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THE ILLUMINATION OF FAITH

**Text: Hebrews 11:1-6**

**Intro:** Illumination means the state of spiritual or intellectual enlightenment. The idea is to cause to understand and see mentally, intellectually, or spiritually. The Holy Spirit of God teaches us the truth of God. I Corinthians 2:13 He causes us to see the truth. His work in reproving is to cause man to see the truth about sin, judgement, and righteousness. John 16:7-11 This subject deals with the understanding of faith. Faith is vital in the saved person's life. So much depends upon our realizing the truth about faith.

I. **FAITH CLAIMS THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST.**

A. **The character of Jesus**
   1. "...for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarde of them that diligently seek him." V8
   2. Faith looks to Jesus Christ for needs. Faith believes the Lord and believes the Lord's Word.  
   3. In Hebrews 7:26 Jesus is described as holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens."  
   4. John teaches us that Jesus is without sin. I John 3:5 Jesus was and is the sinless Son of God.  
   5. He is referred to as the "...only begotten Son of God." John 1:18 Jesus is the only Son of God of this kind. The saved are referred to as sons of God. I John 3:1,2 Jesus is the only begotten Son of God.

B. **The charity of Jesus**
   1. John 3:16 is the golden text of the Bible. This verse shows us the extent and scope of God's wonderful love.
   2. John teaches us that we love Him because He first loved us. I John 4:19 Jesus loves us with a deep and abiding love.
   3. He loves unconditionally. He loves regardless of who you are or what you possess or your different talents and abilities.
   4. Jesus is a picture of God's love for mankind. He left heaven for us. He lived a perfect life in a human body for us. He lived a separated life in the body for us. He left the body in death for us.
   5. If you want to know how much the Lord loves you, see Him dying on the cross of Calvary. I Peter 2:24

C. **The conduct of Jesus**
   1. Jesus came to fulfill the law, not destroy it. Matthew 5:17 He came to live a perfect life for us that we could not live.
   2. He is our pattern and example in all of life and living. I Peter 2:21 If you want to see a perfect pattern for living, look at Jesus Christ.
   3. Jesus was God manifest in the flesh. Jesus said, "...he that hath seen me hath seen the Father..." John 14:9
   4. Jesus said, "I am my Father are one." John 10:30 Jesus Christ was God manifest in the flesh. Study what John wrote in John 1:14.
5. The words, works, and ways of Jesus manifested Him to be more than a mere man. He was God and man. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life..." John 14:6

D. The calmness of Jesus

1. In Matthew 8:23–27 we have the account of the disciples in a ship with Jesus. A great storm comes upon the sea. The disciples thought they were going to die and ask the Lord to save them.
2. He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea and there was a great calm. The disciples then were afraid of Jesus.
3. Knowing Jesus has the power over the wind and the sea can calm the storm should make us thankful and confident in our Savior.
4. Jesus is our peace. He is the prince of peace. Jesus said, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace..." John 16:33
5. Jesus has the power and ability to calm the storms in your life. He can calm you in the storms of life.

II. FAITH CLAIMS THE POWER OF JESUS CHRIST.

A. The strength of Jesus

1. Knowing who Jesus is and the power that He has should make us look to Him for the strength that we need in daily life.
2. Paul had a thorn in the flesh. He prayed to the Lord 3 times for Him to remove the thorn. This shows us our own feelings as well.
3. We don’t like to face our troubles and problems and we pray that the Lord will remove them. The Lord told Paul, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness..." 2 Corinthians 12:9
4. The psalmist wrote, "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" Psalm 27:1
5. Jesus healed the sick. He raised the dead. He turned water into wine. He calmed the wind and the sea. He multiplied the fish and the bread.

