

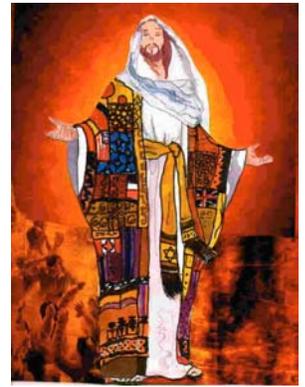
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Newsletter for October 2003

Praise's of the Month

As usual I do not know where to start with this months praises. As most of you know we are finally world wide on the world wide web. We have been working on listing the ministry's sight on search engines. I got this e-mail from the gentleman that is working this project. *"Just doing some spot checking and noticed that your site is now working on search.msn.com. Even better, I am amazed at the results. Here are some of your placements, his will ministry - #1, tape ministry - #1, online sermons - #1, prayer lines - #3"* This is my Savior and Jesus. Clint said it may take months to get on the search engines and a year before we get in the top ten results. In less than a month we are the no. 1 hit for three search words on MSN search engine. Now is that my Jesus or not? One month not one year. **PRAISE**



GOD!!!☺☺☺

We have been working with a church in Evanston. The best you could say about this church is death is everywhere. Not physical death but spiritual death. But **PRAISE GOD!!!** last Sunday we saw a small spark. For the first time they reacted possitive to the word of God. They saw a little glimpse of the vision that the Lord had for that body of Christians. They were going to cut down the weeds around the building and make the place look alive. Please keep these people in your prayers.

God gave Mary and I a vision that the church in Mountian Veiw which is small a church was going to make a difference in the area. A month ago a young pastor and his wife took over the pulpit. They are full of youth and ready to take on the world. We believe he is an answer to our prayers for a leader full of the Spirit to take over. I got this e-mail from our director about the church in Mountian View Wyoming. *"At prayer meeting tonight, Pastor said that Monday night about midnight He was very tired and had been fasting many days. He was praying about the direction for our church and to know the Lord's will for direction. In God's still, small voice He said, "The time has come, I am ready to pour out blessings to you."*

Finally the ministry is exploding again. With the internet prayer contacts we are seeing the ministry expand. We are processing up to 40 pages of prayer requests a night. Almost every night and morning we personally pray over your requests. This month our Co/pastor Rev. G. A. Clonginger has his own page on the web site. I am trying to get our director to do a teaching for next month. Please pray for me and him. Scott is led by the Lord he is just a little shy. In next month's newsletter I will include the pictures of Donna and Mitch Rake's baptism. They both are eager to get baptized.

Mary's Thoughts for the Month

*I have a few books to recommend this month for your spiritual growth. They are *The Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren, *Heaven* by Joni Eareckson-Tada, and *The Law of Rewards* by Randy Alcorn. The most important book you should read every day of course is the Bible. I am going to be using some quotes out of the Law of Rewards this month. I just finished reading this book and I would recommend it to any one of you who struggle with being faithful stewards of all that the Lord has given you. Although this book does deal with tithing and giving offerings, it is much deeper than that. It looks at what our rewards in heaven will be if we truly serve the Lord and are obedient to His directives while on earth. If you have ever heard my husband preach on tithing, and I think most of you have, you will hear him say, "Ten percent of all we have belongs to the Lord, including ten percent of our time each day. That would be 2.4 hours a day spent with the Lord". Jay and I constantly struggle with doing all we have to do for the ministry and the geology business in a twenty four-hour day. What has helped us greatly is to prioritize, we have been going to the ministry office at the end of each long day and praying, praising and worshipping the Lord together for a few hours before we go home to bed. It is amazing what this has done not only for our relationship with Jesus, but for our health and stamina. Jay also rises much earlier than I do and goes over to the ministry office for his private prayer and worship time with the Lord, I usually have mine when I get up at home. Another thing we do is take communion together nearly every evening. I know that many people think that is too frequent, but we have found that much like Smith Wigglesworth (who took communion daily), it has enhanced our spiritual endurance greatly. Jesus said for us to do this often in remembrance of Him, and we have taken that to heart. You should only do communion as often as the Lord leads you to; some of you will get it weekly or monthly in church. I don't believe there are any hard, fast rules to follow for taking the Lord's supper, nor should there be, as long as your hearts are right before God.*

