



COVENANT LIFE

MINISTERIAL ORGANIZATION

"NEGLECT NOT"

Pastor Gordon Peterson

I TIMOTHY 4:14 (AMP)

"Do not neglect the gift which is in you, [that special inward endowment] which was directly imparted to you [by the Holy Spirit] by prophetic utterance when the elders laid their hands upon you [at your ordination]."

It's important to see here that God moves in a corporate setting ... His local church. Timothy's impartation happened when the elders laid their hands on Timothy as he was ordained ... and it happened in the Church.

The Greek word for neglect not means "be not negligent". It also can mean "to take for granted, make light of it or to be careless".

II TIMOTHY 1:6,7 (AMP)

6) *"That is why I would remind you to stir up (rekindle the embers of, fan the flame of, and keep burning) the [gracious] gift of God, [the inner fire] (in church) that is in you by means of the laying on of my hands [with those of the elders at your ordination]."*

7) *For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of craven (contemptibly/timid) and cringing and fawning (bowing) fear), but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of calm (peace) and well-balanced mind (sound mind in KJV) and discipline and self-control."*

Paul first reminded Timothy to not neglect the gift and then he said "stir up"

the gift of God within you. Keep rekindling and fanning the flames of that gift ... don't take it for granted or neglect it.

Paul reminded him that God has not given us ... Paul, Timothy and every believer a Spirit of timidity. We are not fearful ... we are not timid but

He has given us the Holy Spirit referred to as "the gift of God" in verse 6., and there are 4 aspects of that gift listed in Verse 7.

1) Spirit of Boldness:

this Spirit is not an obnoxious spirit, but helps us become sensitive to the Holy Spirit so that we are able to move in the anointing of the Holy Spirit without fear of man.

2) Spirit of Power:

The strong anointing of the Holy Spirit which brought the supernatural is a manifestation of God's authority in Timothy's life and ministry. Let's remember, "Purity of heart brings Power with God!" As we keep our hearts pure ... we will have greater power with God.

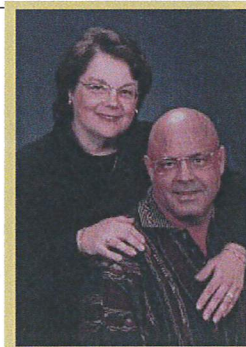
3) Spirit of Love:

The Father has shown us great compassion and forgiveness, and we need to demonstrate the same to others. These are foundations of every church and family.

4) Spirit of a Sound Mind:

It's often been said that the real battle is in the mind. We can have peace and a "well-balanced mind" when we look to God.

If we do not "neglect" the gift, given to us by God, then we will have boldness, power, love and the Spirit of a sound mind.



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Report on White Earth and Nett Lake Reservations In Minnesota

I was the founder and Pastor of Witnesses for Christ Church in South Minneapolis for 15 years. We started street witnessing and there is where I met many Native American preachers and friends. I love Native Americans and asked the Lord to show us how we could convince them to receive Jesus as their Savior, because they believe that He's a white man's God. The Lord said signs, wonders and miracles will reveal who I am. It was true.

Kevin and his wife, Carol, were members of Witnesses for Christ. Kevin's father was Pastor in Naytahwansh White Earth and passed away from cancer. After his father died, Kevin asked if I'd help to start the church up again and I agreed to come one Sunday a month. I took a team: Sadie Stavig, Ruth Gerold, Kathy Stewart, Karen Austin and others. We were there to plow ground, to redeem the land and to help establish the church until a pastor was revealed. It took three years before Shad and Stephanie moved from Blaine, Minnesota to White Earth. They have missionary hearts of love and they are prayer warriors. We were at White Earth recently, and it's exciting to see the growth. We continue to support them in prayer and finances as the Lord leads.

