



# The Sharon Star

## Foundations

*By Norman Bregg*

(Reprinted from May/June 1973). Very often throughout the later years of my life when I would see a very high building or a bridge spanning a river or deep chasm, my mind would immediately be on the engineering skill required to know how deep and broad, and of what substance, the foundation must be to carry such structures. I believe most very high buildings or bridges that must carry extremely heavy weights must have their foundations go down to bedrock. So it is in our spiritual lives; we need strong foundations for our beliefs and for our faith. The hymn-writer said: "How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in His excellent word. What more can He say than to you He hath said? To you who for refuge to Jesus hath fled." Jesus said: "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock" (Matthew 7:24).

So, with God's help I wish to show that we have a strong foundation for what I think we might properly call the foundation truths upon which this wonderful "Move of the Spirit of God" has been built. I think possibly some may think that I am going back to something that we already know and understand, but I wish to show that every truth in God's word grows (figuratively speaking) as we grow in understanding. The Psalmist said that every truth required a corresponding measure of obedience and then it becomes a part of our experience.

To truly understand the things of which I wish to write in this article, we must have some understanding of what God has had in His mind to do since the beginning of time. Briefly this is stated in Genesis 1, verse 26: "And God said let us make man

in our image after our likeness." The creation of Adam was only the first step in the wonderful plan of God to have man in His own image. In writing to the Ephesians Paul says: "So abundant was God's grace, the grace which He, the possessor of all wisdom and understanding, lavished upon us, when He made known to us the secret of His will. And this is the harmony with God's merciful purpose for the government of the world when the times are ripe for it – the purpose which He has cherished in His own mind of restoring the whole creation to find its one Head in Christ; yes, things in heaven and things on earth, to find their one Head in Him" (Ephesians 1:8, Weymouth). And again in Ephesians 3:8 – 10: "To me who am less than the least of all the saints has this work been graciously entrusted – to proclaim to the Gentiles the gospel of the exhaustless wealth of Christ, and to show all men in clear light what my stewardship is. It is the stewardship of the truth which from all the ages lay concealed in the mind of God, the Creator of all things – concealed in order that the Church might now be used to display to the

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powers and authorities in the heavenly realms the innumerable aspects of God's wisdom." Ephesians 3:17 – 19: "I pray that Christ may make His home in your hearts through your faith; so that having your roots deep and your foundations strong in love, you may become mighty to grasp the idea, as it is grasped by all the saints, of the breadth and length, the height and depth – yes, to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God." Again in Romans 8:18 – 21 (Weymouth): "All creation is yearning, longing to see the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creation was made subject to futility, not of its own choice, but by the will of Him who so subjected it; yet with the hope that at last the creation itself would be set free from the thralldom of decay to enjoy the liberty that comes with the glory of the children of God."

When we read through Jesus' prayer as recorded in the Gospel of John, the 17th chapter, and consider that what Jesus asked the Father for, must come to pass, we realize that it is God's mind to have a people in the last days clothed in the righteousness of Jesus and that the creation must wait for that day before it can be delivered from the thralldom of decay, as Weymouth describes it, or the King James version reads, "the bondage of corruption." Isaiah's prophecy will be fulfilled that says: "For as the earth bringeth forth her bud and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations" (Isaiah 61:11). Then in Isaiah 11:9 we read: "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

If God has given us this much light on what he plans to do, perhaps we can hope that He will show us some light on how He will bring it to pass. As we read through the book of the Acts of the Apostles, it would seem right to think the early Apostles should have been able to lead the church right into the kingdom age. But somehow in the plan of God the church had to go down into darkness, and how great was that darkness! Just a cursory examination of Church history prior to the time of John Wycliff makes one realize the teaching of the Church as a whole was that God was wholly without love and mercy – a God whose wrath against man's sinful nature could only be appeased by much self-denial, self-inflicted punishments to the body and penances of many kinds. Although there were many Godly

men throughout this time who had begun to know of the mercy and love of God, their voices were hushed by those in authority who held over the people the threat of excommunication, and it was generally believed that a person excommunicated by the church was rejected by God.

