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December 19, 1983

Mr. Morton Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Morton:

I would very much appreciate your help with the invitation that we have extended to Treasury Secretary Donald Regan to be the principal speaker at our Eighth Annual Conference on Social Concerns on March 11th.

Our last conference in March 1972 was addressed by Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick and Ed Harper, which turned out to be an important platform for the Administration's positions. I believe that this too would be an ideal opportunity for a more solid identification of the Jewish community with the Administration's concerns.

Thank you.

Kind regards.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Menachem Lubinsky
Director of Government and
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December 15, 1983

Hon. Donald T. Regan
Secretary of the Treasury
U.S. Department of the Treasury
15th & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Secretary Regan:

I am pleased to inform you that our Board of Directors at its recent meeting unanimously resolved to invite you to be our principal speaker at our 8th Annual Conference on Social Concerns, which will take place on Sunday, March 11th at 9:30 A.M. at the Vista International Hotel in New York City.

The Conference is sponsored by Agudath Israel of America, the broadest based Orthodox Jewish movement in the nation whose leadership includes the foremost rabbinic and lay leaders in this country. Founded in 1922, it has developed into the largest national Orthodox Jewish service organization. We have been closely aligned with the policies of the Administration and have worked very closely with the White House on a broad range of issues.

This conference, based upon our experience over the past seven years, brings together important Jewish grassroots community leaders, members of New York's Congressional delegation, New York State legislators, officials of federal, state and city governmental agencies, and heads of higher education institutions.

In the past we have dealt with such subjects as "Meeting the Needs of the Middle Class Urban Family in the Next Decade," "Revitalizing New York City Through Neighborhood Growth and Development," "Meeting the Needs of All Urban Groups: Does the Federal Program Measure Up?", "America and Its Energy Future: Self-Sufficiency or Continual Dependency?", and "New Directions in America's Foreign and Domestic Policies: Are They Working?".

The principal speakers for these topics have included John Sawhill, Mitchell Sviridoff of the Ford Foundation, Governor Hugh L. Carey, Senator Jacob K. Javits, Stuart E. Eizenstat, Richard Ravitch, Jeane Kirkpatrick and Edwin Harper.

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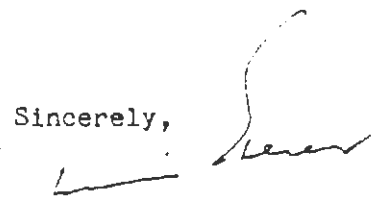
This year we are looking to discuss "The Future of America's Economy" and are particularly highlighting the responsibility of government and the corporate sector.

You may be interested to know that our organization will also bestow an award on Arthur Hauspurg of Consolidated Edison, Inc. on that occasion.

I hope that you will accept our invitation.

Kind regards.

Sincerely,



Rabbi Morris Sherer
President

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Odd Couple In Pro-Israel Camp

New Right In Accord With Jews

By MICHAEL CLARK

Jewish and conservative Christian leaders, seldom closer than arm's length in the past, are knitting unprecedented ties with the thread of unequivocal support for Israel.

Evidence of intimate local interaction is scant, but spiritual leaders of local Jewish congregations take essentially identical positions on the phenomenon: A friend is a friend.

Christian Right leader E. E. McAtter of Memphis says developing conservative evangelical and fundamentalist advocacy for Israel and forging ties with Jewish leaders from that base is the major priority of the conservative movement.

Thursday, McAtter, other conservative Christian leaders, including Dr. Adrian Rogers of Memphis, and Jewish leaders, including Rabbi Rafael G. Grossman of Memphis, attended a meeting at the Israeli Embassy in Washington to cement, in McAtter's words, "the fast developing coalition."

The meeting, Rabbi Grossman said, was very cordial. Participants acknowledged their many differences, but emphasized points of commonality and agreed further discussions should be held.

McAtter says he and his conservative allies will try "to influence the State Department along biblical lines as we perceive them. . . . The pendulum definitely has to swing to (Israel's) side."

"The Christians say they take their lead from the Bible. They cite, for instance, God's words to the ancient Hebrews, as when He told Abraham He would "bless them that bless thee, and curse them that curse thee."

More practically, they distinguish between modern Israel's pro-Americanism and the Soviet influence on or anti-American drift of many of Israel's neighbors.

McAtter and The Roundtable, which he founded and leads, held a prayer breakfast for Israel Feb. 2 in Washington. Similar affairs were held last year, including one in Washington and one here that drew about 1,000 persons, mostly non-Jews.

Last month, the Jewish American Political Action Committee invited Cal Thomas, vice president for communications for the Moral Majority, to speak at a New York synagogue.

Moral Majority's Jerry Falwell says he counts Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin a personal friend. In announcing a new, as yet unnamed, political action committee this week, Falwell said its financial distributions would be based on opposition to abortion and support for Israel.

Before a visit to the United States was cut short last year by his wife's death, Begin was scheduled to speak to conservatives at a rally at Dallas' First Baptist Church.

The United States Branch of the International Christian Embassy, Jerusalem, a group formed "to show in an uncompromising way support for Israel and the Jewish people worldwide," has formed 10 domestic "consulates" and says it plans 10 more.

Jews historically have enjoyed a far warmer relationship with moderate and liberal Christians, based often on shared political affinities, than with conservatives.

In the late 1970s, however, the liberal National Council of Churches and many mainline de-

nominations increasingly began to temper their advocacy of the Jewish state with concern for Palestinian rights.

Many mainline Christian denominations endorse inclusion of the Palestine Liberation Organization in negotiations for resolving Middle East conflicts and establishing a Palestinian homeland, a sentiment that is anathema to Israel.

Local rabbis generally say they welcome support from any quarter. Many national Jewish leaders hold similar feelings. Yet there are Jews and Christian conservatives who remain uncertain about this growing alliance.

Among local rabbis, Rabbi Grossman of the Orthodox B'nai B'rith Congregation has had the most direct contact with the phenomenon, taking part in a McAtter-organized anti-pornography campaign and joining the conservatives at last week's embassy meeting.

"Many Christians of diverse theologies as well as people of other beliefs share our enthusiastic support for Israel and it is certainly most welcome," Rabbi Grossman says.

"One doesn't question the motives of people who extend hands of friendship. We have every right and reason to assume that the love and warmth expressed is sincere, genuine and without ulterior motives."

Jews and evangelical Christians have been at odds over the years in many ways, often concerning the evangelical mandate for conversion of unbelievers. Yet, Rabbi Grossman indicated, such concerns need not tarnish new levels of accommodation.

Rabbi Harry K. Danziger of Temple Israel, a Reform congregation, says he does not think Jews have compromised their traditional liberalism in accepting Christian Right overtures toward Israel.

He challenges the idea that Jewish voices long heard on issues across the spectrum of modern life increasingly are raised solely for Israel.

Rabbi Edmund Winter of Beth Shalom Synagogue acknowledges a residue of discomfort over Christian evangelizing efforts aimed at Jews, but says he "would not deter anybody from supporting Israel regardless of their political persuasion, religious beliefs and so on . . .

He finds it ironic, however, that though many Jews are politically liberal, "liberal elements have not been helpful (toward Israel) whereas the conservatives have spoken out in many different ways . . .

"At this point I don't think either Israel or the world Jewish

community can be particularly picky, (saying) 'Your support we like, your support we don't like.'"

Most Israelis, says Zev Chafetz, director until last fall of the Israeli government press office, do not know "a great deal about shadings of religion in other countries."

"The average Israeli's attitude is that we're glad to have support. That multiplied is Begin's attitude."

Begin, Chafetz said on a recent visit here, has sought to build ties with liberals as well.

Some conservative Christians and some Jewish leaders, however, are more reluctant to embrace the new Jewish-conservative dialog.

Officials of the Southern Baptist Convention's Foreign Mission Board have reacted with alarm to McAtter's drive to have the SBC annual meeting adopt a resolution unquestioningly supporting Israel.

They say their position is not a negative attitude toward Jewish

people, but such initiatives would endanger Baptist missionaries in Arab states and violate Baptist principles on separation of church and state.

There also is an element, which McAtter describes as small, that takes the line that Jews forfeited God's favor as the chosen people and negated Old Testament injunctions by failing to accept Jesus as messiah.

Dr. George S. Benson, former president of Church of Christ-supported Harding University in Searcy, Ark., represented this view in a letter concerning The Roundtable's pro-Israel program.

"When we Christians set about to increase the popularity of another people who are almost 100 per cent infidels," he wrote, "I wonder if we are really working in harmony with God's will."

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, is said to be most prominent among Jewish leaders advising caution.

"Obviously, I'm grateful for any support for Israel," he said in a telephone interview, "but just the same I have certain reservations

"While I'm in agreement with them on what they say about Israel, I am totally at variance with them on most of their other agenda items," which, he believes, are higher Christian Right priorities.

The ambivalent attitudes of the National Council of Churches and other mainliners notwithstanding, Rabbi Schindler says he has a "lot more in common with mainline Christian groups than I do with evangelical groups."

He also cites as demeaning the beliefs of some evangelicals that all the Jews must return to biblical Israel before Jesus will come again. He attributes their support to this belief.

Moreover, Rabbi Schindler says the Christian Right has made targets of some of Israel's staunchest supporters, including Sens. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Paul Sarbanes (D-Md.) and former Sen. Frank Church, an Idaho Democrat.





From the desk of..... RABBI MENACHEM LUBINSKY

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Washington Officials At Agudath Israel Congressional Luncheon

Washington, D.C. — A large representation of U.S. Congressmen and Senators, as well as high ranking officials from various governmental agencies, participated in a Congressional Luncheon and Reception which was part of the day long National Leadership Mission of Agudath Israel of America on March 14th. A group of 160 Orthodox Jewish leaders from 13 states met that day with Vice President Bush; Terrel Bell, Secretary of Education; Dr. Martin Feldstein, Chairman of

the Council of Economic Advisors; and other high ranking Administration officials. Rabbi Moshe Sherer, President of Agudath Israel of America, met in the Oval Office with President Ronald Reagan to brief him on the purpose of the mission.

The Congressional Luncheon, which was held in the Senate Caucus Room, gathered an impressive representation of official Washington. Greetings on behalf of the Senators were extended by Senator Alfonse D'Amato (R-N.Y.), Bob Packwood (R-Oregon), John Danforth (R-Mo.), Jacob Hecht (R-Nevada), Arlen Specter (R-Pa.), and Frank Lautenberg (R-N.J.). Rep. Stephen J. Solarz (D-N.Y.) and Louis Stokes (D-Ohio) spoke on behalf of the Congressmen. In addition, Congresswoman Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.), Congressmen Hamilton Fish (R-N.Y.), Ted Weiss (D-N.Y.), Raymond McGrath (R-N.Y.), and George C. Wortely (R-N.Y.) also participated in the luncheon.

The White House contingent was represented by Morton Blackwell, Special Assistant to the President; Shannon Fairbanks (wife of Ambassador Richard Fairbanks), Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Policy Development; and Michael Gale, Deputy Special Assistant to the President. Other ranking officials who participated included Undersecretary of Education Gary Jones; Dorcas Hardy, Assistant Secretary for Health and Human Services; Jim Montgomery, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State; and officials of the U.S. Departments of Commerce and Housing and Urban Development. A large contingent of aides represented various senators and congressmen.

Several of the senators and congressmen referred to the "enormous recognition that Agudath Israel enjoys in Washington as a result of its extremely broad agenda." The session was chaired by Rabbi Menachem Lubinsky, Director of Government and Public Affairs of Agudath Israel of America.



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October 18, 1982

Mr. Morton Blackwell
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Dear Morton:

It was really a pleasure meeting you last Thursday at that very interesting dialogue session that Ken Smilen organized. I feel that the exchange was extremely worthwhile in giving each of the participants an opportunity to air their views about the relationship between the Jewish community and the conservative movement.

As I indicated, I believe that the growing Orthodox Jewish community is a natural ally of many of the causes that are represented by the conservative movement and that the game plan should be to develop ad hoc relationships on specific issues as we have done on E.R.A. and tuition tax credits.

Let's stay in touch.

Kind regards.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Menachem Lubinsky
Director of Government and
Public Affairs

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

For Immediate Release

April 11, 1983

REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT
AT HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE GATHERING

Capital Center

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. (Applause.) President Meed, Chairman Wiesel, the other distinguished leaders of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, participants in the American gathering of Jewish Holocaust survivors, members of the second generation, friends, survivors -- tonight we stand together to give thanks to America for providing freedom and liberty and for many here tonight, a second home and a second life. (Applause.)

The opportunity to join with you this evening as a representative of the people of the United States will be for me a cherished memory. I am proud to accept your thanks on behalf of our fellow Americans and also to express our gratitude to you for choosing America, for being the good citizens -- (applause) -- for being the good citizens that you are and for reminding us of how important it is to remain true to our ideals as individuals and as a nation. (Applause.)

We are here, first and foremost, to remember. These are the days of remembrance, Yom Hashoah. Ours is the only nation other than Israel that marks this time with an official national observance. For the last two years I've had the privilege of participating personally in the Days of Remembrance Commemoration as President Carter did before me. May we take a moment to pause and contemplate, perhaps in silent prayer, the magnitude of this occasion, the millions of lives, the courage and dignity, the malevolence and hatred, and what it all means to our lives and the decisions that we make more than a generation later. Would you please join me and stand in a tribute to those who are not with us for a moment of silence. (Silent prayer.) Amen.

In the early days of our country, our first President, George Washington, visited a Hebrew congregation in Newport, Rhode Island. In response to their address, he wrote them a now rather famous letter reflecting on the meaning of America's newly won freedom. He wrote, "All possess alike liberty of conscience and immunities of citizenship. For happily the government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens." Well, certainly our country doesn't have a spotless record, but our fundamental beliefs, the ones that inspired Washington when he penned that letter, are sound.

Our whole way of life is based on a compact between good and decent people, a voluntary agreement to live here together in freedom, respecting the rights of others and expecting that our rights in return will be respected. But the freedom we enjoy carries with it a tremendous responsibility. You, the survivors of the Holocaust, remind us of that. Good and decent people must not close their eyes to evil, must not ignore the suffering of the innocent -- (applause) -- and must never remain silent and inactive in times of moral crisis. (Applause.)

A generation ago the American people felt like many others in the Western world, that they could simply ignore the expanding power of a totalitarian ideology. Looking back now, we must admit that the warning signs were there, that the world refused to see. The words and ideology of the Nazis were rationalized, explained away as if they had no meaning. Violations of religious freedom, the attacks on Jewish property, the censorship, the heavy taxes imposed on those who wished to emigrate, even the first

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concentration camps -- all this ignored, as was the incredible expansion of Germany's war machine.

A few brave voices tried to warn of the danger. Winston Churchill was driven into the political wilderness for speaking the unpleasant truth. There were also those who in their sincere desire for peace were all too ready to give totalitarians every benefit of the doubt and all too quick to label Churchill a warmonger.

Well, time has proven that those who gloss over the brutality of tyrants are no friends of peace or freedom. (Applause.)

Tonight let us pledge that we will never shut our eyes, never refuse to acknowledge the truth, no matter how unpleasant. If nothing else -- (applause) -- if nothing else, the painful memory we share should strengthen our resolve to do this. Our Founding Fathers believed in certain self-evident truths, but for truth to prevail we must have the courage to proclaim it.

Last week we reaffirmed our belief in the most meaningful truths of our Judeo-Christian heritage -- Passover and Easter. These two religious observances link our faiths and celebrate the liberation of the body and soul. The rights of Passover remind us of the freeing of our common ancestors from the yoke of Pharaoh's bondage and their exodus to freedom. (Applause.) And today you bear witness to a modern-day exodus from the darkness of unspeakable horror to the light and refuge of safe heavens: The two most important being America and what soon became the State of Israel. (Applause.)

As a man whose heart is with you and as President of a people you are now so much a part of, I promise you that the security of your safe haven here and in Israel will never be compromised. (Applause.) Our most sacred task now is ensuring that the memory of this greatest of human tragedies, ~~the~~ Holocaust, never fades; that its lessons are not forgotten. Although so much has been written and said, words somehow are never enough. If a young person, the son or daughter of a neighbor or friend should die or suffer a terrible illness, we feel the sorrow and share the pain. But how can we share the agony of a million young people suffering unspeakable deaths? It's almost too great a burden for the human soul. Indeed, its very enormity may make it seem unreal.

Simon Wisenthal has said, "When a hundred people die, it's a catastrophe. When a million people die, it's just a statistic."

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We must see to it that the immeasurable pain of the Holocaust is not dehumanized, that it is not examined clinically and dispassionately, that its significance is not lost on this generation or any future generation. Though it is now a dry scar, we cannot let the bleeding wound be forgotten. (Applause).

Only when it is personalized will it be real enough to play a role in the decisions we make. Those victims who cannot be with us today do a vital service to mankind by being remembered. But we must be their vessel of remembrance. (Applause). This reunion is part of our duty to them.

Ben Meed, by serving as the catalyst for this historic event, you exemplify the meaning of good citizenship. America is lucky to have you. (Applause). Elie Wiesel, you have done so much for so many years now, for all you've done, thank you for your noble effort. (Applause).

Americans can be proud that with the help of these two men and many others, we're moving forward to build a Holocaust Memorial, a living museum here in the nation's capital. (Applause). And it is being financed, as is this gathering, by voluntary contributions by Jews and Gentiles, by citizens from every walk of life of every race and creed who grasp the importance to our soul and to our well being of seeing, of understanding and of remembering. (Applause).

Imparting the message of the Holocaust, using it to reinforce the moral fiber of our society is much more than a Jewish responsibility. (Applause). It rests upon all of us who, not immobilized by cynicism and negativism, believe that mankind is capable of greater goodness. For just as the genocide of the Holocaust debased civilization, the outcome of the struggle against those who ran the camps and committed the atrocities gives us hope that the brighter side of the human spirit will, in the end, triumph. (Applause).

