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# Melva's Corner

## EMPOWERMENT! (The Presence of the Holy Spirit)



(John 14:25-26)

**Central Truth:** From that holy Pentecost Day until now, the principal proof of the Spirit's presence has not been fire and noise. It has been and remains and always will be changed lives that are being brought under the Spirit's control.

When you hear the term "Holy Spirit," what comes to mind? Do you think of Pentecost? Do you think of modern controversies over tongue-speaking? Do you visualize "tongues like fire" over the heads of the apostles? My concern is that most of us think of the Holy Spirit as a radiating power or influence rather than in personal terms a mysterious 'It' rather than a gracious Person. I suspect I know why we think that way.

In both Greek and English, "Spirit" is a neuter noun. And we think of a neuter noun as an "it" rather than a he or she. Thus we think of the Holy Trinity of orthodox theology in a peculiar way. God the Father we visualize in warm, personal terms. God the Word (i.e., Logos) we more often speak of as God the Son and think of personal images ranging from Bethlehem to Nazareth to Jerusalem. Not so, however, with the Holy Spirit. Both the neuter noun and the biblical images of fire and anointing tend us away from personal to impersonal imagery, from Spirit as divine personality to Spirit as divine emanation. How unfortunate.

## The Spirit-Paraclete

In the Gospel of John, Jesus invites us to know about, expect, and experience the Holy Spirit. And He speaks of the third member of the divine family in terms that are personal. In fact, He challenged His original followers to think of the Holy Spirit in the same personal ways they had experienced Him. He has already told the apostles: "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you" (John 14:25-26). The Spirit would take Jesus' place in their midst both to "teach" and "remind" them of what had happened during His ministry.

In our text for today, Jesus returns to His promise of Holy Spirit presence, teaching, and guidance among those disciples. He told them:

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned".

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

**He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you” (16:4b-15).**

Notice what the version I am using calls the Holy Spirit in the two texts we have read. The New Revised Standard Version has Jesus calling Him “the Advocate” as opposed to the King James Version’s “Comforter” or the New International Version’s “Counselor.” The original term in John’s text is parakletos. Because of its background in court settings, I suspect “Comforter” is too passive a rendering. The Holy Spirit represents our interests, stands in for us, and goes to bat for us (cf. I John 2:1).

Getting a word for parakletos is not easy. I read how the Karre language of certain African tribes, for example, was proving to be particularly difficult for translators with this word. How could they describe the activity of the Holy Spirit to people without the sort of legal system developed countries know?

One day the translators saw a group of tribesmen going into the bush with bundles on their heads. They noticed there was one in the group who carried nothing, and they assumed he was the boss who was there to oversee the rest. To the contrary, they discovered his task was to be alert, see anyone about to fall from exhaustion, take up his load, and carry it for him. He was known in the Karre language as “the one who falls down beside us.” The translators used that word to convey the work of the Holy Spirit in their rendering of the Gospel of John.

I think the apostles were overwhelmed and reeling with the thought that Jesus was about to leave them. As far back as 13:36 and 14:5, He had told them that He would not be with them much longer. They were supposed to carry on without Him? These

men who had been dependent on Jesus were supposed to go it alone now? That was enough to stagger them, all right!

So what does the text mean when it quotes Jesus saying, “**But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’**” (v.5). Hadn’t they asked? Hadn’t Peter asked to go with Him? Hadn’t they all been troubled by His announcement? Well, yes. So what did Jesus mean? It gets clear if you read the verse with an emphasis on one word: “**But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are YOU going?’**” They had reacted to His earlier announcement with shock, concern, and confusion about what His departure meant for them (cf. v.6). Jesus’ answer was to say that their fears could be diminished if they would ask what He was going to do in His absence. Abandon them? Forget about them? Hardly!

As soon as Jesus returned to heaven, He was going to send the Holy Spirit. That would be so Jesus assured them “to your advantage” (v.7b). How could the Spirit’s presence be more helpful than Jesus’ presence had been? Jesus could only be present with them at one place in any given moment, but the Holy Spirit presence would fill them all and simultaneously accompany each of them at every moment. There would be an advantage to God’s presence with them through the Holy Spirit. He would be an ever-present Defense Advocate, Burden-Bearer, and Strength-Provider.

More specifically still, He would empower the apostles and the church they founded on Pentecost for its mission. “**When he comes,**” said Jesus, “**he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment” (16:8).** In other words, the believer’s Defense Counsel would become the unbelieving world’s Prosecuting Attorney! As He would on Pentecost and in so many other settings, He would prove the world had sinned in its failure to receive Christ (16:9); that rejecting

Him in the name of its own self-serving righteousness had been wrong-headed (16:10); that it had placed itself under divine judgment with its unbelief (16:11).

