REJOICING IN THE LORD


Introduction: The Lord had sent 70 of His disciples out to do His will and work. These disciples returned with joy. The cause for joy or rejoicing was the Devil’s work against them through the name of the Lord. Joy was caused by feeling the power of God or being successful in the work that the Lord had sent them to do. The Lord gives them an important lesson. Our joy should be based on the fact our names are written in heaven. The fact that we are saved and we will go to heaven should be a constant occasion to have joy. Let’s notice several things that causes joy in our hearts.

I. REJOICE IN THE RESERVATION

A. The reservation is personal.
   1. We are begotten again unto a lively or living hope. I Peter 1:3. We experienced the New Birth by faith.
   2. Because of this hope we have an inheritance which is incorruptible, undefiled, and reserved in heaven for us. I Peter 1:4
   3. The Lamb has a book of life. Every person who is born of God is in the book. Our names were placed in the book of life when we trusted Jesus as our personal Saviour.

B. The reservation is a priority.
   1. If you don’t make a reservation, you can’t go to heaven.
   2. Your name won’t be written there. You may be rich, religious, have a record, and references, but these won’t get you into heaven.
   3. If you have all this world has to offer and you die without the Lord, you will not have anything.

C. The reservation is paramount.
   1. Something that is paramount stands out above everything else.

II. REJOICE IN RIGHTEOUSNESS.

A. The righteousness is imputed.
   1. Imputed means charged to and counted for. Man is sinful and wicked without Jesus.
   2. Our faith in Jesus Christ as our Saviour is counted for righteousness. Rom. 4:4-8
   3. The Lord counts the act of your trusting Him as righteousness. God makes us righteous by faith. Rom. 3:22

B. The righteousness is imperative.
   1. Jesus was made sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. II Corinthians 5:21
   2. No person can face God in peace without this righteousness.
   3. Without righteousness you are lost, doomed, damned, and eternally hopeless.

C. The righteousness is important.
   1. The New Birth implants a desire in our hearts to live and conduct our lives righteously.
   2. Look at the Pharisees to see what a religious life is without righteousness.
   3. Such a life is dead, barren, cruel, and wicked.
   4. Thank God for His righteousness. We are righteous in His eyes because He made us righteous.

III. REJOICE IN THE REDEEMER.

A. Rejoice in the Redeemer’s person.
1. Rejoice in His wonderful gracious life. 
   Philippians 4:4
2. Rejoice in His unsearchable and unexplainable love. I John 4:19
3. Rejoice in His constant and comforting loyalty.
4. Jesus is the perfect example and pattern for us to follow.

B. Rejoice in His pardon.
1. The Lord’s people do commit sin. We are guilty. We know it. God knows it. Others know it.
2. The Lord’s people are convicted of our sins. The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sins. John 16:7-11
3. The Lord’s people can be cleansed by confessing sin to the Lord. I John 1:9

C. Rejoice in His peace.
1. The Lord has promised us peace in all our tribulation. John 16:33
2. His peace passes all understanding. Phil. 4:7
3. This peace comes out of our trusting the Lord with all the heart. Prov. 3:5,6
4. The key to His peace is to sit at His feet and listen to His words as Mary did.

IV. REJOICE IN THE RESURRECTION.
A. The expectation
1. We are told everyone will be resurrected in the end of time. John 5:28,29
2. I Corinthians 15 is one of my favorite chapters in the Bible. It is the resurrection chapter.
3. I Thessalonians 4:13-18 gives hope and comfort to God’s people. I love to read this passage at the grave side service at a funeral.
4. God’s people have a hope that death cannot destroy.

B. The examples
1. Jesus is the supreme example of the resurrection of the dead.
2. He died on the cross of calvary. He was placed in a tomb.
3. On the first day of the week He wasn’t in the tomb; it was empty.
4. The message of the angels rejoices my heart every time I read it. Luke 24:5,6

C. The exaltation
1. God’s Word records one word often when referring to what we have in Christ and eternity, GLORY.
2. The Lord will give a glorified body to us. Philippians 3:21
3. The Lord has reserved a heavenly home, with a heavenly Saviour, and a heavenly people.