During the dark days when terror reigned on the continent of Europe, there were quiet heroes, men and women whose moral fiber held firm. Some of those are called "righteous Gentiles." At this solemn time, we remember them also. (Applause). Alexander Rozlan and his wife, for example, now live in Clearwater, Florida. But during the war, they lived in Poland and they hid three Jewish children in their home for more than four years. They knew the terrible risk they were taking. Once when German soldiers searched their home, the Rozlans kept serving wine and whiskey until the troops were so drunk they forgot what they were looking for. (Applause). Later, Rozlan's own son, who was in the hospital with scarlet fever, the boy hid half of the medicine under his pillow so he could give it to the Jewish children his family were hiding because they, too, had scarlet fever. (Applause).

There are many such stories. The picturesque town of Assisi, Italy, sheltered and protected 300 Jews. Father Rufino Niccacci organized the effort, hiding people in his monastery and in the homes of parishoners. A slip of the tongue by a single informant could have condemned the entire village to the camps, yet they did not yield.

And, of course, there was Raoul Wallenberg -- (applause) -- one of the moral giants of our time, whose courage saved thousands. He could have remained in his native Sweden, safe from the conflagration that engulfed the continent. He chose to follow his conscience. Yes, we remember him, too.

I would affirm, as President of the United States and, if you would permit me, in the names of the survivors, that if those who took him from Budapest would win our trust, let them

start by giving us an accounting of Raoul Wallenberg. (Applause). Wallenberg and others who displayed such bravery did not consider themselves heroes. I understand that some of them when asked about why they risked so much, often for complete strangers, replied, "It was the right thing to do." And that was that. It was just their way.

That kind of moral character, unfortunately, was the exception and not the rule; but for that very reason is a consciousness we must foster.

Earlier, I described our country as a compact between good and decent people. I believe this because it is the love of freedom, not nationalistic rituals and symbols, that unites us. And because of this, we are also bound in spirit to all those who yearn to be free and to live without fear. We are the keepers of the flame of liberty. (Applause).

I understand that in Hebrew, the word for "engraved" is Charut. It is very similar to the word for "freedom," cheyrut (Applause). Tonight, we recognize that for freedom to survive and prosper, it must be engraved in our character, so that when confronted with fundamental choices, we will do what is right, because that is our way. (Applause.)

Looking around this room tonight I realize that, although we come from many lands, we share a wealth of common experiences. Many of us remember the time before the second World War -- how we and our friends reacted to certain events has not faded from our memory. There are, also, in this room many young people, sons and daughters, maybe even a few grandchildren. Perhaps some of the younger ones can't understand why we're making so much of a fuss. Perhaps, some of them think we're too absorbed by the heartaches of the past and should move on.

Well, what we do tonight is not for us. It's for them. (Applause.) We who are old enough to remember must make certain those who take our place understand. So, if a youngster should ask you why you are here, just tell that young person -- "Because I love God, because I love my country, because I love you, Zachor." (Applause.)

I can't close without remembering something else. Some years ago, I was sent on a mission to Denmark. And while there, I heard stories of the War. And I heard how the order had gone out for the Danish people under the Nazi occupation to identify the Jews among them. And the next day, every Dane appeared on the street wearing a Star of David. (Applause.)

Thank you all. And God bless you. (Applause.)

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March 1, 1983

Hon. Morton Blackwell
The White House
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Morton
Dear Mr. Blackwell

It is my pleasure to personally invite you to join 150 Orthodox Jewish leaders from throughout the country at a Congressional Luncheon and Reception on Monday, March 14th at 12:45 P.M. in the Senate Caucus Room.

On that day, Agudath Israel of America will be bringing to Washington key national lay and rabbinic leaders of the Orthodox Jewish community in a National Leadership Mission. It will be meeting with high ranking government officials at the State Department and in the White House on a broad range of issues of concern to our community.

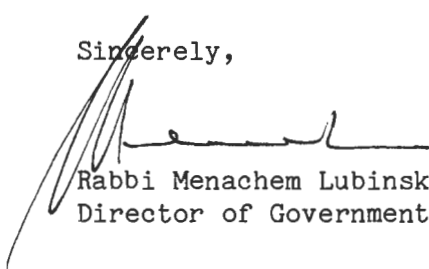
One of the highlights of the day will be the Congressional Luncheon and Reception, at which I hope you will honor us with your presence. You will have a unique opportunity to personally meet our national leadership, and I am certain that they too will find it extremely worthwhile to meet you.

I would very much be honored to introduce you to our group and particularly to publicly thank you for your support on many of the issues which have been of concern to us. As a friend of our organization, your presence will certainly be valued.

I look forward to greeting you on March 14th.

Kind regards.

Sincerely,

Call at 12 for Car
PLEASE Come!

Rabbi Menachem Lubinsky
Director of Government and Public Affairs

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P.S. R.S.V.P. Dvorah Lamm (212)791-1844. (The Reception-Luncheon will take place from 12:45 P.M. ending 2:15; please indicate whether you are staying for lunch.)

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meeting he requests

Dear Sir,

I'm Aaron Levy from Israel, received Jesus as my personal
Saviour 60 years ago. During this time God dealt with me in a
very special way revealing to me things which had to happen & did
happen in the appointed time like: The reelection of ex President
Nixon, the water gate, the election of ex President Ford & his fall, the
election of ex President Carter & his fall, the election of Prime Minister
Begin & the election of President Ronald Reagan long time before to
happen. Many people in the States know me & they're eye witness.
I come to you with a request of possible to arrange for me to
meet with the President Reagan to whom I've a special message to give
which is very important. I do believe you can arrange it if you want to.
If he is very busy & can't receive me, then I'll desire to meet with you
if possible. Do hope to hear from you. Here included I'm sending to you
these pictures as a proof of my words.

God bless you!

yours

Aaron Levy.



Prime Minister Menahem Begin with Brother
Levy in Mr. Begins office.

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"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold darkness will cover the earth and deep darkness the peoples, but the Lord will rise upon you. And His glory will appear upon you. And nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising." Isaiah 60:1-3

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Prime Minister Menachim Begin is greeted by Christian leaders in Jerusalem at the Feast of Tabernacles celebration.

A Report on the October 1981 Celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem, Israel

by Matthew Schwartz

"Comfort ye comfort ye my people says your God. Speak kindly to Jerusalem and call out to her that her warfare has ended. A voice is calling. Clear the way for the Lord in the wilderness make smooth in the desert a highway for our God. For the glory of the Lord will be revealed. Get thee up upon a High mountain O Zion bearer of good news. Lift up your voice mightily and say unto the cities of Judah 'Behold your God.' " (Isaiah 40:1, 5, 9)

It was springtime 1974. These words of scripture burned deeply into my heart as we stood in line at Hadassah hospital to donate blood to the Israeli survivors of the Yom Kippur war. Over 100 of us as believers had come from the United States to minister throughout the land of Israel. The nation that God had brought into existence by His mighty hand (Isaiah 11:10) still stood. Yet thousands of Israel's finest young men were dead and others such as the ones we visited were in wheelchairs or in the burn recovery wards of this hospital.

Later on in the week after traveling throughout the nation singing songs of redemption and hope, we met in Jerusalem for prayer. Only a handful of dedicated Christians were living in Israel standing as leaders for the body of Christ to be built in the Lord's city. As we waited upon God in prayer, a strong clear word of prophecy came forth, "My sons, I am calling my people in this city and around

the world to intercede in prayer against the forces of darkness that have been set against the nation of Israel. For I will raise up an army in these last days to comfort Zion and I will restore my glory to this land, this city and upon this nation saith the Lord."

During the past eight years God has been preparing a people to bring His message to Jerusalem. Many of God's army have arrived and have been set in their kingdom calling to this nation. This year in October 1981 a visible expression of the King and His Kingdom broke forth in Jerusalem. Over 3000 Christians from 35 nations took part in celebrating the Jewish holiday of Succoth (Feast of Tabernacles), one of the biblical feasts of Israel (Zechariah 14). Coming to comfort Zion and carrying banners of hope with scriptures from the book of Isaiah and flags of international support from their countries, a mighty company of God's army had arrived.

God's timing was perfect. Last year at this time, in response to the Arab nations' threats to withdraw oil reserves, 13 western nations abandoned their embassies in Jerusalem and moved them to Tel Aviv. Jerusalem was officially abandoned by the nations of the earth even as God had predicted in His word. (Zechariah 14:2)

This year the International Christian Embassy of Jerusalem was dedicated to the Lord in the Former Chilean Embassy building. A Kingdom beachhead has now been established for God's end time purposes in the city of Jerusalem.

In what had to be the most colorful and powerful worship services since the days of King David and the book of Acts, trumpets

sounded, and the King of kings was honored in a Messianic Hebraic display of love and honor. Over 700 Israelis attended this powerful demonstration of support for the Feast of Tabernacles and their nation. Prime Minister Begin and Dr. Maurice Jaffe, president of Hechel Shlomo synagogue gave moving addresses to the Christian participants. It was the first time that either of these two significant world Jewish leaders or their staff had been in a spirit filled worship service that included true praise, biblical dancing and a flow of God's anointing and love.

Also during the week, Dr. Moshe Yuval, Jewish director of the Holocaust Memorial staff, had tears in his eyes as he witnessed hundreds of Christians bowing their heads in prayer, many crying asking God for forgiveness of the sins of Christianity towards the Jewish race. Dr. Yuval later proclaimed this to be the most moving, profound service ever held on the grounds. Chief Rabbi of Israel, Shlomo Goren said, "Your friendship, solidarity and belief in the future of Israel as Gentiles is tremendous. We consider you part of the fulfillment of the prophet's vision expressed by Zechariah in chapter 14. 'May the Lord bless you all out of Zion.' "

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Excerpts taken from Matthew's article in this month's January edition of New Wine magazine which also includes a 5 page layout of color photographs of the Feast of Tabernacles celebration in Jerusalem. To obtain a copy write New Wine Magazine 3207 International Drive, Mobile Alabama 36606 or call 205/476-0490.



Matthew Schwartz, a Messianic Jew, was born and raised in a traditional Jewish home on Long Island, New York. His father practiced law in the United States Supreme Court and served as legal advisor to both the White House and Israeli government in the area of international military law, working with the late Premier David Ben-Gurion, Senator Robert Kennedy and United Nations Chief Justice Arthur Goldberg. In 1970 while a college student, Matt and his best friend Barry, also Jewish had a deeply moving, personal encounter with the God of Abraham through the Messiah Jesus while on a cross-country trip throughout the United States. They also became convinced that the Hebrew Scriptures contained the inspired and prophetic word of God, relevant for our generation.

After having been born again to a daily faith in Israel's God they returned to New York where the story of their experience changed the lives of many of their friends, relatives and fellow students. Matt received his Bachelor of Arts with honors in Advertising/Communications from Queens College of the City University of New York, and has served as Creative Director in print, media and broadcast production for advertising agencies in New York and Kansas City. Matt is also a graduate of Bethel Bible College where he received his degree in Biblical Studies in June of 1972. Matthew has worked with Youth with a Mission in Lausanne, Switzerland and served as the spiritual leader of the Queens Messianic Fellowship in Queens, New York from 1972-1976.

Since 1976, he has lived in Kansas City where he has worked on the staff of Ministries of Agape and has been director of Old Testament Studies at the Berean Bible College. Matthew has represented Messianic Judaism on both the Logos Advisory Council of Leaders in the Charismatic Renewal Movement and was a conference speaker and word gifts group leader in the Arrowhead Stadium Renewal Movement Meetings in Kansas City in 1977. He has traveled extensively throughout the United States, Europe and the Middle East as a conference speaker and Bible teacher sharing the good news of the kingdom with many people who have as a result found a new life in "Him of Whom the prophets wrote." Matthew is currently the Director of Intercessors for Israel, a national foundation and ministry of support and outreach on behalf of evangelical Christians for the nation of Israel and the Jewish people.

Dear friends of the Jewish People

January 1982

On behalf of myself and our staff at Intercessors for Israel I would like to personally wish each of you kingdom greetings for a happy and healthy New Year in the Name of our Lord Jesus the Messiah and Risen King. We have been blessed to have many wonderful friends in the Lord like you who have, by your prayers, borne us "on eagles' wings" that we might continue to "proclaim the excellencies of Him who called us out of darkness and into His marvelous light." This past year God has granted us much favor as we have seen the Lord exalted and His kingdom established in such cities as London, Chicago, New York, Orlando, Virginia Beach, Kansas City and Jerusalem, Israel.

God is moving in the earth today to fulfill His covenant promises both to the church and to Israel. Whenever God makes a promise to His people, Satan opposes it, yet in every generation God has raised up a company of overcomers girded with His strength for battle. These eagle saints will see the Lord's victorious and overcoming life turn the tide of history and usher in His King and His Kingdom in the hearts of men—"until the kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Messiah and He will reign forever and ever." (Rev. 12:15)

I am writing to you because of the Godly love and concern that you have expressed for the Jewish people. God has given birth to our ministry through your prayers. We have seen in the twentieth century the world's dispersed Jews regathered by God's Mighty Hand and placed in their own land. Yet even now the Jewish race is in its greatest hour of need. The holocaust was only a foretaste of Satan's plan to keep the promises of God from coming to pass, namely, that Israel will be a channel of God's salvation to the nations of the earth (Isaiah 62:1, 2). At this very moment, world forces of terrorism and anti-semitism pose an ongoing threat to Israel's existence. During the past decade America's foreign policy has begun to change. Using the phrase "balance of power" we have disguised our self-interest in Arab oil by making no definite commitments to Israel. America is changing just as Spain did when they eventually drove the Jews out of their land in 1492. In the same year the Spanish Armada was destroyed by a storm at sea. God had told Abraham "I will bless those that bless thee and the one who curses you I will curse." (Genesis 12:3) This was and is God's foreign policy to the Gentile nations in regard to the Jews.

History has given us numerous examples of nations that have abandoned the Jews. From 1917 to 1948 Great Britain became a channel of blessing to the dispersed Jews of the world by passing legislation through the Balfour Declaration permitting emigration to Palestine. Great Britain became a mighty empire under God's blessing until the late 1940's when she decided to restrict the very freedom she had made possible. The collapse of the British economy quickly followed.

In October 1973 the largest military campaign since World War II was waged against Israel. Egyptian and Syrian troops, tanks and armored personnel outnumbering the Israelis by a 40 to 1 ratio waged a war to destroy the Jews of the Middle East. America was called upon by Israel to help. Yet we decided to wait. As a result thousands of Israelis died. In the end it was God who intervened holding back Syrian troops from attacking because they saw visions in the sky that frightened them. Miracles such as this gave the Israelis a chance to fight back and eventually hold fast. As a direct consequence of our unwillingness to stand by Israel, by the start of 1974 America was plagued with long gas lines. The Arab nations drastically raised the price of oil bringing our economy to almost a standstill. Since then, we have suffered an inflation rate which has threatened to continue to rise in spite of efforts to halt it. Could it be that we now face the same dangers that other nations faced by ignoring the blessings and curses of the Abrahamic Covenant.

Jon Van der Hoeven, a personal friend and Dutch Christian prophet to the nations of the world as well as chief spokesman for the International Christian Embassy of Jerusalem thinks so. "When the nations of the world abandon Israel, God visits them with judgment," he has declared prophetically to many of the world's leaders. Another man of God whom I greatly respect, Derek Prince, modern Bible teacher and prophet to the Body of Christ, who with his wife, Ruth, now living in Jerusalem has written in his recent book, *Our Debt to Israel*, "The Bible makes it clear that God requires all the nations of the earth as well as the Christians in those nations to acknowledge their debt to the Jews and to Israel and do whatever they can in their power to repay it."

Prime Minister Menachem Begin told two of us last month in a personal one hour interview at his office in Jerusalem that "Christians may be the greatest ally of Israel in the days to come." Israel is now virtually isolated and abandoned by almost all of the western nations. We told Prime Minister Begin and the leaders of the Israeli government that there were Christians in America who believed in the Israeli's right to exist as a nation. I believe that you are one of those Christians whom God may be calling to stand in prayer and acts of friendship on behalf of the Jewish people even as Ruth told Naomi, "Your people shall be my people and your God, my God." I believe that together we can labor to see the blessings of God restored to America and Israel by our commitment to ensure that a prophetic voice is heard in our land.

Our nation's leaders need to know that you as Christians care about the destiny of Israel and our country. The Jewish people need to know that you care about their survival. I believe that you do care. During 1982 Intercessors for Israel will be launching a program called Operation Esther. You probably remember that God used Esther to save the Jewish race from Haman's plot to destroy them. Esther prayed with fasting and then presented God's petition to the king requesting him to save the Jews from Haman's plot. (Esther 4:16) We plan to present to the White House, President Reagan and members of Congress a petition of support from at least 25,000 Christians who believe in the rights of the Jewish people to their own land as promised by God in His Word. We are also urging the White House to continue to demand the release of the Jews in Soviet Russia in accordance with the 1975 Helsinki Agreement. The prophecies about Israel contained in the Bible may serve to restore faith in God among some of our nation's leaders. They need to know that Christian citizens are concerned about Israel.

This month U.S. senators received 53,000 anti-semitic letters from Americans criticizing Israel for alleged interference in U.S. foreign policy according to a recent survey by Nathan Perlmutter, President of the Anti-Defamation League. At the same time Saudi Prince Bandar was in Washington energetically lobbying for the sale of the AWACS missile guidance system for his nation. Had both the Senate and the House realized that it was not only Jews but millions of born-again Christians that were concerned about the welfare of the Jewish state, the sale might not have taken place. In the end, Prince Bandar returned home after a successful lobbying campaign that resulted in one of the world's most potentially dangerous missile guidance systems falling into the hands of an unstable country (according to the late Anwar Sadat). Saudi Arabia controls 30% of the world's oil reserves and is a major financial supporter of the PLO, a terrorist organization determined to destroy Israel.

