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WORDS FROM YOUR LAY DIRECTOR

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

THE OTHER DAY I WAS OUT IN ONE OF THE BARREN FIELDS THAT I FARM ON MY KNEES ASKING GOD TO BLESS THIS SOIL AND SORT OF RUNNING IT THROUGH MY FINGERS. THE SAME DIRT THAT I TRACK HOME ON MY CLOTHES, GETS IN THE HOUSE, SEEMS DEAD. GOD HAS PUT ALL KINDS OF BACTERIA, FUNGI, INSECTS, WORMS, AND ALL SORTS OF "CRAZY COOL" MICROSCOPIC LIFE IN IT. IN FACT, HEALTHY SOIL IS LOADED WITH LIFE. ONE ESTIMATE IS THAT AN ACRE OF SOIL ACTUALLY CONTAINS ABOUT 9000 POUNDS OF LIVING THINGS. YESTERDAY I STOPPED BY MY CHURCH TO VISIT WITH ONE OF THE MINISTERS. HE MADE THE STATEMENT THAT HE GUESSED I AM NOT DOING MUCH THIS TIME OF YEAR. I SMILED AND REPLIED THAT ACTUALLY I AM PROBABLY DOING THE MOST IMPORTANT THING I DO ALL YEAR FOR THE CROP. IN THE SPRING, FARMERS PREPARE THE SOIL, PLANT THE SEED, GIVE THE SEED TIME TO DIE TO IT'S OLD IDENTITY, AND WAIT SEVERAL DAYS FOR THE FIRST SIGNS OF LIFE. MANY WEEKS PASS BEFORE A FEW INCHES OF GROWTH OCCUR AND SEVERAL MONTHS GO BY BEFORE IT'S TIME TO HARVEST. MUCH HARD WORK AND PATIENCE GO INTO REAPING A BOUNTIFUL CROP. THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF A HEALTHY CROP IS ACTUALLY THE ROOT SYSTEM. IT SEEMS STRANGE TO ME THAT THE STUFF BELOW THE GROUND, THE STUFF THAT IS NEVER SEEN, IS ACTUALLY THE BIGGEST COMPONENT TO GROWING HEALTHY PLANTS. ROOTS ACTUALLY DO THEIR MOST VIGOROUS GROWING WHEN THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS ARE THE TOUGHEST. IN MY FOURTH DAYS I TOO HAVE GROWN THE MOST SPIRITUALLY WHEN MY WORLD IS THE TOUGHEST. WHEN A PLANT IS IN A PERFECT ENVIRONMENT, ROOTS DON'T GROW MUCH.

THE SOIL OF OUR SPIRITUAL FIELD IS RICH, FULL OF NUTRIENTS AND MOISTURE; AND, WHETHER WE REALIZE IT OR NOT, WE ARE WORKING HARD AND PLANTING IN OUR FIELD EVERY SINGLE DAY. EVERY DAY AS WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD WE ARE PLANTING INTO OUR SPIRITUAL FIELD. ANYTHING WE PLANT IS GOING TO GROW AND PRODUCE A HARVEST ACCORDING TO WHAT WE HAVE PLANTED.

"A MAN REAPS WHAT HE SOWS. THE ONE WHO SOWS TO PLEASE HIS SINFUL NATURE, FROM THAT NATURE WILL REAP DESTRUCTION; THE ONE WHO SOWS TO PLEASE THE SPIRIT, FROM THE SPIRIT WILL REAP ETERNAL LIFE. WHAT ARE YOU PLANTING IN YOUR OWN LIFE UNDERGROUND? I HAVE HEARD IT SAID THAT WHO WE ARE WHEN NO ONE IS LOOKING IS WHO WE REALLY ARE. SOMETIMES I DON'T LIKE WHO I AM WHEN NO ONE ELSE SEES ME. I AM SO THANKFUL THAT WE SERVE A FORGIVING GOD. LET US NOT BECOME WEARY IN DOING GOOD, FOR AT THE PROPER TIME WE WILL REAP A HARVEST IF WE DO NOT GIVE UP. "(GALATIANS 6:7-9). EVERY DAY WE ARE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO INTO THE FIELD AND PLANT NEW SEED; "HIS COMPASSION'S NEVER FAIL, THEY ARE NEW EVERY MORNING" (LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23). WE ARE ALSO GIVEN THE CHOICE OF WHICH SEED TO PLANT. SEEDS OF FAITH AND FORGIVENESS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR OUR ETERNAL SURVIVAL.

