HEALING WORDS FOR ADDICTED PEOPLE

"He hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;" Isaiah 61:1

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FOREWORD

"Healing Words for Addicted people", was first published under the title, "Four Tremendous Truths."

Under the title, "Four Tremendous Truths", we published two small editions of 3000 copies each, with many reports of people being helped.

We are changing and enlarging the booklet because the new title expresses more clearly **what the book is about.**

We believe this booklet will greatly change the number of repeat offenders who return to jail, detention centers or prisons after their conversion.

"Healing Words for Addicted People", explains why people who are saved fall right back into the despair of their failed life. It also gives them steps which will turn that failed life into a victorious life.

THERE IS NO QUICK FIX for addiction! But there is a simple daily practice which will deliver one from the destructive heartbreak of addiction.

We present the four foundational principles which are necessary to aid the struggling masses who are held captive by their addictions. These four foundational truths are:

- The proper recognition...God
- The proper manual...The Bible
- The proper lifestyle...I'm the Lords
- The proper protection...The Church

Follow these principles and go from the rating of

O(one addicted),

to a 10 (champion for Christ).

INTRODUCTION

VICTIMS IN A WORLD OF NO HOPE

There are over two million of our citizens locked up behind prison doors. I don't know if that figure is accurate to date or not, but I do know they are building new prisons in almost every state in the union. They tell me that 85% are repeat offenders; however, once again, I cannot vouch for these figures. But I do know that drugs, alcohol and sex are addicting and once one of these three monsters has gotten their tentacles wrapped around a person, they almost always become a steel vice. It doesn't matter how much pain the addiction causes; it does not matter how the person is humiliated or what it does to his family or how it even ruins his life. His addiction makes him sick but when he gets sober again, the inward craving wears him down and alas, he breaks his word and turns back to the addiction. Once again, he jeopardizes his life and breaks his loved one's hearts. To the outside observer it seems. that he is hell-bent on destroying himself. horrible cycle is repeated over and over again until the person has put himself into that way of life as an absolute captive.

Some have placed themselves into this self-inflicted confinement, and are loners. They have destroyed the hope, the trust and love of both family and friends. Their habitual breaking of promises have finally caused their loved ones so much pain that most can only handle this seemingly hopeless situation by removing themselves from the addicted person. They must blot out or at least work at blotting out the painful memories of the loved one or captive from their mind. Now please note the phrase, "Seemingly Hopeless Situation", because there is hope for him, but not as long as he wants to hide behind and justify this misfortune by accepting the role of, "the victim".

HOPE IN A WORLD OF NO HOPE

To many who are caught in the steel vice of disappointment and thrust into a dangerous environment where they have lost total control, there seems to be no hope. They are locked up; surrounded by hardened criminals, many of whom have succumbed to the mentality and actions of a beast; scared and fighting for survival in a dark world which offers little or no hope. There is hope. But not in the avenues which most are pursuing.

1. There is no hope in secular humanistic babble

Secular humanism teaches that a person is a victim of his environment. The lyrics in the old western

song expresses their false philosophy; "Don't Blame Her, Life Turned Her That Way!" That is a lie! Our environment; family and friends, have a tremendous influence on shaping our lives. But in order for the captive to be set free and delivered he must accept responsibility for his own life and quit blaming his environment; family and others, for his condition. There is **no hope for a person** as long as they want to hide behind and justify their sin, weakness and misfortune by accepting the role of, "the victim".

2. There is no hope when addiction is diagnosed as a sickness

When addiction is diagnosed as a sickness, it causes one to be able to escape responsibility for his actions. He has an excuse! He can't help it. The victim will have no hope as long as he continues to allow society to call his addiction a disease. His addiction may make him sick. It may cause damage to his body or mind which will cause him not to function properly. His addiction may even lead to an early death, but the root of his problems is; he is held captive by his self-induced lifestyle.

3. There is no hope in religion

There is no hope for him if we believe that getting a person to have some type of religious experience is the answer. Many times these religious experiences are an attempt by the captive to bargain with God. God is not in the bargaining business and **is not a deal maker**; God sees the con-man's heart and has been down that path with many before. This type of thinking on the part of the captive is in reality a form of reformation. "I will go straight, God, if you will let me out of here." NO DEAL! God will not respond to that type of proposition.

You may say, "I have seen them weep and plead," and I know many of them were sorry for their sins and were serious about making a change in their life. I saw the relief, the joy and the changed countenance of their faces

I agree. I have been there and seen that! I am sure many of them are really saved from Hell, but just getting religion, even truly being born again is NOT the answer!! It is the starting place, but most that get born again are not delivered from their captivity. Most go back to their old lifestyle when released from captivity or prison. But the shackles which have destroyed their self-image and convinced them that they are losers **must be broken and a new management must be set in place** in their life before the captive will really be free.

4. There is no hope in bitterness or in waging war

There are some people who have degenerated to the level where they live in an, "objective case", and in a, "kickative", mood. They are mad about everything and hate everybody. They are determined to do the other guy before he does them. If they should outwardly cooperate it is because it is better than if they openly resist. In order to survive they will become part of a gang. The peer pressure of the gang drives them deeper into waging war and hardens rebellion.

It gives them identity and acceptance which causes them to have some feeling of importance and purpose. They can survive. At least they can survive until they die or someone slips a knife into their back. In this dark existence they live in a world of no hope. But there is hope, but not in living a life of bitterness or waging war.

5. There is hope for those who live in a world of no hope

Some of you who read this first section are angry at me. You totally disagree with me; in fact, some of you would like to punch me out! You say, "Who does he think he is? He doesn't know about the problems I've had; the despair I live in." Some, as they read this section may have thrown the book

against the wall and my ears are burning. But wait one minute; I confess that I do not know about some of the horrible injustices which you have experienced. I do not know about some of the life crushing tragedies which many endure. But I DO KNOW there is hope for you.

I do know God and **HIS LOVE AND POWER** which can deliver you!! I DO KNOW HIS MANUAL AND THE METHOD YOU MUST FOLLOW TO OVERCOME ALL PAST EXPERIENCES AND LIVE A LIFE OF CONTENTMENT AND SATISFACTION.

It can't hurt the worst skeptic or critic to read the rest of the book. You have nothing to lose. You owe it to yourself to find out why I say, "THERE IS HOPE FOR YOU WHO LIVE IN A WORLD OF 'NO HOPE'!"

FOUR BASIC TRUTHS

It is much easier for some to get out of jail than to stay out of jail. When released from prison most are resolved to stay out of prison, but in most cases it is a matter of time until they hear those steel doors slam shut behind them again. There are principles that if they understood, surrendered to and mastered, that would break the chains of this vicious cycle and set the captive free.

THESE FOUR BASIC TRUTHS ARE:

- I. THE SEVEN LOGICAL PRINCIPLES OF LIFE
- II. GETTING YOUR COMPUTER FIXED
- III. HOBBLING YOUR OLD WOLF DOG
- IV. FINDING A BATTERED HOME SHELTER

Let me restate these four principles in a clearer, more emphatic way. If a person would understand these truths and do them, it would guarantee his full recovery and give him a successful, fruitful life for Christ.

First, a person must accept full responsibility for his life and find his purpose on this earth.

Second, he must accept the Bible as his manual, learn how to read it, and then go by it.

Thirdly, he must learn about the powerful forces which fight for control of his life and learn how to control them.

Finally, he must find a church home when he is released where he can minister to others as well as being ministered to. The stress in living a successful life is on MINISTERING OR SERVING.

TRUTH ONE

THE PROPER RECOGNITION...

GOD.

"In the beginning God..."

Genesis 1:1

THE SEVEN LOGICAL PRINCIPLES OF LIFE

There are seven logical principles of life which depend on logic, not the Bible, for their acceptance and continuance. When they are understood and mastered, these principles will revolutionize one's life. These principles are:

- 1. There is a God **OR** there is no God.
- 2. If there is a God **THEN** He created man.
- 3. If God made man **THEN** He did so for a purpose.
- 4. If He created man for a purpose **THEN** there must be a book on this earth that reveals that purpose.
- 5. If God created man for a purpose **THEN** there must be a time appointed in the future in which man will stand before God and personally give an account as to how he fulfilled his purpose.
- 6. Man will be rewarded **OR** penalized according to how he fulfilled his purpose.
- 7. If God created man and gives him existence on this earth **THEN** God has a lawful right to man's love and obedience.

Logic dictates that there is a God and we believe He created man for a purpose. We teach that the Bible is the supernatural book which God placed on this

earth which reveals man's purpose. These seven logical principles of life stand on their own merit and cannot be refuted. Let us briefly show that these principles are in harmony with the Bible by examining each of these principles separately and giving a Scriptural reference with a brief explanation.

1. There is a God or there is no God

This principle stands upon its' own and needs no comment. But the Bible boldly declares in Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning God..." If one can accept the first four words in the Bible, "In the beginning God", then the rest of the Bible should not be difficult.

