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OUR 25th YEAR

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

Ken Smith's Principles in Practice

Peace through Forgiveness

God wants His relationship with us to transcend our relationship with anyone on earth. He wants to be more our father than our earthly father could ever be, more our brother than any earthly sibling could ever become, more our spouse than any earthly spouse could ever be and more our friend than any friend we have ever

known.

In summary, God wants a relationship with us superior to any relationship on earth and to give us the very thing every man, woman and child seeks from cradle to grave: the peace that passes understanding.

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Win One Million Dollars - 6th CSM Golf Marathon Sept. 22

If you call CSM today, you'll be just in time to put your name on the list for the ministry's sixth annual Golf Marathon on September 22 at the Fairfax National Golf Club in Centreville, Virginia. If you want to play, don't delay, phone the CSM office today at 703-591-5000 to reserve your place.

The marathon offers a simple and fun way to raise funds for the ministry. Golfers will play 50 holes from 6:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. playing two balls for each hole.

Plus there are rewards and prizes for the players. Every CSM golfer will receive an attractive, high quality leather duffle bag emblazoned with the CSM insignia, valued at \$100 or a CSM Izod windbreaker or golf shirt.

Can you sink a hole in one? Well, if you can, you could win \$1 million in cash or a Toyota Highlander. Other prizes include free golf vacations, Tommy Armour irons, two roundtrip tickets on American Airlines anywhere they fly and a four-day/three-night golf vacation for two at Myrtle Beach.

Everyone who raises \$1,000 or more for CSM will receive either Ping golf clubs and equipment or gift certificates redeemable for golf equipment or other sporting goods. The more money raised, the greater the prize value! Free rounds of golf will also be awarded for skills demonstrated during the marathon.

Don't miss out on the fun. Call and sign up today!

Get Practical Time Management Tips at August 19 Life Management Seminar

Is your schedule overloaded and unbalanced? Maybe you need some strategies for getting more rest, getting to work on time and getting more out of the time you have available. Then come to CSM's half-day Life Management Seminar on August 19 at the Vineyard Christian Fellowship in Woodbridge, Virginia. As the saying goes: you can do it, and we can help. The seminar costs \$40 for advance registration or \$50 at the door. Reserve

your spot by calling the CSM office at 703-591-5000. Clergy attend free.

Ken Smith and Pastor Rob Seagars lead the half-day seminar, which begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 1:00 p.m. In addition to helpful tips for time management, participants will also receive an introduction to the 13-week Life Management Study offered by Christian Stewardship Ministries.



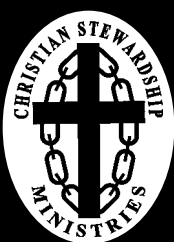
Ken Smith, Director

CSM Fall Calendar

August 19
Life Management
Seminar
Vineyard Christian
Fellowship
Woodbridge, VA
8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Sept. 5-15
Formation of new Life
Management Study
classes
Washington metro
area churches

September 22
CSM Golf Marathon
Fairfax National
Golf Course
Centreville, VA
6:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



Peace through Forgiveness (cont. from page 1)

Despite God's eagerness to give us peace, we are often unable to receive it because of our inability or unwillingness to forgive those who hurt us.

Jesus tells us in Matthew 6:14-15, "For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. In Mark 11:25, Jesus says, "And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins."

Do any of us really want to forfeit God's forgiveness? Of course not. And here's why.

In Matthew 18:21-35, Jesus tells the parable of the servant whose master (God) forgave him (us) a huge debt (all our sins, past, present and future). Then the servant (us) turned right around and refused to forgive a debt (offense) owed to him (the person we have not forgiven). His master (God) then turned him (us) over to the jailers to be tortured, until he (we) should pay back all he (we) owed (forgiveness of the person we have not forgiven). In verse 35, Jesus said, "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart."

What about the person who asks you to forgive him? You do so, and he turns right around and hurts you again. Luke 17:3-4 tells us, "If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, 'I repent,' forgive him."

Think of the most painful instance of betrayal or cruelty you have experienced, a situation where the pain still remains. Almost always the pain indicates a fractured, broken or unresolved relationship -- with a spouse or former spouse, a parent or child or other loved one, a friend or former friend, an employer, a pastor, a co-worker, a member of your church. You may even have a damaged or broken relationship with God Himself because you blame Him for the death of a child or loved one, poor health, astronomical hospital bills, or something else that seemed unfair, and over which you had no control.