Sure enough, when the Spirit came on that first Pentecost Day following the resurrection of Jesus, He glorified Him as the Son of God and caused thousands to be pricked in their hearts, turn to Jesus, and be baptized in His name (Acts 2:36ff). And the same Holy Spirit has been doing that same redemptive work from that day until this one. I am a Christian because the continuing ministry of the gospel by the power of the Holy Spirit convicted me of my sin, showed me the impossibility of creating my own righteous path to God and made me sense the guilty verdict that had been pronounced on me. Then He glorified Christ before my eyes, convinced me that He was the only way to eternal life, and invited me to open my mind, heart and life to Him so I could be saved.

### Asking in Jesus' Name

It isn't difficult to understand why the disciples were self-absorbed in their sadness and confusion over the looming departure of Jesus. If only they had been able to understand then what became clearer to them later!

**"A little while, and you will no longer see me," Jesus said, "and again a little while, and you will see me" (16:16).** If they had been bewildered before, think how they must have felt at hearing that. But you and I have the advantage of hindsight. Yes, He would vanish from their sight and to all appearances at least be swallowed up by death. But in a matter of a very little while, He would be back among them first in His resurrected presence and then in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. And their anguish would turn to joy, as that of a woman giving birth through great pain (16:17-22).

And the nature of that joy? They would know that all of Jesus' claims were true, that Jesus had become their full access to the Father that His name would henceforth be their authorization to ask whatever they needed for the sake of the kingdom of God. During His earthly ministry, these men had seen Jesus as the one through whom they could learn of and have access to God. In the post-resurrection and post-Holy Spirit era, these disciples and their ever-widening circle (i.e., the church) would be part of the fellowship of eternal life that would mark a new beginning, a new era of partnership between heaven and earth. This is what I understand Him to have meant when He said, **"On that day you will ask nothing of me. Very truly, I tell you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete" (John 16:24-25).**

That the interpretation I have offered of these words is correct seems supported by verses 26-28. After the resurrection, these disciples along with the rest of us who trust in Jesus would know that the love of God has been made flesh in Jesus and that we are invited to come before the throne of God boldly with all our needs (cf. Heb. 4:16).

**"We understand now!" the disciples said. "We've got it, Jesus! You don't have to worry about us anymore now that you have been plainspoken and direct with us!" (cf. 16:29-30).** Right! Sure! However, they would be scattered in a matter of hours cringing in fear and wondering if any of Jesus' claims had ever been true. They and their heirs in faith would later doubt Jesus' promises because of the persecution that came against them.

So what was Jesus promising as the basis for our joy? That nothing in the unpleasant circumstances we may have to endure in

this world can take away our eternal inheritance. That trouble, hardship, and death will never separate us from the love of God that we know in Christ. **“In the world you face persecution,” Jesus says. “But take courage; I have conquered the world” (16:33b).** Thus His promise is that everyone who is in Him may rest secure in His settled peace of triumph over evil (16:33a). The same Holy Spirit who would raise Jesus from the dead was coming to dwell among His followers and will raise us up in the last day to share His triumph (cf. Rom. 1:4). Those in whom the Spirit dwells are as secure against the threats that would keep us from that destiny as Jesus Himself.

### **Is He Among Us?**

People did not have the relationship with the Holy Spirit believers experience now prior to the resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. Oh, the Spirit had existed from eternity past with the Father and the Son. He had been active in creation and at other times in the history of heaven’s dealings with humankind. He was certainly at work in the supernatural conception, miraculous signs, and brilliant teachings of the Son of Man. But late in the life and ministry of Jesus, we are told: **“Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified” (John 7:39).** The indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit in human beings would be initiated only after Jesus arrived safely home at the right hand of the Father.

In his book *Symbols of the Holy Spirit*, Gordon Brownville tells about the Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen. On one of his trips to the North Pole, Amundsen took a homing pigeon with him. When he had finally reached his destination at the top of the world, he opened the bird’s cage and set it free. It takes very little imagination to see in your mind’s eye the happy face of his wife when the pigeon cir-

led the sky above their house and came to its resting place with her. In that moment, she knew her husband was alive and thinking of her. She knew he had reached his destination safely and would be returning to her shortly.

The ascension of Jesus was something on that order to the apostles. He had left them. They were anxious. They needed to know he had not forgotten them and would come back. That is why Pentecost was so joyous for them! They had waited in Jerusalem and held onto His promise in trusting prayer. Then the Spirit descended into their midst, and they knew they had not been forgotten. Jesus had arrived at the Father’s right hand. In His victorious triumph over the world, He had guaranteed theirs by sending the Holy Spirit. And that is the abiding message of God the Holy Spirit in our midst. Nothing can separate those who are in Christ from the love of God, the presence of the Spirit, or the certain hope of eternal life.

### **Conclusion**

From that holy Pentecost Day until now, the principal proof of the Spirit’s presence has not been fire and noise. It has been and remains and always will be changed lives that are being brought under the Spirit’s control.


