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Listen to advice and accept discipline, and at the end you will be counted among the wise. Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails." Proverbs 19:20, 21.

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From the General Secretary



Rev Paul McPhail, General Secretary

Dear Servant of the Lord:

Greetings in the Precious Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

SPIRITUAL BURNOUT

Galatians 6: 7 – 9

Text: Galatians 6; 9 “Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”

I am a keen observer and a careful listener when I travel by airplane. I am fascinated with takeoffs and landings. I also like to watch the airline personnel. One activity of pilots caught my attention when I first travelled by airplane. They would often walk around their aircraft and make close examinations. My curiosity could not be contained, so asked one pilot, “Why do you inspect the airplane?” He said, “We check for metal fatigue. This is caused sometimes by the stress of flying and most of the time by longevity of service.

Paul wrote to some churches in Galatia that evidently experienced the stress of continuous work for the Lord. Some false teachers known as Judaizers had confused the believers. The church leaders became fatigued from fighting heresy and proclaiming the truth of the gospel. Paul encouraged these leaders not to burn out. The word for “weary” describes the idea of fainting or losing heart. In modern terminology this would be called “burnout.”

SOME RECOGNIZABLE CASES OF SPIRITUAL BURNOUT.

- A. Look first in the Bible for some recognizable cases of spiritual burnout. Perhaps the first case of burnout was Noah. After the flood, he was exhausted.
- B. Moses is another case of burnout. He was weary with the wilderness wanderings and the rebellious people. He demonstrated his weariness by striking the rock instead of speaking to it.

Elijah is another case of spiritual weariness. After his high moment of victory over the priests of Baal on Mount Carmel, he sat under a juniper tree nursing a bad case of burnout.

The Galatian Christians were weary. They had fought the Judaizers so long and with such intensity that they became weary.
- C. Look around you, and you will see recognizable cases of spiritual burnout. Burnout prevails in many professional people, especially among those in the business of helping people. Burnout also prevails among those involved in church work.
- D. Look within yourself, and maybe you can see symptoms of burnout. Being exhausted, irritable, frustrated, helpless, dull, discouraged, and critical of others and of self represent some symptoms of spiritual burnout.

SOME NOTICEABLE CHARACTERISTICS OF SPIRITUAL BURNOUT.

- A. Burnout is characterized by a noticeable lack of activity. The Galatians were tempted to quit. They were tired and wanted to take a rest. Paul encouraged them, "Let us not be weary in well doing." Galatians 6: 9.
- B. Burnout is also characterized by a noticeable lack of enthusiasm. Being identified so fully with a matter tends to cause a lack of enthusiasm. Maybe the believers were so identified with the treats of the Judaizers that they were losing their enthusiasm.

- C. Burnout is further characterized by a noticeable presence of frustration. Close examination of the Galatians believers may have disclosed a great sense of frustration. The Judaizers frustrated their efforts in the Lord's work, and they became weary in doing good work.
- D. Burnout is also characterized by a noticeable presence of stagnation. Often Ministers find themselves just going through the motions of religious activities and routines. Even the Lord's work can be come wearisome.

VARIOUS CAUSES OF SPIRITUAL BURNOUT.

- A. Burnout may be caused by overextending ourselves. The Christians in Galatia worked long and hard on the problems raised by Judaizers. Ministers of the Gospel are neither supermen or wonderwomen, and they can become exhausted.
- B. Burnout may be caused by the failure to express ourselves. Maybe the Galatian Christians did not express themselves as Paul did toward the Judaizers. He said, "I would they were even cut off with trouble you." Galatians 5: 12.
- C. Burnout is often caused by the act of condemning ourselves. The Judaizers practiced the fine art of making believers feel guilty. They said, "You are not doing enough." Condemnation from others and from within ourselves can lead to burnout.

SOME THERAPEUTIC CURES FOR SPIRITUAL BURNOUT.

- A. Listen to the encouragement of God's Precious Word. Paul had a word from the Lord "Let us not be weary in well doing." Galatians 6: 9. Servant of God – God has an appropriate word for your situations,

and in each case we should listen to His Word.

