

The Greater Light

The End Time Messenger

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Happy Birthday America!

'The Patriot who feels himself in The Service of God, who Acknowledges Him in all His Ways, has The Promise of Almighty Direction, and will find His Word in his greatest darkness, a Lantern to his feet and a Lamp unto his Paths, he will therefore Seek to Establish for his Country in the eyes of the world, such Character as shall make Her not unworthy of The Name of . . . 'A Christian Nation'

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Articles of Faith and Practice

1. We believe in God The Eternal Father, who only is Supreme; Creator of the Universe; Ruler and Judge of all; Unchangeable and without Respect to persons.
2. We believe in Jesus Christ The Manifestation of God in the flesh, who lived, suffered and died for all mankind; whom we own as our Leader, Witness and Commander.
3. We believe in The Holy Ghost, The Spirit of Truth, The Comforter, which searcheth the deep things of God, brings to our minds things which are past, Reveals things to come, and is the medium by which we Receive Revelation of Jesus Christ.
4. We believe that men will be punished for their own sins and not for Adam's transgression, and that as a consequence of The Atonement of Christ "all little children are alive in Christ, and also all they that are without The Law. For The Power of Redemption cometh on all they that have no law; wherefore, he that is not condemned, or he that is under no condemnation, cannot repent, and unto such, baptism availeth nothing." (Moroni 8:22)
5. We believe that through The Atonement of Christ all men may be Saved by Obedience to The Laws and Ordinances of The Gospel; viz. : Faith in God and in The Lord Jesus Christ; Repentance and Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; Laying on of Hands for: (a) Ordination, (b) Blessing of Children, (c) Confirmation and The Gift of the Holy Ghost (Acts 8:17), (d) Healing of the sick.
6. We believe in the literal second coming and Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ; in The Resurrection of the Dead, and in Eternal Judgment; that men will be rewarded or punished according to the good or evil they may have done.
7. We believe in The Powers and Gifts of The Everlasting Gospel: viz: The Word of Wisdom; The Word of Knowledge; The Gift of Faith; The Gift of Healing; Working of Miracles; Prophecy; Discerning of Spirits; Divers kinds of Tongues; Interpretation of Tongues.
8. We believe The Fruits of The Spirit to be Love, Joy, Peace, Long Suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, and Temperance.
9. We believe that in The Bible is contained The Word of God; that The Record of the Nephites is an added Witness for Christ, and that these contain 'The Fullness of The Gospel.'
10. We believe in the principle of Continuous Revelation; that The Canon of Scripture is not full, that God Inspires men in every age and among all people, and that He speaks when, where, and through whom he may choose.
11. We believe that where there are six or more regularly Baptized members, one of whom is an Elder, there The Church exists with Full Power of Church extension when acting in Harmony with The Law of God.
12. We believe that a man must be Called of God by Revelation and Ordained by those having Authority, to enable him to Preach The Gospel and Administer The Ordinances thereof.
13. We believe in the same Church Organization as existed in the time of Christ and His apostles. The highest office in The Church is that of an Apostle, of whom there are Twelve, who constitute Special Witnesses for Jesus Christ. They have The Missionary Supervision and The General Watch care of all The Churches.
14. The primary function of The General Church, of which each Local Church is a component part, is Missionary and the building up and extension of The Kingdom of God in all the world.
15. We believe that Local Churches should govern their own affairs and that General Church officials should not dominate or interfere therewith. On invitation such general officers may, with propriety, give counsel and assistance. Local congregations are subject to The Articles of Faith and Practice and must be governed thereby.
16. We believe The Church of Christ comprehends The True Brotherhood of man where each esteems his brother as himself and wherein The Divine Command to 'love your neighbor as yourself' is demonstrated by the prevalence of social equality.
17. We believe that all men are Stewards under God and answerable to Him not only for the distribution of accumulated wealth, but for the manner in which such wealth is secured. The primary purpose of Stewardship is not the increase of Church revenue or the mere contribution of money by those who have to those who have not, but to bring men to a realization of The Common Fatherhood and the universal brotherhood of man in all the affairs and expressions of life, and to maintain such social adjustments that each may enjoy The Bounty and Gifts of God, and be free to exercise his talents and ability to enrich the life of all.
18. We believe that men should labor for their own support and that of their dependents. Ministers of The Gospel are not absolved from this responsibility, but when Chosen or Appointed by The Church to devote their entire time to Missionary Work, their families are to be provided for out of General Church fund. The Admonition of Christ that The Ministry should not provide purse or scrip for their journey, but go Trusting in God and the people, is applicable.
19. We believe that the temporal affairs of the General Church are to be administered by The General Bishopric under the supervision and direction of the general conferences of The Church. The temporal affairs of The Local Churches shall be Administered by local Bishops under the supervision and direction of the local congregations.
20. We believe that marriage is Ordained of God, and that The Law of God provides for but one companion in wedlock for either man or woman. In case of breach of this covenant the innocent one may remarry.
21. We are opposed to war. Men are not justified in taking up arms against their fellows except as a last resort in defense of their lives and to preserve their liberty.
22. We believe in The Literal gathering of Israel, and in The Restoration of The Ten Lost Tribes.
23. We believe a Temple will be Built in this generation, in Independence, Missouri, wherein Christ will Reveal Himself and Endow His Servants whom He Chooses with Power to Preach The Gospel in all the world to every kindred, tongue and people, that The Promise of God to Israel may be Fulfilled.
24. We believe that a New Jerusalem shall be Built upon this land 'unto The Remnant' of The Seed of Joseph. (Ether 6:6-8; III Nephi 10:17), which city be Built, beginning at The Temple Lot.
25. We believe The Ministry and Membership should abstain from the use of tobacco, intoxicating liquors and narcotics and should not affiliate with any society which administer Oaths or Covenants in conflict with The Law of God, or which interfere with their duties as freemen and citizens.