All of us can remember times when we were ill-used or mistreated. Life often seems unfair. Years ago I was defrauded by my pastor who borrowed a significant sum of money from me and then left town. My eldest son died of suicide. Our first grandchild died of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. In all of these instances, God gave me the grace to not blame Him. Otherwise, to receive His peace, I would need to ask (and accept) His forgiveness for blaming Him.

We all experience pain in this life. The Good News is that God has given us a way to receive healing. That way is the path of forgiveness.

If you want to receive healing and peace, make a list of those you have not forgiven and what they did to you. Realize that almost always they see things differently. They have a reason to be upset with you, too. It is not critical whether you can see their side or not. You have a responsibility to forgive them, regardless of fault. The issue isn't whether they deserve your forgiveness, or even ask for it, but rather whether you are willing to be obedient to God.

Forgiving another person may or may not restore the damaged or broken relationship. Most likely you will need to communicate your forgiveness without appearing to be judgmental. In other words, you need to ask the other person to forgive you without regard to whether he sees his fault in the situation. Your responsibility to forgive is not tied to whether the other person asks you to forgive him. If he does so, the result is reconciliation, but if he does not, you are still free of the consequence of unforgiveness. Reconciliation is almost always pleasant, but it is not promised. What is promised is you will be forgiven if you forgive others, and you will not be forgiven if you will not forgive others.

If you want to reconcile a relationship, first, pray for a forgiving attitude. Once your heart and attitude are in the right place, determine the best way to approach the other person. Usually the best way is in person, the second is by verbal communication, the third by letter or note. Email is not recommended if there has been any serious breakdown in communication.

When you meet, talk or otherwise communicate with the person, identify the offense in a way that does not imply in any way that he was at fault. Tell him you are sorry, and ask his forgiveness for your role in the situation in a way that permits him to see you are assuming all responsibility for the offense. If you let pride slip in by intimating in any way how or why you were offended, you risk sabotaging your effort. If you are able to reconcile and both people are able to forgive unconditionally, perhaps you can discuss the matter in more detail. Leave that to another conversation unless it is clear the other person is also repentant.

To receive abundant joy and the peace that passes all understanding, if there are those you have not forgiven, restore your relationship with the Lord of the Universe by forgiving, and, if possible, reconciling with those against whom you have aught, or who have aught against you.

CSM Needs a Digital Camera

Done with your digital camera? If you're upgrading your camera, consider donating your old digital camera to CSM. We can make good use of it, and you can get a tax deduction! Call the CSM office at 703-591-5000, if you have a camera you no longer need.

CSM is a ministry dedicated to assisting Christian individuals, families, ministries, and Christian-owned businesses achieve their potential in the area of stewardship. CSM's Board of Reference includes: Ron Blue; Dr. Bill Bright (1921-2003), Campus Crusade for Christ; Larry Burkett (1939-2003), Crown Financial Ministries; Reid Carpenter, Pittsburgh Leadership Foundation; Howard Dayton, Crown Financial Ministries; Dr. Ted Engstrom, president emeritus, World Vision; Roger Erickson, president, Christian Business Men's Committee International (retired); Harry Greene, president, Good News Jail & Prison Ministry; the Rt. Rev. Alden M. Hathaway, Bishop of Pittsburgh (retired); Dr. Charles Hummell, faculty advisor, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship (retired); Bishop Harry Jackson, Hope Christian Church; the Rt. Rev. David Colin Jones, Suffragan Bishop of Virginia; Dr. Beverly LaHaye, founder/chairman, Concerned Women for America; Hon. Ed Meese III, former U.S. Attorney General; and the Rt. Rev. Dr. John Rodgers. The Pastor's Board of Reference includes Pastor James Ahlemann, Pastor Larry Andes, Rev. George Beaven, Pastor Steve Brimmer, Pastor Amos Dodge, Rev. Paul Frey, Rev. John Guernsey, Pastor Tom Gulbranson, Pastor James Hamacher, Rev. David Harper, Rev. Tom Herrick, Pastor John Hutchinson, Rev. Neil Lebarh, Rev. Canon Martyn Minns, Rev. Clancy Nixon, Pastor Bill Roberts, Pastor Dennis Rupert, Pastor Rob Seagears, Rev. Tom Tarrans and Rev. John Yates. Serving on CSM's Board of Directors responsible for day-to-day ministry operation are Jim Cope, Frank Lewark, Jack Maier, Rob Seagears and Ken Smith.