V. REJOICE IN THE REST.
A. The problems of life
1. Job said that problems or troubles are a part of life. Job 14:1
2. The Devil, others, and selfishness will make sure we have problems.
3. Living will have its burdens, heartaches, torment, and anguish of soul.
4. The troubles will serve to defeat, divide, destroy, damage, and be dangerous to us.

B. The promise of the Lord
1. He invites us to come to Him to find rest. Matt. 11:28-30
2. Even in this life we can find periods of heavenly rest with the Lord.
3. There is coming a day of rest for the believer. Rev. 14:13

C. The power
1. Only Jesus can give us this rest of body and soul.
2. There are times when we need to go aside and relax and rest.
3. There is coming a day when we will rest. The troubles and trials of life will be over. We will rest in the presence of the Lord forever!!!

A CHRISTIAN’S MOST PRECIOUS ASSET
By Julius Copeland

Text: Hebrews 3:1; 4:14; 10:23

Introduction:

A. What is our most precious personal asset?
1. Not thinking of our salvation.
2. Nothing that money can buy.
3. Not our homes, friends, or family.
4. Not our name, or our reputation.

B. It is our profession of faith.
1. What is a "profession of faith?"
2. "Profession"- to say the same with another, to assent, accord, agree with, confess.

C. We made a profession of faith.
1. We agreed with God about sin.
2. We agreed with God about guilt.
3. We agreed with God about helplessness.
4. We agreed with God about Jesus.
5. God did not come to our terms, we came to His.

D. It is "Our" profession of faith.
1. Nothing as distinctly ours.
   a. Other people may have same name.
   b. Others have same mother and father.
   c. Marriage involves another.
2. No one can touch our profession.
   a. No one can make it good.
   b. No one can make it bad.
3. Timothy had a good one. I Timothy 6:12

I. THE OBJECT OF OUR PROFESSION. 3:1

A. Who is the object of our profession?
1. The object of our profession is Christ.
2. "Consider"- to look at closely, to observe.
   a. To consider attentively.
   b. To fix one’s eyes or mind upon.
3. These Hebrews were allowing their attention to relax as far as Messiah and the New Testament were concerned.

4. Let us consider Jesus.
   a. Not the creed of the church or of other christians.
   b. Not father or mother or pastor.

B. Why is Jesus the object of our profession?
   1. Because He is the apostle.
      a. APOSTLE - one sent on a commission.
   2. Because He is our High Priest.
      a. This speaks of the humanity of Christ.
      b. He must be both human and divine in order to accomplish His mission.
   3. Consider what? His faithfulness... v2

II. THE HELP OF OUR PROFESSION. 4:14
A. The qualification of our Helper. V14
   1. Because He is the great High Priest.
      a. The word "great" separates the High Priest from the Old Testament High Priests.
      b. Others have to offer sacrifices for their own sins, but not his "great High Priest."
   c. He can help because He has no sin.
   2. Because He has "passed into the heavens."
      a. "He has passed through the heavens with the present result that He is in heaven."
      b. When Jesus had offered Himself and rose from the grave, He entered into the heavens.

B. The understanding of our Helper. v15
   1. Our helper is approachable and sympathetic.
   2. Our High Priest is able to sympathize with our infirmities.

C. The invitation of our Helper. v16
   1. "Let us come"
      a. To draw near, to come to.
      b. This privilege is always available.
   2. "Boldly" - confidence, assurance
   3. At His throne we find two things.
      a. "Mercy" - a feeling of sympathy, active compassion
      b. "Grace" to help in time of need.

III. THE DANGER OF OUR PROFESSION. 10:23
A. We can’t lose our salvation, but we can lose the POWER of our profession.
   1. We can lose our influence.
   2. If salt has lost its savour?
B. Therefore, we are to hold it fast.
   1. "Hold fast" - to hold firmly.
   2. To have and to hold down.
C. The salvation that is born of God is God’s to keep and the evidences of it are mine to keep.

IV. WHY SHOULD WE HOLD FAST OUR

PROFESSION?
A. Because it is the power of our testimony.
   1. If we have a good profession, we will have power.
B. Because it is the anchor of our witness.
   1. If our profession is tainted we will be timid in our witnessing.
   2. It is difficult to witness to people who have seen us at our worst.
C. Because it is our most valuable asset.
   1. The fruit of it endures.
   2. The dividends are in heaven.
D. It is our indestructible possession.
   1. No one can destroy it.
   2. We alone have control over it.