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STEVE OLSON

Community Gathering
-- March 27--

Trinity Fellowship Church
I H 27 & SW 3rd, Plainview

Board 5:30 PM
Sponsor's Training 6:00 PM
Meal 6:30 PM
Worship 7:30 PM

Guests are welcome and a nursery is provided.
Bring your favorite dishes. Wear your name tag. Bring your worship book. Come to share in the fun and fellowship!
LIVING WATER BOARD : 5:30 PM.
SPONSOR'S TRAINING will be held at 6:00 PM with Elaine Barrett as leader. The Board invites and urges all new community members and others who have never sponsored a pilgrim, and anyone who has not been through a recent training class to participate. The class will last for 30 minutes. Being a sponsor is one of the most important roles of the Walk To Emmaus. Several areas must be covered in order for the pilgrim to have an exciting and successful walk. Worship begins at 7:30 with praise songs, and closes with communion.



UPCOMING COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

March 27 Trinity Fellowship Church
I 27 & SW 3rd, Plainview
April 17 First Methodist Church
202 W. Stevenson Ave.
Hale Center
Call Sue Johnson at 889-3331 to list your church on the schedule.

Satan's Plan

Also know as, "The Battle Plan", "Devil's Convention", "Satan's Meeting", or The Secret Satanic Covenant

The dialog below is actually an excerpt from the book by Alvin L. Reid:

"Radically Un-churched: Who They Are and How to Reach Them"

View it Online pages 65-66: "The Crisis of Busyness and the Need to Belong")

(Read it, even if you're busy, especially if you're too busy)

Satan called a worldwide convention of demons. In his opening address he said, "We can't keep Christians from going to church. We can't keep them from reading their Bibles and knowing the truth. We can't even keep them from forming an intimate relationship with their savior. Once they gain that connection with Jesus, our power over them is broken.

So let them go to their churches; let them have their covered Dish dinners, but steal their time, so they don't have time to develop a real relationship with Jesus Christ."

"This is what I want you to do", said the devil. "Distract them from gaining hold of their Savior and maintaining that vital connection throughout their day! "How shall we do this?" his demons shouted. "Keep them busy in the nonessentials of life and invent innumerable schemes to occupy their minds," he answered:

a.. Tempt them to spend, spend, spend, and borrow, borrow, borrow.

b.. Persuade the wives to go to work for long hours and the husbands to work 6-7 days each week, 10-12 hours a day, so they can afford their empty lifestyles.

c.. Keep them from spending time with their children. As their families fragment, soon, their homes will offer no escape from the pressures of work!

d.. Over-stimulate their minds so that they cannot hear that 'still, small voice.'

e.. Entice them to play the radio or cassette player whenever they drive...to keep the TV, VCR, CDs and their PCs going constantly in their home and see to it that every store and restaurant in the world plays non-biblical music constantly. This will jam their minds and break that union with Christ.

f.. Fill the coffee tables with magazines and newspapers. Pound their minds with the news 24 hours a day. Invade their driving moments with billboards. Flood their mailboxes with junk mail, mail order catalogs, sweepstakes, and every kind of newsletter and promotional offering free products, services and false hopes.

g.. Keep skinny, beautiful models on the magazines and TV so their husbands will believe that outward beauty is what's important, and they'll become dissatisfied with their wives.

h.. Keep the wives too tired to love their husbands at night. Give them headaches too! If they don't give their husbands the love they need, they will begin to look elsewhere. That will fragment their families quickly!

i.. Give them Santa Claus to distract them from teaching their children the real meaning of Christmas.

j.. Give them an Easter bunny so they won't talk about his resurrection and power over sin and death.

k.. Even in their recreation, let them be excessive...have them return from their recreation exhausted. Keep them too busy to go out in nature and reflect on God's creation. Send them to amusement parks!, sporting events, plays, concerts, and movies instead.

l.. Keep them busy, busy, busy! And when they meet for spiritual fellowship, they will leave with troubled consciences.

m.. For those who resist all the temptations of television and worldly pursuits, crowd their lives with so many good causes that they have no time to seek power from Jesus. Soon they will be working in their own strength, sacrificing their health and family for the good of the cause.

