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Jim & Mary Fellure

Greetings in the name of Christ our wonderful Lord,

"It has been at least twenty years now since we first received the web press we are currently using . . . I can honestly say this run of Scriptures will be the best quality we have ever done." These are the good, encouraging words of Brother Al Berg taken from his notes on the next page.

Dr. Bob Jones, Sr. was given credit for coining the phrase, "It's a sin to do less than your best." Whether it was Dr. Bob or not, it is true; when it comes to the Lord's work we should give it our best shot in everything we do.

Victory Baptist Press produces some of the best-looking Bibles and Bible portions you will find anywhere, but it doesn't happen with a "that's good enough for who it's for" attitude (see Pastor Tim Fellure's article on page 4). Our entire staff are very conscientious, honest, and hard working people that love Jesus Christ and are doing their best to give Him the very best we have.

Because of the honesty and unwavering dedication of the other workers, it is not necessary that I be in the print shop all of the time. Even this Newsletter, when I finish these notes, regardless of where I happen to be, will be put into a program called Dropbox, and Jacob will open it on his computer, regardless of where he happens to be, and continue editing the rest of the pages. Because of the use of a computer and a trustworthy staff, I continue working while I am away in meetings, just as if I were at home in the office, and a lot gets done that otherwise would be left undone.

The meetings where I have preached in the last few weeks have been far above average, and I am looking forward to preaching for some of the best pastors in the country in the coming months.

Because of a few health problems last year, my schedule was a little off from previous years, and even though I am not a recycled teenager, I have had the necessary maintenance work done on the old man and have already scheduled more special meetings for this year than usual. At the expense of being accused of using a worn-out cliché, I still say when asked if I am going to retire, that "I just bought four new ones." I look forward to all of the special meetings and deeply appreciate those pastors that trust me to preach in their pulpits. In addition to the revivals and mission conferences, I have two meetings booked that need a lot of prayer support.

#1. Texas State Prison Revival

Lord willing, the last week of June, I will preach again in the revival at the Texas State Prison in Huntsville, Texas. Jacob was with me last year and has been asked to come again this year and bring the added member of the family, his wife Anna. Because of a lot of preaching and Bible teaching by some good Christian inmates, the Huntsville prison is a lot like a good church behind bars. There is always good liberty in preaching and a lot of response at invitation time.

#2. Men's Meeting at Odenville, Alabama

Out of concern for the lack of masculinity in many Christian young men, even in the pulpits of our Baptist churches, Pastor Charley Andrews and Dr. Harold Tabb and their churches are sponsoring a men's meeting with Brother Andrews, Dr. Tabb, Dr. Allen Jones, and me preaching. I plan to preach on "Pure Salt," or biblical integrity, three times during the meeting, and I am totally confident the other speakers will have some subjects that will help us all get our lives in line with the Scriptures. If you know some young men who need to know what real manhood looks like, it would be a good thing to get them to this meeting. The ad at the bottom of the page gives all the details.

Thank you for your prayers and support,
Jim Fellure

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*Al & Heidi Berg*

Dear Friends and Supporters,

It is nearly spring here in Northwest Florida, and we have had a relatively mild winter, which means our garden has periodically yielded throughout the winter—collard, mustard, and turnip greens, broccoli, and a little swiss chard. We are now looking forward to all the spring planting and the summer fruits to follow.

In the print shop we are steadily working on the Spanish Bibles for Mexico and Puerto Rico. The way we work it, we can start collating the first set of twelve signatures once they are printed, and be printing the other twenty-two signatures while our volunteers are working on those. It has been at least twenty years now since we first received the web press we are currently using. Sometimes when showing visitors the print shop, they ask how long it has taken to learn how to run everything. The answer is that I am always learning. Because of that, I can honestly say this run of Scriptures will be the best quality we have ever done. That is not to say there is not still room for improvement, so I guess I am still learning and hope to keep learning until the Lord returns. In the mean time, I trust many thousands of people will be able to learn about the wonderful grace of God through the printed pages that God has allowed us to print with your help.

Recently, I have been reading a missionary biography of John Geddie who went to the South Sea islands of New Hebrides in the 1840s. His description of a group of people that had never heard the Gospel in any form is almost shocking. In describing the many difficulties in reaching these people, one of them was their contact with traders who came before them and claimed to be from Christian nations. Their actions in order to get the sandalwood they were after was just as deplorable. So, when these truly, God-fearing missionaries showed up, the natives wanted nothing to do with them. I am reminded of the commandment, "Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain." I believe that is what we do when we call ourselves Christians and act like heathen. Matthew 1:21 says, "Thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." If we say we have called on the name of the Lord Jesus, and nothing is changed in our lives, we have a very poor testimony (in fact a negative testimony) of what the grace of God can do.