WHEAT OR CHAFF?  
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Text: Matthew 3:1-12

I. THE CRY vs.1-3
   A. Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.
   B. Repentance is the way to repair and smooth ones life (to make a turnabout).

II. THE CONDITION v4
   A. The "raiment of camel’s hair" was a coarse, rough outer garment made of the thin hair of the camel.
   B. Nomadic Bedouins still eat locusts.

III. THE CONFESSING vs. 5,6
   A. John’s cry touched the hearts of people.
   B. They realized that something was wrong.
   C. They confessed their sinfulness and were baptized.

IV. THE CHALLENGE vs.7,8
   A. The Jews were divided into three great sects - the Pharisees, the Sadducees, and the Essenes.
   B. Strong language was used because of the hypocrisy of these religious formalists.
   C. John challenged them to show by their actions the reality of their repentance.

V. THE CORRECTION vs.9-12
   A. Correct their thinking. v9
   B. Correct their actions. v10
   C. Correct their expectations. vs. 11,12

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KNOWN BY OUR FRUITS
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Text: Matthew 7:13-20

Intro:
   A. How do we recognize a pear tree? By its fruit.
   B. How does the world recognize a christian? By our fruits.
   C. Jesus said, "By their fruit ye shall know them."
I. How Do We Want to Be Known?
   A. By our brothers and sisters in Christ.
      1. As one who was a disciple in word only.
      2. A disciple in word and deed.
   B. By lost mankind.
      1. The world is watching our lives.
      2. It could make the difference whether someone is saved or lost. II Corinthians 3:2
   C. By our Lord.
      1. Words are not enough. John 14:23
      2. God looks on the heart. He hears what we say, but He also sees what we do. John 14:15

II. What Kind of Fruit Do You Produce?
   A. Jesus said, "by their fruits you shall know them."
   B. If you want to be known as a christian you must live it.
   C. God wants fruit producers. John 15:8
      1. If we won't bring forth fruit we have no usefulness to God on the earth. Matt. 7:19
      2. God leaves us here for a purpose and that is to bring Him honor and glory by fruit bearing.
   D. He doesn't want fruit with bad spots or worms in it.
      1. If we don't keep His words we won't produce good fruit.
      2. God has always wanted our best.
         a. This is seen in the gift God gave for our redemption. John 3:16
         b. This is seen in the Old Testament sacrifices.
      3. "OUR BEST"- "Every work for Jesus will be blest, but He asks from everyone his best. Our talents may be few, these may be small, but unto him is due our best our all."

III. Who Can Produce Good Fruit?
   A. Only a saved person because good fruit must come from a good tree. Matt. 7:17
   B. Those who are lost are corrupt trees and cannot bring forth good fruit.
   C. Those saved and have a desire to be fruit producers.
      1. This desire to serve God must outweigh the desire for pleasures of the world. "Lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God."
      2. Must come because of our love for Jesus. John 14:23
      3. By those who will be doers of God's message and not just a hearer. James 1:22
      4. It is easy to spot the saved with the desire to please God. James 2:18,19

IV. When Should We Begin to Bring Forth Fruit?
   A. From the moment we accept Jesus. John 4:24-29
      1. She began to be a witness to the lost.
      2. We should have a desire for lost mankind to be saved. Rom. 9:1-3
   B. Time is wasting and we need to be busy.
      John 4:34,85
      1. It is easy to say tomorrow I will begin. James 4:13-16
      2. This time is God given time and should not be wasted.
   C. Would you begin now to think of how much fruit you have produced since you were saved?
      1. Talking about it will not do the job.
      2. We must be willing to surrender to God as did Paul on the road to Damascus. "Lord what wilt thou have me to do?"

V. How Are We Known?
   A. By our fruits, we are known.
   B. A good tree is to bring forth good fruit and a corrupt tree corrupt fruit.
   C. Not everyone who claims to be a christian is saved. Matt. 7:21-23

Conclusion:
   A. How do you want to be known?
   B. You will be known by the way you live.

