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CPR For The Burdened Soul

By Dr. Patricia L. Webb

Seeking God

In my office for so many years has hung an enlarged photo of the Southeastern section of the United States, taken from one of the shuttle flights launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida. The photo is awesome but even to the familiar eye, Lake Okeechobee is the most recognizable feature in the photo. Lake Okeechobee, is a 467.2 acre lake, in south Florida. So many times I have gazed at that photo and thought to myself, God knows exactly where I live – where I work – and what I am doing every moment of the day. He knows my every need. I do believe that, but it still amazes me. As I look at that photo, tears stream down my face in indescribable awe of His majesty and power.

Life can be very painful at times and in that pain it is difficult to sense the presence and love of God. He seems so far away. Do we really believe what Jesus said in Matthew? *“Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28* We often need reassuring that God is concerned about our every burden and need. The truth is, we all feel the pressures of life and circumstances, which at times seems beyond our control. By experience, we know the human heart has difficulty accepting the fact that God is concerned about every circumstance of our lives. He wants to

lift our burdens and to show Himself strong in our behalf. Nothing is too insignificant for Him. This is why He said; “casting **all your cares** on Him.”

Seeking Answers

During these difficult times in life we also often turn to those around us: our spouse or family members and find we are often misunderstood or taken lightly. We might also go to the local bookstore, hoping someone else has had the same difficult experiences and have encouragement and wisdom for us. We might search for someone in our fellowship, thinking they can encourage us with a good word of Godly wisdom. Often when one seeks such counsel, they come away disappointed and more discouraged with the indifferent attitude of many saints. James said: *“Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? Let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom” James 3:13* James reminds us that bragging about an “exemplary” life does not show wisdom. True wisdom is doing good things and letting your actions speak for themselves. One does not need to be telling others how good and great they are. This attitude can often develop a bitter spirit in the one going through trials and troubles. *“But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.” James 3:14* James reminds us that we are not to carelessly or



arrogantly reprove others but to be cautious of our words; *“And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity.” James 3:6*

Have you or I injured someone and added to their emotional pain? Have we failed to extend Christ-like love to a troubled friend or family member in a difficult circumstance? James reminds us in the first verse that we all make mistakes and consequently should not be too anxious to tell others about their faults.

Seeking Wisdom

During these times in life, careless words spoken or reckless actions taken, can bring about emotional hurts and feelings of rejection in the individual who is already hurting. These are everyday realities. Enormous problems and pain are created in the body of Christ with the poison of gossip, character assassination, and innuendo. Unhealthy conversations that do not build up an individual but create an atmosphere of doubt and destruction should never be mistaken for Godly behavior. James said: *This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, and devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. James 3:15-16.* Perhaps the Christian life does not or has not met your expectations and you are finding it easy to be bitter

James describes the Godly words of wisdom as pure. When we think of pure, it indicates a single substance; not a mixture; free from mixture or another component that would weaken or pollute; free from adulteration, clear, and clean. Godly wisdom is peaceable and kind; full of mercy and results in good actions (deeds). Godly wisdom is without partiality (is the same for everyone) and without hypocrisy (sincere and without pretense) or extreme insincerity (empty words). Again, James said: *“But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then*

peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. James 3:17

Seeking (Better) Servants

In Galatians a very familiar portion of scripture describes deeds done in the flesh as deeds done to satisfy ones own fleshly desires, which will result in a harvest of decay and death. The fruitlessness of fleshly wisdom aborts what could be accomplished in an individual’s life and is not representative of a true ambassador for Christ. *And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.” James 3:18*

In The Living Bible we read: *“Look after each other so that not one of you will fail to find God’s best blessings. Watch out that no bitterness takes root among you, for as it springs up it causes deep trouble, hurting many in their spiritual lives.” Heb 12:13* We, as servants of a Holy God who is full of mercy and is anxious to extend his grace to us, are sometimes the only picture or example of Godly love an individual may ever encounter. We are commissioned with loving our neighbor as ourselves and in so doing, our words and attitudes must be reflective of a Holy God and a heavenly wisdom. Satan is the accuser of the brethren and any thing other than Godly love is the work of an evil spirit. The writer to the Hebrews said: *“Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: Looking diligently lest any man fail for the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;” Hebrews 12:14-15*