Many people still consider America to be a Christian nation. I wonder how our actions as a nation have hindered the cause of Christ for missionaries around the world trying to spread the true Gospel. I trust that the word of God is special to you, and that you read it and heed it by the grace of God. Thank you once again for your help in getting the true Gospel to people around the world.

May God bless you,
Bro. Albert Berg

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That's Good Enough for Who It's For

by Tim Fellure

The following article is a rerun from a previous Newsletter that says a lot about the way we treat (or mistreat) the Lord's work.

There is a malady among Independent Baptists that has a very simple solution and would greatly enhance our status of legitimacy in a world that is lost and dying without Christ. I speak of the sloppy manner in which we serve the King. I simply cannot understand or tolerate those who claim God is worthy but approach the ministry in a lackadaisical, nonchalant, haphazard, and careless way. I have noticed a certain philosophy that prevails in many circles of Independent Baptists where mediocrity is lauded and excellence is criticized.

*Please understand that I am not suggesting that one without a great deal of education or training cannot effectively serve God. Availability and dependability are about the only abilities you really need for God to use you. God can take a crooked stick and hit a big lick, but the frank truth is that a lot of crooked sticks could straighten up. If the church is ever to be taken seriously from those on the outside, we must somehow divorce ourselves from the attitude that "cheapest is best," "it will do" and **"it's good enough for who it's for."***

Where did we ever get the notion that it's okay to treat the work of the Lord as a trivial matter? Whoever sold us on the idea that education is evil, that proper is prideful, and that decency is despicable? Where did the thinking that says sloppiness is spiritual, laziness is laudable, and carelessness is commendable ever come from?

Appearances may not mean much to you, but they do to those whom we are trying to reach. We may not have the nicest buildings or the newest equipment, but we can all be clean, clear, concise, and correct. There is no premium on ignorance. There is nothing wrong with doing things right.

I guess what I am trying to say is that preachers should study, singers should practice, janitors should sweep in the corners, Sunday School teachers should prepare, ushers should "ush," and secretaries should proofread. I say there is absolutely no excuse for anything less than our best when it comes to serving God. Why would anyone want a God whose own servants don't think enough of Him to give Him their best? We have cleaned up our lives but have neglected to clean up our act.

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Mrs. Pam Leake**Learning by Observing**

My husband and I usually get to have time in the morning to do devotions together before starting the day's work. It's a special time we both enjoy. First, we do some Bible reading out loud and then share a daily devotional from two books that have been especially helpful. Many times, as one of us reads, the Lord will speak through a verse or a thought and will touch one or both of

us with a memory, or a "light bulb" moment that is special and which sparks a bit of discussion. It's a rich time together, and benefits both of us, giving us opportunity to share what the Lord has shown us. Just a couple of days ago, as we read what the Lord had given for the day, we both looked up with tears in our eyes as we each were overcome with memories of our fathers and the impact they had on our lives. Though both are now in Heaven, it was a joy to reminisce for a few minutes, realizing how the Lord had worked through our fathers to develop some good character traits in us.

That particular devotional dealt with a believer having a heart for Christ which develops from love for Him and results in a life of becoming more like Him. It also explained how a father can

impact a child's life if that child has a heart for him and observes the example set for him by his father. Proverbs 23:26 says, "*My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.*"

My father wasn't perfect by any stretch of the imagination and made a lot of mistakes. However, he was a good man who had a sense of decency and always treated people fairly and honestly. Thankfully, the Lord saved him before he passed away! I loved my dad and enjoyed the time I had with him, and though he wasn't conscious of it, my eyes observed his ways and it made an impact on me. As the Lord opened my understanding of the verse in Proverbs, He showed me how He works in our lives to mold us and instill in us good character by using those we love. It also impressed upon me, in a fresh way, the importance of parents developing a close relationship with children, or grandparents with grandchildren, so that they might observe our ways. The responsibility then rests upon us, as parents or grandparents, to live in such a manner that they observe the "right" ways in us.

What a privilege the Lord bestows on us when He speaks directly to us through a passage in His Word, or through the writing of a brother or sister in Christ! He's such a personal God and a loving heavenly Father who desires that we give Him our heart and observe His ways so that we can be used to accomplish His purposes and affect other lives in the process.

