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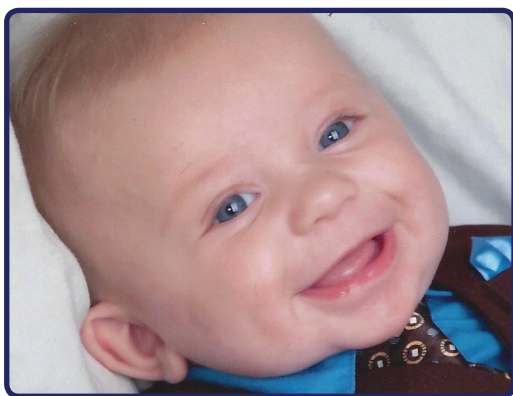
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"Set thee up waymarks" Jeremiah 31:21

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William Edward Ware IV

In June 2012, Doorkeepers joined with us to pray for our great-grandson's platelet problem. God's grace and mercy prevailed and our newest great-grandchild is blessing our lives. The challenge is for God's children to engage in prevailing prayer for a spiritual awakening in our land and that once again God would be welcome in our culture.



Step by Step

He does not lead me year by year,
Nor even day by day;
But step by step my path unfolds,
My Lord directs my way.
Tomorrow's plans I do not know,
I only know this minute;
But He will say,

*This is the way,
By faith now walk ye in it.*

And I am glad that it is so;
Today's enough to bear;
And when tomorrow comes, His grace
Shall far exceed its cares.
What need to worry then or fret;
The God Who gave His Son,
Holds all my moments in His hand,
And gives them one by one.



**Will's sister, three-year old Willow,
sends New Year's Greetings
from all of us.**

BASIC REMINDERS TO ENTER 2013

So much of what is said has already been said. Great truths and great principles bear repeating. Frankly, it is easy (even for a mature Christian) to forget. When this comes about, he/she will begin to drift and become at ease in Zion.

You may wonder how I can make this statement with certainty. Simple. I've been there! I've done that although I knew that the closer walk with the Lord (which He desires) was possible. As we enter 2013, a new year that brings a new, fresh beginning, a few reminders of things we already know are in order.

Prayer is the work that must come before all other work both in our individual lives and in our churches. Study once again the Greater Works passage in **John 14:12-24**. Remember this is from the **Upper Room Discourse** section of Scripture that records Jesus' final instructions to His disciples. He is leaving and they will be left on earth to carry out His work. They will be able to do Greater Works than He did while on earth. How can this be possible? He told them the secret would be coming to the Father and asking things in His name. Ask in Jesus' name is an expression that can be translated simply as Pray! A very helpful thing to remember is what prayer is. **Prayer is coming to the Father through the Son in the power of the Holy Spirit.** You are wise to address your prayers to the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ who is now your Father based on your placing your trust and faith in Jesus. When a Christian begins to pray, he is not going to a stranger! You are going to your Father whom Jesus called Abba. And look what happened when you became a Christian: And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out 'Abba, Father' (**Galatians 4:6**).

Exceeding Abundantly

Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think, according to the power that works in us (**Ephesians 3:20**).

Beware in your prayers, above everything else, of limiting God, not only by unbelief, but by fancying that you know what He can do. Expect unexpected things, above all that we ask or think.

Each time, before you intercede, be quiet first, and worship God in His glory. Think of what He can do, and how He delights to hear the prayers of His redeemed people. Think of your place and privilege in Christ, and expect great things.

Andrew Murray

Maggie, soon to be seven, has a message:



**"Much love!
Happy New Year!"**

When I was president at Northeastern Bible College (Essex Fells, New Jersey), I became acquainted with the late **Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse**, pastor, Philadelphia's Tenth Presbyterian Church, a mentor and close friend of **Dr. Charles Anderson**, founder of Northeastern and pastor of the great Brookdale Baptist Church in Bloomfield, NJ. As Dr. Anderson shared many experiences from his time with Dr. Barnhouse that had influenced his life and ministry, my interest in this man of God was peaked. I began to listen to taped sermons of this great man of God and noted something about his approach to God when he prayed, both at the beginning and ending of his messages. He first acknowledged the Father, then the Son, and then the Holy Spirit. I loved this approach. After a time, I felt an impression from the Holy Spirit urging me to emulate this approach in my own praying and teaching. Then one day my wife, Sue and I, were sharing the prayer seminar in Zambia. When I was teaching **what prayer is coming to the Father, through the Son, in the power of the Holy Spirit**, she said that I should always anchor this truth/principle of praying with Paul's word to the Ephesian believers: For through Him [Jesus] we both have access by one Spirit to the Father (**Ephesians 2:18**). Excellent!

