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## HELP! HELP!

I know most of you are giving to your limit! GIJAPA continues to fall short more and more very month. August when I paid the July radio bills, I had \$46,000 left in the GIJAPA account. I paid the August radio bills the 12th of last month (five Sundays—\$27, 536.00) I had \$30,485 left in GIJAPA's checking account. I don't recall that we ever had this small amount after paying the radio bills over the past 30 years.

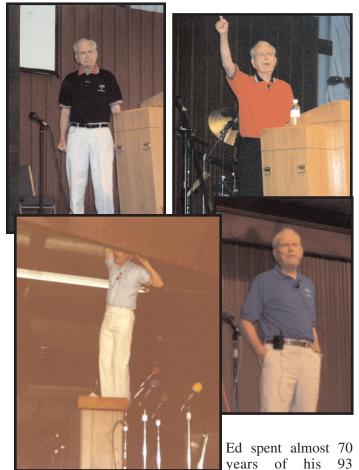
I have doubled my giving and I'm praying without ceasing for God to intercede so I don't have to drop radio broadcasts. So I decided to go to you the listeners, the contributors, and the heartbeat of GIJAPA. If our funds do not increase by December 31, 2014, I will have to drop two 50,000 watt stations in US—KRVN, Lexington, NE; KDWN, Las Vegas, NV and one Short-

wave station - Radio Africa.

### PLEASE PRAY!

### REMEMBERING ED

October 1, 1918 - May 16, 2011



preaching the gospel and almost 50 on the radio. I am so thankful we have his sermons preserved in print as well as on CDs to continue to teach those that are lost and indifferent in their spiritual walk with the Lord. The pictures were all taken at different times at Hillsboro Family Camp which was an annual event for him for 43 years. Thank you for making it possible for GIJAPA (Ed's voice) to still be heard around the world every Lord's Day.

# POINTS TO PONDER

From the Archives of Ed Bousman

#### **KNOW THEM OVER YOU**

Here are two statements of Paul regarding leadership that ought to be noted. Paul exhorts us in First Thessalonians to know them that labor among you and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you. Do you really know them that labor among you? I served a congregation one time where a strange thing happened. As I was shaking the brethren out one Sunday morning after services one of the deacons stopped to chat for a few moments. While we were talking one of the elders passes by and I reached out a hand to shake his hand and for some unknown reason I said to the elder, "Joe Blow, do you know John Doe here?" Joe Blow, the elder, said, no he didn't. So I introduced Joe Blow to John Doe. The first thing Joe Blow said to John

Doe was an invitation to attend services. Joe Blow told John Doe that he was glad he was with us today and invited him to come back sometime. All of a sudden I realized that not only did Joe Blow not know that John Doe was a Deacon he did not even know that he was a Christian. I did not ask the deacon, but I have a feeling that he did not know the elder either. Think of that for awhile. An elder and a deacon in the same congregation and neither one of them knew each other. Paul said that we are to know them who labor among us. Do you know who your elders and deacons are? In this day and time this advice ought to be applied to the television and radio preachers as well. They come into our homes every week. Do you really know them? I mean know them for what they are and what they teach? Many a person in the Church of Christ recognizes all of the electronic preachers as faithful "preachers" of the Word. They really don't know them. Do you know that not a single nationally known television preacher tells people to do what Peter told people to do on the day of Pentecost. Namely repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Do you know that not one nationally known television preacher tells people that the Lord's Supper needs to be observed every first day of the week? Did you ever hear any of them refer to Acts 20:7? And upon the first day of the week when we were gathered together to break bread... How well do you know them that presume to teach you and admonish you? When did you ever hear a nationally known television preacher plead for the unity of all lovers of God and talk about the sin of denominational names? Paul said, "KNOW THESE PEOPLE." I hope that you know them a little better now. It seems that those who don't preach the truth are the ones who have all the television and radio programs. Some of our people say that the local Church is where all the action is. I wish the devil understood that. The action for cults and denominations is in the electronic arena. They bring it into our homes and our people bring it into our congregations. Then when some of our preachers-a few of them anywaytell people what the Bible really says about the plan of salvation the message is unacceptable. The message is unacceptable because our people really don't know them who teach and admonish them on television and the radio. Another thought on leadership is from the firth chapter of First Timothy. He said that some men's sins are evident going before them into judgment; some men also they follow after. While Paul may have been talking about the eldership in particular this statement has far reaching effects also. Some men's sins are evident. Some people are evidently not qualified to be elders and those sins are noted before any examination of the candidate. Some are not revealed until the candidate is examined further. But this principle is also true as far as the Judgment Day is concerned. Some men's sins are evident going before them into Judgment. No one will be the least bit surprised if Adolph Hitler goes to Hell. Where else is there for a man like that to go? It is evident. Some men's sins are evident going before them into Judgment. There will be no way to escape. Their sins will be evident to God and man. When the Allied armies liberated the prisoners in Dachau as well as other camps where people were slaughtered, some of the