2. If there is a God then He made man

Genesis 1:26 states, "And God said, let us make man in our own image, after our likeness..." Man is not an animal; he is God's crowning work of creation and the only creature made in the image and likeness of God

3. If God made man then He did so for a purpose

This is the heart of the Bible; the purpose of man on this earth. II Timothy 1:9 declares that God created man for a distinct purpose while Romans 12:2 tells us that the purpose is, "...good, and acceptable, and perfect". A person will never really be happy until he understands and surrenders to the purpose for which he was sent into the world to accomplish. Sometimes God must allow a person to hit, "rock bottom", before he will look up.

4. If God created man for a purpose then there must be a book which He placed on this earth that reveals that purpose.

If it is logical to believe that God created man for a purpose, then it is logical to believe that He would want man to understand and find that purpose. If this is true then there must be a book or some method for God to communicate and reveal that purpose to man. The book which God placed on this earth is the Holy Bible. The most forceful verse of the many which speak of this truth is II Timothy 3:16-17 which states, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works..."

If God wants man to find his purpose, God must have preserved a perfect Bible as a manual.

5. If God created man for a purpose then there must be a time appointed in the future in which man will stand before God and personally give an account as to how he fulfilled that purpose.

There are many references throughout the Bible which speak of man's accountability for his personal deeds and a future day in which he will stand before his Creator. Jesus warned of that future day in Ecclesiastes 12:13-14; "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil."

6. Man will be rewarded or penalized according to how he fulfills his purpose

In John 10:10 Jesus speaks of why He came to this earth, that man may have life, (eternal life), and have it more abundantly or be able to overcome all of life's problems. He will wonderfully reward and bless His children who fulfill their purpose.

At this same judgment many of those who were born again will suffer the loss of all rewards and live for 1000 years on this earth with remorse. Why? They failed to fulfill God's purpose on this earth.

In Revelation 22:12, the Bible also tells of what will happen at a second resurrection for those who failed to find God's purpose for their lives. John writes of this terrifying judgment for the lost as they stand before the, **Great White Throne Judgment.** Revelation 20:11-15 states that death, (i.e. dead bodies), and Hell, (the place where the spirit went when it left the body at death), were delivered up or resurrected.

They stood before the God they had cursed, laughed at, rebelled against, mocked and defiled all their lives. They faced Him in all of His wrath. In a few short moments the events of their lives will be played before their eyes while a search in the Book of Life for their name takes place. They will see the many times in which they resisted God's efforts and quenched His Spirit.

They will hear Him say, "Depart from me you worker of iniquity", as they are thrown into the Lake of Fire where they will weep, wail and gnash their teeth, forever damned. Lost forever in the dark prison house of no hope.

It would be an act of mercy for God to allow you to be caught, convicted and delivered to prison where you would be shut-up for a few years, for in doing so, it would save you from this eternal jail-house where you would suffer forever. 7. If God created man and gives him existence on this earth then God has a lawful right to man's love and obedience.

If the above six principles are true and God is giving you life by keeping your heart pumping, (almost 100,000 times a day), and protecting you from being killed, THEN HE HAS A RIGHT TO YOUR LOVE AND OBEDIENCE!!

FIRST, the Bible teaches that we belong to God because He made us. "God that made the world and all things therein..." Acts 17:24

SECONDLY, the Bible states that we belong to God because He maintains us. "In him, we live and move and have our being." Acts 17:28

FINALLY, the Bible states that we belong to God because he redeemed or bought us, "...and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." I Corinthians 6:19-20 (Please read Romans 14:7-14)

Please take a moment and meditate on this truth. If God made you and gives you life then you do owe Him something! You owe Him your life!! Remember God's purpose for Joseph, the son of Israel, was to save his family and nation from destruction. In order to accomplish that purpose God had to allow many horrible things to happen to

Joseph which included spending several **years in prison.** Joseph surrendered to the Lordship and purpose of God for several years before God elevated him to the second highest position on this earth which enabled him to save and care for his family and people.

Saul, (this name means hard and defiant), was converted and became Paul, (which means humble or little), and this humble, fearless man changed his world

Where is the Saul in prison today who will totally surrender and **BECOME THE PAUL** of our day? It is God's will for some of you men to change our generation. The Seven Logical Principles of Life teach us that truth and God's grace can help you accomplish it!

Points to ponder

- The stress in the Seven Logical Principles of Life is man was placed on this earth for a **distinct purpose.**
- Therefore, **you** are important and have an important purpose to fulfill.
- If it is logical to believe these Seven Logical Principles then it is just as logical to believe there is an **eighth logical principle**. The eighth logical principle...**is there is a supernatural being that hates God and mankind** and is dedicated to preventing you from fulfilling your purpose on this earth. He will use anyone and anything to stop you.

He will distract by using your family or friends, or peer pressure.

He will distract through bitterness, abuses or wrong treatment.

He will distract through success and popularity.

The number one thing the Devil does not want is for you to fulfill God's purpose. Therefore, one must learn what His purpose is and **stay focused!** Distractions are designed to keep you from fulfilling your purpose and destroying your life.

THEN WHY BLAME GOD

Is the parent responsible for all the bad that their child does? Is the husband responsible for the wife's impulsive spending of his money which was?

Is the family responsible for the action which some of the relatives plot?

Is the city council responsible for the accident in the supermarket's parking lot?

Can we blame the family doctor who prescribes to heal for the careless patient who fails to take the prescribed pill?

Can we fault the highway patrolman out on the interstate for all the speeding cars driven by people running late?

If you answer, "No", to all the questions which are posed above.

Then, pray tell me, why do you blame your problems on the God of love?

WHY DO YOU BLAME YOUR PROBLEMS ON THE GOD OF LOVE?

Dr. James Wilkins

TRUTH TWO

THE PROPER MANUAL...

THE BIBLE.

"For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven."

Psalms 119:89

GET YOUR COMPUTER FIXED

If you had a modern, up-to-date computer and it developed a major problem, what would be the logical method to get it operating properly again?

Would you contact those around you who have computers and get their various opinions on fixing your computer? Or would it be more logical to contact a factory rep who would use the manual for that particular model in repairing it? Which would be the surest method of getting your computer tuned up and humming properly again? The answer to that question **is so obvious** that it needs no answer.

It is also obvious that there has been a major breakdown in the operation of the human race and we need to get our computer fixed. It is also obvious that we have turned to the various opinions found around us in order to fix our computer instead of using God's manual.

Would you agree that it is logical to turn to a factory trained technician and use the manual which was designed to correct and tune up the computer in order to fix it?

Especially, if all the various opinions had been **tried and failed?**

Especially, if the person's **well-being** depended upon it?

Especially, if he was **totally frustrated** and about to go bankrupt and be ruined?

If God made man for a purpose and placed a manual, the Holy Bible, on this earth which reveals that purpose; don't you think it is time to turn away from all the various theories which have not worked and get serious in using God's manual to save your life? Your condition is much worse than you think. In fact, 85% of the people who are in your situation have failed in their efforts to be set free. They continue to struggle in their addiction. Most die in frustration and despair, but you can escape if you want to.

THE PURPOSE OF MAN ON THE EARTH

Before we go further into understanding the manual so we can fix man's life, we need to clarify how God wants each man to live life on this earth. In John 10:10, Jesus gives the true picture of a world without God. It is one of killing, stealing, heartache, misery and destruction. Jesus said He came into that type of world to fix and tune up man's life. His exact words were; "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly." John 10:10

His exact statement of purpose for man is twofold.

First, He came that every man may have life or be saved; the life He is speaking about **is eternal life.**

Secondly, He came that those that accept Him may have abundant life. The abundant life which He is referring to is a life which is able to overcome all problems and adversaries, while living for God and fulfilling his purpose.

It is God's purpose that each child of God lives an overcoming or abundant life and becomes the **VICTOR** or over-comer instead of the **VICTIM**. Man was placed on the earth to become fruitful and serve others. He is never to be the VICTIM and live a despairing life about how he is mistreated and blame the system and his environment for his sad plot.

Life is not fair. Life is harsh and cruel. Many people have not had a fair shake when they compare their life with the lives of many around them, but Jesus came to change that. Some of the greatest stories of accomplishment in history come from people who had the most to overcome. He came to, "Set the captives free", and by His grace lift them up to where they are over-comers and champions. In order to fulfill that purpose one must turn to God and learn to use God's manual.

THREE PRINCIPLES IN MASTERING THE MANUAL

In order to read God's manual properly there are three important ingredients to understand.

1. The Bible is a Spiritual book. You cannot understand this Spiritual book until you become a spiritual person. The only way you can become a spiritual person is to be born of the Holy Spirit. One is born of the Holy Spirit when he realizes that he is a sinner, that he is lost, condemned to Hell and that only God can save him. One must realize that God will save him when he turns from his sins and asks God for Jesus' sake to forgive and save him. When one honestly turns from his sins and accepts Christ as his personal Saviour he is born again; born of the Holy Spirit. This spiritual birth is as real and as literal as the physical birth. When a person was born of his mother he received a human nature which has unlimited possibilities for lust and wickedness.