When a man or woman is baptized in Jesus’ name, that person receives the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38). His body becomes the temple of the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 6:19), and her mind begins to be renewed by the Spirit’s presence (Rom. 12:2). Selfishness and greed get transformed into generosity. Lust gets purified into love. Anger, pride, and self-absorption are metamorphosed into a forgiving spirit, unpretentious behaviors, and captivation with Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit within us moves us to worship, drives us to the Word of God, and stirs our consciences.

To believe in the Holy Spirit is to believe that the Living God is able and willing to enter human personalities to change them.

Christ sent the Holy Spirit to be in us. We are dead in our trespasses and sins. All the commandments and laws of heaven cannot bring us back to life. But we can be quickened and made alive by His indwelling presence born from above by the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the living hand who works inside and through us. I want to be filled with His presence, animated by His power, and used for God's purposes in the world.

Come, Holy Spirit! Fill your church. Empower us as your people. Make us living witnesses to your illuminating presence in this world.

#### Scriptural References:

**"In the world you face persecution," Jesus says. "But take courage; I have conquered the world" (16:33b).** 



#### Jesus' Family Tree



**(Luke 2:8-14)**

**Central Truth:** The message of Jesus' family is this: no one need think that God will not accept them, because they're not good enough. God's grace is sufficient for everyone who comes and places their faith in Jesus.

How many of you, when you are reading the Bible, skip the "begets?" Come on, 'fess up! Those endless lists of names may not be the most exciting parts of God's Word, but they're there for a reason. Now in the case of the genealogy recorded in the first six verses of the gospel of Matthew, we

have Matthew introducing Jesus to His Jewish audience in the proper Jewish fashion. You see, in those days, before people were interested in anything else, they were interested in who your father was, and who your father's father was and so on.

But I think Matthew had more in mind than just Jesus' proper intro to His Jewish audience. As you look at Jesus' ancestors, you are looking at the hand of God at work. From Abraham on down, God has rolled up His sleeves to insure that Jesus would come into the world. These genealogies, which we so often skip over, are really testimonies to the sovereign power of God. Each generation tells us a story of God's working, His caring, His thrusting into the lives of His people. Don't you feel bad about skipping them now? It's time you redeemed yourself by taking a look at just a few of these people with me! I'll try not to make it too painful.

The first person I want to bring to your attention is Tamar. Does anyone remember Tamar? She's a Sunday School teacher's nightmare. Talk about your proverbial skeleton in the family closet! She was a glowing example of pragmatism. Her motto was, "I will do whatever I have to in order to get the job done." Even if that involved pretending she was a prostitute in order to sleep with her father-in-law! (Read about her in Genesis 38:6) Tamar, certainly wasn't tame!

Next I want you to look at Rahab. It was bad enough that Tamar pretended to be a prostitute, but now we have the real thing. And to make matters worse, Rahab was not only a prostitute, she was also a Gentile. What was God thinking when He was putting together Jesus family tree? Couldn't He have worked through **MORE RESPECTABLE PEOPLE?**

Rahab may have been a prostitute, but when she heard about the God of Israel,

she knew He was the real thing and she responded. The rest of Jericho had the same news and the same opportunity, but she was the only one to take advantage of the opportunity. One person can be confronted with the reality of God and look the other way. Another person will see the mess they've made of their lives and turn to Him in faith. Rahab happily walked out of the rubble of sin, and hopelessness, and became an example of faith, and an instrument of God's grace. Rahab may have been a REPROBATE, but she was the only one who had the wisdom and faith to choose God's way!

Next, we have Ruth. She's another person you just don't expect to see in Jesus' family tree. I mean, she was a Moabite. She was from a people whom God had declared it was unlawful to marry. In other words, she was from the wrong side of the tracks and then some! A "good Jew" just wouldn't have married a Moabite. Right! Ruth may have been from the wrong side of the tracks, but her loyalty and her faith are inspiring. Ruth is a statement of God's grace. According to the letter of the Law, she shouldn't have even married a Jew, but her heart, her loyalty, and her faith, brought blessing for Naomi, and the entire world because she, too, is part of Jesus' family tree.

Finally we have "Uriah's wife." This is interesting, isn't it? Bathsheba isn't mentioned by name. She is described as the one who had been Uriah's wife. **WHAT A WAY TO BE REMEMBERED!** Could it be that Matthew didn't think she was worthy enough to be named? Perhaps he wanted to remind us of her sin? Regardless, God forgave David and Bathsheba the great sin they had committed, and blessed them with Solomon. David and Uriah's WIFE certainly caused God some serious issues, but that didn't stop Him from using her to bring us grace through JESUS' LIFE.

When you start to dig into Jesus family tree you find all kinds of skeletons in His closet. Why would God bring His Son through such a group? What's the point?

