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SPECIAL REPORT!

Men's Meetings Report & Testimonies

Bro. Ron Peterson of Phoenix, AZ, Bro. Tom Rae of Cloverdale, BC, Bro. Paul LaFontaine of Toledo, OH, along with camp director Bro. Barry Coffey of Christiansburg, VA made up a powerful combination of preaching and instruction for approximately 120 men in Arizona last week. If you have never heard reports from one of these types of meetings this should be some interesting reading for you.

Men's Meetings, like this most recent one, sponsored by Christian Fellowship Ministries (www.cfministries.com), started in March of 2002 and

have grown in popularity all over the US and the world. Men's Meetings have been held in Virginia and Denmark, as well as the most recent American Southwest setting. Smaller versions of "men only" meetings are also being reported from many local churches across the US and Canada as a result of the Men's Meetings.

The typical format for these meetings includes seven services (or sessions) packed into a two and a half day weekend, not including the devotional service

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Letter From the Editor

Though you may not have been expecting a letter from me, I would like to seize the opportunity to encourage you, young person to young person. This isn't instruction; this isn't teaching; this is just encouragement. It has been on my heart to speak on our prayer life. On that note, many of you reading this might have inwardly groaned.

If you didn't, then you are probably an angel, in which case I'll excuse you to go read the rest of the newsletter. Why do I feel so strongly impressed on this subject? Because I know that our prayer

lives are the most important part of our relationship with God, and so do you. Yet many times it seems to be the area in which the majority of us lack the most.

Brother Branham had this to say about prayer:



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E-5 005 We're just looking forward for a great time in the Lord, and with your prayers I'm sure that we'll do the best we can for the glory of God. Prayer changes things. Prayer changes

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Panel of Ministers

We hope you were blessed by the last questions and answers and the array of ministry presented. This month turned out to be a very busy month for many ministers and only two were able to answer this issue's questions. However, the answers were ones of definite quality and we believe you will enjoy them. Please remember that our top recommendation for all questions is your pastor.

Question #1

I know that a young sister's glory is her uncut hair, but what is a young man's glory and what is his covenant with God?

Bro. Vince Barnhart's Answer:

God's billboard is our women, our young women. Absolutely. For the young man, yes, there is godly apparel and clean cut hair, but in this day and age of "fitting in", it is easier for a young man. So I pose the question which is harder, being a young man or a young woman in this age? I am sure everyone has their views on this, and I wouldn't dispute them, but we need to realize the warfare that takes place for the hearts of young men and women.

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Singlehood

*By Brother
Vince Barnhart*

Boys grow into men and go through manhood. Girls grow into women and go through womanhood. Couples marry, have children and go through parenthood. Teenagers go through many things, but one of the most overlooked times in their lives are what I call "singlehood." Please don't try and find this word in the dictionary.

Singlehood, contrary to popular belief, is not a time of loneliness. Nor is it a time of worthlessness. It's simply amazing the pressure out there for a young man or woman to have a "significant other." This is a time in our lives where our "significant other" should be our relationship with God. Make no mistake, marriage and courtship is a wonderful time. Even Adam was alone, and desired a mate. But until that point, in his singlehood, he had a work to fulfill in his life. Young people of today need to realize that their singlehood is a glorious time; a time to experience God's meaning for them as individuals. Too many times, though, singles only envision what it will be like when they are married. This blinds us many times to God's plan for individual walks. There must be an individual walk before there can be a walk down the aisle. There must be an individual prayer life before there can be a couple's prayer life. There must be a complete person

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Questions With A Sister



Dearest Sisters,

A warm greeting to you from my home in the rural countryside of northwestern Ohio. Spring is here and school has almost come to an end. Our family is looking forward to a few months where the schedule and routine is more relaxed. I am happy to be joining you for this issue of Youth Quake News, and I pray by asking and answering questions, we will grow closer to our Lord Jesus Christ.

As I attempt to share my heart on the questions you have submitted, I hope that you will take these answers, and will ponder, meditate and pray about them as you seek to come to an understanding on each issue. I believe all of us, especially those who have asked these questions, are seekers of truth. I know these questions are sincerely important to you. I pray God will allow you to receive these answers as I have intended them; from a heart that desires to be a blessing to you younger sisters as you journey through these times of searching for answers to your questions.

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before bed Friday and Saturday nights. No time is set aside for recreation. Light snacks and coffee are served during the brief 15 minute breaks that separate the four sessions on Saturday. The schedule reflects the attitude of the men attending the meeting. They are there for one purpose only: to hear from God.

