

The summer is long and support is unusually low

Help as you are able, dear friend



By Bill Johnson

Times are tough for many of us. We hear of Chrysler and General Motors closing plants, cutting nearly 2000 dealerships, etc. Millions of families are being and will be impacted.

Times are tough! Nonetheless, we mustn't lose heart but rather look to God and seek to get and keep our houses in order - including our finances.

America is clearly experiencing a time of chastening and trimming. Will we ever see a day of such prosperity again? Perhaps, but not likely any time soon.

As we are seeing, so much of the high living was based upon the practice of ungodly financial principles both as a nation and as individuals. Our government and banking institutions were fostering unwise financial decisions.

Each one of us finds ourself caught in the maelstrom to one degree or another. Some of you may have lost a job or been laid off or are in retirement but are living on a fixed and very tight income. Others may have been hit with unexpected loss or expenses. Others may be set for life due to the grace of God, extraordinary planning, etc..

Our place in the maelstrom is that our support level thus far this year is less than last year at this time. And last year we made drastic cuts so that we could keep the ship afloat.

We continue to do our best to keep our expenses down. Last year I took a significant cut in salary and the cut continues this year.

We also cut Lisa and Kimberly's salaries last year though I was able to restore some of their cuts, getting them closer to what they were previously paid.

Years ago my father faced very difficult times as a car dealer. It was the late 70s. Jimmy Carter was the President. Inflation was sky high. People weren't buying cars. Gas prices were up. He was under a lot of pressure. He told me that one of the things that was most important to him was to keep out of debt. Thankfully, he succeeded.

I would never want to dishonor the Lord in the way that we conduct business here at ADA either.

We keep our expenses down including our salaries. We are members of the ECFA (Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability) We pay our bills in a timely manner. We have absolutely no debt on the building or anything. As I often say in our thank you letters, we are grateful to God for what He's done and for His faithfulness to us exhibited in so many ways including the gracious, generous and faithful giving that comes from a solid core of His people.

Speaking of the ECFA. It was recently pointed out to me that out of approximate-

ly 1 million Christian non-profits only 1,400 are members of the ECFA. We have been members of the ECFA since 1993.

In brief: ECFA is an accreditation agency dedicated to helping Christian ministries earn the public's trust through adherence to Seven Standards of Responsible Stewardship.

I'm writing this front and center in this month's newsletter because I just want you to know that we are trying to do our best to earn your trust, keep your trust, and be an open book as to our financial operations. [You can find out more about the ECFA at www.ecfa.org]

Nearly each day we receive little notes of encouragement. Today one supporter wrote: "Thank you for all you do! May God bless all your hard work." And another: "My prayer is with you and your staff as you carry on this important work." What a blessing to know we have kindred spirits across the country who share our concerns, who pray for us, who support this ministry as they are able. Please know, we do not take lightly the gifts we receive. It is not easy to ask for help. We never wish to pressure or cause financial hardship to you, our friends. However, after months of a decline, we now face the summer when giving is typically significantly down. We seek your support. As God leads, will you stand with us?



From the desk of Bill Johnson, president

We are losing much moral/spiritual ground, and I wonder if we even realize it.

Lives come and lives go. Even for the young, though often the young don't understand the fragile nature of life.

As we move into our fifties, (I'm 62) and increasingly as we age, we encounter more death and dying. God uses the heartaches and heartbreaks of health breakdown, assisted living, cancer, hospital visits, funeral homes and visitations to help us see more clearly that we all live and die.

He also uses trials and tribulations to make us more like Him. I have experienced trials and tribulations in my life and there are likely many more to face. I don't relish the thought though I know that God uses them to make me more like Him.

While going through one of the most painful experiences in my life in my mid-forties, God brought a verse to me. It is one of my few "life verses". It comes from 1 Peter 1. I share it with you in the hope it will minister to someone. They (you) may be helped by it just now as I was and have been. I memorized it back then and God has used it many times to minister to me. It is the power of God. We need Him and we desperately need His word, especially in times that are before us that may only become increasingly difficult.

"That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls." [1 Peter 1:7-9]

We are in a spiritual war of monumental consequences for the present and for eternity. Being in Him through salvation, reborn in Jesus Christ, saved from out of our depravity, righteous in Jesus Christ not by anything we have done but by His grace.

Nonetheless, we are to work out our salvation with fear and trembling as the Bible directs us. [Philippians 2:12]

As we look ahead at the uncertainties all around us, let us let God use this time of

chastisement (judgment?) to get our own houses in order.

As individuals, we seek to fight the fight of faith starting right in our own backyards, our own lives within our own four walls, within and amongst our families, our local churches where we attend and serve, and as God leads, the communities in which we live.

If God sees fit, my hope and prayer is that He will keep His hand upon this ministry. If that means cutting it, trimming it so that it can be more productive, may it be that He finds us cooperative and capable of hearing His voice, trusting and obeying.

