



## 2020 3Q Making Friends for God: Lesson 10 An Exciting Way to Get Involved

by Tim Jennings (announcements last page)

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*We received a call this week from someone giving her testimony about watching the class online during the pandemic. She said that typically she and her husband watch the class live on Saturday mornings but since inviting her son and his family over to their home for church they've had to switch to watching the replay in order to accommodate her 15-year-old grandson's questions and comments. They need to pause the bible study and attempt to answering his questions— (sometimes they wish Dr. Jennings was actually there to help answer his deep and thoughtful questions!!) This was an unexpected result since her grandson seemed to be disinterested in church when he was attending regular services before the shutdown of in-person gatherings began.*

Read Memory Text: “Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field” (Matthew 9:37-38, NKJV)

What does this verse mean to you?

When is the harvest? In Israel they had two, and they had two rains, the early rain and the latter rain, and the early harvest and latter harvest—what is this an object lesson for?

The early rain was for the early harvest, which was Pentecost and the initial reaping of souls that starting the Christian church at the time of the Apostles.

But the latter rain falls to prepare and cause the latter harvest, the harvest of souls that prepare for the second coming.

And the metaphor of the harvest has two applications—reaping souls from the world into the church, but also the final reaping when Jesus comes and ultimately separates the wheat from the tares.

Our job is to harvest, bring people into the church a saving relationship with Jesus—it is Jesus job, at the time of the second coming, to separate the wheat from the tares.

Here is an historic quote from one of the founders of the SDA church:

**But near the close of earth's harvest, a special bestowal of spiritual grace is promised to prepare the church for the coming of the Son of man.** This outpouring of the Spirit is likened to the falling of the latter rain; and it is for this added power that **Christians are to**



**send their petitions to the Lord of the harvest** “in the time of the latter rain.” **In response,** “the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain.” “He will cause to come down ... the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain,” Zechariah 10:1; Joel 2:23. AA 55.1

**But unless the members of God's church today have a living connection with the Source of all spiritual growth, they will not be ready for the time of reaping.** Unless they keep their lamps trimmed and burning, they will fail of receiving added grace in times of special need. AA 55.2

**Those only who are constantly receiving fresh supplies of grace, will have power proportionate to their daily need and their ability to use that power. Instead of looking forward to some future time when,** through a **special endowment** of spiritual power, they will receive a **miraculous** fitting up for soul winning, **they are yielding themselves daily to God,** that He may make them vessels meet for His use. **Daily they are improving** the opportunities for service that lie within their reach. **Daily they are witnessing** for the Master wherever they may be, whether in some humble sphere of labor in the home, or in a public field of usefulness. AA 55.3

What is being described? Why is it that the ones ready to receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit are the ones who did not wait and look to some future time, but were active each day developing themselves, applying themselves in God's cause, spending time with Him, connecting with Him, sharing what He has given them with others? Why are these the ones to receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and not those who wait by doing nothing?

Is there any law of God involved in this?

The law of exertion—what happens if you don't exercise? If you don't use it you lose it—but if you do exercise, you get stronger and develop more ability.

What would happen if you had a person who never exercised, never studied the playbook, never lifted weights, but dreamed about being the starting quarterback in the Superbowl. And because of their dream they bought all of their team's paraphernalia—hats, shirts, even jerseys and helmets. This person would walk around town in the team uniform and would look ready to play. But what would happen if that person were to actually start as quarterback in the Superbowl? What would they do when the plays were called, when the responsibility was on their shoulders, when the pressure was on?

What will happen to people who have not developed themselves in godliness if the Holy Spirit were to come upon them in power?

We at Come and Reason Ministries have been praying for years that the Lord will send more workers to the field—more people who will join us in sharing this message and over the years this ministry has slowly grown. This month, August, we are celebrating our 10-year anniversary of incorporation into a not-for profit ministry. We started a weekly Bible Study class years before, but it was in 2010 that



we incorporated. And since then God has blessed and more and more people accept this end-time healing message and join us in sharing it with others.

