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Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever... (Matt. 6:13)

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Holy!!! Holy!!! Holy!!!

My Yoke is Easy, My Burden is Light

Does it seem sometime that life is just too hard? No matter what you do, you simply cannot seem to bring everything together? When you get the vase set upright, the cup falls over; you just can't seem to win at this game called life. And to top it all off, being a Christian during all of this turmoil is almost a ridiculous requirement? Who can do it? What ...with the lust of the flesh ... the lust of the eyes ... and the pride of life. Did God know that the world was going to be this bad, or life this hard, when He called us to a life of godliness? Surely, He couldn't have known!!! Or could He have known?

Well let's contrast this to one of the many, wonderful promises that our Lord gave. He enjoins us to take His yoke upon ourselves and learn of Him. He promised that His yoke was easy and His burden was light. In a colloquial sense, that translates to this. "Come into league with Me and get to know Me. And you'll find that this all becomes easily bearable, because I'm actually the one carrying the load. You're just along for the ride."

We have one mandate, our whole life. Only one. That one mandate is to essentially stand before the

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The Open Door Principle

During these tough economic times some Christians have been tempted to succumb to depression. The news headlines have kept us abreast of the mortgage crisis, soaring unemployment rates, corporate collapses, failing financial institutions, and much more. As a result, many families are wondering what their next move should be as the end of 2008 approaches and sights are set on what God may have in store for 2009.

The answer is to walk through the "*Open Door*."

Below is an excerpt from my newest book, "*Empty Hands – Achieve Personal Success Starting with Limited Financial Resources*." Hopefully, it will encourage you to continue to move forward.

The *Open Door Principle* says that you are only to focus on what you **can** do as you pursue your goals. Let's say for example, you have a goal to purchase a refrigerator and you have priced several models. You would really like to buy the latest model with the double doors and flavored water dispenser for \$2,500. However, your budget will only allow you to spend \$800. Following the *Open Door Principle* you

would look only at models that fall within your price range, your *Open Door*.

It is important to understand that it does not really matter what size your “*Door*” (window of opportunity and current ability) is at any given point. What matters more is that you focus on your *Open Door* and nothing outside of it. There are countless people who lament over issues outside of their *Open Doors*. They talk about what they do not have, the house they cannot afford, or the \$2,500 refrigerator that is way beyond their means. By doing this, they become paralyzed and fail to walk through their *Open Door* to purchase, for example, one of the useful \$800 refrigerators and go on to pursue the next goal.

Keep this in mind. Nothing outside of your *Open Door* has any value to you. When you commit to follow the ***Open Door Principle*** it will guide you to walk through the door of opportunity that is open to you **right now**.

Note: To order your copy of the author’s newest, internationally acclaimed book, “***Empty Hands – Achieve Personal Success Starting with Limited Financial Resource***” visit www.barnesandnoble.com or www.iuniverse.com.

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Lord and cry “Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty.” “How, exactly, is this done?” you ask. Well ...

- When we learn (and agree with) what God has said about Himself, about Jesus and about us ... we show that we agree that He is right. We cry “Holy!”
- When we reshape our worldview to accord with what God says is so... we cry “Holy!”
- When we replace what we believe or rationalize about a thing (anything) with what the scriptures teach about that thing ... we cry “Holy!”
- When we humble ourselves and recognize that ALL GLORY belongs to God and to Him alone ... we cry “Holy!”
- When we submit ourselves to the fact that it is only in Him that we live, and move and have our being ... we cry “Holy!”
- When we cast down (reject) thoughts or systems of belief that exalt themselves against the knowledge of God ... we cry “Holy!”
- When we daily take up our cross and follow Him ... we cry “Holy!”
- When we forsake unrighteousness (instead of trying to justify it by our humanity) ... we cry “Holy!”
- When we are tempted to sin and dishonor God, but choose instead His honor ... we cry “Holy!”
- When we choose to esteem others above ourselves ... we cry “Holy!”
- When we make “seeking the kingdom of God” a priority in our lives ... we cry “Holy!”
- When we trust in the Lord with all of our heart, and lean not to our own understanding ... we cry “Holy!”

When we (with our life) cry “Holy;” He shows up. He says, “Here let me help you with that, since I’m the only One who truly knows just how Holy I AM.” You begin to see “strangely wonderful” things happen. Your world begins to change in ways that are almost incomprehensible:

- He makes your enemies to be at peace with you. (Prov. 16:7 KJV)
- You will call on Him and will say “Here I AM.” (Isa. 58:9 KJV)
- All things begin to work out for good, in your

life. (Rom. 8:28 KJV)

- We become the head and not the tail; above only and not beneath. (Deut. 28:13 KJV)
- We become a light to those who are without. (Matt. 5:14 KJV)
- We begin to see the actual and manifest salvation of the Lord in our lives.
- The Lord will guide you continually (Isa. 58:11 KJV)
- Etc.

I know, this all sounds a little too good to be true. Trust, it is true. If we obey the commands of God, we will certainly (and without fail) see the unrestrained grace of God in our lives.