So much might be said, and so much has been written about the spiritual darkness of the then known world, but we write these few lines to show from where the church has come in the last seven or eight hundred years. But the Holy Spirit was brooding over this sin-darkened world and God began to raise up men who were determined that the common people should have the truth of the grace of God preached unto them. One cannot help but think that this zeal and determination were by the anointing of the Holy Spirit for many endured much hardship to carry out their work. In the case of John Huss, who was burned at the stake when he refused to recant some of his teachings that were in opposition to the teachings of the papal authorities, it meant death.

Through the work of John Wycliff, who was born around 1325 in England, and Martin Luther, 1483 to 1546 in Germany, the idea that the authority to dictate the affairs, both civil and spiritual, of all lands over which their armies had gained control, should be vested in one man, was broken down.

One might say that much of the groundwork or preparation for what is spoken of as the "Reformation" was done by John Wycliff. His first blow at the medieval church was a denial of the Pope's right to collect tribute from England. Following this he went much further and denounced the papacy and the entire clerical organization, maintaining that there should be no distinctions of rank among the clergy. Wycliff's great work of translating the Bible from Vulgate, the Latin version, to English and his tracts in homely English, and finally forming the order of "poor priests," nicknamed "Lollards," who went all over England, wearing rough russet robes and barefooted, carrying Wycliff's tracts and portions of his Bible, entrenched Wycliff in the affections of the English people; besides being a great power in spreading evangelical religion.

Perhaps the greatest step forward in bringing God's people out into the light at this time was performed by God through the life of Martin Luther. Luther had received education to do a great work in law but suddenly he decided to enter the convent at Erfurt because he had become anxious about his soul's salvation. In the convent he heaped upon himself fasts, watchings and scourgings and sought absolution

from his confessor from every slighted sin. Still he was burdened with a sense of sinfulness and of being under God's wrath. He tried out the teaching of the medieval church and found it utterly unprofitable. From indescribable anguish and terror, Luther was delivered by the revelation to him of the central truth of the gospel of Christ. He was taught by the Vicar General of his order that God was merciful. He was a long time coming to the place where he lost faith in the church but finally it dawned upon him that God saves the repentant sinner simply through putting trust in the redemptive work of Christ on Calvary's cross. Through believing this he had come into fellowship with God. This now stood out in sharp contrast to the teaching that men found peace with God through fastings, scourgings, and penances.

Luther soon began to move forward strongly against teachings that were contrary to scripture. He translated the whole Bible from the originals into the language of the German people. This put the majority of the German people strongly behind him; so much so that though much was done to try to stop Protestantism, the medieval church authorities were powerless to stop or to contain it. Many men were inspired by Luther's strong stand and by his teaching and soon Protestantism, or Evangelical teaching, spread over much of Europe.

Perhaps it would be right to say at this point that many people who clung to the teaching of the medieval church were sincere but deluded into thinking that righteousness could be produced by the ideas of men.

We have said quite a bit about the Reformation and though it was a strong step forward, it was only a start in the great plan that was in the mind of God.

From the time of Wycliff and Luther and up to the present time, God has raised up many men and through them He has caused light to shine on certain foundational truths of God's word. Because the anointing of God's Holy Spirit was upon them, men, women and children flocked to hear them and lives were changed.

The books that have been written about the life of John Wesley and how his teaching on holy living did such a work for England, has been a source of help to many, including the writer. In more modern times, the ministry of Charles Price, who many living today learned to love as a man who walked with God, brought healing to many broken bodies, and his teachings brought light and understanding during this present revival. Then just about the turn of the 20th century, the pouring out of God's Spirit in

Wales and in Azusa Street Mission in Los Angeles, California, emphasized the need of the baptism of the Holy Ghost to bring power into the life of the believer.

We have sought to draw a mental picture in these last few paragraphs to show that the ministry of none of these wonderful men of God was intended to be complete in itself, but each was intended to complement the others. Each was planned of God to be part of a glorious whole to bring His church unto the fullness of Christ.

It is very significant and should be mentioned at this time that every revival down through the ages has been accompanied with new revelation on the scriptures. We use the term "new revelation," but actually it is the understanding of God that was lost to the church in the dark ages and now is being uncovered as it were by God's Holy Spirit as He wills. Some will say, or perhaps the carnal mind in all of us will likely say, "Do we have to have revelation to have a revival? Do we have to be reminded that we can't dictate terms with God?" If we want revival we have to take it on His terms. If we yield to Him we always find that His way is best. Jesus said to those Jews that believed on Him: "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; AND YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE. They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin" (John 8:31 – 34, KJV).

