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# From the Editor



By now the rush of Christmas activities are a distant memory, and the reality of "business as normal" is our daily experience. Now, before we fall prey to the insidious danger of routine and complacency, let us determine to live every day of 2015 with great enthusiasm and expectation. We are all familiar with the saying, "Live today as if it is your last," and in essence that is what I am proposing – to myself as well as you.

What would happen if we treated each day as Christmas? If every day we were focused on blessing someone with a gift, whether that be our time or some of the stuff we have lying around or maybe buy? What if every day was filled with songs proclaiming Jesus Christ as Saviour and the Bringer-of-Peace? What if?

At a recent conference I attended the message given was loud and clear – there are no "if's" with God, only "when's". I was hugely encouraged by this and implemented it immediately in my own life. So now no longer do I make statements like, "If I had money I would..." but rather, now proclaim, "When I have money I will..." Although this is not a New Year's resolution, it is a resolution nonetheless. You see, as soon as we realize that God is God, and that we are created in His image, our faith can rise up like a roaring lion. It is faith that will allow us never to limit God by an "if", but really believe in the goodness and grace of a God whose plans for us are only the best.

When we fall into a soul-deadening routine, we also limit God to what He can accomplish in and through our lives. Yes, it does mean we have to make all routines into something unique and special. For instance, if my job requires me to carry boxes from one room to the next, then the carrying of boxes can soon become boring. However, it is the same carrying of boxes that pays my rent. So I carry on carrying boxes so I can carry on paying my rent. But what if I can turn carrying boxes into something exciting? What if it is not about the carrying as much as it is who I will meet on my journey from room to room? What if my focus is not the box itself, but what the contents thereof have the power to accomplish? Many other examples can be cited.

My prayer for you is to continue into 2015 with a whole lot of "when's" and no "if's." My prayer is that together we will be able to proclaim God's greatness, celebrate His goodness, and at the end of it stand tall as overcomers in His kingdom!

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# BE **anxious** FOR **nothing**

but in everything by prayer  
and supplication, with thanksgiving,  
let your requests be made known to God;  
and the peace of God,  
which surpasses all understanding,  
will guard your hearts and minds  
through Christ Jesus.

**PHILIPPIANS 4:6-8 (NKJV)**

By André and Jenny Roebert

The Word of God promises us a life in Christ that is full of abundance and victory (John 10:10b). Just the same, Jesus warns us that in this life we will be faced with many trials and difficult circumstances that have the potential to discourage us to the point of despair if we don't learn how to face and respond to them.

Perhaps you may be facing a challenge in your life that is threatening to overwhelm you, steal your peace and joy and pull you into a downward spiral of despair. The good news is that no matter what you have faced, are facing or will be facing in the future, there is a Godly response to every troubling problem you encounter and we would love to share it with you.

Philippians 4:6 says, *"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."*

Notice how we are instructed to be anxious for nothing? That word anxious comes from the Greek word "merimoniao" and it means to be troubled, fretful or worried about something.

In Matthew 13:22, we read about the parable of the sower. In one account, the seed that is sown takes root and begins to grow. Soon, weeds begin to grow up around the new plants and choke the life out of them. The scripture explains that in this case, the seed is the Word of God planted in our hearts, as the Word is received, it begins to grow and produce faith, peace and life but the "weeds" being the cares of this world, begin to choke and suffocate that faith. Now, interestingly enough, the word cares here is also from the Greek word "merimoniao," implying material worries and concerns that will choke, suffocate and strangle faith out of us. It's important to note, it does not say the material things of this world will suffocate our faith, but rather the worry over not having these provisions will.

Then in Luke 21:34, we are told to not let our hearts be overburdened and depressed by the cares of this life. Here again, the Greek translation for the word "cares" is the same one, meaning worries and concerns. However it is written in a way that refers to the events or incidents in life, or troublesome, trying events and difficult times.

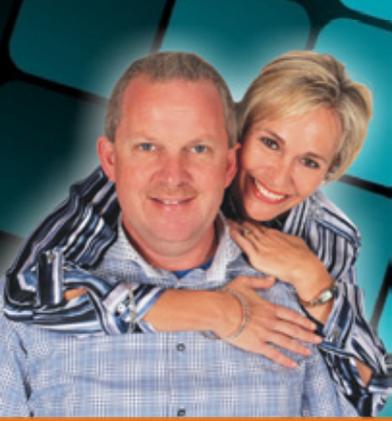
So, from studying the scripture, we can conclude that we are not to have anxious, worrying thoughts about the necessities and provisions in life or about material needs. We are not to worry or be anxious about any events or incidents in our lives, not even when we face troublesome, trying and difficult times!

In the Word of God, Jesus spends much time dealing with the subject of worry, doubt and anxiety because He knows that close on its heels is the destructive spiritual force of fear and discouragement. He knows that worry and anxiety are a part of our fallen human nature. Even though, on the cross, He overcame every evil force that would be used as a weapon against us, every one of us has to take a purposeful stand against it in our lives. We have to enforce the devil's defeat over our lives by not allowing that negative process to overwhelm us and pull us down.

According to the wisdom of God's Word, we are to stop responding to our troublesome circumstances by worrying and being anxious. Instead, we are to turn our eyes off the circumstance and onto the Lord. We can come to Him in our time of trouble and find our strength and salvation there. ▶

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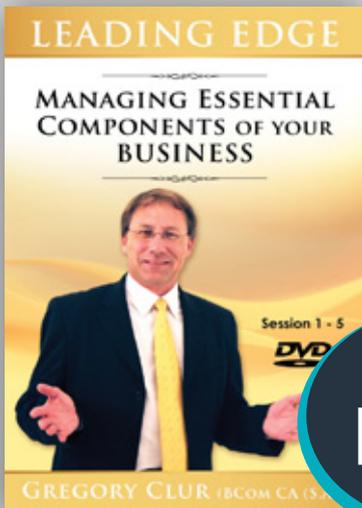
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BY JOYCE MEYER

# THE LORD IS YOUR *Healer*

Did you know that God cares about every single part of your life? He isn't only concerned with your spiritual health, but He desires for you to be healthy in every area.

He wants to bring healing to your mind; He wants to help you overcome emotional pain; He wants you to feel good physically and have plenty of energy...not be worn-out from sickness.

I love Psalm 103:2-3. It says, *"Bless...the Lord, O my soul, and forget not [one of] all His benefits—Who forgives [every one of] all your iniquities, Who heals [each one of] all your diseases."*



In Exodus 15:26, God told the Israelites, *"...I am the Lord Who heals you."* This promise is for us today! God is the very source of our healing, and we can trust Him to heal the broken areas of our lives.

I've learned that if we're going to live in good health, it's important to be proactive. There are practical things we can do to stay strong and receive God's supernatural healing.

First, it's important to remember that the Lord is our Healer, and the Word of God is our medicine. Proverbs 4:20, 22 says, *"My son, attend to my words...for they are life to those who find them, healing and health to all their flesh."*

There is healing power in God's Word. I encourage you to look up different scriptures on God's goodness and His desire to heal you and meet your needs. Choose to purposely think and meditate on these things and even speak out what His Word says about you.

I'll frequently say things like, *"God, You're my Healer, and by Your stripes I am healed. I thank You that the more I meditate on Your Word, the better I feel. You are my strength and energy, and I believe Your healing power is working in me right now."* (See Isaiah 53:5; Proverbs 4:20, 22; Isaiah 40:31)

Isaiah 40:31 is one scripture in particular that literally changed my life. It says, *"But those who wait for the Lord [who expect, look for, and hope in Him] shall change and renew their strength and power...they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint or become tired."*

What does it mean to *"wait for the Lord"*? It means to actively expect, look for and hope in Him. It includes setting aside time to talk to God, read and meditate on His Word, or simply sit quietly in His presence.

This time with the Lord can do more to restore our body, mind and emotions than anything else we can do. During these times, the Lord empowers us with renewed physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual strength.

If you need healing in an area of your life, I encourage you to begin taking some time each day - even if it's just five minutes - to stop, get quiet, and focus on Him. Just like you would take time to wait at a doctor's office, take a little time to wait on God, the Great Physician.

This doesn't mean we shouldn't ever see a doctor. I believe all medical knowledge comes from God and that He works through doctors' hands to do great things. But if we focus too much on doctors and medicines, we can begin to forget the true Source of our healing - God.

When we visit the doctor, I believe we're much more likely to receive help if we go to God first and say, *"Lord, I'm looking to You for my healing. I know they can't help me if You don't help them."*

Second (and just as important), we need to do our part to take care of ourselves. This includes eating right, getting proper rest, and minimizing the stress in our lives.

