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Announcement Letter April 1992

Dear Brethren:

A new year is virtually upon us—the new moon being Friday evening, April 3. With the advent of that occurrence the attention of the called should be sharply focused on the meaning, repeated annually to emphasize the significance, of the holy days which occur in this first month of the calendar as delivered by God. Recall and faithful obedience are vitally important. Without constant reminder as programmed by God even the called would quickly slip into spiritual darkness as evidenced by hundreds who lost their way though once called and knowledgeable. Let us never lose our direction.

Spiritual Principle: Happiness—A Creation

Daily doubts, resentments, anger, fear, and other manifestations of carnality often plague us. Why? How is it possible to live the joyous and abundant life which Christ promised to the called and faithful? Within the answer to that plaguing question is found the solution of overcoming and mastery.

What is the source of the elements of life which so deeply trouble and distress us? Are they not borne of the very nature with which we were endowed by human birth (Rom. 7, Eph. 2:1–3, Mark 7:20–23, Jer. 17:9)? Since we were born with such a nature, we cannot be justified in using our very devious natures as justification for the mistakes and weaknesses which we daily manifest. Since God is our Creator, He certainly knows the nature He created in us. Even so, He in turn commanded us to repress those natural manifestations and then even more significantly to exhibit the high qualities of the Spirit. God would not have commanded us to do something which we are incapable of doing.

Indeed, a vital and needful ingredient must be provided. For those called that provision was made. We have been given the power of the Holy Spirit of God. It is now our daily duty to use that power in effecting the necessary mastery of the old self and the development of the new character which is mandatory.

A list of ten points are given as a basis of real and genuine happiness. A cursory, hurried observation of these concepts is woefully inadequate. You must deeply think about them. Make them a part of your very thinking. They are:

1. Faithful, unequivocal obedience: Pro. 29:18, John 13:17
2. Genuine acceptance of correction: Job 5:17
3. A true and genuine spiritual orientation: Pro. 3:18
4. A real and implicit trust in God: Pro. 16:20
5. A real and manifested fear of God: Pro. 28:14
6. Avoidance of self-recriminations of an unforgiving orientation: Rom. 14:22
7. Steadfastness in belief, character, orientation: James 5:11
8. Acceptance of life in confidence and purpose: I Pet. 3:14; 4:14
9. Vision and hope: Heb. 12:2
10. Knowing who you are and what your future is: I Pet. 4:13

Achievement of the above lofty objectives is a matter of will and determination. The power has been offered. Using it is a personal obligation. We are afforded the right to make straight our paths of life (Heb. 12:13). The choice is ours. There is no promise that the situations with which we may be confronted will change or disappear. The only promise is that our attitude and orientation to these problems will result in buoyancy and life—happiness unbelievably. Acceptance in faith is the key.

Finally, do not forget, happiness is commanded by God. It is the hallmark of one who is in a proper relationship with God, his personal Father.

Prayer Requests

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General Requests

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Trips

April 16, 17, 18
April 24, 25
May 16
May 23
May 30

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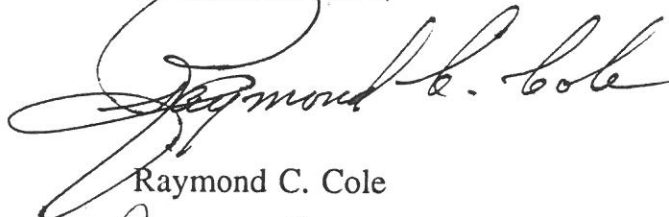
We are still receiving some mail and correspondence at the Bethel Drive mailbox. This number has been discarded, so please send all mail and correspondence to P.O. Box 775, (97440-0775). All tapes are to be sent to P.O. Box 1530, Eugene OR 97440-1530.

Tape Schedule

Tape Series	Mailed	For	Title/tape #
WSE-BC 138-8	3/4	4/4	Paul's Epistles #8
CL 2-139*	3/4	4/11	Humility #2
Passover (NTBO)	3/25	4/16 (4/17)	
Days of UB			A.M. & P.M.
First Day	3/25	4/18	(two tapes)
Days of UB			A.M. & P.M.
Last Day	4/1	4/24	(two tapes)
WSE-BC 138-9	3/18	4/25	Paul's Epistles #9
CL 2-140*	3/18	5/2	Humility #3
WSE-BC 138-10	4/1	5/9	Paul's Epistles #9
CL 2-141*	4/1	5/16	Humility #4
WSE-BC 138-11	4/15	5/23	Paul's Epistles #10
CL 2-142*	4/15	5/30	Humility #5

*Principles of Christian Living series currently being given at Eugene Sabbath Services.

In Christian Love,



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