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You're Nought What You Ought, Not What You Wish, Nought What You Hope

By R.P.M.

I recently presented a sermon and was asked to transcribe it and share it with you all. I pray that it is welcomed and believe the Holy Spirit will use it as He deems.

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick, who can understand it." (Jeremiah 17:9) "None is righteous, no, not one." (Romans 3:10) Wow, Jeremiah really exposes the heart, and the truth is so significant for the apostle, that he flat out quotes the Psalmist. Are those words true? Biblically yes, but are they true for us?

Being behind bars is difficult. Not only do we have our shameful past and a record of crime, and the windows we once looked out became walls. However, our past, the darkest filthiest morally corrupt self, is what God uses for His glory and divine beauty. Moses purposely recorded events that made him look bad. He took vengeance on an Egyptian for beating on an Israelite, adjudicated a dispute between two Hebrew men, and was reluctant to obey God. Saul's past is all about getting it wrong. Contrary to obedience, the writings of Saul persecuting Christians were deplorable. Yet these men, among many, were chosen. Handpicked by God and through their filthy soil, became a radiant flower. Although sin still plays a role in our sanctification, Paul's letter to Titus encourages us to live godly lives.

Titus Chapter 2 - You, however, must teach what is appropriate to sound doctrine. Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance. Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. Then they can urge the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.

Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled. In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.

Teach slaves to be subject to their masters in everything, to try to please them, not to talk back to them, and not to steal from them, but to show that they can be fully trusted, so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive.

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for Himself a people that are His very own, eager to do what is good.

These, then, are the things you should teach. Encourage and rebuke with all authority. Do not let anyone despise you.

Paul understands the difficulty in dealing with sin as he describes his own struggles, not understanding his own actions and coming to terms with evil that lies close at hand.

Romans 7:1, 4-25 (ESV) - Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives?

Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to Him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.

What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead. I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive, and I died. The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. So, the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is

good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure. For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So, I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

Flipping forward one chapter, Paul charges believers to mortify recoinng sin by the power of the Holy Spirit. Being strengthened to set your mind on the Spirit, for the Spirit is life and peace.

Romans 8 (ESV) - There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope, we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And He who searches hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom he foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the One who died—more than that, Who was raised—Who is at the right hand of God, Who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate

us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Remember, your depraved past is exactly what God uses for glory, you don't need to be ashamed of yesterday, on the contrary, you can join the Apostle Paul in saying, "... **by the grace of God I am what I am ...**" (1 Corinthians 15:10)

Overcomer's Testimony

By M.C.

I know God called me for a reason, to seek my purpose and His plan for my life. I had suffered a lot of drug pain, I overdosed on meth when I was twenty-four and when that happened, I was driving to my cousin's birthday party. And as soon as I drove into the driveway and parked, I fell into my ex's lap. I had stopped breathing and turned purple, my cousins and my auntie did CPR on me and when I did die, I was walking up the stairs to heaven and the light of God was waiting for me. And not only that, but God also told me I am not ready to receive you and I woke up in the ambulance with IVs inside my arm. And not only that, when I was like nineteen years old, I was in my auntie's basement laying down, something held me down to where I couldn't move or talk. And when I said please Lord Jesus let this go away, it vanished. I'm ready to give it my all and place it all into my Father and Christ's hands because He loves me more than anything and I love Him. When I hear Joel Osteen, Steven Furdick, Joyce Meyers, TD Jakes, and Joseph Prince preach it fills my heart with joy and happiness. I'm ready for Almighty Jesus Christ's plan and purpose He has for me. And yeah, I know this is serious and I need support in my journey.

God is happy and sees that I love Him more than anything. There is a reason why God put me in this pod and place, for you to tell me all the good news. I am always going to watch the Hillsong Channel. I thank you; God bless you. I know God's got a lot of treasures for me in my life. Everything is lined up. It is just the right time for me to keep seeking His calling.

