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# Glad Tithings

*"Moreover it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy."* (1 Cor. 4:2)



Ken Smith, Director

*Ken Smith's Principles in Practice*

## Grateful for God's Grace

This past summer, my wife Pat, my 9<sup>th</sup> grade biology teacher and I revisited my high school Alma Mater, Capitol Page School, which is located in the dome of the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. In the 1950's, all 80 pages serving in the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the U.S. Supreme Court attended high school together at this locale. During that visit, I was reminded once again of the times God has worked supernaturally in my life, unilaterally offering His grace.

In my early years, I felt close to God and was confirmed in the Episcopal church when I was 12. Around that time, my mother became a committed Christian, and I remember talks with her about who Jesus and the Holy Spirit were.

When I was 14, I received my appointment as a page, a tremendous honor and fulfillment of my dream to be part of the political scene. Shortly thereafter my parents separated, and our family disintegrated. I moved into a rooming house on Capitol Hill, never again to live at home. As my family connection was severed, so was my church affiliation; I was not to attend services regularly for the next ten years.

By the end of my freshman year, I had risen to the heights of pagedom, chosen to serve as the Speaker's page under the great Sam Rayburn. My desk was on the Speaker's rostrum in the House of Representatives, right beside the Speaker himself. It was a heady time for a young man—meeting heads of state and famous people from all over the

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## Looking Ahead with CSM

- Today:** New *It's About Time!* small group study guides available for \$5. Call the CSM office at 703-591-5000.
- December:** Make your pledge to CSM #8329 through the National Capital Area United Way or the Combined Federal Campaign.
- January:** Life Management Study winter classes begin at a church near you—or anytime on the Internet.
- March 20:** CSM Spring Banquet at the Sheraton Premiere, Tysons Corner, Virginia.

world; knowing hundreds of Representatives; escorting Cherry Blossom Festival princesses and Congressmen's daughters; participating on television talk shows; seeing my name in the newspaper and my face on a Navy recruiting poster and in a movie. My future was assured; I was already scheduled to attend the U.S. Naval Academy.

Without adult supervision, I quickly fell into some very bad habits, including smoking, drinking and carousing, which were to haunt me for the next 20 years. My grades, never good, slipped to C's and D's. My health deteriorated. Near the end of my junior year at page school, Speaker Rayburn sent me back home to live with my mother—the ultimate disgrace and the most traumatic event of my entire life. I could not even think about it without great pain until I was in my 50's.

I now see that painful experience, when I thought my life was over before it had really begun, as God's first great "reaching" into my life. To complete my high school education, I decided to spend my senior year at the Bolles School, a prestigious college military preparatory boarding school in Jacksonville, Florida. Since I had nothing to do but study, my grades rose to A's, and I held the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest grade point average in the class, which led to scholarship offers from a number of high profile universities. With the Naval Academy out of the picture, I had thought college doors were closed to me. Through God's sovereign intervention, I was given my choice of colleges. I chose Tulane University in New Orleans, La. Talk about a miracle!

Unfortunately, not very long into my college career, I was back to drinking. I maintained a mediocre 2.5 average, just sufficient to retain my scholarships. I completed Tulane Law School in similar fashion. After law school, with a wife and two small sons, I moved back to the Washington, D.C. area, to take the Virginia bar exam. As the exam approached, I knew that if I failed, I would have no way to support my family. I made a deal with God. If He would help me pass the bar exam, I would return to church and would attend regularly for the rest of my life.

Again, God reached out. I passed the bar exam and began practicing law. My drinking continued, and for the next ten years, my spiritual life consisted solely of faithfully warming a pew in a local church. At the end of that decade, my wife had left me, taking our sons to Atlanta, Georgia. I began living the life of a swinging single barrister and really thought I was having a good time. So good, in fact, I forgot my vow to attend church. In 1974, the floor fell out of my life for the third time. As a result of breaking my vow, I became severely depressed and prepared to kill myself.

Once more, God reached out. As I sat in the pew of a local church, asking God to salvage my life or show me how to end it, He spoke almost audibly to me. I began crying and literally went to pieces in the middle of the service. I walked out of church that day never to have another drink. That

was over 26 years ago. Five years later I married the girl of my dreams, and God called me to found Christian Stewardship Ministries. Life has been a blessing ever since, great and getting better with each passing day.

Hopefully I've learned my lesson. I never again want to reach that state of disobedience in my life that will require God to rescue me. The pain is just too great. He has reached sovereignly into my life on three occasions—the three most painful seasons in my entire life, yet they all bore results that will last into eternity.

If I had my life to live over, and God said the only way to get where I am in my relationship with Him would be to go through it all again, I would do so. I know there was a better way, but even in the midst of the mistakes I made, He was continually offering His grace and reaching out in love. Thankfully, He never gave up on me, even when I had given up on myself. His grace is sufficient and His love endures forever. Praise the Lord! Hallelujah!

## Ministry News

Many thanks to the 25 golfers who made our Golf Marathon a big success—raising more than \$45,000 for the ministry by playing 50 holes of golf in half a day on Friday, September 13. Every single one of the golfers played the full 50 holes!

