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“Pray for the PEACE of Jerusalem...”

Each year, the first Sunday in October is designated as the Day of Prayer for the Peace of Jerusalem. Originally organized by Dr. Robert Stearns and Pastor Jack Hayford, this year’s Day of Prayer event has a goal of mobilizing 100 million people around the globe to pray for the peace of Jerusalem on October 4th.

The goal of this Day of Prayer is to “*raise global awareness and intercession for God’s purposes in Israel,*” in response to the mandate of Psalm 122:6. More than 1,200 global leaders have been asked to raise awareness for the “*Call to Prayer Resolution,*” and the events of October 4th will be broadcast live to 192 nations on GOD TV.



In the words of Dr. Stearns, “*We are living in an hour when every voice needs to be raised to Heaven on behalf of Jerusalem. We are declaring that Christians will not forget Jerusalem, we will be watchmen on the walls of Zion.*”

According to the website of “*The Day of Prayer for the Peace of Jerusalem,*” *We set aside this one day each year to raise global awareness and intercession for G-d’s purposes in Israel, knowing that this hour in history is critical and our authority in prayer is great. Though we pray every day for Israel, we seek on this day to unite believers around the world in raising a cry to Heaven on behalf of this troubled, but strategic land and its people. We believe in G-d’s promises for His beloved nation and fervently pray to hasten the day when He brings fulfillment to His word.*

More information is available at www.daytopray.com

Western PR Trip Breaks New Ground for HOH

Our recent trip to Idaho and Oregon to present the ministry of Heralds of Hope, Inc. was both productive and encouraging. **Our program at Kootnai Valley Mennonite Church in Bonner’s Ferry, ID was well attended and well received.** For most of those attending, this was their first introduction to the ministries of HOH! We heard many expressions of encouragement and support during our fellowship after the service. Many visited the display table and purchased or ordered some of the resources offered there. Some stated they were unaware that a ministry like this existed in the Anabaptist community. Join us to pray that the acquaintances made in this congregation will result in blessing for them and for HOH as we partner together.

We also visited several churches in Oregon in the communities of Winston, Hubbard, Sheridan, and Brownsville. In each of these we were encouraged by faithful ministry partners as we gave them an update on what God is doing through their partnership. Some of these congregations have HOH in their Missions budget and the Winston Mennonite Church has sponsored our radio program on their local station, KGRV 700AM, since 1984!

A special thank-you to all who prayed for us during this trip and to God for His protection in the many miles traveled by plane and auto. We were blessed by the fellowship and hospitality of God’s people at every meeting!

J. Mark Horst



Sermon of the Month

Money Management

Some economists claim they can deal with money management in an ethically neutral way simply by noting the degree of utility associated with any goal or project.

However, when any project is implemented, a moral value must be placed upon that project. It cannot simply be judged purely from the standpoint of utility.

This discussion will not focus on the business world. Rather, I will address common people like you and me. It will bring the Bible teaching into the subject of **MONEY MANAGEMENT** on the personal level.

In II Corinthians 8:1-15 we see what the Apostle Paul has to say about money management.

The Apostle Paul brings together several prudent **COUNSELS** we should respect to be successful in money management.

The first counsel,

Be Conscientiously Exemplary

Here is a challenge; others are watching! The Apostle brings together two of the churches where he was ministering: the churches of Macedonia and the churches of Achaia. One was associated with Philippi and Thessalonica; the other with Corinth. He showed how the churches of Macedonia had exemplified proper management. They went beyond their power.

Note the very interesting collection of words in verse 2: joy, poverty, riches. "How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality." That is a statement of great worth. It is the challenge he is bringing to the Corinthians, that they like the Macedonians should be conscientiously exemplary.

Next, he brings forward their consecration. They willingly went beyond their power. They did it out of a heart of desire. They besought Paul that he would take upon him

the ministry of the saints, and they first gave themselves to the Lord. That certainly is a noble, necessary act, a consecration.

Others are watching us. Therefore our conduct should be exemplary. Do it so others can follow you. That's the challenge he brought to the Corinthian churches, to follow the pattern of the Macedonian churches.

A second counsel is this,

Be Conclusively Explicit

There are certain graces, that these Corinthian people had. They abounded, Paul said, "In faith and utterance and knowledge, in all diligence, and in love." That is a nice list. To abound in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, in diligence, and love, is a commendation.

