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MAKING YOUR WORDS ACTION

In 1921, Lewis Lawes became the warden at Sing Sing Prison. No prison was tougher than Sing Sing during that time But when Warden Lawes retired some 20 years later, that prison had become a humanitarian institution. Those who studied the system said the credit for the change belonged to Lawes. But, when he was asked about the transformation, here's what he said: "I owe it all to my wonderful wife, Catherine, who is buried outside the prison walls."

Catherine Lawes was a young woman with three small children when her husband became warden. Everybody warned her from the beginning that she should never set foot inside the prison walls, but that didn't stop Catherine! When the first prison basketball game was held, she went — walking into the gym with her three beautiful kids, and she sat in the stands with the inmates.

Her attitude was: "My husband and I are going to take care of these men and I believe they will take care of me! I don't have to worry!"

She insisted on getting acquainted with them and their records. She discovered one convicted murderer was blind so she taught him how to read Braille. Years later, he would weep in love for her.

Later, Catherine found a deaf mute in prison. She went to school to learn how to use sign language. She was always willing to listen to the prisoners and their heartaches.

On day Catherine was killed in a car accident. The next morning Lewis Lawes didn't come to work, so the acting warden took his place. It seemed almost instantly that the prison knew something was wrong.

The following day, her body was resting in a casket in her home, three-quarters of a mile from the prison. As the acting warden took his.

early morning walk he was shocked to see a large crowd of the toughest, hardest looking criminals gathered like a herd of animals at the main gate. He came closer and noted tears of grief and sadness. He knew how much they loved Catherine. He turned and faced the men, "All right, men you can go. Just be sure and check in tonight!" Then he opened the gates and a parade of criminals walked, without a guard, the three-quarters of a mile to stand in line to pay their final respects to Catherine Lawes. And every one of them checked back in. Every one!

In order to be Christ's hands and feet in the world, you need to be willing not only to talk about God's love, but also demonstrate His love. I John 3:16-18 states: "By this we know love because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? My little children, let us not love in word or tongue, but in deed and in truth."

A Christian should go beyond making pledges to help someone or to go that extra mile some day. We should act now. Our salvation can't wait and neither can the good that we can do. A child of God does not wait to be served before he will serve. What good is our faith if we are "hearers of the word" only? A Christian touches the world not by words alone—the world must see the example living in us!

-Vendall W. Dollarhide

Vendall has been having medical problems for some time and has been in the hospital for a few days. His recovery may take several weeks. Please pray for him.

Harold (Rusty) Russwurm Author of "Shepherding of Sheep "The Lord's Supper" "To Give Is God-Like, For He Gave"

He has been a laborer in the cotton fields of Mississippi and a valiant laborer for the fields of God's souls.

By serving in the Air Force for his country, he was able to meet and marry his wife Sue, who has helped him serve in God's warfare.

With his experience in agriculture with CIGNA, he was able to be involved with those in farming and ranching, but as an elder of one congregation in Lubbock (Sunset) and a deacon of another (Southside) he was able to teach and counsel those of God's flock.

In spreading God's word as a volunteer to Mission Printing, he and his wife participated in the move into new facilities for Mission Printing, as well as a number of years of weekly service while living in the Metroplex.

As a father and friend to his children, he has been able to guide and share in their growth and development as God's children, as well as being able to pass along that same guidance to his grandchildren.

In his daily life, he always willing and able to communicate the "hope that is within him" to everyone he meets.

—Keith Pickett (son-in-law)

It has been my pleasure to have served with him in the same congregation. What he has written in this treatise (*Shepherding of Sheep*) has been taken not only from scripture but also from his own experiences. It has been encouraging to me to read what he has written, but far more consoling to know that he has been one of the shepherds who has watched over my soul.

—Cline Paden (SIBI) —excerpt from preface of *"Shepherding of Sheep"*

Harold (Rusty) Russwurm served as an elder in the Sunset Church of Christ in Lubbock, TX, for a number of

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more a you see the day approaching."

Hebrews 10:23-25

years. He counseled and taught people the word of God regularly. People were persuaded by his life and readily followed his lead and example.

A long-time gospel preacher, who served with him as an elder for years, once said of him publicly: "I have never known a better elder in all of the years of my preaching." That was a great tribute. I say these things, not simply as a commendation of a brother, for it is not human applause or acclaim that he seeks, but to encourage those who read this little book on giving to listen carefully to what he advises a Christian to do about the grace of giving.

