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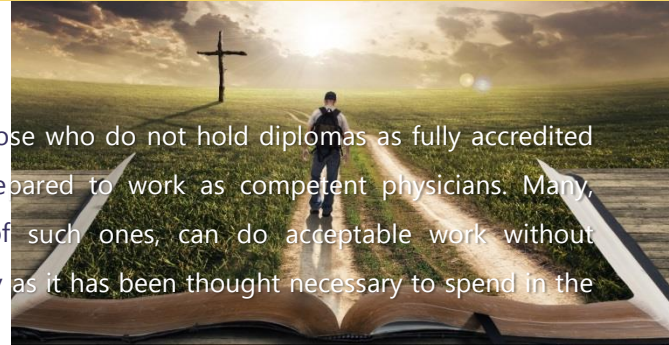
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"Much good can be done by those who do not hold diplomas as fully accredited physicians. Some are to be prepared to work as competent physicians. Many, working under the direction of such ones, can do acceptable work without spending so long a time in study as it has been thought necessary to spend in the past.



"Many will go out to labor for the Master who have not been able to take a regular course of study in school. God will help these workers. They will obtain knowledge from the higher school and will be fitted to take their position in the rank and file of workers as nurses. The great Medical Missionary sees every effort that is made to find access to souls by presenting the principles of health reform.

"Decided changes are taking place in our world. The Lord has declared that He will turn and overturn. Humble men, who hitherto have been in obscurity, must now be given opportunity to become workers.

"To those who go out to do medical missionary work, I would say, Serve the Lord Jesus Christ with sanctified understanding, in connection with the ministers of the gospel and the Great Teacher. He who has given you your commission will give you skill and understanding as you consecrate yourselves to His service, engaging diligently in labor and study, doing your best to bring relief to the sick and suffering.

"To those who are tired of a life of sinfulness, but who know not where to turn to obtain relief, present the compassionate Saviour, full of love and tenderness, longing to receive those who come to Him with broken hearts and contrite spirits. Take them by the hand, lift them up, speak to them words of hope and courage. Help them to grasp the hand of Him who has said, "Let him take hold of My strength, that he may make peace with Me; and he shall make peace with Me." Isaiah 27:5.

"Behold," Christ declares, "I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be." God calls upon us to voice the words, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." God will do much more for His people if they will have faith in Him." {CH 539.4}

Personal Thoughts

"He humbled himself, and took mortality upon him. As a member of the human family, he was mortal." {Review & Herald, September 4, 1900}

"As the High Priest laid aside his gorgeous, pontifical robes, and officiated in the white linen dress of a common priest, so Christ emptied himself, and took the form of a servant, and offered the sacrifice, himself the priest himself the victim." {RH September 7, 1897, par. 12 }.

"All things Christ received from God, but He took to give. So in the heavenly courts, in His ministry for all created beings: through the beloved Son, the Father's life flows out to all; through the Son it returns, in praise and joyous service, a tide of love, to the great Source of all." {DA 21.2}

"because as he is, so are we in this world." 1 John 4:17



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Many false prophets have gone out into the world preaching Christ possessed immortality on earth. This doctrine justifies Him dying a partial death where only His humanity died. If that were the case then only the inferior part of Christ was offered up; and you or I could have sacrificed for all of humanity.

However, for Christ to die our death (which He took from us), live our life (which we take from Him) and bring us to God, it was imperative He sacrifice immortality and become mortal just like us. He laid aside His life in heaven and took the form of a servant. Emptying Himself allowed Him to (1) meet man right where he is at, to die the death of a sinner (2) give man a second chance at life (Gal. 2:20) (3) to perfect his death, life and make him acceptable to God [because He was still God as a man].

The life we get when we are in Christ is the life of the Father (John 5:26) which was wrought in His flesh through obedience to His Word. Christ, by faith, took all to give and that includes eternal life because eternal life is the Father. Christ risked all when He became mortal. He risked His Father.

Christ made His soul an offering for sin (Isaiah 53:10) and the soul that sins it shall die (Ezekiel 18:4). Our sins were put upon Him and He was counted as a transgressor (Isaiah 53:12), but Christ did no sin (1 Peter 2:2). All that was in Him belonged to the Father (John 14:30). Therefore, God raised Him up (1 Cor. 15:15). God honors His own: the soul had His life in Him and by law Christ was the property of God [not Satan].

Christ is God and man. God manifest in the flesh makes Christ a new creature, one in which we can partake of, but only in Him. Taking this life upon Himself bars Him from ever having the same life He had in heaven.

