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"Get up into the high mountain."



Get Up Into The High Mountain!

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As a young man I had a difficult time believing that I had a heavenly father who really loved me.

Before I was old enough to remember, when I was only two years old, my father left my mother. It created a painful void in my life. I did not see him again until I was a grown man of thirty.

As a result, I had a hard time understanding the relationship between a son and a father. When a minister would say, "You have a father in heaven who cares about you," it was difficult to comprehend.

"So what?" I thought. "What is a father?" It was someone I didn't

know. Subconsciously, I was not sure I could ever really know God as my father. There was no experience in my life that I could relate it to. As a result, I had a tough time believing that God had a special interest in me.

Yes, I had accepted Christ as my personal Savior and I did not have a problem being a servant in His Kingdom. But when it came to a father and son relationship, and the idea that He had chosen me, my mind was filled with questions. Did He really care about Garth Coonce? Was the Word of God really what it said?

Much later, when I heard His voice and He called me to build a television station I had even more doubts. Why, of all people, would He call me for such a giant task. I would say, "Lord, you must be making a mistake. It can't be me you are calling. It must be someone else."

Again and again, the Lord would tell me, "I have chosen you. You have been adopted into my family. You are my son and I am your father."

I took the Lord at His word, acted on His leading, and He has never failed me—not one time. As a result, my relationship with the Lord has grown stronger and

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stronger until today I know what it means to say, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.” (Proverbs 3:5,6)

It was Thanksgiving, 1976. I had plenty to thank God for. I had a wonderful wife and family. I was a businessman with a background in management, finance, and accounting. The focus of my life was in being the best I could be—and retiring at the age of 55.

But on that day I heard a voice as clearly as someone standing

next to me. The words were spoken calmly, but with great and unmistakable force: “I want you to build a Christian television station in Cincinnati.” Since I was not prone to hearing voices and nothing like this had ever happened to me before, I didn’t tell anyone about it. In fact, I tried to shrug off the experience and forget it had ever occurred.

About two months later, it happened again. It was the same voice, and the same message: “I want you to build a Christian television station in Cincinnati.” “Who was this voice?” I wondered. “Is God really trying to talk to



Along with Richard Shakarian, International President, Garth Coonce exhorts God’s words to the 2006 FGBMFI World Convention.

me?" Then I pondered, "Why me?" And I thought, "Christian television?" I knew absolutely nothing about television except how to turn on my set and click through the channels. Finally, I shared with my wife Tina what God was telling me. "Garth, if that is what the Lord wants us to do, I'm with you one hundred percent," she said. From that moment on, we both made it a top priority in our prayer life.

I finally shared it with close friends. One of my friends said, "Let's go for it!"

I'll never forget the first donation we received. "Garth. You'll never believe it!" said my friend Chuck on the phone. "I've just made our first deposit. We got a check for \$10." "Praise God," we both said. You'd have thought it was a million dollars!

The Lord gave me Isaiah 40:9, *"Get up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, you who bring good tidings, lift up your voice with strength, lift it up, be not afraid; say to the cities... 'Behold your God!'"*

My first phone call to the FCC was quite a learning experience, to say the least. In spite of their assurances of impossibilities, there was one thing I did know.

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Get Up Into The High Mountain!

The Lord had clearly spoken that we were to build a Christian station and I was determined to keep my eye on that goal.

I visited a friend who was a realtor and proclaimed, "We need a 40-acre piece of property on which to build a television tower." "Where do you want me to look?" he asked.

"Right there," I said, pointing to a precise spot on the map. The Lord had shown me that the signal would reach Dayton, Cincinnati, and Richmond, Indiana. That location was the perfect spot to cover them all. "Let me see what I can do," said the realtor.

Within 24 hours he came back with a listing on a piece of property exactly where the Lord showed us it would be. When we received the topography survey we were amazed to learn that it was the highest point in the whole area. Surely this was the "mountain" from which the Word of the Lord would be powerfully proclaimed!