Bro. Barry Coffey not only organizes the meetings but also lends his unique instructional teaching style to the sessions. Brother Coffey has said: "If you strengthen the men, you strengthen the family, and if you strengthen the family, you strengthen the church and so on."

The men attending the meetings began gathering Friday afternoon at the "unique desert setting" promised by Pastor Ron Peterson



and the saints from host church, Evening Light Fellowship, in Phoenix, AZ. After a short mid-afternoon informational meeting, supper was served. The first service was that evening. Bro. Paul LaFontaine ministered on "The Manifested Sons of God."

After the evening service, both Friday and Saturday, everyone met in the outdoor amphitheater for devotions. Bro. Coffey led the service, which consisted of a time of worship, as well as testimonies from brothers hand picked by Bro. Coffey. After devotions the men headed to the dormitories.

Saturday was devoted

entirely to the teaching and preaching of God's Word. After breakfast the first of four one hour teaching sessions began promptly. Bro. Coffey took the first two sessions, which were separated by a fifteen minute "snack break," and ministered on the temptations and battles unique to men, identifying particular areas where men often struggle and providing advice from the scriptures for dealing with these areas.

After lunch, Bro. Ron Peterson took the first of two afternoon sessions. In the first afternoon session Bro. Peterson spoke to the men from personal experience and scriptural scenarios, identifying principles which could be used to strengthen each person's daily walk with the Lord. Bro. Peterson then used the first fifteen minutes of the second afternoon session to finish his thought. The remaining time was used for a Questions and Answers discussion led by Bro. Coffey, Bro. Peterson and Bro. LaFontaine.

These teaching sessions, judging from the reports of those in attendance, were a tremendous blessing to all who heard. The sessions were particularly effective because they included a great amount of suggestions for the

everyday application of scriptural principles. The ministers were completely honest and open, and there was great liberty for the Holy Spirit to speak to each heart.



Bro. Tom Rae took the two remaining services, ministering Saturday

night and Sunday morning. Bro. Rae closed out the meetings by exhorting the men to take their positions as sons of God, and claim the dominion over their land that the scripture promises to the Bride. He illustrated his point by relating a story about Prince Harry of England. The young prince was placed in an extremely upscale school. In the interest of promoting equality amongst the students, it was strictly forbidden to attach a title to your name on school related papers. However, Harry was unwilling to adhere to this rule, adding the letters "HRH," short for "His Royal Highness," to his name each time he wrote it.

Prince Harry knew who he was, and knew the privileges that were his by his birth. Bro. Rae told the men that Christians should have a similar attitude, recognizing and refusing to forfeit the privileges that are theirs by birth.

Overall, the meetings consisted of the teaching of the daily application of scriptural principles and powerful preaching which called the men in attendance to walk closer to the image of Christ. All who attended left blessed and

encouraged by the reminder of the spiritual position and challenged to apply the Word in a greater manner to their *everyday* life. The one thing however, that made the Arizona Men's Meeting, like the Men's Meetings which preceded it, a great success, was the great moving of the Holy Spirit in the services. One of the main reasons these meetings are so successful is the lack of distractions, which leads to a greater focus and expectation amongst those gathered.

Overall, the meetings were a great strength. The atmosphere of expectation certainly brought out the full potential of the meetings. What little fellowship there was was especially enjoyable as everyone was very open to talk about the Lord.

If you would like to attend one of the men's meetings, visit www.cfmministries.com. Details and registration forms for the next Men's Meeting, to be held in Virginia, will be posted at that address soon. MP3 and DVD's are available from the meetings if you would like to review the outstanding content from previous meetings.

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Isaac LaFontaine
Tommy Lewis



Testimonies From the Men's Meetings

Andrew Coffey
Age: 17

When I was asked to write an article about my experience at the Arizona Men's Meeting, I wasn't sure where to start. There were about 120 men from all over the United States and Canada. We were at a state-run camp on Lake Pleasant, about 20 minutes from Phoenix. The weather was great and warm. The place was very set aside and peaceful, just the right place for a meeting like the one we had. Everyone seemed to start on the same page, and that continued throughout the meeting. We were all seeking to draw closer to God and find our proper place. The ministry seemed to be free and completely at ease. It was a low pressure atmosphere and it was easy to remove yourself from everything that was going on in the world and completely focus on the things of God. Many of the brothers that I spoke with at the meeting said that they had some of their questions directly answered in the services. It was a very beneficial time for a younger person such as myself. I was able to glean from the wisdom of those who have traveled a little farther down the path than I have. I would advise any young man to get the tapes or videos of the sessions. They dealt with some of the things that are very beneficial for men of all ages, but they also dealt specifically with getting yourself out of the way, and opening yourself to what

God has planned for your life. I have been dealing with this issue myself. I only have one year of high school left and I am starting to make decisions that will affect the rest of my life. I was helped greatly by what was said. It helped me focus and start moving in the right direction. I know that every young man would be blessed by what was said. I look forward to the next meeting we will be having in Virginia. I am expecting great things to happen.