Your membership in Intercessors for Israel is an important step of faith and action. IFI membership is only \$15, yet with your contributions we will be able to continue to effectively share God's love with the Jewish community and our country's leaders during this coming year as we have done in 1981 through church seminars, television and radio programs, and discipleship training seminars. During 1982 we plan on sending an official bulletin to inform congressmen of the Biblical significance of your concern for Israel. Copies of our petition with your name on it will be given not only to the White House and congressmen but to Prime Minister Begin and the Israeli government in Jerusalem and to the Israel Embassy in Washington as an expression of your love and concern.

Our printing, mailing, operating and distributing costs for 1982 will be at least \$24,000. I'd like to request many of you to pray and ask the Lord if He might want you to become a financial partner with us by making, in faith, a monthly donation of \$15 or more for the next 12 months. Perhaps many of you, like me, have been moved to tears seeing films or photographs of the holocaust. One third of the world's Jewish population was killed by Hitler. *Many of my own relatives, typical of the world's Jews, have not recovered from the shock. They need your love and God's power to heal and comfort them. God is now opening the hearts of His covenant people to receive the love of Gentiles in such demonstrations of the Spirit that are causing them to view Christianity in a new light. The result is that they are one step closer to coming to a new place of respect and honor for its founder, the Lord Jesus. I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible. Please take a moment and fill out the enclosed involvement card and let us know how our ministry can help you or your church reach out to bless God's people. Thank you for your love and friendship.

Your brother and servant in Jesus our King,

Matt Schwartz

Matt Schwartz

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Please use the enclosed card to let us know how we can count on you during this coming year.

☐ 1982 Faith Partners with IFI./Includes Membership.

I would like to help share God's love this coming year with the Jewish community and our nation's leaders. I believe that God will prosper me to be able to help you reach out by making a monthly gift for the next 12 months of

\$100 _____ \$50 _____ \$35 _____ \$25 _____ \$15 _____ Other _____

☐ I'd like to help you right now by making a special contribution to aid in your immediate needs of \$10,000 to establish an IFI permanent office in Kansas City.

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NOTE: We would be very grateful if you could help us to obtain any of the following: IBM Selectric typewriters—dictaphone—word processing for mailings—Kodak carousel slide projectors—office furniture—please check with your accountant for 1981 Federal Income Taxes. Your gifts to a not for profit foundation could reduce your payable taxes.

☐ \$15.⁰⁰ New Membership in IFI

All new members will receive our newsletter with articles of current interest to the church regarding Israel and middle east prophecies and as our way of saying "thanks" you will receive a beautiful parchment membership certificate suitable for framing, a lapel pin which reads "Israel, You're Not Alone", and your name will be typeset on our 28"x40" document of support for Israel which will be presented to the White House in 1982.

☐ I can't afford to send you anything but please keep me on your mailing list to receive your newsletter. I'll be praying for you and for the house of Israel in 1982.

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Intercessors for Israel would like to help you and your church reach out to the Jewish community and to Israel this coming year. If we can help you in any of the following ways please let us know by using the enclosed involvement card.

• Newsletter • Prayer Chain • Slide Show on the Feast of Tabernacles • Film Apples of Gold • Yeshua Fulfilled in the Passover and Feasts of Tabernacles • Participation in next years 1982 October Feast of Tabernacles • Holding a "How to Share the Messiah" seminar • Passing out the petition of support for Israel in our church to go to the White House in 1982 • Contacting your Jewish friends by mail or in person.



Intercessors for Israel has established a special fund to aid the Beit Hayeled Children's orphanage in Jerusalem and support the Jewish National Fund in Israel. 10% of all our donations go to help the Israelis in this way as an expression of love from Christians to the Jewish people. Many of these children lost their parents in the terrorist attacks against Israel.

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*Saturday Evening
January 16/7:30 p.m.
Hilton Plaza Inn
At 45th and Main St.
In the Consulate 3 & 4 Room*

You are cordially invited to participate in a special multi-media slide show of the 1981 Feast of Tabernacles. Sound track includes highlights of Mr. Begin's talk with Christian leaders and Hebraic worship songs from Jerusalem. Following will be a presentation of how Christians can help Israel in 1982 by Matt Schwartz, Pastor Jim Reimer of New Life Covenant Fellowship and Nabil Haddad, a Kansas City Christian leader, originally from Lebanon. Messianic worship will be led by Anne Barrett and other gifted musicians, dancers and singers. Come and bring a friend. Admission is free. Parking in the rear of the Hotel.

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*“For I will raise up an army
in these last days to comfort Zion
and I will restore my glory to this
land, this city and upon this nation
saith the Lord.”*

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Last year Intercessors for Israel held seminars and special meetings in 26 churches and reached out thru television and radio broadcasts to thousands of Christians and Jews in America. We received hundreds of letters this past year, many of them by Jewish people, who were touched by God's love. Intercessors for Israel newsletter is sent to Christians in 41 states and Canada, Great Britain, West Germany, Switzerland, Mexico, Jamaica, New Zealand, Japan, Ireland, South Africa, Egypt and Israel.

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a witness to all the nations"

"My family was deeply involved working for Hitler's SS. The guilt of what we had done as Germans to the Jews, God's chosen people, still remained even after I became a Christian. It wasn't until you, Matthew, as a Jew, washed my feet and I washed yours, both of us in tears and prayers, that I was set totally free. Thank you for your forgiveness and love. ☹☹"

Your brother Don Oldrey, Chicago, Ill.

"I come from a Catholic Charismatic community in Dallas, Texas. The Lord's presence was so strong at the footwashing service that when I received one of the towels used to wash the German man's feet and was prayed for by you and the other brothers I was healed of a chronic bleeding ulcer, a condition I was told that would cause soon death. Your message on God's love for Israel was the highlight of the conference for me and has changed my life. I can't thank you enough. ☹☹"

Anne Johns, Dallas, Texas

"Dear Matt, Seeing you on the 700 Club has changed my life. I am a professional singer and have been in a rut, seriously contemplating suicide. I never saw the 700 Club until the night I accidentally turned the channel and heard you telling about how Jesus can change Jewish lives. I knew I had to call you after the show. Your prayers for me have brought the Messiah into my life and now two weeks later I'm going to a Bible study. I feel peaceful, cleansed, and full of hope for the future. Thanks again. ☹☹"

Your friend, Alan Carpenter, Orlando, Florida

"I never realized either the effects that the Holocaust had upon the Jewish people or their contributions to the modern world. Your seminar on this sensitive subject and upon God's purposes for Israel today has caused me to ask God to forgive me for my anti-semitic theology and how he can use our church to bless Israel. Your messages on these subjects need to be heard by other pastors and by many Christians. ☹☹"

Sincerely, Pastor John Wagner, Orlando, Florida

"Dear Matt, Your organization's work on behalf of Christian reconciliation to the Jewish community is a real labor of love. I enjoyed our time together in New York. ☹☹"

Dr. David Hyatt, President, National Conference of Christians and Jews, New York, New York

"Your organization's work in the area of human relations is a credit to yourself, your family, and our nation. Please accept our congratulations and award for 1981. ☹☹"

U.S. Senator John Tower

"Dear Matt, I wanted to write you personally and let you know how much we enjoyed having you on the 700 Club and for the tremendous testimony and the beauty of your spirit. A dear friend of mine, Stanley Schulman, who comes from an Orthodox Jewish background, saw the show and was deeply touched by your life. Thanks again and God bless. ☹☹"

Ben Kitchlow/Co-host 700 Club

"Dear Matt, I always knew that being Jewish was important but I never knew exactly why. I guess I had more questions than I had answers. After spending the last six months with you and the Believers in Kansas City, I feel like a new person. The Hebrew scriptures clearly foretell the life of Jesus and knowing Him now as I do has been the missing ingredient in my heart. Thanks for leading me in the pathway of God and for blessing my family in England. ☹☹"

Your friend, Ken Kennedy, London, England

"Your teaching series on the purposes of God in the Old Testament has been a tremendous blessing to our congregation. Our whole church loves you and so do I. Your ministry has blessed our church greatly. ☹☹"

Pastor Robert Johnson, Grandview Assembly of God Church

"Dear Matt. Your teaching series on the Jewish Connection Radio program, has greatly challenged my husband who happens to be Jewish, to think more seriously about His relationship to God. Thank you for praying for us. ☹☹"

Mrs. R. Klein, Kansas City, MO

"When I came to visit my sister in Kansas City I thought it was just for a vacation. Now I know God brought me there to hear you speak at Broadway Baptist Church. Your message on the new birth and the kingdom life has brought Jesus into my life. Thank you for praying with me to receive the Holy Spirit. I'm a changed person. Please pray I'll find fellowship with Believers when I graduate from college. ☹☹"

Your sister, Tammy Galloway, Des Moines, Iowa

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The following day I received an unexpected invitation to visit with the Prime Minister and some of his staff to discuss their reactions to this historic series of meetings. Together with Mike Evans, author of *Israel, America's Key to Survival* (Haven Press) we arrived at the official offices of the Prime Minister in Jerusalem.

Israeli military officers greeted us at the electronic gates that formed the entrance. We were cleared through security and accompanied inside to the cabinet room where we awaited Mr. Begin. I thought of the historic military decisions that had been made in this hall by former leaders Theodore Hertzl, Golda Meir and Yitzhak Rabin over the past 33 years.

Dr. Reuben Hecht, Begin's chief advisor greeted us and took us into the Prime Minister's office. Menachim Begin smiled and rose to his feet, warmly greeting the two of us. "Your meeting the other night was the greatest meeting on behalf of Israel I have ever been invited to speak at," he said, choosing his words with careful deliberation. "Why do you feel that way?" asked one of his cabinet members. "Because of the sincerity and the beautiful emotions. These Christians have come from all over the world now to help us and to honor our nation. They don't want anything in return. They simply care for us and our people." Turning back to us, Begin continued. "This seems to be a totally new phenomenon in Christianity and I have come to recognize it in only the past few years. Christians may be," he told us, "one of our most valuable allies in the world today." In the hour we spent together we discussed President Sadat's death, the effect the AWACS sale to Saudi Arabia may

have upon Israel and the continued dependence Israel has upon United States military aid. We reminded the Prime Minister that believers around the world were not only praying regularly for him and for the Israelis but were willing to help in practical ways. Please thank them for me and for their prayers for our nation. Mike reminded him of the importance of the anointing of God even as it rested upon King David as one of Israel's greatest former leaders. "I very much believe in that," he told us. At the end of our time together Mr. Begin asked us to be in frequent contact with him through his advisor Dr. Hecht. He added, "Christians may be the necessary ingredient in helping the Jewish people of America to remind your country of their important task in guaranteeing Israel's well-being."

"Your meeting the other night was the greatest meeting on behalf of Israel I have ever been invited to speak at. ☹☹"

Prime Minister Begin

1981 Feast of Tabernacles

"May I ask you a favor?" the Prime Minister asked me, his eyes turning towards the small button on the lapel of my suit jacket which read "Israel, You're Not Alone." "Do you have an extra one?" I didn't but I quickly transferred mine to his jacket. He smiled and thanked us. I was deeply moved by his soft spoken manner and warm reception of the two of us as representatives of the Lord's kingdom.

On our ride back to downtown Jerusalem, Dr. Hecht told us, "The honor that you as Christians have shown to Israel's leadership has touched the heart of our Prime Minister. The standing ovation he received at your meeting was the most sincere and moving of his entire career." After we said goodbye to Dr. Hecht I thought of the Apostle Paul's words, "Has God rejected his people? May it never be. For salvation has come to the Gentiles to make them jealous." (*Romans 11:1, 11*) "Honor all men, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king." (*1 Peter 2:17*)

Later that evening I met with the Gentile leaders of the Christian Embassy, Johann Lukoff, Merv and Merla Watson, Jay Rawlings, Tim King, and Jon Van der Hoeven, all of whom had played a major role in preparing for this year's celebration. Together we held hands and prayed, thanking God for His anointing which had been experienced on the highest levels of Israel's leadership. Derek Prince, Lance Lambert, David Pawson and Jon Van der Hoeven had all contributed with stirring scriptural messages on God's purposes for Israel today.

Two weeks after these mighty acts of the Holy Spirit, we along with our nation, heard Prime Minister Begin on NBC's *Meet the Press* publically declare when asked by reporters if in light of the AWACS sale to Saudi Arabia, Israel felt isolated in the world. "No," he said, "Not at all." Israel has many dear Christian friends throughout the world.

The King and His Kingdom are being restored to Israel. May this mighty stream of the Holy Spirit continue to flow in touching the hearts of Jewish people around the world, resulting in further glory and honor and praises to the Name of Jesus.

Crossroads Christian Communications Incorporated, a Canadian, non-profit charitable organization, has produced *Apples of Gold* to show its support for the State of Israel. As a tangible expression of this support, Crossroads has established a fund in Israel to help victims of terrorism. Crossroads donates 10% of the gross income received through *Apples of Gold* print sales and television broadcasts.



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A FILM THAT AWAKENS THE HEART



Apples of Gold recounts the history and struggles of the Jewish people from the time of the early Zionist movement to the present. Israeli Statesman Abba Eban, U.S. Senator Henry Jackson, Commander of the *Exodus* Yosi Harel and General Uzi Narkiss speak about the key roles they played in the return of the Jewish people, the formation of the State of Israel and the liberation of Jerusalem.

The film contains eye witness accounts of General Allenby's 1917 capture of Jerusalem, the early struggles at Kibbutz En Gev, the British attack on the refugee ship *Exodus*, the formation of the State of Israel, the 1948 Arab-Israeli War, the 1956 Sinai Campaign, the 1967 Six Day War and the battle for Jerusalem. A survivor of a terrorist attack relates his story through which the horror of terrorism is exposed.

Apples of Gold shows that despite 2000 years of dispersion and persecution, the Jewish people are once again in their own land. These events were not accomplished by a sole political decree but through a series of miracles as dramatic as those in the Bible.

It is evident that the return of the Jewish people, the formation of the State of Israel and the liberation of Jerusalem are miracles that God performed through His people who are to Him, the apple of his eye.

"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." Proverbs 25:11

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A National Foundation
of Christian Friends
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Petition of Support for the state of Israel to be presented to the White House and members of Congress in 1982. Copies of this petition will be given to Prime Minister Begin and the Israeli government in Jerusalem as well as the Israeli Embassy in Washington, D.C. as an expression of Christian concern and support for the nation of Israel.

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"For Thou shalt arise and have mercy on Zion
for the time to favor her has come." Psalms 102:13

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I.F.I. Petition Instructions:

Thank you for your participation and help in Operation Esther. (Please read Esther 4:16, 8:5, 6). For some of you who are able to obtain 50, 100, 200 or more signatures please use the other side of this petition and xerox copies of this side to pass out in your church. Perhaps you might pray about asking your pastor if he would make a special announcement for Christians who want to support Israel, and have copies of the petition available for signing. Please pray that God would use you to obtain as many signatures as possible and make sure to mail the petitions back to us on or before April 15, 1983. Thank you and may God bless you for your service and love.

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Dear President Reagan and Members of Congress,

We, the undersigned, Christian citizens of the United States of America, hereby call upon you, in this crucial hour to continue to assist and recognize the rights of existence of the Jewish people of the modern state of Israel as set forth in the United Nations charter. This significant twentieth century act in 1948 of recognizing Palestine as a homeland for the worlds dispersed Jewish people was described and predicted by the prophets of both the Old and New Testaments in (Ezekiel 37:21, Isaiah 66:8, Luke 21:29, Acts 1:6). As Christians we urge you to set an example to the nations of the free world by using our great resources and influence to oppose and denounce acts of anti-semitism and world terrorism that continue to threaten Israel's land and her people. We also urge you to continue to negotiate for the release of the Jews of Soviet Russia in accordance with the 1975 Helsinki agreement. As dedicated Christian citizens we stand with our nation in prayer and godly concern for America to continue to be a channel of blessing and aid to the Israelis in their struggle for security, freedom and peace. May neither our own economic self interests in Arab oil, the lucrative military arms sales to Arab nations or our own "balance of power" middle east foreign policy cause us to lose sight of our sovereign calling to maintain our friendship and commitments to Israel, no matter what the cost. "For blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" Psalm 33:12

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Timing is extremely important to God. We see evidence of this in all of God's dealings with mankind and creation, as well as in specific scriptures which indicate how crucial His timing is. For example, Ephesians 1:9-10 says:

And he [God] made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ,



to be put into effect *when the times will have reached their fulfillment*—to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ (NIV).

In another passage, the scripture says, "He [Jesus] must remain in heaven *until the time comes* for God to restore everything" (Acts 3:21, NIV). God has specific times set in which He will suddenly put His plans into action. As we enter 1982 I am excited by the sense that we are entering one of those significant times when God will move dramatically to fulfill His purposes—that God is saying, "It's time."

This sense of God's imminent action has been heightened and confirmed as I have read the record of the early Church in the book of Acts. The sovereign outpouring of the Holy Spirit transformed those rather ordinary disciples from frightened mourners into channels of God's power whose prayers and preaching were attended by shaken rooms, healed bodies, multiplied conversions and transformed cities and nations. Those events marked their era as a time when God had declared, "It's time."

As I sense God saying those words to us today, I have a renewed longing to experience the same effects of the Holy Spirit's outpouring that the early Church experienced. I have a longing as well to hear the rest of the world describe the people of God today in the same way it described the disciples in Acts: "These are the men who have turned the world upside down" (Acts 17:6, Phillips).

We at *New Wine Magazine* are sensing that God is saying to us and to the Church at large, "It's time. It's time to turn the world upside down." We believe God is preparing His Church to touch the secular world in a dynamic way, and we at *New Wine* are grappling with the implications of that word for our magazine.

At a recent planning session

of *New Wine's* Editorial Board, Derek Prince referred to the commission Jesus gave His disciples—how after receiving the power of the Holy Spirit, they would be His witnesses "in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8, NIV). The problem with us—as with those early disciples who fulfilled their commission only after persecution forced them to scatter beyond Jerusalem—is that we have not reached as far beyond the boundaries of our own circles toward "the ends of the earth" as we should have. But we sense God saying in this hour, "It's time."

