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It's about learning to dance in the rain

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September Newsletter

Rx For The Soul

## Dare To Be *Un*Common

.You're an original! Well,,,, how can I say that when I may not even know you? It's easy. You were an 'idea' in God's mind even before you were conceived. 1

Look at your thumb. Yours is the only thumb like that in the entire world! It has your fingerprint on it, and there is no other to match it. Even more, behind that thumb is your personal DNA - and unless you have a twin - there is no other to match it.

This week I saw a young boy about 8 in an elevated wheelchair. He waited for his Mom who I later saw was in line to check out. I leaned down to about face level and told him Jesus loved him. When he didn't seem convinced, I went on and said "He *really* does!" Then I said "He has a plan for your life."

When I said that, his face lit up with a *big* smile. Perhaps no one had ever told him that. I turned to see his mother's face, pleased, not really knowing what I'd said.

I write monthly in these newsletters in an attempt to help people perhaps see God differently that they ever have. But this month, I want readers to see *themselves* differently! Like that little boy confined to a wheel chair...

You are not just some insignificant other. If you are reading this, you're more than significant! You don't have to go to your grave with your song unsung...You see, salvation belongs to God not to you...It's a free gift. He has chosen you!

God wants you to take ownership of who you are. That requires stepping out of the herd mindset that so prevails, that requires you to conform. Now-you don't have to be a believer to do that, but you will never find your true calling unless you are...

Like myself, you may not feel you've had upbringing or the guidance you needed. You may have grown up in an alcoholic home and abuse. No matter. You can set your own course, because you've been given power over your own person. Do so!

God has a plan for your life Yes! "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **for good works**, which God prepared *beforehand*, that **we should walk in them.**" Have a vision! Follow where your burden is! You're gifting is there. THIS, my Friend, is His plan for your life! It's **real** & it waits for you...!

So, taking ownership requires acknowledgement that you are not your own! You are *His*! Surrender your life to God and to His plan. You will find that it's a pleasure to serve him. Be. Born. Again.<sup>3</sup> You will discover the importance of other people in your life – and that its people that make life matter! Then you will find fullness of joy & also pleasure forevermore. How? They are both at His right hand!<sup>4</sup>

People often think that if they don't lie, cheat or steal that they will make heaven! That good people go to heaven.....No they don't! Heaven is for blood-washed sinners! It was Jesus who said "Not every man who **says** Lord, Lord, shall enter the Kingdom but he that **does** (present tense) God's will."<sup>5</sup>

Neither do they consider bitterness and unforgiveness can lead folks to hell's gates! Worse, when people warn Jesus is coming, some may say "I don't believe it!" Then He's not *coming* for them, only for those who are *looking for Him*! Why? If you don't believe God, *you're not going to be a part of it!*<sup>6</sup>

Clearly, Jesus says, in order to enter His Kingdom, we must be doing God's will...So– if you're co-habiting, do you think that you're doing God's will? IF you died today, where would you go....? You'd better strive for holiness.<sup>7</sup>

God's Grace is a gift –It wouldn't be a gift if you could earn it! So, don't try to...Your good works **without** the Holy Spirit's leading count for *nothing*! So acknowledge Him and learn of His work.<sup>8</sup>

If you don't believe God's word, don't call yourself a Christian!! The measure of real Christianity is a burden for lost souls! *Do you have one?* They're out there by the millions – and they're waiting with out-stretched arms - for you! They're all going over the cliff to hell?

I heard Evangelist Lester Sumrall tell of a dream he once had, of many people marching about six abreast. He couldn't tell where they were going, but then saw at the end of the line – they all fell over a cliff into flames! He knew it was **hell**...

Some time later, he was holding a tent revival in Tennessee (popular in the 50'60's). Upon entering the tent, he saw 2 or 3 familiar faces, sure he'd seen them before! After preaching, he gave an altar call and those familiar faces came up. Suddenly, he realized these faces were in that dream!..... Had he not answered God's call, they'd all gone to hell...!

Be who you're meant to be, Given this info, *how dare you be **common**?* How dare you remain a member of the herd? **Come. Up. Higher.** To Honor. To Valor. You're a child of the King of Kings...!



*Find  
Something  
you like to do and  
Be Good!  
at it!*  
Mark Cuban-Shark Tank

*The timid prefer the  
calm of tyranny to  
the sea of Liberty.*  
Thomas Jefferson

Direction  
Determines  
Destination



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**Amazing new lipstick that helps you lose weight...**



MANY WHO PLAN TO SEEK GOD AT THE 11<sup>TH</sup> HOUR ...DIE AT 10:30.