I would like to talk to you about serving God, and what excites you, where your passion is. Take a long, honest look at your life. What really excites you, what are you the most passionate about? Oh, how I hope all of you answered Jesus. If your life's passion isn't serving Jesus, then your priorities should be examined. Everything we do in this life will matter in the next life. What we do here will determine where we will spend eternity and what we will do there. If the Lord Jesus can call you a faithful servant now He will be able to welcome you into heaven with those same words. Everything you have in your life is due to His blessings and your stewardship of whatever He has trusted you with. If you are struggling financially you must examine first your stewardship of the finances that the Lord has given you. Next look at whether or not you are a joyful giver, does it delight your heart to give to the Lord's work and Kingdom causes? Where is your money going, is it going to further the work of the gospel of Christ? Remember that we are God's money managers and He wants us to invest His money into the Kingdom. Robert McQuilkin writes that the maturity of Christians can be measured by both the way and the attitude in which they give to the Lord's work. He suggests these classifications:

1. Infancy is marked by non-giving, illustrated by the man in Luke 12:16-18 who hoarded his wealth.
2. Kindergarten is characterized by Impulse Giving, such as Zacchaeus in Luke 12: 16-18.
3. Elementary: Legalistic Giving, as is described in Luke 11:42.

4. Christians at a “Secondary Level” of maturity—high school—give in keeping with honest management, like the steward in Luke 16.
5. Higher levels mature into Love Giving, as is seen in the poor widow in Luke 21:1-4.
6. The Graduate Level of giving is Faith Giving, based on Luke 12: 28. These people give sacrificially, gladly, and by faith, trusting God to meet their needs.

Here is a quote from The Law of Rewards: “Many Christians don’t give. Others determine to do their part but sigh deeply before writing a check to their church or ministry. They give strictly out of a sense of duty and obligation. Better to give out of duty than not give at all, but how sad to miss out on the joy. The joy comes when you understand God’s law of rewards. What’s the difference between reluctant and joyful givers? Reluctant givers give as if they were spending and getting nothing in return. Joyful givers give as if they were investing, anticipating a great deal in return. Joyful givers give as if they were investing, anticipating a great deal in return. I have to put that

down twice to make sure you get it. Those who “get it” understand the law of rewards and are infused with purpose. Those who don’t get it don’t know what they are missing, and what they’re missing is something great”. Jesus said when you do this for the least of these you have done it for me. It always breaks my heart when a Pastor has to preach on such a fundamental law as tithing or giving offerings. A Pastor should never have to ask their sheep to give to God’s



work; those sheep should be joyfully supporting the work of the Kingdom. I wish there were never an instant when a man of God had to work at a job other than Shepherding his sheep. I can tell you right now that it is a full time job to take care of a congregation of people, if you also have to work at a secular job to make a living, God’s work will suffer. I praise the Lord that he has instilled in Jay and I a similar spirit of being joyful givers. We have tested the Lord in the principal of tithes and offerings and He has blessed us abundantly because of it. We will never know the full scope or importance of this area of stewardship until we get to heaven. How many people will be there because you were faithful in tithes and offerings? If you support your local church, missions or a ministry that is preaching the gospel you are investing your money in fruitful soil, that investment will be evident in heaven where we are told to store our treasures. Think of how many people will come up and thank you for the part you played in their salvation. There are some questions you should ask yourself before deciding to financially support a ministry they are as follows:

- Is the ministry Christ centered and biblically sound?
- Are systems and structures in place to keep the organization accountable for funds received and spent? Will they open their financial records to you?
- Does its leaders have integrity, character, purity, and humility?
- Does the staff demonstrate a servant-hearted concern for those to whom they minister?
- Are they doing the Lord’s work in their own lives?
- Are they more interested in preaching the gospel and doing God’s will than all other things?

Make sure that you are getting the most out of investing into the Kingdom of God by making sure your investment is going to give an eternal return, because that is where all

of our focus should be. Steer clear of any ministry that uses dubious methods to get you to part with your money. The Lord led Jay and I to operate this ministry according to His Royal Way. We know that He will provide for the daily operations, for the money it costs to send out the tapes, postage etc. and we will never ask for money. He has never once let us down, and He never will. We need to be about our Father's business, saints, and we need to faithfully support others who are.