If this flesh nature is not checked it will destroy the person. When one is born of God he receives a Divine nature. This Divine nature does not replace the human nature. It is in addition to the human nature. When one is born of God and receives a Spiritual nature, it enables a person to understand the Spiritual book, the Bible.

2. God uses human instrumentality to teach His book. The second thing a person needs in order to understand the manual is someone to aid him in his understanding. The Holy Spirit, the author of the Bible, will illuminate the mind of the person when he reads the Bible. But in addition to this tremendous help, one needs someone to help him learn his spiritual phonics and learn how to rightly divide or interpret the Scriptures. If one can't read; it does not matter how great a book may be. It is of little value to him if he cannot read it. This short coming in Christian circles of not teaching people how to read the Bible is primarily the reason our country is in a state of degeneration today.

There is much emphasis placed in our present day upon, "feelings", instead of obeying God's commands. We praise God for the joy and happiness there is in living a true Christian life, but in order to be able to have this continued joy and happiness a person must learn how to read God's Word. Paul's most emphatic command to the believer is, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman [not a student] that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Timothy 2:15

3. One must study the Bible in order to rightly interpret the book. That is the secret to not being ashamed when one stands before the Lord. He studies the Bible in order to rightly divide the Word of truth. Note that, "the Word of truth", is

singular. The Bible is only one book which was written by the Holy Spirit. He used about 40 men over a period of about 1500 years to bring the library of 66 books into one perfect volume. There are no contradictions or errors in the Bible because it's one perfect author who directed men as they wrote.

This one perfect book is to serve to reveal God's purpose to each person. Just as God used men to bring this perfect book into existence, He also uses men to teach others how to read and rightly divide it.

The primary reason for teaching the Bible is so people can **find their personal purpose** on this earth. Listen to the Apostle Paul's personal instruction to a young pastor whom Paul had won and trained in the service of the Lord. Paul said, "And the things that thou [meaning Timothy] hast heard of me [Paul] among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." II Timothy 2:2

This is God's purpose for your life also. You are to study the Bible and learn how to rightly divide it in order to teach others. If you obey this command you will make it. If you do not obey this command...then welcome back as part of the 85% who are repeat offenders. The failure of people in learning how to use the Bible well enough to teach others is the primary reason why most prisoners are repeat offenders.

Jesus' message from the manual to "bad sinners"

When Jesus arose from the dead He sent a message to the lost and dying world. This message said, "God loves you and will accept My death as full payment for your sins." It was a message of love, forgiveness and hope for every man, ESPECIALLY FOR BAD SINNERS. It was a message, "... though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isaiah 1:18. In plain, easy to understand language, the message is, "no matter how bad you have been, no matter how badly you have blown your life or how ugly your life is, if you will turn and confess your sins to God and ask Him, He will forgive and blot out those sins and make you as clean as the fallen snow!!" You may wonder, "How is this message especially for the real bad sinners?" The truth is discerned from an act rather than from words. But actions always speak much louder than words.

Who was the first converted sinner to see Jesus in His glorified body?

Was it His saintly mother? NO!

Was it one of His devoted preachers? NO!

Then who was the person that first saw Jesus in His glorified body and what is the significance of that dramatic event? You may wonder what difference it makes about who was the first one to see Him in His glorified body. How could this point about who was the first person to see Jesus in his glorified body send a message?

Don't you think God would give careful thought to this subject and use this, the most important day in all eternity, to send the **loudest message?**

In classifying sins according to the world's standards, who is considered to be the most wicked and depraved among all sinners?

A drug addict?

A woman who sells her body as a prostitute?

A person who is controlled by the Devil and filled with unclean spirits?

You would say, "All three would be very bad!" How about someone who was all three of these wicked people embodied into one person! This type of person was the very first person to see Jesus in His glorified body. God's grace forgave her, transformed her and allowed her to be the very first person to see God's Son in His glorified body. Mary Magdalene later became one of the great Christians of her day and worked and travelled with Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Through this one act, God sends a message to every drug dealer, prostitute or fallen person in the world. His message to people who have made ship-wreck of their lives is one of love and hope. He is looking right down into your heart and is speaking personally to you. He is saying, "If I forgave her, if I transformed her from a fallen woman into a saintly person who worked and travelled with my mother, then I will save and transform you!

I am not a respecter of persons. I don't care what you have done or how badly you have wrecked your life. I love you and I came that you might be saved, (have eternal life), and be transformed into an overcomer and champion. This is Jesus' message in His manual to you! The world may see you as a, "Bad Sinner", but Jesus sees you as someone He wants to forgive and help. He loves you and wants to help you overcome all the hurts and misfortunes in life and to help you become a victorious person who is able to successfully deal with the hurts and disappointments of life.

Personal message to "you" the reader

The Bible commands that each person should make his calling and election sure. That expression, "Make your calling and election sure", simply means **make sure that you are saved.** Make sure that you have more that religion; that you have truly accepted Jesus as your personal Saviour.

You may wonder, "How do I do that, Preacher?" You do that by admitting that you are a lost sinner, be honest with God and ask him to save you!

God doesn't like the way you live nor all the sins you have committed, **but He loves you** just the same. He wants to save you. Jesus and His Father, (God), made an agreement concerning you. God promised His Son that if Jesus loved you enough to take upon Himself all your sins and die on the cross as your substitute, in your place, to pay for your sins, **that if you would ask Him**, He would hear your prayer and save you!! God's Word boldly proclaims that promise when it states, "Whosoever calleth upon the name of the Lord **shall be saved,**" FROM HELL.

Now, if you will simply pray this prayer, God will keep His agreement with Jesus and save you from Hell:

"Dear Jesus,

Please forgive me of my sins and save me from Hell.

I now accept You into my heart as my Lord and Saviour.

I trust You to take me to Heaven when I die. I will live for You.

In Jesus' name."

Points to ponder

- God placed a manual on this earth in order for man to find his purpose.
- God Himself is the author of this manual...this manual is the Holy Bible.
- Man must learn how to read this manual in order to rightly divide it so he can teach others.
- This manual is the only one which explains the condition of man and prescribes an absolute cure for his condition. This prescription found in the manual was written by man's designer who loves and takes pride His creations' in success accomplishments. This designer not only wants you to do well, but He needs you to do well. This designer has assured His special attention in every situation and has promised, "...never to leave thee or forsake thee..." You can depend upon God to do His part, but you will have to learn to read and obey God's manual in order to fulfill your purpose.

TRUTH THREE

THE PROPER LIFESTYLE...

I'M THE LORDS'

"For in Him we live, and move,

And have our being."

Acts 17:28

HOBBLING THE OLD WOLF DOG

Now we come to the heart of this little book. Hobble the old wolf dog. Remember, hobble means to, "hamper the movement of, or control by restricting". Through the years I have used the example of two dogs to illustrate the warfare of the two natures of the child of God. These two dogs hate each other. One, the sheep dog, represents the new, Divine nature while the other dog is a wolf dog and represents the human or fleshly nature.

In order to identify these two distinct natures which live in each child of God; May we review some other terms in the Bible which refer to these two natures

DIVINE NATURE AND HUMAN NATURE

Jesus told Nicodemus, in order to get to Heaven, "You must be born again", John 3:3. He further instructed, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." John 3:6 When one is born of human parents he receives a human nature.

When he is born of God he receives another nature which gives him **two natures.** He then has a Spiritual nature, (Divine), as well as his human nature, (Flesh). Peter admonishes all new converts

to feed their Divine nature. Read II Peter 1:4 and I Peter 2:1-2.

Peter identifies the Divine nature in II Peter 1:4 where he states, "...ye might be partakers [have part] of the divine nature,...". Earlier he had admonished them, "As newborn babes [Christians], desire [eagerly take] the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: "II Peter 2:2

INWARD MAN AND OUTWARD MAN

Paul stated, "For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man [body or flesh] perish, yet the inward man [one born of God] is renewed day by day." II Corinthians 4:16 He also refers to the Divine nature as the inward man in Romans 7:22; "For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:"

THE OLD MAN AND THE NEW MAN

Paul refers to the two natures of the child of God in Colossians 3:9-10 as the old man and the new man; "Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:"

THE WORK OF THE FLESH

In Galatians 5:19-21 Paul identifies the works of the flesh which are natural for human beings to do but are offensive to God. These works of the flesh are: "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are Adultery, fornication, these: uncleanness. Idolatry, witchcraft, lasciviousness. hatred. variance. emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies. Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God "

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Galatians 5:22-24 lists the fruit of the Holy Spirit which are manifested in a true Christian's life. They are; "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts."