In the meantime, we recognize that pornography is already rampant in so many venues: Internet, television, magazines, cell phones, DVDs, videos, movies.

Our worst fears articulated down through the years since our very beginning in 1987 are being realized.

Yet, as we read the Bible we see that the prophets of old didn't appear to be very successful either. Just pick up your Bible and read a portion from Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel. God never told them to stop what they were doing - to stop warning, exhorting, being a voice, even a lonely voice.

By the grace of God (which includes the reality that He can raise up a ministry like ours or take it down), we continue on.

We look to Him and to His enablement. To God be the Glory for what He has done so far. May His grace continue to be upon us in this ministry and in your lives as we seek to live joyful lives in Christ Jesus!



Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? - MATTHEW 6:26-27 NIV

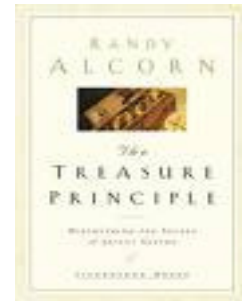
The Faithfulness of God and His call for us to be faithful, too - including with our finances

In these days of increasing financial stress and concern, it is wise to understand the many options available to you that will allow you to have your money working for you even while alive.

Think TaxSmart. Congress has created special laws to help us conserve wealth, care of loved ones, and provide for our favorite charities. These laws can also lower taxes for you.

We encourage you to continue to prayerfully consider this important aspect of life: preparing and planning so that your life resources can work and minister in the Name of Christ.

Listed below are varieties of giving plans that allow you to have your money used for ministry while you are still alive.



Consider a charitable trust ...

There are many varieties of charitable trusts that can help your TaxSmart planning while at the same time providing life income for you and/or loved ones. A well planned charitable trust can provide the following advantages:

- Perpetuate your Christian values
- Estate confidentiality
- Secure life-income now, OR
- Deferred income
- Tax free asset growth
- Care for loved ones
- Unlock gain-capital
- Income, Gift, Capital Gain and Estate Tax relief

Randy Alcorn's practical little book, "The Treasure Principle" is a must read for Christians desiring to be Biblical in their handling of their money. See the enclosed response card for ordering information.

Action items from near and far

Hate Crimes at the State Level and Its Opposition

I spent the morning recently in Lansing, Michigan at the House Office Building across the street from the State Capitol.

In Michigan, the Democrats are the majority party on the House side 67-43. The House Judiciary is controlled by the Democrats 9-6.

http://americandecency.org/main.php?f=updates_new/2009/May/05.12.09

Within the testimony given in regards to so-called hate crimes legislation, the most discouraging for me was the testimony of the Washtenaw County Prosecutor Brian Mackie, who spoke representing the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, in favor of the Hate Crimes legislation.

I'm finding it difficult to believe that the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan is supportive of this package of bills HB 4835 and 4836 as I have had multiple conversations with prosecutors over the years - though in regard to opposing obscenity, a different issue.

I found Mr. Brian Mackie to be the most liberal prosecutor I had ever encountered, and I have visited with prosecutors from Grand Rapids, Grand Haven, Muskegon, Detroit, Flint, Bay City, Mt. Pleasant, Kalamazoo, Saginaw and Ann Arbor, etc..

Mr. Mackie stated at our meeting in 1994 that if he served as prosecutor for the next 30 years that he would never bring a case against obscenity because it was basically frivolous (pornography was victimless and a waste of his time).

Here were laws already on the books against obscenity, and Mr. Mackie stated he wasn't going to enforce them. This from the chief law enforcement agent in his county.

Now here he speaks representing the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan



on the subject of Hate Crimes.

I urge you to contact Mr. Mike Cox, a board member of PAAM - Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan - see email address below:
miag@michigan.gov

Mike Cox is not only a board member of PAAM but a past President of PAAM, a Republican and the Attorney General of the state of Michigan.

He needs to hear from people who care about law enforcement and not the proping up of legislation that will erode the fundamental rights of equal justice under the law.

In addition, this type of legislation will threaten the free speech of pastors, Sunday School teachers and anyone who teaches and preaches the Word of God and what it says about the sin of homosexuality and other sexual perversions.

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We are also enclosing a postcard for Mr. Mike Cox, Michigan Attorney General, to assist you in expressing your concern regarding hate crimes legislation in Michigan.

\$10.95 will FeD-Ex a letter to each U.S. Senator urging a filibuster of the the "Pedophile Protection Act."

Most of you are aware of the forthcoming Hate Crimes bill more appropriately named the "Pedophile Protection Act" as it is being considered in the U.S. Senate.

It has already been passed by the U.S. House where it was sent to Sen. Patrick Leahy's Judiciary Committee.

