



Controlling The Tongue

By David Luff

Recently I was waiting with my wife for service at the deli counter of a grocery store when my eye was drawn to a little paperback book on the “inspirational books” rack entitled *Taming the Tongue*. I decided to invest a few bucks in a copy because I had very recently fallen prey several times to my own failure to control my own unruly member. As a result of reading this little book, the Lord began to speak to me about this issue of taming the tongue. I will share a few things in this article that will hopefully be helpful to you.

“We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check. When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. All kinds of animals, birds,

reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God’s likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be. Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.” James 3:2-12 (NIV)

The naive reader of this Scripture might think they had found a shortcut to achieving perfection. All they have to do is control their tongue; never offend or be at fault in what they say. But James tells us in verse 8 that “no man can tame the tongue.” He is exactly right. Regardless of our best human intentions and human efforts, we cannot avoid being at fault in what we say.

Both Christians and non Christians alike have experienced problems in their relationships with others due to their unruly tongue, and relying on self-effort and will-power alone will only lead to further frustration and failure. Only the Spirit of God can tame this unruly member.

“Let me put this question to

you: How did your new life begin? Was it by working your heads off to please God? Or was it by responding to God’s message to you? Are you going to continue this craziness? For only crazy people would think they could complete by their own efforts what was begun by God. If you weren’t smart enough or strong enough to begin it, how do you suppose you could perfect it? Did you go through this whole painful learning process for nothing? It is not yet a total loss, but it certainly will be if you keep this up! Answer this question: Does the God who lavishly with his own presence, his Holy Spirit, working things in your lives you could never do for yourselves, does he do these things because of your strenuous moral striving or because you trust him to do them in you?” Gal. 3:2-5 (The Message)

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Note these additional scriptures that are an encouragement to us:

“Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.” Phil. 1:6 “For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.” Phil. 2:13 “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Phil. 4:13 “The Sovereign Lord has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears, and I have not been rebellious; I have not drawn back.” Isaiah 50:4-5 (NIV)

I think that too often we fail to put enough importance on the little things in our daily lives. The Spirit of Christ in us is primarily seen in the little things. To walk before God in the everyday matters of life and to have our words and actions emit the aroma of Christ and his colorful beauty is true holiness. Therefore, in the least of these matters of daily life, it is critical that we look upwards for God’s direction and prompting. Left to our own devices, even a single misspoken word can cause someone else to be unsettled for months.

“A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.” Proverbs 25:11 (KJV)

Being able to speak “fitly” is certainly embedded deeply in the fruit of the Spirit. In the display of each aspect of spiritual fruit, Spirit-enriched speech plays an important role. I make the point about spiritual fruit to remind us that our focus must not be on fruit but the development of a “healthy tree with a good root system.” I’m sure we have all at one time or another tried to “hang fruit on the tree.” That may work at Christmas time when the tree is decorated for the holidays, but if we do not take the tree out of the house soon after Christmas, the spicy scent of the holidays is soon

replaced by the stink of rotten fruit. This same thing happens when we try to bypass the “heart” and go straight to the “fruit.” Give thought to the following scripture:

“A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.” Luke 6:45 (KJV)

Now let’s look at some of the “tongue” pitfalls that we should seek the Holy Spirit’s help to avoid:

1. The Lying Tongue

Prov. 12:22 “The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful.”

Lying comes in four primary forms: deceitfulness, half-truths, exaggerations, and flattery. Deceitfulness is the most blatant form of lying. I Peter 3:10 “Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech.” Why do people practice deception: financial gain, to gain social advantage, to hide immoral acts, or to obtain some other benefits? When we practice deceitfulness, we slap God in the face. We are saying we don’t trust him to handle a situation and we, in essence, say to Him that he is a liar and will not fulfill his promise to meet our every need.

Half-truths are another form of lying. In court, the oath a witness must agree to is to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. A half-truth is really a lie. Any time we say something that is in itself true, but we withhold information that would cause someone to draw a different conclusion about us than what is completely true, is a deception. Any intent to deceive is a lie—period.

Exaggerating is the embellishment of a story to get more attention from our listener. It may seem harmless, but nevertheless it is a form of lying.

If we are known to be an exag-

erator, people will only believe half of what we say.

Flattery is a lie covered in flowery words. It is used to gain favor with other people. Jude 1:16 “These men are grumblers and faultfinders; they follow their own evil desires; they boast about themselves and flatter others for their own advantage.” When we engage in flattery, it says that we lack faith in God’s ability to give us favor with others. Psalm 5:12 “For surely, O Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield.” Think about how Daniel was found in good favor by the prince of the eunuchs (Dan. 1:9 “Now God had brought Daniel into favor and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs.”)