We need to be reminded of that which we already know. Then we need to practice what we know. We know that the Father is on His throne in Heaven's Throne Room with His Son seated in the position of honor and authority at His right hand. We know that the Son is making intercession for us (**Hebrews 7:25, Hebrews 9:24, Romans 8:34**). Mercy and grace are available to us when we come to the

Father through the Son in the power of the Holy Spirit (**Hebrews 4:16, 10:19**). Not only would this approach keep our mind from wandering as we remember we are in the very presence of our Heavenly Father, having an audience with Him, our tendency to ramble would soon dissipate.

We need to be reminded that we will never win the war if we do not know where the battle is being fought. We definitely need to remember that we are literally engaging in nothing less than spiritual warfare when we pray. This leads us to the **Spiritual Warfare** passage in **Ephesians 6:10-18**.

Paul admonishes us to put on the whole armor of God in order to stand against the forces of hell. It is clear that our warfare is not against physical forces, but against invisible powers who have clearly defined levels of authority (**Ephesians 6:12**, based on the words used there are four layers of power). Paul, however, not only warns us of a clearly defined structure in the invisible realm, he instructs us to take up the whole armor of God in order to maintain a battle-stance against this unseen satanic hierarchy of organization. All of this armor is not just a passive protection in facing the enemy; it is to be used offensively against these satanic forces.

Note Paul's final directive; we are to be 'praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit' (**Ephesians 6:18**). Thus prayer is not so much a weapon, or even a part of the armor, as it is **the means by which we engage in the battle itself and the purpose for which we are armed**. It is the place where the battle is fought! Remember the axiom that was postulated earlier, You will never win the war if you don't know where the battle is being fought.

To put on the armor of God is to prepare for battle. Prayer is the battle itself, with God's Word being our chief weapon employed against Satan during our struggle.

Thus, the other major area in which **we need reminding is the role of the Word of God in our lives and in our prayers.** There is no substitute for the Word of God. In fact, my strong recommendation is to begin your Quiet Hour letting God speak to you from His Word. Although any Word is good, reading systematically is a wise approach for a steady diet. Just how important is the Word related to prayer? The direct words of Jesus will reflect the importance of both the Word and Prayer: If [when] you abide in Me, and My words abide in you (that's Bible reading!), you will ask what you will (that's prayer!), and it shall be done for you (that's a promise!) (**John 15:7**).

One could only wonder what would happen in 2013, in our lives and in our churches, if individual believers would implement in their lives two major provisions that God has provided His children the written Word of God and prayer? My invitation to our readers is the same as the one given in **Zechariah 8:21b**: Let us continue to go and pray before the Lord, and seek the Lord of hosts. I myself will go also. With the Spirit's help, we can become mighty in prayer resulting in seeing many peoples and strong nations seeking the Lord and praying before Him (**v 22**).

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

Hand in hand with Jesus

One of the most moving incidents in my early Christian life was brought about by a musical presentation. A guest soloist, accompanied by her two brothers the Whites, provided special music for a revival meeting. One of her selections was entitled "Hand in hand with Jesus" written by Johnson Gatman. She not only had a beautiful voice, but a beautiful countenance. When she came to the chorus after each stanza, she began to walk with hand extended to model walking hand in hand with Jesus. Even now, I sometime relive this moment and am blessed as I was then. As a high school student, my desire was to walk hand in hand with Jesus.

Hand in Hand with Jesus

Once from my poor sin-sick soul
Christ did every burden roll,
Now I walk redeemed and whole,
Hand in hand with Jesus.

Chorus:

Hand in hand we walk each day,
Hand in hand along the way,
Walking thus I cannot stray,
Hand in hand with Jesus.

