

# MORE TO LIFE THROUGH GOD

## You Can Make It in 2013

By Simeon Young, Sr.

If you enjoy feeling sorry for yourself, living with guilt, and resisting change maybe you should not read this article. But if you're ready to forget the past and reach for the future this message is for you.

I share with you five truths that, if applied, will help you make it in 2013.

**Forget the past and reach for the future.** If you ever get to where you want to be in God you must forget the past. You must replace the nightmares of what you have been with visions of what you want to become in God.

While Paul was in Corinth the Lord said, "I have much people in this city" (Acts 18:10). God saw "fornicators, idolaters, adulterers, effeminate, abusers of themselves with mankind, thieves, covetous, drunkards, revilers, and extortioners" as His people. He saw them, not as they were, but as they would become: "washed, sanctified, and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus."

One reason some never make it is that they see themselves locked in a state of spiritual mediocrity. They are convinced that they will either barely survive at best or completely fail at worst.

Repeat Paul's words to yourself: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13). If it seems that you can't make it, turn to Ephesians 3:20-21 and read Paul's famous words aloud: "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us."

**Connect with spiritual Christians.** Yes, according to Paul, there are carnal Christians. The psalmist wrote, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the

counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful" (Psalm 1:1). The reason Peter didn't have the courage to stand up to a teenage girl was because he was standing by the enemy's fire.

I'm not suggesting that you hunker down in fanatical religious isolationism. But if you're running with the enemies of the Cross they are calling the shots. It's their agenda, not yours.

Build a spiritual support system—a network of people who share your spiritual goals. Find a prayer partner. Associate with people who love God and God's people. Be a lover of good people. Develop relationships with godly people.

Circulate among people who will help you make it.

**Keep your eyes on your goal.** If you do not know what you want to become in Christ you will never know whether you failed or succeeded. Set specific spiritual goals you want to reach in 2013. Become a pillar in the church, develop a robust prayer life, conquer a besetting sin, determine to become faithful, and so forth.

**Watch your attitude.** David prayed, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise" (Psalm 51:10,17). Twice the Bible says Daniel had an excellent spirit. (See Daniel 5:12; 6:3.)

You must have the right attitude to make it—without the right attitude, life is bound to get the best of you.

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January 2013



**PENTECOSTALS  
OF BILLINGS**

**SERVICE TIMES**

SUNDAY

10 AM

5:30 PM

WEDNESDAY- 7 PM

SATURDAY

PRAYER- 7 PM

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***Stick with it*** You will never make it spiritually unless you decide to serve God. A made-up mind will take you wherever you desire to go in God.

During World War II when the allies were in full retreat and the Germans were in control of much of Europe, Winston Churchill made what some believe was the greatest speech of his career. He said: "If the Hun should come we'll meet him on the beaches, and if he should drive us from the beaches we'll retreat to the fields, and from the fields we'll fight him with whatever we have, and if he drives us from the fields we'll retreat to the streets, and if he drives us from the streets we'll fight him from our homes. We'll use guns and pitchforks and whatever we have, and when the smoke of battle is cleared there will always be an England."

Churchill is often quoted as saying in a speech on October 29, 1941, at Harrow School, "Never, never, never, never give up."

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1). "If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31). You can make it!

We begin the new year with a renewed effort at becoming great for God. The next few Sunday mornings we're going to be looking at three foundational passages from the Bible, all of which Jesus called "great."

We're going to look at the great commandments, the great compassion, and the great commission. This series is built on a challenge. It's the "Dare to Be Great Challenge."

***Commitment to the great commandments and the great commission done with great compassion will grow a great church and a great Christian!***

### ***21 Days of Sacrifice***

*Some people have started today and will end the last Saturday of this month; others begin tomorrow and their last day of fasting and sacrifice will end on the last Sunday. Regardless of when you start and what you sacrifice, we are all making room for God in our lives this month! You will be encouraged by reading the book "**Fasting Can Change Your Life**", by Elmer Towns. It can be found online at [www.pobmt.org/links](http://www.pobmt.org/links). There are also multiple annual bible reading plans at this same place on the website.*



Did you know you can listen to the services online now?  
Check it out here:  
<http://www.pobmt.org/Sermons.aspx>

## **Marriage, Family, and Relationship Seminar with Brother James Hughes**

WHEN: February 8-10, 2013

WHERE: Pentecostals of Billings

Why should you attend? Well, marriages either get better or they get worse. There is never a stand still. Gain ways to make it a better marriage. This seminar will also equip you to minister to those that are around you that may be suffering in their relationship and they turn to you for advice. Most people turn to their friends, long before going to a counselor. Brother Hughes will give you insights based on sound biblical principles.