Well, think about it for a minute — even though I've mentioned only four of Jesus' ancestors, all of them were less than perfect, all of them had things in their lives they regretted, or at least things they should have regretted! The bottom line is that we were all sinners. But, more than that, Jesus is God's gift of grace to a world that needed most of all mercy and love. And, as the living, breathing, walking, serving, suffering, dying example of God's grace, it's only fitting that He came from a family already wondrously touched, directed, and redeemed by His grace.

The message of Jesus' family is this: no one need think that God will not accept them, because they're not good enough. God's grace is sufficient for everyone who comes and places their faith in Jesus. Not only will He accept them, but He will forgive their sins, touch their lives, change their hearts, and use them to bring forth His eternal purpose in this world. Just as He used Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, and Bathsheba.

**And the angels said unto them, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find a babe rapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angels a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. (Luke 2:8-14, KJV)**

Jesus is in every way, God's expression of "goodwill toward all men" regardless of what they have done, or where they're from. Praise God for this most wonderful and unexpected of all gifts, the gift of God's

grace through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

### Scriptural References:

And suddenly there was with the angels a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. (Luke 2:10-14, KJV)📖

## Matthew 1 - Legal Sonship The King of Israel

Abraham	Solomon (of	Shealtiel
Isaac	Uriah's wife)	Zerubbabel
Jacob	Rehoboam	Abiud
Judah	Abijah	Eliakim
Perez (of	Asa	Azor
Tamar)	Jehoshaphat	Zadok
Hezron	Jehoram	Akim
Ram	Uzziah,	Eliud
Amminadab	Jotham	Eleazar
Nahshon	Ahaz	Matthan
Salmon	Hezekiah	Jacob
Boaz (of	Manasseh	Joseph, the husband
Rahab)	Amon	of Mary
Obed (of Ruth)	Josiah	Jesus, who is called
Jesse	Jeconiah	Christ.
King David		

## Higher Mountains...Higher Praises

**FOR THOSE THAT CALL UPON THE NAME  
OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED**  
Lauren McDonald

My youngest son was saved today in church. I want the Lord to fill him with the Holy Ghost. I know that he will complete what he has begun in him. He look so happy and he said "I feel like all the pressure is gone" when asked how does it feel. Look at God. His name is Qkanze which is pronounced similar to Kwaanza but the end is Zee instead of Za. 😊

## HEDGE OF PROTECTION PRAYER PRAISE REPORTS

### PRAYER CHANGES THINGS Sylvia Washington

Friday morning, 9/14/07, about 1:30am, a large tree limb fell from a tree and knocked all of the lines (Electric, Telephone and Comcast) down.

Also, it knocked the electric meter connected to my house down. Well, I called the electric company and told them what happened and they said do not go outside because the lines are still live. I talked to the electric company about 7:00 a.m. Friday morning and they finally showed up about 10:30 a.m. I could not get my car from the driveway because the tree was behind it so I asked my sister, Denise to come take my daughter, Jasmine to school and take me to the store. Well, while I was at the store, the electric company showed up. They turned the electricity off, cut the limbs out of the lines, and told my son, Michael that we would have to get an electrician out to connect the electric meter back to the house before they could turn the power back on. I immediately went into **The Hedge of Protection**, mode. There was nothing that I could do but to wait until I got home to make some phone calls so I continued to shop as though nothing had happened. That was the power of prayer. I was totally wearing the gospel of peace sandals.

Well, you know how hard it is to get an electrician to come right out. But The Hedge of Protection was on the job. I called a friend of mine whose father is an electrician and he was at my house within 45 minutes. Ellis Electric came out and put the box back on my house. When Mr. Ellis finished the job, I asked him what my bill was. He replied, "I am not going to charge you for labor. You owe me \$49.50 plus for the parts I had to buy for the job. I ended up paying a total of \$61.40. This does not just



happen. I was told that I would not be able to get an electrician out soon, but I was the exception. The Hedge of Protection prevailed. I then was told that I should not get my hopes up, that the electric company may not come back out until the next day. Well, the Hedge of Protection Prayer said different. My electricity was up and running before nightfall.

Now, I had this big limb in my front yard that needed to be cut up before I could move it. I asked the guy from Entergy if he would cut it up for me. He mumbled in fun, but he cut the limb up. Entergy just does not do that. The Hedge of Protection came into play again.

My son, Michael and I moved the cut limbs closer towards the end of the street because they look so bad in the yard. After moving all the limbs, we went inside. I looked out about 10 minutes later to find, a friend, Charles across the streets, had picked up all the limbs and loaded them onto his truck to take away. The Hedge of Protection was still working.

I still had 2 other lines down in my driveway that needed to be put back in place. I called AT&T and they told me that they would be out in 24 to 48 hours. I called my brother, Oris who works for AT&T and he came over the next morning and put the telephone line back in place. The Hedge of Protection came through again.