Be encouraged in your struggles dear ones, God wants to help lift our burdens. You may be the one in need of hearing from God through His servants or you may have an opportunity today to be the instrument of a loving and

Holy God, having pity on one who is under the stresses and trials of life. Peter admonishes us: *“Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your cares on him for He cares for you.” I Peter 5:6-7*

The trying circumstances in life can serve us in a way that will allow us to become stronger, more understanding, more loving of others, by removing an air of pride and imparting a true attitude of empathy to other’s hurts; thus becoming better equipped to express the love of God. Or we may choose to follow a path that will cause us to serve our circumstances and they will become the master of our life, leaving us feeding on the bitterness which is expressed in jealousies, senseless arguments, attitudes of this world and unscriptural acts, committed under the influence of ungodly spirits. We have a choice: To initiate and express Godly love and concern for others, or we can serve ourselves. We must choose.

Seeking Penitence.....

(A Psalm of David)

“Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest. Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear

joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken, may rejoice. Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation; and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness. O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise. For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offerings. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.....Psalm 51:1-17" ■

The Imperative Need for Growth

Message by Dr. Joseph Webb

Whenever a child is born, we many times hate to see them grow up. I like to tease my grandchildren by telling them I am going to put concrete blocks on their heads if they don't stop growing. Although we don't want them to grow up, we would be the first to be concerned if they didn't.

I have two granddaughters whose ages are only six months apart. At age six, one wore a size 6 dress while the other wore an 18 month size. We wondered if the one would ever start growing. Today, at age 10 they are almost the same size.

In the spiritual realm we see a spiritual commandment, coming from the heart of a loving God through Peter concerning growth. "*But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord*

Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen!" II Peter 3:18

When one is born spiritually through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ, the bible speaks of them as "*babes in Christ;*" and, "*Desiring the sincere milk of the Word.*" Nowhere, however, is there any indication that we should stay that way. In fact the whole thrust of scripture is, we dare not stay there.

Peter's command infers a continuous growth, hunger and desire for spiritual things, should be earnestly sought out by each of us. There is no hint it will happen automatically. When Paul spoke to Timothy, he challenged him to "*Stir up the gifts of God.*" It infers something that needs to be developed like one sometimes has to develop an appetite for certain foods. I can remember when you couldn't get me to even try grits. When I moved to Florida my friends kept urging me to "try it, you'll like it." Now I crave them before potatoes at breakfast. I, by an act of my will had to teach myself how to enjoy something I thought I would not like.

How can Spiritual desire for God be cultivated?

Through a Godly Example

Joshua had Moses, Timothy had Paul, Appolos had Aquilla and Pricilla. Who do you know that challenges you spiritually? I certainly pray someone has been challenged spiritually my knowing me. Not because I am special, but because my life is supposed to manifest Jesus Christ to those around me. Does yours?

By Making Oneself Available

In Isaiah 6:8, God said: "*Who will go for me?* Isaiah immediately

said; "*Here am I, send me.*" Then God replied: "*Go tell this people.*"

While in Bible college over fifty years ago, I was praying in my room when the Lord asked me if I would give Him my life. After a time of weeping, I told Him I would serve Him wherever He wanted to use me for the rest of my life. I believe I grew in grace because I made myself available.

Are you truly available to be anything or nothing, go anywhere or nowhere? If you want to grow in grace, you must recognize your body, your mind, your desires and goals can no longer be yours, but His. Without this, there is no peace.

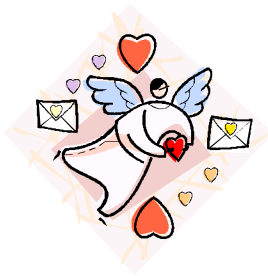
By Looking Unto Jesus

In Hebrews 12:1,2 we are admonished to "*Run the race with patience; LOOKING UNTO JESUS!*" Keep your eyes off of men or denominations and on the Lord. Tell others to get out of the way; you are "*looking unto Jesus.*"

Remember friends, we become whatever we look at. The disciples lived like Jesus; witnessed like Jesus and died like Jesus. They were called "*Christians.*"

I pray the Lord Jesus will give to each of us a deep desire to "*grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, to him be glory both now and forever. Amen.*"

We must be involved in the harvest of lost souls and hurting saints now, constantly growing spiritually, and producing Godly fruit in our lives, so we won't look with fear or apprehension at His promised return for His own. May we instead, anticipatingly "*Love His appearing.*" Pray for us! ■



Letters From You - Our Readers

Dear Brother Webb;

I thought this could be an encouragement for you to keep on until Jesus comes. Below is the selection from an e-mail I received from a friend. We are missionaries in Haiti". I pray that God will keep you able to do His work until those who profess to be His, but live in error, believe a lie, and love not the Truth, Repent."