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Message 53:3, **'Give ear, Oh ye people of the earth. Hear The Warning today. I speak The Words and Will of The Lord. Let all have Faith. Turn to The Lord and obey His Commands. Heed repentance and baptism that The Way of The Lord shall be among men. His Kingdom shall fill the whole earth. The hands must be laid upon all that THE GREATER LIGHT might come to them.'**

Message 53:10, 'Yea, I have brought a **Warning and few prepare for THE GREATER LIGHT**, but be thou Faithful even all who hear, for The Lord's Will shall be fulfilled in all things. All have their work to do and the day comes when The Lord shall breathe upon The Chosen and they shall do His Work in Mighty Power for their love toward the brethren. All that offend and that do not keep His Commandments shall not be His in the Last Day. Moreover, it is Christ's Words that shall judge all men.'

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everything written in *The Articles of Faith and Practice*.

It is each Elder's duty to Seek Guidance from and to keep The Territorial Apostle informed of his works in the region he is laboring.

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FOREWORD

THE GREATER LIGHT, the official publication of *The Church of Christ With The Elijah Message, The Assured Way of The Lord, Inc.*, comes to YOU as an expression of the Hope we have in Christ.

In its pages are found the thoughts and expression of a united people, whose only aim is to promote *The Cause of Christ* by spreading abroad to every nation, tongue and people, *The True Gospel of Christ* that through Obedience to His Laws we might be found worthy of *Eternal Life*.

In this publication, *The Record of The Nephites* is quoted many times. This Book was Revealed and Translated by *The Gift and Power of God*: the year 1829 marked the beginning of *The Restoration of all things*. It is a history of the people who once lived in the region around *The Great Lakes*, some of whom are Ancestors of The American Indians. Though it contains a Record of two other groups of people who once lived here, it is for the most part a Record of The People of Nephite.

The Messages so often mentioned in this publication are Messages from The Lord, brought to earth by His Chosen Servant, John The Baptist, who comes to earth in a Glorified Body to finish The Work given to him of God; that of Restoring all things (Matthew 17:11). The Angel first

came in 1829, and Restored *The Authority Of The Son Of God*, that *The Church of Christ* might be Established as in The Days of The Apostles.

In 1927, The Angel Messenger again appeared, and on numerous subsequent visits, has brought to us ***The Word Of The Lord*** that *The Church of Christ* might be set in Order, that a people might be Prepared to be *The Bride Of Christ*. This is *The Elijah Message* so many have looked for, *The Midnight Cry* has been Proclaimed, *A Warning of Destruction*, but to *The People Of The Lord*, a Message that Christ's soon Coming is near at hand. Fear God and give *Glory to His Name*, for *The Hour of His Judgment* has come. Awake thou that sleepest and Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you *Light*.

We hope that whosoever reads these pages might make it a matter of Prayer and Fasting in Humility before God, that they may know for themselves, that God has again Spoken and Revealed *His Will* from Heaven. To this end, we Dedicate ***The Greater Light***.

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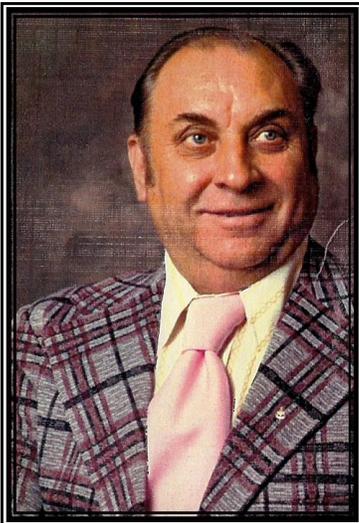
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THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST TODAY

ONE-HUNDRED EIGHTH MESSAGE



I was awoken at 3:30 a.m. October 14, 1990, at my home in Independence, Missouri, USA. I noticed The Light that accompanies The Angel Messenger, The Elias, filled the house brighter than the noon day sun.