One can clearly see that the products of what the flesh nature does and the fruit that is produced by the Divine nature are absolute opposites.

The distinction between the flesh and the Spirit, between the old man and the new man, between the outward man and the inward man, between the works of the flesh and the fruit of the Spirit, clearly teaches THE TWOFOLD NATURE OF A CHILD OF GOD.

AN UN-ENDING WAR

The new Christian has no idea of THE UNDECLARED WAR between the Spiritual man and the fleshly man.

Very few churches are even teaching about the twofold nature which he is now part of. As a result the new convert is AMBUSHED BY THE FLESH. Often times, he is wounded unto death. He felt so clean. He had found forgiveness and he believed everyone would be happy because of his conversion. He is totally unprepared for the counter-attack of the flesh.

He didn't know he was entering into A WAR ZONE; therefore he became an easy victim. Often times, if the first vicious attack doesn't destroy him, it cripples him for the rest of his life.

PAUL'S TWO MAJOR WARNINGS

First, he warns the new convert that he is in a war. Paul warns of the war by giving his testimony of his own struggles. Read for yourself his enlightening words; "For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, WARRING AGAINST THE LAW OF MY MIND,

and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members." Romans 7:22-23

Notice his testimony, "For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law [flesh] in my members [body], WARRING against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members [body]."

Second, he explains who will win this war. He states that the Christian can win the war, but he is specific as to how this war can be won. The winning of the war can only occur if the believer YIELDS HIS WHOLE LIFE TO FOLLOW AND LIVE FOR CHRIST. If he yields to the urges of the flesh he will become defeated, perhaps to the level that he may never recover and be able to live the Christian life. Please read and study Romans 6;16; "Know ye not, that TO WHOM YE YIELD YOURSELVES SERVANTS TO OBEY, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?"

The following pages will guarantee the believer complete victory if he yields to and obeys the Bible and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

VISUALIZE THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN THESE TWO NATURES

The strongest verbs in the Bible are used to teach the contrast between the two natures of the child of God and the warfare between them. The Bible says they are **contrary** to each other. One is holy and loves God and the things which pertain to God. The other is self-centered, fleshly and loves the things of the flesh. They have nothing in common, are opposites in every way and each will never give up willingly to the others' rule. **But one will dominate**.

In illustrating the struggle between the two dogs we picture both dogs of the **same size and strength.** One of the dogs is a wild wolf dog while the other dog is a protector of the sheep. Let's say that we pen up the wolf dog for 30 days with only water to drink, but allow the sheep dog plenty of food as it runs and exercises. At the end of the period the dogs were allowed to fight, which one would win?

Everyone would agree that the sheep dog would win! Now, let us reverse the procedure and pen up the sheep dog for 30 days while letting the wolf dog eat and exercise. Now, which dog would win? "The wolf dog", would be the automatic answer. With this simple illustration one of the most obscure truths in the Bible can be clearly understood. **The struggle between the two natures** as pictured in the struggles between the wolf dog and the sheep dog clearly shows that **the dog or nature which**

one feeds will be the one which dominates. The understanding of this truth explains three principles.

First, it explains the need of teaching the new convert how to read the Bible so he can feed himself spiritually.

Secondly, it explains why so many fail as Christians; they feed the wrong nature.

Thirdly, they need to be trained on what food the sheep dog eats and how to give him proper exercise.

THE ABSOLUTE NECESSITY OF TEACHING THE NEW CONVERT

The first principle is the need to know how to teach the new convert to read the Bible so he can feed his sheep dog and hobble his wolf dog. Again, HOBBLE **MEANS** TO HAMPER THE OR MOVEMENT OF. CONTROL BYRESTRICTING. Most young converts are never taught how to read the Bible. They are told, "Read your Bible", but no one ever teaches them their spiritual ABC's or phonics. Therefore, what reading they do, they often come up with the wrong interpretation and end up depending upon their feelings and therefore fail. Meanwhile, the wolf dog has fleshly objects it can feed on at all times.

He feeds on television, movies, sexy pictures, radio and every day conversation. Many times the wolf dog even feeds at night while one is dreaming.

ONE CANNOT CHANGE the wolf dog or flesh

ONE CANNOT TAME the wolf dog or flesh

ONE CANNOT REHABILITATE the wolf dog or flesh

One can only HOBBLE the WOLF DOG. One cannot hobble the flesh by having lofty goals or thoughts. Nor can one hobble the wolf dog by will power alone.

The only way a person can hobble the wolf dog is by FEEDING THE SHEEP DOG AND KEEPING THE SPIRITUAL MAN STRONG. A new convert must be taught how to read and rightly divide the Bible in order for him to feed himself spiritually.

WHY 85% ARE REPEAT OFFENDERS

The twofold nature of the child of God and the fact that the dog or nature which is fed dominates the other nature explains why 85% are repeat offenders. While they are locked up they cannot feed the wolf dog as freely as when they return home to all the problems, disappointments and temptations of life. When they get out of prison or

rehab many times the sheep dog becomes starved while the wolf dog is fed continually and thus returns to power. The alternate heading for this section of, "Hobbling the Old Wolf Dog", is, "They Must Learn About the Powerful Forces Which Fight for Control of their Lives, and how to Control them."

These powerful forces do war against each other and the flesh is dangerous; but one can learn how to live a **spirit controlled life.** There are basically three principles one must know before he can live a spirit controlled life:

THERE ARE TWO OPPOSING FORCES WHICH LIVE WITHIN EACH CHILD OF GOD

As stated previously they are the inward Spiritual/Divine man who is represented in the sheep dog, and the Outward/Sinful fleshly man who is represented by the wolf dog. The Devil will stimulate the flesh, war against the mind and shoot thoughts of doubts, fear and false feelings at the child of God. But the Devil is an outside agent and only has power as **the child of God yields and succumbs** to his lies and misinformation. The sheep dog and the wolf dog are both more powerful than the vast majority comprehends. The two

natures are contrary to each other in every way. They have nothing in common with each other EXCEPT BOTH WANT TO DOMINATE AND BE BOSS.

The conversion of the sinner to Christ through the new birth does nothing to change the flesh or the person's depraved nature. The flesh after one's conversion, left to itself, is capable of any sin or act that it was before the sinner was saved. Please note, I said, "The flesh left to itself", but the inward, Spiritual man, if properly fed will Hobble the Old Wolf Dog. These dogs hate each other. The old wolf dog surrenders control of one's life as long as the sheep dog remains strong and healthy. The Old Wolf Dog will never change, grow old or be rehabilitated. When a person thinks the wolf dog is beaten and is no longer a threat is when the wolf dog renders a life a crippling wound which destroys the child of God's testimony and cripples him.

THE TOTAL VISCIOUSNESS AND DANGER OF THE WOLF DOG

Please consider the following example of the total viciousness of the flesh, (Wolf dog).

Abraham was called the FRIEND of God, and was the great man of faith, but his wolf dog got away from him and marred this great man's life on several occasions. The flesh caused him to lie about

his wife and cast a reflection upon the true God of Heaven. On another occasion it didn't take much encouragement for his wolf dog to walk by sight and follow the direction of Sarah in having a baby by Hagar, her servant. Who marred Abraham's testimony and sent his lonely son, Ishmael, off to self-destruct? **His old, beastly flesh nature.**

King David, the great hero and sweet singer of Israel was all but destroyed as his wolf dog reared up and rendered such destruction to David, his family and the nation that it caused death, shame and destruction long after David's life ended. Who wounded David and caused him to scream, "Absalom, Absalom, oh my son, my son, would to God it would have been me"? His old wolf dog and beastly flesh nature.

Moses had to flee in shame, wanted for murder after his wolf dog caused him, in pride and self-sufficiency, to kill the Egyptian. Who caused Moses to run? His wolf dog!

The humble, young, wise Solomon was attacked by his wolf dog so many times that he lay on his death bed, dying from those wounds with the knowledge that after his death his kingdom and life's work would be marred or destroyed. Adultery was the bait which the old wolf dog used to destroy Solomon. Who ripped Solomon and brought him

down to death at the early age of 59? His old wolfish, beastly nature.

The story of Rebekah is a tender love story of faith and dedication. For 40 years she was the faithful wife and homemaker for Isaac and her family. Then her old wolf dog got loose. She split her family into hopeless factions, broke her husband's heart and sent one son fleeing from his own brother for his life. Her other twin son, Esau, now weeps and wails in Hell along with millions of his descendants. The works of Rebekah's flesh of unbelief, lies and deceit caused this eternal destruction. What wrecked her family? Her old wolf dog! Again, what caused this horrible breach in this Godly family that caused the loneliness and pain in their declining years? Rebekah's old wolf dog ripped apart the family that never could be put back together again.