- B. Look at the great task God has for you. Whenever one looks at the new challenges of God's mission, the present activity seems mundane compared to God greater End-Time work.
- C. Lean on God's power and strength. Paul gave a great promise "For in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Galatians 6: 9. Leaning on God's strength will bring renewal. "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Isaiah 40: 31.

Take time to examine your work/ministry for the Lord. Ask yourself, "Do I have symptoms of spiritual burnout?" If so, take advantage of the cures for spiritual weariness. Servant of God – God will help you.

Be encouraged in the Lord.

Thank-you to the individuals and the ministries that support I. A. O. G. I. (Canada) not only with their credential fee, prayers but with their tithes and regular offerings. Your donations are greatly appreciated and needed. May God richly bless and keep you.

Your servant in Christ,

Rev. Paul McPhail
General Secretary

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CREDENTIAL RENEWAL FOR 2012

May I remind you that the time of credential renewal is upon us. Enclosed please find your Forms # 3 and Form # 4. This year the renewal fee is \$130.00 if sent in by January 31, 2012. After February 1, there will be a late penalty of \$30.00 added to the \$130.00 = Total \$160.00.

For a minister 75 years of age and older your renewal fee is free. All you need to

do is complete Forms # 3 and Form # 4, give us your birth date and we will gladly renew your credentials with no charge.

Please complete Form # 3. Forward Form # 3 with your cheque and Form # 4 to your licensing or ordaining pastor/church. The pastor/church will send the material directly to me.

We are pleased that a few have taken advantage of forms being offered on the web www.iaogcan.com and have renewed early.

Thank-you for your prompt attention to this important ministry matter.

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PRAYER CANADA

Greetings to all the IAOGI Pastors in our great nation of Canada and every one of the adherents to those churches that are scattered across the country. This is a most remarkable Band of Believers that have recognized their own individuality under God's unlimited scope of activity. We each have God directed precise plans we can follow yet bringing it all into unity to service a world of variety. We appreciate the gathering plans of IAOGI where we can share with each other.

Although I have never been the lead pastor in a church, I feel a great drawing to be a part of every God directed church. As Oswald Chambers says in the famous devotional compilation that his wife put together after his death 'My Utmost for His Highest' – Prayer does not fit us for the greater work – prayer is the greater work. For 34 years now since Nov. 21/77 the Lord has been directing Kathie and I, along with many others on the road toward the end of the trail, to attempt to set up prayer meetings in every town and city from the north to the south and the east and the west. I knew I couldn't do until the Lord told me I could with His baptism in water and the Holy Ghost and fire, the impossible no longer exists. I soon realized with the Lord in charge who was I to be afraid of Joshua's mantle of "be bold and courageous" seemed to fit – Joshua 1:6. We proceeded without delay or faltering.

The blessing and joy of seeing people respond to our message to pray and see results continually spurred us on. The rejections we were confronted with were dropped right where they were presented. The Lord has seen fit to help us establish some 250+ prayer posts across Canada but sad to say that is just the beginning of our mission to reach over 800 cities of over 5000 population. O that every Christian would rise up and take their city for God by attending the Council meetings. Get hold of the agenda and sit in the back of the public seating area and quietly pray. Take a little notebook, keep track of how Council and Mayor hand your city's business and treat people and circumstances. You soon learn a lot to more efficiently pray and bring your city into alignment with God's plans.

My easy travel days seem limited now, but I still set up new prayer posts by telephone. Glory. Kathie and I are (waiting) actually working patiently till the Lord sends along His replacement so Kathie and I can really move into a much more quiet life for our generic years. I leave you with this note sent to me by email:

Rev Arne Bryan, Prayer Canada
www.prayercanada.org

Fellowship Information

BRITISH COLUMBIA



On August 27, 2011 I had the pleasure of Licensing Mr. Anthony Lupai, pastor of Abbotsford Christian Centre. Rev. Joshua Agbey joined me in the service as we

laid hands on him according to the scriptures. Several members from Celebration Life Church and from the IAOG fellowship attended this service. The house was full and people were standing outside as the meeting progressed. The Lord moved in power and we finished this celebration with singing, dancing and great food. All who were in attendance were mightily blessed. Rev Gwen Dreger, Regional Secretary, Southern British Columbia www.iaogcan.com

