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Christmas Update!

It has been an exciting four months since the official full time start of this Ministry and the Lord continues to bless and direct us. Thank you so much for all your prayers.

During this wonder-filled time of the year as we focus on the awesomeness of God, that He would deem mankind worthy enough that He would bankrupt heaven by Jesus Christ coming in the form of a baby, born of a virgin in order to redeem all people. To be that perfect sacrifice, that if we repent, turn from our sins and receive Christ as our Saviour and put our faith in Him, we will spend eternity with Him! Can you think of anything else that might remotely come close to this?

The focus of this ministry, as we disciple, teach and train people, is to bring believers closer to Christ. To understand the splendor of their salvation so that people can experience true joy in Christ.

The newest addition to our training is a one day crash course in evangelism. This is a powerful teaching that will allow people who might be somewhat timid in sharing their faith, to confront their fear of man, and boldly share the Good News of Jesus Christ to this world that needs to hear the message.

We look forward to serving both God and you in the coming new year.

God Bless you all !



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WISE MEN STILL SEEK HIM!

Not so true any more in this day and age. As I walk the streets of Picton, Trenton and Belleville sharing my faith and handing out gospel tracts with the lost I am amazed how many people do not have ANY understanding of Christ or Christianity. People get their

ideas of what the Bible says by how Hollywood has depicted it, not what God's Word actually says.

I am even more amazed as to how many people have never heard the Gospel. We need to get out there. Our mission field

is right outside our front doors.

If you need help or training in how to do this effectively,

Please give us a call and attend our free trainings on sharing our faith with others especially this time of year!



THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

In my devotions over the past several weeks I have been once again going through this powerful portion of scripture and purposing to look for those things in which I have not seen or understood before. In these short verses there are twenty questions to ask yourself regarding the requirements for Christian Living.

This list really makes me think about my walk with the Lord and allows me to keep my focus on Him and Him only. See how you measure up to what Jesus requires;

1. Am I poor in spirit (humble-minded)?
2. Do I grieve over the sin in my life?
3. Am I like Christ in yielding my rights?
4. Do I hunger and thirst after righteousness?
5. Am I merciful (kind & compassionate)?
6. Am I Pure in heart (with no competing affections)?
7. Am I a peacemaker (with God and others)?
8. Do I rejoice when I am persecuted?
9. Am I salt (retarding evil)?
10. Am I light to others by doing good works?
11. Do I keep God's law by loving Him and others?
12. Have I conquered anger?
13. Do I have a clear conscience with God and others?
14. Do I agree with my adversary quickly?
15. Have I conquered lustful thoughts?
16. Do I keep my word when I make a promise?
17. Do I receive correction humbly?
18. Do I cheerfully go the second mile?
19. Do I bless those who make my life miserable?
20. Do I greet everyone enthusiastically?



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FEET TO THE FIRE...

When was the last time you shared the gospel with a stranger? This morning while at the gas station filling up?

How about the last time you handed to someone a gospel tract and shared your faith with them? As you walked down the street last night?

When was the last time that you talked with friends and family about



Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Jesus is the only way. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name given among men, whereby we must be saved." **Act 4:12.**

We need to get out there and share the gospel with everyone! This is commanded by Jesus Himself! "And he said

unto them, Go ye into, and preach gospel to every creature." **Mat 16:15**

There is nothing in verse 15 that suggests that we have an option as to not preach the gospel to everyone. Bringing your lost friend or neighbor to church in hopes that they will hear the gospel then. It might be too late.

Now is the appointed time! Or do we follow Jesus only as long as it does not cost us anything?

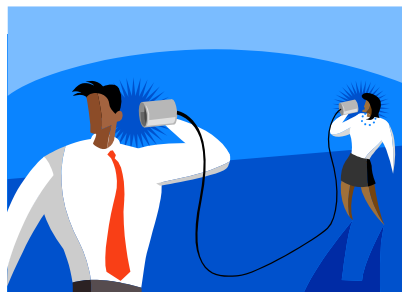
WE LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The staff here at the Practical Christian Living Centre would love to hear from you. Emails, snail mails and/or phone calls.

If you would like to submit an article to be posted on our website for all to read, then please email it to:

articles@PracticalChristianLivingCentre.org

If you wish to submit pieces for this newsletter (we hope to initially publish every quarter, but moving to monthly in the



future) please send them in as well.

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We look forward to hearing from you!

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Living The Word of God Without Compromise



The Purpose of this Christian Ministry is to teach and help Christians live a fulfilling life based upon Biblical principles.

In a word **DISCIPLESHIP**.

Over the years we have seen far too many Born Again Believers make wrong choices based on their lack of knowledge of the scriptures. The aim of this ministry is to bring to light what the Word of God says about living the Christian life.

Over the coming months, we will be publishing discipleship material to be used to help both young in the faith and the not so young in the faith understand the wonders of walking hand in hand with Christ, our risen Lord!

Currently we offer training in Basic & Intermediate Evangelism (8–90 minute sessions), a 10 week Biblical Financial Freedom (10–2.5 hour sessions) and a Financial Stewardship (4-90 minutes sessions).

As this ministry grows our prayer is that many will come to a deeper understanding of the scriptures and as a result, a deeper love for God.

May God richly bless you as you begin this journey in walking closer with God.

Have a great and wonder-filled day!

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The Sermon On The Mount

Wow! Is that a list or what?

How did you measure up?

How many of the questions were you able to answer 'yes' to?

Our goal would be to answer Yes to every single one of these questions.

Are we perfect? Nope! But we are called to be Christ like. And guess what? Jesus was perfect (if you don't think so, then we need to talk). Therefore, Jesus as our example is calling 'US' to be Perfect. But the really good news of this requirement is that we can not do this on our own. No matter how hard we try, we will never be perfect. But when we are truly born again in Christ Jesus, the Holy Spirit works through our lives and directs our paths and gives us the power and the ability to walk as Christ walked, in perfection as God sees Him.

Review the list again, slowly and take time to ponder each item. Which ones stand out to where you are falling short? What about grieving over your

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sin? Do you? Or do you just ignore the promptings of the Holy Spirit to repent. Do you even know when you sin? What about hunger and thirst for righteous? Or do you have a clear conscience with God and others? Have you asked God to reveal those things in your life in which you have never asked

forgiveness for? Even those things that you remember like yesterday, some thing you did or said and you know it was wrong and it has haunted you for years maybe even decades. Have you sought forgiveness from God and the person(s) that you committed the offence against?

This is a very hard thing to do. But we are required to humble ourselves and seek forgiveness regardless of the cost to us.

I pray that as you use this list that your walk with God would become more sweet and exhilarating!

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