Sincerely,
A long time friend of your ministry

My Dear Brother;

Hello to all of you ... Thanks for the newsletter ... About "Till Death Do Us Part?" I'm not sure I am happy I read that book. I feel a responsibility and burden that I never felt before. My husband is now reading it and he feels the same way. The church has done a great job at ignoring that subject. We have bought 3 copies of it and we are asking others to read it before we discuss it with them. We figure that will be easier than trying to explain it without them reading it... God bless.

Sincerely,
'A friend of yours from the U S'

Ps: This man is an Elder in a church where the Pastor told 'his flock' he and his wife where separating.

Dear Dr. Webb,

I have listened to your teaching with much angst. I was shocked that there was no rationale for remarriage found in the bible. To me it no longer seems gray, but rather, black and white. When I broached this subject with my friends and family I was treated with anger and hostility. I pointed out the fact that adulterers shall not inherit the kingdom of God and was referred to as a legalist, a vicious bigot, and other such things. How could I judge people who had repented of their sin of adultery? When I pointed out that repent means admit it and quit it, they said that I was very deceived. Here is my question. And I stumble on it. Are people supposed to leave their marriages when they were formed prior to conversion, and second marriages, when one person becomes a Christian? They pointed out to me that would be a horrible testimony – "I am a Christian now so I am leaving you." But, honestly, biblically, I feel that would be the only right thing to do. You could explain to your "spouse" why you are doing what you are doing; just because the world says it is a marriage does not make it one, anymore than marrying Adam and Steve makes them married. But the issue is church I know of believes it is fine to remarry people. The argument is false but says if everyone else in the Christian community believes this way and only YOU are enlightened, you must be a deceived fanatic. But my point is, "Show me from the scriptures, not opinion, but the word of God, where permission is given to divorce and remarry?" I can't find any. And if there

were any it would seem to contradict the other teachings of the bible, thus making it inconsistent and not really true. But that is not a problem because the scriptures giving allowance are just not in there. Pastor, I am a 27 year-old executive contemplating marriage. This has been the best thing I have ever heard for impressing me with the severity of the vow. I had my girlfriend listen to it and she agreed with it as well. It makes me feel very comforted that she could listen to this message and still be interested in marrying me. In fact, now she wants to marry me more than ever. Now I understand why the bible says we will be hated and persecuted for speaking the truth. How do you have such boldness to preach the truth when people hate you for it? I did not like being regarded as a nasty person last night when I shared this truth, yet I will not apologize for what the word of God says, although everyone feels like I should. We are a fundamentalist, ultra-conservative church with a divorce rate less than 4%. I can't imagine what happens when you share this message with truly nominal Christians.

Please advise and share your thoughts as to how to share this message or if it is my place to do that.

Thank you,
In Christ,
KK MBA, BBA-finance

Dr. Webb:

I have recently been divorced from my husband who had an affair with a man. He is now living with his boyfriend. Was I supposed to stay in that marriage? I can't fathom that I could be able to stay with someone who has by his admission been gay all of his life. We also have a 2 year-old son. I am

a God-fearing, loving Christian who truly strives to do His will. I feel that I was supposed to divorce him. Was I not? I am now truly confused and concerned. Any insight would be appreciated.

M. M. E-MAIL

After responding to this letter, I received the following response. Pray for her!

Dr. Webb,

I appreciate your response. I received your e-mail address from a Christian dating website that was only for widowed and singles that had never been married. They had a link to your website. I am ready to move on with my life and decided just to look on the web. I am from SC. I plan to order your book.