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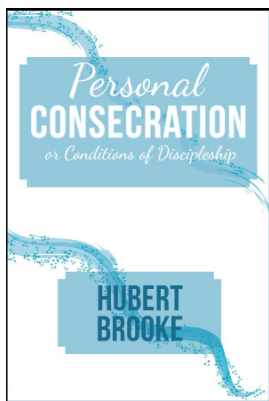
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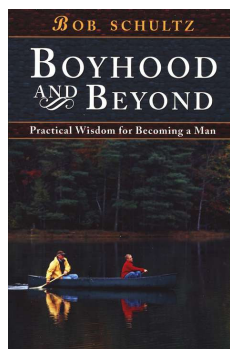
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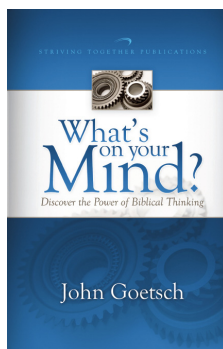
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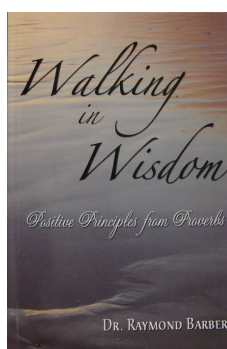
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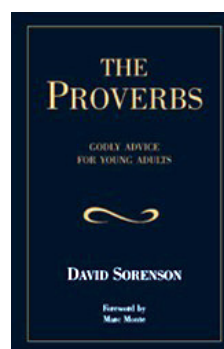
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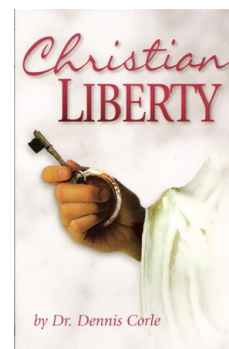
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The Pastor's Page

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How to Confess Your Sins *Psalm 51*

Psalm 51 has long been my favorite psalm. It is not a joyous song, but a broken-hearted confession of sin. It was born out of mourning and leaves us to ponder our own failures. And I don't know of anything the church needs more in this day than a solemn

recognition of our sin, and humble repentance.

Christianity is a joyous life. If you were to visit the worship houses of the major cults you would find their worship consists of chants, dry homilies, and liturgical readings. There is no enthusiastic congregational singing, rejoicing, and shouting that often marks our worship. We enjoy church and Christianity because it is joyous. But while we live a joyous life, we are sober-minded people. In our services we move from celebration to contemplation. We came to church and rejoiced and shouted during the first half of the service, but by the end of the service our heart was broken, spirit crushed, and we were weeping over our sin. We began with celebration, but the Word preached made us contemplate our sin, and we ended the service on the altar repenting. And we live somewhere between celebration and confession.

True Christianity is both joyous and brokenness, and we cannot imagine Christianity without both. Pity the church that is so formal and dry that there is never any celebration; and pity the church that is so carnal that there is never any confession. Pity the believer who lives between the two without ever celebrating his life in Christ or confessing his sins and keeping a clean account with God. How are we going to worship God and have the joy of Christ if we reject the reality of our own sin? If all we ever do is talk about good things, and never enter into solemn contemplation of our sin, then there will be no joy.

So Psalm 51 was written by a man broken over his sin. He hated iniquity in others, but he hated it even more in himself. His soul is in anguish over his own guilt; his spirit is crushed at how he has offended God; and his remorse has left him bruised and broken. And in that spirit he writes a psalm that is the very essence of true confession. True confession acknowledges three things: sin for what it is; God for who He is; self for who you are.

1) How David Viewed His Sin (51:1-5)

True confession is complete and explicit. There is no holding back. No shifting blame; no minimizing the guilt; no excusing the transgression. David accepted full responsibility for his sin, acknowledged he deserved judgment, but appealed for mercy.

Notice how many words David uses to define his sin: *transgression, iniquity, sin*. He is saying that by every definition—"I am guilty." And notice how many times David refers to himself with "me" or "my" in these verses. He doesn't blame Bathsheba for tempting him; he doesn't blame the pressures of his job; he doesn't blame the consequences; he blames no one but himself. Genuine confession does not soften the blow of repentance. We are accustomed to the politician caught in some scandal to excuse it as an error in judgment or a misunderstanding, but true repentance takes full responsibility.