Yet, we still see so much more to do. Does that mean we should double our workload and do more if we are already doing what God has called us to do?

Consider this historic quote:

Though Jesus could work miracles, and had empowered His disciples to work miracles, **He directed His worn servants to go apart into the country and rest.** When He said that **the harvest was great, and the laborers were few, He did not urge upon His disciples the necessity of ceaseless toil, but said,** “Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest.” Matthew 9:38. **God has appointed to every man his work, according to his ability** (Ephesians 4:11-13), and **He would not have a few weighted with responsibilities while others have no burden, no travail of soul.** DA 361.4

**Christ's words of compassion are spoken to His workers today** just as surely as they were spoken to His disciples. **“Come ye yourselves apart, ... and rest awhile,” He says to those who are worn and weary. It is not wise to be always under the strain of work and excitement,** even in ministering to men's spiritual needs; for in this way personal piety is neglected, and **the powers of mind and soul and body are overtaxed.** Self-denial is required of the disciples of Christ, and sacrifices must be made; **but care must also be exercised lest through their overzeal Satan take advantage of the weakness of humanity, and the work of God be marred.** DA 362.1

What do you hear? Is there a law involved in this? What law and what kind of law?

The corollary law of exertion—which is the law of restoration.

As finite beings, once we expend a resource we must rest and recover in order to have more to expend. If we do not rest, we burn out.

- Baseball pitchers must rest between games or they ruin their arms
- Olympic marathon runners will not run again the next day—they must rest

One of Satan's strategies if he cannot get good people to choose evil is to overtax them with too many good works to the point they burn out.

We must have the wisdom to maintain the health of our Spirit temples, our bodies, so that we can stay on the field as long as God would have us work for His cause.

While I was preparing for today's class on small groups, about connecting with others, I was thinking about the unity we are to have in Christ. About how God created us to be one with Him and each other and how sin separates and divides us. I was reflecting on movements in the world today and how so



much happening right now is causing division rather than unity. As I was studying and researching, I came across another historic quote. What do you think of this quote?

What an argument of **power** is the prayer, “**That they all may be one; as You, Father, art in Me, and I in You, that they also may be one in Us:**[What is another word for all of us becoming one? At-one-ment, Bible atonement is not legal it is healing, restorative, the removing of the infection of fear and selfishness so that we are united in the bonds of love, truth, and freedom that originates in God’s character, bring us back to oneness with Him.] that the world may believe that You have sent me. **And the glory which You gave Me I have given them; that they may be one, even as We are one:** [What is God’s glory? It is His character of love and it is that love which brings unity, healing and oneness. And it is at this time in Earth’s history that we are to give glory to God because the hour of His judgment has come, the hour in which people are to judge whether God is like Baal, an imperial dictator who imposes law and inflicts punishments and needs a blood payment not to do so. Or whether God is like Jesus revealed, a being of self-sacrificing love who gives in order to save and heal. The true message about God, that gives Him glory, wins people to trust Him and restores us into oneness with Him. But the false imposed law Baal view causes division.] I in them, and You in Me, **that they may be made perfect in one:** [What is the perfection here described? The perfection of love for each other—that we are perfect in one and how do we get this perfection? By being reunited with God through the victory of Jesus and the application of His victory in us by the indwelling Spirit. Then fear and selfishness is removed and we have love for God and others.] and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them, as You have loved Me.” (SpTB07 44.3 Testimonies to the Church Containing Messages of Warnings and Instruction to the Seventh-day Adventists)