Read and reread the accounts of these great Christian's lives and number all the horrible things they did. Lies, deceits, murders, lust, idolatry, adultery, and the list goes on. Who was the common attacker in all of these people's lives? The common attacker was THE OLD WOLF DOG!!! He attacked some in the prime of their lives while others were old. It did not matter because the wolf dog never gives up, but he can be HOBBLED!! The wolf dog is the most dangerous beast that one

will ever face. He is the one who will destroy you unless you learn to, "Hobble your old wolf dog"!!!

THE SPIRITUAL MAN CAN DOMINATE AND CONTROL THE FLESH

In II Peter 1:10 God gives the child of God the absolute promise that he can control the flesh and live a victorious life. "Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: FOR IF YE DO THESE THINGS, YE SHALL NEVER FALL:"

Note the promise, "for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall [or backslide as a Christian]:"

The word, "fall", means backslide into sin or make shipwreck of your Christian life.

Notice also the statement, "for if ye do these things". Paul is talking to people who are saved. He is not talking about how to be saved. He is talking to people who are already saved. The promise that one can live a successful Christian life and never backslide or fall is conditional, **if you do these things.**

Notice also the third statement found in this verse, "give diligence", or work at it!

So we see that the promise that one will never backslide or fall is made to the people who work at doing certain things.

The question arises, "WHAT THINGS?"

The things which one must work at and add into his life if he is to live a successful Christian life are listed in verses five through seven in the same chapter. "And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity." II Peter 1:5-7

BUILDING A BEAUTIFUL LIFE INSTEAD OF LIVING IN SHAMBLES

One must build his Spiritual life just as one must build a house. The author will quote from one of his other books entitled, "A Letter to a New Convert".

THAT FOUNDATION IS JESUS CHRIST

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

II Corinthians 3:11

In II Peter 1:5-7 we have both the **food** for the shepherd dog and **the Scriptural method** of

exercising him so he would become strong enough to defeat the wolf dog.

THE PROCESS OF BUILDING A VICTORIOUS LIFE

Think of the process of building your life in the same light as if you were building a house. You put down the proper foundation and then begin adding to that foundation. You are going to receive help from the Lord, your pastor and your role model, BUT MOST OF THE WORK WILL BE DONE BY YOU! If you want a great house OR LIFE, then it is up to you to BUILD a **great** life. Remember, whatever you BUILD is what you will have.

BEAUTIFUL BUILDING BLOCKS OF GROWTH

Building Block One: Virtue. Add to your faith, (Salvation), virtue. Notice the term add. You must have faith, or salvation, (Foundation), before you can build, (Add), on it. Virtue means good habits, (Good materials). In order to have a good stalk of corn, the farmer must pull off the shucks. The new convert needs to pull off the things which hinder his Spiritual growth. But the stress is upon adding to your faith good habits, because in adding and developing good habits or traits, one will grow spiritually. When one grows, the bad habits will

soon disappear. Some items of virtue are: prayer, Bible reading, personal devotions, family devotions, giving, witnessing, speaking the truth, paying bills, keeping your word, kindness, etc.

Building Block Two: Knowledge. Solomon said that knowledge is the principle thing, (To obtain). The whole book of Proverbs stresses the importance of obtaining BIBLE knowledge. "If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as *for* hid treasures;" Proverbs 2:4

Building Block Three: Temperance. Temperance means self-control. Mankind has such a tendency to become addicted. He is such a creature of habit. Add to this BIBLE knowledge, temperance or self-control. Many men need to heed this instruction of self-control concerning ball games. They are addicted. Some need to practice moderation in watching T.V. Take charge of your life and be the master, not the slave, Be the VICTOR, and not the victim, by adding to your knowledge, self-control.

Building Block Four: Patience. The next material you need to beautify your life is patience. This is referring to long suffering or steadfastness. Do the things that are right regardless of how you feel. If it is time for church, go! Be steadfast in living a virtuous life according to the standard of the BIBLE. I used to ask an old friend who was a

German Christian, "How are you feeling?" He would always reply, "It doesn't matter how I am feeling, the just, (Saved), shall live by faith!" STEADFASTNESS!

Building Block Five: Godliness. One can understand the meaning of this building material which will greatly enhance the testimony of your life by adding some hyphens; God-like-ness. The modern Christian world has almost discarded such terms as Godliness, holy or holiness. But here you are commanded to add this ingredient in your life. "What would Jesus do?" "What would Jesus say?" "How would He react?" In asking these questions, and then responding accordingly, will help you to add God-like-ness. My FINAL TEST in many situations over the years has been, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." I Corinthians 10:31

Building Block Six: Brotherly Kindness. Be kind to people. Be kind and gentle in your speech. Everyone is having a hard time. MOST need someone to encourage them. Work at being a good example or role model. When you tease or joke with someone, do not put them down or embarrass them. Don't say people are dumb or stupid by your look, action, expression or word. Be alert and ask God to make you sensitive in ways of helping people. Remember, "I was sick and you visited

me." Then the question, "Lord, when were you sick and I visited you?" Jesus replied, "In that you did it unto the least of these you did it unto me." Matthew 25:35-40

Building Block Seven: Charity. This material may be the most becoming of any decorative material you can put into your life; charity or love. One obtains charity by growing in grace. One begins to think and react as a Christian instead of having a human reaction. Jesus always thought of the welfare of others. One develops this quality by obeying the Word, (Bible). Add to brotherly love, charity or Godly love.

One must give diligence to add these building blocks into his life by doing them. Remember, you have God's promise that if you build these principles into your life you will never become part of the 85% who fail. If you succeed, you must continually work at obeying and doing these things.

YOUR VERY LIFE DEPENDS ON IT!

In II Peter 1:10 God promises you that if you work hard at adding these characteristics in your life, you will never fall or backslide. "Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:" II Peter 1:10

Authors Footnote: The surprise attack upon the new believer who enters the war zone between the flesh and the spirit can

be prevented, or at least greatly helped if the new convert is given another booklet of 40 pages written by the author. The title of the book is, "From Salvation to Service".

Points to ponder

- The sheep dog and wolf dog illustrate the new nature and old nature within each child of God.
- These dogs hate each other and fight for control of the believer's life.
- The dog which the believer feeds is the dog which will dominate or control his life.
- The wolf dog can never be tamed or will never change; he can only be controlled or hobbled. Therefore, if one does not learn how to read and study the Bible the wolf dog will soon be back in power. One must feed and exercise the sheep dog daily in order to hobble and control his wolf dog.
- The food is learning and doing the Word of God
- The Spiritual exercise is the seven principles in II Peter 1:5-7
- You must feed and exercise the sheep dog every day.
- YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON IT!

TRUTH FOUR

THE PROPER PROTECTION...

THE CHURCH

"Unto him be glory in the church..."

Ephesians 3:21

FINDING A BATTERED HOME SHELTER

If a person will accept the basic point of the Seven Logical Principles of Life and surrender to the Lord, then he will find his life's purpose. He can only do this as he learns how to read and go by God's manual.

As he learns the manual he is able to comprehend about the powerful forces of the two natures which war to dominate his life. His only hope of survival is to hobble the old wolf dog by feeding and developing his sheep dog. The final piece of overcoming all past mistakes, sins and problems is finding a battered home shelter. "Finding a Battled Home Shelter", is an unusual title. We will use other descriptive subheadings in order to impress the essential principles which will break the vicious cycle which entraps 85% of those released from prison.

As one reads he will understand the author means finding a good Bible believing church which would serve as shelter for those who have been bruised and battered by the unfair world they live in. The author will use other

descriptive terms in order to get his point across. They are:

- 1. Avoid mistakes and avoid the slammer.
- 2. Make careful preparation in planning your escape.
- 3. Learn the real facts of life.
- 4. Become the, "Hit Man", for the, "Big Boss".

AVOID MISTAKES AND AVOID THE SLAMMER

There are three mistakes that the average person makes as he eagerly counts down the days for his release

An overestimation of his own ability; The first mistake that many make is in allowing the Devil to lure him into a feeling of false security. The inmate feels strong and confident about getting out of prison. After all, he reasons,

"I have been saved."

"I am a changed person."

"I haven't indulged in my sinful ways in a long time."

"I feel certain I can make it."

"I am not the same person I used to be."

The Devil has deliberately restrained from prodding his flesh while at the same time encouraging an environment which makes the person feel more self-assured. The person has his eyes **upon himself and his own feelings and abilities.** When released he will almost certainly fall victim to the, "wolf dog".

An underestimation of the power of the wolf dog; The appetite of the wolf dog has been suppressed because of the captivity of the person in prison. The wolf dog which has been shut-away from all the stimuli of the flesh awakens to the floodtide of the exposure and temptation. The sheep dog has been fed prisoner regularly while the has Many times people read their incarcerated. Bibles because they have nothing better to do, but when the person gets out of jail he stops reading his Bible. As a result, this mistake will probably be fatal as his new nature is not able to withstand the vicious attacks that come from the strengthened wolf dog. The giving in to the flesh and the confusion and disappointments which follow, along with the loss of face and respect from his family and friends will almost be a fatal blow.

