



From the President's Desk -



We all like to hear good news, yes! As the writer of this article, I just love putting pen to paper or should I say thoughts into my computer, when I have an extraordinary exciting thing to report that hopefully will encourage each person who will read what I have written. The subject of this article is Divine Healing, that which comes when God's people are operating in the gifts of the Holy Spirit as stated in **1 Corinthians 12:9** "to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit".

What's new about that? One may well ask, we have all read in our Bibles about the gifts of the Holy Spirit and healing, but does it work? Many of us have experienced the pain of sickness or some debilitating diseases and more so as we get older, for these old bodies of ours just seem to deteriorate as the years go by, but does it have to be that way? The simple answer is no, not according to the Word of God. **Exodus 15:26** "If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the Lord who heals you."

As Full Gospel Businessmen, we have come a long way since reforming the Fellowship after its deterioration into almost oblivion and fall from grace. God has brought us into a new place of unity as in **Psalm 133** Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments. It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; for there the Lord commanded the blessing life forevermore.

The picture here is that of the anointing of Aaron as High Priest. The abundance of precious oil depicts the full saturation and quantity of the anointing upon his life from that point forward. What of the dew of Hermon upon the mountains of Zion? Well, often in Scripture mountains refers to men. Here we see men in unity under the priesthood of Aaron, being saturated with a fresh anointing, enabling them to move forward in all sorts of fields of endeavours, in the comfort and assurance of the blessings of Almighty God, upon that which they find their hands to do willingness in serving Him.

Let me bring this home as to how all this relates to us in the newly formed FGBMFI Australia. Over the past few months, I have been very much aware of a move of God's Holy Spirit throughout the Fellowship to do with a fresh anointing in the area of Divine Healing. Ever since the outbreak of the pandemic forcing us into lockdown, preventing us from holding public meetings, we have had to find new ways to communicate. The decision was made to hold National ZOOM Prayer Meetings and it has been through this new technology that we have

been able to gain a newfound unity that has been missing from our fellowship, due to the vast distances between chapters. Now from God through these Zoom prayer meetings, has flowed a new stream of anointed Divine Healings. Firstly, our Vice President Tony Vaughan had been suffering from frequent attacks of vertigo, that horrible onslaught of giddiness and loss of balance making life a misery for him. He asked for prayer and the National ZOOM Prayer meeting responded with fervency, resulting in complete healing. Tony was happy to report that he hasn't had an attack over the past few weeks since that prayer.

For myself, I have been under hospital outpatient care for respiratory problems. CT scans showed a tumour or pocket of asbestosis in my left lung, this had been causing me pain for some time and needed to be dealt with. After sharing my dilemma with the good men attending the ZOOM Prayer Meeting and having them pray for complete healing for me, I returned to the hospital for further test and scans. The results of which, even surprised the Doctors who were happy to report that my lungs are clear of any infection.

They want me back for follow up tests in three months just to make sure of their diagnoses. When the Doctor rang me to tell me all was clear I said well praise God for that; to which he responded, "well we might."

Thirdly, David Langford a past National Board Member and faithful ZOOM Prayer Meeting attendee, was taken from his workplace by ambulance with bleeding on the brain; without surgery this is a death sentence. David was to be operated on at 7:00pm on the evening of the day he had been admitted to hospital. The word went out to the Fellowship, that He desperately needed our prayer. There was an immediate response with fervency in prayer for David. During that evening something strange happened and there was no operation performed on him that night. The next morning a decision was made to examine him with further CT scans just to see if it had healed itself during the night. Praise be to God; David was discharged from hospital that afternoon.

Men of God let me encourage you to read **1 Corinthians 12:1-11** asking God, which of the spiritual gifts you are most suited for ministering in the Market Place. Word of wisdom, word of knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, different kinds of tongues, interpretation of tongues. With this fresh anointing upon the Fellowship, brought about in part through the faithful prayers of those who attended the National ZOOM Prayer Meetings, anything is possible. We, as members of this wonderful worldwide ministry, need to catch this wave of the Holy Spirit and let God take us all forward in the unity we have gained this year of 2020.

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Overcome discouragement

First, find a better way. While rebuilding Jerusalem's walls, Nehemiah said, 'I looked things over' (Nehemiah 4:14 NIV). Realising there were enemies to be defeated and obstacles to be overcome, he 'stationed some of the people behind the lowest points of the wall at the exposed places, posting them by families, with their swords, spears and bows' (Nehemiah 4:13 NIV). In order to overcome discouragement, Nehemiah realised they'd have to start doing things differently. They needed a new system. So he organised the people according to their gifts and strengths.