Remember to choose fertile soil in which to invest, and follow the Lord's leading, He will never let you down; trust Him in all things.

Love in Christ Mary.

Pastor's Corner

Ok, So I am going to rant and rave a little this month. I was sipping my coffee the other morning at around 5 am and I thought I would see if the world came to an end over night. I can't really do much in the channel surfing as we only have two channels. You guessed right we don't watch much television. Anyway back to the story, I was watching the local channel hoping for some news. Silly me, what did I find but an infomercial. This was an infomercial selling sublingual Vitamin B-12. This in itself would not be a good or bad thing. What got me started was that the person that was hocking the vitamins was saying how this product would "give you energy, relieve the stress in your life and get this bring the joy back into your life." You guy's and gal's can check me on this but didn't my Savior and Lord say "I come to give life more abundantly?" So this would naturally mean joy right? Now I would understand this if the person hocking the vitamins was of the world, but this was James Robison and his wife. Now I have nothing against this man of God. But what bothered me the most was a man of God telling the world that B-12 would bring joy back into your life not Jesus. You can't tell me that at 5 am only Christian's would be watching this infomercial. I know you will say that Paul was a tent maker. But you don't see in his letters anywhere, "my tents will put the joy back in your life or if you buy my tents all stress and pain will be gone from your life." Paul made the tents to make a living because he was serving new poor churches that could not afford a paid pastor. Very much like our outreach ministry. We are currently preaching at a church in Evanston Wyoming. This church cannot afford to pay the building payment let alone a pastor. It is your love gifts and contribution's that allow us to pastor this church. We also put many of our own personal funds into projects like this. Mary spends 5 to 8 hours a day on 33, yes 33 prayer lines. We then go to the ministry office at night and pray over every request. Just last Thursday we had 40 pages of prayer requests. I am not saying this to glorify us, it is Jesus and the Father and no one else that deserves the glory. I was watching a program with John Haggee, the other day and it saddened me so much. No longer was pastor Haggee preaching, but now had a talk show. He was introduced as a "worlds best selling author" He was saying I just had to have this book he had written. Then we went on to have a talk show with doctor Colbert promoting his diet books. What ever happened to preaching the Gospel? If you check out the salvation page on our web site you will find the saying " I don't care if you believe in Hell, God does, and your going if you don't accept Jesus." That used to be one of John Hagge's favorite lines. He preached hell and damnation. What is happening? Rev. G. A. called me the other day and was watching some Christian television network and said Pastor Rod Parsley was hocking a new diet product. This is a man of God who had such a call on his heart to be a pastor to pastors.

Where have we gone wrong? When we do anything that does not glorify God we risk the ridicule of the world. We are called to be a peculiar people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. Now I know I am going to get a few of you upset at me, but I am not saying anything that is not true and I love these men of God. Let me give you a true example: Robert Tilton is known as

the father of infomercial Christianity. Pastor Tilton always promoted Jesus using the infomercial structure. Pastor Tilton has a rather strange speech impediment. If he had been totally above reproach in the worlds eyes no one would have chosen to use this against him. But they did, go to your internet search engine and type in "pastor gas". You will find many web sites dedicated to degrading Robert Tilton. Now I am not going to get into the right or wrong of pastor Tilton. I will leave that to God, but look how much damage has been done to my Jesus by this ridicule.

Jesus did not commission us to sell, hock or otherwise promote anything but Him. The church is weak and without power because we refuse to seek only the will of Jesus. The Church has created it own set of mans dogma and doctrines. You go into most churches today and you do not feel a move of the Spirit you feel a pre-arranged service that has no power. Mary and I have been to church services that you could set your watch by. They were so tightly timed that if you had been there before you knew exactly what to expect. Whatever happened to just letting the Spirit work? Pastors no longer let the leading of the Spirit lead them. Do you have any idea how many internet sites there are that are just dedicated to sermons for pastors. As a pastor you can download a sermon for every Sunday of the year and for any topic. Why let the Spirit give you what God wants preached when you can just download your sermon and read? Where have we gone wrong. You cannot tell me the Spirit of God tells a pastor to promote anything besides His Jesus. And you will never convince me that the Holy Spirit wants us to download a canned sermon and read it to our sheep. You may get mad, but I believe you should not even be allowed to be in the pulpit if you will not let the Spirit of God work through you. As a dead pastor you create dead sheep. As a mentor of mine once said " the shape of the sheep is the shape of their pastor". Well I warned you I was going to rant and rave, but think about these truths and contemplate on the verse below.