In my night of dark despair,
Jesus heard and answered pray'r,
Now I'm walking free as air,
Hand in hand with Jesus.

From the straight and narrow way,
Praise the Lord, I cannot stray,
For I'm walking every day,
Hand in hand with Jesus.

When the stars are backward rolled
And His home I shall behold,
I will walk those streets of gold,
Hand in hand with Jesus.



A Family of Faith

Almost sixty years ago, I was licensed by White Oak Baptist Church, Morristown, Tennessee to the gospel ministry. One of the deacons of the church, **Ayers Porter**, signed the license in his role as moderator of the church. No one has served as my encourager more than Ayers who will be ninety-two years old on April 21; no one has been such an emissary for the prayer seminar ministry.

Most of us would profit from a special blessing to start 2013. The testimony of Ayers and his family will afford a spark of joy that you can carry in your heart. To receive the special blessing either Google **Porter Sixtieth Anniversary 1** or ask a friend to do it for you. Sit back and enjoy the twelve-minute presentation that will introduce **a man of faith** and **a family of faith**. Five generations are featured. In the picture is Ayers (standing). Seated are his wife, Nina, who is now in Heaven, and their two sons, Ayers Jr. and Lynn. His daughter Phyllis Ann is standing in the rear.

As Ayers ages, I do not get an Ayers' note or telephone call as frequently as I have over the years. That doesn't matter because I know my precious friend **Ayers Porter** is somewhere saying a good word for the Lord Jesus Christ and is providing prayer covering for Sue and me and for the prayer seminar ministry.

WELCOME, NEW DOORKEEPERS!

Robert & Ann Carroll (VA)
Bill & Sharon Moody (VA)
Marjorie Randall (TX)

**JESUS
IS
LORD!**

Itinerary

January 26

Tabernacle Baptist Church
Washington, D. C.

Dr. William Stroman, Pastor

**TO SCHEDULE A PRAYER
SEMINAR, CHOOSE THREE
POSSIBLE DATES. CONTACT
US. SIX HOURS OF TEACHING
TIME IS NEEDED. THERE IS NO
SET FEE SINCE JGHM IS A FAITH
MINISTRY.**

He Giveth More Grace Annie Johnson Flint (1866-1932)

He giveth more grace as the burdens
grow greater,
He sendeth more strength as the labors
increase,
To added afflictions He addeth His mercy,
To multiplied trials His multiplied peace.

Refrain: His love has no limit; His grace
has no measure.
His power has no boundary known unto
men.

For out of His infinite riches in Jesus,
He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again!

When we have exhausted our store of
endurance,
When our strength has failed ere the day
is half done,
When we reach the end of our hoarded
resources,
Our Father's full giving is only begun.

This song was written by **Annie Johnson Flint** who has written some of the most inspiring poems dealing with faith and triumph in times of trial and suffering. She was born in Vineland, NJ and lost both parents before she was six years old. Adopted by a childless couple, she became afflicted with arthritis as a teen and soon thereafter became unable to walk. She aspired to be a composer and concert pianist but when illness deprived her of her ability to play the piano she resorted to writing poetry. Some of her poetry she set to music. Later in life, being unable to open her hands, she wrote many of her poems on the typewriter, using but her knuckles.

The song *He Giveth More Grace* was based on three Bible promises **He giveth more grace (James 4:6); He increaseth strength (Isaiah 40:29); and Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied (Jude 2).**

There is a grace and strength from God



NOTES from my BIBLE

Note 2126. Find out where you can render a service, and then render it. The rest is up to God.

Note 2127. What have you done today that only a Christian would have done?

Note 2128. In witnessing, our job is proclamation, not defense.

Note 2129. To get the most of your Bible, read it with your ears open.

Note 2130. Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow; it empties today of its strength.

DOORKEEPER REPORT

"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers."

1 Thessalonians 1:2

November 17-December 10, 2012

	# Gifts	Amount
Regular	50	\$4,828.00
Total	50	\$4,828.00



THANKS, DOORKEEPERS!
Partners with God 1 Corinthians 3:9

that is not given in the everyday routine of life. But God gives it to us in our hour of need when our trust is in Him. When troubles and trials come upon us, may we know His added grace, His increased strength, and His multiplied peace.

