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**Baptismal Service
In Congo
134 people baptized**

Dear GIMI Team Members,

Blessed greetings to all of you precious people who pray faithfully and give regularly to our GIMI Ministry! I pray that as your spring comes to an end, and you enter into the summer time here in America, that your lives are blessed beyond description, in spite of the many difficulties that all of us are having to bear with during these, hopefully, final days of the Covid crisis and its devastation. I sincerely pray that you and your family are still very safe, and that through all of the hurt and suffering that you, your family, and your church family have gone through for the past almost three years that Jesus has been right there with you through it all. I believe that most of us have had to deal with much sickness, death, depression, and truthfully, the loss of most of our hope. Oh yes, we have had to endure some terrible things as we have tried to appropriate the grace and

resurrection power of our Lord Jesus Christ to deal with so many discouraging things. I would have all of you dear friends and supporters to know that for months and months, JoAnne and I have fervently prayed for you and your family every day during these past almost three difficult years. These years have truly been difficult. But, for sure, Jesus has been here with us through all of the sicknesses, deaths, disappointments, and times of seemingly, hopeless situation. Also, we know that you dear folks have diligently prayed for our family, also, as we have borne some very difficult times. Yes, these recent months have been challenging. But, God has been here to minister to us. And, we believe this is because so many of you have regularly prayed for us, and, God has sincerely answered your prayers. Thank you so much for constantly taking us to the throne of grace during these hard times. But also, thank you so much for continuing to help us financially to carry on this wonderful ministry. As I say so often, there is just no way that JoAnne and I could have carried on this marvelous ministry for all of these years were it not for people like you helping us. So, thank you so much for caring, and also, thank you for sharing when so many people have lost their burden to help present the Gospel to thousands of people.

**Coming
June 24-25th**

***Annual GIMI Banquet and
Board Meeting
See Pg 7 for details***

The Importance of Your Love And Generosity

Before moving on with our newsletter, I would like to stop and share some difficult facts with you! I hope you will pay much attention to these facts, and that you will respond accordingly as God touches your hearts about these words.

Folks, I would like to tell you that during the past three years of suffering and hardships, because of the Covid crisis, many people, and yes, even some churches have either stopped supporting our GIMI Ministry completely, while some individuals and churches have really cut way back on their giving. Of course, we don't know how many of our formerly faithful supporters were actually forced to stop giving or to cut way back, or, did some of these formerly generous people use the Covid crisis as an excuse to completely stop giving or to cut back on their giving. Certainly, I am sure that both of these things probably happened! But, whatever the reason for the cut backs and the discontinuing of regular giving, our GIMI Ministry has suffered in many ways.

I say this, because during these years of the Covid situation, the costs of our ministry have really gone up. For instance, this past year GIMI sent almost \$900,000 to Africa alone to help with the costs of medicine, masks, cleaning supplies, blankets, food, medical bills, and yes, several thousand dollars to help pay for the funeral costs for those friends of ours who God took on to heaven. Truly, these times of suffering brought much hurt and pain to our workers and their families. But also, because so many people were sick, and then, some passed on, the cost factor was very great.

Therefore, because of GIMI's love for their workers, we tried so hard to help with the hurt by contributing to the financial costs of the sicknesses and the deaths. Thus, with all of the extra expenses, especially, during this past year, we have been able to keep providing our monthly support in addition to all of the other financial needs we have had. Therefore, my beloved friends, with the costs being much more, and many individuals and churches cutting back or stopping their giving, it has been hard to keep meeting every need. So, I would like to ask that everyone of you, our friends, to reconsider what you have been giving, and take a step of faith

A Great Big Welcome To Cathy Little, Our New Office Manager!

Most of you newsletter readers know that in our last GIMI Newsletter, I shared with you the bitter/sweet news that Sister Patsy Little was leaving us after six years to being a full-time ministry in "Grief Sharing," where she hopes to really encourage people who have lost a loved one through the hardship of death. A lot of you know that she had been doing this for years part-time, and now, she feels strongly that God has called her to go full-time in this ministry. We will definitely miss her, but, we do pray that God will make her ministry very fruitful and blessed by Him! I would like to ask you to please continue to pray for Patsy and her ministry.

Now, it is time to introduce you to our new Office Manager, Cathy Little. But of course, Cathy and Dale Little are not strangers! I have had the privilege of being their pastor at three of my past churches, and, both Dale and Cathy have been heavenly involved in missions both here in America, and for the past two years, they have been



working in Romania, along side of Dr. Nathan and Anca Merrill. While helping Nathan and Anca with the number of orphanages they have there in Romania, Brother Dale and Cathy, helped to establish some local churches; including one in a Gypsy village. Recently, because of some health problems for Brother Dale, and because of the influx of thousands of Ukraine refugees into Romania, Dale and Cathy decided to return to America. For many years before Brother Dale and Cathy went to Romania, Dale had the "Rescue America," ministry working with hundreds of prisoners in America. Of course, Brother Dale worked also as a Prisons Correctional Officer for many years, thus, making it easy for him to share Christ with prisoners. Dale also traveled to Africa with one of our teams to

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and restart the generous giving you have done in the past. We desperately need your help to try and keep this marvelous soul-winning ministry going forth with reaching thousands of souls in all of our African countries.

Also, I would just like to remind all of you that the War in the Ukraine is still going on horribly. And, because some of you have sent us designated gifts for Pastor Dima Bulakh, and the people of the Grace Evangelistic Church right in the middle of Kyiv, the capitol of the country, we have circumvented the money wiring system and sent Pastor Dima thousands of dollars to help him and his church people as they have been hiding out in the basement of their church.

Also, I am thrilled to tell you that because of the numbers of people coming to their church to get food and other



essential items, Pastor Dima, has been preaching the Gospel and

seeing a number of people get saved. Please join us in praying for a great harvest of souls there in that formerly beautiful country of the Ukraine.