There was a time when sweets got the best of me. I'd say, *"If I eat one of these chocolate chip cookies, I'm going to end up eating a dozen."* Sound familiar? The Lord helped me to finally understand that, with His help, I could control myself. I could make wise choices I would be happy with later.

Of course, sometimes we learn the hard way. For instance, back in the 1980s, I regularly wore three-inch heels at my conferences. Over the course of a day or two, I would probably walk the equivalent of several miles in those shoes.

During that time, the Lord clearly spoke to my heart that I would one day have a lot of trouble with my feet if I didn't stop wearing high heels all of the time. Unfortunately, I didn't heed His warning. I thought *"looking cute"* was somehow more important.

Well, twenty years later (just as God said), I started reaping the consequences. Over a period of a few years, I had to have several minor surgeries on my feet. I learned a tough lesson!

When we make bad choices or don't take care of ourselves the way we should, the best thing we can do is ask the Lord for forgiveness...then start fresh and begin making choices we will be happy with later.

Friend, it's never too late to begin making good, healthy choices for your life. And it's never too late to expect, look for and place your hope in God's healing power. After all, He is *"the Lord who heals you"*... and He wants to bring restoration and wholeness to every single area of your life. 📌

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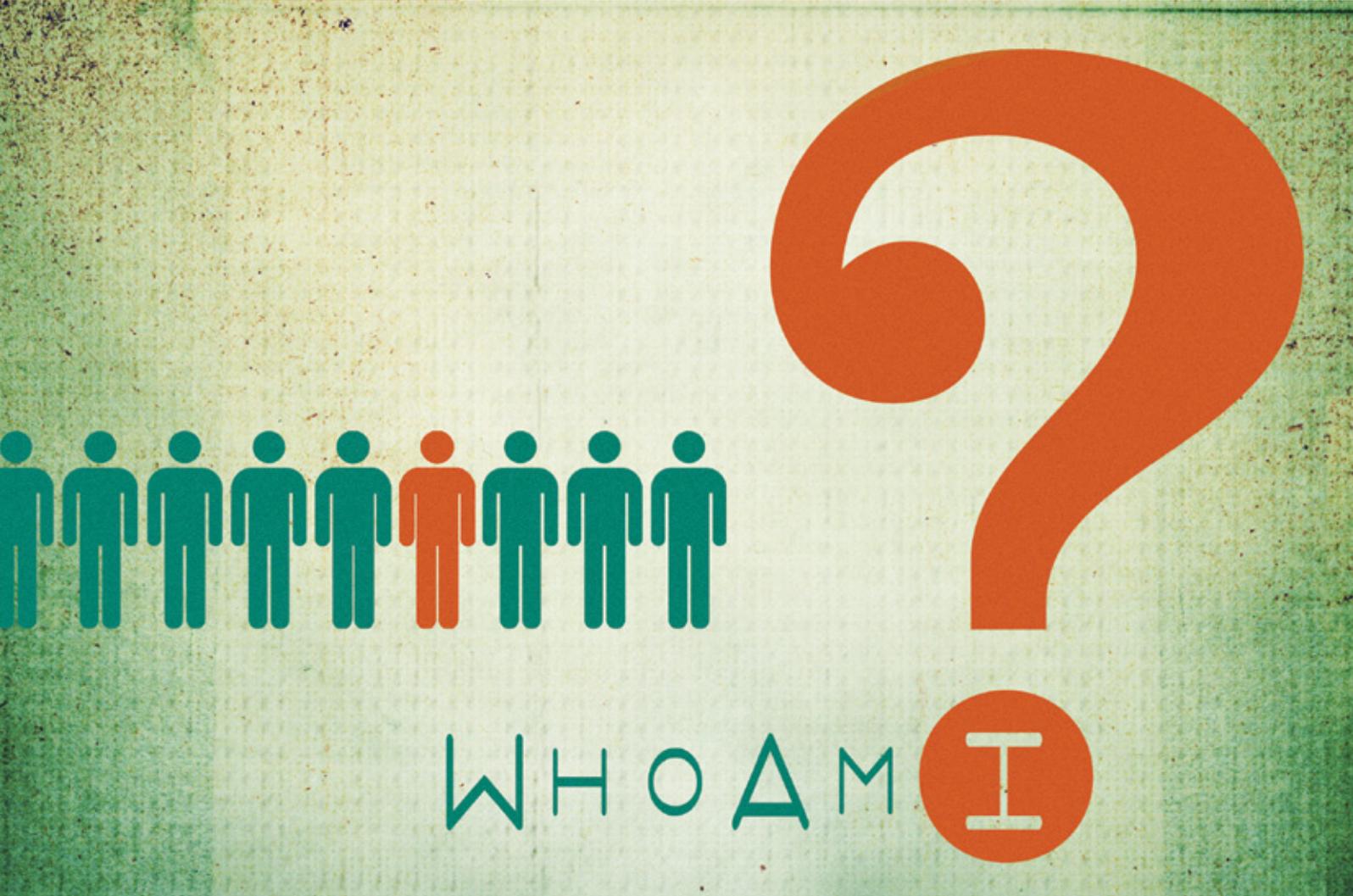
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BY SINDY GQIBA

# THE I.D. *Book*

## Who are you?

What is your name? What are you made of? What is your background and where are you going?  
What makes you to be you? Who do you say you are to people?



## Have you ever been in a place whereby you had to introduce yourself??

I believe all of us had at some point been given a chance to introduce ourselves, to tell who we are, but the question still remains who are you?

One of the most important things that we need to understand as believers is our Identity. I am not talking about your normal identity on earth (your name, age, country) I am talking about your true identity in Christ Jesus, the real you.

John 1:10 *"He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognise him. He came to his own people and even they rejected him. But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan but a birth that comes from God."*

You see the moment you gave your life to Christ you had a change of I.D; it's no longer the earthly I.D but a heavenly I.D. This is what makes us to be set apart from the world. So now you have a newness of life and a new name, old things have passed away and behold all things are new. This verse didn't say some things are new, but it says all things are now new! (2 Corinthians 5:17)

You now have taken a new identity Hallelujah! Though your outside appearance has not changed but you are a complete changed person by the spirit of God that dwells in you. You have been moved from humanity into divinity.

You see, every human being must have an Identity document or at least a birth certificate in order to be declared a citizen of a country; same applies with us as believers we have a new Identity book which is Christ. This I.D book shows us that we are now born in Mount Zion the City of the Living God. It says that you are now an ambassador of Christ, God's masterpiece, a chosen generation, peculiar people, created anew in Christ Jesus...

Another important aspect about you in this new I.D. book is that you were ordained to prosper, to conquer and to succeed.

The Bible says in the book of Isaiah 43:1 *"But now O Jacob listen to the Lord who created you, O Israel, the one who formed you says: "Do not be afraid for I have ransomed you. I have called you by my name; you are mine."*

*When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy one of Israel, you're Saviour"*

Now this means you and I are special beings, when God made us He said *"This is my Precious, blessed, anointed, good quality product, this special being is waterproof, fireproof nothing can succeed in destroying us!"* Hallelujah!!

No wonder the Bible says *"No weapon formed against you shall prosper!"*

Child of God, be of good cheer the Lord is with you, He has made you a great success, you are unbeatable, a champion and you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you. Perhaps you feel like 2014 wasn't a good year for you, but one thing for sure is that: "You were made to rise against all odds-Proverbs 24:16 says *"For though a righteous man falls seven times, he will rise again!! You have been given an ability to rise again, though Satan can throw his best shots at you, you were designed to win and it's never too late for you."* As we enter 2015 I want you to keep your Identity book with you, it's the most powerful tool that the enemy is after in your life. Keep God's Word at heart! Keep your true identity – You are what the Word of God says you are! Not how you feel or what other people say about you, but only what the Word of God says you are! The best is yet to come and the good part is, it has come already!

## 2015 is your year! Go ahead-shine! 🌟

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# REVIVAL

ANGUS BUCHAN

# Faith

It gives me great pleasure to write this article at the time of the 'birth' of the new television channel 'Faith Broadcasting Network.' When André Roebert contacted me, to tell me he has received a Word from God to start this new channel, I was so happy to be able to assure him of my continuing support and prayer. I was also excited about the name of the channel because the Bible says in Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV) *"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."*

We need faith to believe God for REVIVAL in our country.

John Wesley, the old-time evangelist had a definition of the word revival, *"a people saturated with God."* It must surely be the prayer of every believer in this continent that God will send revival to Africa. In order for that to take place, however, we need to come to God in faith, not considering our abilities, or our finances, or our contacts as of use, but humbly believing and trusting God for a move of His Spirit.

I have studied revival for over thirty years and have found that every man or woman whom God has used to bring revival to churches, communities and nations have been men and women of Faith.

