

Trinity Bible Church

**The Carpenter's House
January 20, 2008**

FIRST SERVICE MESSAGE:

**Seven Principles of the Priesthood
Romans 15:14-21**

Please join us for refreshments between services

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday	20 Jan	Deacon nominations close.
Monday	21 Jan	Deacons' Board meeting.
Monday	21 Jan	Youth Group Meeting
Wednesday	23 Jan	Bible class-2 Corinthians 6
Thursday	24 Jan	Ladies Prayer Meeting.
Monday	28 Jan	Youth Group Meeting
Wednesday	30 Jan	Bible class-2 Corinthians 6
Thursday	31 Jan	Ladies Prayer Meeting.

**** Three deacons will be elected this year. Expiring terms are those of Leonard, Jimmy and Danny.**

**** Please check your personal information for the new directory. Mark it "OK" if it is.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

Worship

SECOND SERVICE MESSAGE:

Encouraging Words

LARRY AND MARY WATERS
BEE World
January 2008

PHILIPPINES REPORT - First, thank you for sending me back Home this year. The trip involved great fruit and great trials. Twenty-seven decisions for Christ were reported in our Dumagat Tribal outreach, and both churches in Manila and Naga City were filled with dedicated believers. The trials: (1) my suitcase with my clothes and gifts was "lost" for 3 days. It's amazing how long a person can operate with one set of clothes! While in Manila, (2) we were trapped in our car during a flash flood for several hours. (3) I also got a terrible rash that is just now healing. But, by His grace the ministry continued!

I taught the largest individual class in the history of International School of Theology (ISOT), Asia (now renamed International Graduate School of Leadership) (IGSL). I taught the book of Daniel 4 hours a day for 5 days. The response was fantastic! The class represented at least 10 different nations and leaders who will be going back to places like Pakistan, India, Viet Nam, China and Indonesia (one of my students was previously imprisoned for his faith in Indonesia). What a privilege to share God's eternal plan from Daniel, and encourage the students that we are ultimately the WINNERS in the warfare with Satan!

While there Pastor Jun Nacion of Naga City Bible Church and I baptized 27 adults. Naga City Bible Church is involved in many wonderful outreaches. These new believers are the result of several Bible Studies that Pastor Nacion holds regularly. I will be reporting soon on the Compassion Ministry to over 125 children and their parents in the area. Please continue to pray for Pastor Jun and Nenita Nacion in this very responsive region! Thank You Again.

PASTOR JOEY AND MRS. DELIA CASAS ARRIVE FROM THE PHILIPPINES - Pastor & Mrs. Casas arrived in November. Mary and I are so privileged that Pastor Joey Casas and his wife, Delia came for a visit November 9-19. We scheduled several meetings for those who wanted to meet Joey and Delia. We planned to have them visit at least two churches and meet with several of our friends. Pastor Joey is in need of monthly support and we have a building project in progress. His church building, What The Bible Says Community Church, is not yet finished and we were hoping to raise funds for its completion.

Pastor Joey met with EvanTell Evangelistic Association November 14. Their goal was for our BEE work and EvanTell could become partners in reaching unbelievers in the Philippines with the Gospel and through BEE, train future leaders to teach God's Word.

PASTOR JOEY'S BACKGROUND - Pastor Joey's testimony is so very unique. After several years as a very successful businessman, he and Delia attended the church we founded in Metro-Manila, Philippines. His leadership ability and his gracious way with people made him an instant candidate for training in church ministry. After an unfortunate accident and a great deal of prayer, Joey and Delia agreed to consider the ministry on a full-time basis. Leaving a good paying job in the Philippines seemed to be a foolish action, but they stepped out on faith. When Pastor Nacion took over the responsibilities in Naga City for us, Joey became pastor of Metro-Manila Bible Church (now What the Bible Says Community Church) in Marikina, Philippines (a suburb of Manila). He has labored faithfully for many years now, but recently has been in need of increased financial support. Mary and I along

with BEE World jointly decided to bring Joey and Delia to the USA to meet possible contributors and present his ministry with BEE World to as many people as possible. He is the senior Pastor of What The Bible Says Community Church in Manila, Philippines. He is the local BEE World Director and is training many pastors with BEE material. Please pray for Joey and Delia's visit to be a success, for their health, for their encouragement, and for their ministry.

"One Heart, All Hands" This is the motto for the What The Bible Says Community Church. Pastor Casas writes that this month the Lord opened a door for the church, in partnership with International Graduate School of Leadership (IGSL). The Teaching "How to Get Good Grades and Enjoy School": they were allowed to enter a nearby public school and end the lecture with a presentation of the Gospel. The response was wonderful!

Also, the whole family of one of our church members, Mrs. Teresita Borros, accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior after a presentation of the Four Spiritual Laws. They are now attending our services regularly.