I quickly arose, went to the kitchen, there sat The Messenger of The Lord. He arose, took me by the right hand and sat me at the table. He turned the paper

tablet that I had on the table, so I could write.

He had begun to speak. He repeated so as for me to write The Words of the Message as he gave them.

I finished The Message. He arose again, took me by my hand as he left. I followed him to the front door and I noticed the yard was as light as day outside the front of the house.

I sat and read The Message through, feeling greatly Blessed because of it for The Church Work. Also weakened very much, having spent last week in the hospital of illness. I decided not to call anyone this early in the morning for help on The Message at this moment, but went back to bed.

However, felt to write this introduction before lying down. It was 5:39 a.m.

I worry about 'adjust to the multitude', when so few listen to This Angel's Message, 'The Word Of The Lord Brought to Mankind By An Angel'.

Bless us all precious Lord Jesus. This same Angel has visited me at various intervals for the past 53 years and 10 days.

-W.A.Draves

1. Behold! Take The Message I shall give you.

2. I come with a Message of Love and Instruction. There are many that have Prayed that I come and bring Instructions and Directions for The Church and Work at this time.

3. I am The Messenger sent from God. I am The Resurrected John The Baptist. Though many of mankind do not believe now, the day comes when they will inquire of my coming. I am The Elias that is for to come as The Scriptures foretell.

4. It was even revealed to Moses in his day and he discerned the future Plan of The Lord God and spake saying, 'a prophet like unto me, meaning himself. Also saying like unto Moses, again himself, born from among the brethren, earthly parents.

5. The Lord God is Christ and He changes not. The Creator of all things.

6. It is mankind that has created stumbling blocks, failing to grasp The Truth, and has ruined the lives of many. Destroying The Plan of God to make it of none effect among men.

7. Know ye this, The Lord Jesus Christ is Creator and never a prophet at any time. It is unlearned mankind that speaketh otherwise. Full well they know their traditions will ease the flow with the doctrine of man, than to heed The Humble Truth and True Traditions.

8. Let mankind respect The Lord Christ, and Honor Him; His Sacrifice on The Cross and Resurrection, bearing the sins of all that will come unto Him and receive Deliverance and Salvation.

9. There is no other Way, but to Heed and Obey His Voice. I speak His Will.

I bring The Message of Life, speaking His Words and Instructions. Hear, Oh hear, all mankind.

10. These days are fulfilling The Elias coming, wherein I am he Jesus The Lord God spoke of.

11. The people perish for lack of knowledge to perform properly or progress rightly in The Lord.

12. When a man is at Peace with God, even his enemies respect him.

13. Those that will not and those that have not nor will not come to The Standard Rule and Plan of This Work, let them be removed as you have done. They remove themselves.

14. Let not man's ideals be taught. The Lord is unchangeable and will not accept the follies, bickering and ways of mankind.

15. My coming is to Guide and Hold Steady The Work of The Church.

16. The works and follies of men destroys Hope and brings doubt and mistrust. Some have hardness of heart and will not conform to Doctrine and This Work. I have relayed The Authority that we might destroy the ideals and works of man's own choosing; setting his own laws.

17. See that all come to The Church's Teaching: all Preaching the same thing.

18. The Work is set in Pace, The Doctrine and Program is given; follow through.

19. The greatest days of tribulation is yet ahead, when all turmoil will break loose and few there be that shall understand. But be ye Peace Makers. Thus receive The Greater Blessing.

20. Hold The Truth and Faith of The Church in Great Honor—which shall

mean Salvation to all that will hear This Way, Assured in The Lord's Planning.

Peace be unto all. The Peace of Life is gentle and kind to mankind if he will but let Peace and Joy rule and obey The Injunctions and Words I bring. My Words shall have their place in the hearts of the honest.

21. This Way of Truth is set firm, yet bold and sure, and The Lord will have His Way with all.

22. *Think again. Where is Wisdom in This Work?*

23. Use Wisdom in choosing laborers.

24. The Lord accepts the work of Norman D. Lyles, seek out the members in This Work. The Lord by His Spirit is with him. Success will be with him.

25. It is not wisdom that John O'Keefe be in the field at this time. Let him find work in Illinois. The Lord will Bless him and his family. He shall yet rejoice greatly in This Work keeping The Faith.

26. I will come again as the need is and The Lord Directs.

27. Give this Message to the brethren, The Church; to those called Restoration; and to all the world. Amen!'

From The Editor

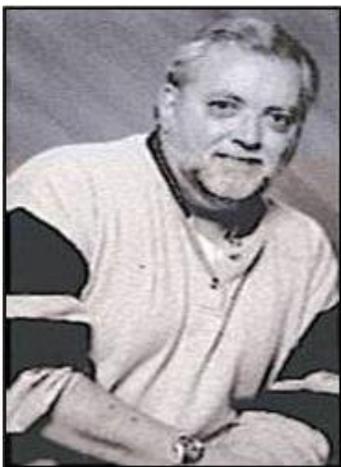
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Revelation

'For Your Information'

*Editor: Leonard H. Draves
Missouri*

Brother L. M. Thornton wrote an Article that I reprinted in December's 2007 paper that was titled '*The Holy Spirit*'. Brother Thornton made several excel-



lence thoughts that I would like to bring to your attention again at this time.

