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A RIGHT HEART FOR A NEW YEAR



Introduction: I have contended for over four decades that the problem with most people that sit on church pews is not a lack of time, or knowledge, but a heart problem. They do not change because their heart is not changed. By the way, have you ever noticed that when someone is right with God, they have no problem applying God's Word to any area of their life, whether it is honesty, faithfulness, soul-winning, tithing, biblical dress standards, etc. If their heart has been given to God, these things will follow. **Matthew 15:8, "... but their heart is far from me ... teaching for doctrines the commandments**

of men."

FIRST: THE PLEA OF THE SPIRITUAL.

PSALM 139:23-24

"... Search me, O God and know my heart ... see if there be any wicked way in me."

When a person knows the value of walking in a sweet relationship with the Lord, the desire will be to maintain that relationship with him.

Psalm 26:2, "... Prove me ... Try ... my heart."

"Examine me!" It is the sincere cry of the person who understands walking with God.

SECOND: THE PENETRATING LOOK.

LUKE 22:61-62

"And the Lord turned and looked upon Peter ... And Peter went out and wept bitterly."

Why did Peter weep? Because Jesus was not just seeing the physical body of Peter. He was looking at his heart's condition.

Notice **1 Samuel 16:7, "... man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord look at on the heart."**

God is far more concerned about your true character rather than about what people think of you.

Point: Character is what God knows about us. Reputation is what man thinks about us.

When God looked at Eliab, He did not find what He was looking for. He knew it was a matter of heart. In chapter 17 of 1 Samuel, we find Goliath mocking, laughing, and defying God. It was David, not Eliab, that met the challenge and changed the direction of the war.

THIRD: THE POWER OF UNDERSTANDING.

1 THESSALONIANS 2:4

"... not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts."

The fact that God searches our heart is a huge motivation to keep your heart and body clean.

It should be very sobering to you to know that your very thoughts can be read and understood by God.

Right now God knows your present thoughts—what you are thinking even as you read this simple article and your heart's condition to how you receive it.

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Dr. Tom Neal



Opening Doors

Prayer opens closed doors. Do you think Paul ever lacked an open door? The Holy Spirit had to restrain him. He had to be restrained from preaching in Asia Minor because God had something even bigger for him. We must look for that opportunity to serve God. We must daily pray for God to use us. Our prayer should be, "God use me. Show me what it is that I can do to enhance Your work and enhance the life of my family."

Fanny Crosby, that dear blind Gospel hymn writer, expressed the joy of communing with God when she wrote these words:

*O the pure delight of a single hour
That before Thy throne I spend,
When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God
I commune as friend with friend!*



MAYBE IF WE TELL PEOPLE THE BRAIN IS AN APP THEY WILL START USING IT.

THE SHEPHERD'S PSALM

The 23rd Psalm has been a source of comfort to myriads of people in life and death. Consider the following outline, and allow the Psalm to become a source of life and comfort to you, regardless of your circumstances and surroundings.

The Lord is my Shepherd—Perfect Saviour.

I shall not want—Perfect Salvation.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures—Perfect Rest.

He leadeth me beside the still waters—Perfect Refreshment.

He restoreth my soul—Perfect Restoration.

He leadeth me in paths of righteousness—Perfect Guidance.

I will fear no evil—Perfection Protection.

Thou art with me—Perfect Company.

Thy rod and Thy staff—Perfect Comfort.

Thou preparest a table—Perfect Provision

Thou anointest my head—Perfect Consecration.

My cup runneth over—Perfect Joy.

Goodness and mercy shall follow me—Perfect Care.

I will dwell . . . Forever—Perfect Destiny.

Quotable Quotes

There is no time in life when books do not influence a man. *Walter Besant*

God always gives His best to those who leave the choice with Him. *Jim Elliot*

I don't like these cold, precise, perfect people who, in order not to speak wrong, never speak at all, and in order not to do wrong, never do anything.

Beecher

I would sooner be a cat on hot bricks or a toad under a harrow than let my own children be my masters. *Spurgeon*

No man ever repented on his deathbed of being a Christian. *Hannah Moore*

You cannot repent too soon, because you know not how soon it may be too late. Faith is not believing that God can, but that God will!

