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

Ken Smith's Principles in Practice

From Pride to Humility. . . A Journey

What are the areas of pride in your life? Most on our own accomplishments or attributes.

of us have many of them. We can have pride in a loved one, a spouse, our children. We can have pride in our vocation, our education, our position in the community, our standing in church, our reputation, our wealth, our personal appearance, our personal possessions, our station in life, our health. We can have pride in our spirituality. We can even have pride in our humility. Many of the things we look to for self-esteem can in fact be objects of pride.

For this discussion, the word “pride” denotes lack of humility rather than an appreciation for God’s blessings. The problem arises when a natural appreciation for God’s gifts is replaced by an unhealthy focus

Three years ago, the Lord made clear His desire that I begin to deal with the pride in my life. On April 29, 2003, having put the topic on my daily prayer list, Pat and I began to pray for the diminution of pride in my life. That’s all I did about it for three years--experiencing no discernible progress and, if anything, becoming more prideful. Then in January of this year, the Lord moved.

A longtime funding source, an organization with which I have had a close personal relationship of over 25 years duration, reduced its

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CSM Golfer Could Win \$1 Million!

Learn more about how you could win \$1 million by playing 50 holes of golf to benefit CSM. We’ll give you all the details at a reception for prospective golfers on June 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Army Navy Country Club in Fairfax. Nibble on heavy hors d’oeuvres and compete in a putting contest with a Ping Putter going to the winner.

Just coming to the reception gives you a chance to win one of our great door prizes including a weekend stay for two with dinners at the Sheraton Premiere Hotel at Tyson’s Corner, Lands’ End shirts and vests monogrammed with the CSM logo, Titleist golf balls, golf towels and other golf paraphernalia, free dinners for two at some great restaurants like Outback Steakhouse and much, much more. Every golfer will receive an attractive, high quality leather duffle bag emblazoned with the Christian Stewardship Minis-

tries insignia, valued at \$100.

Participating golfers are eligible for even more prizes including \$1,000,000 in cash for a hole in one! There’s also a chance at a Toyota Highlander, golf vacations and free rounds of golf. Golfers will receive free Ping golf clubs and equipment or gift certificates from the Washington Golf Center for their fundraising efforts.

The CSM Golf Marathon, scheduled for September 22, is a great opportunity to have fun and help raise funds for the ministry. Players take on the challenge of 50 holes between 6:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. with two balls per hole. Food, drinks and golf carts will help the duffers and drivers keep moving. To attend the June 14 reception, or to learn more about the marathon, call the CSM office at 703-591-5000.



Ken Smith, Director

CSM Summer Calendar

June 14
Reception for
Prospective Golfers
CSM Golf Marathon
Army Navy Ctry Club
Fairfax, VA
6:30 p.m.

July 8
LMS Leaders
Training Workshop
CSM Office
Fairfax, VA
8:30 a.m.- 12:00 noon

August 19
Life Management
Seminar

September
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.



From Pride to Humility. . . A Journey (cont. from page 1)

support of CSM by 60%, a dollar amount representing 3% of our total ministry budget. While this may not seem like a significant sum, I found the entire process extremely painful. It was not the financial cost to the ministry nearly so much as my feeling that this represented a personal rejection by the leadership, as well as a lack of support for my life's work. While not angry, I was deeply hurt.

After the decision was made, I began working through the hurt and rejection, trying to keep my eyes on Jesus. I asked Him to reveal why He permitted this to happen in the way that it did and to reveal what lessons were to be learned from the situation. As I sought the Lord, He made it clear that the problem God wanted me to address was not with the organization or its leadership--the problem was within me, and it was associated with pride.

Following this incident, the Lord began to reveal the depth of pride in my life in more and more areas beginning with the realization that I considered myself above many of the rules I expected others to live by. Other areas included self-centeredness, and a lack of respect for some of those over me in authority and, for that matter, some of those under my authority. While these were not completely new revelations, they took on much more significance as God revealed the pain was related to the pride.