In addition, I would like to tell all of you that because of some additional designated funds from a few churches, GIMI has been able to send well over \$10,000 to Dr. Nathan Merrill in Romania to help him bring some Ukraine refugees out of the Ukraine to their home there in Romania. Then too, Brother Nathan and his wife, Anca, are providing a huge amount of medicine and humanitarian aid for many of the people who have chosen to stay in their torn country to see what ultimately is going to happen. Please pray for the safety for Nathan and Anca, and for, the Ukraine people who are fleeing their country to run for their lives to Romania and other countries, where the refugees are fleeing. Also, I hope you will join us in praying that God might stop this horrible demon-possessed Putin,

who is such a reprobate monster. As David often prayed for his enemies to be destroyed in the Book of Psalms, let's pray that God will remove Putin, this horribly evil man who is hurting and killing so many innocent people.

What Every Radio Station Should Do In Order To See Many People Come To Christ!

Let me tell you what these dear ladies are doing to bring so many people to Jesus! Each weekend just before our Gateway International Missions Radio Broadcast starts, both of these dear sisters introduce our program, and they tell the listening audience that if any of them pray to receive Christ with me at the close of the broadcast,

they should call the station and tell Esther or Annie that they prayed with me to get saved. If they can't contact the local station they are listening to, then, they can e-mail me at: gimi@charter.net, and



tell me that they got saved. If the new convert is not in the areas where Esther and Annie are, then, I will respond to their e-mail. Then, we will find out where the new convert lives, or may be met in order to receive a copy of God's Word and a copy of my new convert booklet that I wrote sometime back. The booklet is entitled, "Getting Started Right," and it is designed to help the new believer start his or her new Christian life in the right way, and to know what he or she needs to do next. GIMI pays for having many copies of the booklet reprinted, and, for the Bibles that these ladies and I give these new converts. We are very happy to help these newly saved believers get started off well, and to discover what they should do next in order to help them grow as new born-again believers. If every radio station would do what Esther and Annie do at their stations, I believe multitudes would get saved and then follow Christ! May God convict all of our Radio Station workers to follow the great example of Annie and Esther, and help us bring hundreds to Christ!

Praise God For A Tremendous Harvest!!

Most all of you dear readers know that JoAnne and I have been working in Africa for 37 years. During these many years we have seen God do some amazing things. We started this great ministry working with Brother Mickey and Sister Alice Parrish who had at that time just moved to Nairobi, Kenya, just a short while before. Making my first trip there was truly a challenge for me, but, it turned out to be one of the greatest decisions that JoAnne and I ever made, because through this new African ministry, we began to see a spiritual harvest of multitudes of people coming to Christ. In fact, at this present time I can tell you that since that first trip in 1985, God has given GIMI the privilege of



Dr. Stan Preaching in Uganda

preaching and teaching the Gospel to just over 15 million people. And, praise God, from this huge number of people, He has given us a harvest of over 4.3 million people making first-time decisions to follow Christ. Also, when my wife and I started working in Africa with Brother Mickey and Sister Alice (Both of which are now in heaven), this ministry was working full-time in just two countries; Kenya and Uganda. Since that time, we have worked non-stop in a total of 17 African countries. Presently, we are working in 14! These have often times been very difficult, especially, back in 1993, when we had the terrible vehicle accident in Uganda. When my Outreach and Missions Director at Tri-City Baptist Church in Conover, NC, was killed in this horrible accident, things became very difficult for the next several years. Truthfully, I have suffered much PTSD for many years since the accident. But, with the help of Jesus and a sweet wife, I have tried to keep going



**Pastor Joel Frye Preaching the Gospel to
Uganda Prisoners during Our Last Mission**

on with this wonderful ministry. And, I can tell you that God has blessed this effort tremendously!

I tell you this because I want all of you to know that we are still seeing thousands come to Christ through the hard work of our national workers, through our many mission teams, and of course, through the continuing work of the few people who have worked on our American staff, especially through the great work of my dear wife, JoAnne, through the volunteer work of my son-in-law, Pastor Mike McKinney, and through the efforts of Sister Patsy Little, who just left us after six years of faithful service.



**Bibles from GIMI for
Cameroon Prisoners**

God is still pouring out His Spiritual power and Divine presence as we continue to try to take the Gospel to a lost world. And, my dear friends, I would like to tell you that even through the past three years while fighting the horrible Covid 19 plague, God has given us a huge harvest of souls. **Just as a testimony to what God is doing, let me tell you that from January through March of this year, God has given us the privilege of sharing the Gospel message with 350,336 people in all of our countries. And, from this great number, God has given us a harvest of 67,236 people making first-time decisions to follow Jesus! I just want you to join me in shouting "Praise God, Hallelujah, Amen!!!"**



**Pastor Emmanuel
Conducting a
Baptismal Service in
Cameroon Prison**

**Pastor Sammy Bringing
Rubber Sandals to
Kenya Women
Prisoners**



**Shipero School
Children in
Uganda**

**Kenya Women Prisoners
with their Children
Enjoying Their Juice
Given By GIMI**



**Pastor Robert Preaching to a Large Outdoor Group
in the D R Congo**

Over 1,200 People Saved Through Two Radio Stations In Uganda In Just Eleven Weeks

Most of you know that back on the first weekend of this year, 2022, we restarted our radio ministry after being off the air for over two years due to my vocal cord paralysis and ultimate surgery. And, I believe most of you know just how much I love the radio because of the possibility of reaching so many people, especially during these days when travel to Africa and other countries is so restricted due to the Covid restrictions, and also, because of my uncertain health problems. Therefore, our present newly restarted radio ministry is now on almost 90 radio stations all across America and in Africa where we now have 16 stations airing our broadcast either on Saturday or Sunday every weekend. And folks, I must tell you that I have had radio programs on many stations all the way back to the time when I was a young pastor just getting started in the ministry back in the late 1960's. And, I have to tell you that I have never seen any radio station workers or Disk Jockies anywhere do what has been done recently by two of our radio ministry workers in Uganda. Sister Esther Nakyagulanyi at the Dunamis Radio Station in Mukono, Uganda, and Sister Annie Uweera at the Grace Radio Station in Mbarara, Western Uganda have just been fabulously airing our weekly 30 minute



broadcasts in such a way that hundreds of people have been getting saved. **Pastor Kassim sharing the Gospel in a Wet Sierra Leone Prison**

These precious ladies are just wonderful in the way they draw the net at the end of our broadcasts each week. Surely, God is using these dear ladies in a marvelous way. I just wish that more of you radio Disk Jockies and personnel would follow the examples that Esther and Annie have been using to bring so many people to Christ! Folks, just recently in the outreach of the Grace Radio on Western Uganda, several hundred people got saved, and over 100 people were baptized in just one baptismal service! Praise the Lord!!