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MY TESTIMONY OF GOD’S CALL TO PREACH

At the age of 19, I felt the call of God in my life. I knew that the call was to preach. I answered the call and before long I was given the chance to preach. I filled pulpits, preached a weekend revival, and even preached a funeral.

Try as I may, I could never feel good about preaching. Every time I got behind the pulpit, I became physically ill. I could not see myself living on rolaids, just so I could be a preacher.

I tried to convince myself that I was not really called to preach. I told myself that God had called me to do something, but it was not to preach. I convinced myself that if I could walk away from the ministry with a clear conscience, then I was right and God did not really call me.

For 12 years I lived with this lie. For a few years I was able to believe it myself. As the years went on, it became more evident to me that I was out of the will of God. During this time I did not walk away from the church. I tried to do anything possible to fill the void that I felt in my life. I taught Sunday School, served on all types of committees and was even ordained as a Deacon. None of these things made me feel that my christian walk was complete. I could remain relatively at ease as long as no one brought up the subject. My wife soon found out that this was one subject that we could not discuss. The mention of preaching brought anger and not discussion. Was I angry at her? Of course not, I was angry at myself. All that she could do was wait and pray.

In April of this year, God led us to Magnolia Baptist Church. In July, my daughter was old enough to go to camp. She was not old enough for daddy to let her go alone. I wanted to stay at home, but reluctantly I went with her. While at camp I began to seriously think about “What if I were still a preacher?” Every sermon preached caused me to wonder “What if that were me?”

When we returned home, I told my wife that I was going to take some courses through TBI. She did not seem surprised. She told me that she had known for over 3 months that I was under deep conviction. I asked her why she didn’t tell me what my problem was. She asked me if I would have listened. She was afraid to bring up the subject.

I talked with my pastor, Roy Hughes. I told him about my clear conscience theory. He said that David had a clear conscience after killing Uriah and stealing his wife. I realized then that I was following a warped conscience and not the leadership of God.

The following Sunday, I publicly rededicated my life to God’s service. I have started the courses with TBI, and I plan to be used anywhere that God will have me. The wife that prayed for me, is willing to follow me anywhere that God sends us. As for the ill feeling, I have preached three times since then and have not taken a rolaid yet.

I hope that someone that is in the same situation that I was in will read this and take it to heart. You do not have to live with a hidden misery. Give your whole life to God, and not just part of it. He will remove the fears that stand in your way. I am still in awe of what lies ahead of me, but I know that He will lead me through.

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A NEW BEGINNING
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Text: Genesis 13:1-4
I. A NEW LIFE
   A. Commanded by Christ. John 3:3
   B. Obtained by faith. Eph. 2:8,9
II. A NEW LOVE
   A. For Christ- Ephesians 6:24
   B. For Christians- I Thessalonians 3:12
   C. For the church- Psalm 84:10
III. A NEW LOYALTY
   A. To a walk- Colossians 2:6
   B. To a warfare- I Timothy 6:12
IV. A NEW LANGUAGE
   A. Pure- Titus 2:8
   B. Polite- I Peter 2:1
   C. Praising- Hebrews 13:15
V. A NEW LABEL
   A. Reflects a character - Christ- Acts 11:26
   B. Reflects an attitude - a concern.
   C. Reflects a goal - the convert.
VI. A NEW LEADERSHIP
   A. Surrender to the Redeemer- Acts 2:36
   B. Surrender to His rulership- John 15:1-5
   C. Surrender to His reasoning.
VII. A NEW LIBERTY
   A. II Corinthians 3:17
   B. Let the Spirit of God reflect through you.
   C. Let the Spirit of God release through you.
   D. Let the Spirit of God reign through you.
   E. He must be first Resident in you.

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PERSISTENCE IN PURSUING THE RIGHT COURSE IN LIFE

Text: Galatians 6:7-10

Introduction:

A. The REVIEW - Participating in the ministry of helping others.

B. The REVELATION - to please the Lord and to enjoy the choicest blessings requires persistence, determination, discipline, and dedication.

1. Reflect on some things that God has shown you.
2. We're not doing this to brag, boast, or impress someone with our great spirituality, but to encourage and give glory to God.

I. THE EXPRESSED IRREVOCABLE LAW. Galatians 6:7

A. The ADMONITION - "Be not deceived..."

1. Don't fool yourself.
2. Don't be unrealistic - don't live in a fantasy world.
3. Don't listen to the lies of the Devil.