Ps. 12:3 “The Lord will cut off all flattering lips.....”

2. The Belittling Tongue

Eph. 4:29 “Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouth except what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.” Are people encouraged by spending time with us, or do they feel discouraged and put down? Are our expectations so high that we focus on people’s shortcomings rather than their strengths? I Thess. 5:11 “Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.” Words and hammers are alike. They can be used to build or to tear down. Our human tendency is to want to “fix” people; see their faults and correct them. Rather let us develop the habit of affirming our family members, employees, co-workers, and friends and especially our brothers and sisters in the church. We must keep our eyes peeled and our ears tuned to see and hear strengths in others we can sincerely affirm and encourage in a timely manner. Prov. 3:27 “Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act.”

3. The Harsh Tongue

Prov. 15:1 “A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word

stirs up anger” (NIV). It is easy to become frustrated and impatient with others who move slower than we do or think more slowly than we do, etc. But a harsh tongue never yields positive results. Prov. 31:26 “She opens her mouth with wisdom, and on her tongue is the law of kindness.” Is there ever any justification for allowing harsh words into our conversation? We are the beneficiaries of the grace of God in our lives, and we are expected to be good stewards of the grace God has showed to us. Therefore we are expected to extend this grace to others. We need to cultivate the habit of speaking kind words to people we may feel do not deserve it. But isn’t that what grace is, “undeserved favor?” Col. 4:6 “Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.” Col. 3:16 “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.” It is good for us to go to God to obtain His words before we confront a person with a difficult or sensitive issue. God’s words always get the desired results. Isa. 55:11 “So is my word that goes out from my mouth: it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.” We can never achieve the purpose of God with harsh words.

The old saying, “Sticks and stones will break my bones, but words will never harm me” is totally untrue. Harsh words never die and can impact a person for a lifetime. Prov. 16:32 “He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.” Kindness and the words that come from it is a fruit of the Spirit. May we develop a deep desire for the Spirit of God to establish the fruit of kindness in our lives.

4. The Rude Tongue

Isa. 35:8 MSG, “There will be a

highway called the Holy Road. No one rude or rebellious is permitted on this road. It’s for God’s people only.”

What has made us so rude? Is it the frantic pace of everyday life? Is it the stress of the workplace and demanding bosses, information overload, the economy, challenges of rearing children in an immoral society? People who display patience are becoming increasingly rare.

Ill-mannered and discourteous communication and actions are standard practices in our society. It should not be so among God’s people.

Being rude to another person is hurtful and can ruin their entire day. However, displaying patience in a stressful situation is valuable testimony to those who observe it.

What is the first Bible verse we ever memorized as a child?

“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” We are so busy with our own agendas that we don’t even have time to think about others much less to “do unto them.” Luke 6:31

Our modern conveniences have many times contributed to our rudeness. The cell phone that would require major surgery to remove from our hip is often the cause of our rudeness. It interrupts conversations. Many times conversations across the dinner table are interrupted and probably completely shot by an answered cell phone call. The building of deep relationships requires undivided attention. Is it any wonder many of our relationships are shallow?

I Cor. 13:4-5 from the NIV, “Love is patient; love is kind. . . . love is not rude, it is not self-seeking.” How should we react when people are rude to us? There are a number of constructive responses we can have, but the most important thing is not to get sucked into another person’s negativity. We are not to match rudeness with rudeness.

5. The Boasting Tongue

“Let another person praise you,

and not your own mouth; someone else, and not your own lips.” Proverbs 27:2

Are we so proud of our accomplishments that we can’t help but boast about them?

Boasting implies that our good fortune is a result of our own efforts. Nothing could be further from the truth. Everything we have comes from God.

“All this happened to King Nebuchadnezzar. Twelve months later, as the king was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, he said, “Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?”” Daniel 4:28-30 (NIV)

The Lord heard him and answered him. He interrupted his boastful meditation and told him he would lose his kingdom immediately. He was driven from his palace and became a derelict. His hair grew like the feathers of an eagle and his finger and toe nails became like the claws of a bird. He became mentally ill eating grass like the cattle.

God told him he would remain in this state for seven years, and he would acknowledge that “the Most High is sovereign over the kingdoms of men and gives them to anyone he wishes.”

