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“... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!” Romans 10:15

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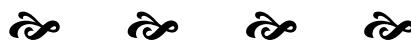
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Top Ten Predictions for 2009

by Dempsey Collins

1. The Bible will still be “the Word of God” (I Thes. 2:13).
2. The Scriptures will still be “profitable for teaching, reproof, correction, training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly furnished unto every good work” (II Tim. 3:16-17).
3. God will still “desire that all men be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth” (I Tim 2:4).
4. Jesus will still be the only “way, truth and life” to salvation (John 14:6).
5. Jesus will still be the “source of salvation to all who obey Him” (Heb. 5:8).
6. All who “believe and are baptized will be saved” (Mark 16:16).
7. “The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man will still avail much” (Jas. 5:16).
8. A few precious faithful souls will depart this life and enter Paradise (II Cor. 12:4).
9. Many precious souls will die unprepared for eternity (Matt. 7:13, 14).
10. Some Christians will “confess Jesus before men” and some will make excuses (Matt. 10:32, 33).



It Pays to Ask

by Joe R. Barnett

“Ask, and it will be given you...” (Matthew 7:7)

Jack LeVein, film biographer of Sir Winston Churchill, once asked him, “Sir, why did you choose me to become your film biographer?” The former British Prime Minister answered frankly, “No one else ever bothered to ask me.” Imagine, no one else ever bothered to ask the celebrated statesman for the rewarding privilege of filming the inspiring story of his life. Thousands of persons would have welcomed the opportunity...but they didn’t bother to ask. If they thought about it at all, they probably decided quickly that it would do no good; they would be rejected, perhaps scorned, if they made an approach. But one man had the courage to ask, and was handsomely rewarded.

We would experience a “new day” in the church if only we could learn that “it pays to ask”. There are hundreds of people in our city who would attend Sunday School if only they were asked. We assume too much. We assume people will not come...so we make their decision for them. Is it really right for us to say “NO” to Bible Study for someone else? The least we can do is ask. If they say “Yes”, we are on the road to winning a soul. If they say “no”, at least they’ve said it for themselves.

Oh, yes, there is something personal here, too. There are blessings available to you from the Father when you ask. He’s waiting to bless you. Why are some of the rich blessings we so much want and need not granted? Perhaps just because we never bothered to ask!



5 Unchanging Truths in a Changing World

by Dempsey Collins

1. It is better to be divided by truth than united by error. (Eph. 4:3-6; II John 9-11)
2. It is better to speak the truth that hurts and then heals than to speak falsehood which comforts and then destroys. (John 8:32; Rom. 1:16; Prov. 27:5-6)
3. It is better to be hated for telling the truth than to be loved for telling a lie. (John 7:7; Gal. 4:16; John 15:18-21)
4. It is better to stand alone with the truth than to be wrong with a multitude. (Gen. 6:8; I Kings 19:10; Matt. 7:13-14)
5. It is better to ultimately succeed with the truth than to temporarily succeed with a lie. (Rev. 2:10; Acts 2:32-33; II Tim. 4:6-8)

May we all have the spirit of Micaiah:

“As the Lord lives what the Lord says to me, that I will speak.” (I Kings 22:14)

Remember to check the prayer list for those with ongoing spiritual weaknesses and physical illnesses.

“...Pray for one another...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” James 5:16