

Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom and Deliverance



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

I joyfully write this February email in the warmth of the *Life of Freedom Ministries* office. God has richly blessed me to have this building for ministry. The ministry is much more than the building, but God's provision of this place, has made the ministry work easier. Again, I thank those of you who supported the building fund four years ago. I do not take that for granted!

Praises:

I'm very grateful to God for blessing *Life of Freedom Ministries* with a solid start for donations in 2014. It humbles me and blesses me very much!

Praise God for His work in bringing freedom. For instance, one client even phoned to share how well things were going between sessions!

The snow did hinder some appointments, but they were rescheduled and God ministered in powerful ways. I'm thankful to my neighbor, my dad, who graciously plows the office drive with his John Deere 4020.

Opportunities to Support:

Two new ways to support *Life of Freedom Ministries* have developed in the last month. First, when using PayPal for online purchases at eBay, you can make a donation to LFM. When checking out, look for the donation tab on the webpage.

Second, if you do any shopping at Amazon.com, enter Amazon by going through the ministry website. On each of the LFM web pages, except the homepage, there is a link icon that takes you to Amazon.com. When you purchase by going through this link, LFM is paid for advertising! It costs you nothing but the time for the extra step of going through the ministry website. So when shopping for presents for Valentine's Day, or any other purchase at Amazon, please go through the ministry website at www.lifeoffreedom.org!

I'm working on another idea for fundraising that will hopefully come in March or April. The next newsletter should have more information!

Short Report:

How do you view God? This question is one that often comes up, and it did in this case. Unfortunately for these clients, their view of God was one that focused on needing to pacify or meet the holy requirements. There was very little experience of a relational God, One who wants to be in fellowship with each of us. Now, the clients knew the truth in their minds, but they still lived in fear and had a focus of what they had to *do*. I shared that God does want us to do good works. However, we looked at the order in which God gave that instruction in Ephesians 1-2:10. God's gift of grace came *before* His call for good works. As this was shared, the truth seemed to hit home. We were able to address the lying

spirits that caused the “works” based lifestyle. As they were set free from these spirits, they were more able to grasp God’s truth!

Something to Consider:

Psalm 30:5—*For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.*

Ephesians 2:8-9—⁸ *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—*⁹ *not by works, so that no one can boast.*

Although *Life of Freedom Ministries* is a prayer ministry that has emphasis on deliverance from evil spirits, at times these issues are tied to relational issues. Married and dating couples, families, church groups...people who relate to each other must deal with the ups and downs of these relationships. Since I’m not a counselor, I don’t address these matters in terms of counseling. However, the common theme that I often address is this: I encourage each person to grow in his or her relationship with the Living God first. During the ministry sessions, it is often necessary to confront lies a person believes about God.

A common lie that I often need to confront is: “God is a harsh dictator, who is hard to please.” The idea is that we have to meet His demands for Him to love us! Ephesians 1-2:10 shows that God blesses us with His love and gives us the gift of salvation and then wants us to serve Him. Also, He empowers us to do the work for Him so that we don’t do it on our own strength! When a person gets too focused on the work and not the relationship, life can get rough with anger and bitterness quickly approaching. One thing I enjoy about ministry is sharing the truth of God’s love!

Prayer Concerns:

Events: *Life of Freedom Bible Studies*—The next monthly Bible study will be on Monday, February 10th at 6:30pm. Come and join us!

With God increasing the number of people calling *Life of Freedom Ministries* for help, please pray for continued strength and energy as I press on with the work. Also, please pray for me as I grow in wisdom and discernment. Each case is unique, and I continually grow in hearing His voice when ministering to hurting people.

Final Thoughts:

Since demons use sin as their right to afflict and oppress people, it is easy to become legalistic. They take the goal of obedience and put it in front of God’s desire for relationship. Indeed, we need to honor God by being obedient, but let’s remember to focus on our relationship with Him!

Serving the Lord Jesus Christ,



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