Isaiah chapter 40 verses 28 through 31 says

⁸ **Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth Does not become weary or tired. His understanding is inscrutable.**
²⁹**He gives strength to the weary, And to *him who* lacks might He increases power.**
³⁰**Though youths grow weary and tired, And vigorous young men stumble badly, ³¹Yet those who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength; They will mount up *with* wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary.**

Our prayers are with you. Love in Jesus

Pastor Jay



Down Home Advice from The desk of Reverend George

Hi everyone:

This month I was all set to talk to you about the devil. As I was thinking about what to say, it came to me prayer. That may seem a little odd to you. It did me, until the Lord put me in the right direction. Prayer is the most important part of living a Christian life. I know not all Christians agree with this view point. Some might think it to be works, miracles, bible study or even one of the spiritual gifts. For example I can remember back to being a babe in Christ, and thinking the Gift of Healing was it. I thought if you had that you had it all. How silly of me huh? Don't get me wrong all of the things above and more are very important parts of the Christian life. However it takes daily prayer to become a strong Christian. Think about it, if we aren't talking to God, we are not building a strong relationship with him. So then the devil will always win the battle against us, due to a lack

of prayer. The bible says in 2nd Chronicles 7:14 " If my people which, are called by name, shall humble them self, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." So if we Christians would take it upon ourselves to simply pray we can change anything including the course of the world. The Apostle Paul tells us to pray without ceasing. This shows me what an importance he put on prayer. It is in the book of James where we are instructed on how to pray. It seems to be really quiet simple if we only believe in what we are praying for. James 1:6 says" But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. for he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed." James tells us that if we doubt what we are praying for not to expect to receive it. This suggest a couple of things to me right off the bat. One is if we can't believe God to answer a certain prayer for us, get someone else to pray for that cause. In return we might be able to do the same for someone else. And the other is as we see more and more prayers answered it will build our faith. A good thing to keep in mind is, the very same God that made us made the little ant that crawls around on the ground. He takes care of the ant doesn't he? Could we even start to think, God could care more about that ant than us. I think not in the gospel according to Matthew 6:33 the bible says "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these thing shall be added unto you." I won't even start on Philippians 4:19 where we are told "But my God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." So it seems pretty simple to me, we can either believe the bible and pray like there is no tomorrow, or we can take what ever the devil throws our way. Now wait a minute, before I go any further let me say, we don't have to buy the latest tape series from that big evangelist on television. Just take a look at some of the most powerful people of prayer in the bible. Who, well I am glad you asked, the person who impresses me the most by far is Christ himself. Is that not who we should model our life after anyway? So why not start out on the ground floor with praying like Jesus prayed? It is only then, that we should expect to see truly great results in our prayer life. Here is a few things to keep in mind about prayer. First of all Satan fears prayer because God hears prayer. A few of the devils tactics are to get you to postpone your prayer. The devil will also distract you from your prayer. He never fails to try to stop a Christian from praying. Because every time he is successful he not only won that battle, but also weakens that Christians faith just a little bit. By taking a little at a time it is not very long before he has it all. Keep in mind Satan is very subtle in most cases.

Sound hopeless, well it isn't there are a few things we can do. First keep a prayer journal, write down our prayers and date them when we start praying. Second we shouldn't forget to leave room for the answer to our prayer and date it also. This way we won't tend to forget the prayer or the answer as easily. Yes there is some prayers we might not know what date the answer came. Like if we were praying for patience, this usually happens over time. The point is to start praying in a manner that we can expect to see the results. Thirdly, we should make our prayers as specific as possible that is the best way to see the results. The bottom line is we should start praying where we are, just like we are. We should pray for what God puts on our hearts. Praying about the things that matters the most to us. And what ever it is God, will be faithful to answer our prayers. And last of all we must be persistent, especially if it doesn't look like the answer is in sight. Well I am climbing back down off my soapbox now. May God be ever present in your life's:

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, and may God truly bless you.