-Guy Caskey -excerpt from intro. to "To Give is God-Like"

Mission Printing was very fortunate to have Rusty and Sue as volunteer workers during the years they lived in the Fort Worth — Arlington area. For many years he served on the Board of Trustees, and he served as President of the Board for part of that time. His leadership and contribution to the growth and success of Mission Printing will long be remembered and appreciated. At one point he made major improvements in the operations of the mailroom. This is where our materials are packed, addressed and prepared to be shipped to destinations around the world. He was also instrumental in establishing an endowment fund for Mission Printing. There were many other contributions he made to this work; too numerous to mention here. We were very sad when he and his sweet wife, Sue, decided to move back to Lubbock. Mission Printing lost two dedicated workers, and we miss them very much.

If you wish, you may contact them at the address below:

Rusty & Sue Russwurm c/o Sunset Church of Christ 3723 34th St. Lubbock TX 79410-2895



"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

John 3:16



Ibom State, Nigeria

We want to thank you for your ministry that has reached this part of the world. The material that you send is very helpful in reaching the lost and edifying the saved. We are also able to share the material with other congregations in the area.

Your publications have gone a long way in making our work easier. Last year we used the material during our lectureship. The books were given to lost souls during the house to house campaign. After the lectureship, we experienced 11 baptisms. We thank God for the increase.

On April 14-15, 2006, Doug Wheeler of the Westside Church of Christ in Norman, Oklahoma will conduct a two-day W.B.S. seminar. We have invited more than 20 congregations to attend. We will be registering new W.B.S. students, hearing gospel lectures, and conducting one-onone Bible studies. To aid in this great work, we are needing Mission Printing's usual support of scriptural material.

Thank you in advance for your support and prayers.

Rio Claro, Trinidad Rio Claro Church of Christ

The Rio Claro Church of Christ is so happy to have brethren like you. Mission Printing helped us so much by sending all of the biblical material and the Bibles. Once again, on behalf of the Rio Claro Church of Christ and my family, I pray God's blessings be with Mission Printing and all of the hard working Christians there.

I also wanted to let you know of a small congregation of 11 Christians in a place called Mayaro. I am asking on their behalf for any material that Mission Printing is in the position to send at the present time.

Anambra State Nigeria

We have received the Mission Printing material that you sent, as well as the Bibles and hymnbooks. Our congregation thanks God for the great work that you do with the printed page. Words cannot fully describe our appreciation for your ministry. May you remain unrelenting in your efforts in God's kingdom!

Please send us more Bibles and hymnbooks. We would also appreciate it if you could send us more material to help those studying the Bible and to aid in opening the doors of the lost. Your material is greatly needed and vital to our mission!

May God continue to bless your labor in His kingdom!

Suhuma, Ghana

We, the Amanase Church of Christ, have received the box of material and the 10 Bibles. We thank you for your kindness that you have shown to this church. The material and the Bibles have been distributed to the brethren who were in need of supplies to reach the lost and to grow personally

"The material has helped me to know God's word better."

Chitungwiza, Zimbabwe

I wanted to thank the workers of Mission Printing for doing a great job. I also want to thank you for sending me the books that pointed out the bad and good way of living. The material has helped me to know God's word better. I gave the material to my friends and relatives, and they are now beginning to turn to the way of the only Truth.

Keep up the great work Mission Printing!.

Lusaka, Zambia

I am in need of your literature, especially now that my work has been extended to those in prison.

I was elected chairman of the Prison Ministry Coordinating Committee for all 9 church of Christ in Lusaka. Lusaka has three big prisons taking in about 1000 or more inmates per prison. Evangelists from churches of Christ have been preaching in each of these prisons and approximately 200 inmates have been baptized as a result.

I have decided to give you this information so that you can see how much we have appreciated your ministry in the past and how we are in need of it now.

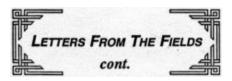
May the Almighty God continue blessing this wonderful ministry

"...you can see how much we have appreciated your ministry in the past and how much we are in need of it now."

Republic of South Africa Monyakeng, Freestate Province Monyakeng, Church of Christ

First and foremost, I would like to tell you that it is a true privilege to write Mission Printing and inform you that we are still using the material that you sent. We are using it to equip the saints in the Lord's church, as well as for reaching the lost. Souls are gradually being added to the Lord's body.

Denominational churches and preachers surround our congregation. The attempt to put pressure on our members to convert to their beliefs. Because of the situation that we find ourselves, the Monyakeng Church of Christ seeks your prayers, and we request you send us more Christian material to use in our efforts.