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preach the Gospel in African prisons. So, Brother Dale is a well-trained missionary, while Cathy is a trained CPA worker with over 20 plus years of experience in the field of finance. So, we are happy to have Sister Cathy helping to oversee the financial affairs of GIMI. I beg you to really pray daily for Sister Cathy, as she takes over for sister Patsy.

Also, please be in much prayer for Dale as he, like myself, deals with quite a few health problems. So, Brother Dale and Sister Cathy, welcome home and back to helping us again to carry on this great harvest ministry for Jesus! And folks, you that are reading this newsletter, I would like for you to call our home office at: 828-632-2344, and say hello to Cathy to let her know that you will be praying for her. Or, you might want to write her an e-mail at: office@gatewayinternationalmissions.com. I am very sure that both Dale and Cathy would cherish the thought of you folks praying for them daily! So, CATHY, WELCOME ABOARD THIS HARVEST OF SOULS SHIP!!!!



Pastor Sammy Bringing Gifts to Kenya Prisoners from GIMI

Cloth for Ladies Dresses in the DR Congo



My Wife And I Are Coming To Old Union Baptist Church In Harlem, Georgia, May 22, 2022

I would like to take a moment to tell all of you pastors and church leaders that very soon, May 22, 2022, that JoAnne and I are going to try to start visiting some of our GIMI supporting churches to provide some updates on our entire ministry. Our first trip is going to be with the fine people at Old Union Baptist Church in Harlem, GA. The new pastor of this wonderful congregation is Pastor Chris Wesson, and this church has been one of our most faithful supporting churches for many years. They have been such a blessing to this ministry, and we are so excited about being with this congregation to



share our report on the huge progress of GIMI in our *African fields*, in the Ukraine, and especially, in our restarted radio ministry. I hope many of you receiving this newsletter might be able to join us on Sunday morning, May 22st, at Old Union Baptist Church, to get in on this exciting update and presentation about the growing progress of our great harvest, which God has recently been giving us through the efforts of all of our nationals, plus, our restored efforts on radio. If you can join us on the coming Sunday morning, May 22, we would love to see you and your family. But, if you can't attend on this special occasion, please remember to pray for us as we travel, and please pray for the worship service on Sunday morning at Old Union. Also, please remember to pray for Pastor Chris as he works with leading these precious people as they try to help fulfill the Great Commission given to us by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

If you are a Christ Follower, you are a Missionary

Pastors And Church Leaders, We Would Love To Come To Your Church!

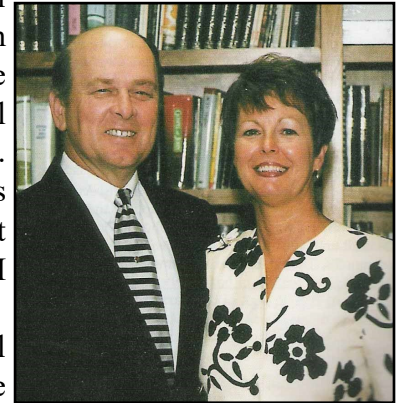
While I am talking about our upcoming visit to Old Union Baptist Church in Harlem, GA, I would like to further say that although my health is still not completely good, JoAnne and I would welcome an opportunity to come and visit one of your church worship services with you if we can work out the date. I would love to come and present an update on our entire ministry in Africa, discuss the tragedy of the Ukraine, and to share what is happening in our ministry here in America, including the great harvest God is giving us through our restarted radio ministry. If you as a pastor or church leader would be interested in us coming to visit with you, please give me a call, or, you might want to e-mail me at: gimi@charter.net. I hope to hear from some of you dear ministry friends very soon. And, the further we get away from this terrible Covid crisis, we hope to see a lot of you precious pastors and church members all across the USA. We sincerely love and appreciate you folks, and we thank you diligently for your prayers and financial support of this huge ministry conducted by the smallest amount of dedicated people ever possible.



Our Annual GIMI Banquet And Board Meeting Coming June 24-25, 2022

For the past couple of years as we all know, conducting meetings of any kind has been quite difficult. In fact, to have our annual GIMI Board meetings, we have had to improvise carefully, even to the point of having our annual board meetings by correspondence. We did this again earlier this year in January, 2022, because the Covid fire was still burning somewhat forcefully. So, we conducted that meeting by mail, and we voted on the annual budgets for all of our GIMI Ministry. But now, I

believe the science tells us (not Fauci) that the Omnicrom virus seems to be dying down to the point that I believe we can have our annual meeting in June this year in person as we used to before the virus hit us. So, we have scheduled our annual banquet and board meeting for Friday evening, June 24th, and Saturday morning, June 25th. As we move closer to this time, I would like to first of all extend to you an invitation to come and attend our annual banquet meal and worship time on Friday evening, June 24th. The meal will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a delicious catered meal here at our GIMI Headquarters.