We were just a handful of people trying to follow God's leading the best we knew how; just ordinary people working at regular jobs, not seeking to be in full-time ministry. But somehow God linked us all together to

form a spiritual network before He would establish an electronic one. Through some unbelievable circumstances, we were one day past the option renewal date; and the farmer sold the land. My heart sank.

But after concentrated prayer, within 30 days we received a call from the farmer. "Would you like to renew your option?" he asked. "What happened?" I wanted to know. The man who was going to buy the property could not come up with the financing and he had to back out of the deal. I knew God was really at work now!

That same night Dick Mills gave a prophetic word for me: "I will put a stop gap on the loss of your time, money, and energy and I will rebuke the devourer for your sake. You shall be satisfied with favor and full of the blessing of the Lord. You will have sufficient strength to meet the needs of every day. I will give you my rest. I will deliver you from the bondage of constant struggling to attain goals and you will have freedom to enjoy and relax in green pastures beside quiet waters. Your mouth will be filled with laughter and singing. Your neighbors will see what I have



Garth and Tina Counce, founders of TCT.

done for you. You will be blessed as you sow beside all water. There are people who need you, therefore I will bless you and you will minister to them.”

The FCC had not yet granted our license, but with total confidence in God, we felt the need to dedicate the transmitter tower site to the Lord on July 4, 1978. It was a simple act of faith. I wasn't sure how we would fill 168 hours of television programming a week; and, more importantly, who in the world would even view the programs.

God spoke to me again and said, “You put the message out

24 hours a day, and I will find my sheep (viewers). You won't have to worry who is watching. You won't have to be concerned about where that signal is reaching. You just be faithful and I will both search and find my sheep.”

Building a Christian television station was simply being obedient to God's call. I felt it was only for a certain time and a certain place. Then, one night in 1983, the voice of the Lord had much larger plans. He was calling again and saying, “If you follow My directions, you will look back someday and say, ‘What a marvelous thing God has done in my life.’”

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I had two choices. I could stick to my personal plans and head for a comfortable retirement; or, I could follow God's call into un-chartered waters. But I knew in my heart that there was no question that God had called me to give my total life to spreading His Word through Christian television. In 1990, the flood-gates of expansion were opened and TCT—Total Christian Television—entered a time of significant growth.

All God wants is someone who is faithful and will respond to what He asks. That was His directive in the Garden, and it has not changed. There is a fine line between doing what we are "called" to do and doing what "sounds good." We can launch one hundred projects that are valid, honest enterprises. But if they are not what God has called us to do, we are simply spinning our wheels.

The real test of your love for the Lord is the commitment you are willing to make. It doesn't seem too much to ask. Avoiding commitment only prolongs a day of decision that will surely come. You can run from obligations only so long, but someday you will face them.

I am drawn to Christian television because I believe we must reclaim Satan's territory. While I do not believe anything can replace the fellowship and teaching of the local church, I am saddened by the fact that many of the church buildings are open only two or three hours each week.

Television can enter almost any door. It is God's creation and I firmly believe it is part of His plan to usher in the return of Christ. After its perversion by Satan, it was almost too late when Christians finally caught the vision to reclaim it.

Instead of being consumed by our problems and looking to ourselves for the answer, we need to get back to basics. The Lord asks that we never give up caring for the things He has given as our responsibility. When we are faithful, He has a harvest planned that we will not have room to store. Our barns will be full – and running over. ■

Garth Coonce, and his wife Tina, are the founders of TCT Christian Television Network, Marion, Illinois. He has been a supporter of FGBMFI for many, many years.

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OVERCOMING



Dr. Jesse Cradduck, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

ANY LIMITATION!

Like many adult learners, I experienced embarrassment and frustration as I struggled with functional illiteracy. Those emotions evolved into pride and accomplishment as the written word began to make sense. I worked hard to learn the basics with my literacy tutor and went on to realize my dream of higher education, earning a Ph.D.