At this point, with a contrite heart, I prayed that my pride be replaced, not with humility as one might expect, but with love toward others. I wrote to the head of the organization, confessed my arrogance and pride, and asked for forgiveness.

Having prayed that God would give me a love for the organization's leadership and in response to that love, they would in turn love me, the Lord answered my prayer by encouraging me to pray regularly for that leadership, giving thanks for their strengths and asking the Lord to help them in their areas of vulnerability.

Jesus tells us in John 14:15, "If you love me, you will obey my commands." Pride is often a primary obstacle to obedience. As we learn to love God, we learn to obey. As we learn to obey, we can begin to acquire, among other things, humility. As we acquire humility, we can learn to see the other side of issues that were not apparent to us when we were so self-centered. We can learn to love others much more deeply. We can see God at work in our lives much more clearly and understand much more of His plan for our lives. The subject still represents a big learning curve for me; but as time passes and God continues a work in me, perhaps I will have more of the benefits to share.

Here's the challenge! Do you love God? Are you willing to do as He commands? Are you motivated to avoid some of the unnecessary pain that might otherwise come your way? Then perhaps you are ready to ask God to deal with the pride in your life. 1 Peter 5:5-6 tells us "...clothe yourselves with humility toward

one another, because, 'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.' Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time."

And Philippians 2:3-4 exhorts us to "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others."

As you reflect on pride and its place in your life, you might begin to list some areas where you lack humility. Do you try to impress people with your spirituality, your intellectual prowess, your reputation, your grades, your children's grades, your station in life, your job, your standing in the church? Ask God what the areas are.

If pride is an issue in your life, the list will probably grow and grow as God reveals your inner self. The objective is not to eliminate all the areas of pride. Rather, it is to acquire an attitude, an awareness, so that when it is time to deal with a particular area, you both recognize it for what it is and are willing to tackle it as the Lord leads.

By the way, there is an interesting thing about humility. The moment you discover you have it, you've just lost it! Pray that as you acquire humility, you will not realize you are doing so.

Proverbs 22:4 encourages us to realize that "Humility and the fear of the LORD bring wealth and honor and life." Who would intentionally forego wealth and honor and life?

No one, of course.

Taking Stock of Your Time: August 19 Life Management Seminar

If you're struggling to manage your time effectively, you can learn some practical strategies to make your life run more smoothly. Just sign up for CSM's half-day Life Management Seminar on Saturday, August 19. Get more shut-eye, reduce chronic tardiness, learn how to say no and get your work done on time every time. The seminar costs \$40 for advance registration or \$50 at the door. Put your name on the list today by calling the CSM office at 703-591-5000. Clergy attend free.

Led by Ken Smith and Pastor Rob Seagears, the half-day seminar begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 1:00 p.m. Participants will receive helpful tips in time management as well as an introduction to the 13-week Life Management Study offered by Christian Stewardship Ministries.

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Ministry News

Thanks to the hard work of many volunteers and the support of donors (see the list on page 4), CSM's March 23 fundraising banquet was a great success. It grossed \$45,000 for the ministry. John Lind, President of the Presidential Prayer Team, spoke on Presidential prayer power, and everyone enjoyed a lovely dinner and time of fellowship.

At our April 8 Leaders Training Workshop, the following new leaders developed their skills to work with students in CSM's Life Management Study: Seth Campbell, Vernon Mann, Gregory Morrow, Simone Rollings and Tatana Todd.

During the spring, CSM held LMS classes at the following Virginia locations: All Saints' Church in Woodbridge, led by Jim Morrison and Nancy Gunsauls; Christ Chapel-Mountaintop, led by Pastor Rob Seagars; several homes in Warrenton, led by Dana Last and Joanne Craft; International Christian Ministries Building in Fairfax, led by Ken Smith and Betsy Perryman; and The Falls Church, led by Patricia Balzer and Lee Winters.

We had 17 participants in our March 18 half-day Life Management Seminar at the Manassas Campus of George Mason University. We especially appreciate the help of Erik Brandt, Bill Pile and Charlotte Wiles at the seminar. If you have friends who could use tips on time management or might like to know more about the LMS, please encourage them to join us for our next half-day seminar on August 19.