God manifest in our flesh makes us the same new creature: a divine human. If we will lay aside all that we have, take the way of escape, we has a chance at becoming a new creature where old things are passed away and all things made new (2 Cor. 5:17). In faith a body is prepared for us. We may not know what we will be, but we know what we will be like (1 John 3:2); because living Christ's life will make us like Him.

Recently discussing the mortality of Christ with a fellow believer I found my heart softening and struggled to communicate. The impression was nothing short of witnessing God's love for me and my friend's soul. It was God's light showering us. His love was with us.

I thought not to show the impression it made upon my heart to my friend. I did not think she would understand, but then the thought came that I ought to let the light shine for my Father. After all I want to see Jesus who is that light... The moment faded too quickly.

I think of the time Christ cried "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not!" Luke 13:34. Christ's soul was drawn out in sorrow and pain for Israel. He was touched in the innermost parts while men stood unaware of the souls around them. He wanted to be their shelter, give them food and drink even as a mother hen to her chicks... His great love, His self-sacrificing love. What more could He do?

Knowing the sacrifice which God and His Son undertook for us teaches of God's great love. It also shows us how we are to be "in this world." God gave all that He might gain us. We must give all to gain God, our Peace and Joy.



Recipes

Fruit Smoothie

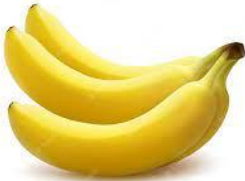
1 avocado
4 apples
1 Tablespoon of honey



Blend all ingredients

Banana Pudding

6 bananas
1 ½ C. raisins
1 T. raw honey
½ C. apple juice
¼ t. nutmeg



Blend all ingredients

Zucchini Sauce

1 small zucchini squash
1 celery stalk
4 sprigs of parsley
¼ C. coconut oil
1 T tamari or coconut aminos
4-5 T water



Chop and blend all ingredients, add water as needed for sauce consistency. Makes 1½ - 2 cups of dressing.

Comfrey Dressing

1 ½ C. comfrey leaves, torn
½ C. coconut oil
1 lemon, juiced
1 T almond seed meal
1 T kelp (optional)

Blend all ingredients. Makes one cup.

Cashew Milk

1/3 C. cashew, soaked
1 C. water
¼ C. chopped dates
¼ t dulse
1-2 drops vanilla extract



Blend all ingredients until smooth. For a thinner milk strain pulp. (Panty hose works great for straining if nothing else is available.)

Tomato Sauce

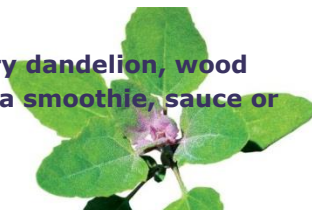
Blend some tomatoes with fresh basil and parsley and ½ avocado



"The eating has to do with the life. Scanty, impoverished, ill-cooked food is constantly depraving the blood by weakening the blood-making organs. It is highly essential that the art of cookery be considered one of the most important branches of education." {1T 682.1}



Remember herbs are a great service to us. Try dandelion, wood sorrel, comfrey, clover and lambsquarters in a smoothie, sauce or main dish.



“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me.” I saw that many have so much rubbish piled up at the door of their heart that they cannot get the door open. Some have difficulties between themselves and their brethren to remove. Others have evil tempers, selfish covetousness, to remove before they can open the door. Others have rolled the world before the door of their heart, which bars the door. All this rubbish must be taken away, and then they can open the door and welcome the Saviour in.” {1T 143.2}

Door to Door Evangelism

Here are a few tips for sharing the gospel within your community. You can read the whole article at:

<https://withallwisdom.org/2021/05/14/a-practical-guide-for-door-to-door-evangelism/>

Preparation

1. First, it is helpful to know the specific number of people who will attend. Knowing how many people are committed to each outing will help you determine how many houses that you can reach in an allotted time period. It also ensures that believers can be sent out in pairs or small groups.
2. Second, it is important to have a definite location and plan.
3. Third, it is important to have informational handouts with details about your church.
4. Finally, it is important to engage in prayer before heading out.

Interaction

...There is no formula for success. Some people will thank you. Others will ask questions. Some may chase you off their property. In everything, you need wisdom from God to navigate each encounter (Prov. 2:1-8)...

