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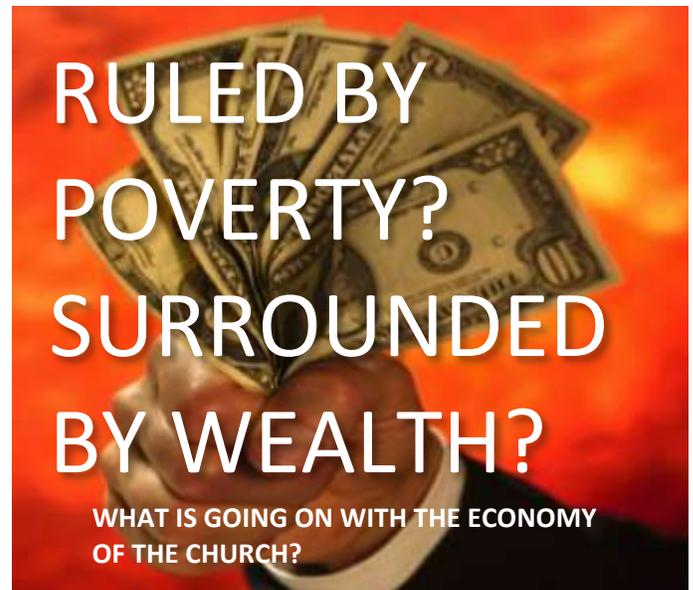
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Several people sat around the conference table, focusing their attention on the financial ledgers in front of them. Though the numbers were simply lifeless-ink scratches on paper registers, they exuded an authoritative, unhappy energy that worried the readers. The fact of the matter was there wasn't enough money coming in to keep the ministry operating. What's more, if things didn't change, the church would be forced to close its doors, or, at least make major cutbacks by shutting down some of the most important expressions in their work for the Lord. It was discouraging. It was heartbreaking. How could they tell the people? Where could they cut back further? The pastor was already not taking any salary. The building utilities just kept increasing as costs mushroomed. Furthermore, the people were sacrificially giving, or at best, as much as they could. What were they all going to do? They'd prayed faithfully. They'd done fund raisers. They'd even consistently rebuked Satan and his demons of poverty. Yet, in spite of all these efforts, the conditions continued to get worse. Now faced with tough decisions, they and the other churches of the city needed real, practical answers. The actuality of the situation was that nearly every ministry in their region was going through the same thing. But what was most puzzling was that their area was experiencing a financial boom. The discovery of neighboring vast natural energy reserves had catapulted the city out of normally moderate, quiet college town into a frenzied greed-driven, income-gobbling monster. Consequently, the construction industry was spreading at a ridiculous pace, and still not managing to keep up with the demands. Houses and new buildings were going up faster than ever before. Additionally, people were making money hand over fist, or, they were at least making more than they'd made in the past. This was a boom town growing around them. But on the distant horizon, the dark side of this expansion would eventually produce a housing nightmare creating with it escalating prices for rent, food, education, and more. Other towns had gone through the same thing. But this didn't answer their questions. With all this surplus mon-



ey around them, why were the all churches struggling to keep their doors open? Shouldn't the people have more money to donate to their local fellowships? What was wrong with this picture?

The story you've just read, based on real life situations, is not the exception. As you read on, you'll find that this article specifically attempts to explain why many of similar scenarios are especially affecting pastors, traveling ministries and churches. Nevertheless, the financial crunch, along with the booming economic expansions is also infecting the believer. In fact, these conditions are becoming the norm in many places of the world. Comparatively, localities that are seeing great economic upswing are for some reason also noticing a downtrend in giving. Sadly, as economic conditions constrict, the costs of living are at the same time rising unpredictably. What's more, families throughout these places are forced to decide whether to buy food or pay their utilities. In many places buying even the basic

necessities of life are becoming a stretch for already struggling families. It's disturbing but the most recent data concerning food insecurity and hunger is a growing cause for concern. Statistically in my own state of Colorado, nearly 1 in 4 households with children (22%) in Colorado reported food hardship between 2008 and 2012.¹ This statistic is just one of many unsettling specifics. But knowing these facts still doesn't answer the question as to what's going on. No matter where churches are found, unique economic conditions are evolving. Once again, the question is: Why are so many churches and ministries currently facing financial stress? Are people not giving? Don't they have money to give? Or, is there something deeper being manifested?

HAS OUR UNDERSTANDING & PRACTICE OF THE TITHE & GIVING STEMMED FROM A FORCED INTERPRETATION OF SCRIPTURE THAT'S CONTRARY TO THE HEBRAIC MEANING IT'S INTENDED TO EXEMPLIFY?

Obviously, if people don't have enough income to live on, they don't have extra to give, or their donations will be diminished.

You can't expect or demand something from someone who doesn't have it. Moreover, when believers don't realize how to sow seed for financial breakthrough, then there is no faith to produce a harvest. We need to ask some very hard questions without at the same time being overly critical of how things have been practiced in the past. For instance, should churches and ministries depend on the tithe and offerings to be their sole source of provision? I realize there is a wide variety of opinions and inter-

pretations concerning the subject and practice of the tithe and giving. I don't really want to enter into that debate. However, sadly, in my opinion, many such subjects haven't always been taught from a contextual or Hebraic basis. It always concerns me when accurate biblical interpretation is laid aside in order to benefit its interpreters. There is always a danger of reading things into the wording of Scripture and make concepts become

wrongly symbolic in an effort to "tactically" force them to fit specific needs and conditions. I'm inclined to believe that may have happened a lot when it concerns understanding money according to Scriptural ideology. Don't misinterpret what I'm saying here. I'm not suggesting we shouldn't tithe. But, let's consider this. Might it be possible that the Lord desires to give us some fresh insights to consider as to how to deal with the potential and increasing financial challenges and what role our giving plays in that? Is it also possible that He wants to reveal a different perspective about what is happening? I believe so.

COMMON THREADS & DILEMMAS

I've been listening carefully to the sad reports from pastors, traveling ministries, missionaries and evangelists concerning the struggle that many of them have been experiencing per their income. No story is exactly the same, and thankfully, many reports end with victorious financial miracles. There are also places where economic growth is occurring and the churches are equally experiencing a surplus of funding. But there are several common threads that have been dangling in front of me and have moved me to wonder if God is doing something that we aren't familiar with. Is He trying to posture us to move in direc-

tions we aren't comfortable with. There are also some clear warning signs that if poverty doesn't over take the Church a greed for wealth will.

THE EXAMPLES OF THE EARLY CHURCH

I've always been a student of the history of the Early Church, beginning with its emergence on the scene, in the book of Acts, and the following 600 years of Christian expression. Moreover, in the past few months I've been intentionally examining and studying those historic, biblical examples, along with the conditions and practices of the believers. Having done so, while

trying to keep an open mind, I've come to the conclusion that many of the circumstances that existed in the first several hundred years of the Church are extremely similar to today, especially at this point of time in the developed nations and cultures. You may ask how so? Please let me explain

YOUNG DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP, ADAPTIVE CHURCH STRUCTURE, DOCTRINAL DISPUTES, PERSECUTION & ECONOMIC

