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# Glad Tithings

*"Moreover it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy."* (1 Cor. 4:2)



Ken Smith, Director

*Ken Smith's Principles in Practice*

## Using Relationships to Reach Us

God wants to bless us in our relationship with Him and in our relationships with others as well. If our human, horizontal relationships are out of line, our vertical connection to the Father will also be misaligned.

When the Lord reached out to me in my misery in 1976, He rescued me from depression and suicide. Almost immediately, He began to show me that He would use my relationships with others to restore my relationship with Him.

### Enemies

He began with my enemies. Over the preceding 10 years, I had developed and nurtured a very bad attitude toward many people I knew, mostly in the local legal

community, including many who attended the same church.

One Sunday afternoon, I felt compelled to visit that church—not slightly inclined, but commanded by God to go that evening. I did so, dreading having to associate with all those people I didn't like. There was a time during the service when folks would get up and testify to what God had done in their lives. To my chagrin and amazement, I found myself standing during the sharing time and explaining that I felt resentment toward a number of people in that church and present at that service. I said I was there to ask their forgiveness as a congregation for my poor attitude toward so many of them.

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## Explore CSM Golf Marathon at June 25 Reception, Win Prizes

If golf is your game—or even if it's not, check out plans for the third CSM Golf Marathon. That's 50 holes on September 19. Last year, great golfers—and good sports—helped CSM raise more than \$45,000 for the ministry. Help us aim higher this year and reach our goal of \$60,000.

On Wednesday, June 25, CSM is holding a coffee and dessert reception at 6:30 p.m. for potential golfers at the Army Navy Country Club in Fairfax, Virginia. We're looking for 50 supporters who are willing to raise at least \$1,000 each by playing 50 holes of golf in half a day.

At the reception you'll get all the details about prizes for golfers and plans for the marathon including food, drinks and golf

carts! Those who come to the reception also will have the opportunity to win some great door prizes, including sleeves of golf balls and other goodies for the green. There will also be a putting contest with the skillful (or lucky!) winner taking the putter home. Golfers who sign up for the marathon will receive a Land's End CSM golf shirt or a CSM leather duffle bag.

The 2003 CSM Golf Marathon will be Friday, September 19, at the Fairfax National Golf Club in Centreville, Virginia, beginning at 6:30 a.m. Golfers will have until 1:00 p.m. to finish the 50 holes with two balls per hole. Call the CSM office at 703-591-5000 to sign up for the June 25 reception or for more details on the tournament.

**Join us for a  
dessert  
reception on  
June 25 for  
potential  
golfers for the  
3<sup>rd</sup> CSM Golf  
Marathon  
scheduled for  
September 19.**



First there was complete silence. Then the church exploded in applause. I was dumbfounded. I wanted to turn and run, and I fled as soon as the next person rose to speak.

For days after that, my phone rang with calls from people who wanted to know if they were among those I had referred to at the service—and who wanted to assure me of their forgiveness if they were! In one fell swoop, the Lord healed relationships that would have taken months or years to restore one by one. I joined that church, and many of those same people eventually became lifelong friends.

## Family

Often God demonstrates His love for our families through us. As I look back on my childhood, I had fond memories of my two younger brothers. However, their memories were not as pleasant. What they apparently remembered was my picking on them, fighting with them and getting them in trouble.

When I realized that God wanted to restore my relationship with them, I began to reach out to them. At first, they wanted nothing to do with me. They communicated with each other, but never with me, unless I initiated the contact. Since we lived far apart, it was difficult to reach out to them. I telephoned, I wrote, I visited, I remembered their birthdays. It wasn't easy, but over time, they softened. And the Lord renewed and restored those relationships.

## Pets

God can also love us through our relationships with animals. When Pat and I married in 1981, she brought three children, a dog and a cat into the marriage. The cat, Wee, did not like men, and she responded to me by hissing every time I drew close to her. Even though I liked cats, I decided to just ignore this one.

But the Lord had other plans. One day I sensed Him prompting me to change my attitude toward Wee. In response to the Lord's guidance, I decided to love this nasty cat. I began by giving her milk when no one else gave her anything but cat food and by calling her and talking to her in the early morning when no one else was up. Slowly but surely, Wee came around. She stopped hissing, let me pet her, and even began to sit in my lap as she did in Pat's. We became friends, and we loved each other.

Once Wee disappeared for several days, and when she returned, it soon became clear that she'd experienced great physical trauma and was dying. At the very last, she still permitted me to hold her and pet her, and she would seek me out to sit on my lap. Despite our rocky beginning, God loved me through that cat.

## Friends

In college I had three best friends. We were inseparable, and my firstborn son was named for all of them. Over the

years, we drifted apart. Time and miles separated us. When I became a Christian, it became more difficult for them to relate to me. Two I still keep in touch with, but I offended one so greatly, he will no longer talk with me. Nevertheless, I still think of these men as close friends—and I continue to work on these relationships and do all that I can to be a friend to each of them.

## God's Plan

God loves each of us so much. He wants us to know His love, to feel His love and to become channels of His love to others. One of the ways He works in our lives is through our relationships. If you want to see more of God's working in your relationships, begin where God started with me—with your enemies. Ask God to help you select someone to love that you really don't like. Or someone you cannot bear to be around. Then ask Him to love that person through you.