“At the end of that time, I Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes to heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever.” Daniel 4:34 (NIV) “Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labor; this is the gift of God.” Eccl. 5:19 (KJV)

When pride tempts us to boast about anything we have or do, go find a chair at the back of the room; take the lowest seat we can find.

“For who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you

boast as though you did not?" I Cor. 4:7 (NIV)

"But, Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord. For it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the Lord commends." 2 Cor. 10:17

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud." I Cor. 13:4

May we learn to take praise in stride and deflect that praise to God who is the one to whom it belongs.

I read that praise is like perfume; if you consume it, it will kill you.

6. The Judgmental Tongue

Matt.7:1-2 NIV, "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured."

Judgmental people practice critical and faultfinding assessment of other people's behaviors.

It is human nature to judge others based on their behaviors but to judge ourselves based on our intents and motives.

Jesus said we would be judged by the same measure we judge others.

Often times we judge others behavior merely contrasted with how we would do it. Most often that is not a credible measure. Most of the time the way others do things is not wrong, just different.

"You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no one. But if I do judge, my decisions are right, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father who sent me." John 8:15-16 (NIV)

Benjamin Franklin, one of the founding fathers of America said, "I will speak ill of no man, not even in the matter of truth, but rather excuse the faults I hear, and, upon proper occasions, speak all the good I know of everybody."

"Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, Let me take the speck out

of your eye when all the time there is a plank in your own eye." Matt. 7:3-5 (NIV)

Jesus tells us where we should focus our attention; on our own faults.

We should pray for others who we see walking contrary to God's standards, but avoid judgment. If it becomes our responsibility to address a behavior in others that is not right, may we do so with an attitude of love and gentleness.

7. The Complaining Tongue

"Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe." Phil. 2:14-15 (NIV)

"I cry aloud to the Lord; I lift up my voice to the Lord for mercy. I pour out my complaint before him; before him I tell my trouble." Ps. 142:1-2 (NIV)

There are such things as legitimate complaints. But they can only be resolved by directing the complaint to the one who can change the situation.

Most people who have complaints never take constructive action. They waste time whining and getting others to commiserate with them.

Complaining is contagious. It is easy to join with others in their complaining. We can become an outcast by refusing to join in with those who are complaining. However, most people will look forward to conversations with you if you have the reputation of not being a complainer.

8. The Discouraging Tongue

Col. 3:21 NIV, "Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged."

Job 29:24 NLT, "When they were discouraged, I smiled at them. My look of approval was precious to them."

No one will ever know how many dreams have been dashed because of discouraging words. The enemy

of our souls uses the technique of discouragement to cause the people of God to lose heart.

Let us stand on this Scripture when we are tempted to become discouraged:

Eph. 3:20 NIV, "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen."

Consider the impact of the discouraging report of the ten spies who explored the Promised Land. Even though Joshua and Caleb gave a glowing report and testified of their assurance that they could take the land, the fearful report of the other ten spies caused the people to become discouraged. It caused the people to spend another 40 years in the desert.

God did not take kindly to spreading discouragement.

"Then the ten scouts who had incited the rebellion against the Lord by spreading discouraging reports about the land were struck dead with a plague before the Lord. Of the twelve who had explored the land, only Joshua and Caleb remained alive." Numbers 14:36-38 (NLT)

In addition to losing their own lives, the ten spies caused thousands to miss their inheritance, all that generation perished in the desert.

Sometimes there is a need to counsel people who are heading into trouble with their poorly thought-out plans. If so, we need to be careful how we address them. We can ask carefully-designed questions about their plans without completely bursting their bubble.

9. The Silent Tongue

Eccl.3:1a & 7b NIV, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: a time to be silent and a time to speak."

Matt. 18:15 KJV, "Moreover, if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he

shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.”

Sometimes when we are offended we give the offender the silent treatment, and they may never know what they did. This can be a very cruel treatment of others.

Silence is not golden when it used as a passive retaliation and as a means of expressing anger.

People excuse this behavior by saying that confronting the offender is not the right thing to do. Certainly responding in like is not right, but speaking the truth in love can prevent future offences.

Another time when silence is not golden is when we remain silent when we do not defend the innocent against unwarranted accusations

and criticism.

In closing let us be encouraged to look to the Lord to help us to model our speech after our Lord Jesus. May we not excuse faulty speech by saying, “that’s just the way I am.” The Holy Spirit wants to form us into the image of Christ, but He needs our cooperation to fulfill His task.