A SUMMARY

DIFFERENT SEASONS OF ECONOMY REQUIRE NEW PERSPECTIVES

- 1. WHEN THE ECONOMY BECOMES UNPREDICTABLE PEOPLE'S PERSONAL PHILOSOPHY OF MONEY WILL OVERRIDE BIBLICAL PRECEPT. AS A RESULT THEY MAY BECOME SELFISH, GREED DRIVEN, STINGY & FEARFUL OF NOT HAVING ENOUGH TO SURVIVE**
- 2. IS THE CHURCH & IT'S MINISTERS BEING THRUST OUT INTO THE MARKET-PLACE BECAUSE OF FINANCIAL PRESSURE (PERSECUTION)**
- 3. MINISTRIES SHOULD CONSIDERING DEVELOPING BUSINESSES TO UNDERGIRD THEIR CHRISTIAN WORK.**
- 4. WOMEN & YOUTH MAY FIND A NEW ROLE IN THE BUSINESSWORLD INEVITABLY HELPING RAISE FUNDS FOR THE GOSPEL**
- 5. A FRESH HEBRAIC UNDERSTANDING ON TITHES & OFFERINGS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED**
- 6. FAITH & BASIC BIBLICAL DOCTRINES MUST BE TAUGHT IN ADDTION TO STIRRING A BIBLICAL & HEALTHY WORK ETHIC**
- 7. MINISTRIES AND CHURCHES MUST CEASE BEING INGROWN & STOP TRYING TO FIX THEIR PROBLEMS WITHOUT OUTSIDE HELP FROM THE BODY.**
- 8. INVITE GENUINE "doma" APOSTLES WHO'RE GIFTED TO RAISE FUNDS FOR STRUGGLING MINISTRIES. Churches that close their doors to all traveling ministries in order to protect their income, will become more ingrown.**
- 9. SEEING THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD AROUND US**
- 10. PRAYING AND FASTING (Isa. 58)**
- 11. AN UNREACHED YOUNG GENERATION (Children without a family table.)**

¹ (Food Research and Action Center, *Food Hardship 2008-2012: Geography and Household Composition*, September 2013)

PRESSURE ALL MADE UP THE NEWLY GROWING CHURCH IN JERUSALEM

The early Church was riddled with doctrinal dispute and sectarianism. It was also pummeled by persecution for the faith. The Early Church wasn't some glamorous, romanticized gathering that sometimes we try to make it to be in our minds. Being a Christian was tough. You could easily die for your faith in the first several hundred years of the Church. For that reason, it's always amazing to me how Christianity managed to survive the heart-breaking difficulties of the first centuries. But consider this.

Christianity was born in a precarious dangerous economy and political world. It encountered real persecution and was misunderstood because of how that particular social ideology interpreted the practice of the believers and the faith. Additionally, the developing Church leadership was all trying to find their footing, and not necessarily doing extremely well at it. Now before you get offended by what I just said, remember this. The apostles and early leaders of the faith were still learning about their new life. Even though the apostles and intimate followers of Jesus had spent close time with the Master, they were still in essence baby Christians. They were also leaders thrust into a rapidly growing mixture of new converts who had to depend on God for guidance in order to make decisions. Understandably, they expressed great differences of opinion. Furthermore, the New Testament hadn't yet been written. Hence, they quarreled; probably a lot. Moreover, doctrine was still being established, and not without inconsistency. But what's more, the Early Church had to decide what to do about money. There were thousands of poor, specifically the financially unfortunate, coming into the faith. They needed to be cared for and proper distribution had to be organized. The environment, therefore, in which the Church was developing, required unique practices and decisions. Consequently, to see to the wide range of financial, physical, emotional and spiritual needs met, the Jerusalem leadership established a communal, socialistic structure. This had to happen because of the political and economic situation of the times. As a result, historical records reveal that individual property ownership was consequently discouraged and individual wealth was mostly voluntarily absorbed into a general fund for all of the people to draw from as they had need. Sadly, in some ways, this action may have inadvertently given rise to a spirit of poverty and an entitlement mentality where people without having earned sufficient income felt entitled to receive without having worked for it. Paul



“Earn all you can. Save all you can. Give away all you can.” John Wesley Sermon

seemed to be addressing that in his second letter to the church of Thessalonica. The question is: How does this relate to today?

2 Thess 3:10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.¹¹ For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.¹² Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread. KJV

Matt 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:²⁰ Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. KJV (Mark 16:15-18, Luke 24:46-49)

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. KJV

A DISOBEDIENT, INGROWN, COMMUNAL CHURCH IS THRUST OUT TO FULLFIL THE GREAT COMMISION

As the early Church in Jerusalem began to multiply and gain recognition and influence, at the same time, they started to settle into their communal, more comfortable structure. Likewise, because of what I believe to be the influence of the fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit, mixed with the newness of the growing faith, there was a resulting great unity and fellowship amongst the brethren. In

addition to this, they were managing to organize themselves to see that needs were being taken care of. But in this process of development, they were unwittingly becoming ingrown. More concerned for themselves and attempting to organize the masses, they inadvertently disobeyed the command of the Lord to go into the entire world with the Gospel and make disciples. This is extremely noteworthy because I'm of the opinion that this is where much of the Church is at today; Ingrown and self-consumed.

IS OUR MODEL FOR MINISTRY & HOW TO GET THE FINANCES NEEDED TO ACCOMPLISH WHAT WE'RE CALLED TO DO SKEWED?

Have we as believers and ministers become so self-concerned with meeting our various and large number of needs that we no longer feel for people outside the walls of our church buildings, our ministry structures, and the people we're familiar with in our fellowships? Are we overly-dependent on what we can get from one another, such as wealthy donors, tithes and offerings, profits from our product sales, or our fund raising programs? Have we stopped looking to God to be our ultimate source? I know that

some of these questions could seem to originate from sweeping general observations. Nonetheless, there are concerns we need to consider because there may be underlying problems affecting us more than we realize. More questions: Could ministers, pastors, and believers have fallen prey to the attractive idea that in order for a ministry be considered successful, it must also always be grandiose and financially wealthy? Contributing to this thought: Have the role models from the ministerial examples of the past, unintentionally deluded us into thinking that if a ministry is successful, it must be wealthy? Has there then developed a mindset in the believers and ministries today causing saints to believe that they must fashion themselves after the example of what has been touted to be successful rather than being and doing what God has actually called them to? These disconcerting ideas are tough to face, let alone accept. So if these factors are playing a role in how we believe we're to deal with and gain the finances we consider we deserve, then when economies change, we'll be prone to feel like failures and rationalize that it is ok to use fund raising methods that God has nothing to do with. I believe, however, the Scriptures do reveal that He wants to supply for our needs and He has provided biblical directives for us for such times as this. So, are we being challenged to leave the ways that worked for us in the past, and look to Him for other options?

HAS A NEW FORM OF PERSECUTION & PRESSURE COME TO FORCE THE CHURCH OUT INTO THE MARKETPLACE & ECONOMIC WORLD?

How did God manage to get the Early Church in Jerusalem out of its comfort zones so it would fulfill the Great commission? It was persecution, real and intense. Now would you let me extrapolate that word, and suggest that persecution and pressure are directly linked? Pressure had to come to get to them to move. They were then scattered away from the secure environment that had inadvertently made them disobedient. Acts 8:1-4 tells the story about how a zealous young Pharisee named Paul began to persecute the believers to such an extent that the Church was forcefully scattered into new territories and areas of influence. Why would this relate to us today?

Acts 8:1 And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.**2** And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him.**3** As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.**4** Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word. **KJV**

Genuine persecution is beginning to ascend on the international horizon and is being expressed through a discriminatory attitude against people who believe in Jesus and dare to disagree with other religious views. That is without debate. I believe, however, that there is another form of persecution pressurizing believers, ministers and the Church at large. That persecution is being expressed through a spirit of poverty attacking the finances of

many churches and ministries. Is this attack of poverty the result of ministries and believers having become ingrown? Is it possible that the arena of economy is not being touched in a positive, productive manner by believers because the Church is failing to reach into the world's economy in the marketplace and business world in a God-inspired manner? I believe it is so. I also wonder if Christians know how to do so successfully.

