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NEWSLETTER

"The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it" (Psalm 68:11).

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

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Editor's Notes



<u>Jim & Mary Fellure</u>

Greetings in Christ's name,

Several times during the year 2014, it became obvious that the devil was very upset with the way God was blessing the ministry. In the past year, I have seen or heard first-hand of the homes of some professing Christians ending in divorce, boys or young men turning to homosexual lifestyles, and church members rebelling against their pastor and quitting their church. I have seen some pastors become so discouraged that they have given

up the ministry, while others are struggling just to keep the church doors open. One good pastor said to me, "If something doesn't happen soon, our church will not be able to survive the financial pressure." Others in their senior years are watching their churches die a slow death because they can't find young men with the call of God on their lives willing to come and help. I have heard of at least a dozen church splits over who is going to be the leader. It doesn't take a very intelligent Joe Blow to know that if two people in the church disagree on any policy or practice, one of them is not going to have it their way. One pastor told me of a problem with two men in his church disagreeing over who was going to set the thermostat. I have watched others that professed to be Bible-believing, fundamental Baptists, rather than suffer the embarrassment of "defeat," head down the contemporary, progressive, "positive" direction of compromise with their ministry in order to draw crowds and call themselves successful. I have seen missionaries leave the field of service. I even heard the president of a good mission board say that for every five missionaries that come home, only one goes to the field. Now, if these were the only reports we gave, we would all be discouraged, but there is a passage of Scripture that says, "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:57 & 58). And another that says, "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Romans 8:37).

I am glad I don't have to stretch my imagination in order to report that once again, regardless of all the devil has been permitted to do, the Lord has shown grace to Victory Baptist Church, to Victory Baptist Press, and to me personally.

I have watched as the best crew of workers that VBP has ever had turned out more Scriptures than in any previous year since our beginning. Al Berg and his daughter Sarah, Jacob and Megan Fellure, Trinity Lorimer and the volunteer workers' coordinator, Mrs. Helen Dennis, are turning out the work, and all with a good attitude.

I have had my nineteen-year-old grandson, Jacob, travel with me to some meetings where the Lord opened the door for him to also preach (one of his sermons is on the back page).

When I am in town I watch another nineteen-year-old grandson, Nathan, lead the youth choir on Sunday nights.

I see my nineteen-year-old granddaughter, Megan, working in the print shop, helping get Bibles ready for the mission field.

My twenty-two-year-old grandson, Lance, married Kaleigh, a very beautiful and dedicated Christian young lady. They make their home in Tennessee where Lance is building his own business, and Kaleigh is working in a Christian School.

Charity, another nineteen-year-old granddaughter, graduated from beautician school and is working in a beauty shop for a Christian owner.

Clayton, our eighteen-year-old grandson, spent the summer with us and never got out of line or had to be disciplined one time.

My son, Tim, as you all know, pastors our home church and keeps the pulpit red-hot. Not only through his own preaching, but men like Dr. David Gibbs, Dr. Larry Brown, Dr. Sam Davison, Evangelist Brian McBride, Pastor Adam Thompson, Pastor Danny Farley, Brother Brent Logan, Dr. Joe Arthur, and many more grace the pulpit of what I consider one of the best churches in the country.

The two most important entities to me on this earth are my family and the church, and I am totally satisfied with the way our wonderful Lord has blessed both of them. If the year 2015 is a repeat of 2014, I am in for the time of my life.

"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not" (Jeremiah 33:3).

Just before writing these notes I read the above verse, and once again told the Lord about the need for two truckloads of paper.

We have committed ourselves to supply approximately 50,000 Spanish New Testaments for Baptist International Ministries missionaries in Columbia, South America, and another 25,000 whole Spanish Bibles for missionaries in Puerto Rico and Central America. Each project will use an eighteen-wheeler load of paper at approximately \$35,000 per load. Will you join us in prayer that the need will soon be met and so the next project can get underway?