Reverence

By Rick Yaskiewicz

In preparation for this message, I first went to the dictionary to learn the definition of reverence. Reverence is defined as a feeling or attitude of deep respect, love, awe, or veneration. I believe that most of us desire to enter into this perfection. The yearning to be all God wants us to be is being placed in every heart. To present our bodies as a living sacrifice can be hard on the flesh, but the outcome is great spiritual fruit and benefits. “We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us” (Philippians 4:13).

The church, the called out ones, the ecclesia, is a place of honor, worthy of honor. It makes no difference where the meeting is held. You are not honoring the building itself. You are honoring who meets you in that building! I will elaborate on this later. There should be a reverential awe as we enter the place of meeting and worship. A sense of sobriety should rest in our hearts as we enter and take our seats.

Leviticus 19: 30 and Leviticus 26: 2 states, “Ye shall keep my Sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord.” Hebrews 12: 28, “Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.”

The kingdom of God is in our grasp! It should become a part of

our daily lives. Our desire to see the kingdom come on earth should put our hearts aflame. We must not let the enemy of our souls lull us to sleep or cause any complacency within us. Hebrews 12: 9, “Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?” Godly fear does not mean to be fearful of anything in the church. But, when the people fear God and respect Him, His Spirit can and will move! “Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty” (2 Corinthians 3: 17).

The house of God, the Church, a Body of Believers: they are all synonymous. The brethren have taught us by the Spirit that the coming together of the Body of Christ is a holy place. It is also a place where God places His name. It is to be a place of reverence.

Isaiah 6: 1, “In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple.” Oh, what a picture of holiness that our Lord presents in His temple. How can we not respect such a glorious place that He has so graciously bestowed upon us? We want to be that dwelling place of the Lord as He places His name on His Church! Deuteronomy 12: 5,

“But you shall seek the place where the Lord your God chooses, out of all your tribes, to put His name for His dwelling place; and there you shall go.” I Kings 9: 3, “And the Lord said to him: ‘I have heard your prayer and your supplication that you have made before Me; I have consecrated this house which you have built to put My name there forever, and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually.’” We say, “Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name” (Matt. 6:9). To His name, as well as Himself, we give the greatest esteem and honor. We reverence Him, His name, and His name is placed on the Church. Oh glory to God, what a wonderful God we serve, who bequeaths His love and faithfulness to His children. He lovingly accepts us into the family of God. His Son sits in the place of authority. He is high and lifted up and His train goes through the entire church!

When each individual first enters the place of worship, the spirit in which they come will have a direct bearing on the meeting. The ultimate is to have God fill the tabernacle, made without hands, with His power and glory.

You are the Church

I Peter 2:5, “Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God

by Jesus Christ.” As we compare the tabernacle of God prior to the birth of Jesus, and the new covenant that was established, God’s plan for worship never changed. The physical structure changed; it became the Body of Christ. The people became lively stones (or living stones) full of life, full of His Life.

Matthew 18:20 states, “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Revelation 21:3 says, “And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.” If it was necessary for the old tabernacle, constructed by hand, to follow God’s instructions, why shouldn’t we show respect and do what He requests of the latter house? We are promised this latter house will be greater than the former. It must be accomplished! His word in His people; every “I” dotted every “T” crossed in what the Spirit has revealed to us, His Church! Malachi 1:14, “For I am a great King, saith the Lord of hosts, and my name is dreadful (to be feared) among the heathen (nations).”

Isaiah 66:2, “For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.” This holy reverence of God’s church, which you are, becomes a reality when we actually establish it on the tables of our hearts. God recognizes this and His presence lifts us up in a way that we have sometimes only tasted. But, I believe this is a vital step in bringing about the kingdom of God in us.

Reverence of the House of God **Recognize the place where the holy presence of God dwells**; this should not be a lobby of conversation and visiting before the service. This is true for anywhere the local church is meeting. While we are praying and seeking the Lord before the service,

there should be a holy reverence and hush as we come into the House of God. Talking should be kept to a minimum. Loud greetings with one another, (especially at church camps) are distracting. We should honor the Spirit in one another. Come in, sit down, and begin partaking of the Spirit of the meeting. Usually there will be a time of greeting and fellowship after the service. Let’s not be in such a hurry to leave and not enjoy one another.

Children are not to play or visit with one another as they enter the place of worship. Let’s teach our children at an early age so that when they are older, it will be automatic. Teach them that you do not talk in a meeting, if at all possible. Practice with them at home the appropriate way to ask quietly when there is a need during the service. Again, if you start early, it will become the norm. We are speaking of the church meetings which include: prayer meetings, special meetings during the week and most importantly, church camps.