Since 1998, I've taught a course entitled WISDOM IN THE WORKPLACE, in the INSTITUTES FOR BIBLICAL TRUTH, the college level modular school I founded and direct. The 30 days of classes, are offered in 5 day segments over the course of 6 weeks for 6 levels of training. The course utilizes 900-2000 pages of my original curriculum per each week of classes, depending on which course is being taught. The teaching is designed to aid Christians in the workplace so that they can live biblically in the challenging world of human economy. I used to be shocked at how little believers knew concerning biblical concepts affecting their work; But, no more. There is a dearth of sound biblical teaching pertaining to how the Christian can be productive in the market place. I endeavor to remedy some of that in the Institute. For this reason, I can't emphasize enough how much we need to teach people the basic doctrines of the faith. Those enduring truths, so often absent in the foundation of a believer's life, must be taught thoroughly, accurately and consistently so the Christian can live and work in the manner that will make a difference. I mention this course because early on in the teaching we look at the manner of how God will demonstrate Himself in the workplace through the Church and Israel in the Last Days. I believe these things will affect all believers, including those who minister from the pulpits. In addition to these lessons, I endeavor to shatter the idea that the workplace is secular and the pulpit sacred. This may surprise you but in the sight of God, there is no such discrepancy. The call to be in business is no less significant than the call to speak in the pulpit. But saying this I want you to take a look at several things that I believe may be an option to address the current financial warfare.

Matt 21:5 Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.**6** And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them,**7** And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon.**8** And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way.**9** And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. **KJV**

Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, on the day believers have come to call Palm Sunday, was distinguished by that He rode into the city sitting on both a mother and young donkey. It is symbolically representative of His second coming. Christians often miss that He was sitting and riding on two animals! One donkey was the mother, the other, her offspring. I've often wondered how awkward that ride might have been. But these symbols shouldn't be swept aside. They're prophetic in nature and represent possible events that will precede His return! The Scriptural image of the donkey is nearly always representative of the

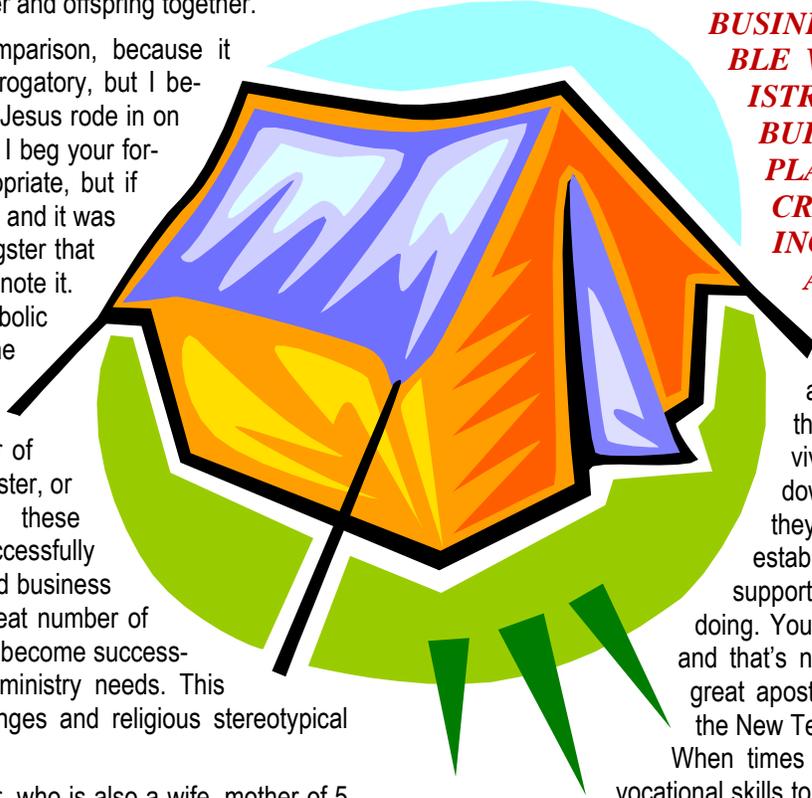
business world or the marketplace. Donkeys were also considered unclean animals. This should strike us as odd. Jesus didn't ride into the city on a horse, representing military authority and royalty. He didn't sit on an ox, linked accordingly to Paul's imagery that relates the oxen to elders and the five-fold ministry, (1 Cor. 9:9-11, 1 Tim. 5:17-18). He rode two donkeys. This is extremely important. Jesus took something, associated with what is unclean and representative of menial labor, and then rode them into the city. Could this be saying to us that His second coming may be hallmarked by something unusual happening in the marketplace, or workplace, that will help usher in his return? What's more, he rode the mother and offspring together.

I hesitate to suggest this comparison, because it could come across as very derogatory, but I believe it needs to be mentioned. Jesus rode in on the female donkey, the mother. I beg your forgiveness if this sounds inappropriate, but if biblical symbolism is consistent, and it was a female donkey and her youngster that carried Jesus, then we need to note it. They're both considerably symbolic being related to business and the working world. I use this comparison because I believe we'll see an increasing number of women, either married to a minister, or being one themselves, and these women will become very successfully involved in the market place and business world. There may also be a great number of preacher's kids used by God to become successful in business so to aid the ministry needs. This brings with it a host of challenges and religious stereotypical judgments. Let me explain.

I have a friend, a gifted minister, who is also a wife, mother of 5 children, and employed in a demanding government profession. She's married to a wonderful man who is also the senior pastor of the church they founded together 7 years ago. Jointly, they planted numerous churches in their area. Sometime back, however, she and I were discussing the challenges that she and other Christian women have faced simply because they are Christian women, obedient to God, and at the same time, employed in the workplace. She shared with me that she'd been rebuked by other believers who said that she was in sin simply because she worked a job while her husband, a pastor, stayed home tending the children and the ministry. She faced more horrific accusations and judgments than I feel necessary to talk about here. But my point is, women who are using their knowledge and talents in the marketplace get ridiculed and judged by other believers for doing so. To me, this is a display of obvious ignorance and sickening religiosity. Biblically there is tremendous scope for a woman to be involved in the workplace. Consider the woman in Proverbs 31? She was one of the most industrious females that Scripture honorably illustrates. Yet,

many believers who don't understand the ways of how God works in the economy, and the seasons of social flux, can't fathom that God would use women to be a dynamic financial force in the Last Days. I wouldn't be surprised if we see a radical upswing in the numbers of godly women becoming agents of financial affluence in the workplace affecting this arena for the Lord! In saying all of these things, I believe both women and young people will be mightily used by God in the market place before Jesus returns.

CHURCHES & MINISTRIES NEED TO PRAY AND ESTABLISH UNIQUE BUSINESSES COMPATIBLE WITH THEIR MINISTRY WORK TO BUILD A FINANCIAL PLATFORM FOR INCREASE. "TENTMAKING" WILL EMERGE AGAIN.



I'm convinced that if churches, ministries and ministers, along with the laity, are going to survive in times when giving is down and money is withheld, they'll need to discover and establish small businesses to support the Christian work they're doing. You might call it *tent making*, and that's not a bad thing. Paul, the great apostle, writer of two thirds of the New Testament was a tentmaker. When times were tough he used his vocational skills to pay his bills and meet his

natural needs. Furthermore, he wasn't opposed to this. No Jew would mock such a practice and manner of living because it was virtually expected in Judaic code. So, a new type of work ethic and manner of increasing funds for ministry purposes must be considered and followed through. In this season, the people who refuse to work, and have a hand-out mentality will find themselves living without what they need to live. They'll also be opposed by those who are willing to work. Furthermore, if those people project an attitude of entitlement, they'll be very upset when it's not respected. There is no room for griping, complaining, laziness and entitlement in this day, and yet, these attitudes are running rampant.