Ministry News

Just a few days left to sign up to play in our 6th Annual Golf Marathon on September 22. Please call the CSM office if you want to be part of this fun fundraiser. Or if you can't join us, let us know that you'd like to support one or more of the golfers.

On July 8, CSM held a Leaders Training Workshop, and the following new leaders prepared to facilitate CSM's Life Management Study: Diane Bell, Chris Maher, Cheryl Maher, Lori Morrow and Melinda Word.

During the late spring and early summer CSM held LMS classes at the following Virginia locations: Christ Chapel-Woodbridge led by Roycea Watson and Tatana Todd; Christ Chapel-Mountain-top in Gainesville, led by Pastor Rob Seagears and Dana Last; Truro Church in Fairfax, led by Ken Smith and Vern Mann. New classes will be forming in September at seven or eight sites in Virginia and Maryland. Also coming this fall—in October, Ken will be leading a retreat for the Barcroft Bible Church's men's ministry.

Please encourage your friends and fellow church members to come to our next half-day Life Management Seminar, which will be held August 19 at Vineyard Christian Fellowship in Woodbridge, Virginia. The seminar offers some great time management tips as well as an introduction to the full Life Management Study.

Another option for learning about time management is the *It's About Time!* small group study, which works well for Sunday School classes or home groups. The study guides and leader's guides are each \$10. *It's About Time!* is \$12. Or you can purchase a guide and the book for a combination price of \$20, plus shipping.

For those beyond the Washington area or whose schedules make class attendance difficult, our Internet Life Management Study is available any time at ilms@csmmin.org. Like the other LMS classes, a trained facilitator is available to guide students through the course. For general information about CSM, visit our main website at www.csmmin.org.

Put Your Life in Order... With CSM Personal Counseling

Short of time or money? If your resources are overstretched, CSM's personal counseling can help you get your schedule or your finances under control.

Get one-on-one help from Ken Smith—in person, by telephone or over the Internet—to find God's plan for your life and find the light at the end of the tunnel. Counseling is offered without charge, although contributions are encouraged. To get started, contact the CSM office by calling 703-591-5000 or visit our website at www.csmmin.org.

Kudos and Thanks

Thanks so much to Clint Smith for his leadership on the Executive Council and for coordinating the Life Management Seminar and LMS class at Vineyard Christian Fellowship. Kudos to Pastor Rob Seagears and Dana Last as LMS leaders of the quarter.

Prayer Corner

PRAISE GOD FOR...

- ◆ CSM's 25 years of ministry.
- ◆ CSM's Board of Directors, Executive Council and Advisory Council members.
- ◆ Golfers, caddies and sponsors for the 6th Golf Marathon.
- ◆ Faithful CSM volunteers and financial partners who continue to support the ministry by donating their time and financial gifts.
- ◆ New and continuing LMS leaders and LMS graduates.

PRAY FOR...

- ◆ Corporate underwriters and individual sponsors for golfers at our Golf Marathon.
- ◆ Healing for CSM Board Chairman Frank Lewark who is battling non-Hodgkins lymphoma.
- ◆ Participants at the August 19 Life Management Seminar.
- ◆ Formation of LMS classes in the fall.
- ◆ The right person to join CSM as a director of development and marketing.
- ◆ Development of videos for LMS orientation and leaders' training.
- ◆ Key churches to incorporate the Life Management Seminar, Life Management Study and *It's About Time!* small group studies into their adult education programs.
- ◆ Continued financial stability for the ministry.
- ◆ Keynote speaker for 2007 banquet.

Joyful Dividends

From a Glad Tithings reader:

Dear Ken:

Joyful Greetings! This letter, I trust, finds you doing well and encouraged in your walk with the Lord. I enjoy receiving your monthly *Glad Tithings*.

I was particularly touched in reading your article on pride and humility and how you wrote a letter of repentance to someone who lowered their support of your ministry. That was Biblical, touching, appropriate and encouraging to me.

May God bless you. Thank you for your prayers as we embrace Fishnet 2006—our 32nd annual event.

Sincerely,
Larry D. Andes, President
Fishnet Ministries, Inc.

From the Internet:

Dear Ken,

I am a Christian residing in Gauteng, South Africa.

Firstly, I wish to thank you for this wonderful opportunity and pray that our Lord richly blesses you. Ken, I am interested in this program to be held accountable. Also, I wish to introduce being accountable at our men's fellowship. Can you please provide a few suggestions in this respect?