PRAYER CALENDAR**JANUARY 2013****"I will give myself to prayer..."****Psalm 109:4b****TUESDAY, JANUARY 1****GENESIS 1-2 (USA 313M)**

Wayne & Edie Aardsma (IL)
 Zane & Burma Abbott (VA)
 Mae Adams (NC)
 Marie Adams (VA)
 Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)
 Wayne & Jennie Agee (VA)
 Norma Ailes (FL)
 H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2**GENESIS 3-5 (Venezuela 28M)**

Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)
 Milcie Arnold (VA)
 Leonor Avila (MD)
 Bill & Karen Baker (OK)
 Consuela Baker (NC)
 Mike & Joyce Baker (VA)
 Walter & Marilyn Barry (VA)
 Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)
THURSDAY, JANUARY 3
GENESIS 6-9 (Vietnam 91.5M)
 Carter Mylam Baynes (NC)
 Jean Beasley (TN)
 Tommy Bell (TN)
 Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)
 Johnny & Juanita Bernard (FL)
 Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)
 Beverly Blankenship (TN)
 Ed & Loretta Bolen (VA)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4**GEN 10-11 (Virgin Isle 109,574)**

Everett & Deborah Boston (MD)
 Bob Bouchard (KY)
 William & Debbie Bowden (MD)
 David & Marna Boyd (OR)
 Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ)
 Ed & Jean Bradshaw (VA)
 Emilee & Kim Bradshaw (VA)
 Nancy Bretz (PA)
 Jim & Judy Britt (GA)
 Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5**GEN 12-14 (West Bank 2.6M)**

Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)
 Mary Ann Brown (CA)
 Thomas & Norma Brown (NC)
 Arretta Bruce (TN)
 Joe & Martha Bruno (CO)
 Freddie & Yvonne Brunson (DE)
 Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)
 George & Carol Buck (NJ)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

Janice Bugg (TN/Chin)
 James Burk (IL)
 Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)
 Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)
 Mary Campbell (ID)
 Laura Cannon (FL)
 Joeretha Capers (FL)
 Robert & Anhn Carroll (VA)
 Bob & Evelyn Casey (FL)
 David & Martha Cecil (VA)
 Manship Chapel (DE)

MONDAY, JANUARY 7**GENESIS 15-17 (Yemen 24.8M)**

Gus & Janice Christofield (VA)
 Harry & Nancy Coffee (VA)
 Margarie Coffee (SA)
 Jim & Kathy Connolly (VA)
 Foster & Georgia Covington (VA)
 Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)
 Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)
 Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)
 Beverly Curtis (PA)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8**GEN 18-20 (Zambia 14.3M)**

Lin & Barbara Custalow (VA)
 Ida J. Davis (GA)
 John & Margaret Davis (VA)
 Lelia Dean (FL)
 Harold & Tama Decker (NY)
 Alan & Rebecca Dockrey (KY)
 Mary J. Dugans (LA)
 Walt Edwards (NC)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9**GEN 21-24 (Zimbabwe 12.6M)**

Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)
 Lynn Elkins (TN)
 Gene & Shirley Farley (CA)
 Larry & Cara Fields (VA)
 Claire/Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)
 Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)
 Estelle Gabbard (KY)
 Mike & Lerlyne Garcia (VA)
 Frank & Pauline Garrett (NJ)
 Frank Geiger (HI)
 Robert & Sara George (GA)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10**GENESIS 25-26 (World 7b)**

Gloucester Co. Community Church
 Bruce Sofia, Pastor (NJ)
 Ron & Carol Godwin (VA)
 Chad & Wendy Goodner (OK)
 Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND)
 Sam & Michele Graisbury (NJ)
 Odether Gray (GA)
 Linda Gregory (UT)
 Tim & Merry Gregory (Taiwan)
 Charles Hale (VA)

George & Joy Harper (VA)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11**GEN 27-31 (Afghanistan 30.4M)**