Consider suggesting the CSM small group study for your Sunday School class or home group. The study guides and leader's guides are each \$15 as is *It's About Time!* Or you can purchase a guide and the book for a combination price of \$25.

Another option for those beyond the Washington area or whose schedules make class attendance difficult is the Internet Life Management Study. The ILMS is available 24/7 at ilms@csmin.org. As with the other LMS classes, the ILMS also includes guidance by an experienced facilitator.

Our website is always open at www.csmin.org. Check it out and share your thoughts with us. We continue to make personal counseling available. If you know someone who needs budget or debt counseling, please encourage them to contact the ministry at 703-591-5000. This is no-fee counseling, although contributions are encouraged.

CSM South America

Perfect Way Ministries Moves Forward

Good news from Gustavo Alayza in Peru: The second edition of *iYa es Hora!*, the Spanish version of *It's About Time!*, has been printed. Also, 70 people who participated in a four-week seminar on time management last summer have been invited to take the Spanish Internet Life Management Study. The three students who began the pilot Spanish ILMS in January have completed it and provided helpful comments. Further, a Christian TV program aired on Pacifico TV, a Christian channel in Lima, is planning to interview Gustavo about the work of Perfect Way Ministries, *iYa es Hora!*, and the Spanish ILMS.

Prayer Corner

PRAISE GOD FOR...

- ◆ Successful spring banquet grossing \$45,000 for the ministry.
- ◆ CSM's 25 years of ministry.
- ◆ Five-Year Ministry Plan being developed by the Executive Council and Board of Directors.
- ◆ Faithful CSM volunteers and financial partners who continue to support the ministry by donating their time and financial gifts.
- ◆ New and continuing LMS leaders.

PRAY FOR...

- ◆ An honorary chairman for our 2006 Golf Marathon.
- ◆ Healing for CSM Board Chairman Frank Lewark who is battling non-Hodgkins lymphoma.
- ◆ God's choice of a new name for *Glad Tithings*.
- ◆ More churches to sponsor the half-day Life Management Seminar
- ◆ Continued expansion of the ministry in Peru and throughout South America.
- ◆ Additional 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.

Joyful Dividends

From India, a reader of It's About Time! writes...

Dear Ken:

Warm greetings in Jesus' name. Your response is very much appreciated. Honestly, I find your book "It's About Time!" useful and informative. I am sure I'd continue to use it as a reference book.

I would love to subscribe to your newsletter "Glad Tithings".

Continue and keep up the good job. God bless!!

Apollo Seram

Participants at one of CSM's Life Management Study classes earlier this year shared the following thoughts on what they found most valuable in the study:

- Developing a quiet time and a study time.
- Realizing that my time isn't my time but God's time.
- Setting priorities: God, family, work, ministry.
- Setting a weekly schedule to manage my time effectively.
- Studying scripture—not just reading, but thinking about and understanding what God is saying in His Word.
- Drawing closer to God and seeking His plans for my life.

Spring Banquet Meets Goal!

Many thanks to all the CSM supporters and volunteers who helped make our spring banquet a success. We met our goal of \$45,000 thanks to all those who attended and supported the ministry.

