

CHIEF MINISTRIES

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Happy New Year to all of you!

I felt an urgency to write this newsletter to you all so that your Spirit could prepare itself for the impending blessing to the pure in heart. So, first of all, ask the Lord to purify your heart right now. What better way to begin this new year of blessing! He's sending His light and His truth to lead you. Are you man enough to be led? Yes, we're called to be led ourselves and lead others out of the pits of despair and bondage, but how can you lead if you've never been willing to follow? Read Psalms 51.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. 2 wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! 3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. 4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. 5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. 6 Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. 8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. 9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. 11 Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. 13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. 14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness. 15 O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. 16 For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. (Psalms 51:1-17 ESV)

The 13th verse says what will then happen. Did you lead anyone to the Lord in 2010? 2011 is the year of the harvest of souls and Oh! How He wants to use you, but you must be clean yourself! Who wants to tell anyone about Jesus when you're dirty? "Not I" says the Chief! So many lost men surround us and we stand around and judge them rather than love them. Why is that? Because the devil has tricked us – again! Quit being ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ! He wants more than church lip service or your talent or abilities. Those were free gifts from Him anyways. His command to us was, "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." How will any of those around you know the love of God if you don't just tell them but you show them also. Nothing is hidden or secret behind prison walls. We may fool our self into thinking there are, but... those reading this know what I mean. I have men come up to me all the time saying things about people in positions of authority, choir members, prayer leaders, small group leaders, etc. I get good reports, but I also get bad ones. I try not to judge the

person, but I do listen to what is said and observe the fruit of those individuals, both the teller and the subject involved. What is coming out of their mouths? For Matthew tells us this in chapter 15:10-19.

10 And he called the people to him and said to them, "Hear and understand: 11 It is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth; this defiles a person." 12 Then the disciples came and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?" 13 He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be rooted up. 14 Let them alone; they are blind guides. And if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit." 15 But Peter said to him, "Explain the parable to us." 16 And he said, "Are you also still without understanding? 17 Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is expelled? 18 But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. 19 For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. (Matthew 15:10-19 ESV)

When you are honoring God and it's more than lip service, you will find yourself ministering to others. Following God first, and then leading by example. In Acts, Paul and Silas, prisoners themselves, much of the time, were spoken of as "men who have turned the world upside down." They were responsible for the spread of the gospel throughout the Roman Empire, which was the beginning of a movement that would change the course of history forever. Whether you can grasp it or not, you have been called to be a history maker and world changer – one soul at a time. Can you imagine if you led one man to Jesus each month of 2011? You'd have your own 12 disciples! I challenge you this year to resolve to be a soul-winner. Be the light! The gospel message is the grace of Christ. It is a revelation of who He is in you. This faith in Christ will one day justify us or condemn us. Stay in the Spirit of this gospel. Make sons and heirs of God because of your own walk of the Spirit. This is the new covenant to us. That we are free! Don't entangle yourself in the do's and don'ts. Just do! Demonstrate the fruit of the Spirit in your daily life. He is coming soon! Work for the night is coming! "Behold! I am with you always even to the end of the age!" So am I! This ministry prays for all of you every day.

A prayer over you: Father, right now I pray a blessing of favor and the anointing of what it takes to be a soul-winner. I pray as men read this they will begin to feel Your Spirit rise within them. That a new boldness surround them as they make an attempt to be effective for Your kingdom. We are all a work in progress, but expand our territory. Bless us indeed! Put Your hand upon us and keep us from evil. Use us this year like never before. Let us not be ashamed of the gospel. Help us understand Your word even more. Find us doing Your will and we'll be sure to give You all the glory forever and ever. Your humble servant.

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