



Prime the Pump!

(article submitted by Kathy Grosser)

A man was lost in the desert without water, when he saw an old makeshift structure. He knew he couldn't make it much longer, so he got to the covering as fast as his worn-out legs could carry him. To his surprise, inside he found a jar of pure looking water on the floor next to a pump. Filled with relief, he walked over to the jar to quench his overbearing thirst. As he reached down to pick up the jar of water, he noticed a sign. The sign read, "Use this water to prime the pump: when you have gotten as much water as you need, refill the jar, and leave it for the next person who passes this way."

This man suddenly found himself on the horns of a dilemma because he was so thirsty that he was close to dehydration. What if he followed the directions on the sign and there was no water in the well? What if he poured out all of the water he now held in his hand and got nothing in return? Was it worth the risk to even try?

The man had to make a decision to either fill himself now, or pour out what he had and take the chance that deep down there was so much more. The man made the choice to prime the pump; and it was a good choice because the water flowed freely. He drank to his delight and collected enough water to take him on his journey. Before he left, he filled the jar and placed it next to the note. Under the words of the note he wrote, "Trust me; it works!"

Giving to others in your horizontal relationship with them is a method of priming the pump of GOD's vertical blessings in your life. You have a choice...you can take the little that GOD has given you now and consume it for yourself, or you can use it to prime something that's got so much more. The choice hinges on whether you believe GOD's Word...that if you give, it will be given to you. **Oh, and trust me...it works! (Luke 6:38)**

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Being Content In This Life...

by Barbara Carmack

Maybe it's been awhile since you've checked your attitude; with this world getting crazier by the minute, it's important that you keep on top of things spiritually. So, what does Paul say about attitude in Ephesians 4:17?
"Speaking for the LORD, let me say this: Live no longer as the unsaved do, for they are blinded and confused - they walk in their empty delusions, shutting their minds to GOD's ways. They don't care any more about right and wrong and have given themselves over to impure ways. They stop at nothing, being driven by their evil minds and reckless lusts. But that isn't the way Christ taught you!"

Paul goes on to say that if you have really heard His voice and learned from Him how to live, then He gives you a command to work on getting rid of the old habits and attitudes you learned from the world - pride and selfish behavior - and allow Holy Spirit to work in your spirit to get new attitudes and thoughts from GOD Himself. You, allowing GOD to work in you, makes you a new person: 1) **Clothe yourself with this new nature,** 2) **Stop lying to each other; tell the truth,** for we are parts of each other and when we lie to each other we are hurting ourselves, 3) **Don't let anger control you or be fuel for revenge...not even for a day. Don't go to bed angry; get over it!** For when you are angry, you give a mighty foothold to the devil, 4) **Stealing and coveting must stop!** Begin using those hands for honest work so you can give to others in need, 5) **And never let ugly or hateful words come from your mouth;** let your words become beautiful gifts that encourage others, speaking words of grace to help them, 6) **Never grieve the Spirit of GOD or take for granted His holy influence in your life; He has sealed you in Christ JESUS until you experience your full salvation and sanctification.**" (Ephesians 4:22-30)

JESUS desiring that you have a godly attitude, tells a story about a fair employer and greedy workers in Matthew 20:1-16: **"The owner of an estate went out early one morning to hire workers for his harvest field. He agreed to pay them \$20 a day and sent them out to work. A couple of hours later he saw some idle men, and hired them also, after agreeing on what they would be paid. At noon and again around three o'clock in the afternoon he did the same thing. At five o'clock he was in town, and again found men standing around, who agreed to work for him. That evening, he called the men in to pay them, paying the last men first. When the men hired at five o'clock each received \$20, the men who were hired early in the day, assumed they would receive much more, but they too, were paid \$20. They protested, 'Those fellows worked only one hour, and yet you've paid them just as much as those of us who worked all day in the scorching heat.' 'Friend,' he answered one of them, 'I did you no wrong! Didn't you agree to work all day for \$20? It is my desire to pay all the same; is it against the law to give away my money if I want to? Should you be angry because I am kind?' And so it is that the last shall be first, and the first, last."** What would be your reaction, seeing employees working only a couple hours getting paid the same as you who worked all day?

Godliness with Contentment is Great Gain!

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SO YOU THINK THE PRESIDENT IS A JERK?

What can I say; he's a New Yorker. He can be crude and rude at times. He gets his feelings hurt and he's a hothead. He hits back...hard! The media hates it when he tweets. Why? Because he gets information out, they don't want to report. And do you know what else? He is a guy that demands performance. If you don't work as hard as he does, you're fired! He is a guy who asks lots of questions. The questions he asks aren't cloaked in fancy "political" phrases; they are "why the hell..." questions.