When I was three years old, I was involved in a terrible automobile accident that left my face scarred. When I was seven, another automobile accident killed my mother and left physical scars. I also lost the hearing in my left ear from these accidents. I realized later that these events also left very deep emotional scars that became a great hindrance to me.

My first experiences in school were very traumatic. It was a major challenge for me. Changing schools over and over did not allow me to form good relationships with teachers or other students. Teachers would pass me on to the next grade even though I could not read or do the lessons. The scars on my face and our poverty caused me to have an inferiority complex.

The house in which I lived had a dirt floor, but my grandmother Mary swept it and kept a neat home. She was a praying woman. I remember us being out of food and she called me over to pray with her and ask God to supply our need. As we prayed, I sensed the power of God. The next day a check came in the mail from my father for twenty dollars. We were able to buy the food we needed. This made a lasting impression on me.

We lived in an area of Oklahoma City called Mulligan Flats. The people there live in unbelievable poverty. Most of the people are so beaten down by life they have experienced that they have no hope that things are every going to change.

The loss of hearing made it difficult to hear what was being said in the classroom. I am sure the teachers just thought I had mental problems and did not know how to help me. In those days there were no special education classes or help for the disabled. So, each year I was promoted to the next grade but without the skills I needed to do the work. Finally, a teacher in the seventh grade refused to just pass me and gave me a failing grade. At that point I quit school and went to work. I had completed the sixth grade, but still could not read.

I know now that my age also limited my job opportunities, but at that time I just felt rejected over and over. By this time in my life I was becoming bitter at the world.

When my girlfriend Shirley turned sixteen, she was allowed to date. We were married before the year was out and soon Jesse, Jr. was born. He was born two days after my sixteenth birthday.

Life was difficult for Shirley and me during those first two years of marriage. I would get very discouraged with the long hours and low pay. I really believed in my heart I could do better. I had a desire to become an achiever and do important things in my life.

When I was 18, a friend of mine, Harvey Rogers, approached me about working with him at Kitty Clover Snack Food Company. But I felt I was not qualified to work there and probably could not do the work required due to my illiteracy. He gave me some advice that day that has helped me throughout my life, "Jesse, you can do anything you want to do if you really want to do it."

Everything I have achieved came about because I had faith I could be something special and I chose not to give up on my dreams. I believe God wants all people to become achievers. I believe he wants to help everyone accomplish something

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special in their lives. Most of the salesmen lived in nice homes and were drinkers. I saw them as successful in life and I wanted to emulate them in every way.

They would stop at the clubs after work and sometimes not go home till late at night. I am not proud of the fact that I joined them in this lifestyle. I took an extra job at a convenience store on the weekends for awhile so I could do my drinking and still have enough to pay the bills. In spite of my illiteracy, I tripled the route in a year.

Being unable to read street signs was a huge disadvantage in route sales. Many times, I would have to stop in front of a street sign and compare the letters to those on my route sheet. Most words I could not pronounce by sounding out the letters. But, I would compare the spelling to see if I was on the right street.

By this time my marriage with Shirley was in a shambles. We were on the verge of divorce. My selfishness, the long hours, and drink drove us apart. She was left at home caring for our three children and essentially did not have a husband, except to bring home part of a paycheck.

Within a few months Kitty Clover promoted me to district sales manager for all of Oklahoma. I was a supervisor and manager and could not even read a second grade book. I was very embarrassed about my inability to read.

My lifestyle certainly did not have a place for God or church. After attending a few Bible studies at the Nazarene church, Shirley rededicated her life to God. She was a different person after this rededication. She had a completely different attitude toward me. She would be kind to me even when I was unkind to her. I knew something powerful had happened to her and I was intrigued.