I say all this to say, if it had not been for prayer (THE HEDGE OF PROTECTION) this day may have been a disaster, but what the devil meant for evil GOD turned it around to GOOD.

Good deeds being done by strangers and family.

Thanks to McClain Ministries, THE HEDGE OF PROTECTION PRAYER is alive and working in our lives.

I have pledged not to stop the Hedge of Protection Prayer at the end of the month. I am going to pray it everyday. Since the start of the 12:00 prayer time, I have had such a closer walk with GOD. I can hear him speaking to me so easily now. When you know that it is GOD speaking to you, you are more apt to pay close attention to what HE is saying.

Saints, I just want to tell you that this is a powerful prayer. It has been a safe haven for me. I feel so at ease and so protected and nothing can penetrate this Hedge around me. To GOD be the glory!

### **BUSINESS IS GREAT!**

Denise Jones

Since we've been reciting the "Hedge of Protection" business has really been GREAT!

*I have been receiving phone calls GALORE!*

*As of now, this is my schedule:*

September 25 - LUNCHEON for  
35 DENTISTS @ JACKSON HINDS  
COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CENTER.

September 30 - BABY SHOWER for 100  
guests.

October 6 - ENTERPRENUERS PARTY -  
over 100 guests.

November 16 – 55th birthday party - 100  
guests.

December 1 - Class of '81 Christmas  
Party - over 100 guests.

December 8 - 50th Birthday Party - 125  
guests.

The 55th birthday party, November 16 is for one of our entrepreneurs, **Belinda Johnson**. I will be handling both the catering and decorations for this wonderful event.

God is GREAT! Let's continue with the **HEDGE OF PROTECTION PRAYER**, MIRACLES are taking place in our lives everyday.

God is releasing all finances and all resources that belong to us. We shall not be denied, we shall not and we will not accept substitutes ANYMORE!

**AND THE HEDGE OF PROTECTION PRAYERS JUST KEEP COMING!**

Reported by Melva McClain

On July 13, 2007 we shared with you the praise report of our brother Dewey Dickinson, who's son Dewey Jr. was wrongfully accused of sexual assault of a minor. As you know on July 6th Dewey Jr. appeared before Judge Sharon Wilson (who jailed her own son for contempt). To the surprise of the prosecuting attorney the judge ruled Dewey Jr. be released until the Grand Jury reviewed the merits of the case and decided if it warranted the expense of prosecution.

I am pleased to report that yesterday, September 29, I received a call from Dewey that the Grand Jury ruled there was insufficient evidence to indict his son. **THE CASE HAS BEEN DROPPED!**

Saints keep praying that 'Hedge of Protection' prayer.

**21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY HEALING**

On September 25 we reported that Mr. P. W. Ransom was placed in a room after enduring an attack of the enemy on September 22. I am pleased to report that the doctors have plans to start sitting him up in a chair today (September 30) and discussions have begun regarding rehabilitation. What a difference a week of prayer makes!

**Prayer Request Update of September 25th:**

As you know Mr. Ransom's leg amputation surgery was successful on September 19th. and he was progressing well. His daughter Frankye attended our Bible Workshop on September 22 and decided to stay the night at the ministry. We received a call around 9:00 p.m. from Mr. Ransom's doctor wanting to know whether to put him on "life support" or not because he was in acute distress. We immediately went to the hospital to find Mr. Ransom having difficulty breathing, unable to speak and in pain. We requested he be taken to ICU where he could receive individual attention and was resting comfortably when we left.

Mr. Ransom was placed in a room last night, his vital signs are stable and is now communicating with family. His body and spirit are strong. We should now focus our prayers on his mind. The ordeal of Saturday has taken its toll on his emotions. Pray for his peace of mind and the will to go home from the hospital.

**AN ANONYMOUS POEM THAT CAME MY WAY: Jannice Horton**

We always seem to find the time  
To grumble and complain,  
To think of all our troubles,  
Our sorrows and our pain.

Yet if we would but stop and think,  
I'm sure we would be glad  
If we counted all the troubles  
That we never had.

The loved ones we still have with us;  
Our house that didn't burn;  
Our automobile that wasn't wrecked;  
The money we still earn.

When we're counting all our blessings  
God gives us by His grace,  
Let's think today of all the trials  
We were not asked to face.

**Psalm 136:1 - Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever. (NIV)**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Home Bible Workshop Schedule and Synergy Meetings

#### Home Bible Workshop



Mark your calendars for the months of **October and November 2007**. Please join us and take the next step in your walk with God.