Uel & Hazel Hartless (VA)
 Jim & Joyce Hengood (CT)
 Bruce/&Gina Henry (VA)
 J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)
 Jacqueline Henry (VA)
 Jamey Henry (MS)
 Mark Henry (TN)
 Melody Henry (VA)
 Roger & Sara Henry (OH)
 Sean & Bethany Henry (VA)
SATURDAY, JANUARY 12
GENESIS 32-36 (Albania 3M)
 Steve & Donna Hensel (MN)
 Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)
 Joanna Holland (VA)
 John & Glenda Holland (VA)
 Russ & Dorothy Hornbaker (MI)
 Anita Horton (VA)
 Mike & Sonya Hosick (VA)
 Sam & Linda Hough (VA)
 Coy Hunsucker (NC)
 Joyce Hunt (TN)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

Wilbert & Almaretta Hupp (PA)
 Ed Hurlow (IN)
 H. J. Hutchins (LA)
 Jide & Bunmi Iware (MD)
 Oliver & Janie Jackson (NY)
 Gene & Rose Marie Jeffries (AR)
 Vernelle Jenkins (MD)
 Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)
 Millicent John (NY)
 Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY)

MONDAY, JANUARY 14**GEN 37-40 (Algeria 35.4M)**

Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)
 Gwen Johnson (AZ)
 Richard & Betsy Johnson (TN)
 Robert/Rhonda Johnson (FL)
 Dave & Debbie Jones (VA)
 James & Genevieve Jones (FL)
 Paul & Deanna Jones (KY)
 W I & Eloise Jones (SC)
 Jean Jonte (SC)
 Shem/Deborah Kamla (Nigeria)
TUESDAY, JANUARY 15
GEN 41-44 (Am Samoa 68,061)
 Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN)
 Mohan Katta (IL)
 Howard & Suzie Kauffmann (GA)
 Harper & Shelia Keebaugh (PA)
 Kerby Knob Baptist Church (KY)
 Bruce Kirby, Pastor
 Larry & Janet King (NC)

Robert & Rose Klous (VA)
 Sherry Klutz (WA)
 Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY)
 Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI)
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16
GENESIS 45-47 (Angola 18M)
 Korean Branch:
 Dr. Shin Kwang Suk
 Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA)
 Woodrow & Linda Kroll (NE)
 Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ)
 Phil & Edra Landers (OK)
 Charles & Cynthia Larson (MI)
 Bob Lawrence (MD)
 Del & Mary Leach (VA)
 Raymond & Janet Lemay (VT)
 Gaylen & Linda Leverett (VA)
THURSDAY, JANUARY 17
GEN 48-50 (Anquilla 15,423)
 Liberty University (VA)
 Jerry Falwell Jr., President
 Mike & Earlene Lips (MS)
 Vincent & Mary Lobisco (MI/FL)
 Ray & Bobbie Long (WV)
 Don & Betty Lowry (SC)
 Manship Chapel (DE)
 Wilma Marcum (KY)
 Reginald & Gloria Martin (OH)
FRIDAY, JANUARY 18
EXODUS 1-2 (Antigua 89.018)
 Larry & Sue Mason (VA)
 Deborah Mathias (NY)
 Murray & Loretta Mathis (TN)
 Dan & Fay McConville (VA)
 R. O. & June McHaney (VA)
 Egberta McSween (Canada)
 Don & Barbara Meduna (CO)
 Memorial Christian Church (VA)
 Virgil & Sue Knipp, Pastors
SATURDAY, JANUARY 19
EX 3-6 (Argentina 42.2M)
 Terry & Sandra Metzgar (VA)
 Ken & Betsy Miedema (MI)
 Lowry & Marjorie Miller (VA)
SUNDAY, JANUARY 20
 Earl & Marvel Mills (VA)
 Roger & Carolyn Minney (VA)
 Bill & Sharon Moody (VA)
 French & Laura Moore (VA)
 Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC)
 Katherine Morgan (VA)
 Elaine Moser (MN)
 Leslie/Tabitha Motsalane (S Africa)
MONDAY, JANUARY 21
EXODUS 7-10 (Armenia 3M)
 Adam/Dianna Nathanson (Venezu
 Bob & Diane Nichols (VA)
 Chet & Betty Nichols (VA)