I think, now, of one man, a revivalist in South Africa, many years ago. His name, Andrew Murray, and he had, in faith, prayed with his Father, for years, that this country would one day see revival. And finally it came.

It was a Friday night when Andrew Murray, himself, was preaching in the Moederkerk in the town centre of Worcester in the Cape, while the young people were meeting down at the evangelical mission church. Suddenly a rushing mighty wind blew through the whole of the mission church. Many young people fell on their faces, some were crying, some laughing as the wind of the Spirit kept blowing. Others were on their knees. The commotion was overheard by one of the elders who was passing by, outside and he ran up to the Moederkerk to call Andrew Murray down to the mission church, where he described the meeting to be in chaos.

Andrew Murray came straight down, still in his silk gown and hat, and called over the youth leader to give him an explanation. His reply was *"It is God."* Andrew Murray looked at the young people in disbelief and commanded the leader to stop the meeting but what God begins only He can bring to an end. Dominee Murray attempted to get the young people to sing a hymn but when that failed, he turned to leave the church.

This meeting was the beginning of one of the greatest revivals in South Africa, and it all happened when one young Fingo girl stood up in that meeting in the mission church and in faith, asked God to visit them that night, and He did. Revival has come and the amazing thing was, that Andrew Murray himself did not recognize it. We still need to be careful, even in these times, that we do not miss what God is doing.

I believe it is on record, that eighty of those young people became pastors and dominees, taking the gospel all over the platteland of South Africa. That was the time of the founding of the NG Kerk in this country.

I have been, myself, to the mission church and have seen the rafters and the thatching and I must be honest, it really touched my heart. Sadly, the building is now used as a tearoom, which is currently called the *"Pardon Café,"* but still a very appropriate name, for God has pardoned many sinners and many people received salvation by faith in Jesus Christ, in that church over the years.

In later times when Dominee Andrew Murray would lecture the students in the University, young dominees, with tongue in cheek, would say to him, *"Please tell us how you tried to stop the revival."*

Revival is a God thing, and I thank God for our new television channel that is majoring on faith. Remember Romans 10:17 (NKJV) *"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."*

God bless you as we continue to trust God for revival in South Africa. ✦





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## THE FAITH – SCIENCE DEBATE: INTELLIGENT DESIGN III

By SYLVESTER TONDERAI

The integrative, complex systems in biological organisms, such as the DNA and protein molecules, which store information that explains life, the impression of design over creation ... is overwhelming. Bruce Alberts, president of National Academy of Sciences, USA said, "We always have underestimated the cell ... The entire cell can be viewed as a factory that contains an elaborate network of interlocking assembly lines, each of which is composed of a set of large protein machines. ... Why do we call [them] machines? Precisely because, like machines invented by humans to deal efficiently with the macroscopic world, these protein assemblies contain highly coordinated moving parts." And biochemist Franklin M. Harold further states, "[Single-cell organism is a high-tech factory, complete with] artificial languages and their decoding systems, memory banks for information storage and retrieval, elegant

*control systems regulating the automated assembly of parts and components, error fail-safe and proof-reading devices utilized for quality control, assembly processes involving the principle of prefabrication and modular construction. ... [and] a capacity not equalled in any of our own most advanced machines, for it would be capable of replicating its entire structure within a matter of a few hours."*

In *Evolution: A Theory in Crisis*, Michael Denton exclaims, "It is astonishing to think that this remarkable piece of machinery [the ribosome – a collection of some fifty large molecules containing more than one million atoms, an automated factory that can synthesize any protein that it is instructed to make by DNA], which possesses the ultimate capacity to construct every living thing that has ever existed on Earth, from a giant redwood to the human brain, can

construct all its own components in a matter of minutes and ... is of the order of several thousand million times smaller than the smallest piece of functional machinery ever constructed by man."

In *The Wall Street Journal* of October 15, 1999, George Sim Johnson pointed out, "Human DNA contains more organized information than the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*. If the full text of the encyclopaedia were to arrive in computer code from outer space, most people would regard this as proof of the existence of extra-terrestrial intelligence. But when seen in nature, it is explained as the workings of random forces."

Lead biology professor Dean Kenyon, who consequently repudiated the conclusions of his own book on the chemical origin of life by upholding Intelligent Design, said, "This new

realm of molecular genetics [is] where we see the most compelling evidence of design on the Earth." Whereas former US President Bill Clinton said scientists were "learning the language in which God created life," geneticist Francis S. Collins, head of the Human Genome Project, said DNA was "our own instruction book, previously known only to God." And philosopher and scientist Stephen Meyer remarked, "And in the DNA, neither chemistry nor physics arranged the letters into the assembly instructions for proteins. Clearly, the cause comes from outside the system. And that cause is intelligence."

The human brain weighs just three pounds but has ten thousand million nerve cells, each sending out enough fibres to create a thousand million connections. That's equal to the number of leaves in a dense forest covering a million square miles. Yet selfhood is not explicable in material or physical terms and consciousness cannot be evaluated by matter. Serve for life itself, consciousness is the single most important fact about our existence. Most scientists assert that mind, consciousness or the soul is a separate entity from the brain. These scientific researches are in tandem with the dichotomous theory of Christian anthropology.

In Can a Darwinian Be a Christian? even Darwinist philosopher Michael Ruse concedes, "Why should a bunch of atoms have thinking ability? Why should I, even as I write now, be able to reflect on what I am doing and why should you, even as you read now, be able to ponder my points, agreeing or disagreeing, with pleasure or pain, deciding to refute me or deciding that I am just not worth the effort? No one, certainly not the Darwinian as such, seems to have any answer to this ... The point is that there is no scientific answer."

Philosopher Robert W. Augros and physicist George N. Stanciu point out, "Physics, neuroscience, and humanistic psychology all converge on the same principle: mind is not reducible to matter. ... The vain expectation that matter might someday account for mind ... is like the alchemist's dream of producing gold from lead." And Stephen Meyer further expresses, "Information is the hallmark of the mind. And purely from the evidence of genetics and biology, we can infer the existence of a mind that's far greater than our own – a conscious, purposeful, rational, intelligent designer who's amazingly creative."

Evidence of physics, biology, chemistry, cosmology, biochemistry, astronomy ... demonstrates that the cause of the universe must be uncaused, unique, beginning-less, timeless, immaterial, personal, creative, intelligent, rational, caring – an omnipresent being endowed with freedom of will and enormous power, who gave mankind purpose and provides for life, even after death. God is His name!

Stephen Meyer PhD, one of the most knowledgeable and compelling voices among scientists who believe in the Intelligent Design, expressed, "I look at the stars in the night sky or reflect on the structure and information-bearing properties of the DNA molecule, and these are occasions for me to worship the Creator who brought them into existence. I think of the wry smile that might be on the lips of God as in the last few years all sorts of evidence for the reliability of the Bible and for his creation of the universe and life have come to light. I believe he has caused them to be unveiled in his providence and that he delights when we discover his fingerprints in the vastness of the universe, in the dusty relics of palaeontology, and in the complexity of the cell."

**"The vast mysteries of the universe should only confirm our belief in the certainty of its creator. I find it as difficult to understand a scientist who does not acknowledge the presence of a superior rationality behind the existence of the universe as it is to comprehend a theologian who would deny the advances of science."**

Robin Collins, PhD., remarked, "God doesn't usually appear supernaturally somewhere and say, 'Here I am.' He uses preachers to bring people his message of redemption through Christ. And sometimes he uses natural means. Romans 1:20 tells us that God eternal power and divine nature can be seen and understood through things that are made, and that this is the reason humanity is without excuse. I see physics as uncovering the evidence of God's fingerprint at a deeper and more subtle level than the ancients could have dreamed of. He has used physics to enable me to see the evidence of his presence and creative ability. The heavens really do declare the glory of God, even more so for someone trained with physics and with eyes to see. That has been a tremendous encouragement to me."

Renowned astronomer and pioneer in space research John A. O'Keefe asserts, "We are, by astronomical standards, a pampered, cosseted, cherished group of creatures; our Darwinian claim to have done it all ourselves is as ridiculous and as charming as a baby's brave efforts to stand on its own feet and refuse his mother's hand. If the universe had not been made with the most exacting precision we could never have come into existence. It is my view that these circumstances indicate the universe was created for man to live in."

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THE CALLING (Part 3)

# Knowing Who I Am

BY MPH O J THULO

"For ye are all the children of God through faith in Jesus Christ" (Galatians 3:26)

Sometimes we look at our current situation and feel disarmed. We know ourselves by the past, by family name and by our level of education and cultural background. But God calls us to another direction. He calls us to know ourselves in Him, to understand who we are through Jesus Christ. I thought to myself: "Oh Lord, why can't you just show me a Scripture that will allow me to mix tradition with your Word". But I received none. Instead these three verses below showed me how Jesus Himself was against people who exalted traditional beliefs more than they exalted the commandments of God:

"But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?" (Matthew 15:3)

"And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition." (Mark 7:9)

"Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like this." (Mark 7:13)

Just by reading these messages do you get a better understanding of how tradition can cause the Word of God to be without effect. It shows us that we are not supposed to believe our tradition more than we believe the Word of God. This also teaches us that we are not what tradition has taught us that we are, we are more than that, we are who God says we are, not our tradition.