Our team shares testimonies, prayer, supplies and love for the people of White Earth. Lives are changing, hope is alive and vision given. Matthew 10:7 *"And as you go preach ... 8) heal the sick ... cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give."* Amen! We're all needed somewhere to touch lives for Jesus! Please pray for these people as death from drug overdose is a serious problem. Thank you so much!

Last month we went to Nett Lake Reservation to have a meeting with a native friend Rita and her husband Jose, who is a Cuban man. Years ago I held monthly meetings, we had camp meetings and brought toys for kids at Christmas. Evangelist Jim Sky and I ministered there as well. We redeemed the land, as we did in White Earth, and our team was powerfully used to encourage and bless them. Karen Austin shares and sings her powerful testimony and each member of the team shared and prayed. There's a stirring in Nett Lake for more.

I received a call from Rita, a native Pastor in Minneapolis who wants to have a camp meeting with food give-a-way. It's exciting! God answers prayer. Rita and Jose want me to meet him also, and to be a part of the camp meeting. God is moving in Nett Lake and White Earth. Did I tell you that the native people love camp meetings and will travel great distances to attend?

Johnny Curtis, an Apache from Phoenix, Arizona, was a speaker, talented musician and song writer that I often invited to my camp meetings at Witnesses for Christ. He traveling many years on my team to the Philippines, China, Thailand, etc. It was a fulfillment of his mother's desired to minister in the Philippines and she thanked me.

I believe doors are opening for all of us to go where the Lord leads us and to impact our world for the Kingdom of God. Souls, souls, souls are in need of Jesus.

What is your vision? Who are you to reach in Jesus' name? Johnny Curtis went to Heaven about a year ago, let's pick up the torch and be fire starters wherever we go!

Pastor Jan DeLeo has been a CLMO member for many years. She is a passionate preacher, world-wide evangelist and prophetic woman of God.



Pastor Jan DeLeo

CLMO Breakfast featuring Pastor Roberts Liardon July 10th

Join us for a great time of food, fellowship and a transformative Word from the Lord through His servant, Pastor Roberts Liardon. We will have a “healthy” breakfast followed by a session with Pastor Roberts. Come a little early and enjoy a cup of coffee or juice.

Covid-19 has affected every area of our lives ... and that includes CLMO! We are happy we are able to gather again with our brothers and sisters in the Lord. ... and receive wisdom from a gifted servant of the Lord.

Here is a little information about Dr. Roberts from his website: Dr. Roberts is an author, public speaker, spiritual leader, church historian and humanitarian. He was called into the ministry at the age of thirteen and was lecturing on God’s Generals in Christian colleges and universities at age fifteen.

From age sixteen, Dr. Roberts has utilized every platform to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and encourage those in ministry.

He has produced radio, television and internet programs, and has authored over 80 books, which have been translated into over 60 languages, and to date he has sold over 16.5 million copies.

Dr. Roberts has established many churches and accredited Bible Schools throughout the world. He is in great demand as a speaker and mentor to pastors and to leaders worldwide and he has ministered in over 127 nations. Pastor Roberts loves to pray, teach the Word of God, and prophesy to bless God’s people.

We are grateful to have this Man of God minister to us on Saturday, July 10th. If there is interest, we will live-stream Dr. Robert’s portion of the meeting. Please let Pastor Nancy know if you are interested in live-stream by texting her at 612-281-3644 or emailing her at g2npeterson@yahoo.com.



Pastor Roberts Liardon

Tickets are \$ 10. Please call SLC at 763-560-7221 and reserve a place. We need to know how many people will be present so that we can prepare.

Attention all Chaplains!



The last Chaplains Meeting held on Friday, April 30, was very beneficial to all who attended. Our topic of discussion was “*Ministering To People Who Are Or Feel Isolated*”. There was a handout and good discussion about this important topic. If you would like a copy of our teaching materials, please text (612-281-3644) or email me at g2npeterson@yahoo.com and I will send you a copy of the notes.