An underestimation of the outside world; The third mistake which most make is that of a poor memory. They have forgotten all of the problems, hurt feelings, put-downs and harsh words which abound in a negative, cruel world. He will find himself back on the street, involved in the same environment and family, (Many of which are non-functional), and facing the same hopeless problems.

He will feel battered, alone and confused. The Devil makes him overly sensitive about, "Everyone looks down on me because I am a jail-bird." He feels that they think they are too good for him. He doesn't know where to turn or how to solve his problems. He needs a home for the spiritually battered. He needs a shelter where he can be fed and protected while he makes the adjustment and takes control of his life. He needs a good Bible believing church and pastor.

MAKE PREPARATION BY PLANNING YOUR ESCAPE

Many hardened criminals plan their escape for years before attempting **the once in a lifetime** chance at freedom. Their every waking thought is about their, "break out". The person who has accepted Christ is almost in the same situation.

In order to make a successful transition from one extreme lifestyle of prison or rehab where everything is regimented to a life where there is almost total freedom, one must make careful plans and follow them. Those plans must **become his boss** and he must not let others dictate and change them.

THINGS TO DO BEFORE LEAVING PRISON OR THE COUNSELING CENTER

There are several things the escapee must do to make his break-out successful.

- **1. Depend on God** and pray regularly to Him to lead you to a good church and pastor.
- **2. Ask the Chaplain** for a list of good fundamental churches in the area in which you will be living; A church which stresses the Bible and does not depend upon feelings.
- **3. Have him recommend** and contact the pastor before you are released and try to establish a line of communication with him before leaving prison.
- 5. **Realize that God** establishes a church to serve as **a spiritual home** in the spiritual realm just as He established a domestic home

- to aid, educate, develop and protect a domestic family.
- 6. Realize that there are churches who will not make him feel welcome. Do not take their coolness personally. This same church may not welcome Jesus into their services either.
- 7. **Make finding a church home a priority.** Finding a church home where a person can feel the inward man is more important than finding a job. If you cannot find a church in the town where you live then look for one in a neighboring city.
- 8. Find lodging as close as you can to a good Bible preaching church. Make it as easy as possible for you and your family to attend every service. Living close to the church will also allow others to minister to you if the need should arise.

THINGS TO KEEP FOREMOST IN YOUR MIND AFTER YOU GET OUT

When a criminal breaks out of prison he must learn to live in a vigilant way. He is constantly aware of situations and areas which may be dangerous, and avoids them. In I Peter 5:8, God commands the child of God to have the same vigilance. He has an enemy, (The Devil), who

has many devices of entrapment. In order to make your break-out permanent; one must find and live within a battered home shelter, (A good home church).

- 1. Keep in mind that in the Lord you are as good as any of the members of the church. Remember, all men are sinners. There are no good sinners or bad sinners in the sight of God. Those who are saved are sinners while those who are not are lost sinners. God looks at ALL SINNERS AS POOR hurting people whom He loves and longs to help.
- **2.** If you have not made contact with a pastor before your release date use the telephone to check out churches and pastors in your area. Ask them about their beliefs, services and location.
- **3. God has a church where you will feel welcome** and will be able to serve Him by ministering and winning souls. God never holds your past sins against you. All the sins of a converted sinner are placed behind God's back. "...for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back." Isaiah 38:47. In Psalms 103:12, the Bible states, "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us."

- **4. Feed your sheep dog every day.** Be as determined to feed the inward man as you are to feed the outward man. One's goal should be, "NO FOOD for the outward man until the inward man has been fed".
- 5. Remember you are one of the younger **members** of God's family; allow one of your, "Big brothers", to help you if you need help. The parole board can only parole you, but vour record will always remain. The probationary procedure can only let you out on conditions: break one of those conditions and you will be rearrested to serve out your time. But when God saves a sinner, He justifies the sinner, which is far more than a pardon or being placed on probation. When one is justified his record is erased and he is returned to a position as if he had never sinned. The perfect righteousness of Jesus is imputed to him and he stands before God as if he never sinned He is a new man with a new beginning...justified!

If you will plan your escape and then go straight by serving the Lord and feeding your sheep dog as a faithful member of a local church, then those prison bars will never hold you as a prisoner again.

LEARN THE REAL FACTS OF LIFE

You will leave prison with some false beliefs and ideals. Unless you learn the real facts of life, you will be offended and turned aside.

1. The Fact of Biblical Reality

Today's society is much like the people that lived in Jesus' day. In His day there were church people and there were sinners. Many of the church people didn't understand the purpose of the church and thought they were better than those, "Publicans and Sinners". They even criticized Jesus for being a friend to, "Those sinners", and for treating them with love and respect.

The church Jesus started was made up of common, working people and, "Those sinners", Jesus and His disciples, (Common working folks and sinners), were criticized by the, "Church people". It has been said, "Jesus came to save men from sin and religion". It is easier to convert a man who knows he is a sinner than one who is religious.

You and Jesus wouldn't have been accepted by many, "Church folk", in His day, and more than by some of the churches that exist in our day; so do not let their religion and attitude hinder you.

This is a Biblical fact of life which will save your life if you will abide by its truth.

2. The Fact; You Will Offend and be Offended

The first and worse mistake that most will make is to expect that everyone will respect and accept you because you have gotten saved and are attempting to straighten out your life. You will think, "Everyone will be proud of me since I got saved". WRONG!! Your joy and happiness in the Lord will bring conviction to your family and friends.

They will respond by calling you, "Preacher", or "Holy Joe". Worse yet, they will make some sarcastic remark or laugh at you. God is using your life to bring them under conviction and make them aware that they need to make a change. Their problem is not with you. Their problem is between themselves and God. They just take it out on you. DO NOT TAKE ANYTHING they say or DO personally or allow it to stop you from being happy and serving God. Just keep right on praying for them, feeding the sheep dog and going to church. YOU WILL WIN EVERY ONE OF THEM. THAT IS THE FACT OF LIFE!! Acts 16:31

3. Some Family Member or Friend Will Do Everything In Their Power to Get You to Join Them in Their Sins

They will want you to go out to the bars and party with them. They will bring their drinks right into your home and invite you to drink with them. They will dare you to, "Take one drink with them". It won't hurt anything...they will be very reassuring and persistent. They will become angry with you and then abusive.

The only defense which will work with them is not a, "No, I'm a Christian". They will ignore that statement as if you hadn't said it. The only way to stop some persistence is to become active in telling them about Jesus. Quote some Scripture to them.

Tell them they are still your friends and you love them, but you will not drink or party with them.

Tell them, "You are welcome back, but your booze is not"

This may seem hard to you but it is the only way that WILL SAVE YOUR LIFE. One drink and the old wolf dog is about to take over your life again.

The Fact Which Will Save You From "Something Worse than Death"

Adolf Hitler literally hated the Communists. This hatred drove this mad man to break his peace treaty with Russia during World War II and launch an allout attack on them. He boasted that in three months Russia would be conquered and defeated. When one looked at the two opposing armies he could well understand why Hitler had such confidence. Germany had the best trained, best equipped and best disciplined soldiers in the world.

Russia had almost no tanks; they were poorly trained and were totally unprepared for the attack. Within days the well planned attack with its overwhelming force, had driven over halfway to Moscow. The Russian army was in general confusion and retreat. **Defeat seemed imminent.**

But Hitler made a fatal mistake which cost him victory over Russia and lost him the war. He ordered his S.S. Troops to take the thousands of Russian soldiers who were surrendering back behind the battle lines a few miles, dig graves, and then **murdered them!**

When the Russian officers and men learned that to surrender to the Germans meant instead certain death, it transformed them into an unconquerable force. This poorly trained, ill-equipped army stopped the superior attacking forces in their tracks. The winter came and the rest is history. When the Russian commanders looked at the twelve, (12), to eighteen, (18), year old kids and the old men, (some in their 70's), who made up their companies and who were trusting in them for leadership and survival they could not surrender to the Germans. They made the commitment to never surrender to the enemy. To do so meant death to themselves but more importantly it meant death to those who trusted and depended upon them for hope, leadership and protection.

This is the most vivid illustration I can leave with you to warn you of what will happen to you if you surrender to your enemy, the wolf dog! It may seem easier to give in to your flesh and to surrender to the pressures of life, but in most cases it would be better for you to be marched a few miles, told to dig your grave, then shot and thrown into a dark hole than to surrender to the consequences of your wolf dog. Look into the faces of those who love and depend upon you for direction and survival. Because to surrender to your wolf dog and begin to obey the desire of your flesh means, "Something Worse Than Death"!! You must learn to feed your sheep dog so you can hobble your wolf dog and control the flesh. If you fail to do this then your

final outcome will be **something worse than death.** If you choose to feed the inward man then your life will be **one of joy unspeakable and full of glory!!**

4. Become the "Hit Man" for the "Big Boss"

In a hardened gang one has the most security and acceptance in the underworld when he becomes the, "Hit Man", for the, "Big Boss". He lives with one passion and for one purpose; to do what the, "Big Boss", wants him to do. This is exactly the attitude which one needs to have in order to overcome all difficulties and become a great leader with acceptance and influence in the work of God.