I have repeated this wonderful statement; for **it contains the very evidence that we are to present to the world,—the perfection of unity in the followers of Christ. The members of the church of God must reach this perfection.** [Again, what perfection? The perfection of loving unity for and with each other! It is not task perfection, it is love for others perfection and this love for each other is evidence—of what? It is evidence of a power contrary to the powers of this earth. Look around and see what earthly powers do, what political powers do, what governments do, what imposed law applications do. They divide, the incite injustice, the imposed law method is always unfair. In every human government some cheat, some commit crimes and don’t get punished, others are innocent and do get punished, others are discriminated against, others are discriminated for. All human governments are unfair, and the more governmental policies and laws, the more division. We, those who know God, who have Jesus living in our hearts are able to rise above the world and love when it isn’t fair, to forgive those who have wronged us, to pray for those who have spitefully used us. This love is the evidence of a power the world cannot overthrow.] I can not do more than urge upon them **that this perfection is found in unity in Christ.** The Saviour has presented before us how much will be gained in **working out the unity that will join one believer to another in the perfection of Christian love....** SpTB07 44.4 [When you hear about Bible perfection is this what immediately comes to your mind, that we are to be united with Jesus to love others as



Christ loves us? Or, do you hear “perfection” through the human law lens and think about task performance?]

**This message I am given to bear, as the Lord's messenger.** [Can you make the same claim—to be the Lord's messenger? Why not? Didn't Jesus say that as the Father had sent Him, He is sending us? Are we not all to be messengers for the Lord?] **The unity for which Christ prayed is a sacred pledge of discipleship. Those who enter heaven must be one with Christ. Unless they should bear the same perfection of character that He bore while on this earth, they would spoil heaven.** The trial and test is to come here in this world. **Here we are to be stamped with the image and superscription of God. The virtue of the grace of Christ will perfect the character of every believer who truly accepts Him.** [Does this frighten you? Do you hear this as some work you must attain? Some performance you must achieve? Or do you hear this as a cancer patient hears the description of having 100% of their cancer eliminated, put into remission to be perfectly healed by the remedy provided by their doctor? Without the shedding of Christ's blood there is no remission of sin—without the victory of Christ, His perfect character, sinfulness in the hearts and minds of humans would not remit. But, because of Jesus, all who trust Him, can have the Holy Spirit fill their hearts and minds and self can be crucified and sinfulness can remit and be replaced with love for God and others. Thus, the Bible describes those who are ready to meet Jesus when He comes as those who do not love their lives so much as to shrink from death—fear and selfishness is replaced with love and trust. In other words, they are perfect in love for God and others. As the quotation said, “**The virtue of the grace of Christ will perfect the character** of every believer who truly accepts Him.”] All true disciples are made members of the royal family. **All have the new heart**, and all blend in perfect harmony. **They speak the same thing, though in this world their language may differ. Their manner of expression may not be the same**, but their one desire is for the highest end in this life,—the sanctification of the same Spirit. **They love as brethren.** SpTB07 45.1[We may be from different countries, different races, different cultures, different tribes, but all who have new hearts with God's law written in, will love each other as the family of God—we are one as God is one! This terrifies Satan. The enemy doesn't want us to love—he wants us to hate, to fear, to distrust and thus we can see the devil's work in the world today.]

**Christ's disciples must obey the laws of heaven on this earth, else they will never obey them in the higher world.** [What laws? Is this describing that we must get the right list of rules and keep them in some legal way, or that we must be restored to live in harmony with the laws God built reality to operate upon? What kind of law did the angels in heaven have? Why didn't they know about law when Lucifer rebelled, why was it something unthought of to them? What is the only kind of law that can be in operation and enforced that people are not informed about? Design law, it is merely how reality works. Thus, if we do not love here we will hate love their. If do not embrace honesty here, truthfulness, then we will hate truth there. If we do not practice liberty here we will not value liberty there. It is about the character, what the heart becomes by the methods, principles and design laws accepted, valued, internalized and applied here and now. By faith/trust in Jesus we can overcome our inherent fear and selfishness and experience God's methods restored within and carry out those methods in how