'Insanity' has been described as doing the same thing over and over again and hoping for different results. And there's wisdom in that. When you get discouraged, don't give up on your goals. Instead, devise a new approach! Question: was it wrong for the Jews to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem? No, they were just going about it in the wrong way! There's a lesson here for us all. For example, do you have a problem in your marriage? Don't give up; try a new attitude. Do you have a problem in your business? Don't throw in the towel; look for a new approach, reorganise your schedule, and refocus on your goal. Have you ever heard of the 80/20 principle? If 80 per cent of your time is spent on the 20 per cent of activities that aren't productive, you will get frustrated. Rather, what you need to do is devote 80 per cent of your time to the 20 per cent that produces the highest results. Business managers call this ROI time - 'return on investment'. So practise devoting the majority of your time and energy to the things you *know* bring results.

Good Things are happening



Saturday 10th October inducting Bryan Wiseman in as the new North Lakes Chapter President. Bill Wilcock Membership Director, Len Donaldson National President, David Harvey (North Lakes), and Forde Blackwell (North Lakes Chapter Secretary / Treasurer).

The meeting was attended by 19 men, including Giel Smith from the Gold Coast who was able to share his progress in opening the new Chapter on the Coast. When the men started to pray for both Bryan and Giel, the Holy Spirit moved in a mighty way with words of prophecy and words of knowledge. The Altar call was full of men desiring a fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit.

One Brother that was prayed for shared a sad part of his testimony about the war years in Poland and his life in Germany after the war; then a second Brother sang a blessing in German over him. It was so thrilling just to be there in the meeting.

FGBMFI Business Tips

It is important to have a Business Plan

What is a business plan?

A business plan is simply a written document that describes the future path of a business.

A good business plan explains the business concept, summarizes the objectives of the business, identifies the resources (both in terms of money and people) that will be needed by the business, describes how those resources will be obtained, and tells the reader why the business will succeed.

Recruiting

Select carefully as this is where your greatest investment should be. Most organizations and businesses are about people and in most cases, this is where the highest cost structure lies. When recruiting and selecting new staff, never take the best of a bad bunch. It is much better to wait and get the right person or head hunt from another source. A bad employment decision can wreck your whole enterprise.

Values

Your values will determine your culture. Staff and peers alike watch to see how you live and how you conduct yourself at work. If your leadership is valued-based, you are more likely to create a positive caring culture over your workplace and colleagues. If you are different at work than you are at home, your value base needs checking. There should be alignment between your work and home life.

Vision: Without a vision the people perish (Proverbs 29:18)

Do you have vision for your business – your business will not grow beyond your vision. Your vision needs to be compelling, driving you forward.

Have **Protocols and Policies**, as they will save you grief later on.

If you have time complete a **Strategic Plan**.

Finance – Follow your budgets because at the very least they become your plan for the current financial year.

Remember that **Cash-Flow** is the life blood of the business.



For GOD so loved the world . . .



My Precious Prodigal

By Lowell Lundstrom

I purchased newspapers in every major town and searched obituary columns for news about unidentified bodies found by railroad tracks or by rivers. I knew that Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd, was the only One who could find my precious girl. I concluded each evangelistic meeting with an appeal, "Please pray for Lisa," without giving details. I didn't care what anyone thought. I only knew that I loved my precious prodigal and wanted her back. For some 8 years I asked nearly every group to pray for Lisa.

I was a prodigal parent. I found myself repeating: "If only I...," and "I should have...." Things were building up within me. I thought, Maybe I should quit the ministry. Maybe I'm unfit. One dark day, when the demons of hell must have expected me to throw in the towel, the Holy Spirit spoke: "Lowell, what did God do wrong that the devil went bad?"

Suddenly a ray of hope burst through the darkness. The condemnation that tormented my soul lifted as I realized that God hadn't done anything wrong. Even though I had made mistakes, I wasn't totally responsible for Lisa's actions. We had not abandoned her. This revealing moment helped steady me. I began to see how I could be a father again for Lisa. I determined I would attempt to reach every prodigal young person with whom I came in contact. This gave me an added incentive to preach, pray, and encourage youth. I began to view every troubled teen girl as if she were someone else's Lisa. I did the same for the rebellious young men. This greater compassion, along with stronger words of warning, came through in my messages.