Biblically based marriages is a big key in a successful long marriage. Putting God and His Word in the middle of your marriage will help your marriage to grow significantly. This is for all aged married couples, engaged couples, and everyone and anyone that would like to improve their relationship skills.

Mark your calendar now!



## **CHURCH PRAYER REQUESTS**

Minnie Hampton  
Tyler Sapp  
Louie & Dale Dauenhauer  
Michael Kruger  
The Ehler family  
Marty McFate  
Carol Penrod  
Galen Walter  
Susan Sifuentes  
The Woeppel family  
The Plainfeather/Black Eagle family  
The Lost Souls in Billings

If you have a prayer request that you want posted for others to pray for please submit them to my email: [coonfare03@yahoo.com](mailto:coonfare03@yahoo.com)





# January 2013

S M T W T F S

		1	2	3	4 Mens Bible Study 6:30 am	5 Choir Party 4 pm  Prayer 7 pm
6	7	8	9	10	11 Mens Bible Study 6:30 am  Youth Party 7 pm	12   Prayer 7 pm
13	14	15	16	17	18 Mens Bible Study 6:30 am	19   Prayer 7 pm
20	21	22	23	24	25 Mens Bible Study 6:30 am  Youth 7 pm	26   Prayer 7 pm
27 AM SERVICE 10 am  <i>Featuring the music &amp; ministry of Rev. David Kraft</i>	28	29  Annual Business Meeting 7 pm	30	31		

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Crock Pot Santa Fe Chicken

#### Ingredients:

24 oz (1 1/2) lbs chicken breast  
14.4 oz can diced tomatoes with mild green chilies  
15 oz can black beans  
8 oz frozen corn  
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro  
14.4 oz can fat free chicken broth  
3 scallions, chopped  
1 tsp garlic powder  
1 tsp onion powder  
1 tsp cumin  
1 tsp cayenne pepper (to taste)  
salt to taste



#### Directions:

Combine chicken broth, beans, corn, tomatoes, cilantro, scallions, garlic powder, onion powder, cumin, cayenne pepper and salt in the crock pot. Season chicken breast with salt and lay on top.

Cook on low for 10 hours or on high for 6 hours. Half hour before serving, remove chicken and shred. Return chicken to slow cooker and stir in. Adjust salt and seasoning to taste. Serve over rice or tortillas and your favorite toppings.

#### UpComing Events:



**January 29- Annual Business Meeting 7 PM**

**February 8-10 - Dr. James Hughes- Marriage Seminar**



For sin shall not be  
your master, because  
you are not under law,  
but under grace.  
- Romans 6:14

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“Let go of the past and cling on for what God has for your future.”

Bible Scramble: Unscramble the letters in each word to discover the passage.

VOLE TON EHT WROLD, TRNIHEE EHT TSNIHG TTHA  
REA NI EHT WROLD. FI YNA NMA VOLE EHT WR-  
OLD, EHT VOLE FO EHT TRHFEA SI TON NI MIH.  
ROF LLA TTHA SI NI EHT WROLD, EHT UTSL FO EHT  
SLHFE, NDA EHT UTSL FO EHT YSEE, NDA EHT  
RPIED FO EFIL, SI TON FO EHT TRHFEA UTB SI FO  
EHT WROLD. NDA EHT WROLD TSSPHEA YWAA,  
NDA EHT UTSL TROHFEE: UTB EH TTHA TOHED EHT  
WLLI FO OGD TIHEDBA ROF VREE.

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. I John 2:15-17

## SPIRITUAL WARFARE PRAYER

In the next coming months I am going to be adding a prayer tool for those expanded prayer times in your life that can change your life, the church and all you do.

These tools will help you to push back darkness and go push forward in your walk with God.