we treat others.] **I call upon every physician, upon every gospel minister, to obey the laws of God in everything.** [What kind of laws do physicians work with and treat patients through? The laws of health and these are design laws. Are the laws that the gospel operates upon of a different type, are they mere rules like humans make up and that we must keep under fear of inflicted punishment, or are they also design protocols?] This world is the school in which we are to prepare for graduation into the higher school. [What are we to learn in this school of this world? The truth about God and His methods. We are to learn to discern, to differentiate the truth from the lies of Satan. We are to learn the methods of God and the love of God and to grow in that love and in the practice of His methods. We are to learn to trust God with our entire being. And then we graduate to eternity, in which there is no more sin, disease, pain, suffering death—but we are still in school, for God is infinite and we are finite and we will spend all eternity learning and being overwhelmed with awe at the incredible love of God.] We know not who are the chosen of God only as they reveal the education they have received from the Father and the Son, through the Holy Spirit. Christ is their Mediator, their Righteousness, and their unity centers in God. [Mediator—where is Christ mediating? In the heavenly sanctuary—which is built out of what? What is the building material of this dwelling place for God? Where is it the Bible tells us God wants to dwell? In our hearts and minds. Thus the sanctuary is a metaphor for the true Temple of God, which is the hearts and minds of people. Jesus is mediating, via the Holy Spirit, in our hearts and minds working to cut out fear, selfishness, distrust, lust and unholy passions and write in truth, godly love, and the fruits of the Spirit. Each day in the Old Testament Temple the High Priest, and only the High Priest, would trim the wicks on the candlestick. Remember the central spirt was solid gold, representing Jesus, the sick other bowls with lamps represent humanity, man was created on the sixth day. Six, plus one equals 7 the number of perfection. Thus, when we are joined to Jesus and He trims our hearts we become perfect—perfect in love and shine the light of God’s glory out to others.] **Those who are so stubborn that they will not comply with the prayer of Christ will be lawless, loveless, impolite. They could not be admitted into the family of heaven.** [Christ prays for us to be one as He and the Father are one. But those too stubborn to comply will be lawless, loveless and impolite—why? But what if they keep the weekly Bible Sabbath, and eat only the approved foods, and pay a faithful tithe, and get baptized in the right way, and believe in the Bible, and claim Jesus’ blood as the payment for their sins? Can a person do all of this religious stuff and still not be united with God in heart? And why do those who refuse to be united with God, to be one in heart, mind, method, motive, one in love with God become lawless, loveless and impolite? What law is being referred to when she says lawless? Why are they not admitted to the family of heaven?] The truth cherished in the heart will work out a blessed unity among Christ's disciples in the lower school of earth. **The Lord is dishonored by the contention and strife caused by the unsanctified dispositions of professing Christians.** SpTB07 45.2 [What truth cherished in the heart? Is it not the eternal gospel, the eternal good news about God, which Satan has lied about? Is it not the truth that Jesus has revealed about God and God’s kingdom of love, the reality that God’s laws are design laws and are perfect and life and health and only possible in harmony with God and His design for life? What dishonors the Lord? strife, conflict, division—would this include joining with movements that claim to promote equality, to oppose injustice but use the methods of



violence, coercion, intimidation, riot, and any other method that divides and instills fear and hostility?]

**I have written out fully the instruction that I was commissioned to give. [Who do you believe commissioned her to write this?]** We are now to take our individual selves in hand, **and conquer the wicked feelings that rise in our hearts. In allowing the venom of these feelings to flow forth in words, we help Satan in his work. [How many in the Christian world today are being duped into allowing feelings of anger, rage, resentment, bitterness, hurt over real injustice to motivate them to act in ways that are contrary to love? But we are to be one with God as Jesus is one with God. When did Jesus make that prayer of unity? Right before His crucifixion. Was Jesus treated justly by human governments? How did Jesus respond to the injustice? When Peter pulled out a sword to fight, what did Jesus do? What is to be our response to those who do injustice? What does the world want us to do? Consider seeing someone assaulting another, what is your instinct? What would you want to do? What if the person being assaulted is your child, wife, husband, mother, sister? When you see news images of people being dragged out of their cars and beaten in the streets do you have some part of you that is outraged? Do you get tempted to want to strike back? Do you have feelings that tempt you to consider wishing you could have been there with a gun and you would have shot the assailant to protect the innocent. You, like Peter would pull out your sword and strike a blow for justice. But, what if the person attacking your child, your wife, your sister, is your oldest son—what would you do then? What would you want to do for your son—kill him, beat him, or restrain him for the purpose of saving him?]** Our church-members need a reconversion, a renewal of the Holy Spirit's power to make them children of God, members of His family. Let every one in our churches now humble his own heart, confess his own sins, and remember that God has a controversy with those who have kept the work from advancing, by their crooked characters, which need to be made all over again. SpTB07 46.1