B. The supply of Jesus

Philippians 4:19

1. Paul believed that the needs of the Lord’s people are met by the Lord from His riches in glory. Philippians 4:19
2. The psalmist wrote, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." Psalm 23:1 Since the Lord is our Shepherd, we shall not go lacking.
3. He gave David the victory over the 10 foot Goliath. He gave the multitudes food from the five loaves and 2 fishes. He raised the dead and gave them life.
4. Reading the Bible causes us to see the great and wonderful power of God in daily life and trying situations. Therefore, to fail to read the Bible is to not be reminded of His power.

5. Look back at your life and you will see that the Lord has sustained you. We look ahead and get worried and forget the past blessings of the Lord.

C. The schooling of Jesus

1. The Lord invites those laboring and heavy laden to come to Him for rest. Matthew 11:28
2. Peter wrote, "But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stabish, strengthen, settle you." 1 Peter 5:10
3. Faith sends the child of God to school. The Lord wants to teach us some things. The only way that He can teach us is to step out by faith.
4. Hebrews chapter 11 gives us illustrations of what faith can do and what can be accomplished by faith. A study of the illustrations will help increase our faith.
5. James teaches us the trying of our faith works patience. James 1:3 James wrote, "But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." James 1:4

D. The settling of Jesus

1. Have you ever heard someone say, "Settle down." Usually this is said to someone who is upset and very worried.
2. Jesus wants us to settle down. Our faith can settle us down. Peter wrote that after we suffer, we can be stabushed and settled. 1 Peter 5:10
3. Faith gives us assurance and confidence in the Lord during trying and troubling times.
4. Look beyond the storm to see the Savior who calms the storm. Know that the storm will not last forever.
5. Someone said the favorite verse in the Bible was "And it came to pass." It didn’t come to stay. Most things will pass or at least the way we feel about them will.

III. FAITH CLAIMS THE PROMISES OF JESUS CHRIST.

A. The promise to save

1. Timothy 2:4-6

3. Those who call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Romans 10:13 This is a promise of God to people.

4. All who believe in or on the Lord shall be saved. This is what Paul told the Philippian jailor. Acts 16:31

5. If God had His way, all people would be saved. No one would die lost. God made man a free moral agent. Man chooses to be saved or he chooses to remain lost.

B. The promise to shepherd
1. The Lord is the Shepherd to the saved. David realized this and wrote the 23rd Psalm. The Lord takes care of us like the shepherd takes care of the sheep.

2. Jesus is called the good shepherd. John 10:11 Jesus is called the great Shepherd. Hebrews 13:20 Jesus is called the chief Shepherd. 1 Peter 5:4

3. Jesus shepherds His sheep. He takes care of us. He tends to us. He goes and finds us when we lose our way. He shears us when we need it.

4. Please realize the Shepherd loves the sheep and will not leave us alone. He will always be trying to shepherd us.

5. In all circumstances and in all situations, Jesus is our Shepherd and He will do what a Shepherd does.

C. The promise to share
1. The writer of Hebrews relates a special promise to the saved. "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

2. This promise is a quote from Deuteronomy 31:5-8. Moses reminded the Jews that the Lord would go with His people. Because the Lord would go with them, they were not to be afraid, neither be dismayed.

3. In Psalm 139:7 the psalmist ask, "Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?" He answered it in verses 8-10.

4. Jesus experienced life and death and He can lead and guide us because He has preceded us in both.

D. The promise to sustain Isaiah 26:3
1. Isaiah wrote a precious promise in Isaiah 26:3. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."

2. The psalmist also wrote, "I laid down and slept; I awoke; for the Lord sustained me." Psalm 3:5

3. The Lord is the giver and sustainer of life. We live because He lives.

4. Job realized and knew that the number of man's months was with God and God had appointed man's bounds that he cannot pass. Job 14:5

5. We are here for the purpose of the Lord. He will supply and sustain us to fulfill His purpose for our lives. When our purpose is over, He will call us home to be with Him.

IV. FAITH CLAIMS THE PURPOSE OF JESUS CHRIST.
A. The salvation of the soul
1. Our Lord lived and died to save every person. He isn't willing that any should perish. 11 Peter 3:9

2. Man is given life to bring honor and glory to God through the life that has been given to him.

3. Jesus came into the world to purchased salvation for every person. He did this by dying on Calvary for the sins of the whole world.