**Pastor David Gallamore
and wife Shirley**

Following the meal Gospel Singer, Wade Spencer, from Ohio will be here to provide a mini-concert for the evening. Then, following the singing concert, Dr. David Gallamore, Pastor of the great Rock Springs Baptist Church in Easley, SC, will be here to provide a challenging message from God's Word. We would love to have many of you come for this special time of the year. However, we do need to know the number of you that are coming, so that we will know how many meals to order for the evening. We want you to come. But, we do need to know that you are coming! Therefore, I am asking you to call our home office at: 828-632-2344, and tell Sister Cathy Little that you are coming, and how many you will be bringing with you. Then, we will know how many to expect for the evening meal. We anticipate that the evening meal and special worship time will be over between 9:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. We surely welcome you with open arms!

Our Annual GIMI Board Meeting Will Begin On Saturday Morning At 8:00 a.m. With A Light Breakfast!

As we have done in the past, our annual GIMI Board Meeting will begin on Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. with a light breakfast. Then,

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if our annual business doesn't take too long, we hope to complete the day with a sandwich lunch at 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. based on the time that the business sessions are over. If you have any questions about our annual banquet



and meeting, please let us know. Also, if you need some help reserving a motel room, please contact Cathy in our office, and she will do her best to help you. **BUT, THERE IS A PROBLEM THIS YEAR! THE ROOMS AT THE HOLIDAY INN IN CONOVER WILL BE MORE EXPENSIVE BECAUSE THIS IS THE SAME WEEKEND OF THE TAYLORSVILLE BAPTIST CAMPMEEETING! WE NEEDED TO CHANGE THE DATE DUE TO SOME CONFLICTS!** But, maybe since we only meet once or twice each year, the cost won't be too prohibitive! Again, if you have any questions please let us know!

A Final Note For This Time!

Before I close my newsletter article for this time, I would like to take a moment and share something, which I sincerely believe is so serious to every child of God. As most of you know, I have been in the full-time ministry for Jesus for 57 years. Truly, God has blessed the work that JoAnne and I have tried to do for so many years. We are thrilled at the churches where God has allowed us to lead; especially, the ones we have been privileged to plant. During all of these years we have been very observant of other believers, both faithful, and also, those that were not so faithful. And, the one thing that always stood out in the life of the faithful servants of God was their understanding of the will of God and the call upon his or her life. I am sincerely convinced that the main reason so few professing believers ever find happiness and a fruitful life is that they never get serious about taking the time to discover God's perfect will for their lives. And, because they don't come to discover God's perfect will for their lives, they end up being truly miserable and unproductive. And yet, the road to complete happiness for the child of God

is for him or her to find God's perfect will for their individual lives and to live by the Godly principles that provide the wisdom, the strength, the understanding, and the courage for these believers to find and live in the perfect will of God every day of their lives. But, I am very sad to tell you that I would estimate that probably 95% of all believers never find God's perfect will in their entire lifetime. Thus, the fields are white unto harvest, but the laborers are few! So, I am including in this newsletter my booklet on "Finding The Lost Treasure of God's Perfect Will." Then, Lord willing, in our next newsletter, I will give you another booklet I wrote on "Responding To The Call Of God." Hopefully, these two booklets will help everyone of you to find God's perfect will for your life, and also, to help you learn how to respond to the call of God for your life. I do pray that both of these long exegetical articles will help you to find God's will, surrender to the call of God, and, to spend the rest of your lives being fruitful winning the lost to Christ, and to ministering to thousands of suffering people. If you read each of these booklets, and the Biblical truth in each one of the presentations help to change your life, please write me an e-mail at: gimi@charter.net. so that my wife and I can rejoice with you because of the sacred treasure you have found!

Still in the King's service,

Dr. Stan Frye
President of GIMI
Romans 12:1-2

Sierra Leone Prisoners With Their New Bibles Given by GIMI



Shipero School Children in Uganda Supported by GIMI

"Finding The Lost Treasure Of God's Perfect Will"

"A Sermon From Romans 12:1-2"

"Effective Expositions For Life"

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Introduction

Have you ever dreamed of going treasure hunting? Have you ever thought about what it would be like if you or one of your family members discovered a lost treasure and suddenly got rich? Well, I am not sure that I have ever dreamed much about a sudden discover of lost treasure, but I can honestly tell you that just over 52 years ago I was diligently seeking the lost treasure of God's perfect will for my life, and with the precious illumination of the Holy Spirit of God's Word, counsel from godly men and women, and with the special support from JoAnne whom I had just married, I discovered the remarkable treasure of God's perfect will for my life and future ministry serving God. It was truly a scary thing for this young eighteen year old young man with very little spiritual guidance and almost no mentoring to actually believe that God's perfect will for my life was to preach the Word of God and to take the Good News of the Gospel to a lost world. I almost shiver even now when I think about where I was when God showed me the treasure of spending my entire life serving Him. I would never have believed that God's will was to help proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom to the lost world, but truthfully, this discovery in my life could only be placed third in value in line behind my personal salvation and the discovery of my sweet wife JoAnne. I must tell you that these past many years of faithfully trying to serve Christ in His work have

been remarkable years in spite of the many hardships and difficulties. Yet, as ever treasure hunter will tell you, it is not always easy and the job of treasure hunting requires a huge amount of patience and an enormous amount of hard work. But we know that when we finally find the treasure so sought after and longed for, the effort will be rewarded with what we find in the treasure.

In **Matthew 13:44**, we find these wonderful words. **"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field."** In this parable our Lord gave, this man that found the hidden treasure in the field, covered the treasure back up and went just as quickly as he could to sell everything he owned in order to get the money to purchase the field where he discovered the treasure. In other words, he was willing to give up everything in order to find and enjoy an even greater treasure.

May I say to you that this should be the attitude of every born-again child of God. We must be ready to sell all and get rid of everything we might own in order to find the treasure of God's perfect will for our lives. This will probably require us to give up stuff, turn away from many of our worldly attachments, sever ties with friends and probably even some family members, and pursue the will of God for our lives to the extent that when we find this awesome treasure given by our awesome God, we will be ready to surrender our lives totally to His will, give what He wants us give, go where He wants us to go, and sacrificially leave everything else to live in the perfect will of God.