But the Apostle said he wanted Titus to finish in the grace of giving. "That you may abound in this grace also." How would this be accomplished? Think about what Jesus did. Think about how He came, what His condition was. He left the mansions of glory to come to the manger of Bethlehem. "Though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."

Think of the condescension of Jesus: born in a lowly manger, in a little town of Bethlehem, an obscure town, there to come into the world as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. It's amazing. Meditate and see how to perform in this way.

It is important to perform even as you profess. So Paul goes on after this backdrop of the ministry of Jesus to tell them it is important not only to be ready, but also to per-

form; not only to profess, but also to produce. He tells them, "Now therefore perform the doing of it, so there may be a performance also out of that which you have."

One should be conclusively explicit, not simply spout off at the mouth. Reach down in your pocket. Somebody put it this way, "Put your money where your mouth is!"

We should be conclusive in our performance, explicitly doing what we talk about.

And there's a third counsel,

Be Confidently Expectant

This should be based on the willingness of heart. Someone asked a fellow one time, "Sir, if you had \$2,000,000 would you give \$1,000,000 to the Lord?" "Oh, absolutely, I sure would," "Well, if you had \$10,000, would you give \$5,000 to the Lord?" "I sure would." "Well, if you had 2 pigs, would you give one to the Lord?" "Ah, you knew I had two pigs, eh?" You see, it's not required of a man what He doesn't have, but it is required of a man what he does have. So it's based on a willing heart.

This expectancy is also based upon an equality of sharing. The Apostle said, "I am not taking it away from you, for good, but I am taking it away from you because it will come back to you. There will be an equality. I don't expect you to be burdened and other men eased. No, when you supply their want, then they will supply your want."

This is equality of sharing. It is based on the blessing of the Lord. "He who gathered little had no lack.

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The President's View

The Most Unhappy People

“For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome” (1 John 5:3)

The most unhappy people in the world are not the unbelievers, many of whom are ignorantly and blissfully happy in their sin, albeit temporarily. **The most unhappy people in the world are Christians who resist the will of God for their lives!** The Christian who refuses to do the will of God must be prepared to pay the price of disobedience. Whatever we sow, we reap, the Bible tells us.

This story was told by a man who resisted the call to ministry in Sweden. He stubbornly resisted God's will, even through the death of his wife and daughter. He went into business and prospered, only to be robbed by his own son. In his older years, he languished with cancer. He said, “I know that I am saved, but, oh, the loss, for I know that I soon will be ushered into His presence only to give an account of a whole life of disobedience.

Did this man really know Christ? I am sobered by the Bible's words, *“By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. The one who says ‘I have come to know Him and does not keep His commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked”* (1 John 2:3-6).

Whether he did or not, it has long been my conviction that I have never met a happy, disobedient Christian or an unhappy, obedient one.

R. A. Torrey, the famous educator and evangelist, tells the story of a woman who came to him and said she did not believe in the Bible any more. When he asked her why, she replied, *“Because I have tried its promises and found them untrue. The Bible says, ‘Whatsoever ye ask believing, ye shall receive.’ Well, I fully expected to get things from God in prayer, but I did not receive them, so the promise failed.”*

Dr. Torrey then turned her to 1 John 3:22: *“Whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.”* Then he said, “Were you keeping His commandments and doing those things pleasing in His sight?”

She confessed she was not. Her trouble was not that the Bible's promises were not true; it was her own disobedience. Let that not ever be true of any of us.

Bill Bright

This article was taken from the August 2009 issuer of “Pulpit Helps.”

Sincerely in HOPE of the Gospel,

HERALDS OF HOPE, INC.

J. Mark Horst, President

Stewardship

It Is Better To Give!

Ralph Weaver, a former Board member, sent me an Associated Press newspaper clipping with this title. I decided to share some thoughts from the article with you.

The Bible teaches us that it's more blessed to give than to receive.

A recent study reported in the journal, “Science,” found that people who made gifts to others or to charities were happier than folks who didn't.

The lead researcher was struck by how big a difference in happiness was expressed by how the people spent their money. In fact, giving to others had more effect on their happiness than even how much money they had.

She went on to comment that the study would suggest that making even small adjustments in how we spend money on a daily basis can make a difference in our happiness.