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Shirley began attending church and would invite me to go with her. I would make excuses but I was beginning to hope God might make a difference in my life. Finally, I consented to attend a revival service with Shirley at a small church. As the preacher preached that Sunday morning, I became sick in my heart of the life I was living. When the sermon was over, all I could think about was getting to the altar so I could cry out to God for help.

I was not sure God could forgive me for all the wrongs I had done or the terrible pain I had caused others. God reached down His hand for me!

I was different. I had a spring in my step, and a light and joyful heart. Suddenly life was beautiful and I knew I was connected to God. I had a love in my heart for Shirley that probably had never really been there before.

In the grocery stores, they could not believe the change in me! They all wanted to know what had happened. I told them about my salvation and invited them to come to church with us. Soon, we were bringing over 30 people to church services.

In 1982, I attended my first Full Gospel Business Men's retreat. In one of my prayer times at the retreat, God seemed to be asking me if I would be a preacher of the Gospel. My heart was so full of love for God and what He had done for me, I wanted to say "Yes." However, I felt like being a preacher was far about my ability.

My desire to read became a driving force in my life. Mrs. Cindy Broadway became my first tutor. She was amazed at how successful I had become in sales with my illiteracy. She was diligent and persistent in keeping me on track with the instruction. Having one-on-one tutoring was exactly what I needed.

In 1990, it was suggested that I attend a university. However, I

had several things going against me. First, I had not completed high school and had never learned how to study and pass classes. Second, I could not read at a college level. Third, I had no money, and private universities are very expensive.

I finally agreed to do this. As I left the administration building that day, I remember looking up to heaven and thinking, "What have I agreed to do?" How could I even think about getting a college degree when I couldn't get past the seventh grade? Suddenly, God spoke to me. "This is My work." He said, "You could not have gotten into this college or any other college if it had not been for Me." God's words ignited my faith. If God thought I could do it, then I believed I could too!

The work was hard! Though my professors were patient with my slow reading, they did not cut me slack on learning the material. I knew I was barely making the grades to stay in school. But when all was said and done, I received my diploma, and had my tassel moved amid a great ovation. Most of my classmates and the school officials knew what I had accomplished. That day, I knew I could do anything I really wanted in life.

Receiving my Bachelor of Arts degree was a high pinnacle in my life. I felt I had conquered the world. But graduate school was next! I continued on my quest towards a doctorate. I took one semester at a time. With help from friends to pay the final bill, I walked across the platform one more time, with an earned doctorate degree. Now, I was Dr. Jesse Cradduck.

It was like a fairy tale. I was illiterate until age thirty. I had fought through the Labauch Literacy program to read. I had fought my way through 128 hours of undergraduate courses to obtain my bachelor's degree. I had fought through 64 hours of graduate courses to obtain my master's and doctorate degree. Nothing is impossible to you if you will begin to believe! ■

Dr. Jesse and Shirley Cradduck founded Maranatha Ministries, which serves over 50,000 meals per year.

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TRAINING AND PRAYER

WOLE OLUFON, LAGOS, NIGERIA



Dele and Wole Olufon participate in the 2006 FGBMFI World Convention.

EQUALS GROWTH

I grew up where I was woken up by a bell as early as 5 am in the morning, to go to family devotions. We would have family prayers before we would do anything. We would have family prayers. My father would read from the Word and then the children would go about our chores before we went to school.

We went to church every Sunday. I naturally felt I was a Christian, until March, 1971. I was going to take a young lady to go to watch a movie with me. After school, I asked her if I could walk her to her hostile, where she stayed. She agreed. As we were walking, she said something about being saved. Since I came to this school, I had heard people talking about people knowing that they were saved. I said I didn't think that anybody could know they were saved. I felt that only God knew they were saved and that He would reveal that secret when we stand before Him on Judgment Day. She said, "No. The Bible says that you can know." I was amazed. She talked and talked. By the time we got to the YWCA hostile, she asked me to wait. She went to her room and brought me back a tract. That was the first time I ever saw a tract. I got on the bus to go home. I read the tract. I realized that even though I was raised in a Christian, religious home, I had never had a personal encounter with the Lord Jesus Christ. I had never given my life to Him.