Malabo, Equatorial Guinea

I want to thank you for the material that was sent. It has enabled the preaching of the gospel immensely. Because of the success we have had using Mission Printing's material, we would like to request a greater quantity to meet with our challenges.

"Keep up the great work Mission Printing!"

Francistown, Botswana Francistown Church of Christ

We are writing you this letter to request material that we can distribute around the city. Mission Printing's material will also aid in spreading the gospel to the entire nation of Botswana.

The City of Francistown Church of Christ is a city congregation that is committed to providing sound and loving lessons about Christ and His church. We believe, to the depth of our being, that every soul must be saved. Our congregation feels that the scriptural material that Mission Printing produces can truly aid in this mission.

We look forward to your partnership with the City of Francistown Church of Christ.

Kumbo-Nso Bui Division Northwest Province Cameroon, West Africa

Thank you for the literature you sent. I continue to give out the literature I receive. The last bag came when there was a brother here from a far off congregation. He was excited to be introduced to the wonderful material.

Please kindly send me a bag of your songbooks. They are very good for newly established congregations, as well as older ones.

May God bless you as you work with Him.



Rice Lake Church of Christ Rice Lake, Wisconsin

I just wanted to write and thank you for all the great material you sent to us. We are working to distribute it all. We have been using it to help teach our members and also to distribute to those in our community who are not members.

The work has been difficult, especially since there was nothing here at the beginning. There has never been a church here before. Most people are locked into the denominations from their childhood. It will take some time to educate them with the Truth.

We have been fortunate to be able to rent a building in which to meet. It was originally utilized as a feed mill. The building was then sold to a group of people, who now rent out smaller units within the building. It is a huge building. We are renting what they call the front office, which is a half block from Main Street. The building is ugly on the outside, but it has beautiful wood on the inside. The church has been averaging about 12 in attendance in the morning and a few more that that at the evening worship. We have some from the Webster congregation, about 50 miles away, that attend most of our Sunday evening worship assemblies. We changed the time of our evening service from 6:00 PM to 4:00 PM because of the distance that some travel in order to attend.

We are thankful for your prayers and the help you have given us.

*For anyone wishing to contact the Rice Lake Church of Christ, we have included their information below.

Rice Lake Church of Christ 410 Noble Ave. Rice Lake, WI 54868 minister: Scott Nedland snedland@yahoo.com

HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE by Rod Rutherford

The Bible is a very big book. Actually, it is a library of 66 different books. There are 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament. These books are all joined together because they have one common theme. This theme is God's plan to save mankind from his sins through Jesus Christ. The first 39 books, the Old Testament, tell us that "Christ is coming." The first four books of the New Testament tell us that "Christ has come." The last 23 books of the New Testament tell us that "Christ has come."

In order to understand the Bible properly, one needs to ask five questions as he read: (1) Who is speaking? (2) Who is spoken to? (3) When is he speaking? (4) What type of language is the speaker using? (5) What are the circumstances or conditions under which he is speaking? If one can answer these five questions correctly, it will help him to understand the Word of God clearly.

First, one must ask, **Who is speaking?** Everything in the Bible was written by men who were inspired by God. However, these inspired writers sometimes recorded by inspiration the words of evil men. Even the words of Satan are found in the Bible (See Job 1:9-11; 2:4-5; Matthew 4:3-9). These words are accurately recorded, but they are not recommended for us to follow today. If ones asks, "Who is speaking?" it will help him to know whether the words he is reading are words he should obey.

Second, one must ask, **Who is spoken to?** In genesis 6:14, we have the following commandment of God: "Make yourself an ark of gopherwood." Is it necessary for us today to build a ship out of gopherwood in order to please God? No, God does not want us to do this. The command was given to Noah. It was necessary for him to obey it in order to be saved from the great flood, which God was going to send on all the world. But this command does not apply to us today. If we answer correctly, "Who is spoken to?" we will see this command was meant only for Noah.

Third, one must ask, **When is the Bible writer speaking?** Is the writer speaking to people such as Abraham and Isaac who lived in the Patriarchal Age when God revealed His will directly to the fathers? Or, is he speaking to the people of Israel who lived under the Law God gave Moses at Mt. Sinai? Or, is he speaking to people today who live under the Law of Christ, which is the New Testament?