October 13

**Home Bible Workshop**  
5:00 P.M. CST

**“From Meditation To Manifestation”**  
Includes Nationwide Video Conferencing



October 27

**4th Quarter Teleconference**

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



November 3

**Home Bible Workshop**  
5:00 P.M. CST

**“From Meditation To Manifestation”**  
Includes Nationwide Video Conferencing

## McCLAIN MINISTRIES National Bulletin Board Synergy Session

### Entrepreneur Business Plans

#### General Synergy Session Information:

Instructor led workshops will cover a three-month period. All training material and supplies will be made available during each session. Sessions will be two (2) hour durations. Each class will not exceed twenty (20) participants. Audio Tapes will be made available to participants upon request after each session. Homework will be assigned between session dates.

Next Enrollment Date: **January 5, 2008**

All activities are sponsored through donations to McClain Ministries and provided without charge to participants.

**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.

# WEBSITE OFFERINGS

(Mini Message)

[www.mcclainministries.org](http://www.mcclainministries.org)

## LIVING TO GIVE! (FINANCIAL FREEDOM) PART I (Rom. 8:26)

**Central Truth:** We are here to glorify God through the wise investment of our time, our talents and our treasure.

Giving by faith is meant by God to be an exciting privilege. When you honor and praise God through your commitment and obedience to stewardship, He showers you with joy. He turns your giving into a thrilling adventure in Christian living.

Would you like to enjoy such an experience?

### Understand Stewardship

To start on your journey to financial freedom, you first must understand the meaning and importance of stewardship.

In the New Testament, two different words describe a steward. One emphasizes guardianship over children and the administration of a master's household. The other stresses the role of a manager over property. In either case, a steward oversees the affairs and property of another person.

One cannot overemphasize the importance of stewardship. Stewardship over all that God entrusts to us in life is foundational to giving. All that we have, we enjoy because of God's grace and goodness. He has put into our hands the administration of all that He owns. As your preeminent master, He holds you accountable for how well you manage what He has entrusted to your care.

This divine perspective helps us understand much of our purpose for living as Christians. We are here to glorify God through the wise investment of our time, our talents and our treasure. Our Lord came to seek and to save the lost. He has commanded us to continue His mission by helping to fulfill the Great Commission in our generation.

My goal is to help you fulfill God's purpose for your life by showing you the biblical way to invest wisely in God's kingdom and thereby increase your fruitfulness for Christ.

### Be Faithful

Faithfulness is another quality that will equip you to enjoy giving. The apostle Paul says, "It is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful." Faithfulness is dependability - a steady, day-by-day obedience to God in what He has given you to do.

A trustworthy steward will evaluate his opportunities and invest what God has given him in such a way that it will produce the best possible results.

### Adopt a Godly Attitude

The attitude of a steward is vital. Paul admonishes "Let everyone give as his heart tells him, neither grudgingly nor under compulsion, for God loves the man whose heart is in his gift." Or as the Living Bible renders it, "Cheerful givers are the ones God prizes."

The Greek word translated "cheerful" is hilaros, from which we get the word "Hilarious." Supernatural, Holy Spirit-directed stewardship is giving with expectation, excitement, joy, praise - even laughter. Indeed, God prizes "hilarious givers" because they are the ones who have discovered the exciting enjoyment of giving.

### Recognize and Fulfill Your Stewardship Responsibilities

One of the major responsibilities - and privileges - of a fruitful steward is to share the life-changing message of God's love and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. Our Lord has given to every Christian the command to "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere" and to "make disciples in all the nations." This command, which the church has historically called the Great Commission, is the privilege and duty of every man and woman in every generation who confesses Christ as Savior and Lord.

If you and I and Christians everywhere will simply obey our Lord's call to the stewardship of our time, talents and treasure, we will release not only vast sums of money to advance His kingdom, but all other resources needed to reach billions of people for Christ and thus help fulfill the Great Commission in this generation.

Matthew 6:21 records perhaps the simplest truth about your commitment:

**"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."**

One can determine much about a Christian's spiritual life and how faithfully he fulfills his stewardship responsibilities by what he treasures. Your use of time, talent and money clearly shows your spiritual commitment because you invest in what your heart values most.  
resting comfortably when we left.

#### Scriptural References:

**"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)**



## VISIT US ONLINE



### WEEKLY INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

The weekly inspirational message is updated every **Monday** morning in an effort to start your week with a medicinal dose of "What Thus Saith The Lord."

The feature allows us to share relevant spiritual information on a 'real-time' basis.

<http://mcclainministries.org/inspirational>



OCTOBER IS...  
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS  
MONTH



HOPE  
LOVE  
FAITH  
STRENGTH  
COURAGE

Promote awareness among family and friends. If you are a woman over age 40 have a mammogram every year. Encourage the women you love to do the same.

**Be aware and show you care.**

# 5 STEPS TO DEFEATING DEPRESSION AND ATTAINING A STATE OF PERFECT WELLBEING

I receive messages from all too many people who believe they are suffering from "depression", feelings of "hopelessness" or even "life is not worth living" often as a result of a 'perceived' lack of something in their experience.