'It will work! It will work!!'

It was quite a plan! The demons went eagerly to their assignments causing Christians everywhere to have little time for their God or their families, and to have little or no time to tell others about the power of Jesus to change lives.

I guess the question is, has the devil been successful at his scheme? You be the judge!

Does "busy" mean....?

B - eing

U - nder

S - atan's

Y - oke

Satan's goal is to take our minds and hearts off Christ then keep us occupied with the cares of the world. God wants us to enjoy life but He must have the preeminence or first in our life. If we are too busy for God, then we are just too busy!



UPCOMING WALKS

>>WALK COST \$135<<

58 Women's Walk
June 5-8, 2008
Wayland Baptist University
Neysa Carmichael, Lay Director
Roger Foote, Spiritual Director

#59 Men's Walk
July 24-27, 2008
Wayland Baptist University
Gary Koelder, Lay Director
Max Browning, Spiritual Director

#60 Women's Walk
October 9-12, 2008
Plains Baptist Assembly

Men's Registrar Darral Bryant 806-928-1344 or 806-771-5271
Women's Registrar Nancy Martin 806-729-3817

(CONTINUED FROM YOUR LAY DIRECTOR)

SEEDS OF HOPE AND TRUST ARE NECESSARY FOR A LIFE OF PEACE AND CONTENTMENT. SEEDS OF LOVE, PURITY, WORSHIP AND PRAISE ARE THE SEEDS WHICH WILL MAKE OUR FIELDS BEAUTIFUL - WE MUST NOT GROW WEARY OF PLANTING LIVES THAT DRAW US CLOSER TO GOD; "WHATEVER IS TRUE, WHATEVER IS NOBLE, WHATEVER IS RIGHT, WHATEVER IS PURE, WHATEVER IS LOVELY, WHATEVER IS ADMIRABLE - IF ANYTHING IS EXCELLENT OR PRAISEWORTHY - THINK OF SUCH THINGS" (PHILIPPINES 4:8). I HOPE YOU WILL TAKE TIME THIS SPRING TO PLANT SOMETHING YOU CAN WATCH GROW AND MORE IMPORTANTLY I HOPE YOU WILL ALLOW GOD TO PLANT SOMETHING THAT WILL GROW INSIDE YOU. TODAY, WE WILL PLANT - SO LET'S PLANT WISELY!

THANKS TO GREG FOR GIVING OUR FOURTH DAY TALK LAST MONTH AND TO ZECHARIAH SONG FOR THE MUSIC. PLEASE PRAY FOR BARB LAMBERT AS SHE WILL GIVE OUR FOURTH DAY TALK THIS MONTH. I PRAY THAT GOD WILL BLESS YOU AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU MARCH 27, 2008 AT TRINITY CHURCH IN PLAINVIEW.



ATTENTION

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"Faith In Sharing" organization is in need of used or new bibles, kid's spiritual books, & spiritual books for adults. If you can bring them to church or to me, I will see that they get delivered. Dorothy Morton, a volunteer there, said the people are asking for them. What a great honor to help them spread the Word.

Sue Johnson



>>Announcements<<

L.W.E. is in need of a lap top computer for updating old & new data sheet information only. Donations will be graciously accepted by mail or at L.W.E. community gathering's. Mail to: Living Water Emmaus-P.O. Box 1895-Plv. TX 79073----Thanks Please get your pilgrims applications turned in soon along with \$135.00 fee.

NAME TAG ORDERS

Persons wishing to order new name tags should send a \$5.00 check to Living Water Emmaus Community, P. O. Box 1895, Plainview, Texas 79073-1895.

If you have lost your lanyard, and also need another cross, , the charge for the cross is an additional \$3.00. There is no charge for the "crocheted" lanyard.

Please send the following information with your order: Name, church, hometown, and mailing address. Tags will be ordered ASAP and returned to you via mail.

ARTICLES FOR NEWSLETTER

Deadline for articles for the newsletter is the 25th of each month. Articles may be mailed to 2807 W. 10th St., Plainview, 79072 or phone 291-0611 or e-mailed to kayla.edwards@yahoo.com