For decades the health industry has thrown away billions of face masks after one use. Trump asks, "Why the hell are we throwing them away? Why not sterilize them and use them numerous times?" They called him stupid. What are they doing now? Sterilizing face masks. He's the guy who gets hospital ships readied in one week when it would have taken bureaucrats weeks or months to get it done. He's the guy that gets temporary hospitals built in three days. They said no way he could do it. He's the guy that gets auto industries to restructure to build ventilators in a business that's highly regulated by agencies that move like sloths. He's the guy that asks "Why aren't we using drugs that might work on people that are dying; what do we have to lose?" He's the guy that restricted travel from China when the Democrats and liberal media were screaming "xenophobia" and "racist." Now they're wanting to know why didn't he react sooner?

He's the guy that campaigned on securing the border - protecting America - in the face of screaming Democrats and the liberal media (Both Clinton and Obama talked about a crisis at the border but did little to address the crisis). Pres. Trump has put up 200+ miles of wall at the border. When Trump shut down borders in the midst of the coronavirus virus, they screamed louder. Then the rest of the world followed suit, including the European Union, restricting travel between their member countries.

His policy is always "America First". For many years we have complained about sending billions abroad, while Americans suffer here. He's minimized that outflow of money, eliminating regulations on small businesses. He has taken us out of bad deals with other countries. Has he made mistakes? Yes. Everyone I know has and does. The "experts" wouldn't have done any better...and haven't! Does he change his mind? Yes, but who doesn't.

Trump is working harder than any president in modern times - twenty-four-hour days. He isn't hiding in his office; he's out front - briefing - every day. When he offers hope, they say he's lying and when he's straight forward and realistic, they say he should be hopeful. It's a no-win situation, with the liberal media, but he will not be deterred. This is the kind of strong leadership this country needs at this time, not a "polished, nice guy" politician who reads prepared speeches from a teleprompter and answers pre-scripted questions. He is our President!

**"He has made everything beautiful in its time;
He has set eternity in your heart...!" Ecclesiastes 3:11**

**Each day you live is one day closer to JESUS' return...
are you ready?**



FAITH

(F) FORWARDING
(A) ALL
(I) ISSUES
(T) TO
(H) HEAVEN

"Without FAITH it is impossible to please GOD - without FAITH living within us it would be impossible to please GOD. For we come to GOD in Faith knowing that He is real (the I AM that I AM), and that He rewards those who passionately seek Him!" (Hebrews 11:6 NASB and The Passion translations)

Hebrews 11 is known as the "Hall of FAITH" because those who are written about in this chapter lived their FAITH when the circumstances were almost impossible! For instance, FAITH operated powerfully in Abraham when he was put to the test in offering up Isaac, the son of the covenant. Abraham knew that because GOD had told him that his lineage would be carried on through his son, Isaac, he believed GOD and it was counted to him as righteousness. And he glorified GOD until what was promised was manifested. Have the FAITH of GOD and you will see mighty things happening in your own life...GO FOR IT!

Who Is Missing From This Picture?

Photos by Nancy Kellogg







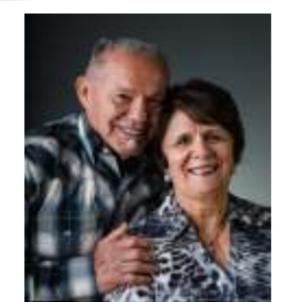




We have such a great time in the LORD at our monthly meetings; Praise, Bible Study, Prayer and Fellowship. Come join us; the next meeting is August 8th.

Home Of Refuge

Saving the Lost...Loving the Unlovable

Please continue to pray for Rosa and me. I am still waiting for the Peruvian borders to open. I call the home two to three times a day to direct Juan Carlos and the workers, but I am very, very eager to see them all face-to-face once again, and teach them the Word of GOD. I have been using this season of forced separation to prepare many messages from the Bible to share with them. Please pray that I will be able to do so soon.

The children are all doing well and continue with virtual schooling during this season. They are learning and growing in spirit, soul and body. One of their favorite traditions at the Home of Refuge is the monthly "Birthday Bash" we host for the children who had birthdays during the month. It's ALWAYS a fun time when children know they will have cake and candy (see photo on the left).

We want them to know and understand that their lives are a gift from GOD to be celebrated! They are learning that their Father is GOD Who will guide them, and He will teach them the things that He wants them to know to grow up to be powerful witnesses of His Love and Grace. We love and appreciate you!




Working together for the Kingdom, Tony & Rosa - Home of Refuge, Peru