He asked the question, 'Who but God can give Directions and who will dare usurp His Place?' He also mentioned that, 'It

must not be Overlooked that **The Calling of The Ministry** depends upon an Open Channel of Revelation.' He went on to ask, 'How can God Call unless He speaks it and it becomes a Revelation?'

Brother Pete also commented, that 'men oppose This True Doctrine of continued Revelation and none should doubt The Revealing Powers of The Holy Spirit.'

I would that you find your December's 2007 paper of 'The Greater Light' and read again this Wonderful Article.

It is hard for me to understand why men of God would turn from hearing *The Voice of God*. The only reason that I can come up with is that they have become so full of themselves that they know not *The Voice of God* any longer and that they work upon self desires and self prominency and not lead by The Lord's Will.

I have been told that God would not Call a man into The Ministry with the Office of an Apostle or a Bishop, unless it comes through The Messenger, John the Baptist. I also have been told that never in the history of The Church has God Called men into The Apostleship or The Bishops through Revelation, that it has always been through The Messenger. I was also told that this of course exempted the men in Africa and other nations that was Called

through Revelation into Discipleships and Vice-Bishops.

God told us in The Messages that man, having a stubborn mind and heart cannot please God. It is also a sign of disobedience to The Word of God. *Who is man that can say he has more than This Work?*

In The 1954 General Assembly, Brother Swanson was Called by Brother Vowels, through Revelation, into The Apostleship of our Church. Again in The 1955 General Assembly, Brother Swanson Called Brother Thomas, by Revelation, into The Apostleship of our Church. This is all recorded in Church History through our Church Paper of the time.

The Lord accepted these men into these Offices and they continued in The Work for many years.

I know there are more men Called by Revelation into The Work, as God so Pleased. Now, I ask the question, 'Why does men refuse to hear The Voice of God either through Revelation or through The Messages?' I know the answer to this, do you? My next question is, 'Does men even know The Voice of God when it is given?'

So to those of you that have separated yourself from The Church, because you felt that God does not Call men through Revelation today, and could only do so though The Messenger, I would Pray that you reconsider your position with God. *Are you following man and his ideas, or are you following God and His Gospel Plan?*

One cannot limit 'The Voice of God' to one's liking. He is not a God that changes. The Scriptures tells us that God is the same yesterday, today, and always. He used Revelations in the past and He will continue to use Revelations today and in the fu-

ture. He will also choose whom He want to bring forth His Word, be it a child, man, or woman, for it also is Written in The Scriptures.

Brother Thornton also mentioned that *'Revelation of The Holy Spirit is The Life Blood of The Church of Christ, wherein it relates God's Message to His People in this modern age.'*

John 16: 13, **'Howbeit when He The Spirit of Truth is come, He will Guide you into all Truth; for He shall not speak of Himself, but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak; and He will show you things to come.'**

Brother Thornton ended his Article by stating, *'I have sought to stir up your pure minds to the fact that we must keep our hearts and minds open to The Revealing Power of God, either by the visit of an Angel of God, or by Prophecy or any other Gift of God, even 'The Still Small Voice'.*

I have sought to do the same! May God Bless you all.

From The Apostles

Words Of Jesus

Apostle Michael Greenwell

Missouri

John 18:1-8, **'When Jesus had spoken these words; He went forth with His Disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which He entered, and His Disciples. And Judas also,**



which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus of times resorted thither with His Disciples. Judas then, having received a band of men and officers from the chief priests and pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons. Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon Him, went forth, and said unto them, 'Whom seek ye'? They answered Him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus said unto them, 'I am He'.

THEY WENT BACKWARD, AND FELL TO THE GROUND. Then asked He them again, 'Whom seek ye'? And they said, Jesus of Nazareth, Jesus answered, 'I have told you that I Am He: if therefore ye seek Me, let these go their way: That the saying might be fulfilled, which He spake, of them which thou gavest Me have I lost none.'

Brothers and Sisters in the beginning was The Word, and The Word was with God, and The Word was God, and all things were made by Him. In Him was The Life, and The Life was The Light of men. And The Light shineth in the darkness; and the darkness comprehendeth it not. (See John 1:1-5).

We know that Jesus is The Light. We know that He made all things. We know that Jesus is The Word. We know that Jesus is God, Jesus Shines in the darkness but the darkness does not comprehend that. And Jesus is The Lord, He is Lord of all Creation.

He is the same one whom The Prophet Isaiah viewed in The Sixty Sixth Chapter of Isaiah. The mighty Seraphims cover their face with their wings so as not to look directly into His Face because of His Holiness, but when they speak The Temple is filled with smoke and the posts

of the door do shake.