BC North and East held their fall sub-regional meetings in early September and early October. The Okanogan sub-region met in Vernon on September 12, with Nelson Stratulat leading the session. Those who were able to attend were blessed with the sharing and fellowship that took place. Many followed up that meeting by attending a Dr Mike Brown meeting in Abbotsford as he focused on Favour. The northern sub-region met on October 5 and 6, with Henry Washington, (www.henrywashington.com) an author/teacher/revivalist, led three sessions on “God’s Kingdom in the last of the ‘last days’”. This word came as a confirmation for many of those present since they also had been hearing God speak to them on the subject of His Kingdom. Rev Gerritt Apperloo, Regional Secretary Northern and Southeastern British Columbia www.iaogcan.com

ONTARIO

Would like to report that in North Central Ontario , Regional Secretary Rev. Mel Hurley held a meeting September 24th/ 2011. We had a turn out of 28 Ministers, of which there were ministers from other Assemblies, We had a very Prophetic time in the Lord. BY THE END THERE WERE SOME OTHERS WHO WANTED TO COME INTO OUR ASSEMBLIES praise the name of the lord. Rev. Rodney Deforge was there from Manitouwanning. He has Faith Christian Charities. He gives food to the needy. Pastor Bernard Buswa was also there from Sagamok Reserve, Inviting people to come to the ribbon cutting of their new renovated church , Manifest Deliverance Church. When he was finished speaking and inviting every one to come., the Lord spoke to Pastor Rodney Deforge to take a transport load of food to the ribbon cutting. It was phenomenal the amount of food that was on that tranny, No one could even fathom the amount of food that was there. ALL FREE FOR ALL THE PEOPLE WHO CAME. They just went around and helped themselves to what ever they needed. Some of us helped the feeble Elders who weren't able to get what they needed. So we helped them around and some us drove them home with their food as they couldn't carry it themselves. Pastor

Rodney was so blessed to do this, The joy on his and his wife's faces to see all the people getting their needs met. SUCH AN HONOR TO HAVE THIS COUPLE IN OUR ASSEMBLIES. Tables and tables of all kinds of good meat, piled really high. along these tables. People helped unload the transport, took couple hours. No wonder the Lord blesses this man. His desire is to give to those who have not. He now has to build onto their church, they have almost 100 people and the new building is already paid for. Hallelujah. Just had to share this with our people. May the Lord continue to Raise up Pastor Anna Mae. We certainly do love and honor her. Our next Ministerial meeting is at the Walford Hall in Spanish, Where we will be licensing 9 more people for our Assemblies.

SASKATCHEWAN

Hello from the Prairies! We just had our regional convention in Saskatoon from September 29 to October 1. Nineteen members were in attendance (9 from Alberta, 3 from Manitoba and the rest from Saskatchewan) with approximately 30 people in each service which included visitors. Pastor Merv Switzer from Regina ACOP was our guest speaker along with Pastor Paul McPhail. We had six sessions plus an after-breakfast-meeting Saturday morning. It was all very much blessed of the Lord. Thanks to all who came and to those who helped in anyway. We are looking forward to our regional convention next year which will be held in Manitoba. In September, we ordained two licensed members; Maureen Tessman, a pastor in Kinsella, Alberta and John Harrison who is rebirthing an evangelism ministry named, "Straight Ahead Ministries". There are others interested in becoming members. Please pray for us in the prairies.

Pastor Maureen Tessman was ordained on September 4, 2011 at the Kinsella Community Church. Rev. Karl Kienle of Kueoki, SK and Rev. Harold Ferguson of Kinsella, AB, officiated the service. Pastor Maureens' family & friends came from as far east as Monique, P.E.I. and as far west as Oliver, BC. Her brother Arthur Lebsack from P.E.I. sang two solos, "I'd Rather Have Jesus" & "He Touched Me". It was when he sang "He Touched Me" the spiri of God touched us in a very special way. Pastor Karl preached a message that some of Pastor Maureens' family and friends heard for the first time. Many had never been to an Ordination Service, and were moved at the laying on of hands and prayer. Comments were, "They would not have missed it, they were glad that they had come. We had a feast of "Turkey Dinner" for all that came. Grace Sutter, Pastor Harold & Pastor Maureen went to the fall fellowship at Saskatoon, SK on Sept. 29th thru Oct. 1st and had a good time fellowshiping with new friends and reminising with old ones. It was at

the fellowship meeting on the evening of the 30th of September that Pastor Maureen was presented with her papers and more prayer, it was a pleasant surprise.