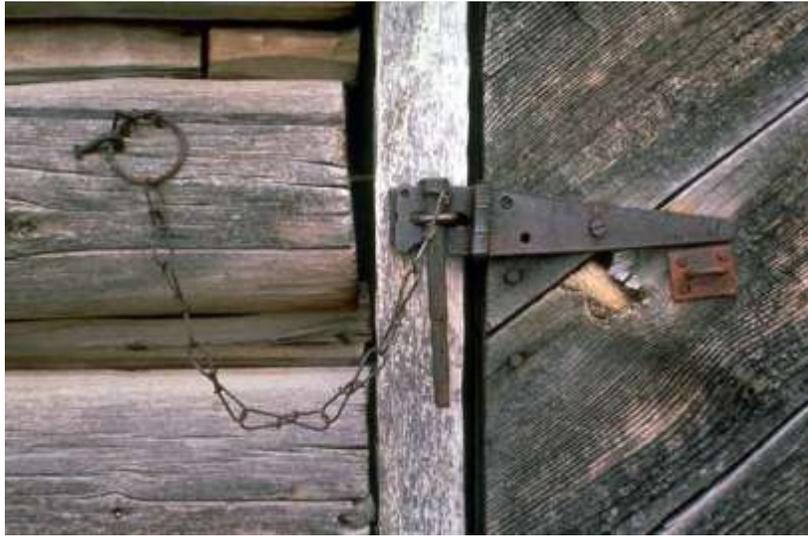
Scriptural example is consistent. For the most part, throughout history, the Church practically adjusted its manner of living and how it obtained income according to what was going on in society. When they didn't catastrophe resulted. Consequently, when the Church and its leaders aren't flexible enough to modify to their social and economic situation, the Church and the believers will turn inward and go backwards. Historically, times were tough

in the Early Church. So to address the many needs of the growing numbers that the leadership had to deal with, they in essence established a socialist sort of governing situation.² Now please don't mistake what I'm saying concerning that form of government. May I remind you, they operated in that manner

because of what was going on in their culture and time?

We could actually learn from this, because if things were to collapse economically, we as believers would need to learn how to help one another in a similar but unique manner. In light of this, I want to mention that I've been writing a book entitled *IN THE END, WHAT MUST WE DO?* While considering all the different perspectives on the End Times, the manuscript addresses the various commands and directives the Bible presents believers with concerning how to live in the Last Days. The most significant of those directives mentioned in that list is that believers will need to be hospitable. There will be a need for cordiality in the Last Days as very different from other times that have existed, because people will need each other to survive!

In short, churches, ministries, and laity alike should consider developing businesses that can fit alongside of their ministry so they can fund the ministry more readily. In order to apply this, those businesses should be very distinct and determined by the unique situations particular to each group. Consequently, it will require constant focused prayer, good communication, strategic planning and business savvy. Furthermore, whatever action is taken will be shaped by numerous dynamics and conditions if the work will succeed. For instance: When there is a lack of good communication, or there isn't a depth of the relationship existing in the groups involved, the business will generally fail. Additionally, there needs to be an atmosphere of trust between the leaders and the people involved. However, one of the most influential impacts, affecting whether a business will prosper in the Church, is not as easily identified or visible. People subconsciously possess many hidden attitudes concerning wealth, poverty, money and giving. These ideas radically affect whether starting a business will work or not. Nearly everyone has a hidden, often unrealized, philosophy about money. As a result there is a wide range of buried and unspoken ideas about the concepts of wealth, making money and poverty in the Church among believers. This is because of a lot of conflicting beliefs that originate from ancient roots and the biblical principles and philosophies concerning money, wealth, poverty and work are a



muddle of hundreds of years of ideology. Generally speaking, Christian thought has been tossed back and forth between Hebraic ideas about wealth, Jesus' statements concerning money, the New Testament Church's financial practices, the contradictory philosophies of Plato and Aristotle having affected the early

Church Fathers, and the Monastic Movement.³ Then, on top of this entire mound of often contradictory viewpoints, there was the emergence of the most recent re-development of the doctrine of prosperity in the mid 1950's. These unexpected ideas will all unveil themselves with a vengeance when the Church moves into the marketplace. Be aware of it before it

happens.

It seems that everywhere I look and listen; I notice several common threads of conflict emerging with intensity. Number one, fear is on the rise and it doesn't respect persons or their social economic status. It's dynamically affecting everything from relationships to money. It is triggering a deep sense of suspicion, along with a wariness of being hurt, accompanied by a worry over possible lack, and increasingly rejection. What's more, as people become increasingly desperate, they search for financial security in whatever way they can. As a result, greed, stinginess and a defensive form of selfishness will inevitably erupt, activated by the fear of lack. This atmosphere is the ideal breeding ground for criminal behavior where theft and financial impropriety can thrive. This will occur both in and out of the Church. In times like this, biblical teaching about Christian character, morals and ethics must be taught.

KEEP YOUR DOORS OPEN TO OUTSIDE HELP! STOP TRYING TO FIX THINGS ON YOUR OWN!

Ingrown-ness is one of the most unexpected, and yet, more likely results of persecution and pressure, especially financial pressure. Subsequently, when giving is down, and a fear of lack prevails, people and ministries shut their doors to anything that might create further financial drain because they think that that will protect them from more loss. In some cases, though, doors should be temporarily closed, but only at the leading of the Lord. However, ingrown-ness never produces fruitfulness. In times of financial pressure you must be wise. Don't react to the deficit. Instead be led by the Spirit and look for ways to invest, give, and

² Eberhard Arnold *THE EARLY CHRISTIANS; In Their Own Words* Plough Publishing House, 1997 Farmington, PA

³ J.N.D. Kelly *Early Christian Doctrines, Revised Edition* Harper San Francisco 1978

keep open fellowship with other members of the Body of Christ who could offer assistance. This is so important. You need the input of others in times of stress. I've observed on too many occasions that when financial persecution occurred, ministries and Christian groups turned inward and tried to rectify all their problems internally while at the same time shutting out the very ones who would sacrificially help them. Let me explain.

The ministry gifting of a genuine five-fold "doma" apostle (Eph. 4:7-11) possesses the ability to raise funds for other ministries. Ironically they can't generally raise funds for themselves. These ministers possess a generous spirit and make sacrifices voluntarily so that others can fulfill their own ministries and callings. When they're invited to minister into a struggling church or ministry situation, they don't demand a percentage of the revenues. They don't require to be housed in expensive hotels, or be fed prime rib and lobster. They instead love the people, asking only that their basic needs are met with a genuine love offering, but they then inspire God's people to support and assist the vision of the ministry they're called to aid. Their words and their presence are like a key that unlocks the treasures of God. These types of ministries are generally of reputation and respected by a large population of the Body. Realistically they're rare.

An anointed, ethical and gifted traveling ministry can also assist a church that's being pummeled by poverty. However, there are some conditions that must be in place for this to work, and finding a traveling ministry who embraces those qualities isn't always easy to locate. Many traveling ministries are really struggling financially. Consequently, out of a real need to pay the bills, they get trapped into doing meetings to get income to meet their needs. Consequently, staying busy and doing meetings can become more important than delivering a life-changing message or loving the people. The traveling ministry that makes a difference, and assists a church in increasing its ministry funds is one that works with the leadership by using clear communication, and most importantly, loves the people. I've seen and experienced church leaders abuse and take advantage of the traveling ministry and I have grieved over the traveling minister who took advantage of and abused the local fellowship. It is, therefore, very important that both of the ministries communicate and understand what's at stake for each other.