Lest We Forget



Lt. Dole Lt. Dawson

Lt. Bob Dole—Hill 913 in WWII

My body responded before my brain had time to process what was happening. As the mortar round, exploding shell, or machine gun blast—whatever it was, I'll never know—ripped into my body, I recoiled, lifted off the ground a bit, twisted in the air, and fell face down in the dirt.

For a long moment, I didn't know if I was dead or alive. I sensed the dirt in my mouth more than I

tasted it. I wanted to get up, to lift my face off the ground, to spit the dirt and blood out of my mouth, but I couldn't move. I lay facedown in the dirt, unable to feel my arms. Then the horror hit me—I can't feel anything below my neck! I didn't know it at the time, but whatever it was that hit me had ripped apart my shoulder, breaking my collarbone and my right arm.

Conclusion: In 1935, truth serum was invented. The proper name is sodium pentothal. In World War II, sodium pentothal was used to obtain truthful information. It was mostly used by intelligence gathering organizations to accumulate the most accurate information possible from captured agents. What is so interesting is that while under the influence of truth serum, the patient did not lose self control. He or she actually did not tell the truth unless deep inside they wanted to tell the truth. Determining the truth was actually dependent upon the willingness of the one injected. However, with our Saviour, He knows the truth, and He knows the person's heart. He does not need truth serum. The fact that God knows what we truly are should drop us to our knees in confession and repentance.

Question: Do you know your relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ right now?

Prayer of Salvation

If you were to die today, are you 100% sure you would go to Heaven?

If not, would you be willing to pray this prayer with me?

"Dear Jesus, I'm asking you to come into my heart and forgive me of my sins. I'm trusting you, Jesus, as my Saviour. Thank you for saving me. Amen." (Romans 10:9 and 10:13)



Prayer of Service

"Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" (Acts 9:6)

MY HIGH SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT WAS TO ASK A VETERAN ABOUT WORLD WAR II. SINCE MY FATHER HAD SERVED IN THE PHILIPPINES, I CHOSE HIM. AFTER A FEW QUESTIONS, I ASKED, "DID YOU EVER KILL ANYONE?" DAD GOT QUIET. THEN, IN A SOFT VOICE, HE SAID, "PROBABLY. I WAS THE COOK."



John R. Rice

New Year's Resolutions

Let me earnestly suggest some New Year's resolutions, some changes in your life that very possibly ought to be made now, early in the new year.

1. Do you read the Bible every day? How much of it do you read? Have you ever read it through? You may read the Bible through in less than a year by reading one chapter each day in the New Testament or the Psalms, and three chapters daily in the rest of the Old Testament. Better set a time early in the day when you can read your Bible alone. Do not rush. Read consecutively chapter after chapter through a book. Memorize favorite verses. Pray for God to use the Scriptures in your heart. Read not less than one chapter reverently every day, and you should average at least four chapters daily. Shame on a Christian who has never even read his Bible through!

2. You should have a special time of secret prayer everyday, preferably in the morning. It may be in connection with your Bible reading. Be sure to thank God for His mercies. Take every burden to God, every earnest desire of your heart and keep praying till you have peace. Confess your sins, mistakes and failures daily and have them out of the way, cleansed and forgiven. It is better if possible to have a regular time and a customary place for secret prayer. However, one should pray all through the day, should join in family prayers, etc.

3. Does your home have family worship? It should include reading aloud of the Bible by every member of the family old enough to read. It ought to include prayer by every member of the family who is saved. The family altar ought to be made so important that every member of the family is expected to be present, even more important than being to school on time, or at work on time. If people are late in school or work a time or two, they will learn to co-operate, get up earlier, and expect God's blessing. The family altar will not succeed unless it is counted important, and only on unusual occasion should any member of the family be excused.

In my judgment, the best time for most families is immediately after breakfast. Set breakfast early enough, get everybody ready, have Bibles at hand, push back the plates and read while all are at the table. When my children were at home, we read consecutively two verses each, around the table, through a chapter (or with short Psalms, through two chapters). Mrs. Rice and I still follow this plan. Thus everyone must pay attention, everyone takes part, and children learn to read the Bible and pronounce the words. Then have prayer, each one in order, around the table. Of course, we have thanks before all the meals besides this. Why not establish family worship in your home, for the new year?