But, How Do We Discover The Treasure Of God's Perfect Will?

Well my friends, I am so happy you asked this question because I know God is more ready to show us His perfect will then we are to pay the price to find and fulfill the perfect will of God for our lives. There are no short cuts, no roads without curves and bumps, and no easy way to get in the will of God and then, stay there. But, finding the will of God and living there the best you can every day of your life is the greatest and most peaceful

thing that any human being could ever achieve. So now, I want to share with you some Biblical steps to finding God's perfect will, and then in living in His will every day of your life. Will you come treasure hunting with me right now? I surely hope you will, and if so, you will be richly blessed!

Let's Look At The Plan To Discover The Treasure!

When Paul the Apostle wrote the letter to the Romans, he had never been to Rome. It is believed he was in Corinth on this third stop there when he wrote the Roman believers. It is truly believed that Paul wrote this letter to encourage the suffering and persecuted believers who were facing many unbelievable trials and even martyrdom. In the first half of the sixteen chapters Paul talks about the believers' position and possessions in Christ. These chapters are some of the greatest inspired words in all of the Bible describing most all of the Bible doctrines of the Christian faith. The last eight chapters of this doctrinal treatise, Paul explicitly shared the believer's responsibilities as born-again children of God. He goes so far as to tell the Roman Christians that the only way they would be able to endure the persecution and suffering they were going through was to discover God's perfect will for their lives and live everyday carrying out that will. They would indeed suffer and may even be killed. But, if they had perfect peace in their hearts because they were in the will of God, they could face whatever they had to face.

I must tell you today that like Paul's instructions for the Romans, the only way for us modern believers to have peace, joy, longsuffering, gentleness, self-control, love, moderation in behavior and patience is to find the treasure of God's perfect will for our lives and then, live in His will as long as we live and until He calls us home to heaven or comes in the rapture. Also, there will be no personal fulfillment in the Christian life if we try to live outside the will of God. And, I need to tell you that after serving Jesus for over 52 years in full-time Christian service, I must confess that I seen very few believers in the modern church who show much evidence of living and serving in God's perfect will. However, I do want to tell you that it is my sincere desire that this written manuscript

sermon might be very effective of causing you readers to seek and find the treasure you are looking for.

The Scripture for this study is **Romans 12:1-2**, which explicitly states, **"I beseech ye therefore; brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."** In all the thousands of sermons which I have preached in hundreds of churches and places of ministry, I have probably preached these two verses more than any other text. And thank God, I can readily attest that I have seen more people come to Christ and get their lives changed through this passage of Scripture more than any of the other hundreds of passages I have preached and taught. Therefore, I believe these short two verses are some of the most important verses in the Word of God. You might say that these two verses which provide three basic steps for discovering the perfect will of God are the verses which God wants to use to change all of our lives for Him and toward Him. So my friends, let me admonish you the readers to please pay attention to the following main three principles which are the beginning steps to discovering God's treasure of His perfect will for our lives. Now, let's carefully look at these steps to finding God's perfect will.

I. THE FIRST REQUIRED STEP IS PERSONAL PRESENTATION. v. 1

It want be but a couple months before we celebrate Christmas once again. Every year at Christmas we ponder the best present and gift that was ever given to humanity, and that of course was our Lord Jesus Christ. And too, we usually concern ourselves with giving a lot of presents to our family members and our friends. These gifts are usually given from a heart of love and compassion for those who are to receive them. Therefore, as we move forward with this study of the perfect will of God for our lives, let's meditate upon God's marvelous gift of salvation which Jesus brought

down from heaven on that first Christmas morning in the manger. He came down to this earth to give Himself as the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and, He most assuredly paid that great blood sacrifice for our redemption when He died on the cross. Then, on the third day He gloriously arose from the dead to provide eternal life for all of us. Now the question is, "what gift will we give back to Him to show our appreciation for what He did for us?" This is what I want us to think about as we ponder this personal presentation.

A. Reasons for this presentation. v. 1

1. There is the reason of Divine fellowship.

In beginning of verse one, Paul says, "**I beseech you therefore, brethren,**" What the apostle is saying here is that he desires the Roman Christians to come and stop and pay attention to his words because they are coming from his heart. The word beseech is described in the Greek as a term where two ship captains who notify each other to bring their ship along side the other close enough for them to talk seriously from one vessel to the other. Paul is almost begging the Romans to listen carefully to His words, and then put into practice this presentation of themselves to Christ.

Paul tells the believers that they are all apart of the same fellowship of God's children, and that they should love one another enough to pay attention to his words because he was appealing to them to do so because Jesus had put them in the same family. You might say that Paul was talking about family or fellowship privileges and responsibilities to give Christ their lives because of the family He had placed them in. So my friends, I am appealing to you in the same family of God to use your position in the fellowship of believers as an impetus to present yourselves completely to Christ. To do otherwise would be a negative expression of ingratitude to Him for what He has done for you.

2. There is the reason of Divine favor.

In these second part of verse one, Paul says the following. "**by the mercies of God.**" This

statement revealed to the Romans and to us today is that we have been Divinely favored by God. This means that we have been given the freedom from hell because of the extended mercies of God revealed at Calvary. And because of God's wonderful mercy and amazing grace, we should voluntarily present our lives totally and completely to Jesus because of our love for and our appreciation to Him. May I say that surely, it is only reasonable that we do this because He gave us the best gift ever, Himself!

B. There are rules for this presentation.

As we look further into verse one, we see that Paul tells the Roman believers that there are some rules that must be followed in the presentation of ourselves to Christ. Of course, I know that most people are so self-sufficient that they don't want to hear anything about rules and regulations, especially if they come from somebody else. Yet, Paul says that every believer has a God-given plan for the way we give God our lives as His gift. Let's look at this plan.

