



Encourage one another daily, as long as it is called
"Today." So that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

October 2017 Ministry Letter



We are to have the mind of Christ in everything. A mind that looks at a situation and seeks to find in the Word what would Jesus do. Simple, you would think.

For some reason when it comes to religion that is not always what happens. Common sense (*Common sense is a basic ability to perceive, understand, and judge things that is shared by ("common to") nearly all people and can reasonably be expected of nearly all people without need for debate.*) goes out the door when people read the Bible and put what they have read into practice. They read but don't understand, don't study to find out or just accept what the preacher of denomination tells them what it says. It's time we read the Bible using some sense.

Psalm 119:130 New Living Translation. The teaching of your word gives light, so even the simple can understand.

Remember the average person, when Jesus walked on the earth, had no education and could not read or write, the message had to be relevant and simple. Jesus preached in terms they could understand, He used farming, fishing, and common things.

So why is it so hard for us to understand the Bible? Because we look at the truths of scripture through colored glasses. We are told this is what a certain scripture means and we take and eat it all up without understanding or studying it for ourselves. I trust our Pastor, yes but he is just a man and men make mistakes, as our Pastor himself has said many times. Another excuse is, I don't have time to study the Bible. We all make excuses, when you bump into someone as your walking through the mall you say

"excuse me" why because you have made a mistake and mistakes may have disrupted someone's life, maybe you have jarred them so they spilled something, so we say "excuse me". What are we actually saying? Make an excuse for me, I was clumsy, not watching, I did something wrong. It is the same thing we are doing when we tell God "excuse me." Here is an excuse for me not... I have an excuse for not taking time for the Word. "Excuse me" What I am trying to say is, I have done something wrong. It's not necessarily what problems it will cause someone else but what problems is it causing you.

Let me give you an extreme example: **Mark 16:18 they[af] will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."**

That is not simple but it is part of the Great Commission. Jesus' last Word before He was taken up to Heaven. Last words are always the most important, so why is this not simple or understandable? Because men translate the scriptures and men make mistakes, but when you study "taking up serpents" in the Greek ὄφεις (opheis) it means that you will take up a venomous, malicious person, a brood of vipers. It is always talking about people, not snakes. The common person would have known this and not taken it so out of context as to make up some religious doctrine or just pass it by giving it no consideration at all. Jesus is saying, in His last Words, you will have ugly people around you that you will have to deal with but don't worry what they say and do it will not hurt you. If Jesus said that it must mean what He said, don't let the brood of vipers bother you, the poison that comes out of their mouth will not hurt you.

Sometimes we need to look at scripture fresh and new without outside influence. If what it says doesn't make common sense we should take a fresh look and really see what it is saying in the simple terms. The Bible is not hard to understand it's just sometimes we need to take

A Second Look!



Let me give you our apology for not getting out our newsletter on time this past two months. No, we have not forgotten you or our desire to get the Word out in every area

we can. And no we have not forgotten our partners, you are all very much in our mind and hearts. Having said that you will be happy to hear that we have been so busy on the road ministering and haven't had an opportunity to sit down and write.

Just a short note on my health. It is fantastic, balance is so much better, not perfect yet, but it will be soon. I am doing all the things I use to just in shorter intervals. Walking longer and longer, in fact, I walked an entire home improvement store with only a basket and not the electric cart (Walmart is still the exceptions) LOL.

Wow! We finally finished closing the Christian Gift store in Broken Arrow. Sale after sale, Patti was participating in two different yard sales at either end of town while I manned the store. We were in much prayer that all would sell quickly. We spent two weeks packing, sorting, giving away and cleaning just to get ready

to move what we could into storage and get rid of the rest. Well God had a miracle in mind! A young man came into the store and looked around and I let him shop before approaching him, when I did, I asked if I could help him? He asked me how much I wanted for everything? Shocked, I guess I shouldn't have been after all we prayed, I said I had to call my wife. He was gracious enough and said that would be fine. You see Patti and I do nothing apart and after all the Christian Gift store was her baby. I called Patti and said you need to get over here right away and then the phone went dead. She thought something was wrong with me and dropped everything and drove over to me. When she opened the door she found me and the young man sitting and having a good time talking about the miracles the Lord was doing. What's the matter? Nothing everything is great in fact this young man wants to know how much you want for everything in the store, fixtures, product, lamps, signs, everything. You could see the relief on her face, everything was fine and so much better. Usually, I dicker the price, I whispered in Patti's ear a very low price. She said let me pray and she did, then she gave the young man a price three time more than I had suggested to her. The man countered and Patti negotiated and came to a deal. Two and a half times more than I suggested, I am going to keep my mouth shut from now on. LOL. That night and the next day he had picked up everything, it was such a relief. We still had so many things to do but because of God's miracle, it took so much off our backs. Glory be to our great God!