God Bless
M. M. SC E-MAIL

Pastor Webb;

Thank you. I did tell God several times in the midst of trouble in our home, before my husband walked out, that He can use me and have complete control in my life. You are right. The pain just seems so unbearable. It's affecting my work, I've lost so much weight and ashamed at church. Seeing my husband there is so difficult. The rejection sets in. I have printed your email to take home and ponder over and over to remember when the hours seem so dark. I really do appreciate your time and concern. My pastor has no idea this is going on; he's much to busy with a large congregation. Others know of it, but no one holds my husband accountable. It just seems so unfair but I know it was not fair that Jesus had to die for our sins either. I know I must go through it, but it just

feels like you're dying while you are going through it.

S. C. / GA

If an individual is standing for their marriage and the prodigal remarries, how does God view this? If the prodigal and the new partner repent, does this validate their marriage even if the covenant spouse is standing? Does God then bless the second marriage? I need some clarification.

E-mail; VLM

Dear Brother Webb:

...I am anxiously awaiting the revision of your book and was wondering if there will be another conference?

My wife and I attended the Jan 06' conference and were divorced at the time but were in the process of reconciliation. We remarried September 24, 2006 after our regular church service on a Sunday. The service was very emotional for the whole congregation and I am trusting that a powerful witness went forth.

The conference was a tremendous help to my wife and explained many things she did not understand. As a result of our remarriage at church it has opened a door for the truth about MDR to go forth in that particular body. I have a case of your books and have given out 11 of them to people going through various struggles...

In Christ,
D. F. / MI
Hello,

I read Don't Confuse a Sin with a Covenant and I was wondering something. I am in the process of a divorce. I was with my husband for 7

years and we had two sons. I left in Jan. of 06 because his drinking and physical violence just got to be too much for my sons and I. My question is, because I left for our safety, does that mean I am breaking a vow or sinning? His uncle is an ordained pastor and he told me that no matter what happened in the marriage I am bound to it and if I leave then God will frown on me and I might as well put a gun to my head because it will never be forgiven. Thank you for your time.

E-Mail

Dear Pastor Webb,

Enclosed is a small dividend windfall from my life insurance policy. Knowing that my life-assurance-for-eternity has been paid in full, I want your wonderful ministry to benefit from the dividend earnings from my earthly policy.

God bless you, Pat, and your ministry,
C.B., TX

Points to Ponder:



Interesting: Of the four leading GOP presidential candidates (McCain, Romney, Gingrich and Giuliani), the only one who hasn't had multiple wives is the Mormon.

P.S. Steven K. Scott, author of "The Richest Man that Ever Lived: King Solomon" studied the Proverbs, categorized and applied the principles in All areas of his life including his estranged wife. They are together again!

A Special Love Story

From The Daily Encourager

For the past four years, I have shared the following "Love Story" during Valentine's week. Thank you for allowing me to share it with you once again. David Langerfeld

Her family had come to America from Sweden. She had a typical Scandinavian look... Long blond hair; blue eyes; long slender legs; soft, blemish-free skin. She was gorgeous - she was beautiful. In fact, a professional international photographer in her hometown thought she was so pretty that he used a photograph of her to advertise his business.

But that was not her real beauty.

She was raised by some wonderful Christian parents and had become a Christian at an early age. Integrity, honesty and sweetness were just a few of her characteristics. In fact, at her engagement party, her sister, who knew her better than anyone, said that she had never heard her tell a lie. All of her friends said the same thing about her: She was the sweetest girl they knew. She would never speak a harsh word about anyone. Everyone loved to be around her.

A young man she met in her freshman year started dating her and fell in love with her - both her exterior photographic beauty and the wonderful godly character of her inward beauty. She fell in love with him and they spent every free moment they could with each other over the next four years. They were committed to each other and they believed in waiting long before the "True Love Waits" Campaign ever existed.

One week after they graduated from college, they were married. They loved each other's company. They would walk together, exercise together, go on bike rides together, chaperone youth trips together - go to movies, watch TV, eat pizza, travel - all the things any normal couple would love to do together. They were so much in love.

She taught school for a year and then became a bookkeeper for a surgical supply company. One day, while she was working, for no apparent reason, she lost her balance and fell on the floor. She was later able to get up and went to see a doctor that night. He set her up to see a Neurologist.