We are approaching the expiration of another year. Let 2009 be a year lived in complete honor to the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

When we do this ... we cry "Holy!" < 90N >

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Choose Life

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All scriptures are paraphrased from the King James Bible

In the Garden of Eden there were two very prominent trees, "...the tree of life... and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." (Gen. 2:9) Of all the trees in the garden these are the only two with significance. These two trees represented either a promise of life, or a sentence of death.

Our Lord said "I have set before you life and death...choose life." (Deut. 30:19) In fact the Lord told Adam and Eve the very same thing. He said, "Do not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil; for in the day that you eat of it you will surely die." (Gen 2:17) Have you ever wondered, exactly what is wrong with having "knowledge of good and evil?" Good question, I'm glad you asked.

Each person's behavior is influenced by an internal "guidance system." When Adam ate of the fruit of the tree of knowledge, this became his (and our) internal guidance system. Whereas Adam had previously walked with God and received guidance and direction from Him; he was now on his own. He became governed only by the knowledge of good and evil; with no access to *Life*. Knowledge of good and evil is very limited. *Life*, on the other hand, gives access to wisdom, revelation and things eternal; which is far broader and more comprehensive than just knowledge of good and evil.

The tree of *Life* was a foreshadowing of Jesus Christ ... or the *Logos*. The Greek expression *Logos*; translates in English to *Word*, which also represents Jesus. "In the beginning was the **Word**, and the *Logos* was with God, and the *Logos* was God." (John 1:1)

The definition for *Logos* as taken from the New Lexicon Webster's Dictionary is "the reason, or *controlling principle* of the universe."

DIAMONDS



Temptation is the **proposition presented to the intellect** to satisfy a good appetite in a bad way.

Sin is the **decision** to satisfy a good appetite in a bad way.

Sin takes place when the decision is made; not when the act has been done. - Paris Reidhead



Adam did not choose the tree of *Life*. He did not choose the controlling principle of the universe as his (translated “our”) internal guidance system. He chose on our behalf the knowledge of good and evil. This knowledge can only lead in two directions: good and evil; neither of which leads to *Life*. *Life* can give knowledge, but knowledge can never give *Life*.

As Jesus Christ is the only true, infinite and eternal *logos*, or *controlling principle* of the universe (guidance system); any other system of guidance will prove fatal in the long run.



JEWELS



The committal of *our* will to the principle of pleasing self outside of the Will of God *constitutes* sin. (*Italics added*). - Paris Reidhead



A Journey to Intimacy

Getting to Know Him

Last month, I was reading and my eyes came upon a verse in the book of Revelations (4:11 KJV). It has since become one of my very favorite; especially after I began to understand its meaning.

Allow me to share what I have learned.

The verse reads, in essence, “Oh Lord, You are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; for You have created all things and for Your pleasure they exist; and for your pleasure they were created.” Wow!! That is such a beautifully comprehensive truth.

But as I read it, I had to ask the question, “Father, I see that you have declared that the Lord Jesus Christ is

worthy to *receive* glory, honor and power.” And I completely believe this. But *from whom* is this glory, honor and power to be received?”

His reply was of course enlightening. He said “from you.” I received that. But knowing how lofty the wisdom of the Almighty is, I had to ask. “Father, how can I give something to our Lord, who already *has* everything? Help me understand.” He shared that I wasn’t giving it to Him as to someone who did not already have glory, honor and power. I was to give it to Him as someone who deserved to receive glory and honor and power *from me*. Daddy, went on to say that there was a mother, who had five children. This mother provided a very comfortable, loving and happy living for her children; they wanted for nothing. She was well regarded in her community and in her circles of influence. Four of her five children held her in high esteem. But the fifth child did not so regard her. Needless to say, this disregard was to the detriment of that child. Now, was the mother worthy of that child’s honor and respect? All things being equal, I think we’d all agree that she was worthy. Conversely, not having received this child’s regard (although woeful) would not make this deserving mother any more or less loving and giving. In the economy of the Kingdom it would, however, greatly increase the health and well-being of the disrespectful child; if he were to honor his mother.

I, then, understood what the Lord was saying to me. And with that I turned the rudder of my heart to give Him glory, honor and power, in every area of my life.

The scriptures teach us that God has given Him (Jesus Christ) honor and glory (Ref. 2 Pet. 1:17 KJV). Jesus, himself, tells us that “all power in heaven and in the earth” has been given to Him (Ref. Matt. 28:18 KJV). We understand that the devils acknowledge that there is one God and tremble because of it (Ref. James 2:19 KJV). We also know that Jesus Christ is the head over all dominions, principalities, powers and thrones (Ref. Col. 1:16-17 and 2:10 KJV).

But when the Lord looks to us, He says, “A son honors his father and a servant respects his master. If then I am your Father, where is my honor? And if I am you Master, why do you not fear/reverence Me?” (Ref. Mal. 1:6 KJV)

What will you answer Him? 

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