4. Study what the apostle Paul wrote in Ephesians 2:10. We were created unto good works that he has ordained that we should walk in them.

5. We are to glorify God in our bodies and spirits which are His. 1 Corinthians 6:19,20 We are not our own, but we belong to Him by creation and redemption.

B. The service of the saved Romans 12:1
1. The saved were saved to serve the Lord. Paul wrote, "And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again." II Corinthians 5:15

2. Paul pleaded with the Romans to present their bodies a living sacrifice unto the Lord which was their reasonable service. Romans 12:1

3. Jesus teaches us to seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness first. Matthew 6:33 If we do this, all the necessary things will be added to us.

4. The Lord has blessed each of us with talents and abilities that can be used in the service of the Lord. 1 Corinthians 3:9

C. The suffering of the sanctified
1. The saved will have their faith in the Lord tired. The trying of our faith works patience in us. James 1:3

2. Jesus sanctifies us through His Word. The word sanctify means to set apart or aside for a purpose.

3. Paul encouraged the Corinthians to come out from among them and be separated. II Corinthians 6:17.

4. If the Lord's people would do the Lord's will, they would consider themselves set apart for the service of the Lord and they would serve Him.

D. The surrender to the Savior James 4:6
1. James instructed those he wrote to, to submit themselves to God. James 4:6

2. God resists the proud. The proud will not submit to God. This refers to the saved also.

3. We are to yield ourselves as instruments of righteousness. Romans 6:13 We are not to allow sin to reign in our bodies or dominate us. Romans 6:12,14

4. We are to yield under the authority and direction of our precious Savior. He knows what is best for us.

V. FAITH CLAIMS THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST.
A. Peace in sickness
1. Paul said, "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body, and be ye thankful." Col. 3:15

2. The word LET means to allow the peace of God to rule in your hearts. We have part in the peace of God ruling in our hearts.
3. During the time of sickness, let the peace of God rule in your hearts. This comes from a conviction that Jesus will look after you and watch over you.

B. Peace in suffering
1. There are times we will go through troubles and trials. This is what Job teaches us. Job 14:1
2. We will suffer for the Lord. As a Christian, we will suffer. We are to endure the suffering. I Peter 3:14,15
3. While or during suffering the Lord can give you His peace and help you bear up in your suffering.
4. Jesus said we would have tribulation in the world, but be of good cheer. He has overcome the world. John 16:33

C. Peace in sorrowing
1. We also will lose our loved ones in death. We are not exempt from the death of loved ones.
2. However, we of all people can be comforted in the death of a loved one who knows the Lord. I Thessalonians 4:18
3. We are not to sorrow as others who have no hope. We have hope in the Lord that we can live with and die with. Hebrews 6:19,20

D. Peace in stress
1. Saved people will feel the stress and strain of daily living. Everyone will experience this stress.
2. Trying to live for Christ will add to the pressure that we feel day by day.
3. We can have peace in our stressful situations. The peace comes from a knowledge of the Lord and His Word. Isaiah 26:3

E. Peace in serving
1. We are to serve the Lord. If you want to please the Lord, it will cause stress in your life.
2. We will feel that we are not doing enough or not doing right in our service to the Master.
3. All you can do is the best you can do. The Lord doesn't intend for you to serve Him like others do. Too many are worried about the service of someone else. Tend to your own business.
4. Jesus said we would have tribulation in the world, but He has left us His peace. John 16:33

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THE KING'S MULE!

Text: I Kings 1:33-38,44

Intro:
A. The first chapter of I Kings reveals King David being stricken in years, and on his death bed. Adonijah, the son of Haggith, plotted to seize the throne for himself, but it was not to be. Solomon would be King. He was brought to Gibon, and Zadok, the priest, took a horn of oil out of the tabernacle and anointed Solomon.