Begin to focus on what brings out the best (and the worst) in that person. Major in bringing out the best and avoid doing what brings out the worst. Keep your eyes on the Lord and on His desire to express His love through you. You'll see a change, a softening. You may never become best buddies with that person, but almost certainly your relationship will improve. And God will demonstrate His love for you through that individual.

Don't stop with your enemies. Move on to your family, your friends, your pets. Let God surround you with His love as He pours it forth through you to all those who cross your path. Ask him to show you ways you can bless, encourage and love those around you. Perhaps He will direct you to focus on one relationship at a time. Or perhaps He will call on you to focus on one act of love each day. Listen and obey, and reap the blessing of His love multiplied back to you.

## CSM Counseling: Meeting Your Needs

Can't schedule LMS classes? Need to resolve specific financial or time management issues? Prefer to work one-on-one? If your financial situation is out of hand or your schedule is a mess, you can get the help you need by working directly with a CSM counselor. You can meet face-to-face or by phone or email to get started right away on the changes God wants to bring about in your life. Your CSM counselor will walk with you through the process.

Your first step is to call 703-591-5000 or the CSM toll-free line 1-800-IDL-TIME (435-8463) or email the ministry at [counseling@csmin.org](mailto:counseling@csmin.org). Let us know how we can help you and then send in a fully refundable \$50 deposit and complete some homework prior to the first session. Don't delay any longer in stepping forward to receive this blessing. CSM wants to serve you and bring order to your life and peace and serenity to your spirit.

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## Ministry News

Circle June 25 and September 19 on your calendar for the third annual CSM Golf Marathon. Call the CSM office at 703-591-5000 to R.S.V.P. for the June 25 dessert reception for potential golfers at the Army Navy Country Club. Join us—and bring your golfing friends—for a fun evening with door prizes and a putting contest. Plus there will be special gifts for golfers who sign up to raise at least \$1,000 by playing 50 holes on September 19.

Many thanks to all of you who attended CSM's Spring Banquet, which raised a net of \$35,000 for the ministry. It was a wonderful evening capped by Tom Tarrants' stirring testimony of how God moved him from a mission of racism to a ministry of reconciliation.

The small group study guides and leader's guides for *It's About Time* are proving popular with churches for Sunday school and home group classes. Recently the following churches in the Washington, D.C. area used the guides: Truro Episcopal, McLean Presbyterian, Christian Fellowship Church, Fairfax Assembly of God, Harvester PCA, New Hope Fellowship and St. Dunsten's. The guides are available from CSM for \$5 each.

Ruth Kriz and Ralph Solberg have almost completed the sixth edition of the Life Management Study, and we're looking for a volunteer with desktop publishing skills to help us produce this edition. The Internet Life Management Study is ongoing with about a dozen graduates and several students currently working their way through the course.

The CSM South American Advisory Council led by Gustavo Alayza includes Peter Hornung, David Ingman, Raul Zegarra, Cesar Madico, Javier Garcia, Luis Seminario and Guillermo Lecarnaque. CSM is ready to publish the Spanish translation of *It's About Time!*, put LMS material in Spanish on the website and let the contract for developing the Spanish Internet LMS website as soon as funding is available. We also welcome frequent flier miles to enable CSM staff to travel to Peru to assist in this effort.

Registration for fall LMS classes in the Washington area begins in August. You can register by mail, by telephone or online at [www.csm.in.org](http://www.csm.in.org) or email [lms@csm.in.org](mailto:lms@csm.in.org). If you're out of the area or there's no class nearby, consider the Internet Life Management Study available through our website.

## CSM: Time is Not a Problem

After hours? Before hours? Between hours? Time is not an issue. CSM's website is available all the time, any time at [www.csm.in.org](http://www.csm.in.org). Get helpful advice on money and time management, and let us know how we can help you further. Your comments and emails are welcome!

If you'd like personal encouragement or counseling, call 703-591-5000 or tollfree at 1-800-IDL TIME (435-8463) during East Coast business hours. We want to help you put your life and finances in order. Call us to arrange counseling, order publications or sign up for LMS classes. We'd love to hear from you.

## Prayer Corner

### **PRAISE GOD FOR...**

- ◆ The work of Gustavo Alayza and his team in Lima, Peru in translating LMS products into Spanish.
- ◆ Success of the CSM banquet in raising a net of \$35,000 for the ministry.
- ◆ God's presence and direction during the CSM board retreat in April.
- ◆ The gifts of time, talent and treasure from CSM's donors, volunteers, board members and Advisory Council members.

### **PRAYFOR...**

- ◆ Many potential golfers to join us for the June 25 dessert reception in preparation for our September 19 Golf Marathon.
- ◆ Additional churches to incorporate LMS and small group studies into their adult education curricula and additional students for both LMS and small group studies.
- ◆ God's guidance in establishing the ministry in Peru and throughout South America and donation of frequent flyer miles to help foster this ministry.
- ◆ A volunteer desktop publisher to help produce the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the Life Management Study.
- ◆ Identification of a foundation whose purpose matches CSM's focus on helping Christians organize their lives and finances in accordance with Biblical principles.