1. There must be a peculiar presentation.

The next part of this wonderful verse tells us that in order to discover the perfect will of God for one's life, this person must initially give himself or herself to Christ in a peculiar way. This gift starts at the moment a person gets saved and gives his or her heart to the Savior by child-like faith. This is the beginning of an eternal relationship that can never be severed, not even by Satan himself. Yet, multitudes of people who get gloriously saved never reach their God-give potential just simply because they never discover the treasure of God's perfect will. So, my friends, have you presented your lives, body, soul, and spirit, to the Lord Jesus Christ resulting in your salvation? If you have not, then you will never be able to find God's will or purpose for your life. Please get saved, even today as you read this article.

And, I must mention one more thing. We need to emphatically remember that genuine salvation is not the result of mentally believing in or embracing the concept that God exists. Many

people seem to believe this today, but they have in fact never prayed to receive Christ personally and transformationally. They just believe that because they embrace the idea that God does exist and He is the man upstairs that this makes them a Christian. But my friends, this does not bring salvation. Salvation begins with a spiritual new birth when a person puts their faith and trust in Christ, repent of their sins, and is transformed by the Holy Spirit. After this experience, then there will be a change in direction as the result of repentance. We must make sure that we have the real thing and not be a religious phony.

2. There must be a priestly presentation.

In the second part of verse one, Paul tells the Roman believers that they must present their bodies as a living sacrifice to Christ if they are going to discover the perfect will of God for their lives. Of course, most of us know that in the Bible days, it was the priest who offered up the sacrifices unto Jehovah God in the Tabernacle and then later in the Temple. In order for these sacrifices made by the priests to be acceptable unto God, they had to be without blemish and prepared according to God's prescribed conditions for the sacrifices. Any sacrifice or offering that was not prepared and offered in the way God had demanded was not accepted by God. Yet, all of us should know that our Lord Jesus Christ later became the perfect sacrifice for us as sinners in fulfillment of these prototype sacrifices made in the Tabernacle and Temple. There was no need to question the perfection or condition of Jesus being the acceptable sacrifice to God the Father on our behalf. Why? Because He was the sinless perfect son of God Who had come down to this earth voluntarily to pay our sin debt. The major difference was that every year in the month of October, the High Priest of Israel had to offer another sacrificial animal without blemish in order to purchase the atonement (covering) for sin for another year. But, we know that when the perfect son of God died the sacrificial death for our sins, it was a once and forever act of consecration.

Therefore, when we get saved by God's grace through faith and repentance, we must daily

present our lives to Christ through sacrificial surrender of our lives to Him. This sacrificial act requires us to die to sin and to self, and give Jesus first place in our lives. Then, as we become more and more dedicated to Christ, the easier it is for us to discover His perfect will for our lives and ministry. In fact, I believe that it is impossible for a child of God to ever find God's perfect will if there isn't complete and total surrender. And probably the greatest requirement to finding God's perfect will is to deny self and seek only to please Jesus in everything. This may sound utterly ridiculous to some in this modern generation of Christians, but was never ridiculous to the early church.

3. There must be a pure presentation.

The third rule for truly presenting our lives to Christ in order to discover His perfect will for our lives is that we must live a holy life that daily magnifies the Lord and provides a convincing testimony to the world around us. Now, I know that preaching holiness in this modern church age is blasphemous to some of those who have made grace a law unto itself, but the Holy Spirit of God who indwells every believer is not going to illuminate the Word of God and show the believer what God's will is for his or her life if there is not a pure or holy lifestyle. And truthfully, just like the sacrifice in Bible days when the animal that was sacrificed had to be without blemish, so must our presentation to Christ be as pure and holy as possible. Therefore, we must live a holy lifestyle trying our very best to live without succumbing to temptation from Satan, and we need to remove from our lives any sinful practice and sinful attitude that would negate the influence of God's Holy Spirit within us. The Bible calls this "grieving the Holy Spirit".

So now, let me ask you, "Do you want to discover God's perfect will for your life?" If so, you must make the sacrifice of giving up and refraining from anything that is impure in thought or practice. I must tell you that if you do clean up your life and begin to practice holiness, you will experience the sweet presence of the Holy Spirit, and you will be enlightened to new and wonderful things about God's will for your life. And, once you

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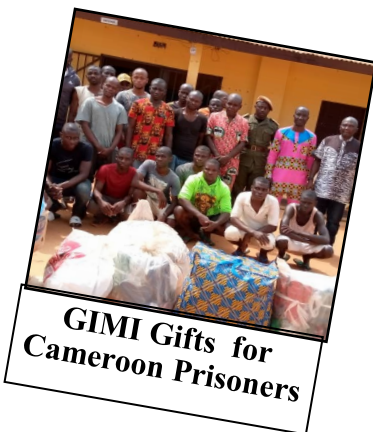
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discover the perfect will of God, this new treasure will bring joy and fulfillment which you have never experienced before. In other words, there is no happier or more fulfilled life than living in God's perfect will.

4. There must be a pleasing presentation.

The last part of this glorious verse tells us that if we want to truly bring pleasure to the heart of God, we must present our bodies, souls, and spirits to Him in complete surrender. And, we need to understand that to do less will never be accepted or even tolerated by our Lord. I am not talking here about positional acceptance because in **Ephesians 1:6**, Paul said, **"To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved."** Thus, we have an accepted position in the family of God which has been given to us by grace. But, we also should be deeply concerned about living such a life of dedication that our works and actions will be accepted by God. We need to make sure that our works are not hay, wood, and stubble, but instead, that they be works like gold, silver, and precious stones. Therefore, we must always remember that our works will never bring pleasure to the heart of God unless they are the products of a life totally and completely presented to Christ as a gift. What about it friends? Are your works pleasing unto God? If not, today would be the right time to present your life of works totally and completely surrendered to Jesus.