Ann Palumbo (PA)
 Roger & Kay Pede (VA)
 Sandy Pederson (MN)
 Jim & Barb Peterson (MI)
 Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA)
 Mildred Pittman (NC)
 Ben Poplin (VA)
 Ayers Porter (TN)
 Marshall & Lois Powell (KY)
 Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA)
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22
EX! 11-12 (Aruba 107,635)
 Dave & Marilyn Rainey (VA)
 Marjorie Randall (TX)
 John Reed (NH)
 Dave Ricker (ME)
 Mike & Joyce Riley (KY)
 Cynthia Roach (VA)
 Dudley & Isabel Robotham (NY)
 Clark & Marie Rogers (VA)
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23
EXODUS 13-15 (Australia 22M)
 Fred & Jeannette Rolater (TN)
 Bob & Marlene Rose (MI)
 Sandra Rumore (VA)
 Andrew/Celestine Sakari (Kenya)
 John Saint (PA)
 Don & Marie Satterwhite (FL)
 Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA)
 Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA)
THURSDAY, JANUARY 24
EXODUS 16-18 (Austria 8.2M)
 Phil/Wendy/Steve Schrank (WI)
 John & Peggy Seibert (AL)
 Richard/Margaret Seigfield (SC)
 Dennis & Monica Shannon (OH)
 Wonsub/Young Mi Sheen (Korea)
 Shenandoah Valley Baptist Ch
 (VA) Eric Farel, Pastor
 Nellie F. Shepard (CT)
 Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)
FRIDAY, JANUARY 25
EX 19-20 (Azerbaijan 9.5M)
 Sam & Lola Simpson (NY)
 Mary Skiles (KS)
 Paul & Mary Smith (TX)
 Walt & Betty Sommers (VA)
 John & Helen Sourlis (MD)
 Leroy & Suk Hi Standifer (WA)
 Tim & Pam Steger (ID)
 Carol Snow Stewart (CT)
 Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA)
SATURDAY, JANUARY 26
EX 21-24Bahamas 316,182)
 Charles & Irene Stinson (VA)
 Johnny & Rose M. Street (AR)
 Onesimus Sule (Nigeria)
 William Suttles (NC)

Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)
 Tabernacle Baptist Church (DC)
 William Stroman, Pastor
 Brian & Janice Tarraferro (TX)
 Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA)
 Stephanie Taylor (GA)
 Earleen Thigpen (TN)
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27
 Mona Henry Thomas (VA)
 W. D & Jackie Thomason (TN)
 Montez Thompson (CO)
 Paula Tipton (Thailand)
 William & Katie Toney (NC)
 Virginia Trask (VA)
 Bruce & Vickie Tribbett (DE)
 Carrol & Ouida Troutman (KY)
 Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY)
 Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY)
MONDAY, JANUARY 28
EXODUS 25-27 (Bahrain 1.3M)
 Malcom Troutman (KY)
 Marshall & Mary Troutman (KY)
 Willie & Diane Troutman (KY)
 Tommy & Frances Turpin (VA)
 Sara Underwood (TN)
 Patrick & Patricia Vaden (TN)
 Harris & Jane Verkaik (MI/FL)
 George & Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ)
 Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ)
 Keith/Doris Snyder Verrell (FL)
TUESDAY, JANUARY 29
EX 38-31 (Bangladesh 161.1M)
 Cliff & Marcia Vinson (Brazil)
 Horace & Becky Ward (NC)
 Michael & Sandra Ward (IN)
 Beau & Ware (VA)
 Kay Warmerdam (TX)
 Don & Joyce Warpoole (TN)
 Rodger & Jean Watts (WI)
 Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY)
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30
EX 32-34 (Barbados 287,733)
 George & Virginia Whitner (FL)
 Herbert & Kay Wice (TN)
 Paul & Diane Wieland (PA)
 Ken & Carol Willis (VA)
 Julie L. Wilson (PA)
 Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA)
 Roy & Eva Winebarger (VA)
THURSDAY, JANUARY 31
EX 35-40Belarus 9.5M)
 Amos & Celia Wipf (GA)
 Greg & Lori Worley (GA)
 David & Lili Wykle (VA)
 Silas Yashim (Nigeria)
 Fred & Susan Zeller (MD)
 Norm & Mary Zink (MI)