In the days of the Law of Moses under which Israel lived, animal sacrifices, sabbath keeping, special feast days, instrumental music and choirs and a special priesthood were all a part of required worship (Exodus 20:8-11; Leviticus 23:1-3; I Chronicles 15:1-6; II Chronicles 19:25; Psalm 150:3-5). But Jesus fulfilled all things "which were written in the Law Prophets and the Psalms" (Luke 24:44). He has taken it away (Colossians 2:13-14). Today, all mankind live under the Law of Christ, which is the New Testament (Hebrews 8:6-13). If we ask, "When is he speaking?" it will let us see that these Old Testament laws of worship are not for us. We must go to the New Testament to find out how God wants us to worship Him today.

Fourth, in order to properly understand the Bible, we need to ask: **What type of language is the inspired writer using?** All human languages have two types of speech: literal and figurative. Literal language is the type which is found in the historical books of the Bible, such as Genesis and Exodus, the book of Acts, etc. It is fact. Literal words must be understood to have their actual meaning. In literal language, if a sheep is mentioned, it means a four legged animal which has wool on its back.

Figurative language is different. Words are used to represent ideas or thoughts, which are different from the actual meaning of the word. For example: a sheep or lamb may be spoken of, but an animal is not meant. It is being used to represent something else which has some of the qualities of a sheep or lamb. Jesus was a man. He is the Son of God. But, in figurative language in the Bible, He is sometimes spoken of as a lamb. John the Baptist said of Jesus: "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29)! Lambs were used for sin offerings under the Law of Moses. John did not mean that Jesus was an actual lamb. But, he meant that Jesus would be the offering for our sins.

A fifth question to ask as one read the Bible is: **What are the conditions or circumstances in which this writing is given?** If we know the circumstances surrounding the writer at the time he writes, it will help us to understand what he is saying. For example, many people have great difficulty understand the book of Revelation. But if we know the circumstances under which the book was given, it will help us to understand the message. The writer of Revelation was John, the apostle. He had been imprisoned by the Roman government on a rocky island called Patmos. This was done because he was a Christian. The heathen Roman government was persecuting the church of Christ near the end of the first century (about A.D. 95 to 100). The things which were revealed to John were "things which must shortly take place" (Revelation 1:1). The book of Revelation was intended to encourage those Christians who were being persecuted in the first century (Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 26; 3:5, 12, 21). Any time that Christians are being persecuted, they can gain great encouragement from studying the book of Revelation.

The Bible is God's inspired Book. It is His revelation to mankind, but in order for us to understand the Bible, we must learn how to study it properly. We must "rightly divide the word of truth" (II Timothy 2:15). If we will ask these five simple questions as we study, we will find that we can indeed understand God's Book!

"Ask Me Where I'm Going"

by J.L.(Sam) Harding

Ask me "Where are you going?" And I will say to you I'm going up to Heaven Above the sky so blue.

To be there with my Savior To sing praises all day long Oh, won't it be so wonderful To honor Him in Song.

Ask me "When are you leaving?" I'll say, "I just don't know." But I'm working to be ready When it's my time to go. Yes, I'm going up to Heaven To a home prepared for me. God gave His Son to pay the cost So, you see the trip is free.

I know I'll meet some hardships And some troubles on the way. But with His help I'm able To get closer every day.

So, ask me, "Where are you going?" And I will say to you I'm on my way to Heaven "Don't you want to go there too?"

Sam is the son of B.B. Harding



Mission Printing has many family members across the globe. One of our most unique and vibrant members is B. B. Harding. A full-time gospel preacher for over 64 years, Brother Harding still finds excitement in teaching two Wednesday nights and two Sunday nights a month. Although confined to a nursing facility in Gunter, Texas, he has not lost his zeal of serving his Savior and others.

Brother Harding has taken a special interest in Mission Printing and has become instrumental in spreading our reach. He is helping Mission Printing by getting the Biblical material into the hands of people all over the United States. This Christ-centered man passes out the material to almost every visitor to the College Hill Church of Christ in Gunter. He also writes to the many congregations where he has preached and to ones that he has become acquainted with during his 88 years. Mr. Harding informs them of the material that is available through Mission Printing and that we will send them a sample box of the books. B.B. Harding has not passed the responsibility of spreading the Truth to others. He believes with all his soul that as long as you have a breath, you have an opportunity and a duty to share the gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

You too can help get the message of Christ and His Church to souls all over the world. If you know of any congregation or individual that would benefit from the material that Mission Printing produces, please let us know. We would be happy to prepare a sample box of the material to take to any congregation that you may visit. Please help Mission Printing share God's Word with as many people as possible. Our future depends on caring souls, like you, that are willing to share the Mission Printing ministry.

Remember that the Mission Printing story is spread like the gospel: one neighbor (congregation) at a time).

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