Patti's Women's Conference in Branson went very well and God was glorified and we had many great reports, in fact, it opened up more doors to minister and an open door for another conference in Branson. It is so exciting to serve our Great God and so much fun. October has been filled with ministering and learning, a super great month!

God Bless!

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Our attitude can be a Key to our victory or our defeat in our daily situations. So for those who have not been able to join me in the conferences yet, although I do hope you will someday soon, I believe sharing an attitude in a character in the Bible would be a help and encouragement, deliverance, and healing by the Holy Ghost! I've seen many touched and blessed, restored, healed and delivered in the presence of God and I am trusting as I share these characters and attitudes the same will happen! There is no distance in the Word and our Lord.

#5 Attitude for October is Wounded. Wounded - injury, hurt or pain to the feelings. The Rich Young Man. Mark 10:17-22 - His possession's were more important to him than Jesus.

Mark 10:17-22. Vs. 17 As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 18 "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. 19 You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.'[af] 20 "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy." 21 Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." 22 At this, the man's face fell. He went away sad because he had great wealth.

He was wounded, why, because he was so attached and obligated to his possessions. He didn't take time for Jesus. His treasures on earth had more

power over him then Jesus had in his life.

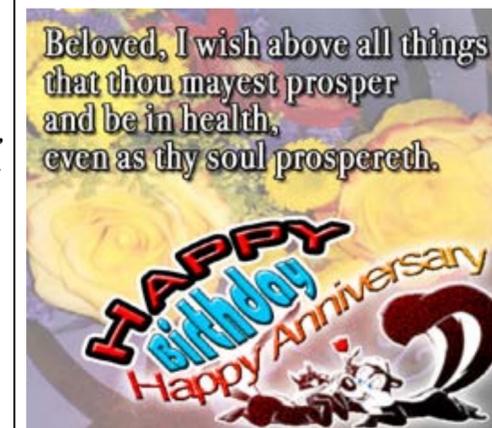
Priorities - Acknowledge every day in everything put the Lord First.

Proverbs 3:6 King James Version (KJV) In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.



We want to thank each and every one of you for traveling with us on our Happy Trails Thank you for your love, support, encouragement, fellowship, gifts, and prayers! We pray the Lord will prosper you above, and beyond anything you can desire or imagine. Please remember you are very special to us, you are in our prayers everyday. On our web site we have a place for prayer requests and praise reports.

GOD BLESS YOU! WE LOVE YOU, Reagan and Patti



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The Beauty of Fall

Greetings In Love Family and Friends

I love the season of fall, the brisk mornings, the beautiful fall colors!

Here in Missouri the wild turkeys, red fox, squirrels, chipmunks and beautiful deer at our front door!

This October has been a little different though. It's been a little warmer than usual but the beauty is still there!



This morning I watched a MaMa dear and her baby with pretty whitetails. The clouds were low so it was a little hard to see through the many trees. I was walking our sir (dog), he loves his walks, anyhow the MaMa dear with baby close behind spotted a twirly hanging on someones RV awning and she wanted to get on the other side of the RV park. She came out from among the trees and was headed for the other side of the trees but the twirly thing hanging on the RV awning made her very cautious. She stopped in the middle of the street and looked but also listened. Sir (our dog) and I were about a car length from them. She turned and looked at us to see if we were going to cause her trouble, she

must have stood looking and listening to the twirly hanging, seeing what it was doing. She stayed cautious for probably 10 minutes or so. I was wondering what the Lord was teaching me. There is never a day or a walk that goes by that Jesus doesn't show me something special and teaches me a lesson.

His lesson today with the deer was, she was discerning what was around her and her baby. Philippians 1:9 speaks of discernment. Discernment means, to behold (look), detect, determine, discover, distinguish, figure out, focus, and foresee. That sweet little MaMa and baby did just that, as she curiously moved across the street she kept looking back at her baby and at the twirly hanging, as she made her way

around it then gently scampered back into the trees! Discernment, a very important blessing the Lord has given. A gift to use in life while other sounds, voices, noise, and surroundings encircle us, believers. Don't just run at or jump into a situation but discern

what is around you, what's speaking and hear the voice of God for directions. Just a lesson of love.

Philippians 1:9-10 New International Version (NIV)

9 And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, 10 so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.

God Bless, Enjoy the Fall Season.



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