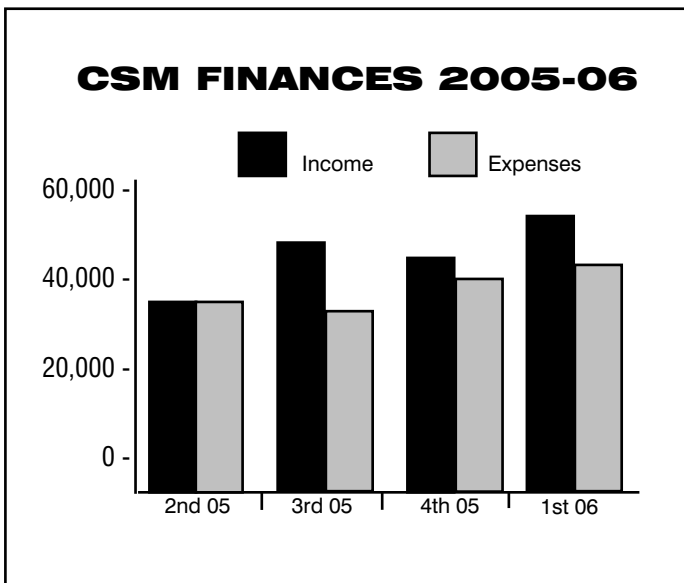
Thanks to Pastor Rob and Linda Seagars for welcoming guests, singing and handling announcements; Kristal Flower for singing; Dana Last and Jim Aram for sharing testimonies; Roycea Watson for giving a testimony and a presentation; Dr. David Glade for offering the invocation and Hon. Bartlett Fleming for providing the benediction; and for John Lind, President of the Presidential Prayer Team, our keynote speaker.

We especially appreciate the financial support of our banquet underwriters: Peter level: Dominion Construction Group; Paul level: Mr. and Mrs. John T. Hazel, Jr., Mr and Mrs. Carl Meyer and Mr. Dan Smith; Luke level: William F. Roeder & Associates, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Schwaab, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Herb Watson; Barnabus level: Ms. Ann Britton, Dr. & Mrs. Lloyd Chadwick, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Citizen, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewark, Mr. and Mrs. Wil Priester, Bruce W. Reyle & Co., Inc., Dr. and Mrs. John Sellers, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Skancke, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Templeton, the Falls Church and Col. and Mrs. Ernest Wakeham; Timothy level: ABS Unlimited Auto Repair, Mrs. Margaret Bell, Mr. Peter Cain, Christ Chapel-Mountaintop, Mr. and Mrs. Don Dorey, Ms. Kathy Gammill, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Koepenick, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Maier, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Normal, Mrs. Janet Watts, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Wees, and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Zabel.

Thanks also to our banquet committee and all those who helped by registering and greeting guests and handling the paperwork afterwards. Special thanks to Judy Curry, Beth Fleming, Kathy Gammill, Susie Gaskins, David Glade, Ed Glancy, Betty Graves, Nancy Gunsauls, Chuck Henry, Kathy Henry, Alex Jordan, Erin Jordan, Frank Lewark, Wanda Lewark, Jack Maier, Carole Maier, Sharon Meisel, Colleen Montgomery, John Montgomery, Bill Pile, Danielle Royston, Pat Smith, Hugh Talman, Roycea Watson, Constance Willingham, Wayde York and Ron Zabel.

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Many thanks to Denise Nebb for her work as ministry plan coordinator and for Nancy Gunsauls who is succeeding her. Special thanks also to Patricia Balzar and Jim Morrison as LMS leaders of the quarter for their thorough reporting on the progress of their LMS classes at The Falls Church in Falls Church, Virginia and All Saints Church in Dale City, Virginia.



Pam Priester:

Using LMS Principles to Stay on Track

As an accountant and human resources director, Pam Priester had studied time management, but she was delighted to discover CSM's Life Management Study and learn about God's plan for her time. She found LMS "very challenging." Even though she considered herself a well-organized person, she says, "It opened my eyes to lots of things I needed to do better."

Further, Pam says, "The principles in LMS transcend any season of life." She's found this to be true in her own life as she transitioned from working full-time and completing her graduate degree at night to building a family that now includes three daughters. Pam has written a number of key LMS principles on index cards, which she reviews when she finds her priorities getting out of whack. That's when she knows she needs to ask "Where's my quiet time? Where's my sleep?" Her notes from LMS and the practical tools from the study help her get back on track.

Since she took LMS nine years ago, she's been very involved at CSM—taking the LMS leaders' training, helping write the small group time management course, serving on the banquet committee and as a testimony giver and emcee, participating in the Golf Marathon and being a member of the Advisory Council.

Today, Pam, her husband Wil and their daughters live in Vienna, Virginia. Founders of the Lorien Wood School, a Christian elementary school in Vienna, they attend McLean Presbyterian Church.

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