4. Do you tithe? That is, do you give one-tenth of your income to the Lord and His cause? God required tithes under the ceremonial law. Surely a Christian under grace should not do less. God blesses those who love Him enough to put Him first on the money question. I thank God for marvelous blessings given in connection with my tithing. Will you give God the first tenth of your income this year? Remember, the tithe is the Lord's, so ask Him where to give every dollar. It does not belong to the deacons, to the finance committee, nor to the church but to the Lord. Support your local church in proportion as its work is worthy and other work as God leads.

Something to 'CROW' about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church has had someone saved and baptized every week for the last fourteen (14) years in a row! Wow!
2. The buses are still rolling!
3. For our "Old-Time Religion" Conference.
4. A Clear Title—We have paid off our church property!

From Our Church Prayer List

1. Judy Kurpan
2. Ed Hosey
3. Paul Snyder
4. Anita Miller
5. Michelle Lemons
6. Kevin McClain
7. Harold Cooper
8. John Grindel



Our Church Ministries

1. Fishermens' Club
2. Phoster Club
3. Bus Ministry
4. Sunday School
5. Welcome Wagon
6. Bookstore
7. Music Ministry
8. Counseling Ministry
9. Grounds and Maintenance
10. Heritage Baptist Academy
11. Nursery
12. Boys Bible Club
13. Girls Highlander Club
14. Cleaning Ministry
15. Teen Club
16. Junior Church
17. Ladies' WMS Ministry
18. Ushers
19. Altar Workers
20. Greeters

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Just For The Ladies
Friday, July 26th, 2019
7:00 PM

All Ladies Event with
Mrs. Francie Taylor



Upcoming Events

Feb 10 th	Valentines' Day Sunday.
March 17 th	Spring Program starts with Dr Bob Gray
May 12 th	Last Day of Spring Program.
May 26 th	Mothers' Day
May 26 th	Memorial Day Service.
June 23 rd -25 th	Old Time Religion Conference.
July 26 th	Francie Taylor, Ladies Meeting.



May all your troubles last as long as
your New Year's Resolutions.

**"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."
Proverbs 4:23**



Mrs. Francie
Taylor

When I was in college, I met a group of people who were worldly-wise. They loved to party, drink, stay out late, and do whatever they pleased. I had never lived like this, as I grew up in a very conservative home. My dad had passed away unexpectedly of a heart attack during our elementary years, and my widowed mom was very serious about her role as the single parent of four young ladies.

As I look back at it now, I honestly wonder how my mom stayed sane. A young person can do so many things to ruin his life, and most any one of these can be done in sixty seconds or less. The new "friends" I so easily embraced were floundering and flailing their way through life, pretending to know what they were doing while actually making up the rules as they went along. I knew that something was wrong. Like so many friend groups, this one had a pecking order, and I was definitely not the leader of this pack. My heart was unguarded, and my life was on a destructive path.

As time went on, my heart began to ache—not physically, but spiritually. God never meant for us to live outside His protective and loving boundaries; so if we try it, we're going to hurt and get hurt. It was during this time that I really started wondering if there was something better.

After college, I took a job with a Christian-owned company that provided exercise facilities for men and women, but in separate workout areas. It was during my job interview at this company that I was introduced to not just something more but to Someone greater—Christ. I trusted Christ as my Saviour during the job interview.



Dr. Al Lacy

It Is Written

The devil is a LIAR and a DECEIVER and a COUNTERFEITER! He has the bulk of present-day "fundamentalists" thinking and talking the same way about the Authorized Version of 1611 that the modernists, liberals and cults were doing twenty, thirty, forty, fifty, and a hundred years ago. They have joined ranks with that ungodly crowd and are too blind to see it!

Does man have EVERY WORD to live by today, or does he not? When Jesus spoke, He was quoting from the book of Deuteronomy, which had been written by Moses about 1600 years previously. Certainly no one is going to tell me that the originals" were still around. By that time, what they had were copies of copies of copies of copies of copies of copies of copies. Yet Jesus did not say, "It WAS written." He said, "It IS written!" The originals were long gone, but still the perfect Word of God was available for man to live by!

A MAN CHECKED INTO A HOTEL FOR THE FIRST TIME AND WENT UP TO HIS ROOM.