Finally, after 8 years, Lisa came home for Christmas. It was a good time of laughter and reminiscing. But she returned to her lifestyle. The day she drove away from our home, Connie slumped down on the front steps and cried so hard I thought she would die.

Soon Lisa's life began to fall apart. She separated from the pimp who was controlling her. Her kidneys began to fail and her health was in jeopardy. Then one night Lisa made a call on a customer. She soon discovered he was a serial killer who had murdered 18 women. Lisa was to be number 19. He put a knife to her throat and stretched her out on a plastic garbage bag. He ran knives up and down her body, preparing to kill her. Lisa silently cried, "O, God, don't let me die like this. I don't want my family to learn it ended this way." She felt the Holy Spirit push back the black demon of death radiating from this crazed killer. Then an amazing turn of events - the serial killer set her free and then he committed suicide.

Our Miracle

One day, while on tour in Canada, I received the happiest call of my life. It was Lisa. She wanted to come home. I dropped everything and headed south on a 2000-mile journey nonstop. Forty hours later, Lisa was in my arms. The terrible 9-year nightmare was over.

My precious prodigal was back

God had been faithful. Satan was defeated. And God continues to do great things in our lives as a result of her devastating detour into darkness. Five years have gone by since Lisa's return. Our Father in heaven is forever faithful. Parents never give up! God is able to write the last chapter for us.

Comments on Character from Ron Oastler

Do you know what they teach in the better professional and management courses these days?

They teach that real performance comes from Competence and Commitment - from "Know How" and "Will do".

A lot of times we complain that things don't go right for us in business, family, the Chapter or elsewhere. And all the time its a lack of either know how or the will to just do it.

What they DON'T teach you in the courses is - there is a third dimension. In addition to Competence and Commitment there is **CHARACTER**. And character is all about attitudes, about beliefs and values. It is about the basis of our commitment.

So, being effective isn't just about physical and mental toughness. Nor confined to personality and influence. But it is a whole lot about the Spirit. That's - our spirit and God's Spirit.

EVENTS – See webpage for details



INTERNATIONAL Our Mission

FGBMFI is one of the largest Christian business organizations in the world. Founded in 1953, we are in 142 nations - meeting in over 7,000 chapters. Our members and leaders include every race, culture, social status, and language.

By God's grace, we connect people with opportunities to reach out and help others find a better life and work together to build better communities.

We do this by:

Calling people back to God...

There is a better life by following Jesus Christ.

Promoting integrity and good character...

Being a reflection of God to our world.

Participating in God's good work...

Releasing gifts, talents and resources to help others.

Working together to build better cities & nations...

Impacting our leaders and our culture.

Taking the message of God's love to every family...

A true grass roots effort that is changing the world.

"The mandate from God is that we break the chains of despair in the world. Our mandate is to destroy the isolation of loneliness and link the world to God!"

Demos Shakarian, Founder



"It is our destiny to lift up God in every business center, every marketplace, every government center and university... every nation, city, town and crossroads of the world. People of faith, shining with God's glory, bringing the uplifting message of God's power... reaching out, helping, encouraging and lifting. Today, through our efforts, we believe that over 2 million people come to God each year."



International President Mario Garcia



Christian Witnessing

We're merely called to share

Christian witnessing is merely sharing our heartfelt faith in Christ - what He's personally done to change our individual lives! We're not called to argue or debate anyone into heaven. We're merely called to share! As in the courtroom, we're called to be a witness for the Gospel, not the lawyer, judge or jury... Leave that up to God!

It's not about intellect or debate skills

In his letter to the Corinthian Church, Paul addresses the heart of Christian witnessing:

And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men.

A quote by Albert Camus

I would rather live my life as if there is a God and die to find out there isn't, than live as if there isn't and to die to find out that there is.



Christmas is such a special occasion for Christians. When we reflect on some of humanity, Christmas can be a very lonely time as some people have nowhere to go or, no family to visit. For many it is a time of despair and there is no rejoicing due to circumstances they have found themselves in. I have found that Christmas is the one time where you can invite lonely people to share a meal with you and if the opportunity arises, the possibility of sharing your testimony. I can recall one-chapter member visiting a hospital ward where he found a man broken and weeping. The man had lost his wife to a younger man while he was away shearing sheep, and this also meant that he did not get to see his 3 children as he would have liked. This man accepted Jesus and went on to become a FGBMFI chapter president. So, if opportunity knocks can you be the door that opens?