Someone has said, "I know of no other cure for every ailment whether it be physical, moral, or spiritual, apart from a knowledge of God through His Word." Also we know that we can only know God's word as the Holy Ghost, or as He is sometimes called "The Spirit of Truth," reveals the word unto us. This is proven by the fact that Jesus said, "Howbeit when He, the Spirit of Truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will show you things to come. HE SHALL GLORIFY ME: FOR HE SHALL RECEIVE OF MINE, AND SHALL SHEW IT UNTO YOU" (John 16:13 – 15, KJV).

We have sought to show thus far that the revival, which began in North Battleford about 65 years ago, followed a definite pattern that God has been working out since the beginning of the church age. Perhaps it would be right to say that all God has worked

out in His people prior to this time was in preparation for this revival. The writer to the Hebrews, after recounting the wonderful things performed by faith, says: “These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth” (Hebrews 11:13, KJV).

Paul in writing to the Corinthians, after recounting all the ways in which the Israelites displeased God, says: “Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come” (1Cor. 10: 11, KJV). So we shouldn’t be too surprised if God begins to move among his people in a new way today, for Isaiah says: “Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert” (Isaiah 43:19, KJV).

It would be hard to write or speak about the beginning of the revival without reiterating some of the highlights of those first wonderful days and weeks. The presence of Jesus, as we met in the class-rooms, was made so real to everyone and then the prophecy went forth with such power and anointing saying, “I will at this time restore to the church the nine gifts of the spirit, saith God.” Most everyone felt that the presence of Jesus in the meetings attested to the fact that God had spoken. Then someone found the scripture that says, “The anointing is truth and is no lie” (1John 2:27, KJV). Almost everyday the Holy Spirit would seem to focus, as it were, light upon a certain portion of scripture and a student would stand or a teacher would stand and read and it was as though we never saw that portion of the Word before.

Then came the wonderful day when the Holy Ghost in our midst put special emphasis on the 4th chapter of Ephesians and we understood that God was at this time going to restore these ministries enumerated in Ephesians 4:11, and Oh Hallelujah, the wonderful thing He was going to perform through these ministries! I have read through these verses in three different translations of the scriptures and they all tell the same wonderful story only in a little different wording. I would like to urge everyone who reads these words to read this chapter from the Bible once again and see if it does not bring fresh assurance into your heart. I am going to quote a few lines from Weymouth’s translation. “And He Himself appointed some to be Apostles, ... in order fully to equip his people for the work for serving – for the building up of Christ’s body – till we all of us arrive

at oneness in faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God, and at mature manhood and the stature of full-grown men in Christ.” Please read the rest of the 4th chapter prayerfully.

Now the remainder of this article I wish to devote to the purpose of making us more assured in our minds and hearts that Jesus gives, as it were, a part of Himself to every member of the Body and that we need the ministry of every member. More particularly, I wish to deal with those five ministries enumerated in Ephesians 4:11, which today we feel God has indicated are embodied in those we know as the traveling ministries. Some one has likened these ministry gifts to the five senses located in the head of natural body, and this would be a fairly accurate type. The eyes see what is ahead. Perhaps this corresponds to revelation and so we could go on through all the senses. But perhaps the main thing is that we should recognize that if these ministries are going to perform the work as stated in Ephesians 4:12 – 32, they must have authority. Now don’t misunderstand me. I dare to say here that those men that God has put the responsibility upon leading or guiding His people, need the ministry of you and me more than we will ever realize. As I write these words, the words that God spoke to Joshua keep going over and over in my mind and they are these: “As I was with Moses so will I be with thee, only be thou strong and of a good courage.” Somehow I feel constrained here to say that I feel there is a parallel between the work God did with the Children of Israel through Moses and what He is doing today with the Church. But let us never forget that when God places a ministry gift upon a man, it is a definite part of Christ’s ministry that just cannot be duplicated by any amount of human effort or contriving. As I was meditating on these things one day, the scripture in Jude, verse 11, came to my mind and I looked up the account of Korah in Numbers, chapter 16. Now if it weren’t possible to make the same mistake today as Korah made, Jude’s instruction would be meaningless. In the first verse of Numbers, Chapter 16, we are told that Korah, Dathan, and Abiram took men. Now let us note that these men had been called of God through Moses to do special service for Him. In verse 9 and 10, Moses said, “Seemeth it but a small thing unto you, that the God of Israel hath separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to Himself to do the service of the tabernacle of the Lord, and to stand before the congregation to minister unto them? And he hath brought thee near to Him, and all thy brethren the sons of Levi with thee: and seek ye the