Thanking you and enjoy your day. We pray that you have a GOD-filled day.

Rajen Kannigan
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Jim Aram: Putting Things in Perspective

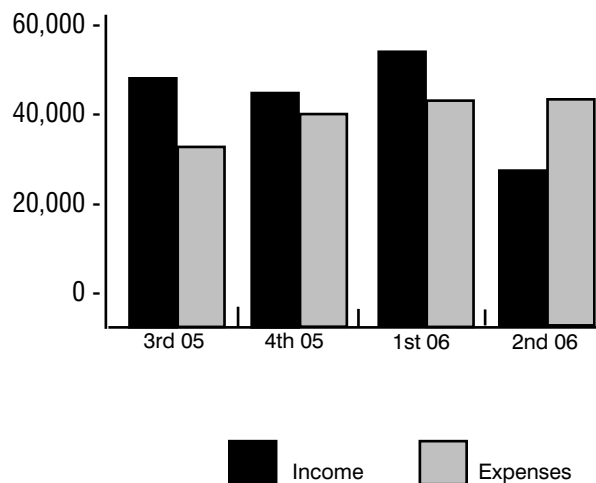
Although he'd been involved with Christian Stewardship Ministries for several years, Jim Aram procrastinated about taking the Life Management Study (LMS). Last fall, he finally squeezed it into his schedule—and was glad he did.

“LMS helped me put things in perspective and prioritize my time. It reminded me what's important. I had just kept adding things on to my day, and LMS helped me take a step back and stop driving myself crazy,” Jim says. The most important takeaway from LMS for Jim was “If you put God first, everything else will fall in line,” which means taking time each day to listen to the Lord. “Over time, His plans are revealed,” Jim says.

For several years, Jim has helped out with the CSM Golf Marathon, taking on a variety of responsibilities, as well as playing. This year he helped plan the reception as well as the tournament and lined up people to play 50 rounds of golf in September or to serve as sponsors.

A health care administrator, Jim recently opened a new physical therapy clinic in Gainesville, Virginia. He and his wife Amy have two daughters and attend Church of the Word in Gainesville.

CSM FINANCES 2005-06



Thanks to CSM's Wonderful Volunteers

CSM is grateful to the many dedicated volunteers who support and enable the ministry. There's no way to thank them enough for all they do. But we deeply appreciate every single person who gives time, talent and treasure to the ministry. Listed below are the names of those who have served in some way during the past year. We hope we haven't overlooked anyone, but if we did, please forgive us—and let us know so we can recognize you next time.

Volunteers are always welcome. We have many different opportunities for service. If your name doesn't appear below, let us know how you'd like to help, and we'll find a way to put you to work and recognize you next year. Just call the CSM office at 703-591-5000 to volunteer.

Ray Abrahamson	Pam Cave	Amos Dodge	Paul Frey	Jean Himmel	Vernon Mann	Lois Myrick	Sandy Quillin	Ruth Shane	Ernie Wakeham
Mike Agee	Frank Cerutti	Derek Donnelly	Kathy Gammill	Elaine Hoptiak	Bob Martin	Denise Nebb	Vic Ransom	Jackie Shrum	Michael Walker
James Ahlemann	Karen Chace	Tom Donnelly	Linda Gary	David Horn	Pamela Martin	Yoko Nelson	Kimberly Rattley	Mark Siljander	Susan Walker
Gustavo Alayza	Steve Chace	Don Dorey	Susan Gaskins	Charles Hummell	Roger McClure	Dick Nielsen	Paul Reeves	Susan Sims	Roycea Watson
Larry Andes	Lloyd Chadwick	Mary Doss	Will Gaskins	John Hutchinson	Arlene McGee	Clancy Nixon	Trudy Reif	Ivan Sinclair	Janet Watts
Jim Aram	Tina Chadwick	Sharon Douaire	Steve Gifford	Mike Jackie	Tony McGraw	Ginger Nixon	Diana Reingruber	Steven Skancke	Jim Weakley
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Dawn Barbee	Dawn Clowes	Gerry Edwards	Pat Green	Kathy Keitt	Sylvia Melendez	Ray Padron	Carolynne Rine	Marc Snyder	Charlotte Wiles
Brian Barnett	Chris Coleman	Dennis Egan	Harry Greene	Barbara Kelley	Carl Meyer	Christopher Page	David Rine	Ralph Solberg	Jim Wilkinson
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