Finally, more than 1000 people heard the Gospel through a drama presentation by the church. Students from Indonesia, Vietnam, and Myanmar (Burma) were among those receiving Christ.

Pastor Casas writes: "Faith is seeing the invisible as more real than the visible. It was late 1998 when we decided to serve God in the pastorate. We turned down an offer to work in the USA. God had a greater plan. Yet, in His grace, God allowed us to travel to the USA as part of His ministry! We were so thankful to have loving missionaries in the person of Dr. & Mrs. Larry Waters who initiated and organized this trip. We thank Dr. Jody Dillow of BEE World to providing part of our airfare. Though there were difficulties during the trip, God proved once and again that He is able to do immeasurably beyond what we ask or imagine. Our hearts were filled with praise and thanksgiving As God blessed our trip. Meeting fellow believers who love the Lord was a great testimony of God's grace. We were able to raise funds for the construction of our Sunday School & BEE Center. We have started the process of partnerships with EvanTell, American Tract Society, and 2 local churches.

We thank those who committed to help us with our personal support. We are grateful to Jim and Cheryl Johnson who invited their friends who cheerfully gave for the cause of the gospel. Every moment of our stay was a delight. We would like to express our deep gratitude to those who prayed for us. Truly, God had a wonderful purpose for our trip, intensifying our gratitude to Him. Joey and Delia.

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- VII. **Personal Messages and Benediction (15:14–16:27)**
 A. **Paul's Plans (15:14-33)**
 1. **His Priestly Ministry. 15:14-21**

Seven Principles of the Priesthood

Rom 15:14 = Qualifications For Warning One Another.

15:14 C.T. = And concerning you, my brethren, I myself also have been persuaded that you yourselves are full of spiritual goodness, filled with all knowledge and able also to admonish one another.

Summary:

1. Paul considers the Roman believers to be capable of lovingly warning one another.
2. He believes them to possess the goodness of the Holy Spirit and have sufficient knowledge to warn others.
3. Spiritual warnings to Believers should be delivered in a brotherly fashion. 2 Thes 3:13-15
4. Some areas of warning:
 - A. Rebellion. 1 Thes 5:14
 - B. Things to come. 1 Thes 5:12-13
 - C. Lack of His word within you. Col 3:16-17
 - D. Lack of completeness in Christ. Col 1:28-29
5. Check yourself before you seek to spiritually warn others.

Priestly Principle #1: Part of the priesthood is to lovingly _____ others, primarily of spiritual problems.

Rom 15:15 = Paul's Tone and Intent.

15:15 C.T. = But I have written very boldly to you on some points so as to remind you again, because of the grace that was given me from God,

Summary:

1. Paul recognized God's grace in his life which led him to be convinced about some issues so that he could speak with boldness.
2. He knows the source of his boldness.
3. How many points of boldness can you think of?

Priestly Principle #2: Personal realization of _____ must be at the foundation of spiritual boldness.

Rom 15:16 = Explanation of His Ministry.

15:16 C.T. = to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, ministering as a priest the gospel of the God, so that my offering of the Gentiles may become acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

Summary:

1. Paul's priestly service to others is a result of grace given to him.
2. Paul's priesthood uses the gifts given him to serve the Gentiles who are viewed by many Jews to be inferior and certainly unworthy. 2 Cor 8:12

3. He serves these unworthy people the gospel of the God, which is all about the Messiah named Jesus, the sacrifice that matters.
4. Paul's priestly offering is the Gentiles he evangelized.
5. He wants this offering to be acceptable to God which refers to his personal attitude while serving.
6. He wants this offering to have lasting impact.
7. Our Royal Priesthood (1 Pet 2:9) has other functions: Heb 13:15-16

Priestly Principle #3: Seek to offer sacrifices that are _____ to God.

Rom 15:17 = Paul's Boast.

15:17 C.T. = Therefore I have the boast in Christ Jesus, the things before the face of the God.

Rom 15:18 = Paul's Standards.

15:18 C.T. = For I will not dare to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me, resulting in the obedience of the Gentiles by word and deed,

Summary:

1. Paul "boasts" about what Christ has done, specifically of his grace position in Him and what is approved by the Father. Cf Acts 9
2. Jesus Christ is the Great High Priest and Paul is giving Him the credit. Heb 5-6
3. Real changes in peoples' lives are a result of spiritual transformation which is beyond man's ability to accomplish. Rom 12:1-3

Priestly Principle #4: Boast only about what the _____ has done.

Rom 15:19 = Paul's Power.

15:19 C.T. = in the power of signs and wonders, in the power of the Spirit; so that from Jerusalem and round about as far as Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of the Christ.