We at *New Wine* are being challenged by God to obey His commission to reach out to "the ends of the earth" and to touch the world in which we live in a far greater way than we have before. Up to this time we have effectively touched our readers and indirectly touched Christians beyond our readership. But the secular world—"the ends of the earth"—remains untouched by our message. We cannot yet know all the implications of God's call to make inroads into the secular audience, but we are convinced that the truth *New Wine* carries can have a dynamic impact upon anyone who reads it, Christian or non-Christian—with the potential to turn that person's world "upside down." But even stronger than our assurance of *New Wine's* potential to touch lives is the unmistakable sense of God saying to us, "It's time."

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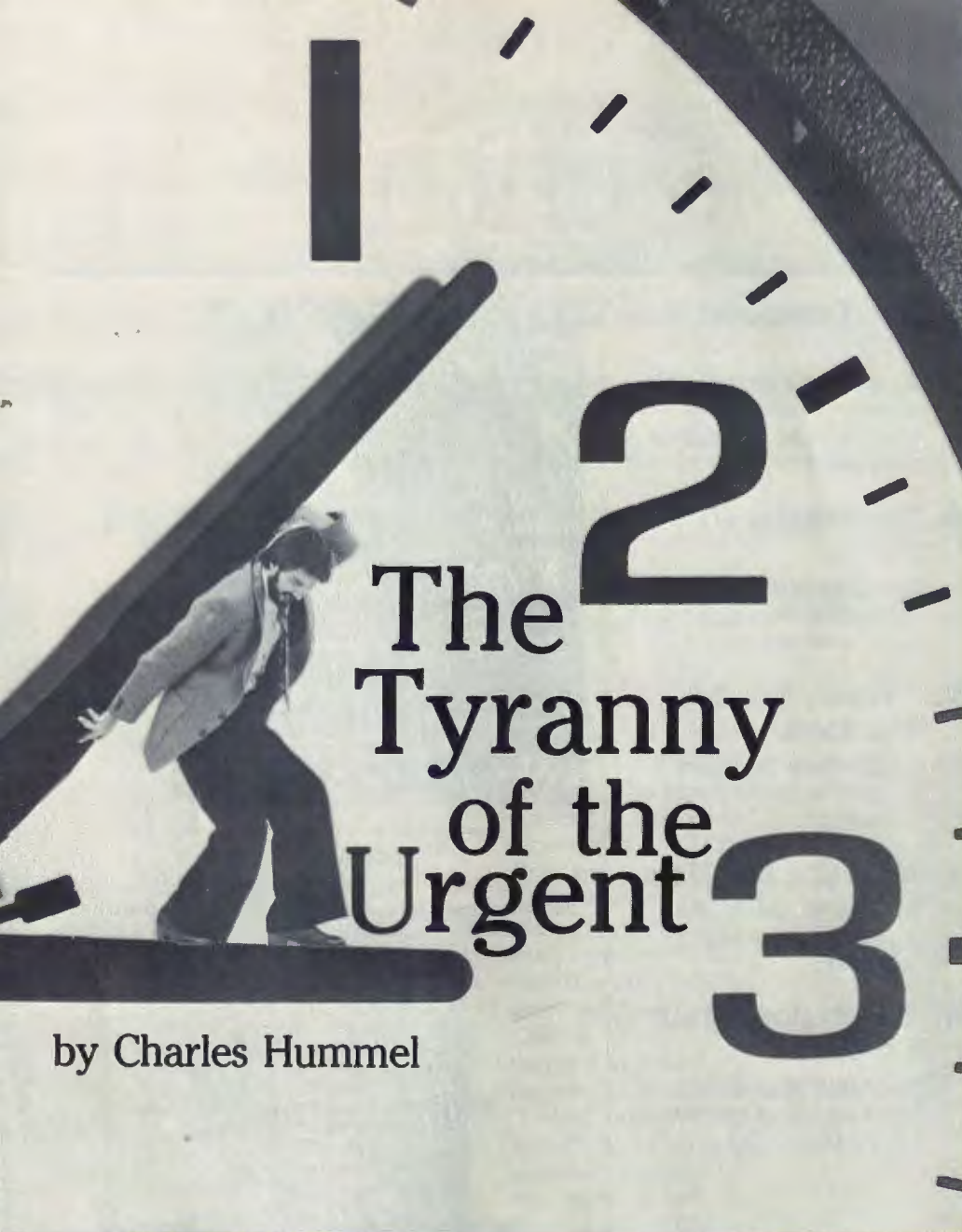
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The Tyranny of the Urgent

by Charles Hummel

Have you ever wished for a thirty-hour day? Surely this extra time would relieve the tremendous pressure under which we live. Our lives leave a trail of unfinished tasks. Unanswered letters, unvisited friends, unwritten articles, and unread books haunt quiet moments when we stop to evaluate. We desperately need relief.

But would a thirty-hour day really solve the problem? Wouldn't we soon be just as frustrated as we are now with our twenty-four allotment? A mother's work is never finished, and neither is that of any stu-

dent, teacher, minister, or anyone else we know. Nor will the passage of time help us catch up. Children grow in number and age to require more of our time. Greater experience in profession and church brings more exacting assignments. So we find ourselves working more and enjoying it less.

Jumbled Priorities?

When we stop to evaluate, we realize that our dilemma goes deeper than shortage of time; it is basically the problem of priorities. Hard work does not hurt us. We all know what it is to go full speed for long hours, totally in-

involved in an important task. The resulting weariness is matched by a sense of achievement and joy. Not hard work but doubt and misgiving produce anxiety as we review a month or year and become oppressed by the pile of unfinished tasks. We sense uneasily that we may have failed to do the important. The winds of other people's demands have driven us onto a reef of frustration. We confess, quite apart from our sins, "We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done."

Several years ago an experienced cotton mill manager said to me, "Your greatest danger is letting the urgent things crowd out the important." He didn't realize how hard his maxim hit. It often returns to rebuke me by raising the critical problem of priorities.

We live in constant tension between the urgent and the important. The problem is that the important task rarely must be done today, or even this week. Extra hours of prayer and Bible study, a visit with that non-Christian friend, careful study of an important book: these projects can wait. But the urgent tasks call for instant action—endless demands pressure every hour and day.

A man's home is no longer his castle; it is no longer a place away from urgent tasks, because the telephone breaches the walls with imperious demands. The momentary appeal of these tasks seems irresistible and important, and they devour our energy. But in the light of time's perspective their deceptive prominence fades; with a sense of loss we recall the important tasks pushed aside. We realize we've become slaves to the tyranny of the urgent.

Can You Escape?

Is there any escape from this pattern of living? The answer lies in the life of our Lord. On the night before he died, Jesus made an astonishing claim. In the great prayer of John 17 he

said, "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do" (17:4).

How could Jesus use the word "finished"? His three-year ministry seemed all too short. A prostitute at Simon's banquet had found forgiveness and a new life, but many others still walked the street without forgiveness and a new life. For every ten withered muscles that had flexed into health, a hundred remained impotent. Yet on that last night, with many useful tasks undone and urgent human needs unmet, the Lord had peace; he knew he had finished God's work.

The gospel records show that Jesus worked hard. After describing a busy day Mark writes, "That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered together about the door. And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons" (1:32-34).

On another occasion the demand of the ill and maimed caused him to miss supper and to work so late that his disciples thought he was beside himself (Mk. 3:21). One day after a strenuous teaching session, Jesus and his disciples went out in a boat. Even a storm didn't awaken him (Mk. 4:35-38). What a picture of exhaustion.

Yet his life was never feverish; he had time for people. He could spend hours talking to one person, such as the Samaritan woman at the well. His life showed a wonderful balance, a sense of timing. When his brothers wanted him to go to Judea, he replied, "My time has not yet come" (Jn. 7:6). Jesus did not ruin his gifts by haste. In *The Discipline and Culture of the Spiritual Life*, A.E. Whiteham observes: "Here in this man is adequate purpose...inward rest, that gives an air of leisure to his crowded life: above all there is in this man a secret and a power of dealing with the waste-products of life, the waste of pain, disappointment, enmity,

death—turning to divine uses the abuses of man, transforming arid places of pain to fruitfulness, triumphing at last in death, and making a short life of thirty years or so, abruptly cut off, to be a 'finished' life. We cannot admire the poise and beauty of this human life, and then ignore the things that made it."

Wait for Instructions

What was the secret of Jesus' work? We find a clue following Mark's account of Jesus' busy day. Mark observes that "in the morning, a great while before day, he rose and went out to a lonely place, and there he prayed" (1:35). Here is the secret of Jesus' life and work for God: *He prayerfully waited for his Father's instructions* and for the strength to follow them. Jesus had no divinely drawn blueprint; he discerned the Father's will day by day in a life of prayer. By this means he warded off the urgent and accomplished the important.

Lazarus' death illustrates this principle. What could have been more important than the urgent message from Mary and Martha, "Lord, he whom you love is ill"? John records the Lord's response in these paradoxical words: "Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was" (Jn. 11:3, 5-6). What was the urgent need? Obviously to prevent the death of this beloved brother. But the important thing from God's point of view was to raise Lazarus from the dead. So Lazarus was allowed to die. Later Jesus revived him as the sign of his magnificent claim, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live" (Jn. 11:25).

We may wonder why our Lord's ministry was so short, why it could not have lasted another five or ten years, why so many wretched sufferers were left in their misery. Scripture gives no answer to these questions, and we leave them in the

mystery of God's purposes. But we do know that Jesus' prayerful waiting for God's instructions freed Him from the tyranny of the urgent. It gave him a sense of direction, set a steady pace, and enabled him to do every task God assigned. And on the last night he could say, "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do."

Dependence Makes You Free

Freedom from the tyranny of the urgent is found in the example and promise of our Lord. At the end of a vigorous debate with the Pharisees in Jerusalem, Jesus said to those who believed in him: "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. . . . Truly, truly, I say to you, every one who commits sin is a slave to sin. . . . So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed" (Jn. 8:31-32, 34, 36).

Many of us have experienced Christ's deliverance from the penalty of sin. Are we letting him free us from the tyranny of the urgent? He points the way: "If you *continue* in my word." This is the way to freedom. Through prayerful meditation on God's word we gain His perspective.

P.T. Forsyth once said, "The worst sin is prayerlessness." We usually think of murder, adultery or theft as among the worst. But the root of all sin is self-sufficiency—independence from God. When we fail to wait prayerfully for God's guidance and strength we are saying, with our actions if not our lips, that we do not need him. How much

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of our service is characterized by going it alone?

The opposite of such independence is prayer in which we acknowledge our need of God's instruction and supply. Concerning a dependent relationship with God, Donald Baillie says: "Jesus lived his life in complete dependence upon God, as we all ought to live our lives. But such dependence does not destroy human personality. Man is never so truly and fully personal as when he is living in

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complete dependence upon God. This is how personality comes into its own. This is humanity at its most personal."

Prayerful waiting on God is indispensable to effective service. Like the time-out in a football game, it enables us to catch our breath and fix new strategy. As we wait for directions the Lord frees us from the tyranny of the urgent. He shows us the truth about himself, ourselves, and our tasks. He impresses on our minds the assignments he wants us to undertake. The need itself is not the call; the call must come from the God who knows our limitations. "The Lord pities those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust" (Ps. 103:13-14). It is not God who loads us until we bend or crack with an ulcer, nervous breakdown, heart attack, or stroke. These come from our inner compulsions coupled with the pressure of circumstances.

Evaluate

The modern businessman recognizes this principle of taking time out for evaluation. When Greenwalt was president of DuPont, he said, "One minute spent in planning saves three or four minutes in execution." Many salesmen have revolutionized their business and multiplied their profits by set-

ting aside Friday afternoon to plan carefully the major activities of the coming week. If an executive is too busy to stop and plan, he may find himself replaced by another man who takes time to plan. If the Christian is too busy to stop, take spiritual inventory, and receive his assignments from God, he becomes a slave to the tyranny of the urgent. He may work day and night to achieve much that seems significant to himself and others, but he will not finish the work God has for him to do.

A quiet time of meditation and prayer at the start of a day refocuses our relationship with God. Recommit yourself to his will as you think of the hours that follow. In these unhurried moments list in order of priority the tasks to be done, taking into account commitments already made. A competent general always draws up his battle plan before he engages the enemy; he does not postpone basic decisions until the firing starts. But he is also prepared to change his plans if an emergency demands it. So try to implement the plans you have made before the day's battle against the clock begins. But be open to any emergency interruption or unexpected person who may call.

You may also find it necessary to resist the temptation to accept an engagement when the invita-

tion first comes over the telephone. No matter how clear the calendar may look at the moment, ask for a day or two to pray for guidance before committing yourself. Surprisingly the engagement often appears less imperative after the pleading voice has become silent. If you can withstand the urgency of the initial moment, you will be in a better position to weigh the cost and discern whether the task is God's will for you.

In addition to your daily quiet time, set aside one hour a week for spiritual inventory. Write an evaluation of the past, record anything God may be teaching you, and plan objectives for the future. Also try to reserve most of one day each month for a similar inventory of longer range. Often you will fail. Ironically, the busier you get the more you need this time of inventory, but the less you seem to be able to take it. You become like the fanatic who, when unsure of his direction, doubled his speed. And frenetic service for God can become an escape from God. But when you prayerfully take inventory and plan your days, it provides fresh perspective on your work.

Continue the Effort

Over the years the greatest continuing struggle in the Christian life is the effort to make



adequate time for daily waiting on God, weekly inventory, and monthly planning. Since this time for receiving marching orders is so important, Satan will do everything he can to squeeze it out. Yet we know from experience that only by this means can we escape the tyranny of the urgent. This is how Jesus succeeded. He did not finish all the urgent tasks in Palestine or all the things he would have liked to do, but he did finish the work which God gave him to do. The only alternative to frustration is to be sure that we are doing what God wants. Nothing substitutes for knowing that this day, this hour, in this place, we are doing the will of the Father. Then and only then can we think of all the other unfinished tasks with equanimity and leave them with God....

When the end comes, what could give us greater joy than being sure that we have finished the work God gave us to do? The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ makes this fulfillment possible. He has promised deliverance from sin and the power to serve God in the tasks of his choice. The way is clear. If we continue in the word of our Lord, we are truly his disciples. And he will free us from the tyranny of the urgent, free us to do the important, which is the will of God.

Four Steps to Help Us Budget Our Time

The following excerpt from Charles Hummel's book, *Guidelines for Faculty Ministry*, is adapted to provide some practical suggestions for keeping the urgent from crowding out the important.

As demands on our time increase, the effective use of it becomes more important than ever. How can we make better use of our time to secure the results we require? Is there any way to get a better grip on the all-too-few hours at our disposal?

It can be helpful to recognize the parallel between budgeting dollars and hours. Many of us overcome the temptation to spend our money on impulse. Yet we often spend time on an impulsive response to our own desires or someone else's demands, short-changing projects which are more important.

Everyone receives the same quota of twenty-four hours a day. Yet much of the difference in what we have to show for the use of our time is due to varying abilities, energy and opportunities.

In the last analysis, then, we should not compare ourselves with others. Rather, "as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Pet. 4:10), each of us has only one basic question: How well am I doing with the resources and assignments given to me by my Lord?

The following four steps can take you a long way toward more productive use of your time.

1. *Identify your priorities.* Often we say, "I don't have time for this project." But what we really mean is that we do not

consider it as important as something else we want or need to do. For some reason we have decided to use the hours another way. It may be a task we are forced to do or simply one we enjoy. Either way, the issue is not a lack of time but the ordering of priorities.

For example, a friend invites us to attend a lecture or concert this evening, but we have already decided to take the family out to dinner. Or we cannot take time to get acquainted socially with our co-workers because church activities occupy so many evenings. In each case we may say, "I'm sorry, I don't have time." But in reality, with only so many hours available, we have decided to spend them one way instead of another.

Over a period of time our life-style tends to include activities that may not be valuable. So periodically it is essential to review our priorities, asking: "What activities are really most important in my life at this time?"

There is no God-given blueprint for all Christians in their use of time, any more than there is for spending money. We have widely different abilities, opportunities, responsibilities, personal needs and amounts of energy. Yet for each of us a healthy and productive life

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The Priority of Family

by Carter Foster

A few years ago our family took a trip to Lexington, Kentucky. Situated in the beautiful green pastures there were horse farms where the Kentucky Derby winners are sired, raised and stabled.

We visited some of the great champions and talked with one of the men who trained and cared for them. He told us about the stud fees for these horses. When they are champions from the Kentucky Derby, he said, their stud fee runs from two thousand to three thousand dollars. But when they are able to sire an offspring who wins a Kentucky Derby, at that point the stud fee jumps to a range of forty to fifty thousand dollars. The most valuable horse is one who not only wins, but who sires a winner as well. These championship horses provide a parable for us of the importance of producing offspring who will win the race.

God is speaking to us about imparting our heritage to our children, and an essential element in doing that is fellowship. We grow through the life God imparts to us through one another, and we call this life flow "fellowship." Fellowship is the

heartbeat of the lives of God's covenant people. None of us can be complete in isolation. Rather, we are made complete through fellowship with one another. And perhaps the most vital fellowship we can experience is family fellowship, a life flow between parents and children.

We are incomplete until our families are complete. God's kind of love, when it becomes a part of us, stirs a desire in us to impart that love to others, especially to our children. But there are fears in us that obstruct the impartation of our love and heritage. Because our fellowship is the heartbeat of God's people, the enemy wants to constrict and choke that life flow through fear. Psalm 127, that great passage on building the house, closes by saying that the sons of a man born in his youth are like arrows in his quiver, and happy is the man whose quiver is full. At times, however, it may seem more accurate to say that the man who has a full house will quiver! We face a number of fears as we attempt to impart our heritage to our children. But we must confront those fears and overcome them.