This study reminds me of the note sent to us by a dear older lady that has sent monthly gifts over 10 years. “It is a joy and honor to pray, fast and give for your faithful labors for the kingdom! My heart longs to do more financially. Responses from people to whom you witness are so refreshing. Continued blessings on your sweet labors for salvation of souls and encouragement.”

As Paul said in Philippians 4:17, “Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.”

Abundant Joy and Peace,

Bob Kauffman

Hindi (India) Listeners Respond

Greetings in Jesus' Name. I am a young missionary working for the Lord in the North India state of Uttar-Pradesh. I listened to your Asha-Deep radio program and I was very much blessed. Please do send me your publication, books and CD's [songs] to my work spot. I shall remain thankful for the same. Please pray for my ministry. May the good Lord bless your ministry for His kingdom's sake.
- Joshua

Greetings to you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. I am a regular listener of Asha-Deep radio program. I like this program very much. Through this program I am getting more and more information about the Lord Jesus. In fact, I am a student belonging to a Christian family. This program is really blessed and impressive for the people. Especially the program brings awareness to our society and our lifestyle. Please pray for my spiritual growth and for my family.
- Vijay

Kant belongs to a Hindu family and he is illiterate. By profession he has one flour machine to generate the income. Since one year he is listening to the Asha-Deep program and always wanted to keep in touch with this program through the correspondence. But, unfortunately, he can't write a single word due to illiteracy. In spite of this, he requested 4 to 5 village people to write a letter for this program. He says, "I have 7 children. Elder son has got married". Here, I am requesting you kindly do pray for salvation of my whole family. Please send me some Christian text and calendar.
- Kant

20 years ago, I accidentally tuned to TWR. I have been enriched, blessed and come closer to the Almighty, thanks to TWR. Radio is my daily companion. I am very guilty of not writing due to my poor health. I have osteoporosis and osteoarthritis and also procrastination.

I left my Catholic faith 2 years ago, thanks to TWR. Now I regularly attend an evangelical church that promotes the gospel. Due to my poor health I do not do much but try and participate in their regular meetings and activities. I am also learning new things which are preached by various pastors and elders from other churches who are invited by our Senior Pastor.

Please convey my gratitude to all the Pastors and missionaries and employees and their families for bringing the message of the Almighty through the radio especially to those who can't afford an internet service, like me.

I earnestly request for prayers for the healing of my joint pains, giddiness and loss of balance at times. I am 65 years old. Prescribed drugs given by doctors and health supplements also gives problem but I have no choice but to take them. I have lost so much weight and food becomes a problem also. Home cooked food is my main choice.

I have to be grateful to God because I am still able to do many things that I need to do. Please pray for me. God bless you all.

A listener from Malaysia who listens to KTWR, Guam

My dear brothers and sisters, greetings to you in the name of our Saviour Lord Jesus Christ. I am a regular listener of Asha-Deep radio program and here I am very happy and feeling peace in writing to you this letter. The messages you are serving us through radio is very effective, impressive and full of knowledge. It gives me spiritual peace and blessings. Through this radio program I can understand the Biblical verses very easily. This is a very interesting program that is why I like it very much. Broadcasting [transmission] is also very clear. Please send me some Christian literature for my spiritual growth.
- Fredrick

Greetings to you. I am a daily listener of your radio program Asha – Deep and getting more and more blessings through this program. A few days ago, I started listening to your program. And I was really impressed. It is very effective and heart touching. Now, today I am a regular listener of your radio program. Every episode of this program is very spiritual and knowledgeable. I really appreciate your program. Please continue forever. Kindly pray for my family.
- Shadab

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And he who gathered more had nothing left over." God has a way of bringing things together in a beautiful fashion. When you recognize the blessing of God in your life, you can be confidently expectant. We should be confident in management, expecting God to bless us as we faithfully manage our money for God.

In the management of money, then, let us adhere to Paul's prudent counsels. Let us be conscientiously exemplary, do what we know we ought to do. Others are watching and will take their cues from us. Let us be conclusively explicit, let us do what we talk about doing. And let us be confidently expectant, looking for God's blessing. As we follow these counsels, He will bless us abundantly. Remember:

**GOD WILL BLESS YOU
WHEN YOU MANAGE YOUR
MONEY FOR HIM!**

J. Otis Yoder