I knelt at my home by my bed. I repented of my sins. I asked Jesus into my heart. Suddenly, my heart was filled with so much joy, my heart almost burst. I told everyone what had happened. The first person that I told was my older brother


who was in the university. I said, "Something happened to me today. I got born again." He gave me my first devotional, called Daily Power. From that day until today, my devotion in the morning is a major part of my life.

Choosing the legal profession had to do with my foundations. When I was a little boy, even when we were in darkness, God loved us. Even though I was not born again, God had a way of leading me. I always had a feeling that I was going to be a lawyer and then a judge. If you asked me what I wanted to be, I would say that I wanted to be a judge. But after I became born again, I began to pray and ask the Lord what I should do and what was His plan for my life. In 1971 I finished high school. I was in college preparatory school, studying physics, chemistry and zoology, because my father wanted me to become a medical doctor.

I began to pray and asked, "Lord, what do You want me to do?" He said, "What is it that you always wanted to be?" I said, "I always wanted to be a lawyer." "That is what I want you to do!" It was difficult for me to go tell my father that I did not want to be a doctor anymore. I had such a great respect for my father. So I prayed and asked the Lord what I should do. The Lord led me to apply to a university. In those days, you sat for exams to get into the university. I applied to take law. So I told my mother. I got admission into the university to take law. Then I told my father.

Contrary to my expectations, he was happy and he told me that if that is what I wanted to do, it was okay by him. Eventually, I became a lawyer. I knew that was my calling. I now had a personal relationship with the Lord. I talked to Him about everything. It was so exciting for me to discover my calling. It gave me fulfillment.

Dele, my wife, also got born again the very same year. She went to a different school, but we met at the university. In her final year, we started a relationship. The Lord led us to identify



***“We’ve got
something that
businessmen
want!”***

Wole Olufon

each other as the person who would like to marry each other. We got married in 1978.

It is at the University of Ife that I expanded my walk with the Lord. In the early 1970’s is when the Baptism of the Holy Spirit started spreading in Nigeria. When I got to the university in 1972, I got baptized in the Holy Spirit in 1974. There was quite a VIBRANT Christian community in the university that I attended. I grew in leadership training. I began to learn how to lead other Believers, right from the university. So it was a time of strengthening of my walk with the Lord.

Since coming to the Lord, there were some times that I was not as smart as I ought to be, but I never drifted away from the Lord. Since 1971, I never had a time where I stayed away from the Lord. I had times when I was cold. I didn’t feel as excited as I was in the early days, but I found out that the cure to that is to follow my regimen that I get up early in the morning, like 4 am. I spend like two hours having a quiet time with the Lord. It always makes my day. When I start the day off like that, everything goes right. No matter what I face, I am always prepared, because the Lord gives me a word for circumstances and situations that I face.

I was first introduced to the Full Gospel Businessmen in 1986

through a Christian brother. In 1980, the Lord led me to start the Christian Lawyers Fellowship of Nigeria. I was the first president. I served as president for six years. The same day that we voted in my successor, I was appointed the national legal advisor to FGBMF in Nigeria.

A gentleman, a lawyer, who was also in this Christian Lawyers fellowship, one day said to me, "I want to invite you to a breakfast meeting. I want you to confirm that you are going to come because I am going to pay for the tickets. He bought two tickets—one for me and one for my wife. We went to the Sheraton Hotel. I got there and I listened to them and I liked what I heard. So I joined. But I did not want them to vote me on any committee? I kept staying in the background. One day they came to me and they said, "We want you to be the Chairman of the Stewardship Committee?" I didn't want to because I was committed to the Lawyers Fellowship and I was an Elder in my church. I did not want to take on more than I could handle. I decided that being chairman of the stewardship committee was okay. Then they asked me to be president of a new FGBMFI Chapter. I prayed about it and the Lord said I should. So I became a chapter president.

