God, as well as fellowship with our members in a spirit of unity that has literally changed the lives of those who participate.



National Bulletin Board Synergy Session

Saturday, January 13, 2007 5:00 – 7:00 PM 1050 Ridgeside Drive Brandon, MS

The synergy sessions are extremely important because they provide the platform to continue our networking; brainstorm marketing strategies and conduct Entrepreneur training. All project assignments are made and monitored during these sessions to guarantee the ultimate success of the Service. In essence, this is where the real work takes place. Our National Bulletin Parties are the fruit of these highly charged synergy sessions.

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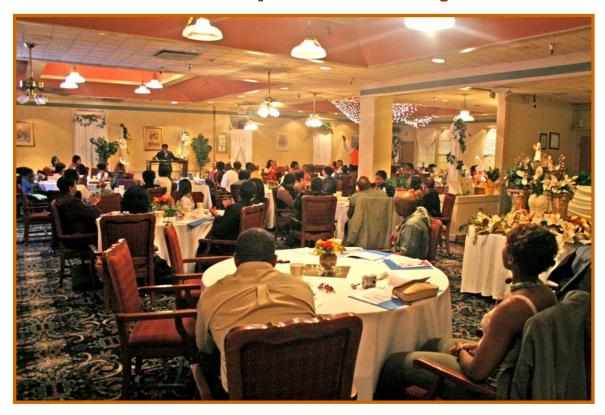
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