Nazi guards tried to disguise themselves by putting on the garb of prisoners. They did not fool anyone because of their fat faces. Anyone could see that they were well fed. There was no way to hide. The marks of sin will be there; not only evident in the here and now, but evident then. Some men's sins are evident going before them into Judgment. But for some they follow after. There are some that are adroit in hiding an unfaithful life. They appeared to be Christians. They were faithful in attendance, and other important work of the Lord's and His Church. They managed to keep their hypocrisy well hidden but all will be revealed on that day. Some men's sins are evident going into Judgment and some they follow after.

I stand before you friends tonight, With paint and powder cap and bell.

My face is daubed with red and white, Like any clowns; and who can tell,

Behind the mask I wear so well. What I may know of Heaven or Hell?

I am not different from you; You go in a mask and motley too! You too, go masked, no less than I, with fear and courage, hate and pride,

Behind their deep disguise you hide; Like me to love and live and die.

Not mine alone the tinseled hall. Not mine alone the jester's art. Your life is but a costume ball; In which each person plays a part.

What if, amid the gayest rout, A voice should suddenly cry out, Unmask! What if a hand should tear the flimsy trapping that we wear?

Where would the throng of revelers be? Shuddering, I think, You all would flee, Or trapped, would stand aghast and stare At faces pitiful and bare. Author unknown



Dear Naomi, Thank you so much for your encouraging words and scriptures to study and meditate on. I sent a request to the unit Chaplain to be baptized! I am very excited! I'm not sure when it will take place but I am looking forward to it and also looking forward to moving ahead in my walk with Jesus Christ. Also I am taking your suggestion and in my prayers I ask God to increase my faith. Thank you so much for your positive and heart warm response. Bless you and everything you do!

Eric from Humble, TX. PS When I am baptized I will write and let you know. Thanks Luke 1:37. (<sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God.)

My name is Lanita and I am currently incarcerated in the Galveston County Jail. First I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the Bible, it is the most wonderful gift I honestly have to say I have ever received only with the exception of my children. I was so very happy when it came I cried, I thoroughly enjoyed doing the Bible study as well. I am soon to be released from jail and would like to continue my studies. I need for you to send them to my home address I will add that in below and again thank

you so very much for my Bible. I will cherish it always. May the Lord keep you safe and may you forever walk in His light.

Crystal Beach, TX

Dear Naomi, I just wanted to write you this small note to thank you and the entire GIJAPA family for the Bible and these Bible Studies that have really been a shinning light in my life. I was abused as a child and I'm also an ex-gang member. These Bible studies are helping me to understand God's love for me which h is a choice and how His word is an immovable anchor in times like these. I thank God for you all and my journey is not over yet, it just began.

Ideria from Beaumont, TX

Dear Naomi, I hope your Labor Day weekend was blessed and full of enjoyment! I just wanted to personally thank you for the uplifting work that you are doing for God's Kingdom including the Bible Studies for inmates everywhere to be able to know God's word on a mere intimate level. I just received my first certificate and I'm anxious to continue in the studies. I am an inmate in the Brazoria County jail in Angleton, TX. I will be moved to a prison unit in the next month or two. Your address is already written in my Bible to take with me so I can continue to have your assistance in learning more about the word. Thanks again because you are definitely impacting many lives. Praise and glory be to our God and Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Steven

PS Please keep me in your prayers I shall do the same for you!