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This Months Bible Moment



With Pastor Jay

Sometimes it is very hard to answer some of the questions that come my way. I am



only a man that the good Lord has allowed to work for Him. Sometimes He gives me special insight sometimes He chooses not to. I have been studying God's healing ways. I cannot count how many times I have been asked about God's healing ways and why some loved one was not healed. I believe that unless the Lord tell us why He won't heal us, it is His will to heal. Now before

you get upset with me and say all the gifts have passed away except love let me give you my reasoning. In the last chapter of Acts Paul is healed from the vipers bite. Then in verses 8 and 9 Paul is healing everyone that will be healed on the island of Malta. Now this is 30 years after the Lord ascended. If these gifts were to end then why is Paul still healing. In Exodus chapter 15 verse 26 God says

²⁶And He said, "If you will give earnest heed to the voice of the LORD your God, and do what is right in His sight, and give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have put on the Egyptians; for I, the LORD, am your healer."

The words here for "I the Lord am your healer" are two Hebrew words only. Jehovah-Rapha. Meaning God the healer. The Hebrew does not leave any question it is not God that might heal or God that heals when He feels like it. It is God the healer. In Malachi 4:2&3

²"But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall. ³"You will tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day which I am preparing," says the LORD of hosts.

In Proverbs 4: 20-22

My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your sight; Keep them in the midst of your heart. For they are life to those who find them And health to all their body.

In Psalms 103: 1-5

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul, And all that is within me, *bless* His holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget none of His benefits; Who pardons all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases; Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion; Who satisfies your years with good things, So *that* your youth is renewed like the eagle.

In Matthew 4:23

²³ **Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people.**

Notice that it does not say anywhere in these and many more scriptures **"IF IT BE THE WILL OF GOD"** As I said earlier there are many things my Lord does that I truly do not understand. I believe it is the will of my Lord to heal everyone except those He tells why he won't heal them. Mary mentioned **Joni Eareckson-Tada** earlier in the newsletter. When she was injured she went to every faith healer that she could find. She was anointed and prayed over so much she was hard to get a grip on because of all the oil. But God did not heal her. She went on for many years wondering why until one day the still voice of God showed her how many more people she was able to reach by not being healed, than by being healed. On one of the prayer sites we are part of there is a young girl that has cancer. God has not chosen to heal her. But if one looks, one can see that this little girl is reaching thousands upon thousands that may not have been reached for Jesus otherwise.

I will leave you with this thought. When someone says that it is not the will of our Lord to heal, most of the time that person then relies on the nurses, doctors and hospitals to help heal them. Why, if you truly believe that it is the will of God not to heal you, why do you think He would let the doctors do it? If it is not the will of God to heal us then we should just wait to die, not seek medical help. If it is not the will of God to heal then all the medical help in the world could not heal you. If it is not the will of God to heal then all the medical personnel are going against the will of God. If you read the Bible you will find those that go against the will of God suffer great punishment.

As I said at first sometimes I just don't have the answer. But no matter what happens I do know who does have all the answers and someday He will chose to share them with me.

God Bless Pastor Jay

Ministry of the Month

Another new feature of the newsletter each month will be to highlight ministries that we at His Will Ministries support. I feel that this will give you a better idea of some of the outreaches we at His Will Ministry have. The Voice Of God Ministries Inc is operated by Pastors Davies and Loveness Nderema. God is opening doors for their ministry, this November they will be going to Zambia then Tanzania and Kenya. In Kenya itself there are five places they will have to minister. Pastor Davies just received an invitation to conduct a Prophetic Conference in Liberia, As you know they have gone through terrible war, it needs revival indeed. One of the prayer needs is the establishment of ZOMBA WORLD OUTREACH CENTER. This center will serve as Training, Administrative, Mission, Resource and Conference Center for their ministry. Pastor Davies feels that now is the time that this center has to be in full operation. His heart is crying to fulfill the mission God has given them is twofold hence; Conducting Conferences and Media. Pastor Davies e-mailed me these words just the other day. *"I had a wonderful time in those seven days fasting and praying. One word which kept coming in my heart is THIS IS HARVESTING TIME, THE HARVEST IS RIPE. this has been coming during the fasting and its still burning in my heart."* **Please keep this ministry in your prayers. Pastor A. J.**