The truth is that such feelings as worry, fear, and lack for example will create a self-fulfilling prophecy that can only result in more of the same - until alas sometimes a person will reach the stage where they feel that "life is not worth living anymore", often with an unhappy ending.

It does not matter how our life "seems", the important fact to grasp initially is that whatever we are experiencing now, we have attracted to us by our thoughts and actions - every single time - no exceptions.

It is absolutely crucial to accept responsibility for our 'perceived situation' and to never lay the blame on anyone else, or ascribe it to such notions as "chance", "bad luck" or "misfortune".

From the moment we arrive on planet earth and start our conscious thought process, even as a baby, we are creating our own reality.

So the very first thing to do is to accept responsibility for where you are in life. And if it's not where you want to be . . . realize you created your situation through wrongful thinking and actions. Here are the 5 steps to turning your situation around:

**Step 1:** As part of this important first step, apologize to God and yourself by saying "I am sorry". Sorry for creating the reality you are experiencing.

**Step 2:** The next step in turning your life around is to stop allowing negative thoughts.

Every time you sense a negative thought that is not consistent with your objectives immediately say "Negate . . . Negate . . . Negate" as many times as is necessary until the thought dissipates. It is better to say "Negate!" aloud, but saying it in your mind is adequate if you are among others.

Keep practicing this for as long as it takes to cancel all negative thoughts, or at least until you can cancel them instinctively.

**Step 3:** Next decide what you do want in life - this step is vital. When you have decided - write it down in the present tense in as much detail as possible, for example "I have a beautiful . . ." In fact, write down everything you desire and provide the date or year you wish to see it come to pass. At the end of your letter to God say "thank you God for

delivering these desires to me" or words to that effect. For those who have created personal 'Blood Covenant' revise them if necessary.

**Step 4:** Next start focusing on your desire as if you have it NOW! Take time each day, just before and after sleep is an excellent time, to get totally relaxed and play your desires in your mind like a movie with you as the central point of focus - never from a "third party" perspective. In other words, you are in the movie, not viewing the movie. At the end thank God and know that you have it Now! And then go about your daily routine. If ever a negative thought enters your mind, say "Negate, Negate, Negate" immediately.

**Step 5:** Search the Internet or catalogs for pictures that represent your desires . . . print them or cut them out of the paper. Get a large sheet of poster board and attach the pictures to the board - then place a picture of yourself in the center. Write under the pictures - "my new home", "my new car", "my exotic vacation" etc. and look at your board as often as possible – again particular just before or after sleep. This is called a "Vision Board".

Never attempt to decide how your desires will be delivered. Your own spirit and subconscious mind are infinitely powerful and communicate directly with the Holy Spirit; together they can bring any experience into your experience.

Know, beyond any doubt, that God can deliver your desires, because:

**"For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you. Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom". Luke 12:30-32**

Realize God is within and know God is the Source of all there is. Know that God knows that you have "needs" in your physical experience.

Never look to the 'world system,' to supply your needs. Have true "Faith" in your connection with God and your intimate connectedness with all He created.

During the course of the day do things such as play your favorite music, release your favorite fragrances, look at happy inspiring photos etc . . . as well as your Vision Board." Will to feel unconditional love for everyone.

Follow these 5 steps and know that whatever experience you have created for yourself will turn around completely and you will know that there is nothing you cannot be, do or have.

Each situation you are presented with should be faced with complete confidence, always knowing that you are an immortal spiritual being, a son or daughter of God, made in His image and nothing can ever harm you.



# **CATCH THE VISION OF OUR GIRL'S SCHOOL IN AFRICA**

## **MESSAGE TO AREA CHURCHES:**

There are thousands of churches in the Jackson Metro area, and very few of them work to accomplish anything together, although very often the visions may be the same. As ministries and churches, we are the Body of Christ. Yes, the Body has parts, but each part plays a role in keeping the body viable, clean, healthy, and whole. Maintaining the Body is a very important job, and it takes the "parts" working together to get the job done.

Very often God gives a vision that resembles the picture that the previous statements painted in your mind - the Body working together to achieve something that is very vital and important. We at McClain Ministries believe that God has given us such a vision; and we, through the sharing of this assignment, want to invite you to work with us to make it a reality.

Through divine inspiration, McClain Ministries is building a school for girls in Burkina Faso, Africa. In this nation, a formal education is not free as it is here in our country; and there are many children who are unable to attend school because their parents are unable to pay the cost for their educations. Girls, especially, are deprived of an education, because the Burkinabe people believe that it is more profitable to educate boys and rarely spend money to send their daughters to school. We know the value of an education. We know the value of educating females. We also know that God created us all and instilled in us gifts while giving us all purpose. Often these gifts have to be developed to be beneficial, and learning is required for that development.