The anointing and ministry of a traveling apostolic or prophetic ministry can also benefit the local assemblies or other ministry groups. I believe that because of how the Church has become infected with an appetite for professional musical entertainment and stimulation that we've been sorely guilty of underappreciating how powerful the expressions of anointed praise and worship can be in unlocking financial situations. This being said, don't be at fault for closing the doors to "genuinely" anointed and gifted prophetic praise and worship ministries. Truly gifted ministers of this type aren't motivated by emotionalism or greed. They're instead deeply concerned in following the Holy Spirit in the expressions of praise and worship, spontaneous song, and prophetic unction. They want to make an impact on the atmosphere they encounter and enable the people they minister to, to reach depths of the presence of God where miracles take place. I am so weary of superficial musical enticements that fail to take people to a new level of meeting Jesus! I can understand why a lot of pastors don't see the need for the traveling ministries considering the breakthroughs have been so rare. But if we'll pray, God can network us with the right people and the ministries gifted for the job to bring the breakthroughs we so desperately need.

PRAYER & FASTING! Pray for your friends! (Isa. 58; Job 42:10)

Job 42:10 And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.KJV

Job lost everything. His livestock was destroyed. His health was gone, and his children were all dead. He endured well-meaning friends who touted religious reckoning and who for the most part didn't have a clue about what was going on. We all face people like this at one time or another. They feel it is their responsibility to judge, comment and correct what they don't know they don't understand. What we need to ask ourselves instead is: What does God have to say? Then, after an unusual encounter with Almighty God, Job was instructed to pray for the very friends who'd miserably failed him. The account relates that after he prayed for them God restored double back to him. May I suggest that this is also an option when it looks like our world has collapsed around us and all is lost.

Prayer and fasting tends to fall prey to criticisms, excesses and absence. But, Scripture, historic Christian record and experience reveals that prayer and fasting is much underrated. I can testify that had it not been for praying and fasting, as God led us, we

wouldn't have seen the financial breakthroughs we needed throughout the years. Let me tell you a story.

The year was 1988. We were scheduled to go overseas for approximately for 2 months and we didn't have a clue where the money was going to come from to pay the bills at home, along with the expenses for our time in 3 different countries. It was exciting. It was terrifying. Some well-meaning leaders criticized us for making the journey, upset that we didn't know how things were going to be paid for. They additionally critiqued how much the trip was going to cost. Thankfully, we had a clear Word from the Lord to go, and in faith; we headed out with only \$10 in our pockets, five dollars of which was used to buy a nasty hot dog loaded with MSG in the Chicago airport that unexpectedly caused my husband an allergic reaction making the international flight miserable. I won't go into all the details, but it was a challenging journey for the entirety of the two months. There were battles on all sides, some of which were unexpected and heart-breaking. Consequently, shortly after we arrived at our first destination, desperate to see things change; we dedicated ourselves to prayer and worship, spending focused time with the Lord in between the meeting schedule. Sometimes we prayed for 10 hours a day. We, however, rarely prayed for ourselves. Instead we did what Job did. We prayed for our friends. Two days after we began to seek the Lord, the provision began to come in abundance. But each day required its own faith and strategy. We never knew how God would bring in the funds, but we realized that we needed to pray for our friends to see things shift. The trip climaxed with a prayer journey in Israel, where there were again unique challenges. But, when we returned home, with empty pockets, and the bills all paid, we realized we'd learned something. Faith is expressed through prayer, fasting and praise and worship. I can say with confidence that when you pray for others, during your time of need, God moves. I also want to mention that we often miss it in how we direct our prayers, because we tend to focus too much on our needs, instead of loving others. Take a good look around you? What are the needs of the people and city you live in? Even if you're living in a "boom town" environment, or even an economy that is healthy, there are still needs; in fact, great needs. We must, therefore, learn to think consequentially. Boom towns generally only last for about 20-30 years and then things tend to dry up, unless the city and area leaders plan vigorously ahead. Let God lead you and show you the needs. Children are hungry. People are living in adequate housing situations.

THERE IS NO "SINGLE" ANSWER. YOUR SITUATION IS UNIQUE IN GOD FOR YOU

I can't state it enough. You simply have to hear from God for your own life, ministry and work! There is no template! I can tell you; however, that the current financial teeter totter state of affairs will affect believers in many different aspects of their lives. Obviously, there are basic principles that work generally. But when there don't seem to be quick solutions, and the familiar mode of doing things fails, we need to be flexible enough to take

a look at additional options, some of which I've shared about here in this article. Don't close the doors to your heart and ministry because of fear. Seek the Lord. Read His Word, and be willing to do things differently so you can adapt to how God may be leading in the new season you're facing. God is always creative and He's looking for people who'll allow Him to give them new ways of being a blessing to others and pursue the establishment of His Kingdom in the earth. I challenge you. Be one of those people and give Him the opportunity to amaze you.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

MARCH

Open for scheduling
Writing projects, working on curriculum and music

APRIL

Writing projects, working on curriculum and music
April 18th-20th –Prep for Understanding Biblical Revival Seminar
April 21st-25th Understanding Biblical Revival Seminar, Colorado Springs, CO
26th-30th Debrief from seminar, Students return home

MAY

May 5th-8th Prep for A Call to Praise & Worship Two Day Seminar
May 9th-10th A Call to Praise & Worship Two Day Seminar.
May 11th Speaking at Heart of Worship Ministries Mother's Day Sunday Morning service 10 a.m.
May 12th- 30th Open for scheduling
Writing projects, working on curriculum and music
May 31st Wedding anniversary

JUNE

June 2nd -6th Understanding the Prophetic Anointing Seminar
Open for scheduling Writing projects, working on curriculum & music

JULY

Open for scheduling Writing projects, working on curriculum & music
July 25th-26th Greely, CO, Victory Christian Fellowship. Youth retreat & Record Prophetic concert for new music CD.

AUGUST

August 4th-8th Biblical Perspectives on Leadership Seminar
Writing projects, working on curriculum and music

SEPTEMBER

Writing projects, working on curriculum and music
September 4-15 Ministering in Singapore at Praise Conference and other meetings currently being arranged.

OCTOBER

Writing projects, working on curriculum and music

NOVEMBER

November Writing projects, working on curriculum and music
NOVEMBER 17-21 Wisdom In the Workplace Level One Seminar

DECEMBER

Open for scheduling
Writing projects, working on curriculum
Working on music

UPCOMING PROJECTS FOR 2014 & THE WORK RE- LATED TO GET- TING THEM DONE OR, AT LEAST GET THEM STARTED

After having sought the Lord, and then realistically evaluating the various projects that I believe the Lord has laid on my heart, I've assembled this list of tasks and what work it will take to accomplish these things so that the people who want to pray for this ministry can do so intelligently. Many longtime friends of the ministry have repeatedly asked me the same questions. What can we be praying for you about? What needs do you have? What do you do with your time each day? What is God leading you to do? Do you have an idea of what your yearly budget is? So, in response to those questions, you'll find a list of projects and works, along with the approximated 2014 Budget scattered throughout the list so that everything is clear to those who have a need to know and will pray. By explaining these things, I'm not asking for advice. Unless you have walked in my shoes and understand the ins and outs of this ministry, you don't have any authority to give me counsel.

I'm sorry if this sounds harsh, but I have little patience for advice from people who have no authority to give it. This list is presented specifically for prayer. Too many times in the past I've noticed that when you ask people to pray, they instead want to give you advice and but have not prayed. I will be blunt. Don't even think about telling me what you think I should and shouldn't do with the ministry work. I honestly don't have time to go through everyone's well-meaning ideas, and get distracted from what the Lord has already laid on me heart to accomplish..