TEACHING OF THE MONTH

This month by
REV. G.A. Cloninger

Tools of the Devil

First please let me say I consider it a true honor and privilege to share this little tidbit of truth with you. This month I would like to share with you about some of the tools, the devil uses against every child of God. First I would like to share this little poem with you. After reading this I realized how true it really is.

The Devil



Men don't believe in a devil now, as their fathers used to do. They've opened the door to the broadest creed to let his majesty through. There isn't a print of his cloven feet or a fiery dart from his bow to be found on earth or anywhere, for the world has voted it so. But who is mixing the fatal drought that kills both heart and brain, and loads the earth each passing year with ten hundred thousand slain? Who blights the bloom of the land today with the fiery breath of hell? If the devil isn't or never was would someone please rise and tell? Who dogs the steps of the toiling saints and digs the pits for his feet? Who sows the tares in the field of time when God is sowing pure wheat? But the devil is voted just not to be- and of course the thing is true- But who is doing the kind of work the devil is supposed to do? Won't someone step up to the front right now- and immediately begin to show- How the frauds and crimes spring up- for surely we want to know! The devil was fairly voted out -and of course the devil's gone- But simple folk would like to know, who carries his business on?

This little poem was written by an unknown author. But I found a lot of truth in it. What better way for the devil to work in our daily life than to make people think he isn't real? Here are a few of the tactics he uses with verses of scripture to win against them. First on the list would be Doubt. If we start to doubt the word of God, or what we are praying for we already have lost the battle. 1st Timothy 2:8 tell us "I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting." Then secondly, probably would come Distraction, it is only when we take our eyes off from God that the devil wins against us. Look at what happened to Peter in Matthew 14:30. "But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried Lord, save me."

Thirdly comes Delay, if the devil can get us to delay our work he knows it may not get finished at all. The book of Proverbs 27:1 says. "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth" Then fourth on the list would be Disappointment. Have you ever seen how anyone reacts to disappointment? It is when we get disappointed that we tend to forget Romans 8:28 "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose. Then fifth on the list would be

Deceit. If the devil can get us to follow the desires of our heart instead of God he knows he wins again. In Jeremiah 17:9 the bible tells us about the heart of man. "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

The sixth thing would be Dullness, just not listening to the Lord, when he speaks. Maybe I should call it a dullness to hear from the Lord. Hebrews 5:11 says "Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing. So then the seventh thing would be Disobedience. Let us look at Romans 16:14-18 "For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey; whether of sin to death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you." So if we were to write the devil out a report card it might look something like this.

- 1. D = doubt**
- 2. D = distraction**
- 3. D = delay**
- 4. D = disappointment**
- 5. D = deceit**
- 6. D = dullness**
- 7. D= Disobedience**

He may have all D's but his method is still very effective. Oh you can rest assured he will present these D's in a way, that it is hard to recognize they are coming from him. The devil will use the person you are angry with. Or maybe someone who might just not measure up to our standards as Christians, among their other short comings. Maybe he might use your own disbelief from time to time. Surely he would not catch us off guard by being drained both physically and or spiritually , and the devil couldn't do that in this day and time. Could He?

So the next time you think the devil could be working on you, just put yourself in his position. Then try to think like him what would you do if you were the devil? The first thing I would do is to deny my own existence, in the world today, certainly I would down play it as much as possible to all Christians and the local church. This would leave me free to go on about my business unhindered, full speed, unchecked or maybe unobserved by all the children of God. Keep in mind he has had a long, long time to perfect each of these tactics. So let us keep our eyes open, and make his work as hard as possible. We should all try and pull together and make his D's a failing grade for him. Instead of the stumbling block he wants them to be for us. So until the next time may God truly bless each one of you.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you:

Rev. G. A. Clonginger