Summary:

1. As a priest and apostle, Paul has used what he was given to spread the Gospel, almost to Rome.
2. Paul has been to everywhere the Spirit has led him to that point, thus "filling up" or "fulfilling" his ministry. Cf 2 Tim 4:6-8

Priestly Principle #5: _____ where the Spirit leads and _____ what you have been given.

Rom 15:20 = Paul's Strategy.

15:20 C.T. = And thus I aspired to preach the gospel, not where Christ was already named, so that I would not build on another man's foundation;

Summary:

1. This is roughly 23 years into the Church Age and there is not a church on every corner, so he does not seek to waste effort.

2. The apostles, wisely, obediently (Acts 1:8) and efficiently, sought to get the word to as many people as they could before they died.
3. There were no firm boundary lines. Peter wrote to some of Paul's churches (1 Pet 1:1) as did John (Rev 2-3).

Priestly Principle #6: Seek to be _____ in ministry.

Rom 15:21 = Paul's Motivation.

5:21 C.T. = but as it is written,

"THEY WHO HAD NO NEWS OF HIM SHALL SEE, AND THEY WHO HAVE NOT HEARD SHALL UNDERSTAND."

Summary:

1. This is the central thought of the gospel. Go to the remotest regions of the earth with the good news. Matt 28:18-20
2. We are to make disciples, which requires training beyond the gospel.
3. Our desire should be to find those who do not know about Jesus, and tell them about Him, which the disciples did.

Priestly Principle #7: Seek out those who have not _____ about the Lord.

3. The Process Of Encouragement:

- A. Recognize first that words that encourage are inspired by love and directed toward _____. 1 John 4:18
- B. Words that encourage are prompted by _____. 1 Tim 1:5
- C. Encouragement: The Context for Change. Change can take place most easily when Truth (which is the person of Jesus Christ) is presented in _____.
- D. Opportunities for Encouragement: Heb 10:24-25
 1. Meeting together with fellow Christians is intended to provide us with _____ to meaningfully encourage one another.
 2. Opportunities for encouragement will go unrecognized unless we consciously _____ to minister to people as we talk to them.
 3. Encouragement occurs most effectively when opportunities are _____ rather than created.
 4. We must seek to listen beneath the words, and recognize that not every sentence is communicating a _____ need.
 5. A sensitive listener uses words that convey an interest in hearing more. This will open doors because it sends out a dual message:
 6. Words that _____ doors convey a lack of sensitive interest, which also carry a hint of criticism that threatens rejection.
- E. Responding to Opportunities: Eph 4:29
 1. Many times we fail to respond due to _____.
 2. There is not a list of phrases to memorize. Encouragement is not a technique, but an _____ that views others as valuable with a commitment to treat them accordingly.
 3. There are some principles to keep in mind:
 - a. The central function of a "layer" is to _____.

- b. Indifference, criticism, irritation, impatience, sarcasm, withdrawal and disapproval are a few ways to _____ someone.
 - c. Part of the strength of encouragement lies in its communication of _____.
4. **Understanding is sometimes better than giving _____.**
 5. **The more precise the _____, the more encouraging can be the words.**

F. "Techniques of Encouragement"

1. **To be a truly encouraging person, we must overcome the tendency to _____ and also our own "layers."**
2. **There is a fine line between concern and control and it is difficult to recognize. Manipulation can look like _____.**
3. **Manipulation is a "layer" that tends to use either "blustering bravado" or "assertive avoidance."**
4. **The Mindset of an Encourager:**
 - a. Encouragement requires _____ in the lives of other people, a sacrificial giving that refuses to consider the cost.
 - b. The Encourager must be "slow to _____." Prov 12:18; 13:3; 17:27-28; 18:13; 29:20; Js 1:19
 - c. The Encourager must be _____ to personal speech.
 - d. The Encourager must be _____ with personal speech. Prov 15:1; 26:21
5. **Responses that inhibit encouragement:**
 - a. Defensive or explanatory words.
 - b. Quick apologies.
 - c. Attacking and cutting remarks.
 - d. Corrections.
 - e. Quick advice.
6. **Encouragement is not simply a matter of acquiring a new set of skills. It is the fruit of a self-examined heart and a compassionate, discerning sensitivity to the needs of others. It does require the development of some communication skills, but most of all it involves the leading of the Holy Spirit.**
7. **People who encourage attend to their own nonverbal messages and they seek to make the necessary changes.**
 - a. Squarely face the person.
 - b. Openly face the person.
 - c. Lean forward.
 - d. Eye contact.
 - e. Relax.
8. **Some verbal suggestions:**
 - a. Reflection looks back to the speaker seeking the real problem that requires attention.
 - b. Clarification-checks out what the speaker meant.
 - c. Exploring-seeks more information.
 - d. Interaction.
9. **Then we should offer Biblical remedies.**
10. **Notice that the Encourager is one who promotes Faith, Hope and Love.**