I want to become a pastor and praise the Word for the Lord Jesus Christ. Let me ask you what you see? What does God see for my journey? To be honest with you, I just want to love Him every day and fill my heart with His joy and love. I pray every night for my relationship with this woman, Leticia, and kids. But it is an unhealthy relationship with her because she uses drugs, and I don't want that in my life. God has a wonderful Christian woman that is going to make me happy and we will get married. It will happen when our Father is ready. When I watch the Hillsong channel and hear the pastors preach I know that they are talking to me. Sometimes I think the world knows what my Father is doing for me. He has plans for me, I'm blessed. I want to let you know that you are blessed too.

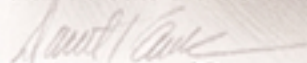
I am happy you gave yourself to our Father, our Creator Jesus Christ because He is the best thing in life and He can make miracles happen. Just keep praying and believing in Him because He is real and died on the Cross for our sins and gave us eternal life. I appreciate you being here and supporting me through this. God is Good and I love Him with my whole heart. I thank you so much for reading and listening to my amazing testimony. It is going to get better day by day. I really don't like to indulge in frivolous conversations, all it is, is a distraction to me. I want to focus on the Lord and seek my purpose, He's got plans for me. I'm not burned out; I am just focusing on the Almighty Jesus Christ.

My desire is to become a pastor. I'm here to lead people to hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ and be led by His walk before it is too late. My Almighty Jesus Christ has planted a good seed in my heart and soul, and I refuse to let anyone take that seed away from me. I just want to keep growing in faith, wisdom, and knowledge. I really want to thank you for supporting me through this journey.

I want to be a better person and Christian and follow the commands of the Almighty Jesus Christ. I don't want people who do drugs in my life because that will lead me down the wrong path. I don't crave drugs anymore. I want to stay healthy and just keep growing and feed my spirit and heart, more and more. I want to preach to everyone and yeah, I would like to get married one day to a woman that loves the Lord. These are the desires of my heart and I know God is going to bring that right one into my life to where we can worship our Father together and go to church and preach all the good news.

I know God didn't create the Coronavirus but I do believe He has used it for this reason. So people can get to know Him

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From the Inside

This Day Preemptive Initiative

By H.A.M.

There seems to be a vast misconception that God doesn't care about our financial prosperity. The context, in **1 Timothy 6:5-6**, but especially **verse 6**, "**but godliness without contentment is great gain**" does not mean that we are to be content while being hopelessly destitute. The opposite of forlornness is faith in action. Unfortunately, **1 Timothy 6:10**, "**For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows**" is often misquoted as money being the root of all evil. Money, like anything else given preference over God's will, is idol worship! That's why the Scripture reads, "**For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.**" It's important to read Scripture and not add to it. This is what **2 Timothy 3:16-17** is saying, "**All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.**"

Let's look here at **Malachi 3:8-10** for a minute, "**Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' 'In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this,' Says the Lord of hosts, 'If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.'"** And that's not all folks, the very next verse, **verse 11**, God says, "**And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes ...**"

Proverbs 3:9 states, "**Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase ...**" Let's move right in to **Proverbs 8:21**, "**That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.**" Next, we'll look at **Genesis 28:22**, "**And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.**" God doesn't require a massive tithe, just 10%. The offering that you give after that, unbegrudgingly, is for your own extra special blessing. Let's read **2 Corinthians 9:6-8** together, "**But this I say: 'He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.'**"

Pertaining to offerings, in **Matthew 6:1-4**, Jesus gives us the imperative guidelines. Listen, "**Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise, you have no reward from your Father in heaven. Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.**" Now, **Psalms 35:27** tells us that the Lord has pleasure in our prosperity, "**Let them shout for joy and be glad, who favor My righteous cause; And let them say continually, 'Let the Lord be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant.'**"

In **Proverbs 11:24** we see, "**There is one who scatters, yet increases more; And there is one who withholds more than is right, but it leads to poverty.**" Let's go ahead and read **2 Corinthians 8:2**, "**That in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality.**" This describes great faith giving, or in other words – beyond worldly logical giving. Jesus, speaking here in **Mark 4:24** says, "**Consider carefully what you hear; he continued. 'With the measure you use, it will be measured to you—and even more.'**"

Let me encourage you all to read the whole chapter of **Deuteronomy 28** as it carefully reveals the blessings and curses of our obedience. I'll close with **Deuteronomy 8:18**, "**And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, AS IT IS THIS DAY.**"

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From the Inside

GOD BLESS, YOU!!