## Sign up in August for Fall Life Management Study

Have no time to get help with managing your time? Think again and pray about signing up for one of CSM's 13-week Life Management Study classes this fall. Find out for yourself what others testify to—this is a life-changing class and it's for you!

If you're in the Washington area, there's probably a class near you—just call the CSM office at 703-591-5000 to get details. Or consider using the *It's About Time!* small group study in your Sunday school class or home group meeting—call our toll-free number—1-800-IDLTIME to purchase copies of the study guide and leader's guide.

If you're in Tallahassee or Toronto or Timbuktu, the Internet version is for you. To date, a dozen students have graduated from the ILMS and several more are actively working their way through the course.

### **Join our Advertisers!**

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## Jack Maier: Discerning God's Direction

"We're considering expanding CSM beyond the Washington metropolitan area," Jack Maier, the chairman of the CSM Board of Directors, says when asked about his vision for the ministry. "This is our greatest challenge."

Jack has been involved with Christian Stewardship Ministries since the early 1980's, including serving on the ministry's Advisory Council and accountability boards for individuals and businesses. More recently, he helped develop the golf marathon and worked on several of CSM's banquets, including this year's.

He is continually encouraged by people who tell him how the ministry has changed their lives—helped them break free from debt, organize their time, re-set their priorities. He's also learned from Ken the importance of taking situations before the Lord to listen for direction before making a decision.

Today, Jack is firmly establishing in his own life the principles learned from Ken many years ago by taking the Life Management Study class. "LMS forces me to set aside a dedicated time every day for a quiet time—it gives me the discipline to do it," Jack says.

An engineer who retired from the Drug Enforcement Administration, Jack now works for SAIC on homeland security issues. He also volunteers with the Good News Jail and Prison Ministry and serves as a Lay Eucharistic Minister at Truro Episcopal Church in Fairfax, Virginia. His wife Carole is a receptionist and volunteer at Truro. They have five grown children and six grandchildren.

## Joyful Dividends

Ken,

I read the spring Issue of CSM's newsletter last night and was stirred by the article on alcoholism. I, too, have heard many Christians object against addicts in recovery who continue to call themselves addicts, and I find their objections regrettable. For many reasons you name, and others, too, many Christians have found that the moment they cease to speak of themselves as addicts, or alcoholics, they depart from the way of grace.

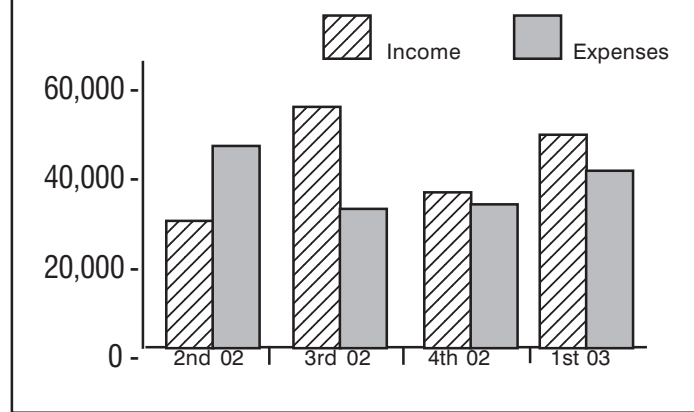
In my experience, it is no different than a non-alcoholic Christian reminding himself that he is a sinner. He is saved. He is redeemed. He is healed. But surely he is mistaken if he ceases to think of himself as a sinner.

Anyway, I was very thankful for your article, for its plain-spokenness and its humility.

Thank you, Ken.

*Steve Schlossberg, Director  
Lamb Center (Homeless Ministry)  
Fairfax, Virginia*

## CSM FINANCES 2002-2003



## Spring Banquet Raises \$35,000

Applause and thanks to all who were a part of our March 20 banquet. It was a wonderful evening featuring Tom Tarrants sharing his dramatic testimony of God's love, mercy and transformation. CSM was blessed by the generosity of participants who pledged \$35,000 for the ministry.

Special thanks to all those who made the banquet possible:

**Banquet volunteers:** Dawn Barbee, Pam Cave, Karen Chace, Steve Chace, Charlie Cossairt, Ed DeJesus, Millie DeJesus, Lou Enoff, Susan Evers, Beth Fleming, Kathy Gammill, Betty Graves, Emily Graves, John Grimsley, Darrell Harris, Shannon Harris, Myrna Harris, Kathy Henry, Chuck Henry, Mary Hubbell, Sultana Jones, Frank Lewark, Wanda Lewark, Geri Lindsay, Jack Maier, Carole Maier, Sharon Meisel, Frank Mullins, Barbara O'Donnell, Teri Phelps, Bill Pile, Linda Seagears, Rob Seagears, Mark Siljander, Susan Sims, Pat Smith, Hugh Talman, Gedeon Topacio, Ernie Wakeham, Diane Wakeham, Sharon Wigington, Lenora Woods, Wayde York and Kathy Zwingle.

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