Prophecy and Prayer - God is speaking to us when prophecy is being given. We must learn to respect our brothers or sisters and see the Christ in them. When God is speaking, be reverent. I feel that prayer is another area of reverence that must be respected. During the service, if you must leave; please try not to be disruptive. When you return, if someone is prophesying or praying, please wait until he/she has finished. Then, quietly take your seat.

Prepare yourself during the week. It is good to spend time on Sunday morning, prior to the service, waiting before the Lord. Meditation is allowing our thoughts to be interwoven with prayer and communication. Take time to prepare. Take time to be holy. Late Saturday night movies should be avoided. How can we prepare, if we spend all of Saturday night in front of the TV? Be careful that the enemy of our soul does not rob us of our time. Each meeting is important. The kingdom of God is in our grasp. If men spend hours and

days to debate over earthly issues for a kingdom that will pass away; how much more shall we prepare for the Kingdom of God? Everyone has gifts or a ministry. Look to God for that ministry. Come prepared! Every joint supplies. When gifts and ministries are functioning properly, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, then we can expect God to move. Evidence of God’s moving will be healings in our midst, burdens lifted, restoration becomes a common occurrence, convictions in our assemblies, peace flowing like a river, joy unspeakable, and an anointing that will break every yoke! All of these blessings come from the presence and power of God through the Holy Spirit in our midst. Glory to God! The Church triumphant is alive and well! This doesn’t mean everyone must minister every Sunday. But, they are standing ready to minister when the Spirit indicates.

Endeavor to be on time. Arrive early and wait on God for His anointing. Your presence is needed at every meeting, if at all possible. Understandably, there will be times when you are away. However, again, let this be the exception, not the usual. Our lives should not be so cluttered that we do not attend regularly. When you arrive late and the service has already begun, you miss the opportunity to be prepared. You may miss the things the Spirit is saying to the Church. Oh, that our hearts would be so on fire for God that the Church service would again be the highlight of the week.

These are some of the things we feel are needful in preparing and waiting on God for the Church service. Scriptures state that believers who seek God and obey His word are blessed and visited by Him. We want God to hear our cry and His Spirit to move in our midst to change us into His image so that the Church can influence the world.

II Chronicles 20:9 states, “If, when evil comes upon us, as the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we will stand before this

house, and in thy presence, (for thy name is in this house,) and cry out to thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help.”

Please read Acts 3: 1-26 and Acts 4: 1-33. The dear saints mentioned here prayed to the Lord in one accord for boldness to speak and witness for the Lord and the Lord shook the place where they were meeting. Then the Spirit fell and great power and boldness was given to the Church. Their prayers were answered! Hallelujah to God!

Haggai 2: 3-9, verse three reads: “Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? And how do you see it now? Is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing? Verse four: “‘Yet now, be strong Zerubbabel,’ says the Lord; ‘and be strong, Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be strong, all you people of the land,’ says the Lord, ‘and work; for I am with you,’ says the Lord of hosts.” Verse five: “According to the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so My Spirit remains among you; do not fear.” Verse six: “For thus says the Lord of hosts: ‘Once more (it is a little while), I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land.’” Verse seven: “‘And I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this house with glory,’ says the Lord of hosts.” Verse nine: “‘The glory of this latter house shall be greater than the former,’ says the Lord of hosts. ‘And in this place I will give peace,’ says the Lord of hosts.”

Everything will be shaken. There are perilous times coming on the earth. We, by faith, are entering into the things God has prepared for His church since the foundation of the world. This house (which we are) is made without hands. It is made up of lively stones, built up into a Holy Temple unto the Lord; to be inhabited by God through His Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 2: 21-22 states: “In whom all the building, fitly framed together groweth unto a holy temple

in the Lord. ‘In whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.’ If God inhabits us by the Spirit, the Church becomes a place of great peace, power and authority on earth.

We must reverence this sanctuary and see the salvation of our God in this place. Then, dear people, we will be able to reach out to the world! Amen.

*Let the Church be the Church
Let the people rejoice
We have settled the question,
We have made Him our choice.
Let the anthem ring out
On a hill far away
The Church triumphant is
alive and well.*

God’s word is sure. Let us rise up and be counted. Bless all of you as we strive together for His perfection. To God be the glory. Amen.