This same Jesus Agonized over the sins of mankind to an infinite extent and men involved in the work of darkness armed with weapons and lying spirits came with the intent to kill Him. *But Jesus was in control even of that situation.* No man took His Life from Him; He Willingly laid His Life down for us. How Great is His Love! We could spend all Eternity and still not know all about The Vastness of His Love. When He spoke to them and said, 'WHOM SEEK YE', the men who came to take Him all went backwards and fell down. Jesus let them know by this that they were not in control, and when He told them to let His Apostles go free they did as He Com-manded.

So knowing our Lord, our Saviour, our Master, and our Mighty King has Humbled Himself on our account, to give us so Great a Salvation; that should motivate us to Serve Him with all our mind, all our soul, and all our physical strength.

Now Brothers and Sisters there are some things The Lord is requiring that we do, which if we do them will give us Great Success in The Way of The Lord. Next time I write we will look at some of those things from some verses in *The Record of The Nephites*.

Till then may God keep you safe and bring you closer to Him.

From The Bishops

Keep God's Love In Your Heart

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When I think of what *True Love* is, the first thing that comes to mind is '**God**', because of *The Sacrifice* He made



on *The Cross* for us and all mankind. There is no Greater Love than The Love God has for each of us.

The Lord tells us that The First Commandment is to Love Him. Mark 12:29-30, '**Hear. O Israel; The Lord our God is One Lord; and thou shalt Love The Lord Thy God will all Thy Heart, and with all Thy Soul, and with all Thy Mind, and with all Thy Strength: this is The First Com-mandment.**'

So The Lord is telling us to give our lives to Him in all that we do. Love Him with all our might.

Mark 12: 31, gives us The Lord's Second Commandment. '**Thy shalt Love Thy neighbor as thyself.**'

In order for it to be possible to Love our neighbor, we have to Love The Lord first.

We can use The Lord's Second Commandment as a scale to measure ourselves by asking '*Do we Truly have Love for all men?*' If our answer is 'no', then we know we must work on The First Commandment. The Lord tells us to Love our neighbors throughout *The Scriptures*. We must do these things in order to grow Spiritually in The Lord. Without this Love, we will never be able to *Receive The Lord's Wonderful Promises* and will never be able to *enter The Lord's Kingdom*.

John 14:15, '**If ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments.**'

In a way, it is sad to think that The Lord has to Command us to Love Him. The Lord wants us to Show our Love to Him by our

Faith and Actions. We can say we Love Him, but our Actions speak louder than our Words. God knows each of our Hearts, He wants us to be Obedient to His Words and Commandments, not to pick and choose, but *Obey All that has been Given of The Lord.*

In order for us to Serve The Lord and become Christ Like Servants, we have to Bear The Fruits of The Spirit.

Galatians 5:22-23, *'But The Fruits of The Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Long suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness and Temperance; against such there is no law.'*

Ephesians 5: 9-10, *'For The Fruits of The Spirit is in all Goodness and Righteousness, and Truth;*

Proving what is Acceptable to The Lord.

If we don't have these Fruits of The Lord, than the things we do can't be acceptable by The Lord. It is very important that each of us develop these Fruits as you Study and Pray and draw yourself out of the things of the world. You will find yourself bearing these Fruits of God. Read Moroni 10: 9-16.

Article of Faith and Practice # 7, *'We Believe in The Power and Gifts of The Everlasting Gospel. The Word of Wisdom, The Word of Knowledge, The Gift of Faith; The Gift of Healing, working of Miracles, Prophecy; discerning of Spirits, divers kinds of Tongues, interpretation of Tongues.'*

Moroni 10: 17, *'And all these Gifts comes by The Spirit of Christ, and they come to every man severally, according as He will.'*

Another way we can show Love for God and our fellow man is not to be fault find-

ing or gossiping about others.

Message 91:12-13, *'The ways of sin grows worse and worse. Children will disobey their parents. Parents have and will disown their children and turn aside to sin and evil doings. Gossip and deceit are everywhere-thus destroying confidence in one another. Sin speaketh sin to cover their evil deeds.'*

Be thou Clean that bear The Vessels of The Lord. Let your conversation be clean. Let Realness of Charity Rule your lives. Lift up a Standard.'

So The Lord is telling us that the world is getting more evil, even parents are disowning their children. When we as parents do not teach our children about God and His Plan then we are actually turning our backs on them and The Lord. We must teach our children and be a good example to them so they will know of The Lord and not get caught up in worldly evils.

Gossip and deceit are the works of satan we destroy ourselves by doing these things. The Lord tells us to be Clean in our conversation at all times, for we are Vessels for Christ and His Church. Gossip is defined as: *idle malicious talk*, so clearly just by the definition of gossip, tells us when we do it, we are not being Christ Like. There is so much we can be doing for The Lord and His Church than to be falling into idle talk about others. Time is short so we need to be using it to help others, rather than putting others down.