B. In giving instructions to his men, David said to them, "Cause Solomon, my son, to ride upon mine own mule, and bring him down to Gibon."
C. That's how Solomon got to Gibon, he rode the King's mule! Note three things about the King's mule!

I. HIS AVAILABILITY
A. They didn't have to look for him out in the pasture, chase him down, and stall him, for he was already available to carry the newly anointed King. Available to serve the King.

B. So it should be that every servant of the King be available to carry whatever the King wants us to carry.
1. Matthew 10 shows the availability of the 12 disciples. He instructed them NOT to carry some things. Gold, silver, nor brass, nor script, nor two coats. V9,10
2. They were to take the message of the King to the lost sheep of Israel. Matthew 10:6

C. Today, the King wants His church to carry His message to the uttermost part of the world. He has instructed His church to conduct the King's business. Preach, teach, make disciples, baptize, teach to observe all things He has commanded.
1. Those who are members of His New Testament churches are to be available.
2. They should not have to be rounded up Sunday after Sunday. Should make themselves available.
3. They should be available when the Mission program is enacted. Available when the pastor needs raise, help, or anything else.
4. They should be available to tend the sick, to care for one another. Available and Friendly!

II. HIS ABILITY-ATTRIBUTES
A. The King's mule was strong, steadfast, and sure-footed. Because of his strength, steadfastness, and sure-footedness, the King would not be afraid to ride him, trust him.

B. The servants of the Most High are encouraged in His Word to be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. I Cor. 15:58

C. Servants of the Most High are urged to be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. II Timothy 2:1

D. Servants are to be strong doctrinally, so that we be no more children tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness. Ephesians 4:14

E. Servants of the Most High God are sure-footed, because their feet are shod with the preparation of the gospel.

F. Come to think of it, mules can be stubborn sometimes, and come to think of it, God's servants need to be stubborn when it comes to the steadfastness of the Bible.

III. HIS AMBITION
A. The King's mule had no ambition, but to be
available to please the King.

B. The disciples at one time desired their own ambition. Who is the greatest? Matthew 18:1

C. A mother’s ambition for her two sons. Matthew 20:20-28

D. Is it possible that church leaders sometimes are ambitious to gain reputation for self? I certainly think so, DIOTREPHESES is an example. I I John 9

E. Let not any of God’s men, or women, servants, missionaries, church members, and church leaders seek any self ambition, look what I’ve done, but may we all be ambitious in the King’s vineyard, at home, and abroad.

Conclusion:

1. So there you have it, a message on the King’s Mule.

2. May we be like His Mule, available, ability, and Ambition!

3. I think of another time when the King rode a colt into Jerusalem, or He made His triumphal entry. Luke 19

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WHAT JESUS MEANS TO OTHERS

TO THE:

ARTIST...He is one altogether lovely

ARCHITECT...He is the chief cornerstone

BAKER...He is the living bread

BANKER...He is the hidden treasure

BIOLOGIST...He is the life

BUILDER...He is the sure foundation

DOCTOR...He is the great physician

EDUCATOR...He is the master teacher

FARMER...He is the sower and Lord of the harvest

FLORIST...He is the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley

GEOLOGIST...He is the rock of ages

JUDGE...He is the righteous judge of all nations

JUROR...He is faithful and true witness

JEWELER...He is the pearl of great price

LAWYER...He is the counselor and lawgiver

REPORTER...He is the good news

PHILOSOPHER...He is the wisdom of God

PREADHER...He is the word of God

SCULPTOR...He is the living stone

MASTER...He is the good master

STATESMAN...He is the Lord of all nations

STUDENT...He is the living truth

THEOLOGIAN...He is the author and finisher of our faith

KING...He is the King of Kings

PRINCE...He is the Prince of Peace

CHRISTIAN...He is Savior, Redeemer, and Lord

SINNER...He is the Lamb of God that taketh away sin

SHEPHERD...He is the good shepherd

SLAVE...He is the Kinsman Redeemer

SAILOR...He is one who calms the sea

SOLDIER...He is the captain of the Lord’s host

WEARY...He is the rock that is higher than I

TRAVELER...He is the way

NAVIGATOR...He is the master of the sea

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SERIES: THE SIGNIFICANCE OF WORDS! #4 IMPUTATION!