SOON AFTER, HE CALLED THE DESK AND SAID, "YOU'VE GIVEN ME A ROOM WITH NO EXIT. HOW DO I GET OUT?"

"SIR, THAT'S ABSURD," THE DESK CLERK REPLIED.

"HAVE YOU LOOKED FOR THE DOOR?"

"WELL," THE MAN SAID, "THERE'S ONE DOOR THAT LEADS TO THE BATHROOM. THERE'S ONE THAT GOES INTO THE CLOSET. AND THERE'S A DOOR I HAVEN'T TRIED, BUT IT HAS A 'DO NOT DISTURB' SIGN ON IT."

The Goal of Communism—The Welfare State

The government is my shepherd: I need not work.

It alloweth me to lie down on a good job;

It leadeth me beside still factories;

It destroyeth my initiative.

It leadeth me in the path of a parasite for politic's sake;

Yea, though I walk through the valley of laziness and deficit spending,

I will fear no evil, for the government is with me.

It prepareth an economic Utopia for me, by

appropriating the earnings of my own grandchildren.

It filleth my head with false security;

My inefficiency runneth over.

Surely the government should care for me all the days of my life,

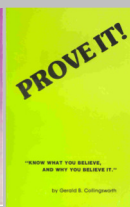
And I shall dwell in a fool's paradise forever.

-Author Unknown.

Books by Pastor Collingsworth



**Straight
To The
Heart**

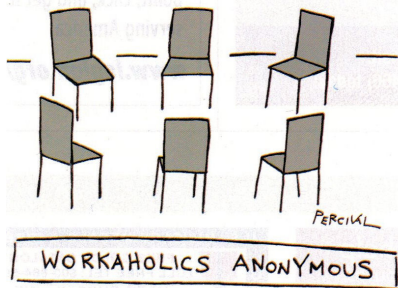


Prove It!



**Help, I've
Fallen, But
I Can Get
Up.**

**Available in the Fundamental
Treasures Bookstore**



Dr. Greg
Neal

Selling Out

I have grown up in church. I cannot tell how many times I have seen a backslidden father take his family with him away from God. I cannot tell how many times I have seen a backslidden wife take her family with her. I cannot tell how many times I have seen a backslidden young adult or teenager take his family with him. **When a person runs, he sells out not just himself but those whom he says he loves.**

When Elimelech in panic made this decision to forsake the right principles, the right decision-making process, and the leading of God, he sold out. He altered the future of his own children. They no longer had the opportunities that they would have had. That is why parents must stay right for their children's sake. They need to swallow their pride for their children's sake. We cannot let our sins alter our children's future. Husbands and wives need to stay right with each other and with God. If we do not follow this Book, it will alter the future of our children and grandchildren.

Some food for thought ...or... Seed From The Silo!

Mayo on Alcohol

A Remarkable Statement

By A Remarkable Man

We publish the following statement by Dr. Charles H. Mayo by special permission from the Mayo family, Rochester, Minnesota.

In addressing a large convention of boys, Dr. Mayo said in part:

"You can get along with a wooden leg, but you can't get along with a wooden head. The physical value of man is not so much. Man, as analyzed in our laboratories, is worth about ninety-eight cents; seven bars of soap, lime enough to whitewash a chicken coop, phosphorous enough to cover the heads of a thousand matches. This is not very much you see. It is the brain that counts. But in order that your brain may be kept clear you must keep your body fit and well. That cannot be done if one drinks liquor. A man who has to drag around a habit that is a danger and a menace to society ought to go off to the woods and live alone. We do not tolerate the obvious use of morphine or cocaine or opium, and we should not tolerate intoxicating liquor because I tell you these things are what break down the command of the individual over his own life and his own destiny. Through alcohol a man loses his coordination. That is why liquor is no advantage to the brain. You hear people tell how they had their wits quickened for the first half-hour by liquor, but they don't tell you how later their bodies could not act in coordination with their brain."

What Kind Of Seed Are **You** Sowing?

Is Abortion Murder? By Samuel Voisard

A mother stepped into the doctor's office carrying a bright and beautiful baby a year old. Seating herself near her family physician, she said, "Doctor, I want you to help me out of trouble. My baby is only one year old, and I have conceived again, and I do not want to have children so close together."