B. The DECLARATION - "God is not mocked..."

1. Mock means "to treat with ridicule or scorn - to deride."
2. God has said some things and set some laws in motion and that's the way it's going to be.
3. This means we need to take seriously what God has said and done.

C. The REVELATION - "For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

1. This is God's expressed irrevocable law.
2. Illus. - beans, peas, corn, watermelons, etc.

II. THE ENLIGHTENMENT. Gal. 6:8 "For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption: but he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting."

A. Sowing to the flesh - reap corruption - notice Gal. 5:19-21a.

1. ADULTERY - unfaithfulness in the marriage relationship - corrupts (does damage to your relationship with God-children and others).
2. FORNICATION - sexual activity outside of marriage - corrupts your body and your thinking concerning the dignity and sanctity of others. 1 Corinthians 6:18
3. UNCLEANNESS - unnatural lusts - Notice Rom. 1:24 - corrupts our thinking and will ultimately affect our behavior.
4. LASCIVIOUSNESS - reckless shamelessness in unclean and excessive indulgences - corrupts himself and others.
5. IDOLATRY - the worship of idols.
6. WITCHCRAFT - embraces the use of drugs, magic, sorcery - the employment of black arts in general - depending on something other than the Lord for your directions in life.
7. HATRED - corrupts you physically, mentally, emotionally, psychologically - corrupts your relationships with others.
8. VARIANCE - to be contentious - never wanting to be co-operative - corrupts fellowship and friendships.
9. EMULATIONS - striving to outdo others. Corrupts relationships.
11. STRIFE - Discord.
12. SEDITIONS - rebelling against established authority.
13. HERESIES - false doctrine - corrupts purity.
14. ENVYINGS - destructive to you and others.
15. MURDERS.
16. DRUNKENNESS.
17. REVELLINGS - merrymaking - eat, drink, and be merry philosophy.

B. Sowing in the Spirit - Gal. 5:22,23 - Notice the fruits of the Spirit.

1. These deal with enriching realities.
2. These deal with eternal realities.

III. THE ENCOURAGEMENT Gal. 6:9,10.

A. The PROMISE Gal. 6:9 "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

1. Be persistent in pursuing the right course in life.
2. Don't give up!
3. Notice - "In due season" - deals with the right time period. God knows what He is doing.
4. Notice - "We shall reap if we faint not."

B. The performance Gal. 6:10 "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

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THE MANIFESTATIONS OF THE LORD
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Text: John 14:21

I. THE LORD WILL MANIFEST HIS POWER TO THOSE WHO PRAY. Jeremiah 33:3

II. THE LORD WILL MANIFEST HIS PEACE TO THOSE WHO RELY UPON HIM. Phil. 4:9
III. THE LORD WILL MANIFEST HIS JOY TO THOSE WHO ABIDE IN HIM. John 15:10

IV. THE LORD WILL MANIFEST HIS KNOWLEDGE AND PURPOSE TO THOSE WHO WILL DO HIS WILL. John 7:17; Rom. 12:1, 2

V. THE LORD WILL MANIFEST HIS GLORY TO THOSE WHO ARE TAUGHT BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. I Cor. 2:9, 10

THE VALUE OF TIME IN THE HOUSE OF GOD

Text: Psalm 84:10

Intro:

A. Testimonies Psalm 122:1; 133:1; Eph. 2:4-6.
B. Teachings: The Lord's church is said to be...
   2. His Bride John 3:29; II Cor. 11:2; Rev. 19:7-9.
C. The truth about the purpose of time at the House of God:
   1. It is a time of FELLOWSHIP of minds and hearts. I John 1:3.
   2. It is SOUL FEASTING TIME. I Peter 2:2.
   3. It is RE-FUELING TIME. Jeremiah 20:9.
   4. It is REVIVING TIME. Isaiah 57:15.
   5. It is REJOICING TIME. John 15:11.
D. Timely questions:
   1. How many of you were saved in a church service?
   2. How many of you were saved in this church?