Tommy Lewis
Age: 22

While I enjoyed and was blessed by all the services and sessions, I simply wish to share one thing said at the Meetings which was a blessing to me. Hopefully it will also be a blessing to someone reading this. Brother Tom Rae, who ministered Saturday evening and Sunday morning, was speaking on claiming our land and our position. In the process, he mentioned the story found in the book of Joshua where five kings come against the children of Israel. When these kings were defeated they attempted to hide in a cave. Joshua had the kings brought out, and then had the leaders of Israel place their feet on the necks of the kings, and told them that the Lord has said that they shall be able to do the same to all of their enemies.

Brother Tom then typed the five kings to the five senses of our flesh (see, taste, feel, smell and ear) and the five inlets to our spirit (imagination, conscience, memory, reason and affection). He said that these are the kings on whose necks we can, through Christ, place our

feet. This rang true with me, because I feel that we are at a late hour, and Christ is calling us as His Bride to a place of greater commitment, to walk in His very image. However, we cannot do that by trusting in the senses of the flesh, or even the inlets of the spirit realm. We must defeat the influence of those kings, and place our trust and confidence solely in the Word of God. The beauty of it is this: Joshua did not just tell the Israelites that they *should* place their feet on the necks of the kings, he told them that God had *promised* that they **would be able** to place their foot on the necks of the kings. It is the same with us. We are not just told to overcome the flesh and the influences of the world, *we are promised* the overcoming power to allow us to do so!

This is one of the thoughts expressed at the Men's Meeting which was a true blessing to me. I can draw such encouragement from it, while at the same time it challenges me to constantly check my walk, to be sure I'm trusting in God's Word, not in the influences of the flesh. My hope and prayer is that this small testimony is a help to someone. God bless you all.

PEN PALS!

Say, how about becoming a pen pal? Below are a few believers that would love to have fellowship with others of like precious faith.

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before there can be a complete marriage.

Recently, our pastor was preaching and said something startling. Those of us in the Message are aware the year 1977 and Bro. Branham's prediction for that year. Well, our pastor mentioned in 1976, the Message church he was attending had 28 weddings. No big deal you might think. I had to ask myself, "Why the rush? Was there something unfulfilled in their lives?" Singlehood is not a time to hurry. Singlehood is a chance to redeem the time.

EPHESIANS 5:15-17

15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord [is].

As singles, you have a lot of time. You say, "Who is he kidding?" Time has been mentioned many times in this article, and for a just reason. There is no scientific evidence for this next statement being true, but many people have made it:

"The older I get, time flies by faster. Where have the years gone?"

Now, a day is still 24 hours and an hour is still 60 minutes and so forth. But when we are young, a day seems like a week and an hour seems like a day. Paul is telling us in the scriptures to "redeem the time." Give Christ our time. Give Him our singlehood. A person experiencing singlehoodness

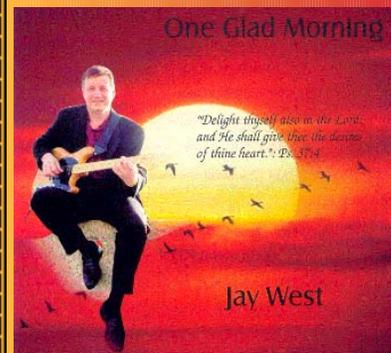
(another new word) is like a pie. You choose the flavor, but when you do go from singlehood into marriage, cut the pie in half. Now you must share your time with another. After a few years from marriage comes parenthood. And guess what happens to the pie? Now, it is divided even further. Singlehood is the absolute best opportunity to develop a real and meaningful relationship with God.

Singlehood is not the cursed time between adolescence and marriage. Many don't feel fulfilled in life until they "tie the knot." Young people become consumed with who the right one is for them. When we become so consumed in this thought, this detracts from God wanting to fulfill other area of our lives. Fulfillment comes when you give your time to God in your singlehood. As God molds and makes you, He is molding and making that special person for you. So when your paths cross, Christ has so molded you both into two beautiful vessels that are compatible, then He molds you again into one lovely piece, where people don't see two vessels, they see one. Now, in your singlehood, use the time to be molded into the vessel He longs to mold and fill.