The Bible advises us to 'get Wisdom', and it also tells us that Wisdom is the principle thing. However, we are told that in all of our "getting" of Wisdom we should also get understanding. Knowledge is a very vital part of understanding. It is defined as 'general awareness or possession of information, facts, ideas, truths or principles.' Educating the mind is key to acquiring knowledge; knowledge is instrumental in getting understanding, and understanding is crucial to getting Wisdom.

We are the Light of the world. Help us to share this light by committing to give to this project. Additional information about the project can be found in the enclosed brochure. Please read it carefully. There are many ways to help. You may wish to make a one-time sizeable gift to the building of the school. Your gift will be recognized with a plaque which would be placed in the finished building. You may desire to purchase benches. All benches purchased at a cost of \$40 each will have a name plate attached bearing the contributor's name. If you desire to sponsor a child by paying tuition and purchasing uniforms, this could be done with a yearly gift of only \$75 per child. You may choose to support the same child(ren) each year until their education is completed. Monthly updates and personal letters would be provided to inform you of the girls' progression. By becoming a partner with McClain Ministries in this venture, you will receive a monthly newsletter to keep you abreast of all that is being done.

We sincerely hope that you will commit to this project. We can do so much more working as a Body. Remember, giving is the premise of the Kingdom of God.



# McCLAIN MINISTRIES

## AFRICAN SCHOOL PROJECT

**Our goal is fourfold:**

1. Build a school that includes 4 classrooms, 2 bathrooms and 1 administration office at a cost of approximately \$25,000.
2. Provide 300 Girl's Secondary School Scholarships at a cost of \$117,000
3. Supply 160 benches for the new school at a cost of \$6400
4. Supply 100 benches for existing schools at a cost of \$4000

**Our total target goal for this project amounts to \$152,400.**

**Here is how you can help with this vital project:**

School contributions:    \$25    \$50    \$75    \$100    other \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarships:

\$75 (1 year of secondary school including uniforms)

\$450 (6 years of secondary school)

other \_\_\_\_\_

Benches:

Bench for school \$40 (*specify no. of benches*) \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!**

**Please send to:**

**McClain Ministries  
1050 Ridgeside Drive  
Brandon, Ms 39042**

# 4<sup>th</sup> QUARTER PRAYER MONTHS

October – November – December

“Dedicated Prayer Time”

McClain Ministries has decided to continue our dedicated prayer time into the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. For the months of **October, November and December** we will continue to turn up the prayer volume.

Here are the instructions for our designated prayer time once again; we will start with the Covenant Prayer and Declaration . . . this prayer is done each morning **before starting your day**. Second, we will all pray the Hedge of Protection prayer **at noon** each day. And third we will post our angels around our beds **each night** and ask God to give us Divine Revelation regarding our destinies.

When you pray the "Hedge of Protection" prayer use the pronouns of "we" & "us" . . . I am so excited about the subsequent praise reports that will continue to manifest as a result of the time we assemble together this quarter. So spread the word the "Jubilee" has come!

## A COVENANT PRAYER AND DECLARATION

### PRAYER-HEDGE OF PROTECTION

### CHRISTIAN WORD MINISTRIES-FREE PRAYER BOOKS

Many of the prayers we designate during the 4th Quarter will come from the **FREE PRAYER BOOK** distributed by **Christian Word Ministries**. I encourage you to check out their website and order the prayer book. I suggest you order two (2); One to keep and one to share. The book includes prayers on a number of powerful subjects. Please use the link below to place your order today:

### CHRISTIAN WORD MINISTRIES-FREE PRAYER BOOKS

You can also find the entire PRAYER BOOK online and ready to print:

[http://www.christianword.org/php/default.php?page\\_id=dp](http://www.christianword.org/php/default.php?page_id=dp)

You can also call to order your FREE PRAYER BOOK:

1- 859 - 219 – 9082



# National Bulletin Board Party

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## Interested Entrepreneurs...

*You are invited to our 4th National Bulletin Board Party*

*Saturday, October 6, 2007*

6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. – Network Dinner - Entrepreneurs & McClain Ministries Members only

7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. - Display tour – General Public

**E - Center**

**1230 Raymond Road**

**Jackson, MS 39204**

**Our intention is to be a liaison for those who have needs for services and those who provide services. The goal is to build a nationwide database that will eventually match every need with every service.**

*All interested Youth Entrepreneurs*

*ages 12 and over*

*are also invited to attend.*

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# McCLAIN MINISTRIES



**Deuteronomy 16:17:** Every man shall give as he is able according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee.

This Ministry has been such a blessing to me I want to share in reaching others with a **monthly gift** of:

\$30       \$40       \$50       \$100       Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my ministry additional financial donation of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Number \_\_\_\_\_

Work Number \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please send to:

McClain Ministries  
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# GLOBAL OUTREACH MAILING LIST

Fill in the information below and mail using the self addressed envelope enclosed.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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