*If I had a dollar for everytime I got distracted, I wish I had a puppy.*

Nothing is more troubling than to want to know God's will....and not find it! But I've learned that it's not as difficult as **we** sometimes make it! In fact, there are dozens of scriptures that say – straight out – what the will of God actually is.

And I can promise you that "if any man's will is to do His will he shall know", God will reveal it to you! That is the first condition. God is not going to reveal His will to you if He already knows you only want to vote on it... then *not* do it!

A little boy calls to his Dad before falling asleep. Finally, he admits he is afraid. The Dad attempts to comfort him by saying he is never alone, that God is always with him. He says, "Yes but I want someone with skin on..."

Aren't we all that way? God is spirit and we are flesh and bones. We aren't spiritual by nature – especially to start.

Knowing His will requires a metamorphosis! No, just kidding! Yet a metamorphosis does occur when we study God's word! "Be not conformed to this world, but be *transformed* by the renewing of the word." That word is the Greek word from which we get metamorphosis! In the measure that we read & study His word, we are indeed changed. Yet, you *can* find His will now, by asking.

Beware of timidity. It's the antonym of faith & the timid won't find guidance....God sees it as shrinking back! In Rev. 21:8, where the wicked are cast into hell, people who are adulterers or murderers are cast in **after** "the timid (fearful) and unbelieving..."

This is a hard truth, Dear Friends, but scripture is true over any human opinion or popular sentiment.

It isn't as difficult as we make it to find His will. Most of us simply don't still ourselves or take the time *to listen!*

If you are praying about sex, His will is I Thes. 4:3. If you are dwelling on what someone may think, see I Pet. 2:15. Or II Cor. 4. If self-indulgence bothers you, see I Thes. 5:18. If you're feeling inadequate, II Cor. 12:1-6 & Phillipians 1:6. On behavior, Eph. 5:15-20 God's will is there – *it even says so.* Jesus came not to do His will, but God's. John 6:38

Answers are in scripture! But...*if it goes against the WORD of God, it's not His will!* You can't approve what God disapproves. 9 "Be still and know I am God..."



## Daring Parenthood – Ask Agatha

**Dear Agatha:** I want to know how to make my kids mind me! It's driving me crazy. I see my friends struggle with theirs, too. Their smart mouths and defiant attitudes tire me out. Sometimes I even dread coming home from work at night. Help! **Ed.**

**Dear Ed:** Well you have asked the question of the ages, Ed. I feel inadequate in answering, but I'll give it a try.

Parents start on the wrong premise. They think their little angels could never rebel; they want to be their friends; (they *have* friends! Yours is to guide!) they surround them with every material item that conveys to them *the entire world revolves around them!* I repeat, your role is to "guide" **This is how it really is, Ed.**

Those lil angels are born under the first Adam. Rebellion is *natural* to them. until Jesus enters their heart. Proverbs says "foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child" and elsewhere it says, correction drives it far from them. More, it says correction saves their soul from HELL! **10**

So opt is to be the best father possible - and as an example to them - be the best husband to your wife. Then bone up on fatherhood.

Honor your wife so your prayers aren't hindered.<sup>11</sup> It seems that *frustrating* their children is a trap to father's. It's understandable –They come home tired, wanting to relax & they meet issues instead! <sup>12</sup> Strive to let tenderness be seen in you.

There are great books that deal with discipline, by other dads. Find them. I read once that the hardest part of disciplining your children *is to discipline yourself to discipline!* That easy chair is too fine...!

The important thing here is "correction" – Look at what disciplinary efforts works for others. Never discipline because you're angry, but because their behavior will matter in 6 months or 6 years.

Parents' assignment is to rear *uncommon* kids! Other believers can be of great support! Don't isolate. Discover your child's gifts & help them excel - sports; dance, horseback riding - building confidence in them

- References 1) Jeremiah 1:5
- 2) Ephes.2:10 3) John 3:1-5
- 4) Psalm 16:11 5) Matt.7:21
- 6) Heb.11:6 7) Heb. 12:14
- 8) John chapters 14-16
- 9) Psalm 46:10 10) Proverbs 22:15; and 23:14
- 11) I Peter 3:7 12) Ephes.6:4

*Is Prayer your Steering Wheel ...or your Spare Tire?*  
Corrie ten Boom

WAIT A MINUTE!