Our tradition teaches that when you are called

you should be separated from the world. You should be distinct, your attire, tells a story of your abilities. It reveals your grounds and your powers. It shows what you are called to, in a way; it positions you to your called profession. Everything that a graduated twasa trainee wears after completion of training symbolises his or her particular calibre. You are known by the way you dress. The attire will reveal the spirit that is at work in an inyanga or sangoma. Mostly are revealed in an animal form like the lion, snakes, pigeon and tiger. They all symbolise the spirit that the practitioner possess. To the colours of head bands, beads, etc., all that represents the power and the strength to perform, cast spells or heal. So when you look at the inyanga or sangoma their attire will automatically tell you their spiritual ranking and you will know by what they wear their abilities and position.

I used to sometimes look at myself and feel that deep desire of looking a certain way, hoping that if I look in a more natural looking way, maybe I would feel better about myself or I would be pleasing the ancestors. I remember not even wanting to wear make-up, or dress up, and then my thoughts were invaded by the voice that said "first cleanse the inside of your cup before you can cleanse the outside".

We read in Matthew 23:26 "Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also". Here Jesus Christ was speaking to the Pharisees. They were known for upholding the Laws of Moses and tradition of the elders, and then Jesus saw their hypocrisy of trying to hide behind their well-behaved manners and their talit (a Jewish robe). Jesus was teaching them to first observe their inner man than trying to look good from the outside whereas inside they were carnal, judgmental and pretenders... all about the dress code and the looks.

Nothing matters more to God than our hearts. The Lord wants us to dress our hearts, with love, peace, joy and purity.

There are so many restrictions involved in Ukuthwasa call. What are all these limitations worth that restrict us from evolving and realising that we are not what only our eyes see? We are spiritual beings located in a body and we possess a soul to manoeuvre the flesh. We should look at our inner person to be able to know who we are in the natural. People are being chained to this movement of tradition that restrict them to live and be fruitful. They are restricted on certain foods, certain lifestyle and others are even restricted to marry. Does it add anything to their spirituality? Or does it boost their ego? There is a huge difference between looking a certain way and to be recognised as a spiritual person. This may sound like an argument, but it's not.

We should refer to the Bible in all we do. We should hear God speak to us and when we find the truth then there is no need to try to look a certain way to be classified as spiritual. Do we possess the good spirit and are our hearts in a good place? To be dressed in the spirit means that you should first die to the flesh. I am not talking the death of the body but the death of your will, to die in doing things your own way. This death prepares us to be dressed in the form and presence of God. It begins by turning away from sin and accepting to be washed into a new life with Christ through Baptism of water.

Traditionally when a twasa comes out of initiation they will go to the river to wash away their

"old self" and acquire their "new self" through the cleansing ceremonies by the blood of a bull or goat, etc. This symbolises the new birth in the spiritual realm. It is so in the Lord, but this time it is by entering into Christ that you are washed from your old selves and this part positions you to being a partaker of the Divine. After being cleansed, a twasa is ready to acquire his/her status and is free to be who he/she was called by the ancestors to be. In this way he/she is now already positioned for the cause of his/her call.

**You receive the birth into the Kingdom of God. We only receive this new life of adoption by being born again, by renouncing the past and entering this new dimension with new hearts knowing that we are no longer about the flesh and looks, but we are the spirit and the spirit of God lives inside of us.**

Look into this picture with God: One is required to also be washed so that they may acknowledge that they are no longer the same. They now have received Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, thus making Him their Master.

So what I see with the call of Ukuthwasa is that, when people go out they have already confessed their faith and they have accepted to be bound by the rules and regulations and be under the control of their spiritual master, who leads them spiritually and they know whom to listen to. That is what I've managed to gather spiritually when the Ukuthwasa call was unveiled in my spiritual eyes. In this case I am wondering who has God-given power to cleanse, to save and to master lives? The Word doesn't speak of anyone, but only One and is it Jesus. So; is it godly to accept to be birthed into other spirits? Is it good to have another master or lord for one's life? Can we choose whom we want? Can we be represented by our own traditional belief? The answer to all these questions is a plain and simple "no"! There is only One that God has ordained to purify us and that One is Jesus Christ, not river gods, not ancestors but Jesus of Nazareth.

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved". (Acts 4:12)

By accepting Jesus as our Lord and saviour we put on our new garment of Faith. When you receive Him in you, you are changed, birthed into a new world, a new ground, and a new sky. You become a new person, a new creature. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new". (2Corinthians 5:17)

You receive the birth into the Kingdom of God. We only receive this new life of adoption by being born again, by renouncing the past and entering this new dimension with new hearts knowing that we are no longer about the flesh and looks, but we are the spirit and the spirit of God lives inside of us. We have made right with God by accepting Christ, and for that reason we have a new dress code that is not visible to the naked eye but can only be seen by our spiritual eyes.

We are no longer bound by rules, laws, regulation of this world. We follow the commandments of the Lord Christ. In Him all is made, no laws or rules are more superior to Him (Colossians 1:16). Our new dress code is called armour of God, which is the reflection of what we are called to do and also reveals our position in the Lord. Who we are in the spirit should reflect our new garment of faith so that we can know what our capabilities are and what is it that we are dressed to do and be. You are ordained by the Spirit of God to wear this Armour. When you are clothed with this you are like a soldier in an army of the lord, the Word says in 2Corinthians 10:4 "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds ". We have weapons and those weapons the word says are not material. They are not to be taken lightly. They can help us and protect us from evil forces that are brought against us by Satan and his demons.

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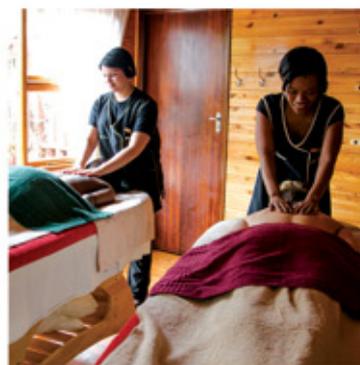
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*Everything Is  
Not Just  
Awesome*

Recently I was on a road trip and miraculously escaped a massive accident at Van Reenens Pass in KZN, where I could have lost my life. God protected me from being involved in this accident and I was glad to be able to see my family after this ordeal.

On the same trip I bought the Lego Movie as a gift for my grandchildren. After returning home I sat down with my grandchildren to watch the movie. What was supposed to be a pleasant, relaxing experience, turned out to be a restless chase for answers coming from the uneasiness in my heart about the underlying messages in the movie.

At first I thought that I was being overly critical and asked my daughter to watch it with me. She picked up on the same subtle, twisted and disturbing misrepresentation of God and the ways of God. I watched the movie again and feel compelled to warn parents who are concerned about subtle media indoctrination. The article is not a movie review per se, but a call to parents to be more watchful about what they let their children repeatedly feed their minds and soul on. Even the most seemingly innocent movie can be used to indoctrinate our children. Lego Movie is an exciting, imaginative and impressive movie where actual animated Legos are used. The plot is about a Lego character Emmett, who in the world of LEGOs, is nothing special. He, along with his "friends" work in a construction yard, with everyone getting along and everything is going exactly as planned. Emmett has the perfect life. One day, while he is out working in the yard, he notices some suspicious activity from a female LEGO. Emmett warns her that she is trespass-

ing on construction property and needs to leave. When she refuses to listen, he follows her and accidentally falls down a giant hole. Inside the hole, he discovers a powerful gem buried in the ground. After carelessly touching the gem, he blacks out, only to find himself in a police station, being questioned by Bad Cop, about why he was down there and what he knows about the gem. Just then, the mysterious girl we met earlier rescues him and helps him escape from police custody. She explains that he is "The Special," the person who it was prophesied with the help of the other Master Builders, to free the LEGOs from the tyranny of President Business (whose goal is to achieve world domination through force of will. It has a very happy theme song that says: Everything is awesome, everything is cool when you part of a team, everything is awesome when we're living our dream.

When I asked my oldest grandson (6) at the end of the movie what the lesson was for him, he said, that we must believe in God. Now, this is exactly why I am writing the article as I sat with confused thoughts about why this could not just be a Lego movie. Why did the movie have parallels with God and prophecies, and the Special one and a prophecy that was not true in any way?