Text: Romans 4:20-25

Introduction:

A. The SUMMARY

1. Through words we gain knowledge - develop - minister - communicate.

2. God’s Word is LIGHT - FOOD - TOOL - WEAPON.

3. The significance of Words and spiritual illumination and perception.

4. Justification

a. MEANING

b. METHOD

c. MARKS

5. Regeneration

a. TERM

b. TRUTH

c. TREASURE

B. The SUBJECT - Imputation

I. THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM

A. IMPUTATION

1. Means to attribute to.

2. Means to reckon over to one.

3. Means to set down to one’s account.

B. ILLUSTRATED

1. Philmon 17, 18

2. Give the setting or scope of this experience.

II. THE DETAILS CONCERNING THIS TRUTH

A. Adam’s sin imputed to the human race.

1. Romans 5:12-21

2. Spiritual death

3. Sinful nature

   a. We sin because we are sinners

   b. Our indebtedness must be taken into account

B. Sins of human race imputed to Christ.

1. II Corinthians 5:21

2. I Peter 2:24, 25

3. Isaiah 53:4-8

4. Illustrate the annual day of atonement and the two goats.

   a. Sacrificial goat

   b. Scape goat

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C. Righteousness of Christ imputed to believers.
   1. Romans 3:21,22
   2. Isaiah 61:10

III. THE DEFINITE NEED TO TRUST! (Decision)
   A. ACCEPT what the Lord has said.
   B. ACTIVATE the right procedure.
   C. ACQUIRE the needed results.

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HANDLING THE GRIEF OF MINISTRY
   Text: John 12:27,28

Introduction: Everything may look good on the outside. You may stay in the "work" of the ministry. Notwithstanding this, there is within "the minister's troubled soul."
A. Several things may contribute to the "overwhelming" of the emotions.
   1. Pressures of your ministry.
   2. Misunderstanding of your ministry.
   3. Loneliness of your ministry.
B. The "grief" of ministry is not something more study, more knowledge, etc., can ease.
   1. You can sacrifice for your ministry and still be "troubled, V24
   2. You can know there is reward for your ministry and still be "troubled." V25,26
   3. You can know your ministry is in the Father's will and still be "troubled." V27 The "grief" of ministry must be handled, it cannot be avoided.
C. Our Lord talks us through the "troubled soul" of ministry as He looks at Himself and walks us through the way to "get a grip" in handling the grief of ministry.

I. BE ACCESSIBLE IN GRIEF.
   A. The Lord shared His emotions before they overwhelmed Him. V27
      1. He always privately endured physical pain, but not always emotional pain.
      2. It is imperative for us to share our "grief." We do no more damage to ourselves if we deny or suppress our "grief."
      3. Here, our Lord opened up to all who heard Him.
      4. We must learn to "trust" that we might "confess" our "grief" lest it consumes us.
   B. The Lord confessed His thoughts before they defeated Him. V27
      1. He does not say "what shall I say? Father save me from this hour..." as a prayer, but to reflect the thinking of possibilities which enter our minds in the midst of "grief."
      2. Do you ever consider "running away?" Do you ever seriously consider walking away from the ministry? Do you ever covet something or someone for an "escape" from the "grief" of the ministry?
      3. Find someone to "open up" lest those thoughts defeat your ability to minister for Jesus' sake.