priesthood also?” These men were not satisfied to do the thing God had called them to do, but wanted a little bigger say in things and they soon got a large following, as indicated in the second verse. They tried to convince Moses that he had failed, verses 13 and 14. Moses devised a plan to convince them that God would indicate by fire who He had called to the priesthood. I don’t believe Moses thought God would take such drastic measures and when God told Moses and Aaron what He was about to do, they fell on their faces to intercede for the people. But the thing that God was about to do now could not be averted, for in the eyes of God “rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry” (1 Samuel 15:23, KJV).

One wonders how it was possible for Korah to have journeyed so long under Moses’ leadership and not realize just as Moses said in the 28th verse, “Hereby ye shall know that the Lord hath sent me to do all these works; for I have not done them of mine own mind.” So it is a fearful thing to oppose someone whom God has sent. One wonders if perhaps Korah had fallen on his face before God more often as Moses did, perhaps this chapter would never have been written.

The ministries of the Apostle and the Prophet have a particular place in the plan of God. In Amos 3, verse 7 we read: “Surely the Lord will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the Prophets.” Perhaps there is no more significant scripture in this regard than Deuteronomy 18:15 – 19. Moses says: “The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto Him ye shall hearken.” In verses 17 and 18, we read: “And the Lord said unto me, They have well spoken that which they have spoken. I will raise them up a prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and I will put my words into his mouth.” It would seem likely that these references were to Jesus, for Jesus Himself said, “These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning Me” (Luke 24: 44, KJV). Also, though there had been many prophets in Israel from Moses time until Jesus came, they were still looking for that Prophet (see John 1:25).

But what is the ministry of the Prophet and why is it that a Prophet’s ministry always brings down the wrath of the church of his day? Stephen said, “Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? And they have slain them which shewed

before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers” (Acts 7: 52, KJV). Stephen was saying, in other words, “Name me one of the Prophets that your fathers have not persecuted.” Jesus said, “Woe unto you experts in the law ... for you build memorial tombs for the prophets – the very men whom your fathers murdered. You show clearly enough how you approve your fathers’ actions. They did the actual killing and you put up a memorial to it” (Luke 11:46 – 48, Phillips translation). We say again, what is the ministry of the Prophet that they continually brought down the wrath of men upon them? The writer feels he only faintly understands the answer to this question as yet, but Praise God, He leads us on! But I believe we can gain some insight from the scriptures.

Fundamentally the ministry of the prophet brings the presence and the voice of God to God’s people. To Isaiah God said, “Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew My people their transgression” (Isaiah 58:1, KJV).

In the beginning of the Move of the Spirit we saw the works of the flesh as enumerated in the 5th chapter of Galatians, in a way we had never seen them before. But praise God, when the darkness is shown up, God always shows the remedy. Paul, in writing to the Romans, speaks of a day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to His gospel.

One more thought that we feel strongly indicates that all the ministry gifts enumerated in Ephesians 5 are to continue unto this day, and on to the time when we shall be one, even as Jesus prayed. In Ephesians 4, verse 8 Paul tells us, “When He (Jesus) ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.” Can it be questioned that those gifts were part of Himself or parts of His ministry? If so, why should He give part and not all of His ministry?

Finally, when this ministry is in the earth, we do well to take heed, continuing on from the promise in Deuteronomy that God would raise up that Prophet. In Deuteronomy 18, verse 19, God says: “And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.” In John 13, verse 20, Jesus said: “Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth Me; and he that receiveth me receiveth Him that send Me.”