Psalms 34:13, *'Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.'*

Proverbs 18:7, *'A fools mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul.'*

So this means the words you speak can ultimately destroy your soul. So it is so

very important to be careful of what you say. Remember, it takes two to gossip but only one to stop it. So let's be the ones to walk away from it. We need to set the example so others will follow.

Let us Pray for one another and lift each other up in The Work, and not find faults in

others. We all make mistakes and have our weaknesses that we are trying to overcome. *Let us all help one another and work together!*

John 8:7, ***'Ye without sin cast the first stone.'***

Don't be so eager to point out your brothers faults, and not be able to see your own. The way we treat and judge others is the same The Lord will Judge us. We are all sinners. The Lord came to Save the sinners in order to overcome our sins and weaknesses. We must Study and Pray and be willing to change our lives. Remember, The Lord tells us that *'man is continuously evil without His Spirit.'*

My Prayer is for us to Love one another and uplift one another that we may grow closer to God and one another, and that we will not find fault in each other. If we see a weakness in someone, Pray that he or she may overcome it, that The Lord will give them Strength. The Lord has not given up on any of us, *so how can we give up on someone?*

Let us Rise to that Higher Standard so that The Church can move onward and forward. Let us all come together to help in God's Work. Let God be The Hero of our homes, that His Peace and Love Live within us. I Pray that we are up and doing for The Lord, and that we do work for The Lord with Love, with Humility in all our hearts.

Pray for our children, and our youths that The Lord Watches over them and Protect them, and that the parents will raise them up to know The Lord, that we Study together in our homes. For this is where The Higher Standard starts.

I know The Lord has a lot in store for us. We must continue to Study, Pray, Tithe and come to Church to Feast upon The Lord's Words, Worship and Fellowship with one another. Pray for those who can't come to Church that The Lord will give them Peace and Strength as they Study His Words. Pray for The Work in Africa and all the people there. Pray for The Work in all nations. Pray for the Brothers and Sisters in Alabama. Pray for the return of John The Baptist.

I am thankful for The Lords Love and Grace He gives to us all.

Message 75: 6, ***'Fear not, Ye say ye Love The Lord; Keep His Words, bow not to idols. Respect The Just Plan of God. Great Peace like Rivers of flowing waters will come with Power over you in mellowness of heart.'***

God Bless you all. Your Brother in Christ.

From The Handmaidens of The Lord

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God Created Woman Why Did He Brother?

All Women have a Vital Purpose! Did you know that the thought of Woman was an answer to a problem? Of course God knew He would create Woman, He knew

as e was Creating Adam that He was hiding the Beauty and Strength of Eve inside Him, but as I was reading The Dtory of Vreation, which I had read many times befor, I noticed something that I had overlooked. In the entire Story of Vreatino there was only one time God said it was ‘not good’.



And that was after Creating man and seeing how lonely e was (Genesis 2:18). The Lord God said, **‘It is not good that man be alone; I will make him an Help Mate for him’**

(Genesis 2:21-13, and **‘The Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and he slept; and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; and the rib, which The Lord God had taken from man, made He a Woman and brought her unto the man.’**

In Genesis it describes all The Beauty and Wonder of God Calling all of Creation into being. And after each one God says, **‘It is Good’**.

Genesis 1:12, **‘and the earth brought forth grass and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind; and God saw that it was Good’**

Genesis 1:16-18, **‘and God made two Great Lights; The Greater Light to rule the day, and The Lesser Light to rule the Night; He made the stars also. And God set them in The Firmament of The Heav- en to give Light upon the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night and to divide the Light from the darkness; and God saw tha tit was.’**

So you see God had a Purpose for us from the bery beginning. You are important to God, you are important to your family and you are important to the world! You have a Strength and Beauty all your own. With the Help of God and Getting into The Word and With Prayer, God will Help you Reveal it! And make no mistake, when God gave the submission to subdue the earth, Eve was not excluded from that mandate.

Genesis 1:28, **‘And God Blessed them and God said unto them, be Fruitful and Multiply and Replenish the earth, and Subdue it, and have Dominion over the fish of the sea, and every Living thing that moveth upon the earth’.**

God Created Woman with a Strength of her own. God speaks of Woman in The Messages, He gives us Instruction of what to do.

Message 10:16, **‘. . . Let the Women Seek to labor where they can, Warn your friends and the strangers at your door.’**

Message 90:25, **‘Pray The Lore of The Vineyard to send forth Men of Renoun and Faith to Work in This Way. Let the Women Help all they can-there is much to be done.’**

Message 99:22, **‘Let the Work continue everywhere. Let the Women Help where they can.’**

The Lord has Spoken Ladies, we must be Obedient to His Words and Help all we can. Be Faithful to our Lord and Follow The Instruction He has left us.