The following day, it happened again. For no apparent reason, she lost her balance and fell. This time, though, she couldn't get up. She had lost all feeling in her legs. They wouldn't move. Her husband, had to come to the office and pick her up in his arms and carry her to the hospital. After six days in the hospital, the doctor gave this beautiful, active young lady the dreadful news. She had Multiple Sclerosis and she would continue to deteriorate.

This young couple, who had now been married only 18 months - who loved to go everywhere together and do everything together - would now face some new challenges. All their future plans would change, everyday life would change. They would change.

For the next 30 years, this young lady did deteriorate. She had to take steroids (not the kind athletes use, but anti-inflammatory steroids). Her bones became brittle, breaking easily. Her face became puffy and bloated and she could not even put on make-up. Her body was a mess. She went from a walker, to an electric scooter, to a wheelchair. She could no longer feed herself, write her name, or control her own bodily functions. She now had to have someone stay with her 24 hours a day.

If that couple had not had the kind of committed love that's based first on a personal relationship and a commitment to Jesus Christ and second, on a love that's based on a commitment to each other, the marriage never would have lasted. In fact, a large percentage of the marriages where a spouse has MS, the other spouse leaves them. The other spouse won't stay committed to the constant care and the continual physical, psychological and mental changes that continue to occur.

Please hear me carefully - those two people are not heroes. They are not super-saints or super-Christians. They will be the first to tell you that they are not super Christians. Those two people are normal, ordinary people, empowered by the Love of God and a love for each other, to do what the world considers beyond normal and extraordinary.

I know this for a fact - because that woman, that beautiful young lady who will never walk again, who can't even feed herself, is Lynda Langerfeld - my wife. She's not a hero. I'm not a hero. We're children of God, doing what the children of God are supposed to do. Doing what His children are called to do. Doing what God expects of every man and every woman who make a vow before God on their wedding day.

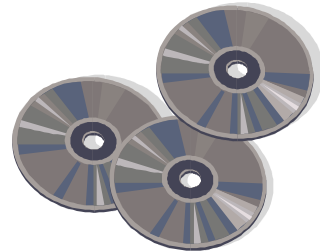
Quite often, Hollywood will portray a "hero" sacrificing his life for his "heroine" in a film. In the world's eyes, he's a hero. In God's eyes, he's an ordinary man making an extraordinary sacrifice that every Christian who's committed to his spouse ought to make. Sacrificial, Committed Love is the rule, not the exception. We're not super-saints, we're not heroes when we're being faithful and committed to our mates. We're doing what God has called every husband and wife to do since the beginning of time.

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The Pension Protection Act of 2006 permits individuals over the age of 70½ to transfer funds directly from their traditional or Roth IRA to a charity, without paying taxes on the distribution. This new ruling is only for transfers made in 2006 and 2007. There is a \$100,000 per taxpayer per year amount that can be excluded from the plan owner's income.

If you are interested in this excellent charitable giving opportunity, we recommend that you consult you tax advisor about your specific situation, as we at C.P.R. Ministries are not qualified to offer professional tax or legal advise.

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As most of you know, we always strive to be good stewards with the resources the Lord provides. We wish we never had to think about this when we prepare our newsletters, but regretfully we do. The production and

mailing of these letters is very costly. Consequently, our policy is to send them free for six months to you. If in that time we do not receive any response from you indicating an interest in being a part of this outreach, we place stars on your address label (***) indicating this will be the last issue sent unless we hear

from you. We realize many people have other ministry interests and we appreciate that. We thank you for allowing us to acquaint you with the call God has placed in our hearts. **If the family is gone – all will be gone.**

God Bless You, Joe and Pat Webb

“The Witness Of Marriage And The Family Conference,” Will Be Held May 18, 19, At The Gospel Haven Mennonite Church, In Holme’s County; Millersburg, Ohio

Speakers for the conference include: Pastor Simon Schrock; Pastor Joe Mullet; Rev. Kenneth Nair (of Life Partners Ministries in Phoenix, AZ); Dr. Joseph Webb, President of Christian Principles Restored Ministries International Inc.; Mrs. Nancy Nair and Marilyn Showalter will be speaking at the women’s sessions.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Isaiah 55:8-11



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