THE INSTITUTE SEMINARS & CURRICULUM

First and foremost, please take note of the various seminars that God has laid upon my heart to do. I surveyed a wide range of people and Facebook followers to ascertain what seminar topics would most interest people. Ironically, the scope of selections was so diverse; I couldn't really determine which ones would be best to offer because of the many interests. So, after prayerfully considering the interests, I chose 5 subjects that seemed most timely and set them up around my writing, researching and recording schedule. I may, however, do some 2 day teachings at my home for people living in the area to attend. If those happen, the subjects would include- Understanding Prayer, Intercession and Supplication; The Authority of the Be-

PROJECTS, WORK PLANS & Approximate BUDGET FOR 2014

liever; Praise and Worship; and God's Heart for the Unmarried Person.

Each of these seminars utilizes my original curriculum and is

adapted to the groups that attend. This means I spend significant time assembling those notebooks which range in size from 700-2000 pages per course. This can take weeks to do, especially if the course is new. Consequently, I plan my daily timetable around how much time I'll need to accomplish these things. The list and information about these seminars is described at the end of this Newsletter. Thankfully a church in Colorado Springs, pastored by Pastor Charles Johnson, has offered me the use of their building to conduct the seminars for this time frame. I'm grateful for this prospect, but I know that this will only work for a season of time as the schools revive and grow.



WRITING, WRITING, WRITING!!

Throughout the course of many years now, I've authored, and begun to write, numerous manuscripts with time sensitive messages. Writing these books is no easy task and each one of them attracts their own unique spiritual warfare. For example, while working on the manuscript and research of the new book **THE**

DRAMA OF TRAUMA, I encountered an unexpected dynamic in spiritual warfare that hit me intensely a year ago May. It took me by surprise. Now I realize that I shouldn't have been caught off guard. Nonetheless, it delayed my completion of the book since now I have to write smaller segments so the attack isn't so engulfing. Additionally, I've been evaluating the various manuscripts and books that need completing or new editing. I've currently put together a strategy as to which books need to be prioritized. Thankfully, I have learned to pace myself and work around the other activities I am responsible for so that I don't go through unnecessary stress. For this reason, I hope to complete, publish, and or, E-publish, the following books in the next 2 years. Obviously I must discipline myself and plan my days very specifically.

BOOKS I AM AIMING TO COMPLETE AND OFFER

1. **THE DRAMA OF TRAUMA**
2. **New edition of THE PRAISE & WORSHIP COMPENDIUM VOLUME ONE** to be offered as an E-book
3. **PRAISE & WORSHIP COMPENDIUM VOLUMES TWO & THREE** to be offered as an -Ebook and Hardcover
4. **THE SONG OF THE LORD- NEW EDITION**
5. **LADY BUGITY BOO- Draw more illustrations**

6. *THE VILLAGE CABOODLE* to be offered as an E-book
7. *THE BOOK OF PUZZLES* to be offered as an E-book
8. *IN THE END WHAT MUST WE DO?*
9. *THE REVIVALIST*
10. *RSB STUDY GUIDE*
11. *RSB BIBLE STUDY BOOKMARK*
12. *RESTORING THE FOUNDATIONS OF NATIONS*
13. *THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE ANOINTING* – 6 Volumes of 200 pages each.

The newsletter....One of my most effective and increasing ministry expressions is the newsletter. It is offered freely without subscription or fees, and it has never been for sale. For many, many years now I've attempted to make the newsletter relevant to believers and I have offered prophetic teachings on subjects that God has laid upon my heart. For example, the teachings on the Fear of the Lord are still producing response. I believe these messages are important. What most readers don't realize, though, is that it can take up to 6 weeks of research, writing and formatting the newsletter to produce articles I'm satisfied with. This particular newsletter has taken nearly 9 weeks to complete because of the research I had to do in order to accurately present the message I wanted to get across. So my goal is to be able to offer a monthly issue, but, sometimes because of the necessity for extra research, it isn't always possible. I was very happy with the results from January's newsletter as I'd sensed a shift in the unction of the Spirit on that article. Thank you to all of you who sent so many kind notes about that edition. It was very encouraging.

BLOG I began writing a blog entitled "Truth That Works" in January 2012. My goal was to present biblically-based and thoughtful teaching about the concept of Truth a believer needs to embrace. I have nearly exhausted that subject in the way I had hoped to, or at least at this point in time. I will probably still post articles and ads on that blog, but my focus is changing. I believe this is necessary as I consider what the Lord is laying on my heart for the future with the direction of the new developments in Institutes for Biblical Truth Courses. Please, therefore, be praying with me for the timing, the development and the messages I will offer on that upcoming blog. I don't know yet what I will call it, so be watching the newsletter for more information.

FACEBOOK

I'm currently investing a significant amount of time writing posts about the ministry, my daily life and attempting to post Spirit-led comments on my two Facebook pages. My personal page is for friends in my life generally speaking. Many of them are not believers and are actually very interested in what I'm doing. I'm aware that there is a regrettable stereotype that people have in their minds about what a Christian and minister is. I am working hard to shatter the wrong stereotypes in hopes that I can help

people realize that ministers are people that live out their daily lives and take care of normal needs and works as any other human being does. It's been quite interesting the comments my posts have generated because of that. My public Facebook page, however, is specifically aimed to post short teachings on Revival and related topics. I endeavor to post teachings at least 3 times per week, if possible. It is very interesting to observe the pattern of which posts produce the most likes, shares and comments. I've been a bit disappointed that there hasn't been more activity on that page, and if things don't increase there I may cease doing it because of the time it eats out of my normal daily schedules. I pray about each post with intentional effort because I want to be genuinely effective. However, if only a small number of people are reading the posts, I will need to reconsider what I do with that Public page.

THE MUSIC

Music, singing, leading praise and worship, ministering spontaneous prophetic song, composing, and performance, and recording the songs God has given me, are as much a part of my life and calling as is breathing. It's sad, but interesting that this area of my calling has been most contested and seems less financially productive than the other things God has called me to do. On rare occasions, well-meaning, but opinionated people, who prefer my teaching over the music, have told me that I should cease doing the music because they don't think that is what I'm called to do. Then on the flip side



others will say I should quit the teaching and writing arm of the ministry and do only music. Uh? Confusing, eh? The thing is, most people, who are acquainted with my ministry don't realize the personal investments we have made to accomplish what I (we) believe God has called me to. Let me explain.

I'm what the music world describes as an "Indie" artist. This means my music is not on a record label. Therefore, I don't have a financial backer or marketing/ distributor to cover the costs for doing any of the recordings I offer. Consequently, we, as in my husband and I, pay for the recordings from our various incomes, and love gifts that come in designated for the recordings. On the average, a 12-15 song recording project generally costs between \$8000-\$20,000 to record. I feel extremely blessed to work with Eric Uglum, an amazing recording engineer and producer, who has helped me record affordable projects in a professional manner. He's the best as far as I'm concerned. So when God speaks to me, and then confirms it to my husband Michael, that I'm supposed to record another CD or Cd's, we realize what's involved. But let me tell you an interesting story.