By A.P.

I just want you to know I love you; I feel like you are an angel sent by Jesus to my life. I have known you for ten years now and want you to know that you inspire me to follow God. I want you to know that you saved my girlfriend with your prayer at St. John C. Lincoln Hospital, seven years ago. I was going to ask you if you can please put my testimony in your newsletter about how God worked through you through prayer, because I truly believe with all my heart that if you would not have come to the hospital that day, my girlfriend may have died. Because I truly believe the moment you spoke in tongues in the hospital I.C.U Room, Jesus heard your prayers and He answered them, and today I have a beautiful baby girl who is healthy and doing well.

I love you like a brother, Wade, I gave you a hug at Red Rock when you gave the Baptismal of all those guys – you are truly a friend. I was going to ask you, I know it is too early right now, but I please need your help to stay out of prison. I am 50 years old, and I keep coming back to prison for smoking meth. I am so, so, so, so tired of that old dope life. I want what you got, joy and happiness.

I see Jesus in your life and in your face and I want to be out there to raise my baby girl. I always read my favorite verse, **Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."** That verse and you help me to stay positive in my life!

Gated Community

By G.P.G.

First, I want to say thank you, Foot, for the insight that you don't even realize was meant for me!

I recently realized that even being in prison there's hidden advantages to the way 'we' live. Thanks to the January 2022 issue of the newsletter and the *Foot Notes* section. Let me explain a little ...

I have been dealing with this feeling of 'Under Lock and Key' almost 24/7, yet I am paying my debt to society for a hiccup in my past. I hate not being connected to the world outside, yet because of what 'Foot' wrote about, "As usual I'm sitting in my gated community observing what is going on in the world ..." Can you see where this is going?

I too live in this 'Gated Community' that has a lot more than yours does. I have 24/7 security, a dining hall that never serves leftovers, a gym, track, baseball field, in house medical, and three different types of churches! And believe me when I say, if they don't want you in here, you will NOT get past the gates! LOL!

God has this strange way of getting to us when it comes to our psychological well being, sending us words or phrases in a letter, or Foot Notes. I watch the world news every night and see what a devastating world we now live in, between the Russia ordeal and the COVID crises, we only have one way to seek freedom within ... JESUS!

I live in the San Francisco area, San Quentin to be exact, and receive a newsletter from Arizona! Thank God for that miracle! Every night at 8:30 p.m. lock-up, I get to listen to the Christian group outside my cell yell, "JESUS!" I live in 'this' gated community that offers church services every Sunday. Yes, I am paying my debt to society, but I'm not withheld from serving my lord Jesus!

So, when it comes to those of you inmates having A HARD TIME. Remember this, your own "Gated Community" also keeps you safe! Thank you, *Overcomers for Christ*. God bless!

Lamentations 1:1-2:22

At first, sin seems to offer freedom, but the liberty to do anything we want gradually becomes a desire to do everything. Then we become captive to sin, bound by its 'yoke'. Freedom from sin's captivity comes only from God. He gives us freedom, not to do anything we want, but to do what He knows is best for us. Strange as it may seem, true freedom comes in obeying God. Following His guidance so that we can receive His best. **(1:14)**

False prophets were everywhere in Jeremiah's day. They gave false and misleading messages. While Jeremiah warned the people of coming destruction and lengthy captivity, the false prophets said that all was well, so the people need not fear. All of Jeremiah's words came true because he was a true prophet of God. In **Jeremiah 14:14-16**, "**Then the Lord said, "These prophets are telling lies in My name. I did not send them or tell them to speak. I did not give them any messages. They prophesy of visions and revelations they have never seen or heard. They speak foolishness made up in their own lying hearts. Therefore, this is what the Lord says: I will punish these lying prophets, for they have spoken in My name even though I never sent them. They say that no war or famine will come, but they themselves will die by war and famine! As for the people to whom they prophesy, their bodies will be thrown out into the streets of Jerusalem, victims of famine and war. There will be no one left to bury them. Husbands, wives, sons, and daughters; all will be gone. For I will pour out their own wickedness on them."** (2:14)