Thank you for your prayers and support,

One happy camper,

Jim Fellure

Print Shop News



<u>Al & Heidi Berg</u>

Dear Friends and Supporters,

The year 2014 is in the history books, and it has been a good year for Victory Baptist Press. We started off the year sending a truckload of Bibles to the Philippines. Then we were able to print a truckload of John/Romans to go to Uganda, and we are nearly finished with another truckload of Spanish Bibles going to Missionary Don Rich in Peru, where he will distribute them over much of South America. It looks as if 2015 is shaping up to be another good year. Our next planned project will be Spanish New Testaments, of which forty to fifty thousand will be going to missionaries in Columbia, South America.

To many people, the above paragraph may seem like just a bunch of numbers for bragging's sake, but what it represents to me is the power of God being released in different parts of the world. Recently, while on vacation, my wife and I visited a church, and in the Bible study the preacher pointed out Psalm 8:3, which says, "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained."

This indicates the delicate nature of our universe; God used only His fingers to put all the stars and planets in their proper orbits. The preacher then pointed out Isaiah 52:10, "The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God." The point being that it took more power to save us from our sins than it did to cre-

"It took more power to save us from our sins than it did to create the universe! That is pretty awesome, but it is useless if people do not know about it."

ate the universe! That is pretty awesome, but it is useless if people do not know about it. The Word of God has the power to change people's lives for both now and eternity, but only if they are exposed to it.

By the way, each of the projects we do depends much on volunteer work. It can be tedious work at times, but many people seem to enjoy it, and we enjoy having them. If you are close enough to come and put in a few hours, let us know, and we will do our best to schedule a time for your group, and we will even buy you lunch!

Thanks again for all your prayers and support over the years,

Bro. Albert Berg

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The Dunns became field representatives for Victory Baptist Press in September 2010. After pastoring two churches for a total of 24 years, and being heavily involved with printing and distributing the Scriptures, the burden for printing became so real to

Brother Dunn and his wife Emma that he resigned as a pastor to become a full-time representative for VBP.



THE WORD FOR THE WORLD

"Only two things stand in the way of the salvation of every soul upon earth. First is their own inate depravity and second is the want (absence) of the Scriptures. If the first cannot be removed without the second, then NOTH-ING could be of more pressing concern for the New Testament church than to get the Word of God into the language and into the hands of every man on earth."

—Dr. John Suttles

David Hume was a Scottish agnostic who believed in the sufficiency of the light of nature. One evening Hume visited in the home of Principal Robertson, a godly evangelical minister who firmly believed in the necessity of revelation and in the insufficiency of the light of nature. The two men discussed the subject. Friends of both were present, and it was reported that Robertson reasoned with unusual clarity and power. Whether Hume was convinced by Robertson's reasoning, we do not know; at any rate he did not acknowledge his conviction. Hume was very much of a gentleman in his manners, and as he rose to depart, bowed politely to those in the room, while, as he retired through the door, Robertson took the lamp to show him the way. Hume was still facing the door.

"Oh, sir," said he, "I find the light of nature always sufficient," and continuing with "pray, don't trouble yourself, sir," he walked on. The door was opened, and presently, as he went along the hall, he stumbled over something concealed, and pitched down the steps into the street.

Robertson ran after him with the light, and as he held it over him, whispered softly. "You had better have a light from above, Mr. Hume."

Taken from *Give Me That Book* by T.S. Rendall

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I am in charge of my kitchen!!

One of the blessings of being a pastor's wife is getting to know missionary families, especially missionary wives. Last year, in our mission conference, I was blessed to get acquainted with a new missionary wife who is Korean. As things worked out, she and her husband were able to be with us in our Fall Jubilee, and I had the pleasure of spending a little more time with YongCha. I was delighted when she offered to come to our house and prepare a Korean meal for us! Never having eaten genuine Korean cuisine, I wasn't sure what to expect, but I was really looking forward to it.