We need to Rise up and so what The Lord has Commanded that we do. We have to become The Virtuous Woman that He so Loving Speaks of in Proverbs 31. Every time I reas this it makes me Happy, God Loves us sop much and wants us to be The

Women that He Knows we have the Strength to be. He knows we will have trials and that we will have heartache and He Allows us to go through pain, because He wants us to Call upon Him and get in The Words and to Study to find the Answers and He wants us to Learn from our trials and to Grow as Women and grow Closer to Him. Have no doubt that The Road will be hard and trials many, but we will become that Virtuous Woman if we HEED His WORDS and OBEY.

Next month, I will Speak on 'The Virtuous Woman', until then Be Blessed in The Lord. Your Sister in Christ, Tammy Thompson. (LD)

This Little Prayer Of Mine

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I know you are up in Heaven God, and can Hear my voice from here. I am just a little child. *Will you answer my short Prayer?*

Whenever I feel really scared and want to hide my head, please help me to be brave and strong and face my fears instead. And when my heart is very sad and tears roll down my face, please help me to be happy so a smile can take their place.

Whenever I feel all mixed up, unsure of what to do, please show me what the Right Path is and help me follow You. And when I act a little bad, not like I know I should, forgive me, God. Please do not be mad and help me to be good. Whenever I feel all alone with not a friend in sight, please let me know You are here with me and everything will be all right.

Now if I am being selfish, God by asking for too much, I would like to tell you Thank You for a bunch of other stuff. For toys and rides and candy and Christmas Bells that ring. For summertime and winter time, for autumn and the spring. For pupples, pies and ice cream, for my family and my friends. But most of all, I am Grateful for your Love that never ends.

Please help me, God, to be like You. Give me Your Love to Share. I want to help the poor and sick and show them that I care.

And if you give me riches, God, that fill a treasure chest, I promise to be generous and share what I possess. I do not know what the future holds or what is in store for me. Right now, I am just a little kid and do not know what to be. I might be a movie star; I might be in the band. *Who knows?* I might be president and rule this Great big land.

But when I Trust in You, my God, and in your Plan for me, I know there is nothing in the world that I cannot do or be.

So now this little Prayer of mine is coming to an end. There is really just one other thing I would like to ask again. Please Love me, God, for evermore. That is all I want Amen!

I Love this little Prayer and wanted to share it with all the little ones! May God Bless each one of you and may all your dreams come True. I Love each of you just as God does. So keep Sweet my little ones and always say your Prayers.

Primary Department

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Honor Thy Parents



Exodus 20:12, **‘Honor Thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which The Lord thy God giveth thee.’**

This is The parents First of God’s Commandments with a Promise. God says if we will Honor our then we will have a long Life. *But how do we Honor our parents?* One way is to OBEY them.

Ephesians 6:1, **‘Children, Obey your parents in The Lord: for this is Right.’**

This is another time in The Bible when God Instructs us to Obey our parents.

Notice that it is plural, saying parents, not just the father or the mother. Whew! What a job! We have to Obey not just one parent, but both of them.

Have you ever wondered why God gave children such an impossible task? It is because He Knows that it is hard for children to do it without asking Jesus to Help them. Jesus wants us to Pray and Talk to Him all the time, and this is one of the ways He gets us to do that. *And what about the parents?* In all the organizations in the world, especially The Military, they never give anyone *two* bosses. They only have one Commander, one chain of command. It would be hard for a Soldier to follow orders if he had two people telling him what to do.

But Jesus, in His Infinite Wisdom, put two parents in Charge of the kids. He Knew they would have to be talking to each other all the time to keep things straight. For example, *have you ever asked Mom to let you do something, and she said no. So then you went and asked Dad, hoping he would say yes without talking it over with Mom first?*

Hmmm? Well, the answer is because Jesus sees parents as if they are one person, not two. When your parents got married, Jesus stopped seeing them as two people, and He sees them as one. He Knows the only way that they can keep up with the kids is to Pray to Him for Help!

[Genesis 2:24](#), **‘For This Cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be Cleave (joined) unto his wife, and they shall be one flesh.’**

Wow! Jesus thought of everything! He Knew that children would have a hard time Obeying their parents without asking Jesus to Help them, and that parents would never be Able to rear children without Praying for Help. So a long time ago when He gave Moses [The Ten Commandments](#), He made this *The Fifth Rule*. And the wonderful thing is, He made a Promise when He Gave it.

Jesus Said to Honor our parents so we would Live long on the earth. *Have you ever wondered about that?* I have. *Now how does God Keep that Promise?* I am not totally sure about that, but I think I know one thing. *Who Loves you more than anyone else?* God. *Who loves you more than anyone else on earth?* Your parents. God Knows that if we Obey our parents, our parents will always be Watching out for us here on the earth. They will tell us things like *‘look both ways before you cross the street’* and *‘brush your teeth so they will not rot out.’* You see, our parents are Telling us these things because they Love us, just like Jesus does. And if we do these things, we will likely Live a long and Healthy Life.

