

# THE SHEPHERD'S CROOK

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## Ministry Update!

There is a lot to talk about, especially when it comes to the goodness of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. During the past several weeks God has come through again and again with provision specifically for the ministry and our personal material needs. It is our internal policy here at the ministry that we would not and do not make our needs known to anyone outside our ministry so as to show the awesome power of God to move the hearts and minds of men and women to assist us in this needed work of discipleship.



Right off the bat, an anonymous donation of a brand new high-end multimedia projector came in. It will certainly be put to great and

long use as our courses begin to fill up for the Winter and Spring schedules.

Speaking of our courses, the basic (Level 1 Discipleship) has been written and is now in the process of being put into a publishable format that we are sure will be honouring to the Lord. We have in the mean time added a fourth course on Financial Stewardship that explains in detail the biblical principles of Tithes and Offerings. This is a greatly needed teaching as we realize what the Church could really do, if only God's people would obey His word and bring their tithes and offerings to church.

We look forward to the coming weeks and months ahead to see what wonders God will show us and allow us to participate in. To God be ALL the Glory!

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## COUNTING THE COST...

We have been asked more than once over the past few weeks exactly how is this ministry supported. As mentioned in our ministry update section, it is our policy to not make out needs known outside of the ministry walls. By doing this, we, at the ministry are forced to

look to the Lord for all things, to meet all our needs and to work in the lives of fellow believers to move them to support this ministry as the Lord leads and prompts them. We thank God for those who have shown concern to ask us

and for those who have already blessed this ministry in a practical way.

Above all things, we continue to covet your prayers as this ministry continues to grow and change lives through discipleship.



## GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD...

When talking with groups and individuals on the command from Jesus "And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." [Mark 16:15](#).

There seems to be great confusion as to the definition of the words 'GO YE'

People tend to think that Jesus was not talking to them when they read this passage in their Bibles. Some take it as Jesus was talking to someone else or that He meant that we should simply bring people to church and let the pastor/minister/elders (you know, the professionals) do the evangelizing of the lost.

Some people have become very upset over this concept that THEY are the ones who are to GO and witness to the lost.

I must admit that it is a very difficult thing to do, even for those who are extraverts in

general, but Satan uses his very powerful weapon, known as FEAR, to keep us from doing what the scriptures tells us to do.

I have been saved 23 years ago come this November, and thinking back through the years, I have received a total a 2 gospel tracts during that time frame.. And not a single one before that. As well, no one ever witnessed to me, except the one who lead me to the Lord. How can we let this go on?

Over the past 4 months, I have given out over 1000 gospel tracts in the Trenton, Belleville and Picton areas, most directly to people as I passed them by. I have stood on street

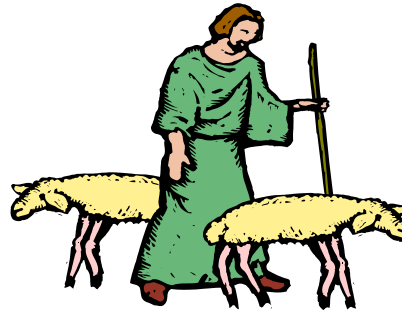
corners and witnessed to those who passed by or those waiting in lines.

Have you ever done the same? Why not? We call ourselves Christians and yet have never shared the Good News of Jesus Christ with anyone outside the walls of our homes or churches!

Shame on us! We have information that will allow people to be saved from an eternity in Hell, but we let our fear of man keep it to ourselves. We have lost our fear of God and bow to the worlds pressures to be politically correct, not to judge others or pushing our religion as "all paths lead to god". I tell you that these

lies comes straight from the father of all lies, Satan.

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## THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

It is amazing to me that the number of church going people, people who have grown up attending church all their lives, can not name all of the 10 commandments.

Let's take a test. How many of the 10 commandments can you name? Can you only get 2 or 3? Or can you name 5 or 6? Are can you get all 10?

Now the real hard part. Can

you name all 10 in order, as they appear in Exodus 20?



This is on the verge of being embarrassing is it not? And yet this is something that we as Christians should be able to easily rattle off in order, out of order or selectively as we need to.

God in His wisdom wrote His commandments on the hearts

of everyone in the world know as our conscience (conscience: CON=WITH & SCIENCE=KNOWLEDGE, therefore conscience means "with knowledge"). Everyone, regardless of culture knows that stealing is wrong. Everyone, world-wide knows that lying is wrong.

Please take the time to learn them. Memorize and meditate on them. You will be amazed how you come to a new understanding of how God sees sin.

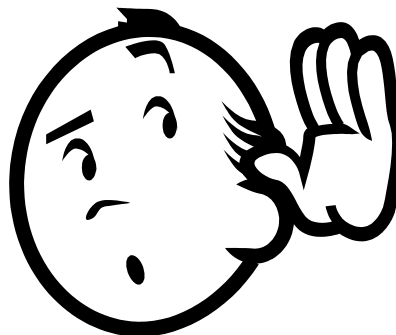
## WE LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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@PracticalChristainLivingCentre.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.

If you have comments about our website, both good and bad or items you would like to see added or enhanced.

If you would like to subscribe to the online version of this email, please email us at:

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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!

Practical Christian Living Centre Staff



## Go YE Into All The World...

We need to move past our fears!

I do a lot of public speaking and at times I have spoken to crowds as large as 3500 people. But when it comes to witnessing to someone, I get very nervous to the point I would rather do anything else than to witness to this person in front of me.

If you are like me and simply terrified to witness to someone, yet fully realize that God demands that we do this, then there are 2 very simple things to do in order to carry this out and make it part of our daily lives.

1. Pray. Pray a lot. When I purpose to go witnessing and do not bathe the outing in prayer and ask God to do all the speaking for me, then my outing usually goes very bad. Either no one has a minute to listen, or people are rude to me. But when I pray first, I get the opposite, I usually get people right away who want to

talk and are willing to listen to the gospel after they realize they are sinners. I always find it amazing that people especially in North America do not think

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they are sinners or do not understand what the word means. So I always take time to take someone through the ten commandments so that they understand they are sinners before sharing the gospel with them (Rom. 7:7).

2. Practice, practice, practice! Take the Basic training that we offer developed

by the folks at Way of The Master. This training WILL help you conquer your fears.

I have seen this powerful training take people who were considered very shy and make them powerful weapons in God's evangelism army who go out looking for opportunities to share the gospel with people all over the place. Going Door to door, handing out tracts on street corners.. "Bring it on!" they tell me now..

This is a powerful training and it really works. We have currently two levels of the course, basic and intermediate and will soon be providing a ONE DAY training event that will help tremendously!

For more information on this please visit us at our web site at:

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