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Evangelism, Discipleship, Outreach & Missions Our Priorities!

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Greetings ZM Friends,
Greetings and Happy New Year! As we enter the next decade it has been made abundantly clear to all, the challenges that face our world, especially our youth. God has opened the doors of our schools to ministry opportunities that will engage them in the truth.

The truth asks, does God exist, who is God, why God sent His Son, why He died for our sins, why there is evil in the world, who man is, where did man come from, Biblical worldview vs. secular worldview, can we trust God, is the Bible true, how to know God's will for your life, why character is important, how to serve God, what is the plan of salvation and much more.



Del Tackett and wife Melissa with Zee. Del is chief spokesperson for Focus on the Family's "Truth Project." Their new project "The True U" will be used in our meetings.



Cindy Smith, Legacy sponsor at Gaither HS meets with student leaders weekly to help prepare them for the outreach meetings and for the various projects that will be done.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for continued open doors to schools.
- Pray for our sponsors and students that they grow in their faith.
- Pray for wisdom in our messages to the students and that they respond to the gospel.
- Pray for new student leaders to fill in the roles of graduating students.
- Pray for financial support as we grow our ministry.



Youth pastor Dan Stoffer from Van Dyke UMC shares a Christmas message with Steinbrenner HS Legacy Club. Dan helps coach the football team and serves as their Chaplain. He also works closely with Zenon Ministries. Thanks Dan!



King HS student leaders check the Scriptures at a recent meeting. This Legacy Club has grown from around 40 last year to over 250 this year! We thank our Lord for this blessing!

January - December 2009 Update:

- Shared with 15,294 at 212 events.
- Met with 134 coaches/sponsors.
- Spoke/provided 63 Athletic Chapels.
- Visited 133 school meetings.
- Taught 96 Legacy Leaders meetings.
- Schools participation-14 at some level.
- Had 44 church visits.
- Served as Athletic Chaplain on 6 different High school athletic teams.
- A regular speaker for Hillsborough County School District under SERVE.
- Met with 209 adults to share the vision and work of Zenon Ministries.
- Led 6 "Truth Project" Bible studies.
- Sue led 4 womens Bible studies.

Thanks for your prayers & support! Each of you have been a great blessing to Zenon Ministries!

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New Years Predictions and Resolutions

All newspapers and media are currently centered on the New Year and what it will bring. Experts appear, predicting what will happen in 2010 and in the next ten years. Here are some of the worst failed predictions.

"There is not the slightest indication that nuclear energy will ever be obtainable. It would mean that the atom would have to be shattered at will." **Albert Einstein, 1932**

"A rocket will never be able to leave the Earth's atmosphere." **New York Times, 1936.**

"I think there is a world market for maybe five computers."

Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM, 1943.

"640K ought to be enough for anybody." **Bill Gates-Microsoft, 1981**

Y2K-The so-called "millennium bug" will result in a massive computer outage on 1/1/2000.

These are just some of the many missed predictions. So here we are, approaching the first week of 2010. I wonder how we'll do this year? Will we be as busy? Will we make any better use of our time? In 365 days, when this year is over, will we be looking back with joy, or with regret? Will we be looking at the future with anticipation, or with dread? There is a passage in Scripture, I believe, that can be of help to us, as we look forward to the rest of 2010, if we listen. The passage is **Ephesians 5:15-17**, and here is what it says, "**Be very careful, then, how you live not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.**"

What are some lessons we can glean from the Scriptures as we enter this new decade?

1. God has preordained the days of our lives. "Show me, O Lord, my life's end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting is my life" (Ps. 39:4). And again, "The length of our days is 70 years or 80, if we have the strength...they quickly pass, and we fly away" (Ps.90: 10).

A friend calculated the days in one's life at 75 years. He then subtracted the years he had already lived-55 years. So 75-55= 20 years x 52 weeks = 1040 weeks. He placed 1040 marbles in a large glass container. Every week he would remove a marble to make him realize his life was limited.

2. Make the most of every opportunity. A group of 90 plus year olds were asked their secret to life. They answered the typical responses; exercise every day, and eat healthy, go after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer, what matters, in the end, is that you loved, and are loved, time is one of the most precious commodities, so don't waste it. The secret is making the right decision between what is good and what is important. We are overloaded with commitments, with possessions, information and work.

3. Understand what is the Lord's will. I would estimate that 90% of Christians have no idea what the Lord's will is for their life. Just ask them and see what answers you hear.

What are your priorities? If you say God, then do you make church, studying scripture, witnessing, service, and other parts of your faith a priority? If you place your family high on the list how much time do you spend with them? If your job is a priority, how do you serve God by being an excellent worker and example to others?

4. Trust God. Learn how to live today. The two greatest enemies of time are regrets for things we did in the past, and anxiety about what will happen to us in the future. We need to stop living in the past and focus on how we can best live in a future that will bring Honor and Glory to God

And finally, take an example from **Billy Sunday** (former baseball player) who was converted to Christ. A Christian man put his arm around his shoulder and said, "Billy, there are three simple rules I can give you, and if you hold to them, no one will ever write BACKSLIDER after your name. Take 15 minutes a day to listen to God talking to you. Take 15 minutes each day to talk to God. And take 15 minutes each day to talk to others about God."

God bless and have a blessed 2010.