Become the, "Hit Man", for the, "Big Boss", who made everything and is over the whole universe. Become God's trusted servant who has one passion and purpose in life. Do what the Lord of the universe wants YOU TO DO! Please stop a moment SEVEN reconsider THE LOGICAL to If the, "Big Boss", PRINCIPLES OF LIFE. protects and keeps you alive then you ought to look to Him for your orders and direction. In order to really know the, "Big Boss", and please Him you must know and go by His manual. History reveals other, "Hit Men", of the past generation who mastered His manual and lived by its teachings. They may inspire you to greater service.

A HOPELESS DRUNKARD ON HIS WAY TO COMMIT SUICIDE got saved and turned his life over to the Lord. This hopeless drunk, Mel Trotter, started 66 Gospel Lighthouses in this country during the rest of his life where thousands of alcoholics were rescued.

GOD USED A DRUG DEALER, SLAVE TRADER AND VILE ATHEIST, John Newton, to bless many generations with his testimony in the poem and song, "Amazing Grace".

GOD USED A CONVERTED PRISONER to witness to the man who had just given him the plan of salvation. No one will ever remember that prisoner in jail, but everyone has heard of John Wesley. That's right! God used a man in jail to help bring the great preacher and founder of Methodism to Christ.

BILLY SUNDAY WHO LATER WON 10'S OF THOUSANDS TO CHRIST was saved at a skid-row mission.

GYPSY SMITH'S DAD WAS FIRST WITNESSED TO BY A JAIL CHAPLAIN while in jail. This witness led to the conversion of Cornelius Smith who then became a lay preacher. This holy, devout lay preacher gave the human race one of its greatest evangelists, Gypsy Smith, who shook both England and America for Christ.

DWIGHT MOODY WAS A POOR, ILLITERATE, FATHERLESS BOY who had almost no formal education. This poor boy gave his life over totally to the will and purpose of God. After almost 150 years the world is still blessed by his life and ministry.

If God used a poor illiterate boy

If God used the voice of an inmate

If God used a father who

First heard the Gospel in jail and then gave the world his son

If God used the lowest and vilest atheist

If God used a drunkard

If God used one saved off skid-row

Then why will He not use you?

The Bible states God chooses the weak and uses the base. The Bible states that God is not a respecter of persons.

"For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called*: But God hath chosen

the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, *yea*, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence." I Corinthians 1:26-29

If you feel weak

Then you qualify and God can use you

If you feel like a base, (Very sinful), thing

Then God can use you

If you have lived a life which many people despised

Then God can use you.

If He used them...then He can use you...

IF YOU LET HIM!!!

If some of you have helped to tear down and destroy then do like the apostle Paul who spent the rest of his life building up and being a blessing to humanity. God needs scores of men to come out of prison and attack the streets with the Gospel. God needs an army to come out of prison and attack the gates of Hell with the Gospel and...SET THE CAPTIVES FREE!!!!

POINTS TO PONDER

- If the body needs food to keep the body strong, then how much more does your spiritual man need spiritual food to keep it strong?
- If a little boy needs the protection and security of his domestic home and parents, then how much more does the spiritual man need the safety of a church and love of a pastor?
- If a person needs preparation in order to succeed in life, then how much more does the spiritual man need to prepare and grow as a Christian?
- If exercise and hard work sharpens mans human skills and develops successful abilities, then how much more do trials and difficulties help the spiritual man to grow in faith and maturity? God will give you the grace; we will furnish you with the tools, what you do with them will determine the greatness of your life. But one must recognize and obey the following, "Four Principles", in order to lift himself from defeat to victorious living:
- 1. One must have a proper recognition of a living, powerful, loving God.
- 2. One must accept and live by God's manual, the Bible

- 3. One must accept the proper lifestyle and feed the sheep dog.
- 4. One must find the proper place of protection, (Church), where he can continue to grow and feed his inward man.

WORDS FROM ONE OLD INMATE TO ANOTHER

Lose an appeal? I know how you feel. I've lost a couple myself.

Overcrowded conditions? I've been there and done that.

Been roughed-up by some officer or official? Me too!

Convicted by false evidence? Devastating, isn't it?

Been in the hole, (Solitary confinement)? Awful, isn't it?

Been in leg irons and body chains? Very uncomfortable and painful, especially if left on for days!

Bad food? How about no food at all?

All of the above happened to an inmate and much more. In fact, his life ended in prison when he was executed. The inmate's name was Paul, and the accounts of his suffering can be found in Acts 16:19-31 and II Corinthians 12:23-28.

So would you stop a minute and listen to some strong information about this old man who died in prison?

Paul learned to be happy while shut-up in prison. Paul expressed real joy in the book of Philippians which he wrote while he was in prison. In fact, he said, "I have learned that whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." Philippians 4:11-12. You can learn this lesson also.

Paul accepted it was God's will for him to be in prison. He not only accepted it as God's will, but may have had his most far reaching and successful period of his great ministry. While chained to and guarded by choice guards of Caesar, he lead many hundreds of them to Christ. These converts spread throughout Caesar's palace, the Roman army and into all the world! Why are you in prison? Philippians 1:12-13 and Philippians 4:22.

Paul's primary concern while he was a prisoner. Paul's primary concern was not on his latest appeal or the lateness in which he would be released. It was not even on whether or not he would be

executed. Concerning hardship and sufferings he said, "None of these things move me, neither count my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course, [purpose], with joy." Acts 20:23-24. God had given Paul a job to do and his greatest concern was in fulfilling that purpose.

Paul expected to have trouble and suffer persecution while in prison, Philippians 1:21 and II Timothy 3:12. He was prepared for it, endured it and overcame it. SO CAN YOU!!!

Paul's advice to you; stop your belly aching and complaining. It won't do any good. Accept the fact of where you are and run the race you are in. It may be hard but with God's grace and help, you can make it. You can win! Paul did and you can too! "Let us run with patience, [steadfastness], the race which is set before us, looking unto Jesus..." Hebrews 12:1-2. Paul wrote these words. Paul also recognized:

The foundation of life; God.

The proper manual; the Bible.

The proper lifestyle; I'm the Lord's.

The proper protection; the local church.

These four principles lifted him from sin, religion and despair to one of the most victorious lives **ever lived on this earth.** What God did for Paul; **He is waiting to do for you.**

Monday

(Introduction)

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TUESDAY	
(Seven Logical Princip)	les of Life)
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2. Romans 12:2 tells us that the is "acceptable and"
3. The which God placed on this earth is the
4. It would be and of for God to allow you to be caughtif it would save you.
5. If God you and gives you then you owe Him
WEDNESDAY (Get Your Computer Fixed)
1. What would be the method to getting it operating?
2. There has been a breakdown in the human and we need to get our fixed.
3. Don't you think it is to get serious in using God's to save your life?
4. First came that every man may have or be saved.

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THURSDAY

(Three Principles in Mastering the Manual)

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2. God human His book.	instrumentality to teach
3. If one remow a book ma	
4. "Study to show thyse student).	lf a (not a
5. The primaryso people can	for teaching the Bible is their

FRIDAY

(Jesus' Message; Points to Ponder)

1. Who was the first	sinner to see Jesus
in His body	
2. His of the and	to people who have neir lives is one of love
3. God said, "I am not a	of persons.
4. God placed a to find h	on this earth in order is purpose.
5. This designer has attention in every situation	assured Hison.
WEEK TW	O-MONDAY
(Hobbling the	e Old Wolf Dog)
1. The other dog is represents the	a wolf and _ or fleshly nature.

2. "That which is born of is flesh and that which is born of is spirit."
3. The dog or nature which one will be the one which
4. Hobble means to " the movement of or by restricting.
5. These powerful do war against is dangerous.
TUESDAY (Two Opposing Forces)
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1. The two are contrary to each other in 2. The conversion of the sinner to Christ through the birth does to change the flesh. 3. The old dog will never, grow or be rehabilitated.

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(Finding a Battered Home Shelter)

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THURSDAY

(Learn the Real Facts of Life)

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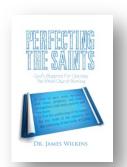
Soul-Winning Books

Perfecting the Saints

Perfecting the Saints is a command to evangelists, pastors

and teachers. This book will help believers grow so they can do "the work of the ministry". It will help them develop in the following areas:

- Walking by Faith
- Overcoming Visitation Fright and Insecurities
- Recognizing and Overcoming the Attacks of the Devil
- Overcoming Their Awkwardness in Witnessing



Perfecting the Saints is a textbook used in the first hour of the Personal Growth Seminar; A five week course developed by the author who has gone soul-winning each week for over 60 years.