I had quite a few friends that were already in the Fellowship. The Lord kept promoting me from Chapter President to National Director. Then I was made an International Director a few years later. Then, just this year, I was appointed the National Vice-President. It has been a fulfilling ministry for me.

The most exciting part of Full Gospel is the opportunity it gives me to be trained to be a witness in the marketplace. I find that most Christian men who are business professional men, who are not active in an organization like the Full Gospel Businessmen, are always shy to talk about their faith in the marketplace where they work. I go to court and I pass out tracts to other lawyers. They read it and then we start discussing. One of the benefits of Full Gospel Businessmen is the training

I have on various platforms that I have been given to share my testimony on how I came to know the Lord and how the Lord has blessed my business. The more I share, the bolder I get. I am not afraid to talk about my faith anywhere to anyone. That, to me, is one of the greatest benefits of joining the Full Gospel Businessmen.

Jesus Christ is my life. Without the Lord, I could not function, not even professionally. The Lord is the extent of my life. All my four children know Him. They are born again. Just two years ago, the Lord led me to start a devotional. We now publish my devotional called, "In the Secret Place". The purpose is to encourage people to study the Bible, to have a quiet time with the Lord, daily, in the morning and in the evening. The Lord is the essence of my life.

In Nigeria, every first Wednesday of the month we stop and we pray. It is a discipline of prayer. We meet at six in the evening in all of the 260 Chapters. We pray until about 8:30 pm. A lot of people who are not members of FGBMFI come to those meetings because they know about testimonies of when we pray there, miracles happen!

All of us also get a chance to be trained three times a year. We have what we call the National Training that is done in the first quarter of the year. Then in the district, there is district training, which is compulsive. If you do not attend training, you are not eligible to stand for an election. We do not want leaders who are not trained to operate a Chapter. In my district, we have what is called a Leaders' Advance. Once in awhile, we take the leaders to a quiet resort. We do training for a weekend. The ministry is growing because the men are trained, as well as pray.

If you look at the business and professional people in Nigeria, more than 75% of those who are born again now, got born again through Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship, even the President of Nigeria. He was witnessed to when he was in



The Wole Olufon family

prison by a FGBMFI Chapter president when he was detained. It is amazing the impact that FGBMFI has made.

I see myself as a Christian, who happens to be a lawyer. I do not see myself as a lawyer, who happens to be a Christian. For me, everything I do in my business must be glorifying to God. I turn down clients who want me to do things that are contrary to my ethics, like bend the rules, shade the truth, etc. It is amazing, I go to court and judges, because they know me, when they ask the questions and I say this is the answer, they believe me because they know that I am a Christian. If we don't bring Jesus into the marketplace, the marketplace will never change. It will continue to do business as usual. The VOICE is a major tool to reach Nigerian businessmen. I have had an opportunity and a platform through Full Gospel to exercise my gifts.

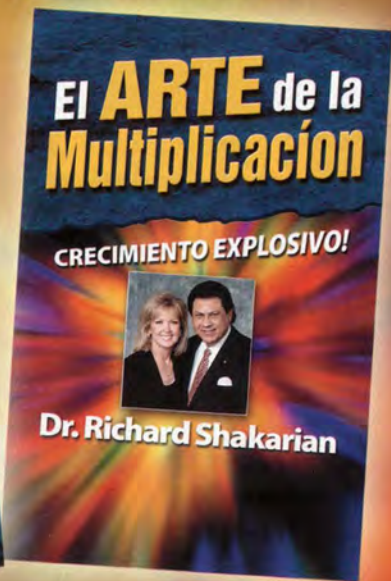
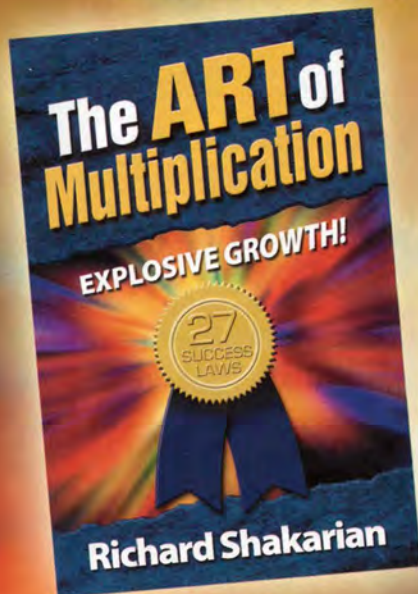
We've got something that businessmen want! Not just a position, not just the money, but we have joy, peace, and successful marriages. If one wants a better life, one finds that one place where one can hear how one will get it; it is in the FGBMFI. That is why they will come to FGBMFI meetings. They know that when we pray, things happen!! ■