Approaching the House

When you approach the house, there are a few general ground rules to follow. Respect their property. Don't touch their cars. Stay off their grass. Use the designated path to get to their front door. Knock appropriately. Give them a generous period to respond without knocking again. Keep your eyes on the door. If windows allow you to see into the house, don't look inside and stare at them. Don't wave and motion them to the door.

1. Introduction: Begin by introducing yourself. "Good morning! My name is Austin." The person starting the encounter should also introduce the others who are there...
2. Orientation: After you give your name, the best way to communicate that your presence is relevant to their life is by explaining your connection to their community. "Good morning! My name is Austin, and this is Derek. We are members of the local church on Miller and Creekside." Giving the location of the church (or your house, if you start there) helps orient them in the conversation. This shows them you are not a distant group seeking money, but a nearby group seeking them!



My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly. He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints. Proverbs 2:1-8

3. Question: In all my experience, this is the most important step. I typically continue by saying, "We are going through the neighborhood asking people an important question, and that is, 'If I were to ask you what the gospel is, what would you say?'" A couple of things happen here. First, you skip over the request for their time. When faced with this situation, almost everyone will decline to speak with you if given an option, such as, "Do you mind if I ask you a question?"...
4. The Gospel: It is at this point that I will provide a very short presentation of the gospel, typically from 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, namely, "The gospel is that Jesus died for sin according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, and that He rose again according to the Scriptures."...
5. The Conversation: At this point, this conversation can go many directions. You can ask them if they have heard that message before. You can ask if they have any questions. You can ask if they have a religious background. At this point, those engaged in the outreach are dependent upon the Spirit of God and their personal knowledge of the Bible to shape the conversation.

Afterwards

A few more important things could be said here. It is good to take notes while you are out so that you are aware of areas you have already covered and the responses you received at each house so that any necessary follow-up can occur. Without a system of tracking where you've been, you might miss someone who is in need of the gospel. Another important aspect is to do a whole team debrief when you are back at home base. Hearing stories of how others shared the eternal truths of the gospel are encouraging to the soul, build momentum within the team, and provide opportunity for further prayer on behalf of those who heard the good news of Christ.

Troubleshooting

People who are busy — It is important to remember that as visitors, our presence is unexpected. As a result, most people will be involved in some activity when you arrive. For example, in my last outing we encountered a man who was exercising with his whole family, a woman who was trying to corral her child, and someone who chose not to answer the door. When someone lets you know that they are busy, this is when you are ready to hand them the information card so that they at least have the option to hear the message at a later time.

People who are believers — It is exciting when you encounter someone who professes to be a believer. While love hopes the best of people, and you want to give them the benefit of the doubt, it is still good to ask them if they would be willing to articulate the gospel. When they are able to articulate the gospel correctly, I typically follow up by asking where they are going to church. When they are not able to articulate the gospel correctly, it is a possible opening for the true gospel message to be heard. In the end, you don't want to assume that because someone professes to be saved that it's time to leave their house and move on. The eternal riches of Christ are valuable enough for us to be extra diligent and ask some follow up questions.

People who like to argue — In the course of your outing, you may come across someone that is all the more willing to talk to you. Yet in some of these cases, this specific person has no interest in what you have to say and instead desires to show you why you are wrong. It is to be expected that we will encounter different world views in the field. When that happens, try to judge if someone is genuinely interested in the differences between biblical Christianity and what they ascribe to. If you discern they are not interested, it is time to look for the earliest way out so that they don't monopolize all your time with no intention of changing.

People who are angry — It is always possible that you will meet someone who is angry that you are there. We've had doors slammed in our face. We've had people say unkind things. We've had people tell us to get off their property. Be aware that you might have this type of interaction, and follow the example of the Savior. Refuse to revile in return, and be respectful as you make your exit.

Debriefing with your team — It is natural to want to discuss the most recent interaction with your team, whether good or bad. My recommendation is to wait until you reach the next house and are out of distance of hearing before recapping what just occurred. It does not help your witness if, when immediately turned down, you turn around and proclaim to your friend, "Well that was a waste of time!" You will have a chance to discuss, so take the extra step of being well enough removed from the situation before engaging in it. This is also a great time to pray over the interaction before moving on to the next.



Weekly Events on zoom

Friday Morning Gospel - 11:30 AM
Eastern Time

CHRIST'S DEATH
CHRIST'S RESURRECTION
OUR DEATH
OUR RESURRECTION

Thursday Night Prayer - 7:00 PM

PRAYER READING
DISCUSSION
PRAYER

Monday Morning Health/Medical Missionary - 11:00 AM

HEALTH AND HEALING
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