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Announcement Letter December 1992

Dear Brethren,

The end of the gregorian year is just a month away. One more year of man's human wretchedness approaches an end. How many more actual years will we see and endure before Christ's return? Let us hope the number is very small. How will the righteous endure the vileness of these times? May God help them all.

Spiritual Principle: The Aged—A Time for Recognition

God expresses all spiritual principles—Biblical laws, statutes, and judgments—in concise and pointed language. Man's salvation is entirely dependent upon faithfully adhering to every concept advanced. The Ten Commandments are a succinct outline of all principles undergirding a priceless way of life. Statutes and Judgments are an abbreviated amplification of those great and marvelous ten principles.

A part of that amplification is found in Leviticus 19:32. It reads: "Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face [presence] of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the Lord."

Have we consciously fulfilled the intent and purpose of that command? Are we aware, specifically, of abiding by that injunction? In a collective manner, we are made to wonder if we have adequately expressed our appreciation as a body for the aged—both in memory of the deceased and honorable recognition of those living? With the presentation of this Spiritual Principle, we hope to acceptably acquit ourselves before God.

Solomon said: "The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness." Elihu amplified this in that he expressed the concepts implied on the opposite side of that conceptual coin. He stated: ". . . Days *should* speak, and multitude of years *should* teach wisdom. But there is a spirit in man [mental and rational capability]: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding. [Yet after historical

reflection he was compelled to say:] Great men are not always wise: neither do the aged understand judgment."

What honor and glory must be granted to those who remain faithful and undaunted in their orientation? To them belongs the honor justly due for their long continuance and faithfulness despite the multiple trials and temptations confronted over the years.

In Memorium

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" (Psa. 116:15). God does not forget. Their works of honor and judgment are continually remembered by Him. Should not their status and faithfulness be remembered by those who possess that mind of God? They have trodden the way. They have preceded us in achieving a faithful journey. They have written many marvelous lessons for all of us who are alert and aware of their magnanimity toward us.

For their faithful righteousness, we say "Thank You." Their undaunted and faithful example will serve as a constant reminder of our duty yet unfulfilled. That example will help us traverse the many difficult ruts in the pathway we are called to trod. Our prayer is that their faithful endurance in the way of righteousness will be rewarded (Pro. 10:2; 11:4). Having died in the faith, their red-letter day was the day of their death (Eccl. 7:1). They died in that paramount hope—the hope of everlasting life (Pro. 14:32).

Present-day Recognition

Regardless of years lived, man's life span is but a vapor before God. God is eternal. He does not experience the limits of man, except through the experience of Christ. Man has been allotted seventy years (Psa. 90:10) and after that death, unless by strength (constitution) he should live longer. Even so, those added years will continue to be fraught with suffering, difficulty, and adversity.

Our older brothers and sisters have gone through many years of trial and sorrow. They have weathered all the inherent battles. They, too, deserve our special love, recognition, and thanks. Their faithful examples are worthy of commendation—as well as being upheld as models.

Our bestowed honor and respect are predicated upon that faithful righteousness, setting an example of continuing self-mastery and self-discipline. We love you for your dedication. We ask only that you receive that respect in humility and in gratification for

an example lived—though not yet quite finished. We give you, from both mind and heart, much love, honor, and respect.

May that example continue until you, too, lay down the restless urgency of this mundane life. Then, also, will your lives be priceless in the eyes of God, and the faithful you leave behind.

Prayer Requests

[Omitted for confidentiality]

Blessings of Brethren

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Births

Mrs. Kent Clark gave birth to a son on November 9. He was nine pounds, ten ounces, twenty-three inches long, and was named Kameran Stuart. Mother and baby are doing fine.

Deaths

We were saddened to hear of the death of Mrs. Violet Perkins of the Hawaiian Islands. She died on November 8 after a long illness. We wish to express our condolences to her husband, Levi.

Trips

December 12	B.G. Clark	Ohio
December 19	B.G. Clark	Austin
January 2, 9, 16	R.C. Cole	Hawaii

Office

The Post Office will no longer forward mail sent to the 862 Bethel Drive address. They will return any mail sent there. Please be sure that you use P.O. Box 1530, Eugene OR 97440-1530 to return tapes.

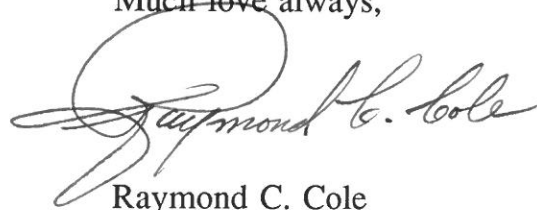
Tape Schedule

Tape Series	Mailed	For	Title/tape #
CL 2-155*	10/6	12/5	Humility #18**
WSE-RC 56-1	10/21	12/12	What's in it for the Youth? #1
WSE-BC 138-25	10/21	12/19	Paul's Epistles #25
WSE-RC 56-2	11/4	12/26	What's in it for the Youth? #2
WSE-RC 56-3	11/4	01/02	What's in it for the Youth? #3
WSE-RC 56-4	11/18	01/09	What's in it for the Youth? #4
WSP-BC 13-1	11/18	01/16	Miracles of Christ #1
WSE-RC 56-5	12/02	01/23	What's in it for the Youth? #5
WSE-BC 138-26	12/02	01/30	Paul's Epistles #26

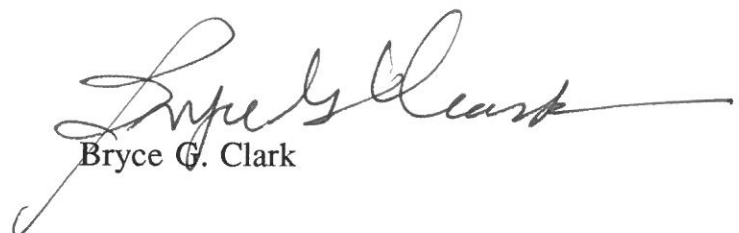
*Principles of Christian Living series currently being given at Eugene Sabbath Services.

**Humility #18 was incorrectly numbered and mailed out as Humility #17.

Much love always,



Raymond C. Cole



Bryce G. Clark