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## MAKING THE MAIN THING THE MAIN THING (Article one of a series)

For the past forty-one years, the theme of many issues of the **Reflector** has been Bible study and prayer—two primary disciplines in a successful Christian life. During 2022, which is likely to be the last year for the **Reflector** under my watch, it is my desire to again deal with these two issues. So, accept the January 2022 **Reflector** as a clarion call reminding the readers that **the main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing**. Attention will be given to the emphases practiced by the early believers and the Jerusalem church: (1) the doctrine (the Word of God), (2) Spirit-filled living, (3) prayer, (4) witnessing, and (5) stewardship. Further, the **six-hour prayer seminar will soon be available on You-tube 24/7** (twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week). A free copy of the **Prayer Seminar Workbook**, the basic teaching tool for the seminar, will be available for downloading.

In talking to Christians around the world, I have discovered that their greatest desire is to know how to pray. When a survey was conducted on "Sermons Americans Want to Hear," it was discovered that the people's first choice was "How can I make prayer effective?" Christians want to pray, but don't seem to know how. Subsequently, our spiritual lives are often at a low ebb. For those who seek a more meaningful prayer life and Christian walk, help is on the way!

**Hard work.** Why is it so difficult to pray? Satan does not want you to pray. In fact, he would rather you do anything than pray because prayer is the point where he is defeated. His favorite word seems to be tomorrow. He is always trying to keep us from praying today. In fact, that must be one of main jobs—to keep all Christians off their knees. He knows we already belong to God and there is nothing he can do about that. But he can do everything in his power to keep us from becoming effective, believing, praying Christians. He knows the power God has made available to us through prayer, and he does everything he can to keep it from us. He is always saying, "You can pray tomorrow. You're so busy today." And when tomorrow comes, it is the same old story, "Pray tomorrow." It's always "tomorrow" with the devil. Tomorrow—and the next day—and the one following, until we reach the end of our lives and find we have missed much that God had waiting to give to us.

The flesh (the influence of the old man who was crucified with Christ when you trusted Christ as your Savior and Lord) does not want you to pray. The flesh says that you are too tired to pray. You need a break from your heavy duties of the day. You deserve a break. And so it goes. The flesh wars against the Holy Spirit continually. Maintaining a daily, consistent prayer life is **HARD WORK**.

## PERSPECTIVES

"I thought about my ways, and turned my feet to Your testimonies" (Psalm 119:59)

Although any day is a good day for genuine self-examination, now is an appropriate time as we approach a new year, with prospects for a fresh beginning. It is good for all of us to stop and consider 2021. We are still here and the Lord has led us where we are. **Where you see the ways your faith has grown, be sure to thank Him.** When you see areas that need some work in 2022, don't waste time in morbid introspection. Up and onward knowing with salvation came the Holy Spirit who is our Helper in all matters.

It is clear that the life change the psalmist experienced began with **thinking about his ways in the light of God's Word**, the mirror into which he looked. God's Word is absolute and a fixed standard where we can measure ourselves. Whether or not you plan to establish any "New Year Resolutions," it would do us all good to set some goals which we, by God's grace, desire to reach in the next twelve months, if the Lord tarries. The prayer for us is "Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Psalm 90:12).

In my early ministry, I came across a list of resolutions made by **Jonathan Edwards**. He wrote them in his youth and lived by them faithfully. His list could get you started.

Resolved: 1. To live with all my might while I do live; 2. Never to lose one minute of time, but to improve it in the most possible way I can; 3. Never to do anything which I should despise or think meanly of in another; 4. Never to do anything out of revenge; and, 5. Never to do anything which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life.

**There is a land of beginning again.** In His Word, God has told us what we need to know to begin anew. Further, He does not require anything that we cannot do because He provides help. The Holy Spirit is God's provision for us to have the supernatural strength we need for the journey. The Bible is His guidebook. When we go to the Bible, the Holy Spirit will bring biblical sayings alive that will be application to any situation we face.

You can hear God's voice in the Scriptures. As you read, listen and meditate. God reveals Himself, so be alert as He reveals Himself. For example in **Psalm 139** focus on the Greatness of God, Here is an outline: **GOD'S OMNISCIENCE** (VV 1-6), **OMNIPRESENCE** (VV 7-12), **OMNIPOTENCE** (VV 13-18), **OMNIRIGHTEOUSNESS** (VV 19-24). May 2022 be blessed for you and yours as you continue growing your faith.

Yours in Calvary love,

*J. Gordon Henry*

## NOTES from my BIBLE

**Note 6006.** God's Word is the only foundation strong enough to stand upon in perilous times, where we are now!

**Note 6007.** We can rejoice in trials when we know He is in control and has a purpose. message as ancient as man, yet is as current as tomorrow.

**Note 6008.** Genuine faith is a living and growing faith.

**Note 6009.** A faith producing no change in attitudes or actions is really no faith at all; it is inconsistent to say you believe as you should when you behave as you shouldn't.

**Note 6010.** "Lord, I want the "wisdom from above" described in **James 3:17**.

## DOORKEEPER REPORT

**"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers."**

**1 Thessalonians 1:2**

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**Theme: Everything by Prayer**

**Goal: Establish Lighthouses of Prayer Everywhere to Push Against Spiritual Darkness**  
(one person, one family, one church, one pray team/group, two or more individuals)

## ADAM'S VAN

Funds are now in hand toward Adam's New Van. Doorkeepers have given \$15,000 matched by a \$15,000 gift from a Baltimore church--Total \$30,000. THANK YOU for your prayer and financial support for the prayer seminar ministry..