I would like to quote here the words of a young man who became a Monk shortly after Martin Luther entered the cloister, and who afterwards received and believed the teachings of Luther. “A chasm has

opened between me and my monastic life, I have been in prison, and in the prison have I received at last, in full, my emancipation. The ties I dreaded impatiently to break have been broken for me and I am a monk no longer. It seems to me also that, practically, the contest in every age of conflict ranges usually round the person of one faithful, God-sent man, whom to follow loyally in fidelity to God. In our days, in our land, I believe it is Luther. To deny Luther would for me, who learned the truth from his lips, to deny Christ. Luther, I believe, is the man whom God has given to his church in Germany in this age. Luther, therefore I will follow – not as a perfect example, but as a God-appointed leader. Men can never be neutral in great religious contests. If, because of the little wrong in the right cause, of the little evil in the good man, we refuse to take the side of right, we are by that very act silently taking the side of wrong.” (Friedrich Schonberg – Cotta).

When we speak of authority, possibly some will fear we are returning to the old slavish rule of the Popes of the medieval age. But we must always bear in mind that there is always the counterfeit for everything that is true. The authority of the medieval popes was authority that came from the carnal mind, and as James says about the wisdom that cometh not from above, it “is earthly, sensual, devilish” (James 3: 15). But the authority that God gives to Spirit-filled men is the true authority and brings peace and rest to those who take refuge under its canopy, for it is the ark of safety.

In 1st Corinthians 4:1 Paul says: “Let man so ac-

count of us, as of the ministries of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.” Goodspeed’s translation words it thus: “The right way for a man to think of us is as managers authorized to distribute the secret truth of God.”

In 1st Corinthians 14:36 (Phillips’ Translation), Paul says: “Do I see you questioning my instructions? Are you beginning to imagine that the Word of God originated in your church, or that you have monopoly of God’s truth? If any of your number think himself a true preacher and a spiritually-minded man, let him recognize that what I have written is by divine command.”

All through the book of the Acts of the Apostles, the instances in which the Apostles sent different ones to various places, or gave command about doctrine, or they appointed elders, are so numerous. So if we wish to receive the Truth that will set us free, we will have to receive it according to God’s order. God has a wonderful order in everything He does.

Finally, if I might be permitted, I will site a personal experience. Just about a year ago I was meditating on these things while I had a few minutes free while at work. I was naming over in my mind the ministries God had restored to the Church since this Move of the Spirit began. I thought; Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, Teacher, then it was as though a voice behind me said, “and the sweet Psalmist of Israel.” And note dear ones, I believe the greatest proof of these things to me is the change in my own life as I have sat under the ministry of these men. The Apostle says, “For the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord” (1 Corinthians 9:2).

# Raising Generations

By Andy Snoke

When did it first happen? I don’t really know. Which ones of my kin first bowed their knees to the Lord and dedicated their lives, and the lives of their children to God? I will never know for sure. Was it 100 years ago? Was it 300 years ago?

Though I will never know who was first, I will always be eternally grateful that I will not be the last member in my family to bow my knee humbly before the God that I serve. I am thankful for the salvation in my life that was started long ago like a spiritual “chain reaction” as the result of the dedication of a long forgotten, and never known relative.

The decisions we make, not only affect us, they

affect generations to come. No one lives to himself the scriptures say. “For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone” (Rom 14:7 NIV).

A person’s dedication at the altar opens the door for generations to follow. If you are blessed to have little ones in your home, truly you have the opportunity to not only raise your children in the presence of the Lord, you are in essence, raising generations.

I do not know, nor can I remember anyone before my Grandfather’s time; but I remember my Grandfather as a very kind, godly man. He taught my father how to pray, and my father took me to church every

Sunday, and taught me how to pray. And I taught my sons how to pray, and with joy, I have now had the wonderful experience of seeing my young grandchildren learning to pray. Each generation had to make a choice of how they would raise the succeeding generation. Their choices had a great impact on those generations that followed.

“Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them” (Deut. 4:9, NIV).

The book of Deuteronomy reminds us that we are to remind our children of God’s love and His ways, so that they may “enjoy long life.”

“These are the commands, decrees and laws the Lord your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the Lord your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life” (Deut 6:1-2, NIV).