In Isaiah 58:12 we read:

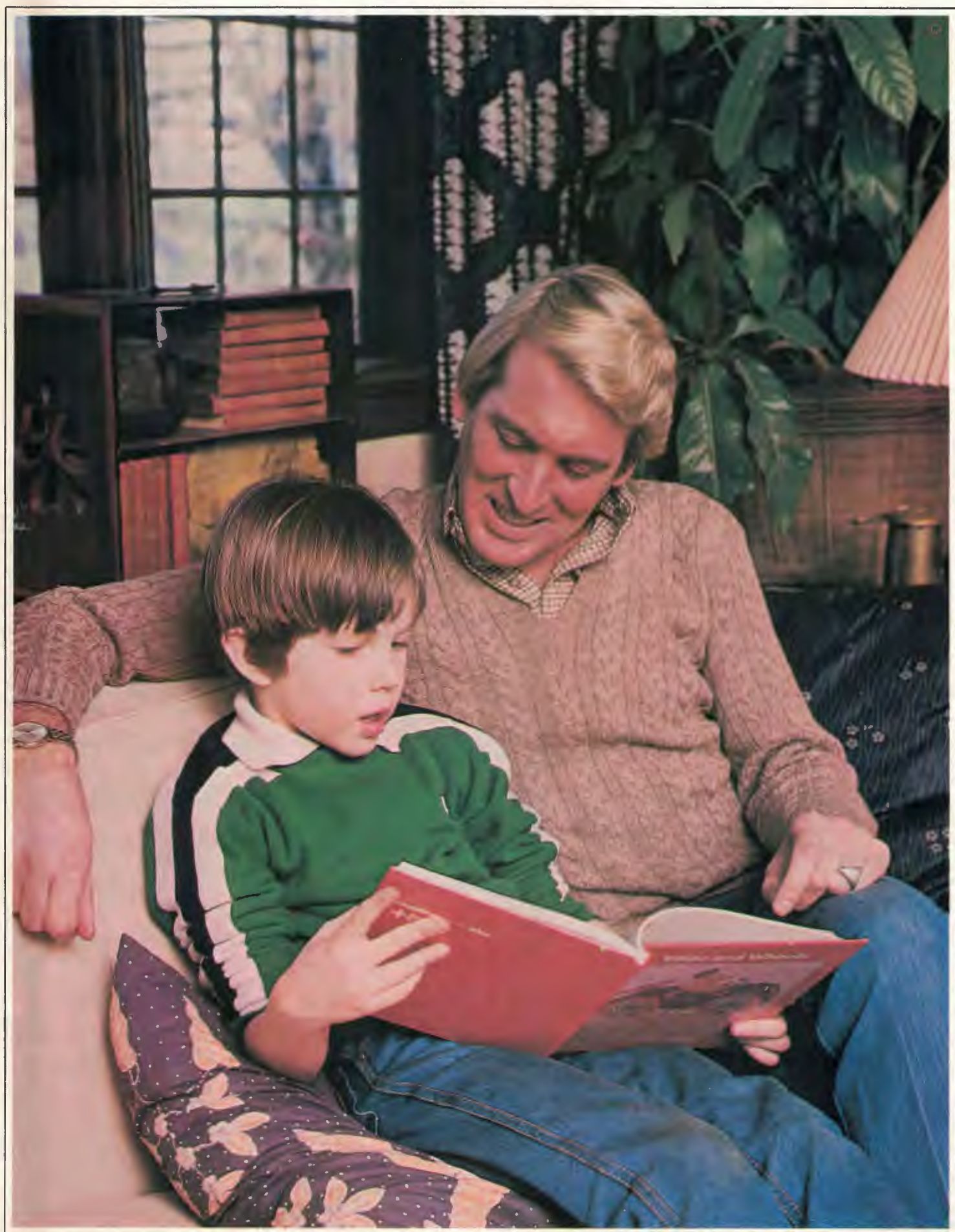
And those from among you will rebuild the ancient ruins; you will raise up the age-old foundations; and you will be called the repairer of the breach (NAS).

We are called to repair the breaches in family relationships. The fears that keep us from doing it must be exposed to the light of reality. In San Antonio we have morning fog on a regular basis that remains until nine or ten o'clock. But when the sun comes out, it clears away the fog. God will help us clear away the fog of fears that the enemy uses to hinder our vision. He will help us to face these fears by enabling us to reject the lies of the enemy on which they are based, lies which restrict our family fellowship and obstruct the impartation of our heritage.

Fears We Encounter

What kinds of fears prevent fathers and mothers from sharing life and fellowship with their children? One fear that we seem to face on a regular basis is the fear that we don't have anything to teach our children. The truth of the matter, however, is that Scripture is full of things our children need to learn, things which we ourselves have already learned by experience and therefore can teach them. Deuteronomy chapter 6, for example, says:

So that you and your son, and your grandson might fear the Lord your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days



may be prolonged. O Israel, you should listen and be careful to do it that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly (vv. 2-3 NAS).

Just in this one passage we find several things that we need to teach our children—to fear the Lord and to listen, for example. The heart of the matter, however, is this: we need to train our children in all that we ourselves already know how to do.

In the past I have had teachers who apparently were trying to teach by being as complicated as possible. They would take simple truths, and the more complicated they could make them, the more profound they thought themselves to be. But I think that precisely the opposite is true. If a man genuinely knows a truth and can explain it simply to his children, he has a true grasp of what God is saying.

We must be able to take the things God is speaking to us and interpret them to our children, so that even our five-year-olds can understand them clearly. We have at our disposal a number of tools to help us, the most obvious one being literature. God has given us an abundance of useful materials to read together. There are several good books of Bible stories, for example—or we can simply read stories from the Bible itself. The book of Proverbs is especially good for family study. We often read together the chapter of Proverbs whose number corresponds to the day of the month. Then I ask each family member which verse meant the most to him, and our discussions often



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last as long as an hour. In addition to Bible reading, if we are reading some other book or material which is meaningful to us, why shouldn't we think that it would be meaningful to our children? We need to share it with them. We have also taken cassette teaching tapes and gone through them as a family.

A Storehouse of Life

Beyond the literature available to us, however, is the resource of *our own experiences*. God has filled us up with a storehouse of life and we need to share it with our children. I think that life situations are always the best teachers. We usually talk together as a family after supper. When I approach the supper table, my first thought is this: Is there anything in this day—on the job, perhaps—that I want to share with my children? Is there anything we have been through together, or that I or my wife experienced, that has life in it to share?

If there is a specific event, we talk about that experience first, and only after that do I fall back on literature as a resource for teaching. We want the life that is presently flowing through our spiritual veins to be imparted to our children. For example, the latest sermon that we have heard may have touched us in a significant way. That means it is full of life to be imparted, and it would be meaningful simply to take any important point out of such a message and share it with our children, with an explanation and personal application to our lives.

A frequent question at our house is "What is God saying to you?" It is always a joy to listen to what each of our family members—from the youngest to the oldest—is hearing from God.

Problem-solving is an excellent way to teach our children from life situations because every problem requires a right decision. When we as parents can teach our children that problems should challenge us rather than checkmate us, some-

thing significant is imparted to them. Solutions to problems give us an opportunity to share what we believe and have learned through obedience to God. We talk about the areas of our lives in which we are stepping out in faith in response to God, and what we are beginning to understand as a result of that obedience.

One of the things our family has enjoyed the last two years is the sharing of our own pilgrimage in the Lord, including how each of us came to know the Lord. We had assumed that our children knew our spiritual pilgrimage simply because they grew up in our homes through it. But when we started talking about our heritage we realized that they were very young when some of those things happened. They have enjoyed going through our personal heritage so much that the most frequent answer to my question, "What would you like us to share about tonight over supper?" is "Let's talk about our history."

One of my children came to me about a year ago and said, "Dad, have they stopped writing the Bible?" I said, "Sure, they finished that long ago. That was a special time of revelation." My child said, "Well, I just wondered because I had hoped that someday the things that are happening to us would be written in the Bible." He had realized the significance of our own personal experiences with God and that God was at work today just as He was when the Bible was written. In that regard we need to share our past experiences with our children so that they will have a perspective, a foundation and a vision for the future.

If we are alert, we can teach our children using material from many sources, even one as unlikely as the televised evening news. For example, recently a news commentator said of President Reagan that he had shown that he is not just an actor with a lovely smile, but that behind that smile there are teeth. Our family had a good time over sup-

the lighter Side

by Mark Pie'



I found it much easier sorting by *color* than by box number.

per discussing that observation.

Using television through another approach, we teach our children as well to have a discerning eye and not naively accept everything they see and hear on TV without ever thinking about it. They need discernment, and the supper table discussion is an excellent time for them to cultivate it. It should never be said among us again that we don't have anything to teach to our children. God has given us an abundance of life experiences, and we need to share them abundantly with our children.

The Fear of Inadequacy

One great fear we face as parents is the fear of inadequacy. The enemy says to us, "You are not trained to be a good parent," and the fear of failure confronts us. We have been led to believe that to lead adolescents we need at least a masters degree in child psychology—that we need an expert to help us. But that is a lie from the enemy.

Paul wrote to his spiritual children in Corinth words that I think we could write to our own children. In 2 Corinthians 3:2-5, he said:

You are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by all men; being manifested that you are a letter of Christ, cared for by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone, but on tablets of human hearts. And such confidence we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God (NAS).

God has called us to be parents; God has called fathers to lead their families; and the God who has ordained us will make us adequate. We don't need experts; God has called *us* to be experts. The enemy wants to undermine our confidence, but

if we will be obedient to our calling as parents, our confidence will begin to grow.

Sometimes there are questions in our minds about whether or not we are authorized to lead our children. We must be perfectly clear about this matter—there must be no question about our authorization in our homes. As parents, we are authorized by God to lead our children. And whom God authorizes, He also qualifies.

Another aspect of our fear of inadequacy is the idea we often have that we must say something totally new every time we teach. We are perhaps accustomed to hearing Bible teachers who always seem to have a "new" word from God, and we feel inadequate to do the same. But the idea that our teaching must always be something new is just another fear planted by the enemy. *Anything* that is important to us, *anything* that speaks significantly into our lives, needs to be imparted to our children, whether it is "new" or not.

Another fear is that we just don't have time to teach our children. We feel we are too busy to do it, and we convince ourselves that it will take six to

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eight hours each week to prepare something to teach our children. But Deuteronomy chapter 6 tells us to teach them at natural times: when we sit down at the table, when we get up in the mornings, when we go to bed at night. In actual fact, we don't need an enormous amount of time; we only need a small amount of *quality* time. Even if we used only those times named in Deuteronomy, we could still impart great strength to our children. Most of us feel guilty on a regular basis that because of

our schedules we have not been faithful to lead a regular time of family fellowship. I, for example, must travel extensively. But I believe that God wants us to make good use of the time we *do* have.

Yet another fear is that our teaching times will become a drudgery. The enemy tries to convince us that if we begin teaching our family, they will think immediately of school, and they will hate it. Consequently, we begin to have doubts: Why should we teach them at home? They have enough school all during the day. It will be torture for them.

But so much depends upon our attitude. Someone once told a story of three men laying bricks. The first one said, "I'm just laying bricks." The second one said, "I'm building a wall." The third one said, "I'm building a great cathedral." Each did the same work, but with a different perception of its importance. Our attitude makes all the difference. If we approach our teaching time as dull drudgery, it will be precisely that to our children. If we approach it with excitement and joy because we are building a nation of covenant men and women and because God has called us to impart the life He has given us, then it will accomplish what God intends for it.

Even if teaching our children *were* drudgery, we would need to do it, because God has told us to do it. But it is not drudgery; there is life in it. If you and your wife enjoy the life that flows from times together in fellowship with other Christians, why shouldn't our children enjoy fellowship as well? The enemy says that our children are too

small to benefit from fellowship, but they are not.

When we fear that our family teaching times will become drudgery, we should remember the motto of a man I recently read about. He said: "Vision without a task is fantasy; a task without a vision is drudgery; a vision with a task is the hope of the world." We must learn to share our life with our children in a way that conveys our vision from God, applying it practically to their lives at home, at school, and in the community. If we share the vision, the sharing won't be drudgery—it will be exciting. I encourage you to have times of family fellowship. Wherever you are and whatever you are doing, make it a time of family fun and fellowship. For example, we often have family fellowship times centered around singing while traveling in our automobile. You can have such times almost anywhere. If you will open the gate to these times the river of life will begin flowing in your family.

Confidence in God

Perhaps the best way to face the enemy is to identify our deepest fear and bring it out into the light. The worst fear that faces us as parents is, I think, "What if we lose one of our children?" We fear that a child might turn from God and go his own way. That very thing may happen to us—it has happened to Christian parents often enough before. But despite this terrible possibility, we must be determined to go on with the Lord in obedience to Him. Even if all of our children turn away, we must do and be what God has called us to do and to be. Like the men who were threatened with death in the fiery furnace if they did not turn from God, we must say, "We believe our God will deliver us; but even if He does not, we will not bow down."

We believe that God will deliver our children and take them with us into the Kingdom of God, to do even greater and

better things. But even if He doesn't, we will not bow down. We will not cower before the threats of the enemy. We will not succumb to the seductive spirit of this age. Rather, we will stand confident in the calling of God, knowing that our failures will fertilize the future.

The path we walk is good. We must communicate that truth to our children. Confidence is built in the family, and it has been through observing the families of Christians who have trained their children that I have gained confidence in God.

A promise from the Lord to us appears in Psalm 78:5-7:

For He established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers, that they should teach them to their children; that the generation to come might know, even the children yet to be born, that they may arise and tell them to their children, that they should put their confidence in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments (NAS).

We must put our confidence in our God. He has brought us into a new way of life, and it is good. We parents are authorized by God; we are qualified by God. We must say confidently to God with the psalmist that "the children of Thy servants will continue, and their descendants will be established before Thee" (Ps. 102:28).

Our goal is to be a God-ruled people who will disciple the nations. If God was able to catch us in the midstream of life and help us to be leaders who will disciple nations, what can He do with a whole generation trained in godliness? What can He do with a generation to whom life is imparted by their parents from the time they are born until they are grown into maturity? We have before us the opportunity to find out. ♥

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To the Point

"To the Point" is a regular feature in *New Wine* in which members of our Editorial Board are given the opportunity to comment on the chosen theme of the month. In this issue Derek Prince offers some insights into setting priorities.



NW: *What basic framework do you think should be used to structure priorities?*

DP: I would say that basically I am a person who looks to the end, and that characteristic has both advantages and disadvantages. The disadvantage is that I am sometimes too concerned with what I am *going* to do and not sufficiently concerned with living in the present. I have tried over the

years to cultivate a habit of living in the present, but it has required a discipline of my mind to do that.

The advantage is that my life is directed toward the achievement of a goal, and in many ways I am rather ruthless in cutting out of my life those things which aren't conducive to the achievement of that goal.

My goal is actually one that was set for me by God in His early dealings with me. I go back to a point in my Christian experience in 1944 when I was in the land of Israel in what was then a small settlement north of Pitha called Kiryat Motzkin. It was there that God spoke to me very specifically and clearly in words that I have never forgotten, telling me that I was called to be a teacher of the Scriptures. Although many other concerns have entered into my life's work, somehow that initial thrust has remained my ultimate goal: to be the best teacher of the Scriptures that I can be. Basically I have oriented my life toward the achievement of that goal, not trusting in my own ability, but relying on the grace of God.

Before I became a Christian I was deeply interested in classical ballet, and my friends in those days were some of the top ballet dancers of our country. I saw in them a kind of dedication that impressed me because everything they did—the friends they made, the books they read, the exercises they performed, the diet they observed—all were directed toward this one goal: to be the best dancer they could hope to be. In a sense I have transferred my understanding of that type of dedication to the goal of my Christian life. My goal is to be the best Bible teacher that I can be—not necessarily the best in the world or any particular locality—but the best that *I* can be. Consequently, all my decisions about priorities have been related to that goal.

I believe the right way to set priorities is to decide what your goals are and then determine all the necessary steps to achieve those goals. Your priorities then indicate your real valuations of activities. Those activities you really believe are important are the ones you'll give time to.

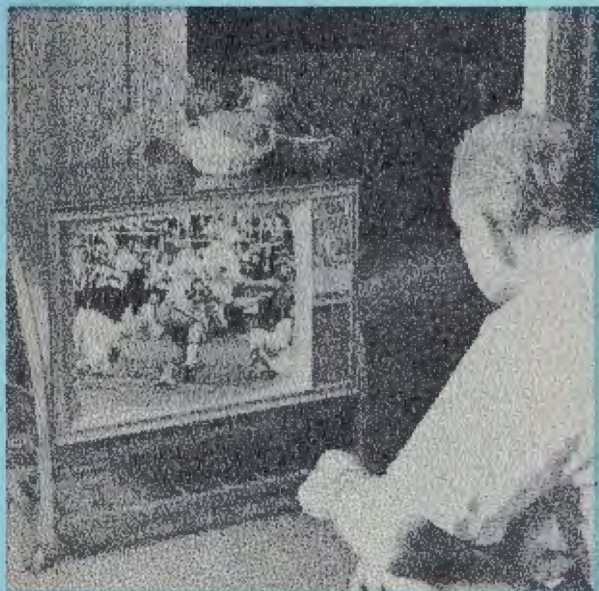
For instance, you may say that studying the Bible is a priority to you, but if you never give time to it, your life belies your claim. This is true of prayer or any other activity. Perhaps the most specific contribution I can make to the theme of setting priorities is that priorities must be set in the light of a God-given goal.

NW: *Are there priorities in life that may not be obviously or directly related to one's goal, yet important nonetheless? For example, an activity like physical exercise may in your case not seem directly related to your goal of being the best Bible teacher you can be.*

DP: That's a good question. I have been a person over the years who has enjoyed games. When I was young, I played almost every game played in

Britain: cricket, soccer, rugby, tennis, squash and so on. But there came a considerable period after I became a Christian in which I didn't attach much importance to physical exercise.