PROMOTED TO GLORY

Mr. Eugene A. Reinwasser (DOB 1951/06/19) was promoted to glory August 18, 2011.

Brother Reinwasser was licensed by the I. A. O. G. I. (Canada) November 16, 2004. We have enjoyed rich fellowship with him over the years.

Rev. Marcel Gagnon (DOB 1953/02/27) was promoted to glory October 6, 2011. Pasteur Gagnon has been ill for three years.

Rev. Marcel Gagnon joined the I. A. O. G. I. (Canada) April 23, 1999. He pastored La Chapelle Chretienne.

Mr. Bernard Pollett (DOB 1938/03/30) was promoted to glory. He joined the I. A. O. G. I. (Canada) Feb. 10, 2006. Brother Pollett worked as an evangelist in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland.

Rev. Joe Little (DOB 1937/03/01) was promoted to glory. He joined the I. A. O. G. I. (Canada) July 10, 1992. Rev. Little pastored Jesus' Name Church in Garden Hill Island Lake, Michigan.

JESUS PATH TO GOD'S HEART

Creator God spoke creation into being. While some disagree with that statement, I will nonetheless go ahead on that premise, God spoke and it was so. Oral communication, while a form of creating ideas, is also a vehicle of fellowship. Fellowship presumes the ability to hear and to wish to return, in considered intelligence, fellowship with the initiator.

All creation, except people, displays the glory of Creator God without mental assent or consideration. Of God, of God's work, of His heart, of His thoughts of love is reserved for humanity. Mankind alone has the choice, do I or do I not represent creation; do I show forth His glory? His Heart? His Love?

Humanity is the only created substance, which beyond instinct has unique responsive abilities, equipped with wisdom and discretion, to exercise verbal and spirit fellowship with God. Blessed with arbitrary responsive abilities, a person willfully chooses to take part, or not in His creation glory.

Jesus, God's oral communication to people--God's Word--was born the very flesh of humanity through a Spirit insemination miracle. Born in same flesh of Adam's fallen state--out of fellowship with God, as the son of man--Jesus experienced the same abilities and challenges of all sons of man, subject to the same willful responsive decisions. Both Jesus and everyone can choose to opt for relational fellowship with God. Jesus consciously decided to be about His Father's business. It was not necessary for God to understand human frailties by birth into the human realm. Humanity is more at ease, however, knowing He did and has more confidence approaching the Mountain of God--His Love--with the knowledge that He knows and cares.

Also it was necessarily justification, in the process of returning to the Mount of Love, to sacrificial cover and obliterate mankind's decision not to have fellowship--sin/evil--with Father God. As Jesus, each person decides whose intention is paramount. Each chooses entrance into original creative perfectness--God's intention--with justifiable boldness, beyond the exclusivity of the veil, as a son of God.

God, using decisive verbal freedom, announced 'it is good'. Created flesh--people--knew better. Fleshly lustful desires functioning in the ears, the eyes, the taste, the touch and wish to be as God, supplanted 'good' with lust--flesh vs. mental--control. Capricious arbitrariness dominated the will of man. Agonizing beyond the veil of

controlling fleshly desires, Jesus willingly accepted the Father's will as his own: redemption of humanity from the folly of imperfect creative ingenuity. Sensual lust interferes with mental abilities to discern and exercise choice to become fully 'it is good' human. Also the choice appears as a threat to perfect freedom and, as Satan, mankind rebels against original freedom. Mankind, born only of the flesh partakes of original sin; the loss of original relational fellowship. with Creator God, by rebirth in the Father's Spirit, is reestablished in Christ Jesus.