II. THE SECOND REQUIRED STEP IS A PATTERNED SEPARATION. v. 2a

As we continue this study on discovering the treasure of the perfect will of God, we come to the first part of verse two which provides for us the second required step to find God's will for our lives. This requirement is the step of a patterned separation. Please pay attention to the first part of this verse. Here is what Paul stated to the Roman believers. **"And be not conformed to this world:"** The word "conformed" in Strong's Concordance is defined as someone aligning their character, their mind, or their behavior to the pattern set by another. Of course what Paul is telling us is that if we are

really saved, then we should not allow others to demand that we follow their worldly examples and habits, but instead, we are to align our lives with the pattern set by our Lord Jesus Christ. In other words, we are to come out from the world and be separated as progressively sanctified saints, and we are to dedicate ourselves to righteous and holy living. So, in order for us to be separated (not isolated) from the world, we are to make the necessary changes by doing voluntarily and willfully the two following things. Let's take a close look at these two following ingredients for living a life of Biblical separation.

A. This separation demands a rejection of worldly pressure.

Being separated from the pressure of the world means exactly like Jesus prayed for His disciples in His great Lord's Prayer in **John 17:15**. Pay attention to this wonderful verse. **"I pray not that thou should take them out of the world, but that thou should keep them from the evil."** Jesus was saying that He wanted His Heavenly Father to protect His disciples and yes, even us today from the pressure of Satan and his followers who constantly try so hard to get us to conform to their sinful ways. Read the following verses from **I John 2:15-17**, wherein John admonished the early believers to live their lives in such a separated way that they can influence others to follow Christ, but not allow the world to mold them. Here are these marvelous verses. **"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abides forever."**

These three verses remind us that just as Jesus was tempted in these same three ways, we are to follow His pattern and say no to Satan and the world, and keep ourselves clean and holy before the Lord. In other words, we are to live in the world but not of the world. Thus, we are not to allow this world and its system to control or pressure our lives. Instead, we are to be insulated

from the world by the word of God and the indwelling Holy Spirit, and we are not to allow the world to pressure us to follow its patterns in any part of our lives.

So, the first question we should ask before we say anything, do anything, and before we make any decision, is simply, "What would Jesus have me to do in this matter?" We should only live as Christ would have us live, and His will should take precedence in the recreation we involve ourselves, the places we go, the clothing that we wear, the conduct of our bodies, the things we purchase, etc. The point is that if we are truly seeking to find or discover God's perfect will, then we must seek His will first and foremost before we ever do anything. It will not be difficult to discover God's perfect will for your life and ministry if Jesus is the One you consult and not the world. Now, the question I want to ask is, "Who determines the decisions you make, the world or our wonderful Lord Jesus?" Surely you know!

B. This separation demands a realignment with Godly principles.

The second point of this patterned separation is that we must carefully realign our lives with the principles of God's Word, and we must rearrange our lives until Christ and spiritual principles take precedence in every decision we make, in every deed we perform, and in the priorities we have in our daily lives. When we truly separate ourselves from worldliness in order to live righteously, then life takes on a new meaning, we receive a new peace, and we will experience fulfillment like we have never known before. You might say that when we separate ourselves from the worldly principles, then Jesus enlightens or illuminates God's perfect will for us and we really begin to see what He has in store for us. As I stated in the introduction, when we truly uncover God's perfect will, it will truly seem that we have uncovered a great treasure which we would have never found if we had not decided to align ourselves with Godly principles. Simply put, separation from the world demands that we put many worldly things out of our lives, and in their place we must put the principles of God's Word. When we do this, we will

truly remove the dirt from the treasure of God's perfect will!

III. THE THIRD STEP REQUIRED IS A POWERFUL TRANSFORMATION. v. 2b

In the last part of verse two, Paul admonishes the Roman believers to not only separate themselves from the world, but to also allow Jesus to transform our minds until we truly have the mind of Christ. Then, when we have the mind of Christ, it will not be difficult to discern the will of God. As we allow God's Holy Spirit to transform our minds, then we begin to live in such a spiritual way as to give proof by our lifestyles that we surely do belong to Christ. And, when we provide this proof that we are genuinely saved, then we bring pleasure to the heart of God and He is proud to call us His own children by His acceptance. Even if it sounds simplistic, the truth Paul is trying to get across to the Romans is that unless we give validity to our profession by our faithful works and show others that we are truly in Christ, then we will not provide credible evidence that God is our true heavenly Father.

It is very important that we come to understand that no professing child of God will ever be able to discern or discover the perfect will of God for his or her life unless there is a transformation of the mind which makes spiritual matters easy to understand.

Now, it is very important that we take a further look at this transformation in order to clearly understand what this powerful transformation is truly all about.

A. This is a miraculous transformation.

I want to share with you that although this transformation refers to a progressive change of a person's mind, we must understand that it begins with an instantaneous born again experience. Pay attention to the following verse. **"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new (II Cor. 5:17).** This verse tells us that no transformation can occur until the old person becomes a new person in and through the new

birth. Then, when a person gets gloriously saved, then he or she will have a new spiritual nature implanted by the entrance of the Holy Spirit into one's being, and then, instead of just having the old nature of sin which lives to sin, the new nature will make it possible for the Holy Spirit to carry out the process of progressive sanctification which will last until the person goes to heaven, or until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. This marvelous transformation begins with the miraculous work of Christ in one's life whereby the old person becomes a new creature.

And, I must tell you that when we get the new transformed mind, we still will we retain the old nature which makes us susceptible to temptation. The old nature is not eradicated or erased as some modern-day pastors preach and teach, but it will still be inside of us to continually dog us until we are delivered from these sinful bodies. Therefore, we must understand that because of the old fleshly nature, we must continually work on allowing God to transform our minds which started when we first got saved.

B. This is a mental transformation.

I believe it is extremely important to know that what we do in our bodies is the result of what we believe in with our minds. Therefore, this miraculous transformation of our minds, which takes place at the time of our salvation must continue on through daily presentation of our lives to Christ as I mentioned earlier in this article. At the moment of our salvation, believe it or not, we become saints, which means that we have been redeemed by Jesus through His sacrificial death on the cross, and He has set us apart for Himself from that day on.