Hebrews 1:1-14

Not only is Jesus the exact representation of God, but He is God Himself, the very God Who spoke in Old Testament times. He is eternal, He worked with the Father in creating the world. In **John 1:3**, "**God created everything through Him, and nothing was created except through Him.**" In **Colossians 1:16**, "**For through Him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see, such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through Him and for Him.**" He is the full revelation of God. You can have no clearer view of God than by looking at Christ. Jesus Christ is the complete expression of God in human form. **(1:2-3)**

What does it mean that Christ is changeless, meaning you are always the same? It means that Christ's character will never change. He persistently shows His love to us. He is always fair, just, and merciful to us who are so undeserving. Be thankful that Christ is changeless, He will always help you when you need it and will offer forgiveness when you fall. **(1:12)**

Psalms 103:1-22

No matter how difficult your life's journey, you can always count your blessings – past, present, and future. When you feel as though you have nothing for which to praise God, read David's list. **(103:1)**

We need never wallow in the past, for God forgives and forgets. We tend to dredge up the ugly past, but God has wiped our record clean. If we are to follow God, we must model His forgiveness. When we forgive another, we must also forget the sin. Otherwise, we have not truly forgiven. **(103:12)**

Proverbs 27:1-2

Don't brag about what might happen tomorrow. For you don't know what the day may bring, and don't pat yourself on the back, let others do that. **(27:1-2)**

“Foot” Notes



Hey ya'll!!! So, last night, the Holy Spirit cracked me a hot one while in church and of course I figured I would share this with all of you, Overcomers.

A lot of us Overcomers, before being saved walked through the world not giving a rat's *** what anybody thought of who we were, what we did or what we said. All bold and brash core people.

So, why is it that upon turning our lives over to Christ we keep quiet and begin to care about what people think of us being Christians? Like being saved was supposed to be a secret, myself included. But we all know better. We need to be just as bold and brash as children of God as we were as sinners. Amen!!

Love to ya'll short and tall ... Vaya con Dios!! Don't ride faster than your angels can fly!!

through these difficult times. Because sooner or later it will be too late because the world is going to end up coming to peace and grace. I want you to know that you are blessed, and I will see you in the beautiful kingdom.

I want us to stay towards our destiny that God planned for us. Because it's not over, for we are blessed. I always want to be righteous with our Father because He brings me joy and peace and grace to my heart.

With the trials that are going on in my life, I wonder why I am the chosen one. I trust God and believe in my Father in heaven. I know I have to really start walking and working ahead chosen ones. I don't know why He chose me either and yet that is not important. I just know what is important, that He loves me through the Holy Spirit. God wants to use me to be a testament in the world. God loves you and wants to use you. He uses the ones that walk in the mud.

God offers us real life. So now we have to seek a new life. I see that we all have been through the struggle. I know the truth and that's what I'm going to do, follow God's way, meditate in God's Word and truth, study the Bible and watch the Hillsong channel. Then study the things the pastors tell me because they are talking to me. Sometimes, I stay in total silence with the Lord.

What is sexual purity? I know I need to consider the things I do and want to devote to one woman and her to me too. I want my eyes towards her only. I don't want to look at the neighbor's wife and I don't want to look at porn. I want to be completely satisfied with the wife that God has given me. But I don't know who that woman is yet until God brings her into my life. I will love to meet her. I want to be devoted to God and my wife He has for me. I don't want to cheat on my Lord God has been really good to me. I only want to say yes to our Almighty Jesus Christ and feel His love and satisfaction.

I am in my room alone. I feel so good because I do not have any distractions on me learning more about me and the King. I've been reading my Bible and the things I've been getting out of it when it is talking to me that my Lord Jesus Christ gave me, these blessings when I had come out of my mother's womb. He has resurrected me from the dead and brought me back to life for a reason because I am now a son of God.

I love this study Bible my brother let me borrow, it's bringing me understanding on what God has called me to do. My Father being the Creator of everything, set all the parameters for all mankind to live in. God said man should not live alone, so he gave the man a woman. When I do leave this household, I will join the wife God has for me, to live together and become one flesh with her. I've just been wondering what woman does He have for me?