Learn to rejoice and enjoy your singlehood, then when "your knight in shining armor" arrives, you can look at your singlehood and say, "I redeemed the time of my singlehood."

- Brother Vince Barnhart.

Music Spotlight



Jay West's 'One Glad Morning' is an outstanding CD, with very fine guitar-based musicianship and Message inspired songs. Includes a very nice CD jacket with all the words written out to the 12 songs. Brother West is joined by his church's youth and adult choirs on two songs.

'One Glad Morning' is a little rough around the edges, definitely country flavor, which makes it a good potential witnessing tool.

'One Glad Morning' is available on CD or cassette. Brother West has also made one other recording, available as cassette only, titled 'The Beaumaris Tapes'. Contact BMC for more information or to order.

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I would like to convey to you before we start that many of the questions we will cover here have nothing to do with a person's salvation. Salvation is a free gift from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. When you sincerely asked Him to forgive your sins and come into your heart, that was it. You told Him you planned to search His Word to find out how to bring glory to His name. This searching and coming to Godly convictions is a process. It may take years to form these convictions.

The main thing we must keep in mind, where all these matters are concerned, is the attitude of the person who may wear or do the things in question. Do they have a sweet, teachable spirit? Or are they haughty, proud and unteachable? If a person is doing something that others may consider wrong or in the gray areas, but they have a right spirit, then they will come to more of a balance as they mature in Christ.

Throughout my lifetime I have known girls who have a clean and pure look in the way they dressed. They looked godly, but they had no example at home of a gentle and caring heart for those who were babes in the faith. Their tongues were full of critical comments and their attitudes were prideful. What a shame that their Christian beauty was only apparel deep. In short, attitude is everything!

Also, I must add, I do not wish to take the place of your lovely parents. As God is a protection for the family, and a husband for the wife, so is a parent for their children. A parent knows their teen

in a way that no other person can, so if anything I say contradicts something your parents feel, please remember that they were there first as God's guidance to you. Enough said, on to the questions.

Q. #1 Why do ministers cry out against split skirts? What about small slits (6" or less)?

Firstly, we need to understand that our precious brothers in the ministry are given a burden to protect, encourage and guide the sheep. Being married to a pastor gives me a more personal insight into the heart of a minister. When Brother Jeff cries out against something, it is because he doesn't want to see his sheep put themselves in a place or situation where they may be in danger of harming themselves or others around them. He is never mad or upset at the person, but only seeks to preserve the safety of his sheep. So when a minister cries out about something, in most cases it is because of genuine concern. I feel that the slit skirts have been an area of question because the onlooker's eye is drawn to the slit and also to the leg when the young lady is walking. I realize the purpose of some slits in a skirt is to allow for a bigger stride while walking. I feel that the best solution would be to buy or make a skirt that is not so straight as to require a large slit, which would have exposed large portions of the leg. A small slit or kick pleat would allow a little more room for movement without drawing major attention to the leg area. It is important as a Christian young lady to not draw attention to areas of our body that take the focus from our God given femininity. I

believe that it is much better to let our countenance, our facial expressions and our words be the instrument to draw others to the Christ in us and to not divert attention to other parts of our body.



Q. #2 Is it O.K. to hold hands while dating?

In response to your question I would like to relay a bit of my past as a teen in my Jr. and Sr. High School years. From the time of a young child, I had a heart to serve the Lord. I made a commitment to Him and was baptized at the age of six by my father, who was also my pastor. As I grew older, I still had a heart for God, but took a few detours along the way. I attended a large school in the capital city of the state of Oregon. It was not a Christian school, but the Lord had placed several teachers there who were Christians to act as my guardian angels. They always seemed to be there to give me input which would remind me of the values my parents had worked so hard to lovingly teach me. Somehow when these teachers were not on duty I managed to become involved with good, but not godly, friends and my friends' brothers. I always felt a strong commitment to purity, but I didn't understand why holding hands would be taboo. Of course, my parents strongly discouraged any physical contact with young men. I did have a few boyfriends, but nothing ever turned out to be serious. I began to realize that each

time I held a young man's hand it seemed to link me to him in a way that I had not been before. The power of touch is so awesome. It is a sacred expression of love. When you touch, you start to feel as though you belong to the other person. I am happy to say that those friendships were short lived and I also learned a valuable lesson. I found that I didn't want to start feeling a deeper connection with someone I didn't know for sure would be my husband. Unless a person is engaged, I would strongly advise to steer away from holding hands at all.