Designed to Win

Everything was designed by its Creator to reproduce. "And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind,..." Genesis 1:24

Christianity has become a mere philosophy in this nominal twenty first century. A person is considered a good Christian if he lives a separated life and believes in the fundamentals of the faith. But Jesus said, "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit;..."

YOU BEAR MUCH FRUIT or win many souls. Then He goes ahead and refers to a principle which is accepted by mankind throughout the world. When a tree produces large, well formed, delicious fruit in abundance, it is recognized as a GOOD TREE. He said, so shall ye be (made manifest) my disciples, that is WHEN YOU WIN MANY SOULS (much fruit) you manifest yourself to those watching as a good Christian and your heavenly Father is glorified.

This book, DESIGNED TO WIN, is written on the premise that if all saved people are to bear fruit or win souls, then the process of soul-winning HAS TO BE SIMPLE! If all are to do it, if all can do it, SOUL-WINNING MUST BE SIMPLE!

Observe to Do



In the sixth chapter of Acts the apostles ask the church for help so they could give themselves continually to prayer and TO THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD. This request was not in order for them TO GO INTO THEIR STUDIES AND PREPARE THE MESSAGE THEY WERE TO PREACH.

It was to minister the Word in giving on-the-job training from house to house as they developed their members to do the work of the ministry.

Paul was totally committed to show and teach them principles in soul-winning and discipleship publicly and from house to house. (Acts 20:20)

We must return to the Bible pattern of teaching our members to OBSERVE TO DO instead of just teaching the Word.

Discipleship Books

Milk of the Word

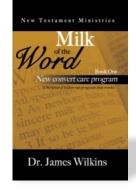
The Milk of the Word is a self-help book which will

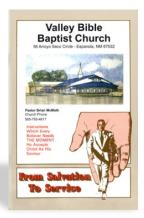
equip the reader to be discipled and take what he has learned and disciple others.

Milk of the Word teaches not only how to know God's Word but also how to do God's Word.

Milk of the Word is part one of the New Convert Care program, which

teaches how to follow up, protect, and develop new Christians.



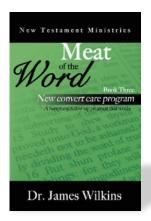


From Salvation to Service

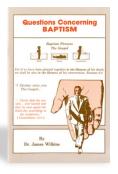
This booklet is designed to be given to the new convert the moment he is saved. It explains the salvation process and teaches him to beware of his adversaries (The Devil and the Flesh)

Meat of the Word

This is book three in the New Convert Series. This book is designed to put into the heart of the Christian spiritual truths which will cause him to grow in faith. Some of the chapter titles are: God's Course for His Children, God's Comforter for His Children, God's Crown's for His Children, and God's Coming for His Children



Questions Concerning Baptism



This book answers some of the most confusing questions about biblical baptism, and is designed to be given to those who have been saved, but are unsure of baptism. What is baptism? How should baptism be preformed and when? Should I be baptized again? What's the purpose of Baptism? This

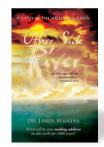
book is also an excellent source of information, about proper biblical baptism, and has taught many their need to be scripturally baptized.

Doctrinal Books

The Other Side of the River (1000 Year Reign of Christ)
With the Second Coming of Christ looming ever nearer

it is time for us to consider what our address will be Across the River in the Millennium.

This book will give you a clearer view of the 1000 years of peace on this earth before we go into our eternal abode. How you serve Jesus NOW will dictate



what your permanent address will be for a full 1000 years? WILL you live as a king or as a pauper?

Foreknowledge, Election, Predestination in the Light of Soulwinning



This book refutes hyper-Calvinism while stimulating soul-winning.

It has saved many young preachers from the horrible effect that extreme Calvinism has on a Christians' passion for souls, and their love and obedience to world

missions.

One pastor orders these books by the case! Another preacher exclaims, "Dr. Wilkins, it's your best book yet!"

Books for Hurting People

Healing Words For Hurting People



A young man in the height of his success with everything in his life going right suddenly screams out, "I was greatly afflicted...all men are liars." As David was living his dream, he woke up one morning and suddenly his dream turned into a nightmare. Within a few short days the person whom he loved and admired tried to murder him. He

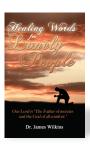
became a fugitive with a price on his head, most of his friends forsook him, his darling wife divorced him, and he was hungry and alone with no place to go.

How did David, a young man in his twenties, overcome these heartbreaking experiences to walk and live a life of victory? You owe it to yourself to hear his testimony of how he rose from the depths of despair to become Israel's greatest king. This book holds the secret of being set free, so one can live again. This book is more than a few principles which will help a person, it is a road map to a life of victory.

Healing Words for Lonely People

Healing Words for Lonely People comes from the heart of a pastor who has over 50 years of experience comforting bereaved or lonely people. In fact, his life was redirected as a result of the sudden death of his brother, Wayne.

Dr. Wilkins has the vivid memory of the pain and confusion which he experienced

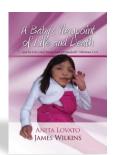


when he received the news of the accidental death of his brother. Less than a year later his father died unexpectedly which caused him to turn to the "Father of mercies and the God of all comfort" 2 Cor. 1:3

As a pastor he has aided countless families in their hours of sorrow. As a man, one can imagine his personal pain by reading the dedication page as found in the front of this booklet. This book also gives scientific data which helps control loneliness.

Healing Words for Lonely People would become a treasured gift to both those who are suffering and the friends who comfort them.

A Baby's Viewpoint of Life and Death



A child dies for three hours, lives in heaven before coming back. Wouldn't you expect her to have a message?

She will teach you about heaven and other important issues of life.

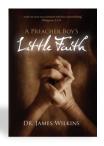
Her message would help and comfort

those who have lost a child or loved one.

Her life blessed everyone she came in contact with and will enrich those who read A BABY'S VIEWPOINT OF LIFE AND DEATH.

Books for Teenagers

A Preacher Boys Little Faith



A story of **God's wondrous Grace** in the life of a **struggling young preacher**.

A transparent story of one young man's determination to keep his end of the covenant he made with His God. This book will strengthen the faith of all who read it.

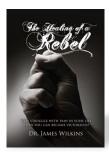
This true story covers the first four years of Dr. James Wilkins, 60 years in the Ministry.

The Healing of a Rebel

BITTERNESS, UNFORGIVENESS, AND HATRED, a effects

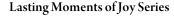
more people and is often times a more destructive disease than cancer.

Through the story of a boy who had been rejected by his parents and wounded by religion Dr. Wilkins dramatically shows the only cure for this disease which plagues the human race.



The adventure begins with a car chase and ends with a transformed young man giving his life in service to God. The story revolves around a rebellious High School sports star, a wise pastor and his beautiful, athletic daughter. The Healing of A Rebel will educate, entertain and help multitudes find lasting peace and happiness.

Books of Inspiration





These are soul-winning experiences which happened throughout my lifetime time, but they will produce eternal joy.

More Lasting Moments of Joy

Stories for dog lovers, Stories for travelers, One story entitled "Is my baby in Hell?" Another story is about the conversion of a Muslim.

There are stories of the helpless and hopeless who found peace,

And stories which both the religious and non-religious will enjoy



The Latest Volume, Favorite Lasting Moments of



Joy is a book about some of the people who have made the greatest investment in my life and ministry. This book is also designed to help young parents build a desire into their children to develop a lifestyle of soul-winning.

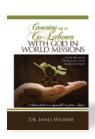
Books That Increase Regular and Faith Promise Giving

Dr. Wilkins has been a church planter (13 Churches), missionary minded pastor and taught missions courses in various colleges. He has developed four workbooks which will increase churches general offerings as well as mission giving.

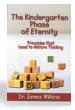
These books are 4 or 6 weeks courses to be taught the weeks prior to the faith promise commitment Sunday.

Growing as a Co-Laborer with God in World Missions

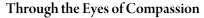
This is a four week course, which will show the giver that he can become a channel of blessing and also receive a channel of blessing back.

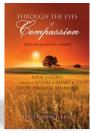


The Kindergarten Phase of Eternity



This is a six week course on the difference between stewardship and ownership. It also shows how to receive commendations from a grateful Lord.

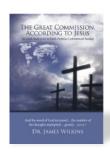




This is a four week course which will capture the heart of its reader for lost souls, and cause them to "...First give themselves."

The Great Commission According to Jesus

A six week course that looks at the "Great Commission" from the Four Gospels and the Book of Acts. Matthew stresses it's authority, Mark stresses the personal need to fulfill it, Luke stresses the true message which will bring Repentance, John stresses the fearful responsibility of each believer, Acts



stresses the Divine power which is given to the believer.

Note: Each Sunday School student in the adult and teen department should have their own book. Each week they will have a daily lesson to work on.

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