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FROM THE HEART OF PASTOR DON

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After fifty years of pastoral ministry I have seen a lot, heard a lot and felt a lot. It has been an interesting revealing of the ways of man. Not only are we as men fearfully and wonderfully made but we are complex and difficult to figure out.

Man, like an automobile engine is tremendously effective when properly tuned and serviced with all components present. Without those in place it either won't run or at least won't run good. Thank God for knowledgeable people who can repair, tune up and service that complete auto engine. But even greater than that is what God can do with His Son working on

us, the Holy Spirit showing us the way and corrections made according to the manual (The Bible) God's Holy Word. I maintain that He is able to correct the things that are wrong and make us run good.

If we don't submit ourselves to that Holy scrutiny, we become like the man described in Proverbs 16:2 – all the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes. Perhaps this is why there are so many who are insensitive, indifferent, and intolerant of God's laws and requirements. Even though man sees his own ways as clean it is still God who weigheth our spirits on ways and ponders and judges the true motives of the spirit.

This is so important because in Proverbs 16:7 it says, When a man's ways please the Lord it will make even his enemies to be at peace with him. Stop and think about what a defense this is. When our ways are pleasing to the Lord it renders the enemy to the righteous helpless.

The key to separating from man's ways pleasing himself or pleasing the Lord is Proverbs 16:6 – "... by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil." Let's come into that holy, humble respect for the Lord that we call fear.

In His faithfulness,
Pastor Don

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 5th and 6th –Men's Fall Fellowship

November 7th– Angel Tree Sunday

November 14th –Allen Asbury and Brookes Brother Concert

November 14th– Angel Tree Sunday

November 21st– Angel Tree Sunday

November 24th– Thanksgiving Service

November 26th & 27th– Youth Mission Trip to Agape Ranch

November 28th-Angel Tree Gifts Due back to Church

December 4th-Angel Tree Wrapping Party 10a-Noon

December 4th– Ladies Fellowship-Dinner at Lydia Cruz

December 11th-Angel Tree Christmas Party 3-6pm

December 19th-Christmas Musical 6pm

December 31st– Watch Night Service 8pm-Midnight

HOW TRIALS BECOME TRIUMPHS

Even thorns and trials are blessings if they bring the opportunity for the grace of Christ to perfect *our character*. Some flowers, as the rose, must be crushed before their full fragrance is released. Some fruit, as the sycamore, must be bruised before it will attain ripeness and sweetness. Some metals, as gold, must be flung into the furnace before they reach full value and purity. The old oak log must be laid on the fire, and the flames encircle it, before its imprisoned music is set free. So is it often with the saints. It is true with many of us that we must be laid low before we will look high. We must know God's smiting before we can appreciate His smiling. The potter must break the vessel ere he can make out of the same material a new and beautiful vase. Our hearts must be broken before their richest contents can leak out and flow forth to bless others.

But whenever God sends a trial with one hand, He gives grace with the other. Thus trials become triumphs. Burdens become wings. Affliction, instead of being a bed of thorns and a pathway of nettles, becomes a

quilt of roses. The very things which seem to break us are the things which really make us. Euroclydon blows its tempests upon us! We shall be dashed into pieces on the rock-bound coast! We shall be strangled in the hidden reef! But nay, we are self-deceived. Lo, God is in the hurricane, and instead of

"My grace is sufficient for thee."
2 Corinthians 12:9

driving the scared mariner to destruction, it beats him into that safest of all harbors, the encircling arms of the divine love. Yes, it is so; trials, tribulations, adversities, are often our biggest benedictions; blessings in disguise; angels garbed in black for a small moment; messengers from heaven, come to make us more like our Captain of salvation who Himself was made "perfect through sufferings". The thorny crown was in the plan for Jesus; but the thorns have given place to diadems! The Cross was the step to the throne. "It is God which worketh *in you* both to will and to do of His good pleasure." However jagged the "thorn" it is a blessing if it bleeds away our selfishness. And Jesus Himself has said, "My grace is sufficient for thee."

His grace is great enough to meet the great things,
The crashing waves that overwhelm the soul,
The roaring winds that leave us stunned and breathless,
The sudden storms beyond our life's control.
His grace is great enough to meet the small things,
The little pin-prick troubles which annoy,
The insect worries, bussing and persistent,
The squeaking wheels that grate upon our joy.

"My grace is sufficient for thee." Oh, what a wondrous promise this is! The more one thinks about it, the more glorious it becomes. We are such unutterable needy creatures that only God Himself can know the measure of our need; and God Himself, in Christ Jesus, pledges to meet us at every point of our need. The promise is in the present tense: "My grace IS sufficient." His grace is sufficient *now*.