My first awareness was that there is a reference to a prophecy of a Special one that will come. I felt saddened that children of a young age must have a distorted view of prophecies and must be indoctrinated when watching a movie aimed at them.

It is written in Acts 2:17, that in the last days the sons and daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions. I do not want my grandchildren not to believe that they can receive dreams and visions that can be relevant to God's people.

In this movie it says that the prophecy was all a lie. I don't want my grandchildren to be confused about prophecies from God. If we read 1 Peter 2: 4- 8 we see that "The stone that the builders rejected has become the capstone." Emmet represents the one that was prophesied over and is also rejected because he was so ordinary.

It is disturbing that there is a reference in the movie to "the man upstairs", which refers to God. The "man upstairs" is the oppressive creator of everything, who wants to prevent everyone from experiencing anything fun and different, in order to keep creation static in nature. The "man upstairs" is corrected, taught and converted by his creation in the end. This movie is an anti-God allegory.

What I know about God is that He is not unsettled with the diversity of people. He gave us command to reign over the earth and He gave various gifts so that people can bring creativity to the world around them and His people. In the Lego Movie it also speaks about master builders. Firstly, Emmet is called a master builder:

Vitruvius: Master Builders spend years training themselves to clear their minds enough to have even a fleeting glimpse of The Man Upstairs. And yet, your mind is already so prodigiously empty that there is nothing in it to

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clear away in the first place. With proper training you could become a great Master Builder. Emmet Brickowoski: I could?

Vitruvius: The prophecy chose you, Emmet. Emmet Brickowoski: But I can't do any of the stuff that the prophecy says I'm supposed to do.

Vitruvius: All you have to do is to believe, then you will see everything. Are you ready, my son? Emmet Brickowoski: Yes, I am. I think." In Ephesians 2 the Apostle Paul speaks of himself as a master builder. Apostles are supernaturally gifted people to help build churches and keep them spiritually healthy. Prophets help the church understand the purposes of God. In my opinion there is a trend of downplaying the efforts of God's people trying to build His Kingdom in the right way. The Lego Movie also refers to the fact that there will be a torturing of the Master Builders.

Heaven is depicted as Cloud Cuckoo Land with mutttons, torture weapons, poverty, leaches, and illiteracy – in fact, all which is bad.

Emmet Brickowoski: Uh...is this Cloud Cuckoo Land? I don't see any clouds, or cuckoos.

Vitruvius: No, no. This is Middle Zealand. A wondrous land full of knights, castles, mutttons, torture weapons, poverty, leaches, illiteracy,

and um... [suddenly a dragon flies towards them]

I thought I was just a doubting grandmother but I believe that the creators of this movie had a definite goal in mind to bring confusion to the mind of a child. The movie script even uses direct Scripture quotes like, "And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand" (Mark 3: 25 / Matthew 12:25). Other double mindedness that also comes through in the movie is where it portrays the cop as a good cop / bad cop, and one that even loses its face. The "man upstairs" expected the police to harm his own parents. In an imperfect world where there is such an excessive emphasis on abuse and the family and authority figures not being a safe place, I find it unnecessary that children must be fed these messages. Call unto parents

My suggestion is that parents of young children watch movies with their kids first and also take more notice of what they download on their tablets. I was doing it 20 years ago with my daughter (now 28), and gave her the tools, even then, to discern right from wrong from a Biblical perspective. Today I see how she has awareness with her own children and not granting the enemy a foothold through media and other sources.

We cannot let our children watch movies repeatedly where it leaves the child in confusion about God's heart for His people. It is easier for parents to see aspects of witchcraft and the occult, like ghosts, a sorcerer's staff, glowing eyes and such like, but what about principles of the Kingdom that's being twisted from such a young age?

Everything around us is not just awesome. We live in a broken world. We don't just need "faith in ourselves and then everything will be awesome," as the movie suggests, but we have a real need of God.

I suggest parents play the Word of God in audio form in their kids' rooms when putting them to sleep to be soaked in Truth. There are also resources available intended to grow kids spiritually rather than confusing them. ❏

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BY ESTHER SAUNDERS

# Hello boys and girls



Dear Lord, Thank You for being a miracle working God who can do what would otherwise be impossible. Thank You that I can put my faith and trust in You even when a situation seems hopeless. Help me to be obedient so that You will be able to work in my life and the lives of my friends and loved ones. Amen

**D**o you know what the first recorded miracle that Jesus performed is? It wasn't when He healed the sick or raised someone from the dead, no, it was when Jesus turned water into wine at a wedding. Imagine being able to turn water into your favorite fruit juice or soda. It would be incredible, right?

In the Bible Jesus performed many really amazing miracles. Those miracles are a constant reminder of how powerful God is and what He can do through us if we are obedient to Him.

The Bible says that Jesus only did what His father wanted him to do. Can you imagine how hard that must have been. Imagine always listening to your mom and dad, every single time. I know that I would find it difficult because many times I don't want to stop playing games and tidy my room or go to bed early on a school night.

When Jesus had to go to the cross and be crucified, can you imagine how difficult that must have been? To know that you were going to die so that

the world would receive the gift of salvation. Imagine what would have happened if Jesus decided to be disobedient. Where would we be today?

The Bible tells us that obedience is better than sacrifice. If we obey God then we will live the amazing miracle filled life that He has purposed for us to have. We will see miracles in our friends lives, in our families, in our communities, in our schools and ultimately in the world.

The dictionary tells us that a miracle is an unusual or wonderful event that is believed to be caused by the power of God. A miracle can also be described as a very amazing or unusual event, thing, or achievement that cannot occur by normal or natural means.

When I read that definition then I am excited because when I think of the problems I can't solve, like a family member doing drugs or a friends mom being without a job, I know that God is able to do a miracle even when I am not able to do anything, and all that God requires from me is to be obedient. ▣

# **Daniel in the Lions Den**

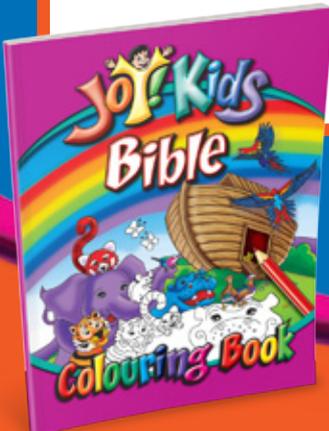


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# THE VALUE OF CHRISTIAN MEDIA

By Waldo Malan

**"The Word of God should be the only measuring tool we use to filter the information presented to us through all media. I am guilty of fundamentalist tendencies - I believe the Word at face value. "No murder" simply means "no murder". "No envy" is precisely that - envy nothing. There is only one God and He is immutable, eternal, love, gracious and a whole lot more."**



In order to establish the value Christianity adds to the media, one first needs to examine the nature of media itself. Media is a term that loosely describes all forms of communal communication methods in a society. This includes printed media (newspapers, magazines, information leaflets), broadcast media (radio and television) and social media (internet-based platforms and electronic media). Since all media communicates directly with a society, it has an inherent force and power to sway the thinking, and ultimately the actions of that society. All power has the potential to corrupt, and this is also true of the media.

Advertising companies have long ago realized the power of the media, and hence they exist! Their sole purpose is to convey a message to the general public (media consumers) that what they are selling, or saying about any product, is the truth. Daily newspapers carry the same power, since they distribute newsworthy stories about things that happen all over the world. Every article that is published is done as "fact", and most readers will believe every fact published as the "gospel truth." Social media has the power to make or break reputations as well, whether that be of a person or a thing.

The world has indeed become a very small place; what happens in South Africa is common knowledge in Australia in a matter of minutes. Our contemporary society suffers from an

overload of information, most of which is conveyed through one form of media or the other. Our problem is not a lack of information or knowledge, but rather on how to digest an encyclopaedia of information into a palatable one-page document containing truth and wisdom.

We are confronted daily by an overload of voices (or messages) that try and grab our attention and try to get us to believe them. Simply look at your own email inbox and the daily spam it collects, even after extensive filtering systems are put in place! Whether we like it or not, some of those messages do penetrate and will influence the way we think, speak and act in future. Once our own voice and actions repeat something that has become a belief system, we habitually perpetuate a behaviour based on our beliefs. But what if somehow our belief system got corrupted through ingesting the wrong information?

In an era of information overload we need a fail proof system in place that can help us sift through this, and let us distil all until only the truth remains. And this is precisely the point where the value of Christian media is most crucial. Perhaps allow me to change "Christian" to "Biblical" for the sake of this article, as I don't want to bring in the added dimension of denominational beliefs and differences. So when I speak of "Christian media" I am in fact referring to a Biblical worldview.