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WHEN THERE'S A WILL - THERE'S A WAY!

There's a familiar saying, "When there's a will, there's a way." That is true in our businesses and families. But it is also virtually true in our stewardship to the Lord and to the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International.

Many times I hear FGBMFI Members say to me, "I wish I could give more to the Fellowship." Well, there is a divine way that you can...through putting the Fellowship in your will.

There has been many times where FGBMFI needed a financial miracle to pay certain bills. We would continue to pray for that miracle. Then, suddenly, from an unexpected source, a check would show up from a will or an estate of a member who had gone on to be with the Lord.

Maybe God is impressing upon your heart to think of FGBMFI when you are "getting your house in order." Your witness for the Lord can continue, long after your graduation to heaven, by putting FGBMFI in your will.

It always pays to think about the future...your future...and the future of the Fellowship. Remember, this is YOUR Fellowship. Planned giving is as easy as: (1) making a charitable gift, and (2) saving taxes. We'd like to make it even easier and simple for you to understand.

Here are some of the best ways to give...and save at the same time: gifts of cash, gifts of stock, gifts of real estate, gifts of life insurance, life income gifts, charitable trust gifts, and wills/bequests.

A will gives you the confidence that upon your graduation to heaven, your possessions will be distributed according to YOUR wishes, not the state's wishes. A will, usually discreetly drawn up by your attorney, can give you many benefits, as well as a tremendous peace of mind. A will can distribute your estate quickly and most economically. A will can minimize your taxes and expenses in settling your estate.

Your will can assist you to give whatever portion of your estate you wish to be used for the Lord's work. Your will assures the distribution of your estate according to your wishes. You can pre-determine who will inherit your property.

Your will can assist this important ministry that has literally been on the frontlines for nearly six decades. Depending upon your personal situation, certain planned giving can benefit you more than others.

Please prayerfully consider your Fellowship in your estate planning.

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Men still cry, "What must I do to be saved?" The Bible provides a clear answer.

6 Steps to Salvation

1. ACKNOWLEDGE

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." – Romans 3:23

"God be merciful to me a sinner." – Luke 18:13

2. REPENT

"Except ye repent, you shall all likewise perish." – Luke 13:3

"Repent therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out." – Acts 3:19

3. CONFESS

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." – 1 John 1:9

"If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved." – Romans 10:9

4. FORSAKE

"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the LORD...for He will abundantly pardon." – Isaiah 55:7

5. BELIEVE

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." – John 3:16

"He that believes and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believes not shall be damned." – Mark 16:16

6. RECEIVE

"He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." – John 1:11-12

WHY NOT MAKE YOUR ETERNAL DECISION NOW?

"Lord Jesus, I believe You died for my sins and I ask for Your forgiveness. I receive You now as my personal Savior and invite You to manage my life from this day forward. Amen."

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YES! I have made my eternal decision. I have read the Six Steps to Salvation and have asked Jesus to be my personal Savior. Please send me the booklet "Now That You've Received Christ."

