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From the Heart of Pastor Don Grosvenor

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As a child growing up I can still remember my dad sharing with me verses of scripture that not only impressed me then but still impacts my life today.

One of these verses was Proverbs 10:22 which reads, "The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it. The Amplified Translation says, "The blessing of the Lord; it maketh truly rich." In other words there are riches and there are true riches and it is the true riches which constitutes the blessing of the Lord.

In a time in which our country faces many problems, including economic problems, I think it is good for those who are family leaders, church leaders and government leaders to begin to think about the blessing of the Lord. We're facing greater unemployment, greater indebtedness and future finan-

cial uncertainty.

As all those problems continue to escalate it is hard for me to figure out why we are abandoning the principles of God's Holy Word which brought blessing unlike any other nation in history.

The Psalmist David seemed to have a great awareness of the Lord's blessing. For instance, he said in Psalm 5:12, "For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield." Again he wrote in Psalm 33:12, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance."

Literally, the first part of Psalm 33:12 means, Blessed is the nation whose supreme being is the eternal God. Even His chosen people Israel were warned in Deuteronomy that they could walk in bless-

ing or cursing and that He had put before them blessing and cursing but they had to choose.

Blessing defined is "supernatural power working in your behalf." The Hebrew word in Proverbs 10:22 means prosperity, liberality or a pool which to me needs to be understood by government and church leaders today rather than listening to the ACLU.

Four times in the book of Deuteronomy God says he would bless whatever our hands touch. My heart's cry today is that we as the family, the church and the country would begin to seek God for His blessing to return. It is not enough just to sing "God Bless America" at a ballgame but to seek Him with all of our hearts.

Pastor Don

Upcoming Events

September 5th— Ladies Fellowship "A Day with Sister Gerri" 11a-1p

September 12th -The Way of the Master Evangelism Crash Course-First Baptist Church

3405 S Arizona Ave. 9a-1pm.
Contact Sherry at 480.926.0878

September 13th— Senior Saints Luncheon @ Miracle Mile

September 14th-Prayer & Fasting 6:30pm

October 2nd & 3rd- Women of Faith Conference

October 16th & 17th- Men's Retreat @ Francisco Grande

Angel Tree

It Starts with a Gift... It Leads to Lives Transformed by Christ

Right now, an estimated 1.5 million children have a mom or dad in prison. The number is huge – but so is the opportunity. Angel Tree is a ministry that reaches out to the children of inmates and their families with the love of Christ. It seeks to transform the lives of these families and to reconcile them to their Heavenly Father and each other. In Matthew 18:5 Jesus said, “Whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me.” There are children right in our community who are among the most at-risk children in the nation. Angel Tree provides an opportunity to connect with those families and begin ministering to them at

<http://www.angeltree.org/angeltree-home>

Christmas and then continue through a variety of year-round ministry opportunities. PCA is committed to providing gifts for 100 children and ministering to the families of inmates. Your help is needed to minister to these children and their families. Areas of ministry include making phone calls to the families, writing letters, gift wrapping, praying and purchasing gifts.

Please be sure to attend the Angel Tree Volunteer Meeting on October 10th from 9am-11am to see how the Lord can use you to reach our community.

We are looking for volunteers to contact families to determine needs, complete Angel Tree Tags, Christmas Party Decorations, Food, Games and Skits. We are also in need of volun-

teers to “Adopt-A-Family” Adopt-A-Family involves contacting families to remind them of special events at church and to simply encourage them and reach out in love.

“The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.” Matthew 9:37, 38

Prison Fellowship will be conducting a training for Angel Tree coordinators and individuals who want to learn more about all aspects of Prison Fellowship Ministry. The Workshop is September 12th at Scottsdale Bible Church 9:30-11:30am. Contact Linda if you would like to attend.

Contact Linda & Ron Ayres to see how you can get involved.

602.466.4648 or lrayres@cox.net

Missionary Spotlight

James K. and Nisha Paul (India) are located in Kerala State in South India with their two sons and one daughter. Pastor James fasted and prayed for twenty-one days for the ministerial direction that God wanted him to go. In the 12th day of the fast, the Holy Spirit gave him encouragement to go forward and to write down the steps that he was to take. Some of the visions are as follows:

1. Preach to every nook and corner of this world; God will add men and women to accomplish this great task. James started his preaching in 2002 and has relied on the Holy Spirit who gave him this vision and guidance. He needs lots of tracts, Bibles in different (Indian) languages, and support for the equipment and for the missionaries. He preaches through a loud speaker in villages and has written two tracts at his own expense because there were

no tracts to hand out in the villages. He feels that he has finished his Jerusalem (home village), his Judea (his state), and is now turning to his Samaria (that is, the whole states of India)...and someday to the uttermost part of the earth.

2. He is in powerful prayer for a band of Gideon’s Men...300 men who will pray earnestly for the evangelization of the world. Will you be one?

3. Bible Training Centers in India are needed. “Great scholars or theologians are not the real need of this country, but DISCIPLES who are moving through the land by the power of God will do exploits.”