Thus, we become saints and will continue to become more saintly as our minds become more and more transformed by the work of the Holy Spirit as He illuminates the blessed Word of God. This is why we must daily read and study God's Word in order to become more and more mentally transformed. What we do in our bodies will be determined by what is in our minds. Just stop and think about this!

C. This is a metamorphoses transformation.

The Greek word for transformation is "Metamorphoo" from which we get our word metamorphoses. Those of you who have studied biology should know what this means. It literally means that a person is changed into another form like Jesus was transformed on the Mount of Transfiguration into a person resplendent with a divine brightness (**Matthew 17:2**). In biology this might mean for a plant to change into another form. Sometimes this process is called mutation. Mutation has been defined by Webster's Dictionary as a change in the genes of a plant or animal that causes physical characteristics that are different from what is normal. For instance, a cat might be born with a short tail as the result of mutation. In order words, what is seen on the outside is because of the genetic mutation on the inside.

I believe one of the greatest illustrations ever given of this transformation is the caterpillar and the butterfly. When the caterpillar is hatched from the egg of a moth (butterfly), the larva continues to grow and becomes the worm. Then, the worm grows and eventually weaves a cocoon around itself. And then, through the process of metamorphoses, the worm becomes a beautiful moth or butterfly. In other words, the worm dies and is resurrected a beautifully transformed creature.

This is exactly what must happen to the person who get's saved and in the process receives a transformed mind, which now is enlightened to spiritual truth from God's Word, whereas before, the person could not even understand the Bible when he or she read it, but now, the truth of God comes to life! Praise the Lord!

So my dear readers, in order for us to go being transformed, there has to be a complete surrender or presentation and a patterned separation. No wonder a person becomes a new creature when this wonderful miraculous process starts with salvation and then continues on until one dies. My questions for you are, "Have you really become a new creature in Christ? And secondly, have you yet discovered the perfect will of God for your life?" If the answer to these questions are no, then you need to go to your pastor

and ask his help in coming to know Christ for sure. There will never be transformation until there is salvation.

Conclusion

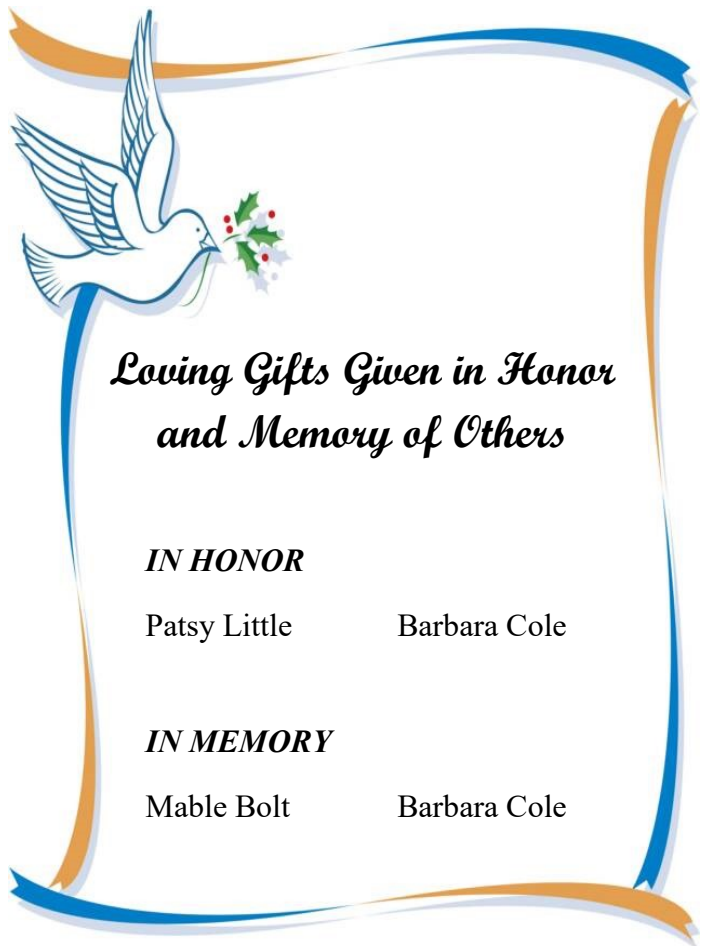
In coming to the conclusion of this article on "Discovering The Treasure Of The Perfect Will Of God For Your Life," I would like to ask you some questions very pertinent to what we have been discussing. Please pay attention to these questions and see if you need to go back to the time you professed Christ and make sure of your eternal salvation. Please know that the lights will never come on for transformation until you know you are saved for sure!

1. Do you know what the perfect will of God is for your life personally?
2. Are you presently living in the perfect will of God?
3. If you are not living in the perfect will of God, do you know how to discover the perfect will of God for your life and Christian service?
4. Do you parents and grandparents know how to show your children or grandchildren how to discover the perfect will of God for their lives?

If not, I believe you have some work to do lest these precious gifts from God end up in the world lost and wasting their lives. Believe me, I know about wasted lives because I have worked in prisons for over 40 years. Over and over again, I have seen young men and young women who have thrown away their God-given potential just because of some wrong choice or decision. If only they had gotten saved and discovered the treasure of God's perfect will for their lives, they may not have wasted their opportunities to serve God and be fruitful. I plead with everyone reading this article to not make the same mistake. God has a wonderful plan for your life, but this plan will never be discovered until you present your body, soul, and spirit to Jesus. After this, you must separate yourself from the wicked world and live a holy life. When this occurs, then the sanctifying work of the

Holy Spirit continues to transform the believer's mind until that person thinks like Jesus, acts like Jesus, talks like Jesus, and lives like Jesus totally and completely.

Therefore finally, let's resolve in our hearts that we will be like Jesus and just enjoy the meat of doing the Father's will and completing the work that He has given us to do. Truly, there is no greater way to live with peace and fulfillment than to live in the perfect will of God. If you have not yet found this treasure, let's go forth to do diligent treasure hunting!



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