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Los 6 Pasos Para La Salvacion

1. RECONOCE

"por cuanto todos pecaron, y estan destituidos de la gloria de Dios" - Romanos 3:23

"Dios ten misericordia de mi, un pecador" - Lucas 18:13

2. ARREPIENTETE

"Os digo: No; antes si no os arrepentis, todos perecereis igualmente" - Lucas 13:3

"Asi que, arrepentios y convertios, para que sean borrados vuestros pecados" - Hechos 3:19

3. CONFIESA

"Si confesamos nuestros pecados, El es fiel y justo para perdonar nuestros pecados, y limpiarnos de toda maldad" - 1 Juan 1:9

"que si confesares con tu boca que Jesus es el Senor, y creyeres en tu corazon que Dios le levanto de los muertos, seras salvo" - Romanos 10:9

4. DEJE

"Deje el impio su camino, y el hombre inicuo sus pensamientos, y vuelvase al SENOR... El cual sera amplio en perdonar" - Isaias 55:7

5. CREA

"Porque de tal manera amo Dios al mundo, que ha dado a su Hijo unigenito, para que todo aquel que en El cree, no se pierda, mas tenga vida eterna" - Juan 3:16

"El que creyere y fuere bautizado, sera salvo; mas el que no creyere, sera condenado" - Marcos 16:16

6. RECIBA

"A lo suyos vino, y los suyos no le recibieron. Mas a todos los que le recibieron, a los que creen en su nombre, les dio potestad de ser hechos hijos de Dios" - Juan 1:11-12

PORQUE NO HACE UNA DECISION PARA SU ETERNIDAD HOY?

"Senor Jesus, Yo creo que moristes por mis pecados y te pido me perdones. Yo te recibo ahora como mi Salvador personal y te pido que guies mi vida de ahora en adelante. Amen".

Escribanos y cuentenos de su decision. Nosotros le enviaremos un pequeno libro, "Ahora Que Ud Ha Recibido a Cristo".

SI! Hice mi decision para la eternidad. He leído los Seis Pasos para la Salvacion y he aceptado a Jesus como mi Salvador Personal . Por favor envíenme el pequeno libro "Ahora Que Ud Ha Recibido a Cristo".

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YOUR 3-STEP DIAGNOSIS FOR ETERNITY

(Check appropriate boxes)

STEP 1:

When I breathe my last, the next thing is:

- go to hell
- go to heaven.
- stay buried in the grave
- I have no idea.

STEP 2:

Here is what will probably happen:

- I'll spend eternity in hell.
- I'll spend eternity with Jesus in heaven.
- I'll be reincarnated as a "higher being"
- My relatives can visit my grave; I'll be there.
- I don't really know what will happen.

STEP 3: I'm sure because:

- I've led a sinful life
- I've trusted Jesus as my personal Savior
- I've gone to church all my life
- I support charities, even church
- I'm a good person.

Turn the page to learn how YOU can follow through on these three steps and KNOW your future!

TRES PASOS PARA DIAGNOSTICAR SU ETERNIDAD

(Marque el espacio apropiado)

1er PASO:

Cuando yo de mi ultimo aliento, lo que me acontecerá proxicamente es:

- ire al infierno
- ire al cielo
- seguire enterrado en la tumba
- no tengo idea.

2do PASO:

Esto es lo que probablemente sucedera:

- pasare la eternidad en el infierno.
- pasare la eternidad con Jesus en el cielo.
- me re-encarnare como un ser "mas elevado".
- mis parientes podran visitarme en mi tumba; ahi estare.
- no se exactamente que sucedera.

3er PASO:

Estoy seguro porque:

- lleve una vida pecaminosa
- yo he confiado en Jesus como mi salvador personal
- he asistido a la iglesia toda mi vida
- apoye a caridades y a la iglesia
- yo ayude a mi comunidad
- soy una buena persona

Cambie la pagina para que sepa como UD puede seguir estos seis pasos y SABER su futuro!