II. BE STEADFAST THROUGH GRIEF.
   A. The Lord kept moving in His ministry. V27
      1. He has come to the "hour" though, according to the Greek language, the "grief" had come upon Him at an earlier time and still remained with Him.
      2. He did not let the amount of grief, its time upon Him to dissuade Him.
      3. It is never our "grief" in itself that defeats us, but the stagnation that "grief" can cause.
   B. The Lord kept focus in His ministry. V27
      1. He focused on the "cause" not His feelings, His ease, etc., but the "cause."
      2. Our "feelings" do not keep us focused, our "ease" does not fine tune our focus, our expectations do not hold our focus - it is the "cause" which defines our vision as we live and walk with hearts in "grief", feelings tore asunder and yet keep on ministering for Jesus' sake.

III. BE EMPOWERED BEYOND GRIEF.
   A. The Lord let the Father's purpose strengthen Him. V28
      1. Notice how the "cause" motivated and moved Christ despite the "grief" - the "cause" governs and constrains everything He feels, confesses, considers and conducts.
      2. "Father, glorify thy name" means "show your character" - The most important passion of His soul.
      3. The power to handle our "grief" is found in the depths of commitment to this purpose.
   B. The Lord let the Father's affirmation strengthen Him. V28
      1. Notice the missing tense - there is past tense and future tense, but absent is the present tense - Christ must trust for the future glorying.
      2. Sometimes the "grief" of ministry weakens our resolve because we sense little or no affirmation.
      3. No matter the grip of our "grief", the Lord will bring glory to Himself through our ministry again if we keep moving for His great "cause."

Conclusion: As Christ "handles" the "grief" of His ministry. He finds resolve and renewal to face the challenges ahead - notice Vs29-32.
   A. "Ours is the greatest work upon earth."
   B. Let us handle our "grief" of ministry for Jesus' sake.

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A FINE TUNED LIFE
   Text: I Corinthians 9:27

Intro: A few years ago there was an auto repair chain in Houston that advertised that they tuned an engine so fine
that a coin could be stood on its edge on a running engine. We all know how important fine tuned instruments are. If a motor is out of tune it will sputter, groan, grumble, choke, backfire and eventually stop altogether. Sour notes on a musical instrument will destroy the quality of the sound and make it of no value. The same is true of a Christian life that is out of tune.

In our text, Paul was concerned with the possibility of becoming of no value, therefore, he sought to keep his body under subjection (or finely tuned).

I. CONSIDER PARTS OF OUR LIVES THAT NEED TO BE FINE TUNED.

A. The heart Jeremiah 17:9,10; Proverbs 4:23; Matthew 12:34,35

1. The heart is a vital part of our life and if it is out of tune it will create all kinds of problems.
   a. Out of it proceeds evil thoughts. Matt. 15:19
   b. Evil thoughts result in evil actions.

2. When our heart is in tune we can sing and give praise. Psalm 57:7 "My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise."

B. The mind

1. A mind filled with pollution is like an engine with bad gas or an instrument with bad strings.
2. Paul tells us how to keep our minds in tune. Philippians 2:5; 4:8

C. The tongue

1. Such a little member but such a great problem. James 3:5,6
2. For a smooth running life, let us fine tune our tongues. 1 Peter 3:10
3. Proverbs 15:4 states, "A wholesome tongue is a tree of life."

D. The vision

1. Vision is important for a smooth running life.
2. We must keep our vision tuned upon the plan and purpose of God for "Where there is no vision people perish." Proverbs 29:18

E. Every part works together to make a whole. Our lives cannot be finely tuned until each part is.

II. CONSIDER THE IMPORTANCE OF A FINE TUNED LIFE.

A. Your life will run more smoothly.

1. Not so much sputtering backfiring, groaning, grumbling and choking.
2. When our lives are clogged with sins, they don't operate very smoothly.

B. You will be better able to negotiate the hills and valleys of life.

1. In this life there are ups and downs for all.
2. How we handle them depends largely upon how in tune our lives are with the Lord.

C. You will enjoy the admiration of others who are looking for a good example.

1. No one admires a life that is producing pollution unless they are polluters also.
2. Finely tuned lives are a benefit to society. They are not a drain on society.