I really love 'L' but I want her to give herself to God and stop doing drugs. But if it is not in God's will then I know a good Christian woman will show up in my life. I truly love everyone and most of all I love my Lord and Savior. The journey I'm taking day by day is actually helping me see things that are happening and build my future with our Father in Christ.

What I want to do when I do get out is go pastor the Word, hang out with my family and be a part of my children's lives. I also want to go back to school so I can go to Bible college and also get a job, I want to get my real estate agent license. And the church I got saved at is the Red Rocks church. I see life and good things ahead of me. I want to use my experience that I got and need to use that towards all my advantages.

Cause I want to build, I pray every day and every night and thank God for another breath. Yeah, the world will eat you up on the streets, but I just got to keep my grace and journey strong. I know every Christian wonders why we have been chosen.

I know I struggle with the same things because I know I have done the things I have done and now I am paying for my mistakes. God's grace and mercy is crazy, sometimes it doesn't make sense. Well, I know the Almighty God operates in miracles and favors in and out of sight. But God blesses them. I know God will show mercy on me and you. Well, did you know that we are God's?

God Deserves Our Best By Steve Arterburn

"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." - 2 Corinthians 9:7

A poor man vowed to give God a certain percentage of his income. From his first week's pay he gave one dollar. But before long, prosperity raised the sum of the gift to one hundred dollars a week, and in time, to five hundred dollars.

Initially his offerings brought intense joy. But over time, he began feeling entitled to his prosperity. He explained to a close friend that when he made the promise, he only had to give a dollar, but now that it was five hundred, he didn't feel he

FUN FACTS

Jun 15th – In 1836, Arkansas was admitted as the twenty-fifth U.S. state.

Jun 15th – In 1846, Britain and the United States settled the boundary dispute between the United States and Canada in the Pacific Northwest.

Jun 15th – In 1864, the United States' Arlington National Cemetery was established.

Jun 15th – In 1877, Henry Ossian Flipper became the first African American cadet to graduate from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York.

Jun 15th – In 1994, Israel and the Vatican established formal diplomatic relations.

Jun 22nd – In 1815, French emperor Napoleon Bonaparte abdicated his throne for the second time.

Jun 22nd – In 1870, the U.S. Congress created the U.S. Department of Justice.

Jun 22nd – In 1942, the U.S. Congress officially recognized the Pledge of Allegiance as part of the U.S. Flag Code.

Jun 22nd – In 1944, U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed into law the GI Bill, providing benefits to veterans.

Jun 22nd – In 1945, the Battle of Okinawa ended in an Allied victory after eighty-three days of fighting.

Christian Comedy

I started a band called 999 Megabytes, we haven't gotten a gig yet.

Quote Worthy

"When my father didn't have my hand, he had my back."

– Linda Poindexter - Linda grew up in a faithful Disciples of Christ home. In 1980, she began to feel that she was called to ordained ministry, being ordained an Episcopal priest in 1986, she pastored Episcopal congregations for 13 years.

Answer to unscramble puzzle: Family, Father, Nurture, Holiday, Thoughtful, Daddy, Tools, Strong, Football, Children, Devoted, Sports, Laughter, Giving, Memories, Brave, Home, Funny, Respect, Caring, Special

Phrase: My daddy loves me!

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Hope By J.H.

My hope comes from the Rock that is Jesus, these words I speak, I hope you
heed this.

So much pain in the world, everybody needs Him, a peace that passes all
comprehension.

A full life He will give you, fulfill every dimension, did I forget to mention, His
love is endless,

A Friend to the friendless, new drive and direction, my once black heart now
flows with affection.

His Blood erased my tension, we must pay attention,
Life saving measures, achieved through tough lessons.
Setbacks are blessings, viewed with proper perspective,
His love's not idle, it's present and aggressive.

We're the clay, He's the Potter, He's my Armor,
A loving Father, my soul secure from satan, who only wants to harm you
My hope is these words don't alarm you, and the Holy Spirit charms you,
To believing He rose, He chose you, a rose, His Son beaten to the bone.

Freedom, not submission, faith the only cost of admission, to a life that's up-
liftin',

Japan to San Quentin, we all can have hope, strength that allows you to cope,
Jesus will guide you on life's tight rope.

Help us be better stewards by sending your change of address when you move to help reduce unnecessary waste and expense

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