The Word of God should be the only measuring tool we use to filter the information presented to us through all media. I am guilty of fundamentalist tendencies - I believe the Word at face value. "No murder" simply means "no murder". "No envy" is precisely that - envy nothing. There is only one God and He is immutable, eternal, love, gracious and a whole lot more. Every message and every bit of information that comes my way must be filtered through this God, this Eternal Spirit and this Uncreated Being who has chosen to reside in me. The words of Christ rings clear - He is the Vine and I am to abide in Him. This means that I have to submit to His way of doing things, His way of seeing things, and His way of reacting to things. This is the inherent value the Word brings to a contemporary media message.

Therefore the value of a Biblical worldview is invaluable in the context and scope of the media, because without it we can very easily start believing the wrong things, place value on that which has no value, and ultimately even corrupt the way we relate to one another.

The value of Christian media is indispensable in the arena of modern media. So, my encouragement is for you to get in touch with the wisdom contained in the Word of God in order to distil the overload of information that is our reality. 📌



BY PHIL COOKE

# 5 KEYS TO SHOOTING BETTER VIDEOS AND SHORT FILMS

I was shooting videos and short films back in the days of half-inch black and white, reel to reel recording. Since that time I've written, directed, and produced at least a thousand for a long list of projects and clients. During that time I've learned a few things about producing videos that connect with audiences and inspire them to action.

## HERE'S FIVE KEY SECRETS:

- 1 A GREAT SHORT FILM IS ABOUT EMOTION, NOT FACTS.**  
If you want to share facts then print a brochure or give the audience a handout. Video is about emotion. It's about telling a compelling story, and you don't do that with facts or figures. Always think about the emotional angle if you want people to respond.
- 2 BECOME A GREAT INTERVIEWER.**  
Most of your video presentations will involve interviews, so learn how to put people at ease, make them comfortable, and get honest, authentic answers. Make sure your crew isn't distracting. Particularly if the interview is about a sensitive subject, make the location a safe place in order to win the person's trust.

- 3 WATCH OTHER SHORT FILMS AND VIDEOS.**  
There's a few we've done recently at Cooke Pictures for various clients. Watch other good ones on Vimeo and YouTube. Learn what current styles look like. Stay with the times. Stay up on shooting and editing techniques. Nothing is worse than a video or short film that looks like it was shot 10 years ago.
- 4 LEARN TO WRITE.**  
Writing is where it all starts, and yet most filmmakers dismiss it as a skill they'll never need. Even if the video is improvised, you need to make good notes, and get your ideas down on paper. The old theater saying, "If it ain't on the page it ain't on the stage" is true. Even if you never plan to be a professional writer, learn to recognize good writing. It will have a huge impact on your ability to tell a story.
- 5 LEARN TO SELL YOURSELF.**  
There are enormous numbers of talented filmmakers out there who aren't working because they don't know how to sell themselves. You need to inspire confidence in potential clients or investors, so start practicing how to pitch your ideas well. ➤

# 4

## WAYS TO MAKE SHORT VIDEOS DELIVER

Short video presentations have become one of the most important marketing tools in the world, and there's no better place for using video than sharing our faith. Evangelism, missions, discipleship, promotions, fundraising – all can be more effective by using short videos. The problem is – most short videos fail. They don't move the audience, call them to action, or motivate them to accomplish anything.

**IF YOU'RE SUFFERING FROM "INEFFECTIVE VIDEO SYNDROME," THEN HERE'S A FEW TIPS TO GET YOURS BACK IN SHAPE:**

**1 VIDEO IS ABOUT EMOTION, NOT INFORMATION.** Stop cramming your video presentation with numbers, data, and results. If it's information you want to share, then print it out in a brochure, or put it on the website. Video connects with people's emotions, so for the best results, make sure you're telling a compelling, dramatic story.

**2 NEVER USE TWO THINGS: CHEESY STOCK FOOTAGE, AND CHEAP MUSIC LIBRARIES.** Both are deadly. Cheesy stock footage isn't real. It's staged (thumbs up everyone!) and undercuts the reality and importance of your ideas. Bad library music is the same – it stands out, distracts, and turns people away. Take the time to get good shots and find the right music that sets the scene.

**3 LIGHTING MATTERS!** I see reality all day long, so when I watch a video presentation, I want to see your vision. Create an artistic world that's fascinating and intriguing. And when it comes to lighting, always remember, shadows matter, because what you don't show is just as important as what you show.

**4 IT ALL STARTS WITH THE SCRIPT.** Whether it's a dramatic or documentary presentation, the writing is more important than anything. As the old Broadway saying goes: *"If it ain't on the page, it ain't on the stage."* Great acting, lighting, or directing can't overcome a bad script. Start with the right words on the page, and the rest will be much easier.

With current technology, there's nothing keeping you back from making the best short videos possible. But remember – it's not the gun, it's the soldier. The best camera in the world in the hands of an amateur can't overcome incompetence. People love short videos, so make yours deliver, and see the difference it makes in the presentation of your ideas, products, or organization. ▶



## INSPIRATION



*"And He said to them, Go into all the world and preach and publish openly the good news (the gospel) to every creature [of the whole human race]. (Mark 16:15)*

This recorded scripture is what we commonly call the "Great Commission", and it is to be fulfilled more today than when Jesus spoke these words. There is urgency for us as the body of Christ to go and preach the gospel to every creature. You see Jesus didn't only give the Great Commission to Pastors, Evangelist and Missionaries, but it was to his disciples- meaning his followers. That includes you and I today, we are His followers. And that is the opportunity that Commission Trips affords you - to not only read or pray about the fulfilment of the great Commission but to be a part of it.

We have One Goal and that is, Every Soul. On these trips we take teams to the unreached rural parts of South Africa and Africa with a specific goal in mind. We set up camp among the local people, sleep in tents, take bush baths and use long drops for bathrooms. Our day begins with at 6:30 with the cooking of breakfast, and preparing ourselves for the day ahead by having morning devotions. We then leave for the field doing door to door ministry as well as taverns, schools, clinics, hospitals, old age homes. Basically wherever there are people we are, giving them all an opportunity to receive Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour. I just love Mark 16:20 *"And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord working with them and confirming the message by the attesting signs and miracles that closely accompanied [it]."* Signs, wonders and miracles will always follow the preaching of the word - no matter who you are. If you preach the gospel, God will confirm the message. I have personally been on more than 16 Commission Trips but I will never forget my first trip.

We went to a Village called Mdumbi in the Transkei. Before we evangelized, we visit the chief of the area to introduce ourselves. We explained to him who we are and asked permission to minister in his village. When we arrived at his hut, he was as good as dead- by then. He had been bedridden for 4 months. The Holy Spirit just led us to minister healing before anything else. We asked him do you believe that Jesus can heal you? And he said "yes I believe". We laid our hands on him and I put my hands on his back and he repeatedly said the pain is gone, the pain is gone, the pain is gone and he got out of his bed. But what really shook me was he looked at me and said when you put your hand on my back I felt the pain leave - I just went out of the hut and started crying. Till this

day I will never forget the words the Holy Spirit whispered in my ears "I am not a respecter of man but of my Word, preach my Word and I will confirm it". The awesome thing was the news of the chief getting healed spread like wildfire in the village and every house we went to, people were receptive to the Word because of what God had done for their chief.

Leading people to Christ never gets old. Seeing people get healed from various sickness and disease is beyond my understanding. One cannot grasp in the natural the awesomeness of God his majesty and wonder. He uses a willing vessel - anyone who has faith as small as a mustard seed to perform the works of his hands.... Many people that have been on a commission trip for the first time with us -leave with a fresh revelation of who God is in and what He can do through them. They come with an idea of "we going out to reach the people" but meanwhile back at the ranch God does so much in them. Where there is a pouring out, God will always pour back into the vessel.

*"he who waters shall himself be watered" (Proverbs 11:25)*

We also run customized trips for churches, youth, young adult groups or your bible school students - based on your available dates and budget. In 2014 alone we were in 11 communities and saw more than 52 000 souls translated from the Kingdom of darkness to the Kingdom of Light and yet there is so much more to be done as Jesus said *"the harvest is plenty but the workers are very few"* and my prayer is you will purpose to step out and do more for the kingdom and the best way to start is being part of the team fulfilling the Great Commission.