Over the course of the past few months God has been giving me dozens of new songs, each possessing amazing content and melodious quality. Furthermore, throughout my life of musical composition, the Lord has allowed me to compose thousands of songs. That's not the norm I know. Obviously, not all of these pieces should be recorded, but these recent songs bear a distinct message and flavor that need to be heard. For a few months now, I'd been sensing in my spirit that I needed to begin preparing to record again. Realistically, the idea of that challenges me, and I've also thought that maybe I shouldn't bother recording more CD's since the financial return has been so small considering what we invest. So, to my surprise, my husband shared that he was feeling I should start preparing to record some new music CD's. I didn't know if I wanted that confirmation. Anyway, to make a long story short, I'm planning on recording 3 to 4 new music CD projects in the next year and a half. Thankfully, we received a donation that enabled me to purchase a recording studio setup so that I can begin doing some of the sound tracks for portions of these CD's. This should cut the costs down significantly. I'm progressively learning how to use that system, and have already recorded the basic tracks for one CD so that Mr. Uglum can begin to arrange and produce them for production. Additionally, the first CD project will be primarily acoustic in nature and Eric will be putting together the arrangements using guitars, Dobro, fiddle, bass, mandolin, percussion and more. This is a first for me, I've also spoken to Douglas Darrel Smith, a friend of mine, who happened to be the guitarist who played in the movie AUGUST RUSH. He's already consented, and I'm praying that everything will work out for him to play. Many of the songs in this first recording are thought provoking hymns, emphasizing basic doctrines. I've listed the titles for the songs we're aiming to record in the following list. Mr. Uglum will also be more involved in the producing end of the work which I'm really looking forward to. I've wanted to stretch my singing to a higher level and I believe with his help this will happen.



As I already mentioned, I'm planning 3-4 new music projects. The second most important project is the recording of The Daughters of Eve Broadway style musical Revue. I composed this musical production over the course of 30 plus years. The 26 songs tell the story of significant women of the Bible, and now that I own the appropriate recording equipment I'll soon be working on the basic orchestrated soundtracks. I'm also planning on hiring a well-known arranger and recording artist to help me with the songs that I cannot do with my limited equipment and software. These songs are poignant with message and melody.

Finally, we're in prayer about recording a new live concert recording this year at Victory Christian Fellowship in Greeley, Colorado. Pastors Brian and Joslyn Severin, whom I've known for nearly 30 years have a heart to see the prophetic song released

to minister to their people. It's been many years since I've done an onsite concert recording and believe this particular work will be a major blessing to the people who'll be involved as well as the future listeners. Eric Uglum will be engineering and co-producing this recording along with adding his musical expertise with the other musicians that God will bring alongside me to do this recording.

These projects in their entirety will cost between \$37,000- \$40,000. God willing, they'll be done over the course of the next 18 months.

New Acoustic CD- Still untitled- \$10,000

I AM NOT ASHAMED (Praise song)
 I WILL NOT BE MOVED (Old style country hymn)
 THOUGH THERE BE GIANTS (Country ballad)
 ALL IS WELL (Old Style country hymn)
 I ADORE YOU (Praise Song)
 I WON'T BE SATISFIED (Worship style)
 HE IS OUR GOD (Praise Song)
 REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH (Prophetic Song)
 HOPE FOR THE FUTURE (Ballad)
 WHO AM I? (Folk ballad)
 ABBA FATHER (Praise Chorus)
 IN THE NIGHT (Contemporary classical style ballad)

Daughters of Eve CD's \$22,000 26 songs

Live Concert Recording CD \$7,000

PERSONAL ASSISTANT/ Helper

I think it's obvious, when you look at the work schedule for this year, that in order to get all of this done, I need a trustworthy and skilled assistant/ manager. A few months ago, I hired a young woman who was helping me with a variety of tasks including occasional cooking, cleaning, doing whatever needed to be done, and editing recordings to be transferred to new teaching CD's. She's a great help, and we're going through the training process with good success. Regrettably, she doesn't live in Colorado. In order to work with me she has to either drive to Colorado Springs, from her home in another state, or take a flight, to be with me when she was needed. She lived with us for those spaces of times which was very helpful as she was close at hand. However, money wasn't available to keep paying her, and various circumstances interfered preventing her working for me. Obviously, she needs a fair salary, but as inconsistent as ministry funds has been I had to temporarily let her go. Furthermore, if she works full time for me again, she really will need a place to live outside of our house. Rent isn't cheap here and this city is known for its high cost of living. At this point in time I also don't know of anyone who she could live with or rent from, so that isn't an option. I can't begin to say how much I need a good helper/manager. So if you'll be praying about this, it's a matter of prayer heavy upon my heart. Whomever God will have come to be with me, they have to be able to multitask and be fully qualified in both the Spirit and the natural to do what is necessary.

NEW WEBSITE

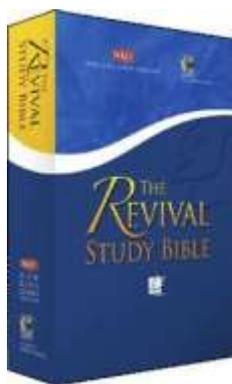
Many people, who've visited my website www.tamarawinslow.com have commented that I need to upgrade the existing website. This is an understatement. I'm currently in contact with several website designers who I'm considering hiring for the project. The new website will offer a variety of new outlets for the ministry. Practically speaking, I'll have to have some help with the domestic responsibilities, admin and other ministry activities, so that I'll still be able work on what I need to be doing for the books, seminars, travels and music ministry. The new website will hopefully offer MP3 teaching and music downloads along with PDF downloads of the books and newsletters. I also hope to be able to offer video streaming of some of my meetings, as well as videoed teaching messages. The new website will cost between \$2500-\$3500 according to the most recent estimate. This is a priority as well.

NEW TEACHING CD'S AND SERIES

I have over 400 hours of recorded teachings that need to be edited so that they can be made available on CD or MP3 download. It takes between 8 to 60 hours to edit a single message depending on various things. That's a lot of work. I've lost count of all the times people ask me; "Why don't you have more new recorded teachings available to purchase?" The reason is at this point in time I don't have anyone to assist me with this editing process and I've also had to deal with computer issues that have caused some of the recordings I needed to edit to disappear from their files or then reappear unexpectedly. There is a lot of spiritual warfare that goes on over these messages and I struggle to find time to work on them when complications set in. Please be praying for God to send me someone who is qualified and trustworthy to edit the messages and assist me with the process of organizing that much needed arm of the ministry.

MINISTRY HOUSE AND FACILITY NEEDS

At this point in time I desperately need to find larger living quarters and ministry facilities so that there is space for both my husband and my business offices, my recording studio equipment, CD production rooms and space for students to stay. I also need a place to conduct the classes, lead praise and worship and develop further Institute courses. I've looked at close to 100 rental properties, campgrounds, lodges etc. and have not been able to find anything that meets the requirements that the Institute environment needs. I looked at a great ranch facility in another state a few months back and thought it would work. But just when I was going to finalize everything, the owners of the main house decided to put their property up for sale. So, that facility is now out of the question. Now I'm back to square one. There are lots of reasons regular campgrounds, lodges etc won't work. Number one, they're so costly to use that the tuition would be too expensive. So, please be praying with us about this. Additionally I wrote about this need once before. Regrettably, all sorts of people, with good intentions, but who've never



done an Institute, and have no idea about the Institute's vision is, or who don't understand the goals we attempt to achieve, all wrote to me. They criticized or questioned what I was supposed to do, or told me what they thought I should do. Please, please, please do not do that! The Institute is a unique educational gathering that emphasizes impartation more than information. The atmosphere must meet the God-give requirements. An appropriate facility will need to be located away from distractions and entertainments that could be a problem; such as bars and shopping. Don't be shocked. Over the course of the years greater and greater numbers of student AND staff couldn't live without their liquor and entertainments. Yes, you heard me right. I now have to take precautionary action so that students and staff don't sneak out to drink and party after classes. I need to find a place where the students and staff can set themselves apart God without distractions like that. Sadly, this issue is just one of many. I'm still very tentatively planning on doing a full length 3.5 week Institute Course, but at this point in time it will take a miracle. I need larger living quarters and working environment to do what I am called to do. This needs lots of prayer!!