Junior Department

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Dear Youth,

Do you have a Personal-relationship with Christ? Do you know Jesus as a friend?

Many people claim to be Christians but they have not Come all The Way. Their Lives are no different from someone who does not claim to be a Christian.



Scripture tells us we must **‘Repent and be Baptized’**. There are two Baptisms; one by Water and one by The Holy Spirit. When you are Truly Repentant of your sins and ask God into your Heart He will Fill you with His Holy Spirit. That will Cause you to have a Change of Attitude—to Truly Commit yourself to God. When doing that, you will be a Changed Person. You will Desire to do God’s Will, to Walk in His Footsteps. Your Works will Show where your Heart is, because Good Works will Follow you.

People will see there is something ‘Special’ about you, because you will be Different from others that do not have Christ in their Life— because there will be a Goodness about you.

Message 86:53, **‘Some try to Serve The Lord standing afar off. Some fail to Fully Dedicate their Lives to His Service—they Seek to Serve two masters. Until they meet The Lord Face to Face and Repent of their error they will not Fully find Peace’**.

Matthew 6:24, **‘No man can Serve two masters for either he will hate the one, and Love the other, or else he will Hold to The One, and despise the other. Ye cannot Serve God and mammon’** (riches of the world).

Some Claim to be Christians, but have

not Fully Repented, or been Baptized by Water or by The Holy Spirit, which will bring about a Change in them.

Are you Truly Committing yourself to God—trying to Walk in His Footsteps, or are you holding back, because you are afraid you won’t be cool or accepted by your friends if you don’t do all the things they do?

You will not Fully be Happy or find Inner Peace until you Serve only one Master—Jesus Christ.

God tells us to (Message 99:9), **‘Be very Careful what you Say, how you Speak, and where you Are . . .’**

Message 85:12-13, **‘Turn away from the secular (worldly) and Claimed Peculiar, but be ye a Righteous People.**

The Lord’s People are Peculiar, but not sordid (dirty-filthy) in fashions and styles – or conspicuous in attractions (attracting attention) – not of Good Works. These will lead astray.’

We do have to be ‘in’ this world, but we do not have to be ‘of’ the world. We do not have to have worldly ways.

God tells us in Message 108:12, **‘When a man is at Peace with God, even his enemies respect him.’**

If you are at Peace with The Lord, doing His Will, you can turn away from wrong doing—your friends will know there is something Right and Good about you and they will Respect you. (If even your enemy can Respect you—*don’t you think someone that is ‘not’ your enemy would Respect you and your Choice to do right?*)

We must Come all The Way— we cannot serve two masters. We must Truly Repent of our sins and Strive to sin no more. Truly Accept Christ in our Hearts. Be Baptized of Water and of The Holy Ghost. God’s

Spirit will Cleanse you. His Spirit will Abide with you and Help you daily to do His Will and Resist temptation.

We need to be True Christians in Word and Deed!

Think about The Example Jesus Set for us. Try to Follow in His Footsteps. Jesus Loves us so much that He Died on The Cross for us that we may have Everlasting Life. What a Love He Has for us! What a Friend He Is to us! All we have to do is Truly Ask Him to Come into our Life!

May God Bless you and Fill you with His Holy Spirit and Guide you in all Things!

Remember, with Christ, all Things are Possible!

Young Adult Department

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Dear Young Adults,



Today I wanted to talk on the importance of Living our Lives for Christ. We need to stop and take time in our busy lives to think about what is important and what our priorities are. The Lord should come first in everything we do. We should have a Desire to be like Christ. One of the ways that we can try to be like Him is to practice Article 8 in *The Articles of Faith and Practice*. It says,

‘We Believe The Fruits of The Spirit to be Love, Joy, Peace, Long Suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, and Temperance’.

This can also be found in **Galations 5: 22-23** where it tells us The Fruits of The Spirit just like in Article 8. There are so many Scriptural Verses on all these Fruits of The Spirit within The Three Books so I am just going to mention a few of them. These things The Lord Feels are Important that is why He has given so many References. The First Fruit mentioned is that of Love.

Dueteronomy 6:5, ‘And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might,’

This was The \First and Great Command -ment that The Lord Commanded us. He knew that if we Truly Loved Him this way then we would have that desire to Obey Him and do the things that He asks of us. Our goal is to be with Him once again and this is The Way that we need to follow in order to obtain our Salvation with our Lord. The Lord not only wants us to Love Him but He also wants us to Love others.

The Second Commandment He gave us was to Love our neighbor.

Matthew 22:37-39, ‘Jesus said unto them, Thou shalt Love The Lord thy God with all thy Heart, and with all thy Soul, and with all thy Mind. This is The First and Great Commandment. And The Second is like unto it, Thou shalt Love thy neighbor as thyself.’

John 15:12, ‘This is My Commandment, That ye Love one another, as I have Loved you.. Charity Rule your Lives. Lift up a Standard’

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