PINELOW SUMMER CAMP – AUG. 2 - 8, 2010

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Adults -	\$100.00 USD
Children - (ages 3-11)	\$50.00 USD
Families - (children under 18) -	\$300.00 USD

Please bring bedding, toiletries, bibles, musical instruments, etc., and a heart prepared for a great spiritual week.

May the Lord bless you all. Daryl Martz

IMPORTANT DATES

Week of Prayer and Fasting	June 6 - 12, 2010
North Battleford Camp.....	July 4 - 11, 2010
North Carolina Camp.....	July 25 - 31, 2010
Pinelow Summer Camp.....	August 2 - 8, 2010
Caribbean Summer Camp, Antigua.....	August 16 - 22, 2010
Park Valley, Saskatchewan	September 3 - 6, 2010
Winkler, Manitoba	September 3 - 6, 2010
Hidden Acres, Ontario	September 3 - 6, 2010
Nebraska Meetings.....	September 24 - 26, 2010
New York, New Jersey Camp	(TBD)

NORTH CAROLINA CAMP MEETING

July 25 - July 31, 2010 — Wingate University, Wingate NC 28174

Check-in time begins at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 25. Meals will be served in the college dining hall beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 25, followed by the first meeting at 7:30 p.m. The camp will conclude with the noon meal on Saturday, July 31. Buildings are air-conditioned. A gym, and other recreational facilities are available.

Charges for room & board:

Age 0 - 3	No charge
Age 4 - 6	\$24.00/week or \$4.00/day
Age 7 - Adult	\$150.00/week or \$30.00/day
Family rate	\$600.00/week or \$120.00/day

Send reservations to:

ncsummercamp10@triad.rr.com
or call Keith Hurley: 336-294-2607
or David Heath: 336-841-0607

Wingate University is located 35 miles east of Charlotte, NC on U.S. Highway 74 in the town of Wingate, NC. If you are using MapQuest or a GPS, please use the following university address: 315 E. Wilson St., Wingate, N.C. 28174

Flight arrangements should be made to Charlotte's Douglas International Airport (CLT) For airport pickup, contact Kim Kaufman at 704-583-0651 or kkaufman@comporium.net If possible, please avoid rush hour arrivals at the airport, since major traffic delays are a problem then.

Retirement

“The steps of a good man are ordered of the Lord” Proverbs 37:23

Many people have been blessed, over the past sixty some years by the faithful and effective ministry of Bro. Ewald Wanagas with Global Missions Inc. However, due to failing health and strength of both he, and his loving wife, Zelma, they are now unable to minister in the field they love so well. In those early days (1948) of the beginning of what is called the “Move of the Spirit”, Ewald and the whole body of students learned what was meant in the Scripture of Jeremiah 29:13, “And ye shall seek me and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.” Ewald has certainly been a faithful and ‘wholehearted’ minister of the Gospel.

The wonderful break-through that the students and staff experienced of the Sharon Bible College, where Ewald and Zelma attended, as they sought the Lord in many days of fasting and prayer, was an experience they shall never forget. Ewald has written many songs and compiled a book containing his songs that the Lord gave him. Even though he sings them all in the English language, often in foreign lands the people enjoyed and were inspired by the precious anointing upon his singing, as he sang of the glories of the heavenly realms, and

the Kingdom of God, that we were learning so much about in those days. He sang from the very depths of his heart and soul, which deeply inspired the hearts and souls of his listeners. We experienced many times, when the whole congregation sang without hymn books ‘new songs’ unwritten, simply by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in unison and harmony and we still do, when so moved by the Holy Spirit.

Most of us, of the Traveling Elders, were privileged to travel with Bro. Ewald as his ministry took him to many places in Canada and the United States. He also ministered with us in many foreign lands such as; Korea, Japan, the Philippine islands, many Caribbean islands and India. His ability of expounding the word of God in simple terms, and at times through an interpreter, made it easy for people to grasp the depths of the truths, as he ministered the thrust of our message: “The Coming together of the Body of Christ” and the outpouring of the “gifts and ministries of the Holy Spirit” upon willing hearts of the people, in the Church universal, which is the “Body of Christ.” His ministry abroad will be greatly missed.

By Merv Smith

CALLED HOME

Edith Hinchliff

March 21, 2010
North Battleford, SK

Edith Andrew

April 6, 2010
Kelowna, BC

Alexandre Viotty (Elder)

April 6, 2010
St. Martin, West Indies

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CARIBBEAN CAMP - August 16-22, 2010

St. John's, Antigua, West Indies
University of Medical Science,
Dow Hill, St. John's

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