Several new staff members joined CSM at the end of the summer. Ann Boyter is our new ministry coordinator, and Jean Moore is our bookkeeper. In addition, Tom Connor has agreed to serve as director of development for foundations.

If you contribute through the United Way or the Combined Federal Campaign, please consider a donation to CSM. Our number is 8329. Another way to support the ministry is by attending our spring banquet. We've scheduled it for March 20 at the Sheraton Premiere in Tysons Corner. You won't want to miss it!

New Life Management Study Classes are forming in the Washington area in January. If you haven't yet taken this class, do consider signing up. Or you might want your Bible study or other small group to focus on life management by using the new *It's About Time!* small group study guides. Just call the CSM office at 703-591-5000 or sign on to [www.csmin.org](http://www.csmin.org) to order copies at \$5 each. Or purchase the study guide and *It's About Time!* for a combined cost of \$15.

Have you bought a new printer lately? If you have a laser printer gathering dust, please consider donating it to CSM. We'll brush it off and put it to good use!

If you own a business, think about advertising in *Glad Tidings*. The cost is only \$125 per issue, and your business card will appear in the advertising section and also on the ministry's website. If you're interested in becoming one of our advertisers, please contact Ann Boyter at 703-591-5000.

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## Prayer Corner

### *PRAISE GOD FOR...*

- ◆ Our successful Golf Marathon, which raised more than \$45,000!
- ◆ CSM's new staff: Ann Boyter, ministry coordinator; Jean Moore, bookkeeper; and Tom Conner, director of development - foundations.
- ◆ Financial resources to overcome the summer slump.
- ◆ Jean Moore's help at the CSM office in August during the transition between Teri Phelps and Ann Boyter.

### *PRAY FOR...*

- ◆ Our upcoming banquet on March 20.
- ◆ A Spanish-speaking graphic designer who can create a cover for the Spanish version of *It's About Time!*
- ◆ Identification of a foundation whose purpose matches CSM's focus on helping Christians organize their lives and finances in accordance with Biblical principles.

## CSM: Available 24/7

Regardless of your time zone, you can reach CSM 24/7 through the ministry's website at [www.csmin.org](http://www.csmin.org). You'll find past issues of *Glad Tithings*, listings of Life Management Study classes and information on our advertisers. If you're dialing from a distance, you might want to sign up for the Internet Life Management Study class or send CSM an email message. We welcome comments on the site and suggestions for additional items to include.

If you're looking to speak directly to someone, CSM offers a toll-free number during East Coast business hours for callers who want to order publications or arrange personal counseling. Let us help you on 1-800-IDL TIME. Our local Washington, D.C., area number is 703-591-5000.

## Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Many, many thanks to Jean Moore for stepping up to assist CSM during August. If you called the office in the late summer, you probably reached Jean who helped out between Teri Phelps' departure and Ann Boyter's joining the staff in September. We can't say thanks too many times for her faithful and generous help when CSM needed it most.

### Frequent Flyer???



If you have frequent flyer miles to spare, consider donating them to CSM to help with our expanding travel schedule, including a possible trip to South America. Just call the CSM office at 703-591-5000.

## CSM Counseling: Bringing Order and Peace

If your life is running on the fast track, and you're about to be left behind, maybe you need help in adjusting your schedule and your priorities. An objective review of your commitments or your financial situation through CSM personal counseling could be just what you need.

Our goal is to help you find God's specific plan for your life, and then work with you to follow that plan. If things have gotten out of hand, personal counseling can help tame the chaos and point you toward the peace that passes understanding.

CSM offers a number of options--face-to-face sessions or telephone or email meetings, depending upon your location and availability. To get started, call (703) 591-5000 or the CSM toll-free line 1-800-IDL-TIME or email the ministry at [counseling@csmin.org](mailto:counseling@csmin.org). The next step is to send in a fully refundable \$50 deposit and complete some homework prior to the first session. If CSM can provide the help you need to bring order to your life, don't delay. Call us today.

## LMS – Putting Your Resolve Into Practice

Find it tough to keep those resolutions you make at the beginning of the year? If you're looking to make some positive changes in your life, there's no better time and no better place than January's Life Management Study classes with CSM.

You'll have help making the changes stick when you sign up for a 13-week session with a trained instructor. Meeting weekly for two hours and completing daily homework and practical exercises helps you put your resolutions into practice. Your \$95 registration fee covers the student manual and a copy of Ken Smith's book *It's About Time*. Use the enclosed form to sign up or register on the CSM website for classes in the Washington, D.C., area or the Internet LMS class.

## CSM Silent Auction Planned Donations Needed Now

Do you have a vacation cottage or a golf club membership or a terrific cookie or cake recipe? Perhaps you'd be willing to share your blessings or your talents to benefit CSM through the first ever CSM silent auction to be held in conjunction with the spring banquet on March 20.