Our next Chaplain’s Meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 10th. Enjoy the summer ... reach out to those in need ... and God bless!

In the future, we are going to look into various media alternatives to either “Zoom” or “Live Stream” the meeting so our out-of-state Chaplains may benefit too.

“A chaplains biggest gift is to be present, listen and pray!

“The Finish Line” by Christine Darg

Deception and moral confusion are the primary signs of our times. Recently we were at a camp meeting in Florida and a preacher asked, what is the “D” word that best describes the signs of the times? My answer would be “**deception**” first of all, but the preacher was also right in saying “**doctrine**”.

In many passages, Scripture warns us against deception and false doctrines. Concerning the prophesied Great Apostasy that many Bible teachers believe we’re experiencing now, Paul wrote in **1 Timothy 4**, “*Now the Spirit says expressly [meaning in a very emphatic and lucid manner] ... explicitly says that in the latter times SOME will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons.*” So, what to do in the remaining period that the Church has as the Times of the Gentiles comes to a close? The Lord’s mandate hasn’t changed! This weekend I’ve been asked to give a keynote address for a commencement service for graduates at a Bible school. The “Great Commission” was the Lord’s commencement address to his “graduate” disciples, after three years of “boot camp.” The Great Commission is still the Lord’s call to action. It includes only 61 words at the end of **Matthew 28**: “*All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*”

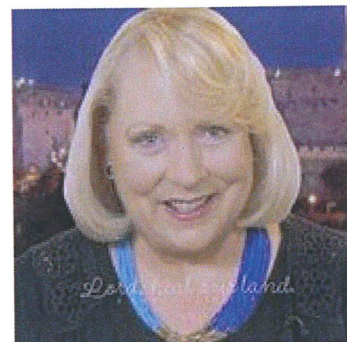
Jesus charged His graduates to share the truth, to make other disciples. The Lord’s call to action is what any commencement speech should inspire: “GO - Take your knowledge and share it with others.” We have the Gospel baton now! We must bring it across the finish line!

Recently I read a biography of one of my favorite believers, William Carey, the father of modern missions. I’ve also been called by the Lord of the Harvest to preach from time to time in India, and so Carey’s biography is instructive.

In his early life William Carey was just a humble shoe cobbler but he was endowed with extraordinary talents for the acquisition of languages. He became not only a famous missionary but also a great linguist. Although he was a genius, he simply considered himself to be a plodder, a diligent worker. That speaks volumes because I know some extremely smart people who are spinning their wheels and aren’t accomplishing what they could accomplish in God, but Carey was a plodder. Let’s all purpose to be plodders and accomplish exploits for God! A fruitful preacher that I know simply describes himself as “just a sinner saved by grace, trying my best to get something done for the Lord before the Rapture.”

In these perilous times, we must keep faith with the Lord of the Harvest! As Hebrew for Christians wrote, “How we see is a spiritual decision”. From the Torah portion this week (Shelach Lekha): ‘**See the land ... whether it be good or bad ... and strengthen yourselves.**’ (**Num. 13: 18-20**). Note that right seeing – even negative aspects such as the presence of giants – can only be achieved by courage derived from faith. When you see things that appear bad, you are to ‘strengthen yourselves,’ (i.e., (וַיִּחְזַקְתֶּם)) used here means to intently decide to see the good despite the veil of appearances. When we encounter bad things, we must refuse to be overwhelmed by carnal reasoning and fear. Look beyond the moment to see a promised good (2 Cor. 4:18). Whether things appear to be good or bad, trust God is with you, in your midst; “he will never leave nor forsake you” Amen and Amen!

A special thank you to CLMO member, Rev. Christine Darg for this article. She and her husband, Peter, are co-founders of the Jerusalem Channel. They began their work in the Middle East in 1978 as staff members of Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN). They also worked throughout Africa for Evangelist Reinhart Bonnke for five years. You can see more of her blogs by googling JerusalemChannel.tv.



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