Mrs. Pam Leake

YongCha and I went to the local Oriental market and a couple of grocery stores to find the ingredients needed for the dishes she planned to prepare. The display of Korean foods was quite extensive and very different from anything I had ever eaten. YongCha was definitely in charge of that task, and since she is a trained chef, she had no problem gathering up what she needed. I was not quite prepared for what happened when we arrived home. I am in charge of my kitchen, but as YongCha set the bags on the counter and began to unpack the ingredients, it became clear that she was in charge. I was there to observe and to locate any bowls or pans that she would need. I must say it was hard for me to step aside,

but what an experience to watch her at work! Back and forth, from counter to stove, chopping, blending, stir-frying, filling, seasoning – she soon had each part of the meal ready and it smelled wonderful! In no time smell was confirmed by taste, and we all enjoyed a spectacular Korean meal made even more enjoyable because I didn't have anything to do with it. It was obvious to me, as I watched her work, that, if I had tried to help, I would have slowed her down and certainly not been able to contribute anything to the process. It was right that I had given her freedom to assume control of my kitchen to accomplish what she had come to do. She had a plan to reach the desired results and she did just that.

That experience made me realize how often it is that I fail to step aside and give control of my life to the Lord Jesus, my Savior and Master. He is the One who knows exactly what to do to make my life what it should be. I was reminded of the verse in Jer. 29:11, that says, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." He is thinking of me, things that only He knows, plans that He has devised to bring peace and not evil to my life, to bring about an expected end! What could be more comforting than that? My part is to submit and commit my ways to Him. When I try to step in and "do it my way" I may be thwarting His unique purposes and altering that expected end. When I deferred to YongCha's expertise in the meal preparation, I benefited by enjoying a magnificent meal I could not have prepared myself. When I defer to the hand of the Lord in the affairs of my life, I will always benefit by receiving His very best that is planned uniquely for me. Allowing Him that freedom to work in my heart and life is always the right thing to do.

Borrowed Illustrations

WORK TOGETHER

The story was told of two ladies who lived in a convalescent center. Each had suffered an incapacitating stroke. Margaret's stroke left her left side restricted, while Ruth's stroke damaged her right side. Both of these ladies were accomplished pianists but had given up hope of ever playing again. The director of the center sat them down at a piano and encouraged them to play solo pieces together. They did, and a beautiful friendship developed. What a picture of the church's need to work together! What one member cannot do alone, perhaps two or more could do together--in harmony.

DEMONSTRATION

A demonstrator's sign in a recent street riot in America read, "No mother should have to live in fear that her son might be killed every time he robs a store."

COMPLEX

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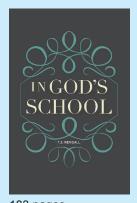
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Back in 1931, Irving Thalberg of MGM decided he wanted to buy the film rights to Tarzan, written by Edgar Rice Burroughs. So Thalberg sent Sam Marx to negotiate with Burroughs, telling Marx not to spend more than \$100,000, an extraordinarily large sum in those days. Marx contacted Burroughs and asked how much he wanted for the film rights. "\$100,000," said Burroughs. When Marx offered him \$25,000, Burroughs walked out of the meeting. However, Marx and Burroughs continued to negotiate throughout the summer. Burroughs eventually settled for \$40,000. After signing the contract, Burroughs admitted that he had wanted MGM and Thalberg to make the picture so badly, they could have had it for nothing if they had insisted. "Mr. Burroughs," replied Marx, "If you had held out, you would have gotten \$100,000!"

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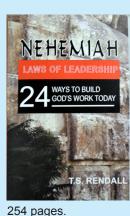
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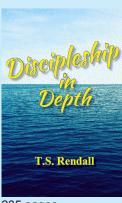
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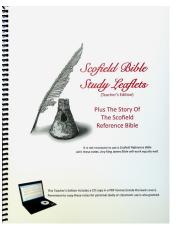


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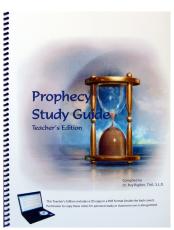
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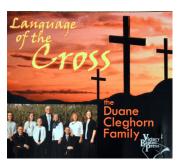
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<u>Jacob Fellure</u>