Passage of this bill by the U.S. Senate would be reckless and irresponsible not only because of the "chilling effect" it would have on First Amendment-guaranteed rights to free speech, but also because it would provide, for the first time ever, special legal protections for pedophiles and other sexual offenders.

This bill would more appropriately be called "The Pedophile Protection Act."

For only \$10.95, any member of the public can send letters to all 100 senators, individually addressed and 'signed' by the sender. The letters ask for a written response and call for opposition to the bill, including by filibuster if necessary.

This opportunity is made available through Worldnetdaily. If you don't have access to the Internet, seek out a friend or loved one who can easily help you.

This is a great opportunity and very inexpensive and easy.

Online at:

http://shop.wnd.com/store/item.asp?ITEM_ID=2835

As you do this, it will send your letter of opposition (already prepared on the Internet for you) now to all 100 senators by overnight delivery.

Salt and Light in a Tasteless and Dark World

Pat Trueman gives warning regarding what may be coming



On Monday, May 4 we reported on the Supreme Court's ruling regarding the Janet Jackson, Super Bowl Indecency Case stating in part the following:

... Monday, May 4, 2009, the U.S. Supreme Court ordered the 3rd U.S. Circuit to re-examine its ruling in favor of CBS and directed this Circuit Court of Appeals to consider reinstating the \$550,000 fine that the FCC had earlier imposed on CBS over Jackson's breast-baring performance at the 2004 Super Bowl. ..."

Pat Trueman, former head of the Child Protection and Obscenity Enforcement Section, stated the following. [Keep in mind Pat has worked inside the Beltway with the highest courts in the lands, prosecutors, etc.. He has a legal perspective that few of us have.] This is very concerning.

Mr. Trueman wrote:

"The 3rd Circuit is a favored circuit for the ACLU and others opposed to decency and values. If the court takes up the issue of the constitutionality of the federal indecency law, I predict it will strike it down and the U.S. Supreme Court will agree, based on last week's ruling in FCC v Fox TV. Then it's 'Katie bar the door' for indecency and porn on TV!"

Editor's note: Pat is our lead speaker for our conference on July 31 and August 1.

Think of all that's at stake surrounding the unfolding of these various court decisions and the implications for decency in America.

We are looking forward to having Pat Trueman with us to present and to dialogue with us regarding these very implications. We hope to see you at this timely conference at our headquarters.

22 Groups Sponsor Ad Demanding DHS Secretary Napolitano's Removal - including ADA



WASHINGTON DC (MetroCatholic) - Twenty organizations are sponsoring the No Political Profiling ads (www.NoPoliticalProfiling.com) demanding the removal of Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano for the department's recent report "Rightwing Extremism," which smears veterans, gun owners, pro-lifers and immigration-reform advocates, among others. ...

The ad demands Napolitano's removal, retraction of the report, and an apology from President Barack Obama.

Coalition Chairman Janet Folger Porter (who hosts a nationally syndicated daily talk show and is the president of Faith2Action) observed: "If we don't speak out against this unconscionable attack on law-abiding citizens now, the left will use it to discredit everything we do from this point forward."

Porter added: "Those who care about freedom are urged to sign our petition at [\[www.nopoliticalprofiling.com/demand.php?url=-1\]](http://www.nopoliticalprofiling.com/demand.php?url=-1) ..."

Obama's 'Common Ground' on Abortion is Killing Ground



This article below excerpted from a piece by Operation Rescue helps us look at President Obama's rare political ability. There are just so many serious implications. It is important that we cut through the difference between

smooth talking and truth.

South Bend, IN - President Barack Obama delivered a speech [Sunday] during the Notre Dame Graduation commencement ceremony that was rife with heretical views of Christianity.

"It is obvious from Obama's speech that matters pertaining to religion and moral issues are still above his pay grade," said Operation Rescue President Troy Newman. "As an ordained elder in the Presbyterian Church in America, I can say with conviction that Obama holds apostate views on the role of Christianity in the world and the moral issues that spring from those teachings such as, abortion, stem cell research, and other matters."

Obama told the 2009 graduating class of Notre Dame that of the problems facing the world today, "no one person, or religion, or nation can meet these challenges alone."

This statement is in direct contradiction to orthodox Christianity which teaches that Christians are the "light on the hilltop" that illuminates society with the wisdom of God, apart which there can be no answers to the world's problems.

"... [President] Obama would have Americans open their hearts and minds to the shedding of innocent blood, and would cloak the slaughter of innocent children in 'fair-minded' words," said [Operation Rescue President] Newman.

"Yet the Bible teaches us that we should rescue those who are being led to the slaughter and give practical assistance to those who are in need. Obama attempts to deceive the people into thinking that we should, for the sake of unity, turn a blind eye to [the] greater evil of abortion to focus on social programs that do not solve the root problem of decriminalized child-killing in our nation." ...

[We are enclosing a postcard to assist you in expressing concern to President Obama.](#)