A NEED FOR VARIOUS PIECES OF EQUIPMENT

Surface 2 68G \$599

I've been using a Toshiba notebook with XP OS for many years and Microsoft just notified me a few days ago that they are ceasing to offer updates for this computer and OS. Consequently, I'll need to replace my old travel notebook/ laptop in the immediate future. After careful research and comparing different portable options, I decided the Surface 2 laptop/ notebook with 64G will be the best for my needs. My only concern is that I will need to purchase new downloadable Bible software because if I don't have access to Wi-Fi, when I'm on the road, I would not be able to do research by using the internet Bible programs offered. That Bible software is around \$800 and contains the books and resources I frequently use.

Additionally we'll need a Projector to display Powerpoint slides, costing around \$ 700 and a Screen to project on for the school.

Our personal living expenses budget varies month to month. My husband has been carrying the majority of our bills for the mortgages, car payment, food, and utilities etc. But the income is spread very thin and I am praying that I will be able to sell a song, or see profits from book sales. We are also to the place that both of our vehicles need to be replaced and repaired. So the budget for the living expenses is hard to estimate at this time.

DIGITAL E-VERSION OF THE REVIVAL STUDY BIBLE SOON TO BE RELEASED

Check out the link and order your copy today.

Hopefully, these explanations will enable you to better pray intelligently for what God has called me to do. I deeply appreciate your time and spiritual support. This is a team effort. So thank you from the bottom of my heart.

UPCOMING INSTITUTES FOR BIBLICAL TRUTH SEMINARS

WHAT IS AN INSTITUTE FOR BIBLICAL TRUTH SEMINAR?

The Institute Seminars are five day-long College Level modular teaching courses on numerous selected biblical subjects offered throughout the year in Colorado Springs, CO or other locations as God leads. The original in-depth curriculum authored and researched by Dr. Tamara Winslow is made available the students and will include from between 900-2000 pages of teaching materials per course Level. There are 6 Levels of 5 days of classes per most course studies. The daily class schedule is very full with 5 days of classes from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and a one and a half hour for lunch. There is also 2 evenings of classes in most seminars, or recreational activities related to the subject of the course. The Institute seminars are unique in that the structure offers an immersion experience in the presence of God through praise, worship and intercession, along with the teaching and fellowship times. Students are asked to separate themselves unto the Lord for the entirety of the course so that they can focus on the things they are learning without distractions from entertainment, work or things that might hinder their ability to grow. It is mandatory that each student attend the entirety of the seminars and no exception is made in this policy. This is to prevent the possibility of misinterpretation of the messages. Each student is responsible for his or her own lodging, transportation and food. The seminars have been attended by many international students numbering in the hundreds. It is required that each student be fluent in English to attend the courses. The cost per each seminar will vary according to the subject being covered, due to cost of the notes, printing, the final banquet and possible recreational events. The price includes individual tuition, snacks, Final Banquet, an On-line personality profile and the 900-2000 pages of original curriculum.

In order to attend any of the Institute Seminars an application/registration form must be submitted by the due date required for each course. No spaces are saved without having received and approved of any application. No exceptions are made concerning this policy.

We are excited that the response and application/ registrations is coming along very well. It is our goal to have between 20-40 students for each seminar. Please be praying for us in this direction.

INSTITUTE SEMINARS FOR 2014

An INSTITUTES FOR BIBLICAL TRUTH Seminar

Understanding Biblical Revival

Level One

APRIL 21ST-25TH

Curriculum & Teaching by
Dr. Tamara Winslow

For More Information contact Ifbtruth@gmail.com

WHERE:

Heart of Worship Ministries
3445 Parkmoor Village Drive, Colorado Springs,
Colorado 80917

WHEN:

Monday-Wednesday-Friday

9a.m.-12 p.m. 2 p.m.-5 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday

9a.m.-12 p.m. 2 p.m.-5 p.m. 7p.m.-9 p.m.

UNDERSTANDING Biblical REVIVAL (Tuition \$225)

APRIL 21ST-25TH 2104

WHAT IS IT?

UNDERSTANDING BIBLICAL REVIVAL is a five-day introductory Biblical course examining the definition, types, concepts, manifestations and biblical models of Revival based on examining the Scriptural models pertaining to the move of God. Human, historical and traditional perspectives have gradually become the accepted standards that Christians use to study and attempt to move into revival. This course is designed to challenge the believer by presenting the seldom-considered Biblical truths that affect how we interpret revival and its concepts. This seminar is an invaluable tool for pastors, youth pastors, ministry leaders, or any Christian who is determined to see God move in and through His Spirit unto revival. The stereotypical mindsets that have bound believers to keep them from seeing a genuine move of God are exposed and strategies will be given to equip the participant to see lasting change.



THE CALL TO PRAISE & WORSHIP
INSTITUTE SEMINAR

May 9th-10th (Tuition \$45)

WHAT IS IT?

The PRAISE AND WORSHIP INSTITUTE SEMINAR is an introductory course examining the concepts and practice of Praise and Worship from a Biblical perspective. Experientially-oriented, often, non-Biblical mindsets have polluted these expressions over the process of many years. This course is designed to challenge the modern-day believer and leader of the seldom considered Biblical truths, practice and methods by which Christians can participate in Praise and Worship according to God's Biblical design.

UNDERSTANDING THE
PROPHETIC
ANOINTING SEMINAR

JUNE 2-6 (Tuition \$225)

WHAT IS IT?

The Institute on Understanding the Prophetic Anointing Seminar is an introductory course on a very complex topic. It provides an intense 5 day power-packed, life-changing, doctrinally solid biblical teaching on the subject of the anointing and what God's Word has to say about the subject of being anointed to live in a prophetic manner. The curriculum and training is built around God's perspective, image and Word, and includes cultural, historical and spiritual angles pertaining to being prophetic! Praise, worship, and thorough study of God's Word provide a spiritual atmosphere for dynamic personal transformation in how you look at and approach God concerning spiritual mindedness, the anointing and being New Testament prophetic people.

UNDERSTANDING BIBLICAL PER-
SPECTIVES ON LEADERSHIP
INSTITUTE SEMINAR

AUGUST 4th-8th, 2014 (Tuition \$250)

WHAT IS IT?

"UNDERSTANDING BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES ON LEADERSHIP SEMINAR" is a five-day introductory Biblical course examining the types, concepts and Godly models of Leadership based on examining God's model of leadership. Human, historical and traditional perspectives frequently originating in a humanistic model have gradually become the accepted standards that Christians establish and practice as leaders. This course is designed to challenge the Christian and present the seldom-considered Biblical truths with which Christians may better understand leadership concepts. This seminar is an invaluable tool for pastors, youth pastors, business leaders, and any Christian determined to walk with and work with as leaders or servants into fruitful relationship and productive lives. The stereotypical mindsets that have bound each Christian in Humanistic structures, work ethics and more are

exposed and strategies will be given to equip the participant to see lasting change. This seminar is an introductory series designed to develop the student in a Biblical understanding of what leadership is from God's perspective.

WISDOM IN THE
WORKPLACE
SEMINAR LEVEL
ONE

NOVEMBER 17-21
(Tuition \$250)

WHAT IS IT?

The Wisdom in the Workplace Institute Seminar Level One provides an intense 5 days of power-packed, life-changing, doctrinally solid Biblical teaching on business from GOD'S perspective and Image! Praise, worship and prayer provide a spiritual atmosphere for dynamic personal transformation in how you look at and approach God concerning your business life and practice. Some of the classes covered in this seminar will include; *The Nature of Salvation & Understanding the New Birth*, as affecting the Workplace; *Ancient Biblical Economies*, *Basic Doctrines of the Faith*, *Understanding the Concepts of Wealth and Glory*, *Shame & Poverty* and more...