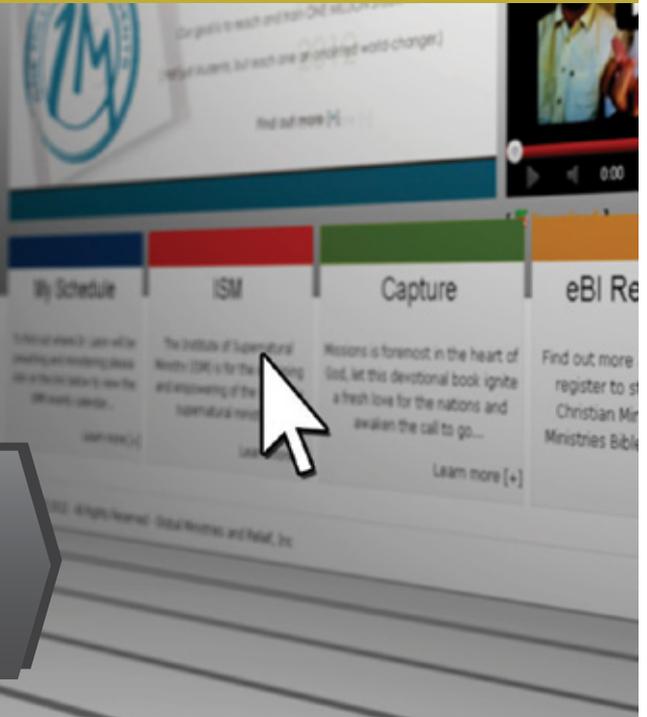
Reinhard Bonkhe says, *"The gospel is eternal but we don't have eternity to preach it, we have as long as we live to preach to those who live as long as we live! And really if we don't do it, who will? If not you, then who? We are the generation to change this generation!"* ✦

*All our trips run for one week long. If you feel a stirring in your heart to come and be part of a Commission trip, you can email us at [etm.com-missiontrips@myriver.com](mailto:etm.com-missiontrips@myriver.com) or give us a call on +27 (0) 43 711 4800*

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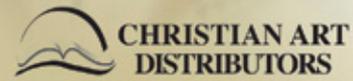
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**M**y Best Friend is the latest offering from the pen of well-known author and evangelist Angus Buchan. In it Buchan shares his perspectives on marriage and how to appreciate and protect this God-given blessing. Angus draws from his own experiences of being a husband for over forty year as well as fulfilling the roles of father, evangelist, mentor and counsellor.

Topics include the lost art of chivalry, how to resolve conflict, dealing with finances, respecting one's spouse, raising children, discipline in the home, setting a good example and spending time together (and apart). In My Best Friend, readers will find godly wisdom and encouragement, inspiring them to cherish their spouse and to cultivate a marriage that lasts a lifetime. ❖

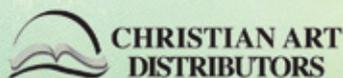
# HOOR *die* HARTKLOP *van* GOD

**W**at 'n wonderlike voorreg is dit nie om elke dag die Woord van God te hoor nie! Hoor Die Hartklop Van God deur die gewilde Andries Enslin is 'n samestelling oordenkings sodat lesers elke dag 'n boodskap van God kan hoor.

Die 366 kragtige dagstukke fokus op belangrike temas soos:

- God is liefde
- Diensbaarheid
- Vreugde
- Versoekings
- Geestelike fiksheid
- Hoe sien ons God?

Elke dag stukkie in dié volkleur-boekie word ondersteun deur 'n gepaste teksvers wat spesiaal uitgesoek is om die boodskap van die dag tuis te bring. Hoor Die Hartklop Van God sal lesers waarlik inspireer en help om 'n lewe te lei wat God sal verheerlik. ❖



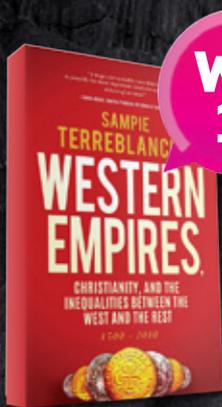
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**Western Empires**  
Sampie Terreblanche

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**Black Widow,  
White Widow**

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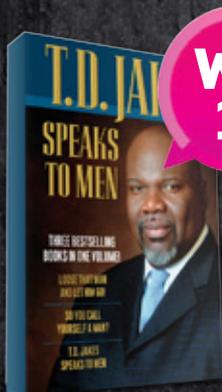
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**TD Jakes  
Speaks To Men**

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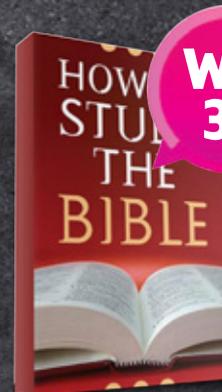
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# Faith Africa TV Guide - February 2015

## Monday

## Tuesday

## Wednesday

## Thursday

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
00h00 - 00h30	The 700 Club	The 700 Club	The 700 Club	The 700 Club
00h30 - 01h00	The 700 Club	The 700 Club	The 700 Club	The 700 Club
01h00 - 01h30	Movie REPEAT	Wisdom For Life - Allan Bagg	Wisdom For Life - Allan Bagg	Wisdom For Life - Allan Bagg
01h30 - 02h00		Believer's Walk Of Faith - B.Winston	Believer's Walk Of Faith - B.Winston	Believer's Walk Of Faith - B.Winston
02h00 - 02h30		Believer's Voice Of Victory	Believer's Voice Of Victory	Believer's Voice Of Victory
02h30 - 03h00		Living Life - Theo Wolmarans	Living Life - Theo Wolmarans	Living Life - Theo Wolmarans
03h00 - 03h30		Leading The Way - M.Youssef	Derek Grier Ministries	In Touch - Charles Stanley
03h30 - 04h00	Christ For All Nations - D.Kolenda	Now Faith - John Torrens	Kairos Moments - N. vd Westhuizen	
04h00 - 04h30	Discover Life - At Boshoff	New Beginnings - Larry & Tiz Huch	Heartbeat TV	
04h30 - 05h00	Power Point - Jack Graham	Christ in Prophecy - D. Reagan	Kerry Shook Ministries	
05h00 - 05h30	Faith Life Church - Keith Moore	Joni Table Talk	New Level - Hank & Brenda	
05h30 - 06h05	John Hagee Today	John Hagee Today	John Hagee Today	
06h00 - 06h05	Family Time - Angus Buchan	Family Time - Angus Buchan	Family Time - Angus Buchan	
06h05 - 06h30	A&J - Andre' & Jenny	The Potter's House - TD Jakes	A&J - Andre' & Jenny	
06h30 - 07h00	Wisdom For Life - Allan Bagg	Wisdom For Life - Allan Bagg	Wisdom For Life - Allan Bagg	
07h00 - 07h30	Believer's Walk Of Faith - B.Winston	Believer's Walk Of Faith - B.Winston	Believer's Walk Of Faith - B.Winston	
07h30 - 08h00	This Is Your Day - Benny Hinn	This Is Your Day - Benny Hinn	This Is Your Day - Benny Hinn	
08h00 - 08h30	Believer's Voice Of Victory	Believer's Voice Of Victory	Believer's Voice Of Victory	
08h30 - 09h00	Creflo Dollar Ministries	Creflo Dollar Ministries	Creflo Dollar Ministries	
09h00 - 09h30	Enjoying Everyday Life - Joyce	Enjoying Everyday Life - Joyce	Enjoying Everyday Life - Joyce	
09h30 - 10h00	Destined To Reign - Joseph Prince	Destined To Reign - Joseph Prince	Destined To Reign - Joseph Prince	
10h00 - 10h30	Living Life - Theo Wolmarans	Living Life - Theo Wolmarans	Living Life - Theo Wolmarans	
10h30 - 11h00	Gospel Truth - Andrew Wommack	Gospel Truth - Andrew Wommack	Gospel Truth - Andrew Wommack	
11h00 - 11h30	Life Today - James & Betty	Life Today - James & Betty	Life Today - James & Betty	
11h30 - 12h00	Derek Grier Ministries	In Touch - Charles Stanley	Pathway To Victory - Robert Jeffress	
12h00 - 12h30	The 700 Club	The 700 Club	The 700 Club	
12h30 - 13h00	The 700 Club	The 700 Club	The 700 Club	
13h00 - 13h30	Grassroots - Angus Buchan	Grassroots - Angus Buchan	Grassroots - Angus Buchan	
13h30 - 14h00	John Hagee Today	John Hagee Today	John Hagee Today	
14h00 - 14h30	New Beginnings - Larry & Tiz Huch	Israel Now News	End Of The Age - Irvin Baxter	
14h30 - 15h00	Christ in Prophecy - David Reagan	Jesus Calls - Paul Dhinakaran	Time Of Grace - Mark Jeske	
15h00 - 15h30	The Adventures Of Donkey Ollie	Dr. Wonder's Workshop	What's In The Bible?	
15h30 - 16h00	Scaley Adventures	My Destiny Place	Save The World - Jarrod Davidoff	
16h00 - 16h30	MXTV - Tim Bisagno	Acquire The Fire - Ron Luce	The Green Room - Jonathan & Suzy	
16h30 - 17h00	Mission Feeding - James & Betty	The Ramp - Karen Wheaton	Love A Child - Bobby & Sherry	
17h00 - 17h30	Ever Increasing Faith - Fred Price	Kerry Shook Ministries	Faith Connect REPEAT	
17h30 - 18h00	Joni Table Talk	The Wave - Steve Kelly		
18h00 - 18h30	It's Supernatural - Sid Roth	It's Supernatural - Sid Roth	It's Supernatural - Sid Roth	
18h30 - 19h00	Overcomer - Joel Osteen	Your Move - Andy Stanley	Changing Your Life - Gregory Dickow	
19h00 - 19h30	Faith Connect LIVE	Leadership Essentials - John Maxwell	Marriage Today - Jimmy Evans	
19h30 - 20h00		Heartbeat TV - Charles & Bonolo	The Messenger - J & L. Bevere	
20h00 - 20h30	Great Awakening - Rodney H. Browne	Watchmen On The Wall - Errol Naidoo	The Mark Gungor Show	
20h30 - 21h00				
21h00 - 21h30	Enjoying Everyday Life - Joyce	Enjoying Everyday Life - Joyce	Enjoying Everyday Life - Joyce	
21h30 - 22h00	Now Faith - John Torrens	Kairos Moments - N. vd Westhuizen	A New Life - Bert Pretorius	
22h00 - 22h30	The Supernatural Now - Maldonado	The Supernatural Now - Maldonado	The Supernatural Now - Maldonado	
22h30 - 23h00	This Is Your Day - Benny Hinn	This Is Your Day - Benny Hinn	This Is Your Day - Benny Hinn	
23h00 - 23h30	Creflo Dollar Ministries	Creflo Dollar Ministries	Creflo Dollar Ministries	
23h30 - 24h00	Winning Ways - M. Ashimolowo	Winning Ways - M. Ashimolowo	Winning Ways - M. Ashimolowo	