"What do you expect me to do?" asked the physician.

"Oh, anything to get rid of it for me," she replied.

After thinking seriously for a moment the doctor said, "I think I can suggest a better method of helping you out. If you object to having two children so near together, the best way would be to kill the one on your lap, and let the other one come on. It is easy to get at the one on your lap, and it makes no difference to me which one I kill for you. Besides, it might be dangerous for you if I undertook to kill the younger one."

As the doctor finished speaking he reached for a knife, and continued by asking the mother to lay the baby out on her lap, and turn her head the other way.

The woman almost fainted away as she jumped from her chair, and uttered one word, "Murderer!"

A few words of explanation from the doctor soon convinced the mother that his offer to commit murder was no worse than her request for the destruction of the unborn child. In either case it would be murder. The only difference would be in the age of the victim.



Heritage Highlanders January 2019 Schedule

Saturday January 5

Putting God First

Saturday January 12

All About Me

Romans 1:8

Philippians 4:13

Saturday January 19

Attitudes

Saturday January 26

Snow Ice cream

Proverbs 17:22

Proverbs 26:1

MY WIFE AND I OFTEN LAUGH ABOUT HOW COMPETITIVE WE ARE. BUT I LAUGH MORE.



Dr. Bob Gray

Die Trying

I know preachers who never built a great church, but they kept on trying. Many a preacher has told me that he would die trying. These are the success stories of life. To die trying is the greatest success of all. Not everyone can build a big church, but everyone can die trying! Not everybody can preach a great revival, but everybody can die trying! Not everybody can build a large Sunday school class, but everybody can die trying. Not everyone can build a large bus route or make straight A's, but everyone can die trying. To die trying is a greater success than to succeed. If you keep on going without succeeding, yet you succeed in continuing to try until you die, I contend that is the greatest success of all. When someone says of you, "He died trying," that is the greatest compliment you will ever receive.

Our Statement of Faith

We accept the Holy Scriptures contained in the Old and New Testaments as being the verbally inspired Word of God and being perfectly preserved in the King James 1611 Bible. We do not believe it can be corrected or improved upon in any way. It is the final rule of faith and practice. **Psalm 12:6-7, 1 Peter 1:23**

We believe in the triune God, who is eternally in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Matt. 28:19-20**
We believe in the deity of Christ— His virgin birth, His sinless life, His death for the sins of the world, His bodily resurrection, His exaltation at God's right hand, His personal, imminent, and premillennial return.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4, 1 Timothy 3:16, Acts 1:11

We believe that all men are sinners and are guilty before God; in need of a Saviour. **Romans 3:23**

We believe that men are born again through faith in Jesus Christ; that they become the children of God, eternally saved; that the Holy Spirit dwells within every believer to guide and help him in his testimony and service.

Acts 16:30-31, Galatians 2:16, Ephesians 1:13, John 10:28

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved in Glory, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost in hell. We believe that all believers have a responsibility to get the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ into all the world. **John 5:28-29, Luke 16:22-23, Rev. 20:11-15**

We believe that Baptist churches were the first churches of Christianity and that Jesus founded a Baptist church. **John 1:35-37, Acts 1:22**

Baptist Beliefs

Biblical Authority

Autonomy of the Local Church

Priesthood of ALL Believers

Two ordinances - Baptism & Communion

Immersed Church Membership

Soul-liberty

Two officers - Pastors and Deacons

Separation of Church and State

Baptist Heritage

- **John the Baptist**, Exalter of Christ
- **Meno Simons** (1496-1561), Dutch Anabaptist leader
- **Roger Williams** (1603-1683), Founded the first Baptist church in America in Providence, Rhode Island in 1638.
- **John Clarke** (1609-1676) was a Baptist preacher, medical doctor, and co-founder of the colony of Rhode Island. He was a driving force to get religious freedom into the charter of Rhode Island.
- **John Bunyan** (1628-1688), Baptist preacher who wrote *Pilgrim's Progress*
- **Charles Spurgeon** (1834-1892), might be the greatest Baptist pastor
- **John Franklin Norris** (1877-1952), founder of World Baptist Fellowship
- **Jack Frasure Hyles** (1926-2001), 10,000 baptisms per year

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