The Demands of Discipleship Luke 14:25-33

Commonly preached, though often misinterpreted, this passage is the definitive statement in the Bible on consecration. It must be stated at the outset that this passage is not about salvation: this is consecration, not conversion. If this

were about salvation, then it would be contradictory to every other biblical statement that salvation is a free gift of the grace of God. Yet, as free as salvation is we must not preach conversion to the exclusion of consecration. Salvation is not merely a "get out of hell free" card; it is supposed to bring glory to God, and that happens when He turns sinners like you and me into vessels of honor. This consecrated life is not easy though. While it will cost you nothing to become a Christian, it may cost you everything to be one. And the Lord would have us know that discipleship is demanding: that it is characterized by obedience to His commands and a commitment to follow Him at all costs.

In our text, Jesus spells out the demands He places on all His followers. The intent, no doubt, is to weed out the casual follower and chart a clear course of life for those who would come after Him. Christ was never interested in seeing how **MANY** He could get to follow Him, but to see how **FAR** they would follow Him.

The Crisis of Affection (No Rivals)

"If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple." I hope that when you read your Bible, you ask questions. And one of the questions we can't avoid when we read this verse is how does Jesus' statement square with, "Honour thy father and mother?" It should be obvious Christ is not saying you have to hate everybody in your life to be his disciple. I know some who do seem to hate everybody, and they sure don't remind me of Jesus. In Matthew 10:37, we read, "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me." So, Christ is saying, "You can't love anything as much as you love Me." Our love for Him must be so great that everything else is hate in comparison.

Some Christians merely have Christ *present* in their lives. That is the essence of being a Christian, but they know nothing of the victorious life, the Spirit-filled life. Some Christians have made Christ *prominent* in their lives. He does not merely live in them but is given a substantial part in their life. And, while they look spiritual, it is often exposed as shallow. While they are admired for their clean living, you wouldn't really go to them with an urgent prayer request. Christ is just prominent. Finally, there are those in whom Christ is *preeminent*. He is their passion, pursuit, and purpose. They can

truly say they want nothing in life more than to know Christ and serve Him. Life is consumed with Jesus. This is the essence of the demand of verse 26.

The Crisis of Affliction (No Refusal)

"And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple." The words, "bear his cross" are sometimes misunderstood: some have taken this literally and think they are following Christ by walking across the country dragging a physical cross or otherwise afflicting themselves. Others assume this cross is some sickness or misfortune we are forced to live with. But I think this cross is not something forced upon you; it is something you pick up and choose to carry.

If you want to know anything about crosses, you have to look to Christ. The cross of Christ is a testament to His submission to the Father's will. He was not forced to carry His cross but "stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem." knowing a cross was waiting there for Him. So it is with us: we're not forced to carry the cross of discipleship; it is an act of submission. Then the cross of Christ is a testament to the *shame of the world*. The cross was a symbol of the utter shame and pure hatred of the world, and to follow Christ you must be willing to bear that cross. Following Christ is to associate yourself with someone the world hates, and to invite that same hatred upon yourself. Then the cross is a testament to the complete surrender of our rights. They crucified Him because they rejected His claim as King of the Jews; they would not surrender to His Lordship. And when we take up our cross we are saying we are dying to any rights we hold over our lives and surrendering to His kingship. Pride is crushed, the will is broken, and self is dethroned. There are no refusals to His Lordship.

The Crisis of Allegiance (No Retreat)

"So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple." The Lord gives two illustrations to make His final point, that of the importance of first counting the cost. Someone once asked the son of William Booth what was the secret to his father's success. The son replied, "One day, General Booth gave everything that was of Booth to the Lord." Later, his daughter was asked the same question and she said, "The key was not that he gave everything to the Lord; the key was that he never took it back."

Christ is not saying that you have to sell your house, give away your car, and empty your bank account in order to follow Him. But He is saying that you must be willing to give up anything He puts His finger on. He is saying you must be willing to go anywhere He calls you to. The surrender Christ demands is all or nothing.

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