Q. #3 When it comes to jewelry, are anklets ok?

When you refer to anklets, I'm assuming you mean ankle bracelets. I think that whatever jewelry we wear should be worn in moderation. When wearing an anklet we must ask the question

ALERT!

The questions may not be necessarily monthly. When we reach our quota of five original questions from you, our readers, we will then send the questions to a seasoned sister and then publish the answers. Up to this point we've been coming up with the questions ourselves, but we don't have all the questions, so this way of doing things has got to change. Please send your questions to editor@yqnews.org or anonymously on our website via our "submit" page.

- YQN Staff

where am I drawing attention to. A person's eye is naturally drawn to look at the ankle because of the jewelry being worn there. It is only natural that the eye of the observer may also look at the leg and so on.

Once again, I would encourage a young lady to help guide the person observing you to concentrate not on one particular body part, but on your overall femininity. I can't help but think of the scripture in Isaiah which talks about the women mincing and the tinkling noise of their leg bracelets. I realize that most anklets do not make noise, but they still draw attention to the legs.

Q. #4 Is it OK to wear calf skirts?

Skirts that barely cover the knee while standing will more than likely not cover the knee while sitting down or getting in and out of a car. We should try our best to choose apparel long enough to allow free movement. It should not only be modest in length, but also loose enough to not expose the lines of our undergarments.

The reason I say this is because many of the calf skirts barely cover the knee. If you have a calf skirt that is 6" below your knee while sitting, this should free you to move with comfort and modesty. These are written guidelines I am giving, but ultimately the goal is for you to lean on the inside teacher, the Holy Ghost, who will guide your conscience for these convictions.

Simply Skirts

Ever thought "It sure would be nice if some believers were to offer modest skirts for purchase?" If so, then you'll want to check out simplyskirts.com.

As it's nearly impossible to find a decent skirt these days, Simply Skirts hopes to provide you with a solution. They claim that their skirts are comfortable, not form fitting and haven't got any slits for you to worry about sewing up. Check out their selection today!

Q. #5 Are faded jean skirts appropriate?

It would be misleading for me to say that I have never worn faded denim. I do feel that there is an appropriate way to dress for each occasion or activity we may attend. When I am going out, I like to ask myself a couple of questions. Where am I going and is a dress code required? What type of activities will I be involved in? Who will be there? Who will I have an influence on at this particular place? If I were going to attend a wedding, I would not wear the outfit I wore to the church picnic the week before. When volunteering at the hospital, the gown I wore to the last youth banquet may not be the best choice. Of course, I am being a little silly on purpose to make a point, which is this: *Think things through before you act.* When you

are the only girl in a crowd who may be wearing a dress, you want to make the best and most lasting impression you can for the sake of the Lord. I know that the faded look or dirty look seems to be very popular at this time. The way that the manufactures have faded these skirts and the places the skirts are faded at can cause a person to look twice when you are wearing them. From a distance it almost looks as if the person wearing the garment is wearing pants. We should do our very best to shy away from anything that sends a mixed message. Other skirts are only faded in areas around the seat of the skirt or the zipper area. This style draws the viewers eye directly to these areas. It seems to me that a person should choose clothing that does not cause another to continually look at their backside. We need to draw attention to our overall feminine way of doing things, instead of drawing attention to a specific body part. There are times that a faded denim skirt may very well be your favorite and most comfortable skirt to wear to a casual gathering. I would not tell you to never wear it; just make sure that somehow you add a touch of class to your outfit by wearing a nice top, a special hair bow or something that gives you an overall clean and feminine look.

May the Lord bless each and every one of you until the next time we exchange questions and answers.

Sincerely,
Sis. Debbie Jenkins

NEVER SURRENDER

I'll not let you beat me, there's
nothing you can do.

No force could be imposed
on me, that would see
me succumb to you.

No obstacle you throw at me,
will block my path for
long.

I'll simply find another way,
my desires are far to
strong.

No winds could blow me hard
enough, to drive me off
my course.

Your's could never hope to
match, that of my
driving force.

Nor waves or raging
torrents, you might
muster, will ever sweep.

From this path I've chosen, or all
it is I seek.

So to you, I welcome your
challenges, each one you
may throw.

They only serve to strengthen me
and with everyone, I'll
grow.

by W.A. Simmons

*Let this be our attitude as
we daily meet the foe. Perhaps you
are in one of the toughest battles
you ever faced - and you don't feel
like a champion. Keep in mind that
we have a something that was
placed in us before the foundation
of the world. It creates within us a
driving force that Satan can never
hope to stop. If we have surren-
dered our lives to Christ, we will
never have to surrender to Satan.*

The Legend of the Starfish

A vacationing businessman was walking along a beach when he saw a young boy. Along the shore were many starfish that had been washed up by the tide and were sure to die before the tide returned. The boy was walked slowly along the shore and occasionally reached down and tossed the beached starfish back into the ocean.