D. You will avoid the junk yard of life.

1. Life loses its value and purpose.
2. Paul did not want to become a castaway.

III. CONSIDER HOW TO GET AND HOW TO KEEP IT TUNED.

A. First, stop and allow the Master Tuner to fix your life.

1. By making a soft heart out of a stone one. Ezekiel 11:19
2. By giving you a sound mind. II Timothy 1:7
3. By helping to put a bridle upon your tongue. James 1:26
4. By giving vision to the blindness. Psalm 146:8
5. He can take your old life and make it brand new. II Corinthians 5:17

B. To keep it tuned:

1. Study the Master Tuners manual.
2. Let it be your guide.
3. Rely heavily upon prayer.

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WITNESSING OF AND FOR THE LORD

Text: II Corinthians 5:20; Acts 1:8

I. WITNESS OF AND FOR THE LORD PRIVATELY.

A. Private prayer Matthew 6:5-11
B. Private pardon Matthew 6:13-15
C. Private praise Ephesians 5:19,20
D. Private practicing Philippians 2:5

II. WITNESS OF AND FOR THE LORD PERSONALLY.

A. The pastor II Timothy 4:1,2
B. The people
C. The personal Romans 12:1

III. WITNESS OF AND FOR THE LORD PUBLICLY.

A. With words of life Ephesians 4:25-29
B. With words of light I Thessalonians 5:5
C. With ways of love Galatians 5:22,23
D. With worship of Lord John 4:24

IV. WITNESS OF AND FOR THE LORD AS A PATTERN.

A. As a member of the human family Ephesians 5:22-6:4
B. As a member of the holy family Matthew 16:16-18; Ephesians 3:21
C. As a member of the heavenly family

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SOAR WITH THE WINGS OF AN EAGLE

"But those who hope on the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not grow faint." Isaiah 40:31

Do you want to soar majestically through the brisk winds of life like an eagle? Do you want to fly in the altitudes above the clouds of trouble? If life has told you to play the script of an ordinary bird that is too scared to fly above the trees.
would you like to know a way you can have your script rewritten to that of an eagle?
You may say, "There is no way we can change. What you are is what you are." However, it has been estimated that if we were to write down everything we know (people, places, things, events, phone numbers, addresses, ideas, memories, dreams, etc.) we would write 24 hours a day for 2,000 years! Obviously, our mind is easily comparable to any computer at NASA. Given that our bodies are infinitely more complex than any spaceship, we can even conclude that the content of our minds supersedes any computer at NASA.

So why do we behave like an ordinary home computer? Because we are not what we are...we are what we think we are! Or, as Jesus said, "As a man thinks, so is he." That is, if you are a NASA computer, but believe that you are a personal computer, you will play the role of a personal computer. It is time we have our scripts rewritten. Would you like to know how?

One of the best ways to rewrite your script is to have a goal in life. Why? Because it is not reaching the goal that is exciting, it is what you become in reaching that goal that is exciting. It is not being on top of Mount Everest, but the way you have been transformed in reaching Mount Everest that is thrilling. Furthermore, it has been proven that the common factor among people who live long and happy lives is having a noble goal higher than oneself, a purpose in life if you will. Going after a noble goal higher than yourself is one of the best ways to transform the script in your mind.

Would you like to know how to find that "noble goal higher than yourself?" Then depend on someone higher than yourself whom you know for a fact is noble. Depend on the One so noble that He designed the human body so that when babies are born, they would have immediate food in their mother's breasts. And God does not change. The love that He has for you now is the same love He had for you when you were a baby.

So what are you waiting for? Ask Him in prayer what noble purpose in life He has for you. There are six billion people in the world and six billion divinely and individually designed purposes, one for each person. Unfortunately very few ask Him for their purpose in life. Don't be like the masses, be different and ask Him what His will is for your life. In fulfilling it, your script will be renewed, and you will have the wings of an eagle!

"The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your love, O LORD, endures forever--do not abandon the works of your hands." Psalm 138:8

God's will is good and perfect. Romans 12:2
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