Looking back over my life, I regret that oversight because I think I lost ground physically then which perhaps I have never fully recovered. For a good many years now I have seen that to function effectively I need a disciplined and healthy body and so I have made physical exercise one of the priorities in my life. I believe that God has a good



where. These objectives which were given to me by the Holy Spirit have determined my priorities and God has given me faith that anything that effectively touches Jerusalem and Israel will ultimately affect the whole world. In some sense I believe He has shown me that I have to lay my life down and let it drop into the earth to become seed out of which His purposes will evolve. So understanding the goals God has for me is a way to determine my priorities.

One priority I have set, which is probably somewhat peculiar to me, is that I am very careful about what I take into my mind. Before I became a Christian I was an avid reader of all kinds of writing, especially philosophy and Russian novels. I read the complete works of people like George Bernard Shaw, Dostoevski, Tolstoy, Chekhov, Plato, Aristotle and others. I did a great deal of preliminary reading before I became a Christian which I didn't need to repeat. But after I became a Christian I wanted my mind to be clear.

I feel the basic structure of our lives should be uncomplicated, particularly with regard to what we store in our minds. I try to be very rigorous, not admitting anything to my mind that would have a negative impact on my thinking or which would blur or confuse vital issues. I very rarely watch television. If my ministry directly involved me in political affairs, I would have to watch television as part of my assignment. But I'm not—so I don't. I find that too many different, blaring, strident voices keep me from hearing the voice of God, which is usually rather soft and requires that we be in an attitude of stillness and attentiveness to hear it. So I am very rigorous in regard to what I take into my mind.

I don't read a book unless I feel the Lord wants me to read the book. Most of what I read today is concerned with Israel and the Middle East or the Jewish people because of my specific assignment. I have learned by experience that if I take some-

deal more for me to achieve, so I am going to have to live quite a number of years yet in order to achieve that. Therefore the things that would shorten my life directly hinder me from achieving God's goal.

I have also discovered that being out of condition physically has spiritual and emotional consequences which are negative. In many cases it leads to depression and in other cases to a sense of guilt and frustration. Sometimes when I'm not functioning effectively I just go for a good brisk walk and by the end of the walk I'm functioning twice as effectively as I was before.

Of course, a person has to be realistic and not go overboard on physical fitness. If I had to choose between spiritual or physical exercise I would give priority to the spiritual. But my observation has been that the people who really give priority to spiritual exercise also see the importance of physical exercise. Keeping one's body in good condition is very important for a Christian.

NW: *How have you personally gone about setting specific priorities?*

DP: Again, I think it is a matter of your goals. In 1977 I felt the Lord calling me to make a fresh dedication of my life to Him for three specific objectives: Jerusalem, Israel and God's people every-

An Important Reminder

January 22nd marks nine years since the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in America. We urge our readers to join with other concerned individuals in making this a time for a renewed focus of prayer that a proper respect for the value of life will return to our society.

thing into my mind it will come out sooner or later. So if you take the wrong thing in, the wrong things are going to come out.

I'm not suggesting that everyone should follow the same path I pursue, and I am absolutely sure that the same rules do not work for everybody. But I'm sharing my experience in the hope that perhaps it would give some guidelines to others. The question to which I always return is this: "What is God's purpose for my life?" Everything in our lives must be shaped and molded to the fulfillment of that purpose.

NW: *Would you say that on the whole most Christians have allowed their minds to be cluttered with a lot of "extra baggage"?*

DP: I don't know whether I would say *most* Christians, but I would say that *many* have. Many Christians underestimate the impact upon their minds and lives of what they expose themselves to. For instance, if I watch a television program that depicts violence, for some reason those scenes of violence will stay before my eyes for the next twenty-four hours, waking or sleeping. I just can't afford that experience unless there is a very specific purpose for me to expose myself to it—and in some cases there may be some purpose. I think it is a clearly established fact of recent history that the impact of television and other media on our minds—especially those of young people—has been a major factor in the increase of crime, violence and immorality. That is a rather strong example of the impact what we watch has on us, but it bears out the truth of the principle I have stated.

I am reminded of Jacob's deal with his father-in-law, Laban. In their agreement, all the spotted and speckled sheep were to be Jacob's and all Jacob had to do was put spotted and speckled items in front of the eyes of the sheep when they conceived to get a whole flock of spotted and speckled sheep. The principle for me is that what is in front of your eyes when you are being creative is what you're going to bring forth in your life. So it is very important to have the right things before your eyes.

NW: *What do you think are some of the basic priorities upon which Christians should focus?*

DP: I would put *worship* at the top of the list. The Bible doesn't tell us that God seeks *preachers*, but it does tell us that He seeks *worshipers*. I would also put at the top of the list *identification with God's priorities*. For me personally, that has always involved an obligation to carry the gospel

to all nations and all men everywhere. I think that is far too low in the priorities of most Christians. We have the attitude, "Well, somebody has to do that, but it's not my job." I believe it is the collective, corporate responsibility of the whole Church.

To me, worship and communicating the gospel are the two items that ought to be at the top of the mind of every Christian.

Of course, our family responsibilities are extremely important. But I feel in recent years there has been a very healthy reemphasis on that area, whereas there still needs to be much greater emphasis on the area of our responsibility to fulfill the Great Commission Jesus gave to us.

NW: *What kind of readjustments in priorities do you think that will require of us?*

DP: First and foremost, it requires a readjustment of our attitude rather than our actions. No individual is going to get the gospel to the whole world—it is a corporate responsibility of the Church. But the Church will not carry out that responsibility until many of the people in the Church believe that it is a priority. So I think that first of all we need to adjust our thinking to an attitude of obeying the Great Commission.

NW: *Could you give a practical example of the kind of attitude change you mean?*

DP: Well, I could be specific with you in your responsibilities with *New Wine*. In my many travels I meet a lot of people—mostly *ministers*—who tell me that *New Wine* has made the difference between success and failure in their life or ministry. Consequently, I am convinced that *New Wine* has a tremendous potential to reach countries overseas which have scarcely been touched. I believe that the enormous potential of literature outreach is something we have scarcely begun to recognize. I am in touch with countries behind the Iron Curtain right now where a million pieces of the right literature could determine the destiny of a whole nation. An attitude which recognizes the vast potential of Christian literature to touch other nations is a very practical application of the principles I have mentioned.

NW: *Do you think we tend to be too myopic—too focused on our own concerns—to have a broad enough view of what God wants?*

DP: I think that is a real danger. However, there is a good side to that kind of concern, because I believe you ought to do well whatever is in front of you to do. But as I have had the privilege of traveling more than many other Christians, I have seen the depths of needs in other lands and nations. At the same time, I have seen Christians in America overindulging both in the natural and in the spiritual to such a degree that they hardly know what to do with all they have. Obviously that will necessitate some kind of adjustment if we are to obey the Great Commission Jesus has given us. ♥

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INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS



As the engines of the El Al 747 jet began to lift us off the runway at JFK International Airport, I looked from the window back to my Bible and read the words of the prophet Zechariah: "And it shall come to pass that . . . all the nations shall go up from year to year to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles" (Zech. 14:16). I was moved as I realized that we were experiencing an initial fulfillment of that prophecy, for I was just one of many Christians from all over the world who were traveling to Israel to honor the King of Kings on the

occasion of that same Jewish holiday. More than fifteen hundred North Americans from thirty states and many parts of Canada were joining fifteen hundred other Christians from thirty-three nations to bring honor to Jesus and to bring His love to the Israeli people.

The lights of New York City began to fade beneath us as we ascended into the night over the Atlantic. Hundreds who were bound for the convocation greeted one another and began to sing: "Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things; Blessed be His glorious name forever."

Jewish faces from New York,

"Israel, You Are Not Alone"

by Matthew Schwartz

New Wine's regular feature, "International Concerns," presents this month the following report on recent events in Israel.

Tel Aviv and Jerusalem turned in all directions to see the joy on the faces of these spiritual ambassadors to the nation of Israel. As we sang songs familiar to them such as "*Henei Matov Umahnayim*," elderly Jewish men and women began to clap their hands and join us. One rather aged man who was being taken home to Jerusalem to make it his final resting place peeked from the curtains that surrounded his makeshift bed and smiled at us. I thought of the apostle Paul's message to the believers in Rome, "Has God rejected His people? May it never be!" (Rom. 11:1).

"Comfort Ye My People"

After centuries in which Jews have suffered persecution while the majority of nominal Christians have remained indifferent or silent, a new day has come when the Church is being called to comfort Zion and to demonstrate God's unfathomable love and blessing to her inhabitants. Many are obeying the Lord's command to Isaiah: "Comfort ye, comfort ye, My people," says your God. "Speak kindly to Jerusalem" (Is. 40:1).

Many well-known Christian leaders and others have responded to God's call in their lives to make their homes in Jerusalem and to become vessels of love and comfort to the Jewish nation. They have come to prepare the way of the Lord as John the Baptist heralded Messiah's first coming.

Among these notable Christians are Derek and Ruth Prince. For over forty years Derek has been involved in various ways with Jerusalem in preparing the way of the Lord and praying for the return of the Holy Spirit to the Jewish people. He and his first wife, Lydia, who passed away in 1975, were living in Israel in 1948 and witnessed then the fulfillment of biblical prophecy when Israel was declared by the United Nations to be a national homeland for the exiled Jews of the world (Ezek. 37:21).



Both Derek and Lydia adopted and raised Jewish children, becoming spiritual parents to a number of needy children. Over the course of his ministry as a teacher and prophet to the Body of Christ, Derek has continued to lift up a banner among the churches declaring God's sovereign and ultimate intention to fulfill His covenant with Abraham to bless the nation of Israel. Derek's second wife, Ruth, has been a blessing as well to the Israeli people since she moved to Jerusalem in 1975. Together they see themselves as "ambassadors of good will and comfort" to the nation.

Last year Derek was one of the key participants in the "Mordecai Outcry," a public demonstration by Christians in support of the oppressed Jews imprisoned in the Soviet Union. The demonstration took place in front of the Prime Minister's office. Mr. Begin himself came outside to listen as Derek read from the Hebrew Scriptures and led the gathering in prayer.

Photos, clockwise from top left: Merv and Merla Watson lead 3,000 Christians in prayer for Jerusalem; Orthodox Jewish men gather to discuss the Torah outside their synagogue in the Mea Shearim section of Jerusalem; the Watsons lead song service in Sachar Park, Jerusalem; Prime Minister Menachim Begin addresses the gathering with leaders of the International Christian embassy seated to his left.





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God's ministry of reconciliation to Israel has been expanded and enriched by the lives of other key Christian leaders who have also moved to Jerusalem. Among these are Merv and Merla Watson. This couple's gifted musical ministry of praise and

worship in Hebraic style has blessed God's people worldwide. In 1975 they responded to God's calling to come to Jerusalem and in the ensuing years they have become a major force in bringing back to Israel the blessings of biblical, Spirit-filled worship and dance.

Other leaders who have moved to Jerusalem include Jon Willem van der Hoeven, a Dutch prophet who has long been a Christian voice of peace to Zion; Johann Luckoff, a Dutch Reformed minister and capable administrator, Timothy King, a financial advisor; and Jay and Miradel Rawlings; television and film producers from Ontario, Canada, who recently produced the dramatic film, *Apples of Gold*.

These men and women have joined with twenty other believers to form the staff of the International Christian Embassy of Jerusalem, a center established to be a source of spiritual and practical blessing to the Jewish people. This embassy opened its offices in Jerusalem at a crucial hour in Israel's history. Since the Arab world does not recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capitol, thirteen nations in response to increasing needs for Arab oil and political pressures abandoned their embassies in Jerusalem in September of 1980 and moved them to Tel Aviv. Today not a single embassy remains in Jerusalem except the International Christian Embassy. Although the Israelis now find themselves isolated in a world which is increasingly sympathetic to Arab and anti-Semitic propaganda, the Lord has established a beachhead of His Kingdom in the city of Jerusalem, and the Christian leaders who are living there have become its foundation.

Chief Rabbi of Israel, Shlomo Goren, told the Christians of the Embassy, "Your friendship, solidarity and belief in the future of Israel as Gentiles is tremendous. We consider you part of the fulfillment of the prophetic vision expressed by

Zechariah in chapter 14. May the Lord bless you all out of Zion."

Begin's Response

The evening after we arrived in Tel Aviv for the Feast of Tabernacles celebration, we went to Jerusalem to begin the week's events with a colorful and majestic worship service. Worship leaders, singers, and dancers—outfitted in silver and gold colors—carried banners and flags from thirty-five nations down the aisles and onto the stage of the auditorium where we met. Trumpets sounded as three thousand Christians stood and praised God, singing "Thou Shalt Arise and Have Mercy on Zion." The Holy Spirit began moving mightily throughout the hall. Then, accompanied by his staff and security agents, the Prime Minister of Israel, Menachim Begin, walked onto the platform. He was greeted warmly and enthusiastically by the others on the platform, and the congregation gave him a lengthy standing ovation to display their respect for Israel's leadership.

Once seated on the platform, Prime Minister Begin observed with apparent joy the Spirit-filled worship and dancing. Obviously touched by these expressions of love for the God of Israel, he addressed the gathering.

"My dear friends," he said, "I would like tonight all the prophets of doom and gloom and all the world's pessimists to come to Jerusalem, to this hall, to this meeting, and to see your shining



eyes—and then they will know . . . *Israel is not alone!* When I see all of you here in Jerusalem assembled, loving Israel and praying for her children and her future, I want to thank you. For years the world was silent; very few came to the rescue when our little children went into the gas chambers crying out, 'Somebody save us!' We need your support, my dear friends, so that these things can never again happen to Israel's children."

The Prime Minister's twenty-minute talk ended with an invitation: "May God bless you for being here. I have only one request to ask of you, my Christian friends: Come again next year to Jerusalem!" Then he stooped down to embrace and kiss some of the children sitting on the edge of the stage.

Jon van der Hoeven followed the Prime Minister with a deeply moving message calling Christians to stand with Israel in her hour of isolation, and challenging his listeners to become the best friends Israel has ever had. One Christian woman in the congregation who had lived in Israel for many years commented with tears in her eyes, "This night was an answer to years of praying for God's love to be able to touch Israel's leaders."

Israeli television cameras panned the faces of the applauding assembly as the Prime Minister waved good-bye. Yossi Greenberg, an Israeli television cinematographer, told us as he led his camera crew out of the hall, "Your love has touched our Prime Minister greatly. We want the Israeli people to see what an example you have set for the rest of the world." It was an historic meeting.

The following day I was invited to accompany Mike Evans, author of the book *Israel, America's Key to Survival*, to interview Mr. Begin and discuss his response to the meetings. Dr. Reuben Hecht, Begin's personal friend and advisor, escorted us to the cabinet room where pictures of Theodore Herzl, the founder of the modern Jewish state, adorned the stately hall. When Prime Minister Begin came in, he smiled, greeted us warmly, and invited us into his personal offices. Dr. Hecht joined our forty-five minute meeting and later two cabinet members sat in on our discussion. Mr. Begin turned to us and said, "Your meeting last night was the greatest meeting I have ever been to on behalf of Israel and Zionism."

"Why do you feel that way, Mr. Prime Minister?" asked one

Photos: Barry Mevorah from New York City, one of the dancers in the worship service (above right); worshipers in the gathering at Ben Yonat HaUmah hall in Jerusalem (below).



of his cabinet members, realizing the significance of such a statement in light of Begin's involvement for over thirty-three years in Israel's political history.

"Because of the sincerity and the beautiful emotions," Begin replied, "These Christians have come from all over the world now to help us. And they want nothing in return. They simply care for us and want to help our people and our nation. I have come to see in the past few years a new form of Christianity. It seems to me to be a new phenomenon. I have begun to recognize some of our Christian friends in the United States and the rest of the world as some of Israel's most important allies. Christians may be one of the most important forces in America and the free world for helping us in the years to come." I was overwhelmed by the Prime Minister's recognition of the role that Christians may have in shaping Israel's future.

Mr. Begin then asked us why the believers had raised their hands during the worship service. Mike Evans replied, "The lifting of hands by Christians is a praise to God."

"What were they praising God for?" Begin asked.

"They were thanking God for you. They know that God has set you in office and anointed you as leader of this great nation even as God anointed King David of old. They pray regularly for you."

"Thank you," Begin replied. "Tell them for me that I appreciate their help and their prayers."

I had brought with me a copy of a magazine ad which we had published in the United States to raise support for Israel. When Mr. Begin read the heading, "God's Love for Israel and the Jewish People Is Eternal—Because a Promise Is a Promise," he asked me to sign this copy so that he could keep it for framing.

As we stood to leave, Mr. Begin noticed the words on a small button on my jacket and

read them aloud: "Israel, You're Not Alone." He asked if I had an extra button. I didn't, but I quickly transferred mine to his lapel. He smiled and thanked us, and we shook hands and embraced.

Dr. Hecht drove us back to our hotel. He told us, "You as Christians have honored our Prime Minister, and he has been deeply touched by your sincere love and commitment to Israel. The standing ovation that the Prime Minister received the other night was one of the greatest ever and is symbolic of the new expressions of love from Christians to Jews."

Other Events

The remainder of the week's events were equally significant. In the evening sessions, more than seven hundred Israelis attended in addition to the three thousand international participants. In one session Derek Prince gave a powerful and moving message about the current events which are fulfilling God's promise to restore and bless Israel.

Another event was a three-mile march through the streets of Jerusalem, which brought warm responses from hundreds of Jewish children, parents, soldiers and other citizens. The Israelis applauded often as they read the parade's colorful banners—many in Hebrew—declaring God's love for Israel and the Jewish people. Many of the signs carried texts from the book of Isaiah.

Thousands from around the world met in the park adjoining the new International Christian Embassy to hear Mayor Teddy Kolleck speak at the opening ceremonies of the new center. The mayor expressed his appreciation for the gifts those assembled had brought to Jerusalem, as well as their demonstration of friendship toward Israel.

Later, a repentance service seeking God's forgiveness for centuries of Christian anti-Semitism took place at Yad

VaShem, the Holocaust Memorial. The Jewish staff there agreed that it was the most profoundly moving service ever held on the grounds. They witnessed hundreds of believers bowing their heads in prayer—many in tears—asking God to forgive the sins of Christians against Jews.