J. Sidlow Baxter

NOVEMBER 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Prayer & Fasting 6:30pm	2 Ladies Bible Study 9:30am	3 Adult Education 5:55 pm Service 7:00pm	4	5 Men's Fall Fellowship 6pm	6 Men's Fall Fellowship 7:00am
7 Sunday School 9:30am Service 10:30am & 6:00pm Prayer Meeting 5:00pm ANGEL TREE SUNDAY	8	9 Ladies Bible Study 9:30am	10 Adult Education 5:55 pm Service 7:00pm	11	12	13 Men's Prayer Meeting 7:00am
14 Sunday School 9:30am Service 10:30am & 6:00pm Prayer Meeting 5:00pm ANGEL TREE SUNDAY	15	16 Ladies Bible Study 9:30am	17 Adult Education 5:55 pm Service 7:00pm	18	19	20 Men's Prayer Meeting 7:00am
21 Sunday School 9:30am Service 10:30am & 6:00pm Prayer Meeting 5:00pm ANGEL TREE SUNDAY	22	23 Ladies Bible Study 9:30am	24 Adult Education 5:55 pm Thanksgiving Service 7:00pm	25 Thanksgiving	26	27 Men's Prayer Meeting 7:00am
28 Sunday School 9:30am Service 10:30am Prayer Meeting 5:00pm	29				Youth Mission Trip to Agape Ranch	

ANGEL TREE

It Starts with a Gift... It Leads to Lives Transformed by Christ

Right now, an estimated 1.5 million children have a mom or dad in prison. The number is huge – but so is the opportunity. Angel Tree is a ministry that reaches out to the children of inmates and their families with the love of

Christ. It seeks to transform the lives of these families and to reconcile them to their Heavenly Father and each other. In Matthew 18:5 Jesus said,

“Whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me.” There are children right in our community who are among the



most at-risk children in the nation. Angel Tree provides an opportunity to connect with those families and begin ministering to them at Christmas and then continue through a variety of year-round ministry opportunities. PCA is committed to providing gifts for 100 children and ministering to the families of inmates. Your help is needed to minister to these children and their families.

ANGEL TREE SUNDAY

November 7th, 14th and 21st we will have Angels available to select for purchasing gifts. Each Angel receives a clothing gift and a fun gift each ranging between \$15-\$20. All gifts are due back to the church by November 28th.

Upcoming Events:

**December 4th—Gift Wrapping Party
10am-Noon**

**December 11th— Angel Tree Party
3-6pm**

We are inviting everyone to join the celebration and attend the Christmas Party.

Interested in hosting a table at the Christmas Party? This year we are asking church members to help host a table. Hosting a table involves helping bring meals to a table and simply visiting with those at your table.

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MISSIONARY UPDATE

It has been quite a summer and fall at the Olson household. As most of you know, we are now being "parents" to our four grandchildren which started the end of April 2010. Guardianship seems to be the plan for our two granddaughters, Tiffany & Ashley. As this process moves forward, we are also making plans for a return to Haiti next summer. We will be determining the dates of the summer 2011 Haiti trip in the next few weeks and will be including that information in the next e-newsletter. While I am on the subject of newsletters, I hope to be a bit more successful on getting the e-newsletters out every month. It has been so difficult to coordinate the newsletters with all the appointments and other related issues for the grandchildren. However, after October, the schedule promises to be much lighter. We do appreciate your prayers over the past few months. We know that your prayers have sustained us through many difficult situations since the

end of April. We also appreciate those of you that have continued to be faithful in your financial support during this time. We have continued to reach out with clothes, medical supplies, and other support to Kenya, Haiti and Mexico during this time; and your faithful support has made this possible. In June we sent the ministry trailer to NW Haiti Christian Mission with 70 boxes of supplies, 22 pairs of crutches, 13 walkers, 5 canes and 2 wheelchairs. Thanks so much and God bless you for your prayer support, financial support and other donations during this time.

Due to the addition of our grandsons to our household, it became necessary to move our home office elsewhere so they would have a room of their own (the granddaughters already had the guest bedroom). So we have been slowly remodeling the ministry storage shed into an office where we can work on various projects such as collating training packets and information packets, assembling shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse, and various

other projects. We rearranged our master bedroom so that we could set up a computer area to maintain our website and email communications. We also are renting a 10x20 storage unit at 50% off the normal cost because we are a 501c3 ministry, to store children's clothes and medical supplies for Haiti, Mexico and local outreaches. We are still shuffling things around to try to get everything into its proper location. HOPEFULLY, we will be able to say all the space adjustments are done by Thanksgiving.

We really appreciate your prayers during this time of space adjustments for the ministry and the grandchildren. We are thankful that we are nearing the completion of this project.

Sincerely,

Dr. Paul Olson

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DECEMBER 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						4 Men's Prayer Meeting 7:00am Angel Tree Gift Wrapping Party 10a-Noon Ladies Fellowship
5 Sunday School 9:30am Service 10:30am & 6:00pm Prayer Meeting 5:00pm	6 Prayer & Fasting 6:30pm	7 Ladies Bible Study 9:30am	8 Adult Education 5:55 pm Service 7:00pm	9	10	11 Men's Prayer Meeting 7:00am Angel Tree Christmas Party 3-6pm
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