



June 2017

Dear Partners and Friends,

In the month of June we will be ministering in Indiana, Missouri, Ohio, and Colorado in churches, colleges, and seminars.

\$10,000.00 Summer Challenge!

We are excited to let everyone know that our Pastor Lawson Perdue has again offered a matching summer challenge that will **begin in July** and run through the month of August. He will match all building fund gifts given each month up to \$5,000.00! This is a total of \$10,000 for this matching summer challenge! With the funds that have already been given we are presently around \$95,000. With your gifts and Pastor Lawson's matching challenge, we could reduce this by \$20,000 this summer! We are believing to have this building paid off this year. Thank you for joining us in this summer challenge!. For those of you who have never seen this beautiful building there are pictures on our web site at <http://clpmi.org/about-clpmi/ministry-building.html> for you to view. You may donate on our web site at <http://clpmi.org/donations/>, by mail, or you may call our office at 719-243-4100.

Overseas Ministry:

England, Ireland and Germany

In the month of July, I have been asked to again come back to Germany where last year I taught in a conference that was held at locations around Germany in different churches and in the main location at Charis Bible College Germany with teaching, training, and personal ministry. This year it will also include churches and colleges in England and Ireland as well as Germany. When we minister overseas for about a month our expenses are normally around \$5,000. For those of you who would like to be a part of sowing into the lives of others in these countries you can designate your giving

towards overseas ministry. Lisa and I are grateful for your support.

Live Streaming

Look for our next live streaming training session from our building here in Colorado Springs in June. Information will be available on our web site and for those desiring to attend the training session in person you can contact our office to sign up .

Devotional: The Parable of the Lost Son

Luke 15:17-24

"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants."'

"And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

"But the father said to his servants, 'Bring* out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry.

Coming to the end of self is important but it does not bring a complete change of heart. It is only the beginning of change. Without a revelation of the father's love a person could come to the end of self, as the prodigal son did, but submit to legalism becoming a slave in relationship to God instead of a son. A Christian doing this would enter a life of bondage, living life with a dependency in self where relationship with God is based on their performance of good and bad not a relationship of freedom found in living life with a dependency in the life of Christ which dwells within us as a believer.

Full repentance was not when the son came to his sens-

es and decided to go back to the father, asking to become a slave! The fullness of change of heart came when the son, not a slave, for the first time came to know the love and acceptance of his father. Love was the beginning of his heart being conformed to a right image.

A humility of heart, a humbleness of heart, a coming to the end of self is the beginning of change but until we experience change that comes through revelation by the Holy Spirit in the love of the father we are not being conformed to the right image. Being conformed to the image of Christ is receiving the same revelation and image that Jesus had. Jesus knew the Father as they were one. Jesus said, "if you have seen Me you have seen the father."

The son was on the way back into religious bondage because his self-worth was in his own behavior and performance. He believed he deserved to be a slave which was true according to his performance but he was always a son even though his identity was in himself.

If the father would have received him back as a slave and not a son, for a season of time he would have been grateful to at least have food to eat and a place to sleep but after enough time had passed he would eventually forget the fullness of the bad of his past. He would begin to remember he used to be a son with all the privileges of that position and suddenly realize how much he has lost. The older brother would have tormented his younger brother, constantly reminding him of his failure.

I remember introducing a legalistic pastor to another pastor who had a revelation of grace, in the hope that the relationship of grace would help the legalist pastor. But the legalist pastor remembered the past failure of the other pastor and immediately from a position of superiority reminded him of his past failure.

The truth was the older brother was jealous! He stayed home relating to the father through performance based on good and bad but within his heart there was jealousy which lead to anger because his younger brother was enjoying his inheritance before he was. When he told his father in anger that his younger brother had wasted his father's money on immoral women this belief was based in speculation not fact. He had no knowledge of how his brother had lived his life. The truth was the older brother brooded for years in the imagination of his own heart.

In growing up with their father neither son had fully understood the love of their father as they had lived life from the judgments of their own heart. When we live life with a dependency in self, from the judgments of our own heart, we believe that the way we see things in life circumstances are right. The truth is, living in self blinds our heart as we are filtering everything in life through our heart determining what truth is to us.

A minister friend shared with me about a working relationship issue where he had done many good things for a couple, helping them in large ways in life, that made me think my, you were good to them in an over the top way that not many people do. But when the young couple ended the relationship my friend told me that they had shared every negative relational issue going back years, some of them very petty. There are some people that no matter how much good you do in helping them they are never truly grateful when they live life from self where they feel they were entitled.

In life, when it is easier to remember the bad instead of the good, we have a heart belief problem. True life in Christ is always revealed through gratitude where our friends do not have to be perfect to be our friends.

Testimonies:

A minister I prayed for with a serious heart condition, where doctors wanted to operate, after prayer and further examination the doctor came in and said no operation was necessary.

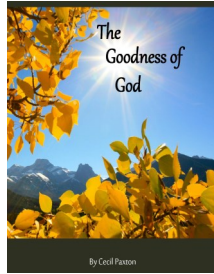
A man, after prayer, was healed of bladder cancer.

Lisa and I are very grateful to you our friends and partners of this ministry as together we are seeing lives transformed!

Love and Blessings,

Cecil + Lisa

Latest Teaching! *The Goodness of God*

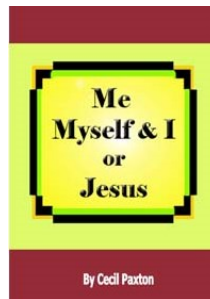


Some people want good but have trouble believing in good because of all the bad they have experienced in life. This teaching will help you go from wanting good to owning good, and into the place where good belongs to you because of Jesus..

Happy Father's Day!

New Partner Offer!

Me, Myself & I or Jesus



God wants us to walk in peace, free of life's problems, and to experience true joy and fulfillment. This is only truly experienced in a Christian walk where life becomes about Jesus. When we have our eyes on ourselves we take our eyes off Jesus where our freedom and heart's desires are found.

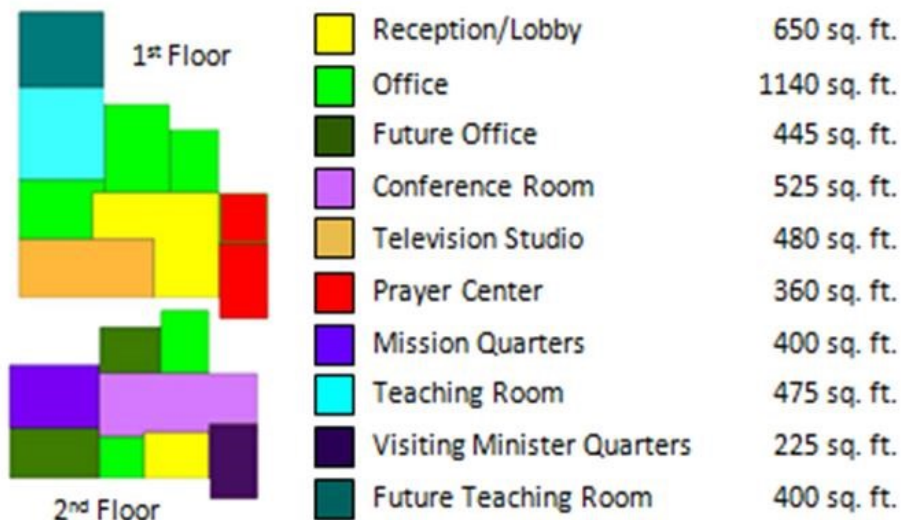


Then He said: A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to [his] father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls [to me].' So he divided to them [his] livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. .

Luke 15: 11-13 NKJV



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