The businessman, hoping to teach the boy a little lesson in common sense, walked up to the boy and said, "I have been watching what you are doing, son. You have a good heart, and I know you mean well, but do you realize how many beaches there are around here and how many starfish are dying on every beach every day. Surely such an industrious and kind hearted boy such as yourself could find something better to do with your time. Do you really think that what you are doing is going to make a difference?"

The boy looked up at the man, and then he looked down at a starfish by his feet. He picked up the starfish, and as he gently tossed it back into the ocean, he said, "It makes a difference to that one."

- Author Unknown



This is where our Nazarite vow takes place: to be separate. God's glory is on a young man that can stay pure, not compromising. For a married man, his glory is his wife - just as God's glory is His church, His Bride! It all falls under headship. Satan loves to get a young man "on the fence". Know what I mean? One foot in, one foot out. That is the most miserable person in the world! And Satan loves that. God's covenants are not merely laws (**Galatians 3**), because there are blessings to those who keep God's Word. Our covenant young men? Stay pure and separated from Satan's seductive ways of polluting our body, spirit and mind.

Bro. Aaron McGeary's Answer:

In **I Corinthians 11:15**, when the Paul declares that long hair is a glory to a woman, he is saying that her long hair is an honor to her because it reflects of God's character. Likewise, a young man's glory is reflecting Christ in his life. How do we do it as men? By honoring Him in all we do, think, and say. The way we dress may not always set us apart, therefore our actions, thoughts, and words must.

First, **I John 3:7** tells us that what a man does he is. Our good actions shine forth as a light and men see them and give God the glory (**Matthew 5:16**). This tells us that what we DO in action and deed is a glory to us. The scriptures teach us that even the girl we choose to marry speaks of our character (glory) (**I Corinthians 11:7**). Therefore, we want to be sure that the actions in our lives are the fruits of Christ. Glorify

God in what you do.

Second, we must understand that our thoughts produce actions (**Mark 7:20-23**). James teaches us that when lust is conceived it brings forth sin (**James 1:14-15**), and lust is conceived in the womb of our minds (**I Peter 1:13**). Are we not taught that our thoughts are being recorded in heaven and there our thoughts speak louder than our words? What we meditate on and entertain in our minds must be pure, holy, and righteous (**Philippians 4:8**). For if we are evil in thought (corruptible seed), then we will be evil in deed (corruptible fruit) (**Luke 6:43**). Glorify God in what you think.

Third, the same principle applies to the things we say; because we know what a man is thinking by what he is speaking (**Luke 6:45**). What we say speaks of what kind of character we have. If our glory is His character being reflected in our lives, then do the things we say glorify Him? We should use our words to identify ourselves with Christ. Prayerfully read **James 3** to understand just how crucial our words are in reflecting the image of God. Glorify God in what you say.

Our glory is to reflect Christ in all three of these things. As young men, the world can look at our outward appearance and judge us to be like everyone else.

However, when we begin to declare and show forth Christ in what we do, think, and say then we are being identified with Him. We are then growing into His glorious image, and His glory becomes our glory. After all, this is our covenant to God.

Question # 2

I'm experiencing a low point in my life where I have little joy, little enthusiasm, and little excitement over the things of God. What can I do to have these things restored unto me?

Bro. Vince Barnhart's Answer:

Wait. Pray. Sing. Wait. Sing. Pray. Wait. Even when you don't feel like doing these things. But I emphasize one word: Wait. We all have night and day cycles in life. In the night, many times we experience little joy, but we know when the sun comes up, and it will, light drives out darkness. So in those night cycles, push to pray. Push to sing. Push. Because when the light hits, all that has been below the darkness will blossom into a beautiful

Questions, Please



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blessing for ALL to enjoy.

We all recognize, for the most part, when someone seems to be going through a night cycle. Encourage them. Plant a little seed for them so that you too can enjoy the blessing when God's Sonlight brings to manifestation the seeds that have been planted. We don't appreciate true joy, true excitement, true enthusiasm, until we have experienced a time where all of these seem to be "subpar". It is in these moments that we don't rely on feelings, but fully rely on God's Word. I will restore saith the Lord! And did I mention to wait?