Agonizing beyond the veil of controlling flesh and the fear of its loss--the only flesh/world power--Jesus received the Father's will as His own: redemption of humanity--mind vs. matter--is to restore the mind of God into the heart of people; future glory, as Jesus saw it. Accepting the Spirit and Mind of the true Spiritual Father, Jesus' existence, His essence and being was also His Father's; being for--disciplining. Humanity can willfully re-accept this inheritance to become heirs and joint heirs with Christ Jesus.

Prayer: Creator God, I am not in comfortable relationship and fellowship with you but that is my wish. I thank you for preparing the path to return fellowship through Jesus. I don't want my flesh to control me any longer. I could not reach you by any efforts of my own, goodness knows I tried. Thank you for Jesus. I accept your will to complete the humanness you planned for me. I want my Spiritual Father's guidance; I yield my spirit, my heart, my life, to your superior knowledge, your Word--Jesus. Amen

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Rev. Keith Gaebel, gaeb@mail.com Mission to Northern Canada First Nations countering epidemic drugs, alcohol, and suicide among teenagers with Bible College/Addiction Rehab on site training. Partnering with God and supporting believers. New partnering supporters welcome. Mailing address: RR1, Richards Landing, On., Ca., P0R1J0 Thank you and God Bless



REV DEREK AND REV SONIA MCLEOD



David getting ready to preach the Word

Rev. Derek and Rev. Sonia McLeod would like to announce the birth of their baby boy, David James Derek McLeod. David was born July 12, 2011 in Timmins District Hospital weighing 7 lbs 11ozs. The Lord had spoken to Derek in 2010 that they would be blessed with a son and that they were to call his name David. The Lord continues to manifest His wonderful faithfulness.

Rev. Sonia McLeod is also an author and will soon have her book, “Rise Up My Beloved” released. Here is a summary, taken from the back cover of the book:

All hell was raging against my mind.

I needed some time alone with the Lord and to just be alone, away from everyone. I needed to calm myself down. The only solace I could find was in a washroom. In that little cubicle, totally at the end of myself, I surrendered to His will. Nothing else mattered at this point except what He wanted. Knowing I was in my Heavenly Father’s hand, I cried “*Lord by obedience I will go. Give me your words to say. Help me Lord!*”

Sonia McLeod, a former alcoholic and drug addict, shares the miraculous story of how God delivered her from a street life of drugs, alcohol, and prostitution. Hear the heart of this woman as she takes us through a journey of faith amidst great tragedy, heartbreak, and betrayal. Cast aside by friends, family, and finally by her husband, she emerges from the ashes of ruin and

rejection in the arms of her true lover, Jesus Christ. *“I was not going to give up and die, but it was time to RISE UP in JESUS!”*

What are people saying about Rise Up My Beloved?

“If God can do this in Sonia’s life, He can do it in others. Pray for this book. It will touch many lives.”

–Reverend Ernie & Shirley Linklater, Full Gospel Aboriginal Ministries, ON, Canada

“When we read this book, we saw the awesome works of God and how He can work with the surrendered Christian. Ministry to the drug addict, alcoholic, and others in similar situations can be discouraging at times. This book has encouraged our faith.” –Reverend Larry & Diane Browning, MI, USA

“Through her many trials, Sonia has remained a model of courage, compassion and faithfulness. She encouraged and inspired my late husband and I in carrying on our ministry to native children through Camp Living Water, a summer Bible camp. Sonia is a true trophy of God's grace! I could not put her book down.” – Jean Stewart, Founder, Camp Living Water Ministries, AB, Canada

“WOW! This book speaks life. It will minister to you. Reading this book has opened my eyes and set me free. Upon finishing this book I made the best decision of my life by accepting Jesus Christ. I am in awe of what He is doing with me already. I am on fire for the Lord!” – Cheryl Mooswa, SK, Canada

Sonia McLeod, a member of the Cowessess First Nation in Saskatchewan, Canada, is a born-again believer in Jesus Christ. Since the writing of this book she has pursued studies in Social Work, gotten married, and is working on reaching First Nation communities across Canada and the world. Derek and Sonia McLeod are both ordained ministers and are the founders of His Beloved Remnant Ministries. Together they are the proud parents of six children.