## SUNDAY

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Read first paragraph, “The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit...” What is described? Do you see love functioning in this relationship?

I have often talked about how love only functions in relationship. That it doesn't function in isolation or as a singularity. And that the minimum number for genuine other-centered-love is three, which is a strong evidenced-based reason to believe in the Trinity.

I received this email this week:

*I was wondering where I can find sources that support the statement that you need at least 3 individuals to have love truly demonstrated.*

*Thanks for your materials. They have answered all the questions I had in my Christian experience. Filled the gaps in the SDA theology.*



*I am doing the power of love course with some fellow church members. We all love it. May God keep blessing your efforts.*

*I need the sources I asked for to refer some other SDA colleagues who asked for "proof".*

How would you answer this inquiry?

My response:

What do they consider “proof?” Which is more “proof” a textbook that cites that gravity exists or dropping an apple?

Which is more proof, a statement made by a person with credentials or the reality of how love actually functions?

Ask the persons who are requesting proof what they consider more authoritative—statements, declarations, descriptions, or the reality of how things actually function? Which holds more weight with them the description of things by people or the reality to which the various experts are referring when they describe it? Is the description by Isaac Newton of the various laws of motion more authoritative than the actual functioning of objects in motion?

So ask them can love function in isolation, as a singularity—and if so have them demonstrate other-centered love with no other.

If they suggest that two individuals can love each other, acknowledge this is possible, but ask how can that love be differentiated from narcissistic reinforcement? In other words, if no sacrifice is ever required, how can we tell if there is love or if the two parties merely love the love and adoration they receive from the other? One of Satan’s allegations in heaven against God is that God required sacrifices from His creation but wouldn’t sacrifice Himself. Satan’s allegation is that God is self-centered or narcissistic.

“In the light of the Saviour's life, the hearts of all, even from the Creator to the prince of darkness, are revealed. **Satan has represented God as selfish and oppressive, as claiming all, and giving nothing, as requiring the service of His creatures for His own glory, and making no sacrifice for their good.** But the gift of Christ reveals the Father's heart. It testifies that the thoughts of God toward us are “thoughts of peace, and not of evil.” Jeremiah 29:11. It declares that while God's hatred of sin is as strong as death, His love for the sinner is stronger than death. DA 57

Two beings can be in relationship that appears to be loving, but in reality is merely self-serving. This type of narcissistic reinforcement is exposed in relationships where husband and wife seem to be totally in love and then the first child comes along and the husband begins to get angry at the wife for no longer giving him all her attention.





Three is the minimum number necessary for genuine other-centered love. But, if after a discussion of evidence, take them to Scripture and read how the Trinity functions, no member of the Godhead seeks glory for Themselves, but all are seen to uplift and glorify the other. If they want other sources then here are a couple:

“But turning from all lesser representations, we behold **God in Jesus**. Looking unto Jesus we see that **it is the glory of our God to give**. “I do nothing of Myself,” said Christ; “the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father.” “**I seek not Mine own glory,**” but the glory of Him that sent Me. John 8:28; 6:57; 8:50; 7:18. In these words is set forth **the great principle which is the law of life for the universe. All things Christ received from God, but He took to give**. So in the heavenly courts, in His ministry for all created beings: **through the beloved Son, the Father's life flows out to all; through the Son it returns**, in praise and joyous service, a tide of love, **to the great Source of all**. And thus through Christ the circuit of beneficence is complete, representing the character of the great Giver, the law of life.” DA 21

In the quote above, there are three, the Father, Son and the created beings, who are infused and empowered to love by the Holy Spirit.