Perhaps Derek Prince best summarized the week: "For the first time, the people of Israel have been presented with Christianity in a form which they could relate to their own spiritual heritage. They came as spectators, but the many-sided Hebraic worship and the high praises of God drew them into participation. The impact was felt on the highest levels in every area of Israeli society—and still continues."

Two weeks after the Feast of Tabernacles celebration in Jerusalem, Mr. Begin was asked by newsmen on NBC's *Meet the Press* whether, in light of the AWACS sale to Saudi Arabia, Israel felt isolated. His reply: "No. Not at all. Israel has many dear *Christian* friends throughout the world."

Christians who have faithfully responded to God's call to pray for the peace of Jerusalem have been exuberant over the events that took place during this year's convocation. The initial manifestations of God's glory have come to rest on the city of Jerusalem as the Holy Spirit has demonstrated to the Israelis His power and love. For us in America, however, the challenge remains to continue to pray for Israel, and to stand faithfully with her. God's word to us is clear: "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper who love thee" (Ps. 122:6). ♣



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Managing Our Work

by John W. Alexander

"I've simply got too much to do. There just isn't time enough. Can anybody help me?"

How many students, housewives, pastors, business men and women, teachers, and on and on find themselves feeling and expressing such complaints? It is a chronic complaint among countless busy people.

You may sometimes feel that you face a task with more to be done than time in which to do it. But this is true of any worthwhile job. Indeed, every person who is physically and emotionally healthy needs such a challenge. Place a healthy person in a job with more time available than the task requires, and he soon becomes bored.

But with a big job we face a potential pitfall. One of the most frustrating feelings in life is to awaken to a new day and face so

many tasks that we are overwhelmed by their magnitude. We feel even worse when we face that sort of week or month or year. If we fail to plan properly—to set realistic goals and to abide by them—we may feel swamped, throw up our hands in frustration, collapse from nervous exhaustion, and be forced to take an extended leave of absence or even resign from the job.

The solution to frustration and chaos is to commit ourselves to Jesus Christ and then endeavor

or, under his Lordship, to manage our work effectively. *Either we manage our work or the work manages us.*

Paul writing to the early churches seems to have had just this sort of management principle in mind:

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth (1 Cor. 3:6).

Each man should examine his own conduct for himself; then he can measure his achievement by comparing himself with himself and not with anyone else. For everyone has his own proper burden to bear (Gal. 6:4-5, NEB).

You are the salt of the earth You are the light of the world Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven (Mt. 5:13-14, 16).

Let's apply these Scriptures to our lives. As disciples of Christ we are concerned that our works be good, that the world be a better place because of our influence, that people hear the gospel of Christ, and that those who respond grow toward maturity in him. We say that God gives increase in terms of regeneration (by which the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ is planted within believers), in terms of growth of the believer toward maturity in Christ and in terms of calling out people to missionary work and other service to mankind. These accomplishments are the work of the Holy Spirit. We cannot program them.

Yet we are responsible to perform our duties under God—to manage our work, make plans, set goals and then work to achieve them (to plant, water, harvest)—in the location God has placed us. "For God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure" (Phil. 2:13)

Our Commitment to the Lord

In getting our work done, it

is not basically a matter of our doing God's work for him. God is the active agent. Primarily it is *his* working in and through us.

In one sense we are his *instruments*. Our initial step, therefore, is committing ourselves to his hands, placing ourselves joyfully at his disposal to be used by the Holy Spirit to the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. "Do not yield your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but yield yourselves to God as men who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments of righteousness" (Rom. 6:13).

In another sense we are *workers together with God*. "So we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us Working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain" (2 Cor. 5:20; 6:1).

Daily, deliberately, voluntarily, let us dedicate ourselves—mind, emotions, will and body—to the Lord for the Spirit's cleansing, filling and anointing. Unless he flows through and empowers, we will accomplish nothing of lasting value, no matter how well we manage our work. "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain" (Ps. 127:1)

But in another sense we have human freedom, and it is necessary for the committed Christian to *work* at serving God. Organizing our tasks and planning our time is not "unspiritual"—it is part of "working together with him." Little has been written about this aspect of a Christian's life. We honor God best when we manage our lives and our work wisely as good stewards. . . .

Reluctance to Plan

Some Christians believe that planning is worldly and that we simply should let the Holy Spirit guide without trying to plan in advance. Doubtless there are some Christians who face only two alternatives: either carnal planning or unplanned, Spirit-guided action. In such a situa-

tion the choice should surely be the latter.

But such attitudes prejudice all planning as being carnal and ignore the validity of a third option: Spirit-guided planning. Let each be fully persuaded in his own mind, but let the spiritual nonplanner be careful lest he judge the planner as being necessarily carnal. The notion that plans will deny the Holy Spirit freedom to act ignores the fact that God is the master planner. His plan was laid out before time began (1 Pet. 1:20, Eph. 1:9-12). The Holy Spirit is both a long-range and short-range planner. We limit him when we assume he operates only on spur-of-the-moment caprice. He has a plan for each life. He has a plan for each group to which we belong. It is our privilege to ask his guidance in setting objectives, goals and standards in harmony with his plan. It is poor stewardship of time and energy to commence a year, week or day without endeavoring to plan it as he directs. Once the specific plan is formulated, we execute it ever mindful that if he chooses to overrule, we are willing subjects to his divine prerogative.

A more practical reason a person may shy away from planning is that sculpturing statements of objectives, goals and standards is hard work. It is much easier to settle for vague generalizations of what we might undertake. . . .

One also hears the statement that planning in general and goal-setting in particular stifle creativity. I challenge that proposition. It is true that poorly conceived goals and poorly con-



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My life insurance company? "Egyptian Life" of course. Why?

structed standards might thwart a person whose creativity moves by whim or who is a loner and not able to work as a member of a team. But well-conceived goals and standards stimulate and challenge a person who is able to direct this creative energy, especially when his colleagues depend on his productivity and he is willing to have his work evaluated.

I am convinced that creativity and discipline can go well together. Graham Blaine, Harvard University psychiatrist, says (in *Youth and the Hazard of Affluence* [New York: Harper and Row, 1966]) that creative people will produce more and be more free to produce if they have learned submission to authority—and self-discipline—early in life. . . .

Another caution must be noted here. It is possible to overplan (to set too many goals or write them out in excessive detail) or to set standards too high. Both are errors. The result is a plan which frustrates the planner. Instead of a tool to help, it becomes a monster which enslaves and can generate a sense of guilt.

The solution is not to abandon goals and standards. We must avoid the extreme of underplanning as well as overplanning. A person who finds through experience that his endeavors are overplanned or that his goals are too ambitious can rectify the plan by applying stewardship principles and scal-

ing down the standards to workable size.

Setting Priorities

For every purpose there is likely to be a plethora of objectives, goals and standards from which to choose. A person cannot attempt them all. Which ones will he select, which will he reject, so that his plan contains only the essential objectives, goals and standards? Once those decisions are made and he commences to implement the plan, how does he respond to interruptions and to new demands? Every interruption and new alternative calls for yet more decisions.

Such decisions call for some system of priorities by which to choose between alternatives. A helpful system for processing such options is to establish three categories of disposition:

Yes, I must (will) do this.

Maybe. I'll do this if there is time.

No. I will not attempt this.

Next we take each alternative and place it in one of the three categories. Some decisions of this nature can be made in a split second. Some take a few minutes, while others consume days, weeks or longer.

How does a Christian proceed with those decisions where the answer is not obvious? Here is a five-step suggestion:

1. *Pray.* Gladly obeying the Lordship of Christ, we ask the Holy Spirit to guide us in all decision-making. God has

given a wonderful promise which surely applies to just such situations, "I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go. I will guide you with my eye upon you" (Ps. 32:8).

2. *Procure guidance from Scripture.* What does the Bible say that can guide us in making the decision?

3. *Procure information from all other sources useful in making a particular decision.* In other words, have command of pertinent facts.

4. *Procure advice from persons knowledgeable about the issue.* Particularly seek counsel from other believers who can pray.

5. *Then make the decision.* And make it without then second-guessing God, wondering if he really guided you. He will not play cat-and-mouse. He will keep his promise to guide you—and will prevent your taking the wrong fork in the road, even if the fog is so thick that you do not see the right fork. . . .

Learn to Say No

Many Christians make a serious mistake by assuming only two disposition categories: yes and maybe. They feel it is unspiritual to say no. Some feel they must say yes to every invitation, request, interruption and demand. Then, grossly over-committed, they carry heavy loads of guilt for unfulfilled commitments.

Some of you this moment need to be unshackled from bondage; you need to listen to a calm word of assurance: It can be just as spiritual to say no as to say yes. Busy people probably should say no automatically unless they are certain the Holy Spirit wants them to say yes. Persons who constantly complain of being too busy may be expressing self-pity. Unwittingly they are certainly admitting poor management.

How does one decide which of the three categories a live option should be assigned to? There are three fundamental

steps: First, count its cost (in terms of time, money, energy, or any other relevant criterion). Second, estimate the value of its probable result. Third, compare with results and costs of other live options. . . .

Personal and Occupational Planning

Regardless of a person's occupation, there are several aspects of his personal life for which he can plan. The following are some examples.

Spiritual: What should be my objectives, goals and standards as I cooperate with the Holy Spirit in making me more like Jesus Christ?

Intellectual: What should I endeavor to accomplish in order to improve my mind?

Physical and emotional: In what ways shall I discipline myself to preserve health?

Family: What should I do to maintain salutary relationships with my spouse, children, parents and other relatives?

Fellowship: How much time should I invest in fellowship with other Christians?

Citizenship: As one of Christ's disciples, what should I attempt as a Christian in Christless society?

When it comes to occupation, a teacher's objectives are different from a farmer's. Plumbers and housewives generally have quite different goals. For my occupation, what objectives, goals and standards should I set?

Planning by Clock and Calendar

Time is too precious to waste. Our planning should help us use it wisely. Goals and standards must be translated into time. To set a goal but allow no time to work toward it is counterproductive. A person's schedule should be congruent with his objectives, goals and standards.

The secret is to *plan the use of time wisely*. A person's plan is incomplete if it fails to indicate

when he plans to do what. Let's refer to such plans as *time budgets*. (Some people prefer the terms *calendar* or *schedule*.) These can be constructed at different scales of magnitude: for the next hour, next day, next week, next month, next year or any other unit.

There are two routes available for time-planning, both equally valid. Sequence A commences with one's objectives, moves to his calendar, then back to his goals and standards. Sequence B commences with objectives, moves next to goals and standards, then to calendars and schedules. In either case the aspiration is to arrive at a statement of goals and standards which harmonizes with your schedule and calendar.

Here then is an important checkpoint: If you have spelled out goals and standards which require time for implementation, and if your time budget allows no time for implementation, you should delete those particular goals and standards or else revise both them and the time schedule. Failure to make such changes will produce a burden of guilt for goals unmet and probably lead to abandoning them in an effort to experience "freedom from bondage."

Here are specific suggestions for planning by calendar and clock. For most of us the most useful time units probably are days, weeks, years and "long range." Your plan for a *day* can be laid out the night before. A simple but useful tool is a card (or sheet of paper) divided down the middle, the left side titled "Will do/must do" and the right side "Maybe/might do." List on each side the appropriate commitments. Entries for which a specific hour is fixed should be listed at the top. Other entries can be listed below. Next, give each of these latter entries a priority number (1, 2, 3, etc.) so that when you are free you know which task to tackle next.

Suppose the day ends and there are entries on the left-hand side which remain undone. What

then? Either you rob yourself of sleep or postpone them—or let them go undone! One of the secrets of self-discipline is learning to decide to let some things go undone, without feeling guilty.

Your plan for a *week* also consists of two types of entries: those without fixed times and those which are scheduled for specific time. Make the list of all unscheduled endeavors you will/must do and then the list of things you might do. Rank these unscheduled entries. Next, lay out a weekly time budget—a

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grid in which there are seven vertical columns (one for each day) and several horizontal rows corresponding to hours (or any other time unit you wish to employ). Enter into this schematic all of your scheduled events (in specific hour-boxes on specific days). Then proceed to fill in the "open" times by working your way down through the priority listing of unscheduled events. Such a budget, if used wisely, will maximize returns on investment of time. Moreover, it can spare you the embarrassment of committing yourself to two engagements for the same time.

But suppose there isn't time in a week to do all which should be done. What then? You must call upon your self-discipline exactly as at the end of a day when you faced the same dilemma: Either postpone the lower priority items—or let them go undone without flagellating yourself. A well-disciplined busy person must learn to say no to numerous opportunities and demands.

An *annual* plan is more complex, but you can construct one by again using entries with fixed times and those without. One useful tool is the "Year-at-a-Glance," a one-page diagram on which all 365 days of the year

appear, each day represented by its number. One way to construct this diagram is to divide a page in half and then plot six months of days on the left-hand side and six on the right. Divide each side into seven columns, labeled S M T W T F S. Then position the number of each day of each month. You can use such a tool to plot the days when you schedule fixed events.

A second tool is a list of your objectives, goals and standards for the year. This will include some endeavors which already involve fixed dates (and can be entered on your "Year-at-a-Glance"). It will include other endeavors which must be fitted into open times. It is these goals and standards which prove so useful in weeding out lower priority endeavors, helping you to say no to new opportunities, new requests and new invitations which you should decline.

Your long-range plan can be

laid out by following the same procedures.

Other time units are available. A student or teacher might plan by quarters, semesters or summers. Some people might find months to be a more useful unit and a "Month-at-a-Glance" a useful tool.

A person's annual plan should harmonize with his long-range plan. Each of his weekly plans should harmonize with his annual plan. Each daily plan should fit into its weekly plan. In different words, a well-conceived plan for large time units facilitates planning for smaller units....

Counsel in Planning

In constructing plans, a person does well to seek counsel from others. A father should consult his family, a pastor should confer with his elders or deacons, a chairman with his committee, a president with his

cabinet, and every worker should consult his supervisor.

In marriage, it is essential that the man confer with his wife (and vice versa) in formulating daily, weekly, annual and long-range plans. Marriage relationships can be strained if plans do not harmonize (for example, arrangements concerning when supper will be served, how long it will last, who cleans up after the meal, who has the use of the car, what guests should be invited and when, what the schedule is for Sunday afternoon). A major ministry of parents to children is training them in managing their time.

So teach us to number our days.... (Ps. 90:12)

Look carefully then how you walk...making the most of the time (Eph. 5:15-16)....

Flexible Tools

Plans should be flexible tools which help rather than rigid strait jackets which stultify. If your plans turn out to be too ambitious, change them immediately. Scale down the standards, reduce the goals, cut back the objectives, simplify the purposes. Your plans should be your servant, not your monarch....

Plans can be expressed in many ways, but the method stressed here is to spell them out in terms of objectives, goals and standards. In this way we provide useful tools for budgeting and expending our hours, energy and money. This gives structure to our days, weeks, months and years. And, if properly constructed, these tools will be invaluable aids in preventing frustration and giving direction to our efforts.

Well-set objectives, goals and standards can also facilitate a sense of achievement which thrills a person who sees for himself that he is doing those things he knows he should be doing. ♥

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The vision of our Puritan forefathers in early America to create a "holy nation" under God offers much for Christians today to consider.

The Puritan world view was based upon a recognition that God's kingdom should oversee every sphere and aspect of life.

Though most Christian thinkers today recognize only three primary institutions basic to every society—the family, the civil government and the Church—the Puritans acknowledged seven units of society: the individual, the family, the civil government, the Church, business, education and culture. Each sphere was perceived as unique with distinct responsibilities. A business, for example, was not to be governed like a school or church. Nevertheless, all the spheres were viewed as interrelated and somewhat inter-

dependent. The civil government, for example, needed the prophetic voice of the Church in order to be faithful to its commission. What held all the spheres of society together was their subordination to God's kingdom and Word. Neither the individual, the Church, nor the state was ultimate. Rather, God's Word and sovereignty ruled over all.

We must not confuse Christian business with church business. The two—business and church—are interrelated spheres under the Kingdom of God, and yet they are distinct. The Church serves the business sphere by providing godly people for employment and by proclaiming biblical principles of work. The business sphere in turn serves the Church by providing legitimate callings for godly people to serve in and funds from its profits to facilitate the mission of the Church.

The Prophetic Role of Business

Recently, many Christians

have been stirred to address themselves to the matter of business and the Kingdom of God. These promptings of the Spirit are not incidental, but rather indicative of a restorative word that God is speaking in this hour. One of the primary tasks before the Church today is to rediscover and clarify the sphere of business under God's kingdom.

The Scriptures have much to say about business matters. Work attitudes, stewardship, labor relationships, sound currency, investments, rest, budgeting, theft, charity and financial wisdom are all touched upon in Scripture. A biblical recognition and understanding of the sphere of business is a necessary aspect of the restoration of God's kingdom today.

The prophetic role business will take in this restoration is highlighted in several scriptures. We read in Isaiah 60:1-3, 5-6 a prophecy that still awaits fulfillment:

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness will cover the earth, and deep darkness the peoples; but the Lord will rise upon you; and His glory will appear upon you. And nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising... the abundance of the sea will be turned to you, the wealth of the nations will come to you. A multitude of camels will cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba will come; they will bring gold and frankincense, and will bear good news of the praises of the Lord (NAS).

Although much could be said about this passage which would be relevant to the subject of business, it is enough to focus on one phrase: "the wealth of nations will come to you." The issue we must address is not *whether* the wealth of the na-

tions will come to God's people, for that has been prophesied as a certainty. The issue, rather, is *how* and *when* it will come. Personally, I doubt that the wealth will come to us like manna from heaven or that it will simply be "flung" at us as the spoils of Egypt were given to Israel in the Exodus. On the contrary, God will grant the wealth of the nations to us when we know how to steward it.

For this reason it is imperative that the Church begin to provide counsel, instruction and materials that will train individuals, businesses and churches to steward resources properly.