SEVEN WATCHES FOR 2013

- 1. Watch your thoughts.** They can be a benediction or a curse.
- 2. Watch your eyes.** Determine to see only those things that are good.
- 3. Watch your ears.** Train them to listen to harmony. Be selective in what you hear.
- 4. Watch your feet.** Plant them upon the solid rock of truth and keep them there.
- 5. Watch your hands.** Keep them busy only with those activities that will bring joy.
- 6. Watch your heart.** Set your affections upon things above.
- 7. Watch your will.** Watch your will. Be sure it is Spirit controlled.

From the outset of my pastoral ministry in 1953, singing with the children was an integral feature of each worship service. Recently I ran across the binder that contained the choruses/music that we used. It holds precious memories. One of the songs was Oh be careful little hands what you do, Oh be careful little hands what you do, For the Father up above is looking down in love, So be careful little hands what you do. Then little feet where you go, little ears what you hear, little mouth what you say, and little eyes what you see.

The power of music to teach great moral lessons is undeniable.

As you enter 2013, don't forget Paul's reminder to the Corinthian believers, Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's (**1 Corinthians 6:19-20**). Through the Holy Spirit's help, we can so glorify Him.

**Begin The
New Year**



With God.

Purpose In Your
Heart to Give
Yourself to the
Work of Christ

Make Each Day of the New Year

A Partnership With Christ

PRAYER IS . . .

- THE TALKING PART OF A RELATIONSHIP.
- COMMUNICATION
- SPENDING TIME WITH GOD
- LISTENING TO GOD'S LOVE.

**"ERE YOU LEFT YOUR ROOM
THIS MORNING, DID YOU
THINK TO PRAY?"**

**"THE PEOPLE WHO
KNOW THEIR GOD SHALL
BE STRONG AND DO
EXPLOITS."
DANIEL 11:32**

I'm Reading the Bible Through

IT IS TRUE many have heard the story of Jesus His virgin birth, His sinless life, His matchless words, His amazing works, His death, His resurrection and believe the story intellectually without question. Then they have gone beyond intellectual belief and have put their faith in Him trusting Him as their personal Savior and are now safe in the fold on the road to Heaven. The Holy Spirit abides in them.

IT IS TRUE that most Christians have never ever read the Bible through cover to cover. That was my status before 1977. In 1976, I began to sense that I did not know God very well in spite of the fact that I was in full-time Christian service (a local church pastor and a Christian educator). It became obvious that I was neglecting the Word of God as my spiritual food.

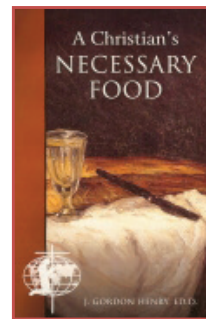
My decision was to do something about my situation. I developed a plan, an approach a daily, systematic through the Bible in a year reading program. After reading the Bible through in 1977, my life changed! Each year for the past thirty-five years, I have repeated the journey always using a new study Bible, taking a page of notes out of my reading every day, adding to my knowledge and spiritual understanding. I begin my day reading the Word. Once I have heard God speaking to me through His Word, I am in a position to speak to Him from my heart.

If you are among the multitude who neglect the Word, I invite you to join us on January 1. A through the Bible plan is provided in **Doorkeeper Prayer Calendar**. Use the **I'M READING THE BIBLE THROUGH** bookmark as a

reminder of your progress. If you need a supply of the bookmarks for family, friends, or Sunday school class, give us a call [434-239-8837], a letter, or an e-mail. **IT IS TRUE** that with the Holy Spirit's help, you can do this and you will never be the same.

Knowledge, then Understanding

An excerpt from Dr. Henry's book, **A Christian's Necessary Food** (available upon request from JGHM).



When we read the Bible, we are placing ourselves before God for Him to work in us! We simply must place ourselves in the path of His grace, and seek Him. Physical exercise promotes physical strength. Bible reading is spiritual exercise and promotes spiritual strength. As you and I would go to gym and use a weight machine, we need to go to our appointed place and engage in spiritual exercise and promote spiritual strength. As I write this copy, my wife, Sue, is using an exercise machine. The results are dramatic!