The apostle Paul wrote some very good advice to families. We appreciate what Paul wrote, but what we most often do not remember is that when Paul penned these words by the Holy Spirit, he was speaking of revolutionary ideas. The Mediterranean world during Paul’s day was not a “family friendly” environment.

A Roman father at the time of Paul’s writing had unilateral and absolute power of life and death over his children. A Roman father had so much power over his family that he could sell any family member as a slave. He could make any family member or all of them work in the fields, even in chains. He could punish any family member with his own hands. He could even inflict the death penalty on a family member.

In reading ancient literature, when a child was born into the world at that time, the child would be brought before the father’s feet and if the father stooped to lift the child, that was the sign that he acknowledged the child had a right to live. If he turned and walked away, the child would be thrown away.

There is a letter discovered by archeologists that comes from 1 B.C. from a man named Hilarion to his wife named Alis. It reads as follows:

Heartiest greetings.

“Know that we are still even now in Alexandria,” (Hilarion was a soldier, away at that time) “Do not worry if when all others return (to Rome) I remain

in Alexandria. I beg and beseech you to take care of the little child, and as soon as we receive wages, I will send them to you, if good luck to you, you have a child and if it is a boy, let it live; if it is a girl, throw it out.”

It is from this age and time that Paul writes:

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.” Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord” (Eph 6: 1-4, NRS).

These are simple, yet profound words by Paul, encouraging fathers to “do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” This was not the normal sentiment during Paul’s day, but the steadfast apostle recognized that the family unity was the building blocks for the local church.

A child learns by what he sees in his or her home.

Dorothy Law Nolte writes:

*If a child lives with criticism,  
he learns to condemn.*

*If a child lives with hostility, he learns to fight.*

*If children live with fear,  
they learn to be apprehensive.*

*If children live with pity, they learn to feel sorry  
for themselves.*

*If a child lives with ridicule, he learns to be shy.  
But do not despair ...*

*If a child lives with tolerance,  
he learns to be patient.*

*If a child lives with encouragement,  
he learns confidence.*

*If a child lives with praise,  
he learns to appreciate.*

*If a child lives with fairness, he learns justice.  
If a child lives with security,  
he learns to have faith.*

*If a child lives with approval,  
he learns to like himself.*

*If a child lives with acceptance and friendship,  
he learns to find love from others.*

Not all families are blessed to have had a godly heritage and upbringing. Many families have come from very traumatic and ungodly backgrounds. Some have come from a heritage of alcoholism, or abuse.

But rest assured, at every point along that line of family descendants, all it takes is one person, to

change and affect generations to come.

Often, when I see young souls dedicating themselves at a camp meeting, or coming up for prayer, in my mind's eye I can see generations of descendants not yet born, whose destiny will be affected by the decision that very night, of those young souls.

So, love those little ones that God has given you. Teach them the bible stories. Teach them scriptures. Teach them how to pray, how to raise their hands and how to worship. Let them place their pennies or rupees in the collection plate each Sunday morning. Make them feel loved, and a part of your family, and of the greater family of the local congregation. Teach them what a "tithe" is. Teach them to always love God first.

For truly, you are "raising generations."

## IMPORTANT DATES

2013 North Battleford Feast .....	Mar. 28-31
2013 May-Long (Sundrie, AB) .....	May 17-20
2013 North Battleford Summer Camp ...	June 30-July 7
2013 North Carolina Summer Camp .....	July 21-27
2013 Pinelaw Summer Camp .....	July 28-Aug.3
2013 Caribbean Camp	
Layout, St. Vincent, West Indies .....	Aug. 3-11
Labour Day Fall Camps	
Park Valley Labour Day .....	Aug. 30-Sept. 2
Winkler Family Camp .....	Aug.30-Sept. 2
Hidden Acres Family Camp .....	Aug.30-Sept. 2
Omaha Fall Meetings .....	Sept. 21-23

## PAMPHLETS AVAILABLE

- The Present Move Of God
- The Baptism Of The Holy Spirit
- You Are Loved • Growing In Christ
  - Born From Above
- Honor The Lord With Thy Substance
- A Word To The Wise • Sexual Intimacy
  - A Testimony - M. Sundbo

## BOOKS AVAILABLE:

### MESSAGES TO THE CHURCH

- *The writings of Herrick Holt*

### BORN FROM ABOVE

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