**Mark 1:35** “And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.”



### WORDS OF INSIGHT

*Ephesians 5:2*

“And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour”

### Warfare Prayer by Binding and Loosing

**Binding:** Forbidding, to prohibit

**Loosing:** Permitting, to permit

#### BIND: SPIRIT OF JEALOUSY

**Murder:** Genesis 4:8

**Revenge-spte:** Proverbs 6:34; 14:16,17

**Cuelty:** Song of Solomon 8:6/Proverbs 27:4

**Causes Divisions:** Galations 5:19

**Strife:** Proverbs 10:12

**Contentions:** Proverbs 13:10

**Extreme Competitiveness:** Gensis 4:4,5

**Hate:** Genesis 37:3,4,8/ 1 Thessalonians 4:8

**Anger-rage:** Genesis 4:5,6/Proverbs 6:34; 14:29; 22:24,25; 29:22,23

**Jealousy:** Numbers 5:14,30

# Let no one despise you... You can have a huge impact when you're young.

By Alex Greaves



I really like it when people memorize parts of the Bible. It's great to know some "key phrases" that help us understand tricky things, remember important truths or answer questions about God.

However, when I memorize a verse, I often forget where it comes from – or more importantly, what the verse actually means in its context. I think this happens to some verses more than others. One of those verses is "Let no one despise you because of your youth." (1 Tim 4:12a ESV)

What does this verse mean?

To us young people, this sounds great! It seems like a free ticket to respect in our Christian circles. However, some take it as an excuse to act disrespectfully and irreverently to those who are older (and often more mature) than them.

Such an attitude is not on, as you can see just a few verses later: "Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father. Treat younger men as like brothers, older women like mothers, younger women like sisters, in all purity" (1 Tim 5:1-2, see also verse 17). Just like we're told to honor our fathers and mothers, we should do the same to those older than us at church or youth group.

So what does the verse in question mean, then? Well first of all, we need to remember that 1 Timothy is a letter from Paul, an Apostle, to his young colleague Timothy. Timothy was the appointed leader of the church at Ephesus, so he could rightly insist that people did not ignore his authority simply because he was young. However, this is an authority most of us do not share! So we should continue to respect and not be hostile towards our elders.

Set an example in how you act

That said, this passage does have a biblical principle that applies to us. It comes in the fullness of verse 12: "Let no one despise you because of your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity." (1 Tim 4:12 ESV)

We should still set an example to each other in how we use our tongues, in our actions, in our care, in our trust in Jesus and with our bodies (see the letter of James for a great guide on this). If we do this, then we won't be letting people despise us for our youth – because there'll be nothing for them to despise us for!

Let me finish with another challenge and key part of 1 Timothy: "Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called." (1 Tim 6:11b-12a ESV)



**Check out [SOLD OUT Youth Group Pentecostals of Billings on Facebook!](#)**

## **YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY (POST-CHRISTMAS)**

January 11th 2013

Meeting at the church @ 7pm-11pm

Going to Buffalo Wild Wings- Youth Dept. paying for wings, please have youth bring \$5 for drink or whatever else they want.

White elephant gift exchange, games and dessert back at church after dinner.



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2-Tanya Little Owl  
 4-Noah Ruff  
 5-Dashia Gursky  
 9-David Rennich/ Lawrence Wittman  
 26-Ellias Laverdure  
 31-Allissa Wittman/ Micah Trevino

**If you would like a Bible study simply give us a call. In your bible we will show you where the Lord commands us, that we are to be born again.**



## Ponder This...

“Faith never knows where it is being led, or it would not be faith. True faith is content to travel under sealed orders.”

—J. Oswald Sanders

“Transitory gods are not able to save or bring happiness to the human heart. Only God is able. It is faith we must rediscover.”

—Martin Luther King Jr.

“We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year’s Day.”

—Edith Lovejoy Pierce

## Living As We Pray, By Fran Lane



I knelt to pray when day was done,  
 And prayed “O’ Lord bless everyone,  
 Lift from every saddened heart the pain,

And let the sick be well again.”

And then I woke another day,  
 And carelessly went upon my way.

The whole long day I did not try

To wipe a tear from any eye.

I did not try to share the load

Of any brother on the road.

I did not even go to see

The sick man just next door to me.

Yet once again when day was done,

I prayed O’ Lord bless everyone.”

But as I prayed, unto my ear

There came a voice that whispered clear.

“Pause, hypocrite, before you pray,

Whom have you tried to bless today?

God’s sweetest blessings always go,

By hands which serve Him below.”

And then, I hid my face and cried,

“Forgive me, God, for I have lied.

Let me but live another day,

And I will live the way I pray!”