Just a few other ideas: a gift certificate for dinner at a great restaurant, a luxury bath basket, tickets for an amusement park, a variety pack of gourmet teas and coffees, a weekend at the beach, tickets for a Redskins game, a stuffed bear, theater or movie tickets, ballroom dancing lessons, a handmade quilt, a painting, a trip to a nail salon, two dozen giant cookies, a set of placemats, a plant, a picture frame, Sunday brunch, a basket of homegrown tomatoes, a needle-point pillow or a set of Christmas ornaments.

Call the CSM office today at 703-591-5000 to offer your donation!

## Great Golf Marathon!

Twenty-five golfers gave it their all for 50 rounds at the CSM Golf Marathon on September 13 at the Fairfax National Golf Club in Fairfax, Virginia. As a result, CSM received more than \$45,000 in pledges—nearly \$17,000 from corporate sponsors and more than \$28,000 from individual sponsors.

Top fundraiser David Rine (\$5,000) won two weekend golf trips to Hilton Head and/or Myrtle Beach plus a set of clubs and a golf bag. Jeff Oster (\$4,000+) won a set of clubs as did John Pokrant (\$3,000+) and Dan Smith (\$2,500+).

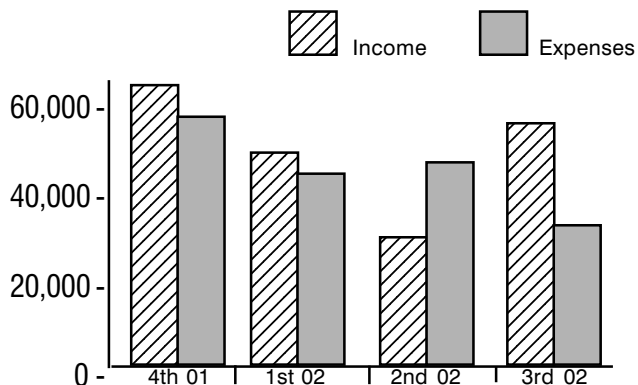
Those who raised more than \$2,000 received a putter or driver, including Jack Maier, Rob Seagears and Frank McLearen. For raising pledges more than \$1,500 Tom and Derek Donnelly, Phil & Jan Rooney, Matt & Betti Small and Don Dorey each received a golf bag.

Fairfax National Golf Club donated four rounds of 18 holes of golf to Doug Whall and Jeff Oster for hitting the longest drives. George Beaven won a wedge for coming closest to the pin. No one hit a hole in one to win \$20,000. Other participating golfers included Tom Connor, Bart Fleming, Steve Gifford, Pat Hopper, Sharon Meisel, Chris Prang and Ted Wagner.

Corporate sponsors included: *Championship* (\$5,000), EXDS, Inc.; *Double Eagle* (\$2,500), Golden Construction, Inc., and Hazel Land Company; *Birdie* (\$500), Craven Tire Company and Mark Building Associates; *Par* (\$250), AREAS, Appraisers, Inc., Ashby Title, Betty's Maytag, Bill Britt Mazda, Bruce W. Reyle & Co., Global Strategies, Ted Britt Ford, Main Street Medical, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Small, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watts, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Simmons, Mr. Jim Richards, Rae Enterprises, Terry Brown, and Wheat International Communications Corp.

CSM is also grateful for the volunteers who helped make the marathon a success by providing refreshments, spotting at the hole-in-one hole, registering the golfers, setting up breakfast, decorating the club house, selling materials and cleaning up. Volunteers included: Ann Boyter, Kate Delmonico, Carol Maier, Chris Oster, Bill Pile, Ken Smith, Pat Smith, Marc Snyder and Ernie Wakeham. The event would not have been possible without the efforts of the golf marathon committee: Jack Maier, Jeff Oster, David Rine, Matt Small, Ken Smith and Marc Snyder.

### CSM FINANCES 2001-2002



## Gustavo Alayza: Helping CSM Reach Spanish Speakers

After reading *It's About Time!* in 1999, Gustavo Alayza, who lives in Lima, Peru, realized that although he considered himself a committed Christian, his priorities were not in line with the Lord's. Through reading the book, and later taking the Internet Life Management Study, he learned how to manage his priorities according to biblical principles.

As an ExxonMobil employee, Gustavo travels frequently and met Ken Smith when he was in the U.S. last year. Gustavo wanted to make *It's About Time!* and the ILMS available in Spanish. Ken welcomed his offer to translate the CSM material, and by the end of 2001, the work was done. Today Gustavo serves as South American Life Management Study Coordinator.

"I think that having the Lord as your first priority in life ... spending close time in intimacy with Him every day makes the difference in our lives...I have a great desire of sharing the Lord, and the principles I have learned through CSM with others," Gustavo says of his work with CSM.

Gustavo's younger and older brothers led him to the Lord more than 20 years ago during a youth revival in Lima. He and his wife Sara worked in a Bible school in Bolivia beginning in 1986, returning home to Peru in 1993.

A member of Way of Life church in Lima, Gustavo is involved in the Christian Men's Ministry at his church where he teaches classes. In addition, he hosts a Bible study in his home once a week. He and Sara have one daughter, Raquel.

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