“In describing to His disciples the office work of the **Holy Spirit, Jesus** sought to inspire them with the joy and hope that inspired His own heart. He rejoiced because of the abundant help He had provided for His church. **The Holy Spirit was the highest of all gifts that He could solicit from His Father** for the exaltation of His people. The Spirit was to be given as a **regenerating agent**, and without this the sacrifice of Christ would have been of no avail. The power of evil had been strengthening for centuries, and the submission of men to this satanic captivity was amazing. Sin could be resisted and overcome only through the **mighty agency of the Third Person of the Godhead, who would come with no modified energy, but in the fullness of divine power**. It is the Spirit that makes effectual what has been wrought out by the world's Redeemer. It is by the Spirit that the heart is made pure. **Through the Spirit the believer becomes a partaker of the divine nature**. Christ has given His Spirit as a divine power to overcome all hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil, and to impress His own character upon His church.

**Of the Spirit Jesus said, “He shall glorify Me.” The Saviour came to glorify the Father by the demonstration of His love; so the Spirit was to glorify Christ by revealing His grace to the world**. The very image of God is to be reproduced in humanity. The honor of God, the honor of Christ, is involved in the perfection of the character of His people. DA 671

Note the Father sends the Spirit, the Spirit glorifies the Son, and the Son glorifies the Father—the principle of love functioning in the Godhead for the purpose of healing sinners steeped in selfishness back to God's design of other centered love.



God's methods and plans always bring the unity of love—Satan's methods and plans always brings fear, division, distrust, selfishness, hostility.

## MONDAY

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Read first paragraph, "The Bible provides numerous examples..." Have you found where God has called you to work in His field?

What do you say to those who complain that we are only pawns on a chessboard in a game between God and Satan and God uses us to achieve what God wants and they don't want to be pawns to God or Satan?

Does God use us like pawns? No—what is the key to understanding this? What law lens are you looking through.

Chess is an arbitrary game with arbitrary rules and arbitrary consequences for movements upon an arbitrary board. It reinforces the idea that God's law is like human law and God plays games like humans do.

When we reject the imposed law view and understand design law—then we want to be used by God; we want to become active and engaged in applying ourselves usefully in God's cause. Why? Because we get to help our team (family, friends, neighbors, church family), and there is joy in helping those we love. And in exercising our abilities, including our love, those abilities, including our love grow stronger. We genuinely develop more skills, become more proficient, and so it is for **our good** to be used by God—not for God's need—it is the only way that we can grow in knowledge, in insight, in wisdom, in patience, in faith, in godliness and in love.

The lesson focuses our attention on Jethro's organizational recommendations to Moses.

Read second paragraph, "Every individual..." thoughts? Did this remind you of anything today? The military, the US Army is organized by:

- Squads (typically 5-10 soldiers)
- Platoons (4-5 squads, 40-50 soldiers)
- Companies (4-5 platoons, 200-250 soldiers)
- Battalions (3-5 companies 500-1000 soldiers)
- Brigades (3 or more battalions 3000-5000 soldiers)
- Division (3 brigades 15,000-20,000 soldiers)
- Corps (2-5 divisions 30,000- 100,000 soldiers)
- Armies (2-5 corps 60,000-500,000 solders)



And in the army there are leaders at each level, Squad leaders, Platoon leaders, Company, Battalion, Brigade, Division, Corps and Army commanders. At each level of this organization the individuals have responsibilities for the health, welfare, safety, education, development, proficiency, readiness, and equipping (both training and providing equipment) of their people.

It is part of the training that leaders lead from the field. They go through what their soldiers go through. They live in the field when their soldiers are in the field. The commander ensures his people are fed before he eats, his people rest before he rests.