Bro. Aaron McGeary's Answer:

If you have the Holy Ghost, think back to what you did wrong to lose these things. Something took it from you. You grieved the Spirit, so go back in your mind and find out what caused it. Did you start doing something wrong? Did you say something wrong? Are you neglecting praying, reading your Bible or going to church? Maybe the world is creeping in somewhere. Regardless, find what has robbed you, confess it to God, and truly repent. If you do this, then your joy, enthusiasm, and excitement over the things of God will be "big" not little (**Psalms 51**). If you don't have the Holy Ghost, then you probably have been emotionally stirred but not changed and that excitement has now left. Do not make the same mistake again. Do not settle for just an emotional experience but press until you have that old fashioned experience of the New Birth where your soul and God locks together

and you become a New Creation.

Question #3

What things can I do to have the "Stature of a Perfect Man" built in my life?

Bro. Vince Barnhart's Answer:

First of all, you must have faith. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God, then all the other virtues are added, and sealed by the Holy Spirit. I urge you to read Second Peter chapter one. Notice, Peter tells about these virtues. Through the knowledge of Him (predestination) we see ourselves as a part of His divine nature. His promises, or I'll say it like this, a part of His plan. Escaping the corruption of this world.. Verse 5 then starts to name His virtues that He places in us. Notice: He does the placing. "And besides this" or laying all this aside, add to your faith. The faith that He has chosen you as His tabernacle for these virtues to dwell in. But not just dwell in. In verse 8 it says "and abound". They are on display for His glory and they make you neither barren nor unfruitful. In what? In the knowledge (revelation) of the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ.

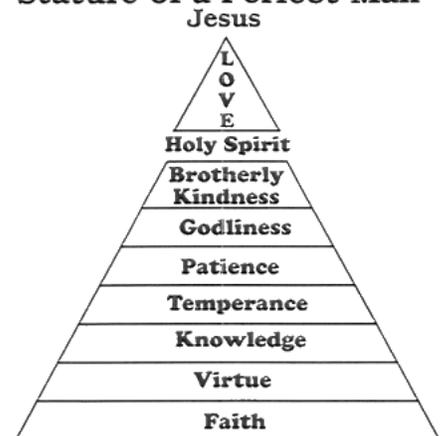
Bro. Aaron McGeary's Answer:

First, one of the most important things you can do is to yield to the life of Christ which is in you. Physically speaking there is nothing we can do to add anything to our stature (**Matthew 6:27**). But spiritually speaking, if we have the Holy Ghost, then we have the power to nourish and furnish the characteristics of Christ. In II Peter 1, where we find the stature of a

perfect man, Peter bases his entire thought upon God giving us His divine nature. If you have the power of God living inside of you, then yield your whole mind, soul, and body to that working power (**Romans 6:13, 19**). It is through your yielding and being a willing vessel that God is able to work through you and mold you into His very image.

Second, be diligent! If you read in II Peter 1, you will notice that Peter uses "diligence" as book-ends to building the stature of a perfect man (**II Peter 1:5, 10; II Peter 3:14**). Can you see how these verses show diligence as a key to never falling, and being spotless and blameless? We must earnestly desire and strive for this perfection (**Philippians 3:12-14**). By being diligent, we will hastily pursue God's Word and be careful of His instructions. You must take heed to the ministry and give all diligence to the things that you hear (**Ephesians 4:11-13**). For more, read and pay careful attention to **Psalms 119:1-6**.

Stature of a Perfect Man



death to life. Prayer changes sickness to health, changes sinners to saints. It's prayer. You may laugh too much. You may shout too much. You may eat too much, but you'll never pray too much. The— the Bible said, "I would that man pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands." So you'll never be able to pray too much.

How important is our time with God? Well, let's take it from a natural perspective. Have you ever received a gift from someone whom you rarely ever spend time with? Sometimes you do get a present from an aunt whom you see maybe once every equinox. And yet, even then it is this ugly green sweater you wouldn't be caught dead in! Now let's switch back to a spiritual perspective. If we don't spend time with God, what can we expect? Sure, He bestows blessings upon us at church, but how much more could we get if we communed daily with him? Perhaps we would find ourselves leading a more fulfilled life with blessings from the Creator of the heavens and the earth on a daily basis. I believe the key to our spiritual lives is our time with God. All we have need of lies within God, so does it not make sense for us to go to Him on a regular basis, seeing as we have needs on a regular basis? Let us take the importance of communing with God from another perspective. First, an example: As young men and young ladies, we are naturally attracted to the opposite sex. At camps and other times of fellowship, a young man may hear a good report of a young lady. Perhaps she has an attractive character, or so people say. Or maybe a young lady hears a young man sing a special with a

voice straight from Heaven. What does it do? It perks our interest. We soon find ourselves inquiring about that certain young man or that certain young lady. We keep inquiring and inquiring. Come to find out, all we hear are good things and we begin to think, if we are at that stage of life, "maybe this is the one, maybe I should get to know this person." But we can never hope to enter into a relationship with an individual (as a friend or a mate) until we begin to converse with them. It is a well established fact that what motivates a relationship is conversation. It is the same way with God. You may hear about God at church. You may hear good reports from different one's testimonies. These things may perk your interest.