2) How David Viewed His Sovereign (51:6-7)

When Adam first sinned, his first instinct was to run from God. He tried to cover his nakedness and shame with fig leaves, he looked to Eve for blame for the Fall—and you always run from God with that spirit. But confession draws you back to God.

And David understood God desires holiness on the inside. God doesn't want to just correct certain behaviors; he wants to change the heart. And the repentant man prays, "Lord, don't just stop me from stealing but take away the covetousness. Lord, don't just stop me from committing adultery but take away the lust." Most counseling done today tries to get man to focus on self. *You need to just have more self-esteem; learn to forgive yourself; you're basically a good person, etc.* All the attention is on how sin makes **YOU** feel. But a heart of true repentance will be turned toward God, not self.

It is interesting that David has offended God, but it is God he desires more than anything else. A man who shows only remorse for sin will try to avoid God. He runs from conviction, stays away from church, resists the altar because he doesn't want to have to deal with God. But the repentant heart runs toward God.

3) How David Viewed His Self (51:13-17)

In v. 13, he wishes to have a good testimony and a life that matters. He knows sin has destroyed his good name, but he wants to see it restored so he can be a witness again. In v. 14, he wants to be able to sing again. The sweet psalmist of Israel has lost his song, and he wants the joy of the Lord to ring in his soul again. In vv. 16-17, he wants God to delight in his life so he comes with a brokenness he knows God will not turn away.

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Jim & Mary Fellure

Greetings in the name of Christ our wonderful Lord, "It has been at least twenty years now since we first received the web press we are currently using . . . I can honestly say **this run of Scriptures will be the best quality we have ever done.**" These are the good, encouraging words of Brother Al Berg taken from his notes on the next page.

Dr. Bob Jones, Sr. was given credit for coining the phrase, "It's a sin to do less than your best." Whether it was Dr. Bob or not, it is true; when it comes to the Lord's work we should give it our best shot in everything we do.

Victory Baptist Press produces some of the best-looking Bibles and Bible portions you will find anywhere, but it doesn't happen with a "that's good enough for who it's for" attitude (see Pastor Tim Fellure's article on page 4). Our entire staff are very conscientious, honest, and hard working people that love Jesus Christ and are doing their best to give Him the very best we have.

Because of the honesty and unwavering dedication of the other workers, it is not necessary that I be in the print shop all of the time. Even this Newsletter, when I finish these notes, regardless of where I happen to be, will be put into a program called Dropbox, and Jacob will open it on his computer, regardless of where he happens to be, and continue editing the rest of the pages. Because of the use of a computer and a trustworthy staff, I continue working while I am away in meetings, just as if I were at home in the office, and a lot gets done that otherwise would be left undone.

The meetings where I have preached in the last few weeks have been far above average, and I am looking forward to preaching for some of the best pastors in the country in the coming months.

Because of a few health problems last year, my schedule was a little off from previous years, and even though I am not a recycled teenager, I have had the necessary maintenance work done on the old man and have already scheduled more special meetings for this year than usual. At the expense of being accused of using a worn-out cliché, I still say when asked if I am going to retire, that "I just bought four new ones." I look forward to all of the special meetings and deeply appreciate those pastors that trust me to preach in their pulpits. In addition to the revivals and mission conferences, I have two meetings booked that need a lot of prayer support.

#1. Texas State Prison Revival

Lord willing, the last week of June, I will preach again in the revival at the Texas State Prison in Huntsville, Texas. Jacob was with me last year and has been asked to come again this year and bring the added member of the family, his wife Anna. Because of a lot of preaching and Bible teaching by some good Christian inmates, the Huntsville prison is a lot like a good church behind bars. There is always good liberty in preaching and a lot of response at invitation time.

#2. Men's Meeting at Odenville, Alabama

Out of concern for the lack of masculinity in many Christian young men, even in the pulpits of our Baptist churches, Pastor Charley Andrews and Dr. Harold Tabb and their churches are sponsoring a men's meeting with Brother Andrews, Dr. Tabb, Dr. Allen Jones, and me preaching. I plan to preach on "Pure Salt," or biblical integrity, three times during the meeting, and I am totally confident the other speakers will have some subjects that will help us all get our lives in line with the Scriptures. If you know some young men who need to know what real manhood looks like, it would be a good thing to get them to this meeting. The ad at the bottom of the page gives all the details.

Thank you for your prayers and support,
Jim Fellure

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MEN'S MEETING

APRIL 1-2, 2016

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1 CORINTHIANS 16:13

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by Hubert Brooke

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