I. CHURCH TIME A TIME OF SACRIFICIAL PRAISE TO GOD.
A. Psalm 95:1, 2, 6-9.
C. Psalm 107:8.
D. Eph. 5:19, 20.
E. Col. 3:16.
F. I Peter 2:9.
G. Hebrews 13:15.

II. CHURCH TIME A TIME OF SEEKING THE LORD AND HIS WILL.
A. II Chron. 7:14.
B. Ezra 8:21.
C. Isaiah 55:8, 7.


III. CHURCH TIME IS TIME FOR SEARCHING FOR ANSWERS.
A. Instructions I Peter 3:15.
B. Relevant questions and answers.

IV. CHURCH TIME IS FOR SEEING THINGS.
A. A timely prayer Psalm 119:18.
   1. I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up...
   2. He saw himself as God saw him. V5 "Woe is me! for I am undone; I am a man of unclean lips..."
   3. He saw the needs of others. V5
   4. He heard the call of the Lord. V8
   5. He volunteered his service. "Here am I; send me." V9
C. A time of projection so others can see!
   2. New Testament day church members were highly complimented in Acts 4:13.

V. CHURCH TIME IS A TIME OF SOUNDING THE TRUMPET!
A. God to prophet Ezekiel. Ezek. 3:17; 33:7.
B. God to Isaiah in 58:1.
C. Paul to the saints in the Corinth church. I Cor. 14:8.
D. Beloved, the Lord's church is living in a world that lieth in darkness, near the midnight hour, when we ought to be crying, 'Behold, the bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him.' Matt. 25.
E. Let us get the impact of Romans 10:13, 14.

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THE CHURCH OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

Text: Matthew 16:13-19

Introduction: The church of our day seems to have lost something. Christ is the head and heartbeat of the church. The preaching of the gospel is our job, but it appears at times we place emphasis on the wrong things. There seems to be so much unrest, unconcern, and unfaithfulness among our leadership.

THERE SEEMS TO BE A LACK OF:

I. CONFIDENCE IN THE LAMB. John 1:29.
   A. Lack of confidence in His power.
C. Lack of confidence in His purpose.

II. CONCERN IN OUR LIVES Matthew 10:38; Acts 20:28.
A. Concern for the cross.
B. Concern for the church.
C. Concern for the christian living.

III. COMMITMENT TO HIS LAW. Psalm 37:5; 119:97-105.
A. Commitment to His way.
B. Commitment to His word.
C. Commitment to His worship.

A. We must warn the sinner.
B. We must weep for the sinner. Psa. 126:1-6.
C. We must win the sinner.

V. CONTENTMENT AMONG OUR LEADERSHIP. I Tim. 3:1-16.
A. Unrest among the leadership.
B. Uncertainty among the leadership.
C. Unfaithfulness among the leadership.
D. Unbelief among the leadership.
E. Unhappy leaders mark our day.

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A NEW YEAR PRAYER

A New Year has just begun,  
O God, let my life be new.  
Help me put, all ungodliness behind me,  
And look at the world, in a Godly view

Help me not, to try to change others,  
But only try, to change me.  
Make my life, be an example,  
For all, of the world to see.

Help my mouth, not to utter,  
Not a critical word to one.  
But give me words, of praise and encouragement,  
And my example, to follow your Son.

Help me show kindness, and laughter,  
A positive attitude, to portray.  
Your love to show, in my life,  
As I live, from day to day.

Give me a zeal, to go forward,  
Praising you, as I go.  
Help me, to forgive others,  
For you are my God, I want them to know.

Please draw our families closer together,  
Pulling together as one.  
Helping, sharing, each others burdens,  
And our hearts, on your Son.

For all that He has given,  
May we be willing to give.  
Our love to Him, and one another,  
And in His will, be willing to live.

For if our families, are giving their all,  
Then our church, will surely grow.  
And we will reach, higher plains,  
As our Saviour's love, we show.

Bless our Pastor, in the New Year,  
Let his spirit, be lifted high.  
Give him grace, and understanding,  
Bringing an attitude, of encouragement nigh.

Help us Lord, that we follow,  
Our Pastor, as he follows you.  
Working together, one with another,  
And that your will, is what we do.

Thank you, for your many blessings,  
For our good health, we praise you.  
Continue wisdom, and understanding,  
Blessing us, in the the New Year through.

Dovie Brown

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