Many Christians are convinced that the Church *will* meet God's conditions for proper stewardship, and the prophetic word of Isaiah will come to pass. The purpose for releasing wealth to God's people is manifold, but it can be summed up in one phrase: to extend the Kingdom of God. Wealth is needed, among other things, to accomplish the purposes of God in the earth. Wealth is necessary to finance aid to the needy, world evangelism, discipling ministries, social reconstruction and cultural transformation. Many millions of dollars are necessary to fulfill the mandate and accomplish the commission God has given us.

The two primary means for supplying the Church with the funds necessary for this task are the tithe and Christian business. The tithe is a ten-percent return on our income that the Lord requires in order to finance the leadership and ministry of the Church. Christian businesses are those businesses which are owned and operated by Christians who are committed to incorporating biblical principles of work and ethics with sound methods of finance and marketing. They will serve an integral role in the purposes of God. Because many businesses will prosper as a result of their firm commitment to biblical principles to business and work, it would be possible for them to

contribute a percentage of their profits for the purpose of extending God's kingdom.

Business As Christian Vocation

In Zechariah we read, "Thus says the Lord of hosts, 'My cities will again overflow with prosperity, and the Lord will again comfort Zion and again choose Jerusalem'" (Zech. 1:17 NAS).

This prophecy heralds a time of restoration for the people of God who have been in captivity. It is interesting to note that later in that passage from Zechariah, there is the inference that business (referred to as "craftsmen") may have some role in bringing about God's judgment and restoration in the nations.

When discussing God's restoration, most Christians tend to think of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers rather than men in other vocations. Yet even though God calls some men to those ministries of the Church, He calls many as well to ministries of business. Today God is raising up corporate groups of godly craftsmen in many vocations who are being prepared to serve an integral role in the purposes of God.

Christian businessmen are servants and ministers of Christ in their callings. John Calvin once said that with respect to calling, the preacher has no ethical superiority over the merchant. Today, however, countless Christian businessmen are blinded to the godly nature of their calling because they have been taught that business is "secular" work rather than "spiritual" work. This rigid dichotomy between secular and spiritual is foreign to the unified Old Testament model, and is actually a perpetration of the ancient dualism of the Greeks which the Church has never fully eradicated in her two-thousand-year history. Contrary to the concept of business being a godly calling is the pagan attitude summed up by the Roman statesman Cicero: "All crafts-

men are by their profession vile." One of the first tasks of the Church is to counteract this unbiblical attitude by educating Christians about the essentially spiritual nature of their callings in business.

The apostle Paul had to rebuke some of the Thessalonians for ceasing to work simply because of the possibility that the Lord might return immediately (2 Th. 3:10-12). Christians since then have often been notorious for embracing escapist attitudes toward work due to their eschatologies. Rather than aggressively moving forward to take dominion over the earth, the Church has all too often lapsed into an irresponsible passivity, approaching her commission with the attitude: "You don't polish brass on a sinking ship." Jesus, however, instructed us to take the opposite approach. In the parable of the ten minas (Lk. 19:11-27), the master gave each of his servants money and told them, "*Do business with this* until I come back." In this story, Jesus commands us to take the offensive and "do business" until He returns.

"Doing business" is one of the great challenges and responsibilities of Christians in this hour. Rather than shrinking back in fear and pessimism as a response to the moral and economic turbulence of our day, our call is to rise and move forward. Although the task is great, our conviction is that God is sovereignly and providentially arranging circumstances so that His people can emerge to redeem the neglected sphere of business for His glory.



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I Believe in God the Father Almighty . . .

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needs certain basic components.

First is the dimension of personal relationships—with God, family and friends. Our activist, goal-oriented culture is hard on these relationships. First identify the important people in your life and consider what claims they have on your time.

Next, take time to write down the high-priority projects, reflecting on their relative importance. But do not make a schedule yet. The first step simply lists the most important activities in your life.

2. *Take a time inventory.* In financial planning you do not begin by setting up an ideal budget. Rather you start realistically with an account of where the dollars are going now. This second step records how your hours are currently being spent.

You need to start here because

your pattern of activities is a picture of your present lifestyle with its needs and desires, values and goals. This is the reality to which adjustments must be made.

You may think you don't need this step. But why not try it for a week? Make a chart with the days divided into half-hour segments. Before you go to bed be sure each period is accounted for: time on the job, personal business, meals, Bible reading and prayer, family activities, church programs, visits with friends, etc.

At the end of the week (or two) count the hours spent in each activity. Then compare them with the list of priorities you prepared in the first step. Brace yourself for the shock.

You will probably discover significant discrepancies between your top-priority items and how much time you are actually investing in them. In the next step you can meet these dis-

crepancies head on.

3. *Budget your hours.* Now you are ready to reschedule your use of time. In light of your priorities and inventory, what changes need to be made? Starting with the way you are now using the hours, prepare a plan that makes them more effective to achieve your goals.

Find a monthly calendar with enough room to lay out the major events of each day. Some of your recurring daily activities and weekly programs will remain the same. First write down those commitments which have little or no possibility of change. Next, consider high-priority activities for which more hours need to be budgeted. Then make the hard decisions as to which activities must be cut back or eliminated to yield those additional needed hours.

In this budgeting process you should observe a fundamental

Making Time for God

by Bert Ghezzi

In Brief

A prophecy I once heard suggested the intensity of God's commitment to us. "You have been first in my thoughts," the Lord said. "Have I been first in yours?" There are a number of steps we can take to move Him more and more into the center of our lives and the forefront of our thoughts.

1. Recognize that significant effort and personal involvement will be required, as with any other relationship.
2. Set aside a definite time every day to pray. Make it a time when you are mentally and spiritually alert.
3. Make it a reasonable length of time. Beginning with too long a time can be discouraging.
4. Have a definite place as far as possible from distractions and interruptions, and allowing vocal prayer and worship if possible.
5. Have a basic agenda, such as scripture reading and intercession, but be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Our relationship with the Lord is not to be taken lightly. It's a serious commitment. If we neglect it, we reap the consequence in the form of a powerless Christian life, largely devoid of peace and direction. If we nourish it through prayer and Scripture, our life will witness to a joy, strength and confidence found only in a relationship with the Lord.

principle: Do not try to make too many changes at once. Remember that your present pattern of spending time reflects habits developed over many years. Some of them will be difficult to alter. Our Lord is a gracious teacher who usually helps us learn one lesson at a time. The encouragement of small successes motivates us to stick with the budget.

Here is an example. If you do not now have a daily quiet time of Bible reading and prayer, plan to set the alarm fifteen to twenty minutes earlier. If you then discover that you have trouble waking up, decide on an earlier time to retire.

Perhaps you are involved in too many group activities which prevent your taking adequate time to build individual relationships. Then mark one or two that you should discontinue as soon as you can gracefully finish your responsibility.

The important thing is to plan ahead. Many people have

discovered that one minute spent in planning can save several in execution. Try to draw up your battle plan before the firing begins!

4. *Spend according to plan.* Now comes the difficult part: a firm resolve and courage to follow through. Whether for dollars or hours, a budget is only as good as its implementation. Only as your plans actually guide your action will you see the desired results.

The first day or two may go reasonably well. Then comes an unexpected request for which you have not budgeted any time. Perhaps it is an important task, something that will meet the needs of others. You wonder whether it might be something God wants that you had not anticipated. How do you handle it?

First, resist the temptation to decide on the spot. Tell the person who is pressing you that you need to think it over.

Second, look at your time budget. If you accept this unplanned assignment, where will you get the hours? What scheduled activity has to be curtailed, if not eliminated?

Third, weigh the two opportunities and make the hard choice. God may want you to change your plans, but not without counting the cost. The issue is clear: Either cut down on a planned activity or muster the courage to say no.

At times you will fail, but do not be discouraged. Even the best trained army can lose a skirmish. Unforeseen difficulty sometimes prevents the battle from going as planned. When this happens you can regroup, evaluate the new situation and then press forward along the lines of your strategy.

At the end of a month you will need to take time for evaluation. To what extent have you narrowed the gap between planned priorities and your activities? If you have been successful in one or two areas, are you ready now to work on another? If you have the tendency to underestimate the amount

of time for a certain task, try to budget on a more realistic basis. Constant interaction between planning and practice will teach you much about yourself.

The best time-saving comes from eliminating major activities rather than trying to cut back a little here and there. You may have too many commitments this year. But the lessons you learn can help you resist overcommitment next year.

Two Ways to Go

The way we spend our time can tend toward one of two opposite directions. One is basically impulse spending: going through the day responding to our desires or the pressures of the moment. The other way involves advance planning which sets priorities and makes the decisions ahead of time.

Most of us live somewhere between these two extremes. But no matter where we are on the scale, progress in the right direction is possible. The Apostle James assures us, "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God who gives generously to all" (Ja. 1:5).

God has given each of us a unique combination of abilities, opportunities and energy. He promises us the insight we need to use our time productively. Applying these four steps can make our lives more effective in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ. ▼

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6. Discipline appropriately and consistently.
7. Communicate regularly (this includes listening).
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Linda Johnson

Sound counsel

Thank you for the November issue. I really appreciated Larry Christenson's point of view on a Christian's vital signs. This is a useful insight for my work in counseling. I want to begin checking these signs when a new person comes for counseling.

I found Paul Thigpen's testimony to be really touching. What a testimony to God's power when our lives are set right with Him. God bless you for your ministry.

Larry Jones
Ellicott City, MD

Encouraged to believe

Thank you so much for the issue on the Christian's vital signs! What an encouragement it has been to me! The week preceding the arrival of the issue the Lord was working in me all the issue spoke of. I especially appreciate Paul Thigpen's testimony; for I'm in the process of righting my relationship with my folks. The Lord has worked tremendously, but there are still many areas to work through. His testimony gave substance to the hope in Christ that our relationship *will* be all that it

should be. And indeed I'm even more blessed because it seems that ever since I've started to really lift up *New Wine* in prayer, I've been receiving more out of the magazine. Bless the Lord.

The Lord continually bless you there as you serve Him in this ministry.

Edward Miller
Black Mountain, NC

Heart of the problem

I thank and praise the Lord for your fine Christian publication. I so appreciate the way articles are presented and written because they are spiritual in every respect.

I especially enjoyed brother Charles Simpson's "To The Point" in your October issue. It was one of the finest and most honest articles I have read in a long time. Although I do agree that all your articles are of very high caliber, I was especially moved by this one because it really strikes at the very heart of our immorality—the dissolution of the family.

My prayer is that *New Wine* will always publish spiritual nourishment which will feed the flock and bring the sheep back into the fold, the Body of Christ! To God be the glory!

D. Robert Leone
Milltown, NJ

Helpful discovery

May I introduce myself as Engineer Cadet Christopher Nikoi of the Arab Maritime Transport Academy. I spent my three month summer vacation working as a volunteer on board MV *The Anastasis*, a vessel belonging to Youth With A Mission. During this time I discovered some of your *New Wine* magazines in the ship's library.

Dear New Wine,

I found your magazine to be extremely helpful, particularly in the area of Christian maturity. I'd therefore be very thankful if you would send me *New Wine* Magazine every month. I'll be praying that God will bless you all richly.

Christopher Nikoi
Alexandria, Egypt

Large Influence

New Wine has been a tremendous blessing to us and I thank our Lord for a group who can produce a magazine that can have an influence for our Lord in this world. *New Wine* has been having a *large* part in the structuring of our home. It seems to always be in harmony with our pastor's teaching. Thank you.

Dan Johnson
Puyallup, WA

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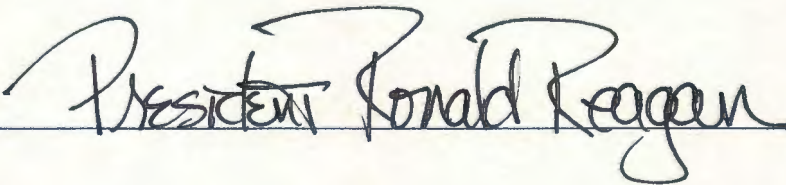
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Isaiah 60:1-4



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Message by the Honorable Harry Zvi Hurwitz

Presentation of Gifts for Israel to the Honorable Harry Zvi Hurwitz

Special Offering

Closing Songs

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The Background

This coming April 18th, 1983, is the 35th Anniversary of the birth of the nation of Israel. For almost a generation now, Christians worldwide have seen the prophetic hand of Almighty God regathering the world's Jews from all the nations where He had scattered them and brought them back into their own land (Jeremiah 23:3, Genesis 17:8, Ezekiel 34:11-13).

The modern day restoration of Israel and their present existence as a nation is a testimony to the faithfulness of the God whom we worship, a God whose love for Israel is based upon His covenants, His promises, His Holy Word, and His everlasting love (Jeremiah 31:1-3).

Since their rebirth as a nation, the State of Israel has earnestly demonstrated a sincere desire for a rapprochement and peace with their Middle Eastern neighbors. Unfortunately, their desire for peace has rarely been reciprocated and they have had to struggle merely for the right to exist. History confirms for us the lesson of the Holy Scriptures in Genesis 12:3. When nations have failed to stand by Israel or the Jewish people, God has visited them with His righteous judgment.

Even at this present time, the nations of the world have largely turned their backs on Israel. Both their biblical claims and their God are considered irrelevant, embarrassing, and antiquated.

The scope of organized terrorism and the plans to engage Israel in an all-out war have mounted year by year. The PLO has been joined by such powerful nations as Syria, Russia, Iraq, Yemen, Cuba, and Libya in their attempts to remove the Jewish people from their homeland.

Each war on Israel has been costly. Thousands of Israelis have had to give their lives in defense of their country. Moderate states such as Jordan and Saudi Arabia, linked by common Islamic ties and religious beliefs have lent military, economic, and moral support to each campaign against Israel.

The western nations have largely bowed out, under pressure from the oil-rich Arab nations in supporting Israel. Our own nation, the United States, is under constant pressure, threat, and advise to do the same. Our country faces a moral crisis in its current attitude and commitment towards Israel.

Meanwhile, most of the traditional, denominational churches, still under third century teachings of New Covenant theology both believe and teach that the Church has replaced Israel as God's chosen people and have little biblical concern for the current plight of Israel's struggle for existence.

Many evangelical churches have recognized Israel's prophetic role in the world today, but have viewed the fulfillment of prophecy in a self-serving way--only to confirm their own Christian faith and beliefs in the Bible.

Little or no acts of friendship or support have been mounted.

The church today is largely asleep, similar to the state of the Christians living in Germany during World War II, insensitive to Israel's needs and unaware of the scope of current threats of war, annihilation and political campaigns, fueled by satanic hatred and anti-semitism to destroy Israel.

Yet God has not forgotten His people; the the gifts and callings of God are without repentance. (Romans 11:2)

The worldwide attack on Israel is an attack on God Himself, the Bible and His redeeming love.

We who love the Lord in this hour are being called to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, to acknowledge our historic debt to the Jewish people, and to demonstrate our support for Israel, its God, its land, and its people by public Christian acts of friendship and support of their right to exist and of their biblical covenant with God.

During the past decade, the Spirit of God has been awakening His church worldwide to see the Father's love for Israel; and enter into a firm and biblical relationship of support, comfort, prayer, and public demonstration of Christian solidarity with the nation of Israel and the world's Jewish people.

Israel's right to exist is not debatable. It must and will continue to exist. Its very presence in the world today confronts the secular nations with an even more awkward existence--that of Almighty God Himself.

The fate of Israel and the Church is one. The time to stand up for Israel both in the church and our city, and nation in this critical hour is now.

The future blessings of God upon our own nation may depend largely upon how the Church responds today in making God's Word known to our nation's leaders, regarding the spiritual consequences of undermining or abandoning Israel.

The Vision

In April of 1983, a coalition of Christian churches, organizations, and Christian leaders will be gathering together for a special evening tribute to Israel--their land, their people, and their God--in Kansas City. God's vision, purpose, and direction in this event has been sought and confirmed in the hearts of a number of leaders in the Kansas City area.

A three-hour program will include a gala praise and worship procession, special music, dancing, and singing, prayers of intercession for Israel, the Church, and our nation, and speeches on current themes such as "Israel's

Covenant with God", "Our Debt to the Jewish People", "Current Events in Lebanon", and "America-Israel Friendship". We anticipate the active support and participation of Christians from over 50 churches and numerous denominations. A slide show with sound track will review Israel's 35 years of history, prophecy, and growth. The Honorable Harry Zvi Hurwitz, head of the Israel Embassy and minister of information, has been asked to address the Christians gathered. Senator Jack Danforth of Missouri has been invited to receive a tribute and award for his role in the Senate and support of Israel.

In testimonies, songs, musical productions, prayers, and speeches it is our desire to see the Christian community of Kansas City awaken to the prophetic message given by God through Jeremiah, "Hear the word of the Lord, O Nations, and declare in the coastlands afar off and say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him and keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.'" (Jer. 31:10)

The Purpose

1) To inspire, educate, and motivate the Christian community of Kansas City to bless Israel (Gen. 12:3), pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6), comfort the Jewish people (Isaiah 40:1), honor the Jewish roots of the church (Romans 11:18), worship and praise the God of Israel with thanksgiving (Jer. 31:7), proclaim God's message in our own nation (Jer. 31:10), and to enter into a new era of friendship and blessing with Israel and the Jewish people (Psalm 53:6).

2) To give honor and to testify before our city and state and government leaders of our concern over the U.S. current foreign policy, and of our city-wide and nationwide support of Israel as a Christian community in America today.

3) To intercede in prayer for God's purposes, Israel, and our nation in this hour.

4) To share in Hebraic worship, singing, music, drama, and dancing the majesty of the God of Israel and to demonstrate His love through prayer, praise, and worship.

5) To comfort, encourage, and support the nation of Israel, the Israeli Embassy in Washington D.C., and the local Jewish community in this hour of their growing isolation and abandonment. To become Christian ambassadors of friendship -- a voice of peace to Zion.

6) To provide the local Christian community of K.C. with opportunities for practical avenues of service and support for Israel in coming years.