## ADAM'S ITINERARY

**January 8 Shining Star Baptist Church,  
Baltimore MD**

**January 28-February 28, Caracas Venezuela**

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

In preparation to revert to the original format for the **Reflector** (1954-1983), I reviewed those archives. One **Reflector** article included this statement from **Dr. George W. Truitt**, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas: "Hats off to the past; coats off to the future." I used this to remind our people that we must be ready to work as we entered a new year. This "readiness" is the first thing we must do! See what Paul said about this in **Philippians 3:13-14**.

## OUTREACH FOR THE UNREACHED!

The lead story in the May 10, 1960 issue of The ROSEDALE (KY) BAPTIST REFLECTOR was a letter from Dr. A. B. Colvin, Secretary of Missions and Evangelism for the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky dated May 5, 1960. "In checking through the Associational Reports for 1959, I have noticed with interest and gratitude that your church reports 31 baptisms from a total membership of 301. This means you baptized at the ratio of one person for each ten members of your church. You and your people have led Kentucky Baptists in ratio of baptisms per membership."

My challenge to the members of Rosedale was the following: "We must again place the emphasis upon reaching and enlisting every boy, girl, man and woman for Christ in our area. This means we must **GO** and **TELL**!"

Will you be earnestly praying for a great BURDEN FOR SOULS to fall upon us all--pastor and people! LET'S GET OUR HEARTS AND MINDS READY FOR OUTREACH FOR THE UNREACHED!

## NEW FORMAT FOR JGHM WEBSITE

<jgordonhenryministries.org>

The JGHM website will soon have a new look. In looking back, **Lon Thomas**, who had developed the website in the late 90's, completely revamped it in 2007. One new feature was a BLOG section that provided a place for a forum dealing with issues related to the Christian life. At that time, we had many "hits" from across the world. Upon his untimely death on December 5, 2008, the site has not had the same attention. Now help is on the way!

Now **Adam Nathanson** is teaming with **Selena Cao Wood** to "remake" the site to bring a new look that will be compatible with the prayer seminar. Selena will be the "administrator" and current news, along with photos, will show some of the many exciting things happening in the lives of individuals and churches even when they are happening!

Someone has said that a picture is worth a thousand words. By going to the Galleries, you will be able to visit many of the places both in the United States and in the sixty nations where there have been prayer seminars. You will see eager, beautiful participants and understand why we continue the prayer seminar ministry.

Further, the website team will introduce information about the Prayer Seminar You-Tube that will enable individuals to go through the prayer seminar anywhere and anytime following a free downloaded prayer seminar workbook. The website will be an exciting valuable tool for Christian growth. Countless multitudes in past years who have been participants in a prayer seminar have said that the prayer seminar was an answer to their prayers for help in learning how to pray more effectively. The seminars were made possible by **Doorkeepers** who provided prayer and financial support for a teacher (usually Dr. Henry) to come to them with a prayer seminar workbook in their own language. We are thrilled with the possibilities ahead to establish Lighthouses of Prayer across the world. **Why not go the website and follow the transformation?**

## WHOLLY THINE HIS NAME ON ME

Write Thy name on my HEAD—  
That I may think for Thee;  
Write Thy name on my LIPS—  
That I may speak for Thee;  
Write Thy name on my FEET—  
That I may walk with and for Thee;  
Write Thy name on my HANDS—  
That I may work for and with Thee;  
Write Thy name on my EARS—  
That I may listen for Thee;  
Write Thy name on my HEART—  
That I may love Thee;  
Write Thy name on my SHOULDERS—  
That I may bear loads for Thee;  
Write Thy name on my EYES—  
That I may see over Thee;  
Write Thy name OVER ME—  
That I may be wholly Thine  
Always and everywhere.

## IN LOVING MEMORY



**Doorkeeper**  
**William Frederick Moody**  
**10/3/1953 -12/8/2021**  
**North Chesterfield, VA**

"absent from the  
body, present  
with the  
Lord"

**2 Corinthians 5:8b**

On August 31, 1974, I officiated at the wedding ceremony for **Bill Moody** and **Sharon Kaye Smith** at the Pleasant View Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Virginia. Both were committed Christians who walked closely with the Lord. God blessed this union with two sons and a daughter. Bill died peacefully in his sleep.

Bill had a deep hunger to serve the Lord faithfully (Sunday school teacher and choir member at Midlothian Baptist Church). My last conversation with him was a few weeks ago when he called asking if I could help him in memorizing Scripture. At that time, I had a draft on my desk for memorizing a verse to go with every letter of the alphabet and sent a copy to Bill. Hopefully, I will share the Memorization Card along with the February **Reflector**. Bill's parents, Fred and Hannah Moody, were two of my choice friends.

**Doorkeeper**  
**Frank J. Schollaert Jr.**  
**8/19/1935 -11/23/2021**  
**Rostraver, Pennsylvania**

**THE JOURNEY OF A THOUSAND MILES (INCLUDING SPIRITUAL GROWTH)  
BEGINS WITH THE FIRST STEP.**

**A NEW YEAR IS A TIME TO GET STARTED! DECISIONS DETERMINE DESTINY!**