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Dear Friends & Family,

"ASIAN CONNECTIONS"



[10/19] Yesterday I had the privilege & honor to preach at a **Chinese** church here in the Wilmington area. It was my 3rd time doing so this year. When I do so, I preach the early English service. The latter service is in **Mandarin**. I preached on The Gospel Elaborated. As usual, I had two tables filled with object lessons. The Spirit of the Lord came into the room as by His enabling **Jesus Christ** was given His rightful place-THE Center of Attention! Both old & young were very attentive. I strive to do all I can on the human side to achieve this: dimmed lights over the audience, soft background music, correcting children [at times] who might disrupt/distract from the preached Word, etc. I often request as well that the audience move up & fill in the chairs or pews closest to the front so increase visibility of the object lessons. I strive & ache to be prayed-up, "Worded-up", & anointed. In a word, I strive to be in awe again myself of the text that I'm preaching. The nature of my itinerant ministry is that I often preach the same message in many different places throughout the year. Jesus did the same. The danger thereof? That it not become the "same old same old", due to the forces of the flesh. In the end though, I realize the above attempts at enhancement of the proclamation are fruitless if the Lord doesn't give the understanding & open up hearts, just like He did with **Lydia** in listening to Paul [Acts 16:14]. Well, a wife of my host elder

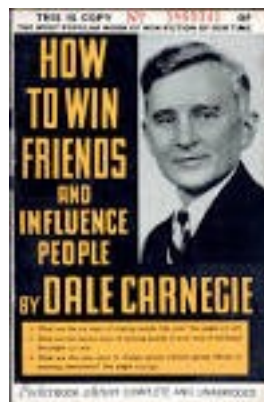
[she is from Taiwan] followed Kim & me out to the parking lot. She sincerely thanked us. We chatted for quite sometime. When learning of my “Time Machine”, she greatly desired that when I return the next time I bring & use it. I'm scheduled to return there in December. Perhaps I shall. Curiously enough, while sitting in the parking lot of a Chinese church, I was earnestly entreating the Lord to open up doors for me in African American churches as well!

“FROM TAIWAN TO VIETNAM”



Just a week prior to this Sunday, I had preached at an Elim affiliated church near the Jersey shore. I had not been for over 8 years. Again, I had 2 object lesson tables replete with visual aids. After preaching my heart out re: “Adoration Versus Idolatry”, a young black man & Asian woman came up to one of the tables as I was packing up. She said in somewhat limited (?) English, “I like your presentation. I never see a presentation like this. I like all of your props. I teach children. I think I make this church my home.” I asked her, “Are you from China?”, to which she replied, “No, Vietnam.” I smiled & said, “South Vietnam, I assume?” She said, “Yes”.

“HOW TO WIN 'FIENDS' & INFLUENCE PEOPLE”



What moved me by her comment was that she also mentioned that it helped her pay attention, but also that, "I teach children." O God-influence. Influence. The principle of influence. It is one of the most seldom-pondered truths in all of Scripture, & yet-one of the heaviest & most-sobering. Why? Because the recompense or reward of one's influence on others while on earth cannot be finally deciphered, determined, or finalized until the Last Judgment. The words we say, the actions we perform, or fail to perform, the attitudes we exude, the books we write, the music & lyrics we record, the videos we film, the blogs & posts we send & post, etc., have a rippling effect to one degree or other, that continues on until human history is over. This principle lies true either for evil or good. Atheists, humanists, evolutionists, professors, teachers, "guidance" counselors, actors, musicians, religious leaders, etc. & all that they promulgate & opine typically spreads exponentially over time. For every new soul who embraces their God-dishonoring, Scripture-controverting, flesh-indulging views, these proponents become increasingly guilty. This is why **Judgment Day** cannot occur until the end of time & human history, so that all of the "records" can be brought in, as *evidence* when the *degree* of punishment is decreed. Hence, the more "friends"-or should we say, "fiends" that you influence for evil, the more "fiends" they beget, etc. It is a terribly frightening truth to ponder, but one that does us good to do so.

"GOODY GOODY!"



The same principle of influence & resultant judgment also applies to the saints & their heavenly rewards for *the good* that they do while here on earth, thank our God! "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground & dies" [Jesus spoke here of His physical death, but the principle is so important for us Christians re: dying to self in this present life]..."it abides alone. But if it dies, it bears much fruit" [Jn. 12:24]. His death "influenced" a "number no man can count" [Rev. 7:9]. "For their sake's I sanctify Myself-that they might be truly sanctified" [Jn.17:19]. I never read Dale Carnegie's popular work from days gone by, "How To Win Friends & Influence People", but I dare say he had no idea the principle of influence for eternity, resulting either in blissful rewards or horrific, terrifying despair [when the wicked see on that Great Day how many others they influenced for evil by their evil lives].

"MAJOR MOTIVATOR"



For as incredibly powerful as this doctrine of the Scriptures is, I deeply regret I don't ponder it more often. O, how different my life would be! And I've been teaching re: Judgment Day since 1997! I'm sure this was in Paul's vein of thinking when he wrote, "...we make it our goal to please Him, because we all must stand before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done in the body, either good or bad." [II Cor.5:10]. I can truly say few things have motivated me more than this bedrock doctrine in the Word of God. Surely-this is a major reason the Lord had it recorded thus. As you can see, my schedule below is full of traveling & preaching. O God. I look to You. Use me.



Caboose! On The Loose:

Ministry/events for NOVEMBER & those not listed in last month's newsletter:

Oct. 7: IC, Wilmington, DE: Tabernacle of David: worship leader

Oct. 21: a.m.:New Covenant Community Church, Audubon, NJ: EF pastors' mtg.

Oct. 25: IC, Wilmington, DE: The Herd children's program: puppet show, drama & lesson

Oct. 27: Tel Hai Camp, Honey Brook, PA: association member Fall banquet & meeting

Oct. 28: p.m.: Abundant Life A/G Church, Birdsboro, PA: youth & children's meetings
Oct. 30: IC, Wilmington, DE: Kids' Kandy Karnival: game booth operator
Oct. 31: 3 Windsor Rd, Wilmington, DE: handing out candy & gospel tracts to Trick-Or-Treaters!
Nov. 1: IC, Wilmington, DE: The Herd: puppet show, drama, & lesson
Nov. 2: Eden Resort Inn, Lancaster, PA: annual regional Elim Fellowship mtg.
Nov. 3: Petra Church, New Holland, PA: hsc board mtg.//HN pastors' mtg.: sharing re: camp
Nov. 6: Full Gospel Family Life Center, Lagrangeville, NY: combined youth groups' mtg.
Nov. 8: Full Gospel Family Life Center, Lagrangeville, NY: 2-Sun. a.m. adult services
Nov. 13, 14: Tel Hai Camp, Honey Brook, PA: IC men's retreat: speaker (3 sessions)
Nov. 15: a.m.: Praise Fellowship Church [Russell campus], Russell, PA: Sun. a.m. service
Nov. 15: p.m.: Praise Fellowship Church [Jamestown campus], Jamestown, NY: p.m. service
Nov. 16: Praise Fellowship Church, Russell, PA: youth/church family service
Nov. 22: Abundant Life AG Church, Birdsboro, PA: Sun. a.m. service

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