Praise Report

Greetings in Jesus' name.

Thanks for your birthday wishes for my daughter. She is very happy. When I re-

ceived money I offered a pair of shoes and a good dress as a birthday gift.

Kindly extend our love and thanks to Pastor Don Grosvenor and family for sending us the mission support. By the grace of God, there was a wonderful street preaching from morning till evening 7.40 on the 62nd Independence day of our nation on August 15th, 2009. We could preach the real freedom in life through Jesus Christ. The Lord gave me a message from John 8:32-38. All our team members are doing well in the Lord. Even though, the monsoon hit our State in different areas, God kept us safe. Thanks for all your prayers for us. We are also praying for Phoenix Christian Assembly and Pastor Don and family as well.

Madam, we are praying for a sound system. All these years we are hiring sound system when we do some big meetings. I request you to pray for this matter.

May God bless you

Pastor James K Paul, India

From Where I Stand

“How Far Have We Really Come?”

The year 1969 was a year of contrast and looking back 40 years we can see it was a very full year.

The mainstream reveled in both the Jets and the Mets winning their championships when neither was given the slightest chance. Our college campuses burned figuratively with protestors burning flags, bras, and draft cards in an effort to express their constitutional rights. The world watched in awe as American space pioneers

walked on the moon relaying the pictures back to all who sat wide-eyed in wonder.

Of course we saw the extreme other side with the rock concert “Woodstock” and the big screen was contrasted between “Easy Rider” and “Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid.”

The fashion world was seeing all kinds of new trends. Color television brought the Vietnam War into our homes at dinner time then the Manson murders showed us just how brutal our fragile world really was!

Our nation hasn't really changed that much in 40 years. True we have advanced in technology, arts and science yet our nation continues to rock with controversy and uncertainty. The Prophet reassured us, “For I am the Lord, I change not;” Malachi 3:6. The writer of Hebrews reaffirmed our security when it states, “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.” Hebrews 13:8

If you doubt and are fearful, remember our Savior has it under control.

Pastor Steve Grosvenor

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Consecration to Christ

“Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment.” John 12:3

This incident strikingly illustrates consecration to Christ. Ought we not now to press home its application to our own hearts and lives?

This matter of consecration is of tenderest concern to all of us who love the Name. Its importance is beyond exaggeration. It is the golden door which alone admits us into “the fullness of the blessing” (Romans 15:29). It is the crucial hinge on which all true Christian service turns. It is the one and only secret of inward rest and of victory over sin. Exactly in proportion as we are self-governed instead of Christ-governed our hearts lack poise and quietness, our lives lack fragrance, and our testimony lacks persuasiveness.

True consecration to Christ *simplifies* life, for it leaves the management to HIM. It also *unifies* life, for it blends all our motives and activities in one all-controlling aim to please HIM. It *puri-*

fies life, for it expels all that is disapproved by HIM. It *amplifies* life, for it gives the divine will spacious fulfillment through us to uplift HIM. And it *glorifies* life, for it makes us a blessing to others and a praise to HIM.

Our entire consecration is that which our Lord Himself desires for us above all else—far more than our service, our money, our time, or even our prayers. He never really sees the “travail of His soul” in us as to become “satisfied” until our conversion has crowned itself in total self-committal to Him. There can be no substitute for this, simple because there is no equivalent. How incalculably important, also, is our consecration to Christ when we think of the unsaved all around us, and of the low spiritual average among believers today, and of our Lord's nearing return!

Are not *all* Christians thus consecrated? No; far from it. But do they not all *desire* it? Yes, I think they all do. Why then are so few *actually* consecrated? It is because consecration, although in one sense a simple “handing over” followed by a simple “hands off”, is the hardest of all ca-

pitulations to the self-centered *ego* in us. To give up self-management, self-motives, grudges, plans, and self-everything, is utterly unbearable to our hereditary Adam-nature, which is supported in its resistance by Satan and the world, and perhaps unintentionally by other Christians.

Oh, it is a super-crisis of the soul, to give up your claim to every bit of merit, your desires for the present, and if necessary your plans for the future, your first claim on every penny you possess, your own ideas, your own everything—not just for a year or a decade, but for ever! One of the most powerful deterrents is our fear of being misunderstood by loved ones, and the loneliness which may be thus occasioned. There is only one thing which can make this complete hand-over easy. It is to have such a trustful, grateful, adoring love for Jesus that all else seems to “dross” compared with His dearness and excellency. Such consecration is indeed the gateway to “fullness of blessing”, but it is also *the supreme test of our love*. It is only when we make this unreserved surrender, that Jesus sees in us “the travail of His soul”, and is “satisfied” (Isaiah 53:11).

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6 Sunday School 9:30am Service 10:30am & 6:00pm Prayer Meeting 5:00pm	7 Labor Day	8 Ladies Bible Study 9:30am	9 Adult Education 5:55 pm Service 7:00pm	10	11	12 Men's Prayer Meeting 7:00am The Way of the Master One Day Evangelism Crash Course
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