Why is this the way leadership is taught? What impact does it have on subordinates to see their commander working with them, ensuring they eat before he eats etc.?

In the church, do we experience this type of leadership—servant leadership? Would we benefit from small groups in which members care for each other, look out for each other? How do we do that when people are free to come and go when times get tough?

For instance, how well would a military unit hold together if each member could pick up and leave at any time they wanted? What would happen during training, when things get tough? What would happen during deployment, during actual combat?

What is it that keeps soldiers together in combat? Do units who operate on fear of punishment from their superiors function best in combat?

What about those who function on love—the bonds of brotherhood? What forges or builds those bonds of love? Common cause, struggling through difficulties together, having each other's back, knowing each other and experiencing their reliability and trustworthiness in real world application.

Is there a lesson for us in our work for God's kingdom?

Are there other ways to get this type of experience besides in the military? Ball teams or any team activity can help build this type of bond of brotherhood. But, the point is that we must work together, struggle together, sacrifice together, achieve together, overcome together.

Is one of the reasons for church groups for us to come together for common purpose? This reality is a powerful argument against those who say they can worship God on their own from home and they don't need to belong to a group.

## **TUESDAY**

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Read second paragraph, "A study of anatomy..." this is so true. We have been given different skills, abilities, gifts that when blended with others who have different gifts, but applied together for God's cause can achieve so much more.



This ministry would not achieve nearly as much or reach nearly as many people if I were working by myself. Dean Scott is gifted in ways I can only dream about. His skill with computers and graphics and design and video production and website programming is all beyond me. And because of Dean all of you who follow us online are able to access our material and it is always of the highest quality.

I am so thankful for Dean—let's be sure to keep Dean in our prayers, like Moses, he needs to stay energetic and healthy.

We are hopeful and prayerful that each of you will reach out to others and share this message where the Lord opens doors. We are actively working to prepare and make available more resources for you to use to share this message.

## **WEDNESDAY**

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The lesson points out that the New Testament believers regularly met in homes—why? Because the New Testament church didn't own property, it was all about the people.

Is there benefit to owning properties? Of course, schools, publishing houses, hospitals, in addition to places of worship. So much of the work would be restricted if Christian organizations didn't own any properties.

But, we must never lose sight of the fact that the properties are not the church, the properties are merely resources or tools for the body of believers to utilize in fulfilling God's work.

Properties, organizations, institutions are not saved, people are. When people lose sight of this and begin to think that their responsibility for God is primarily to protect property they can be tricked into betraying their trust for God. When governments make actions that threaten to take church property unless the organization goes along with policies that are contrary to God's methods and laws, it is important to let the properties be seized rather than compromise principles.

## **THURSDAY**

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What small groups have you been a part of and how have they been a blessing to you?

There are all types of small groups that can be formed and helpful to people such as:

- 12 step groups
- grief recovery groups
- divorce recovery groups
- abuse recovery groups
- Bible study groups
- cooking groups
- book groups



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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**SURPRISE! The Book of Genesis** has now been added to our website's The Remedy NT online reader and will be added to the mobile app soon.

**The Remedy App**, which is free, has been redesigned and **Updated**, and now includes the Psalms! Please go to your app store and update The Remedy.

**Saturday, October 3, 2020!** Come and Reason will be presenting a live in-person event at the Chattanooga Convention Center in Chattanooga TN! **Healing the Mind and Transforming the Character in a Broken World** is one-day event and will be packed with presentations by Timothy R. Jennings, Katie McPherson, Ben Bost and Kent Delhousaye. Join us to learn principles and strategies to heal the mind and heart from fear and habits that overrun our lives You'll want to book your spot soon before the event is sold out-- lunch is included in this great price! Click [here](#) for more information.

**October 9-10, 2020:** Dr. Jennings will be speaking at the Lakewood SDA church in Lakewood OH

**November 6-7, 2020:** Dr. Jennings will be speaking at an AACC River Conference at Plano, TX. More info at <http://theriverconference.com/>