However, you can never enter into a relationship with God where you can say "I am one with God" as Christ did, until you begin conversing with Him. And remember, we cannot take a rapture until we are united with Christ.

The above paragraph is one I believe you already acknowledge as truth. It was just a refresher to build the foundation of the rest of my letter. So, seeing we already know our prayer life is the key which unlocks the door to a healthy spiritual life, just as nutrition and fitness are the keys to unlock the door to a healthy physical life, why do we not show more commitment to our prayer lives? Once again, let's take it back to the natural (forgive the excessive types). What keeps us from doing the things that unlock a healthy physical life? Is it laziness? Perhaps you've tried to

be fit and eat right, but you had a lack of commitment and didn't follow through. Is that it? Is it your busy schedule? Maybe you don't want to give up your "yummy" foods - your old ways? Do you just not care about your body? In natural relationships, what holds you back? Once again, do you just not care? Are you too busy? Do you not want to make the *continual* commitment? Ponder these questions carefully. The answers are personal ones, only you can answer them. Whatever they are, take them back to the spiritual and see if they are the same answers as to why your prayer life and relationship with God isn't going as it should.

"Recognize... Desire... Pursue"

Alright, hopefully you've diagnosed the problem. Now, what can we do about it? First of all, we must recognize that whatever step we take closer to God will be a battle. If a prayer life is the single most important thing in our relationship with God, and our relationship with God is the single most important part of our Christian walk, then wouldn't it make sense that our prayer life is going to be the most fought over possession? So step one is recognize - we must recognize a prayer life is necessary and essential. We must also recognize that it will be a daily battle. It isn't going to be easy to attain *or* hold on to.

Step two is desire. We will never attain anything in life until we have a desire to attain. The great conquerors of the past didn't half-heartedly set out to conquer the world. It was their inner most desire. Those who have surmount-

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ed the greatest mountains such as Everest and Denali did not just wake up one day with the thought, "I'm going to climb one of the hardest mountains in the world today." They longed to climb those mountains for years. When they did finally begin climbing those mountains, they had to climb with death all around them. They saw their friends and comrades fall, one off to that side, another to the other side. Yet they still had the desire to press on. So it is in our spiritual life. We must desire our prayer lives. If you don't have that burning desire yet, ask God for it upon the grounds of **Matthew 7:7:**

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

Step three is pursue. There is no easy way to do this. It's different than pursuing your remote control. You have to get off your couch. It's work and it's a daily struggle. Don't get the thought in your mind that you're going to be super spiritual and pray so many hours a day. Build up to it. Someone who wants to become a bodybuilder doesn't go out and immediately start bench pressing 350 - 400lbs. They build. You must build. Do what you can now and set goals for the future. Keep your mind on the things of the Lord. Keep an atmosphere of prayer and receptibility to the Word around you, (prayer without ceasing) and be encouraged. Remember: Recognize. Desire. Pursue.

In Battle,
Josiah Cornett

Last month I didn't get the chance to thank all those who guided me in starting Youth Quake back up again. I'd like to take that opportunity now. There was Sister Sharon VanWyk who suggested a sister's column and Brother Henry VanWyk who suggested the Panel of Ministers. There was Brother Paul LaFontaine, my pastor, who oversaw everything and continues to do so, making sure that nothing prints that would breed more confusion than would settle things in the hearts of young believers such as myself. Also, Isaac LaFontaine aided in generating ideas. I can't possibly forget Brother Steven Strooh who probably saved me from going bald in my teens from frustration, by consulting me in the different Desktop Publishing programs I needed to purchase, to make a proper production of YQN.

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I would like to go through all those that have been with us from the start, but it would take too much of your time and far too much space in the newsletter. However, if you are interested, you can check everyone out at the newly added "Credits" page of the yqnews.org website. May the Lord bless and keep you. We all hope you have enjoyed this second issue of Youth Quake and trust that the Lord laid something on the heart of one of the writers which may have touched, strengthened and encouraged you.

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