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WORLD CULT EVANGELISM

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DO YOU HAVE VICTORY IN JESUS?

... Resist the devil [TD], and he will flee from you.

TD is the abbreviation for the underlined words that precede it in the above verse. Many years ago while in Bible College, I took a course called *History of Cults*. At the end of the semester we were required to write a paper on one of the cult groups listed in the index. One chapter on *Spiritism* dealt with the occult. The teacher told a story about a prior student who chose this chapter for the subject of his paper. When he turned his paper in it only had one line, "The liar and deceiver is not worthy of one word of mention." The teacher gave him an A+ on his content and thanked the Lord for the lesson he had learned from this experience.

At different times I have been in services where people were given the opportunity to testify and the first words out of their mouth were TD. Then what followed was some awful story of how he had been troubled and hindered by the TD. This opened the door for others to express their dismay for the same types of oppression. Suddenly the atmosphere changed drastically to frigid. I can recall being in services where the TD words were used more times than Jesus. The question is why? Is there no victory in Jesus? Is there no truth to the promise of victory in these verses? James 4:5-8 *Do ye*

think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?

6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

Is not He (the Holy Spirit) greater than he (TD) that's in the world? These verses tell us that victory is possible by drawing nigh to God. When we do that the enemy will flee. Why are people these days so easily defeated? They have no armor! Some have suggested that the greatest numbers of people in our churches are defeated because they are undisciplined and unequipped to stand and do the work of the ministry. If this is true, then the church has failed blatantly to obey the Great Commission.

Matt 28:19 *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations ... 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you...*

Mark 16:15 *...Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*

Are we giving adequate time and proven results to both parts of the Lord's command?

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE FIELD

LOOSING CONTACT

I have read the account of Jesus talking with the rich young ruler many times and experienced the heart-felt disappointment of someone turning away with sorrow, having rejected the gift of eternal life. How sad it is when we have been praying and witnessing to someone and all of a sudden they are not there or not willing to talk with you any longer.

Last month, we lost contact with Jim. I believe that he might have died or has been moved to hospice care. His calls go directly to voice mail and there is no response to a message that is left. The second contact that is not responding is Chantel. I reached her at work one day and she said that she would call back after work. I waited for some time and then called and left a message, but no return calls after that. It is so sad, for people have no real idea of what the consequences will be later. Michael said that he would be in touch, but he is slow in responding. He is the JW who is an Amtrak vice president and his daughter is still with the JWs and is not allowed to talk with him because he has been disfellowshipped.

I received word from a pastor in upper Pennsylvania requesting my help with a JW that he's been witnessing to, but is not able to see him willing to make a move yet.

NORTHERN BOUND

In September and October we have a number of meetings scheduled in different states in route to our destination in Northern PA. This is where we hope to be able to help the pastor who has been witnessing to a very successful JW. The meeting is planned for Wednesday, Sept. 24.

I also had the opportunity to witness to a very polite and extremely intelligent Mormon young man. His name is Logan. He's from one of the western states near Oregon. He was here on a business trip helping a Mormon company to get started in the Atlanta area. At first I had no idea that he was a Mormon, but when our chat had ended I asked him where he went to church and he replied, "I am a Mormon, a very devout Mormon." I said that this was great, for I find it very interesting to talk with Mormons. Then I asked him a few questions and began following the Mormon checkmate steps. His next few questions were very positive and the stage was set for a checkmate. In a few moments he was speechless and ready to listen. I had a copy of *CHECKMATE* nearby and he took it gladly.

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'PUTTER'S PEN'

John 1:16 *And of his fullness have all we received, and grace for grace.* The other evening I heard a young man preach in North Carolina. He used one phrase that has been stuck in my mind and my life ever since hearing it. He was talking about looking back over your life and many times we can see "fingerprints of grace" all through our life. Fingerprints of grace! What a wonderful phrase it is! I started thinking about the times of trials, heartaches, sorrow, and pain I had experienced throughout my life. As I remembered those times I could only smile and say, "Thank You Lord, for those fingerprints of grace I saw. They were always there helping me get through difficult times." One thing I realized is that those fingerprints of grace are not just in my past, but they are prevalent in my life on a daily basis. Fingerprints of grace, start looking for them!

Until next time, Jehovah-jireh,

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Isa. 41:10