In **1 Peter 2:2**, Peter depicts the **attitude** of a newborn baby. Peter notes that our attitude toward the Word should be the same that a baby has toward the milk. Just as the baby reaches for the source of his milk, we

need to reach for the Book. Milk is necessary to sustain life physically; the Scriptures sustain life spiritually. Our **appetite** should be for the Word which is what **desire** means long for crave the spiritual milk of God's Word. The **aim** is that we may grow toward spiritual maturity. There is no substitute for the Word of God in Christian growth!

2. Bible study is essential to spiritual maturity. What an amazing summary is found in **Hebrews 5:11-14**! The key word in the passage is time. Underline it in your study Bible. By virtue of the passing of time, the writer says, the believers should be teachers. Instead, they have to go back to kindergarten and learn their ABCs all over again. When they should be communicating the truth to others as teachers someone must communicate the elementary truths to them. Truly, the believers still needed milk not solid food which is for the mature. The mature believer, according to the text, is one who has trained himself through constant use of Scriptures to distinguish good from evil. The mark of spiritual maturity is not how much you understand, but how much you use. In the spiritual realm, the opposite of ignorance is not knowledge, but obedience.

3. Bible study is essential to spiritual effectiveness. According to Paul, "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work" (**2 Timothy 3:16-17**). Note the "how" of the equipping: through **teaching**, tells us what to do; through **reproof**, tells us what not to do; and, through **correction**, tells us

what to do when we have done what we were told not to do. You will note that covers about everything. The content of the Scripture is what will structure your thinking. That's critical, because you will not live correctly if you don't think correctly. What you put into your mind will determine how you behave. You and I are to "renew" our minds by putting the Word of God into our minds (**Romans 12:2**). There is no substitute for the Word of God.

Ministry News

With this edition, the **Reflector** enters its 59th year of publication. We are grateful for every reader and every home on our mailing list. There is no subscription cost since the expenses are covered by contributions for our **Doorkeepers**.

The **JGHM Board of Directors** has agreed that we should concentrate on **Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, and D. R. Congo** for the next few years, establishing **JGHM EAST/CENTRAL AFRICAN BRANCH** under the leadership of **Martin Shikuku, Eldoret, Kenya**. Pray for wisdom and guidance in this



CONSIDER THIS!
THE CROSS! THE PEOPLE OF THE
WORLD! INTERCESSORS!

PERHAPS TODAY!

Two things are certain: 1) the return of Christ is an assured future event, and 2) the event is closer today than it has ever been before. One day Jesus will come for us! Then **VICTORY**.

WAITING for Him in the darkness.

WATCHING for Him in the light.

LISTENING to catch His orders in the very midst of the fight. **SEEING** His slightest signal across the heads of the throng; **HEARING** His faintest whisper above earth's loudest song.

DWELLING beneath His shadow in the burden and heat of the day;

LOOKING for His appearing as the hours wear fast away; **SHINING** to give Him glory; **WORKING** to praise His name; **BEARING** with Him the suffering and **BEARING** for Him the shame. Then one day Jesus will return! Then **VICTORY**.

As a reminder of the return of Jesus, our dear friend and colleague, **Dr. Henry Morris** (October 6, 1918-February 25, 2006) had a plaque prominently displayed in his office **PERHAPS TODAY!**

In a letter received in early December 2001, Dr. Morris shared: "We don't know the future, but God is in control, and soon--one way or another--we'll see our Savior face to face! The little plaque that has been



on my wall every day since 1943 will be on target one of these days with its encouraging message--**Perhaps Today!** Christ is coming soon--not as a babe in a manger, but as our King of glory! 'Even so, come, Lord Jesus!'"

Good idea! OR He may send for you as He has done for a number of **Doorkeepers** in 2012. **UNTIL THEN, be expecting. Be working in His vineyard.** This may be the day! This may be the year!



Better than a Light

I said to the man at the gate of the New Year, "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.

And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and **PUT YOUR HAND INTO THE HAND OF GOD. That shall be to you BETTER THAN A LIGHT, And safer than the known way."**

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