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**Friday**

**Saturday**

**Sunday**

**Highlights**

00h00 - 00h30	The 700 Club	Empowered by the Spirit - M. Lamb	Music - Alternative Rock
00h30 - 01h00	The 700 Club	Word Alive - Bob Rodgers	
01h00 - 01h30	Wisdom For Life - Allan Bagg	Wisdom For Life - Allan Bagg	Wisdom Seekers - Wally Scholtz
01h30 - 02h00	Believer's Walk Of Faith - B.Winston	Believer's Walk Of Faith - B.Winston	Life By Design - Andre' Olivier
02h00 - 02h30	Believer's Voice Of Victory	Believer's Voice Of Victory	Real Woman, Real Life - Tracey
02h30 - 03h00	Living Life - Theo Wolmarans	Living Life - Theo Wolmarans	Turning Point International
03h00 - 03h30	Abba's House - Ron Phillips	Dreams & Mysteries - J Jackson	Excellent Leadership - Sam Adeyemi
03h30 - 04h00	A New Life - Bert Pretorius	Planetshakers TV	Hour Of Salvation - David Ibiyeomie
04h00 - 04h30	The Higher Level - Chris Hill		
04h30 - 05h00	Manna-Fest - Perry Stone		
05h00 - 05h30	Jack Van Impe Presents	Friday Night Live REPEAT	Movie REPEAT
05h30 - 06h05	John Hagee Today		
06h00 - 06h05	Family Time - Angus Buchan		
06h05 - 06h30	A&J - Andre' & Jenny	Faith Connect REPEAT	Charles Stanley - Hour Of Power
06h30 - 07h00	Wisdom For Life - Allan Bagg		
07h00 - 07h30	Believer's Walk Of Faith - B.Winston	Grassroots - Angus Buchan	Great Awakening - Rodney H Browne
07h30 - 08h00	This Is Your Day - Benny Hinn	Wisdom Seekers - Wally Scholtz	Jerry Savelle Ministries
08h00 - 08h30	Believer's Voice Of Victory	The Living Stone - Edgar Holder	Order My Steps - John Francis
08h30 - 09h00	Creflo Dollar Ministries	It's Up To You - Allen Joseph	
09h00 - 09h30	Enjoying Everyday Life - Joyce	Life By Design - Andre' Olivier	Faith Worship @ The River
09h30 - 10h00	Destined To Reign - Joseph Prince	Hillsong - Brian Houston	
10h00 - 10h30	Living Life - Theo Wolmarans	Point Destiny - Ron Kussmaul	
10h30 - 11h00	Gospel Truth - Andrew Wommack	Turning Point - David Jeremiah	
11h00 - 11h30	Life Today - James & Betty	Winning Walk - Ed Young Sr.	The Supernatural Now - Maldonado
11h30 - 12h00	Dreams & Mysteries - John Jackson	Fixing The Money Thing - Gary K	Christ For All Nations - D. Kolenda
12h00 - 12h30	The 700 Club	New Level - Hank & Brenda	It's Supernatural - Sid Roth
12h30 - 13h00	The 700 Club	Real Woman, Real Life - Tracey	Creflo Dollar Ministries
13h00 - 13h30	Grassroots - Angus Buchan	The Messenger - J & L Bevere	John Hagee Today
13h30 - 14h00	John Hagee Today	Kingdom Connection - Jentezen	Leading The Way - Michael Youssef
14h00 - 14h30	Zola Levitt Presents - Myles Weiss	Henry Fernandez Ministries	Something Fresh - J. Garlington
14h30 - 15h00	Word Alive - Bob Rodgers	Answers with Bayless Conley	
15h00 - 15h30	Adventures In Odyssey	Randy Morrison - Speak the Word	The Potter's House - TD Jakes
15h30 - 16h00	iShine KNECT	Turning Point International	The Higher Level - Chris Hill
16h00 - 16h30	Urban Revival - Judah & Lee v Staden	Urban Revival - Judah & Lee v Staden	Overcomer - Joel Osteen
16h30 - 17h00	Stella's Voice	The Blessed Life - Robert Morris	Enjoying Everyday Life - Joyce
17h00 - 17h30		Living Effectively - Myles Munroe	In Touch - Charles Stanley
17h30 - 18h00	Empowered by the Spirit - M. Lamb	ICAN Foundation - David Molapo	Believer's Walk Of Faith - B.Winston
18h00 - 18h30	It's Supernatural - Sid Roth	Save The World - Jarrod Davidoff	Believer's Voice Of Victory
18h30 - 19h00	Planetshakers TV	Always Good News - F. Graham	Discover Life - At Boshoff
19h00 - 19h30		Faith For Every Nation - Mark Hankins	Watchmen On The Wall - E. Naidoo
19h30 - 20h00	Friday Night Live	Kenneth Hagin Jr. - Rhema Church	
20h00 - 20h30			
20h30 - 21h00		Movie	The River @ Tampa Bay
21h00 - 21h30	Enjoying Everyday Life - Joyce		
21h30 - 22h00	Father's House - Pierre D Plessis		
22h00 - 22h30	The Supernatural Now - Maldonado	Father's House - Pierre D Plessis	Abba's House - Ron Phillips
22h30 - 23h00	This Is Your Day - Benny Hinn	Alleluia Ministries - Alph Lukau	Alleluia Ministries - Alph Lukau
23h00 - 23h30	Creflo Dollar Ministries	Healing Your Soul - Katie Souza	Power Point - Jack Graham
23h30 - 24h00	Winning Ways - M. Ashimolowo	Treasures	Gospel Music Showcase

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**FEBRUARY 2015  
New Programmes**



**SATURDAY**  
Henry Fernandez  
@14:00



**SATURDAY**  
Bayless Conley  
@14:30



**SATURDAY**  
Randy Morrison  
@15:00



**SATURDAY**  
Mark Hankins  
@19:00



**SATURDAY**  
Kenneth Hagin Jr  
@19:30



**SATURDAY**  
Katie Souza  
@23:00



**SUNDAY**  
Sid Roth  
@12:00



**SUNDAY**  
Ron Phillips  
@22:00

# Being In Rest

BY THALIA B TSOAELI

## *Rest*

1. Hebrews 4:3
2. Hebrews 4:10
3. Psalm 127:2
4. 1 John 2:24
5. Psalm 116:7
6. Proverbs 19:23
7. Matthew 11:28
8. Jeremiah 31:25
9. Isaiah 14:3
10. Mark 2:27
11. Psalm 23:2

## *Settle*

12. Matthew 11:28
13. Deuteronomy 25:19
14. Joshua 1:13

## *Secured*

15. Psalm 91:1
16. John 10:28
17. Psalm 62:1-2
18. Proverbs 18:10
19. Psalm 91:1

## *Peace*

20. Josh 21:44
21. Ezekiel 34:25
22. Psalm 4:8
23. Proverbs 3:24
24. John 14:27
25. John 16:33
26. Isaiah 26:3
27. Psalm 46:10

## *Ease*

28. Exodus 33:14

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