I'm here at Darrington Unit in Rosharon, TX. I want to thank you for the Bible and studies. I've been doing them for almost a year now and I believe they have helped me. This is a seven day a week working farm so it is taking me longer to finish them and send them in. I was writing mainly to ask you to put my oldest son Eddie in your prayers. He had a real bad accident on August 3rd and just got out of ICU on August 27th. He fractured his skull in two places but is getting better I am told. It's hard on me because I'm here and he is in Memorial Herman in Houston. Please pray for him, my sons mean everything to me. MEB

Dear Church, I am so grateful and thankful for your gift of the large print Bible. I'm legally blind and wasn't able to read God's word before I obtained your gift. I didn't know they came with issue of a Bible study, it's been so much of a help to me while I've been here incarcerated. I go home on the 29th of September. I have written my home address on the last set of studies so I can continue in God's word with you. Than k you for sharing with me God's love as I love all of you a whole lot.

Bryant from Galveston, TX

Hi Madame Naomi, We really have to rely on God's abundant mercy & blessing for us to keep on with His work...to quicken the saints around the globe & help them to live in Christ! Lately we've received another "three (3) boxes of Bibles" sent February 3, 2012, yes 2012. I do not know the reason of this delay! I've got in the mail today copies of our

September 2014 newsletter posted August 22. The mere reading of your global work to the LORD is quite inspiring & worth emulating to us in the Philippines, not to mention of course the "soul-pounding articles" of Sir Ed Bousman, which I am using most of our preaching & teaching especially during the "communion meditations" of our local churches you are helping to build & grow here. It has been our priority to evangelize within & near our local churches so as we could disciple people & help them grow with the Lord. Not only you are helping people to obey the gospel but you are assisting the Lord's local churches where your programs are being heard. By Monday, we are expecting a couple of typhoons simultaneously. One is located the east & the other one is in the west. Thank GOD for having you. We are using GIJAPA literature & writing for our "textbook guide". They are full of Biblical illustration & familiarization.... ending up on God's truth for us to serve & worship Him in truth & spirit. Regards to you all at GIJAPA, Sir Eric & Madame Melanie. God Bless!

Ed Domingo, Evangelist of Sunset Beach Church of Christ, Philippines

My very dear Sister Naomi, How are you? We are fine. I was out of Solwezi for the past month. I took my daughter Melody on tuberculosis treatment to the mission hospital in Mwinilunga district, about 260 km away from our home town Solwezi. Her legs were swollen when she started taking the drugs.

I am happy to tell you that, on Monday, 8th September 2014, she reported to school. She has reduced coughing and chest pains. She is not very weak as before. She has gained weight and able to wash her clothes. Thank you so much for your continued prayers for her quick recovery. Sad news, we have no Church of Christ in Mwinilunga district of Northwestern province of Zambia. We are happy our daughter is improving. May the Lord use our daughter's illness for us to see and know this place to open the door for evangelism? We are going back to Mwinilunga in December this year 2014, for review. I would appreciate to have Bibles and tracts to help us to find good contacts.

Thank you again for your continued support and prayers. We are looking forward to hearing from you. Thank you again.

John Maseka, Your brother and fellow servant of Christ of the Messenger Church of Christ, Solwezi, Zambia

Beloved Sister Naomi, We are always glad with your love, patience and humility. We thank God for your understanding. The missionaries sold the only church plot and left after years of spending but to no avail. It was when the few faithful brethren heard that the good Lord had used me to convert several Muslims and a whole Pentecostal church into the Lord's church in my home country of Ghana that they immediately came for me.

To the glory of God we now have six congregations here apart from the one planted in the Cassamance region of Senegal and also four in Sierra Leone which I keep visiting year by year to assist the work. This nation of The Gambia needs someone like me who is willing to sacrifice and knows much of Islam and their Quran apart from the Bible.

Ahmed D., a dangerous Islamic fundamentalist based in South Africa print books against the Bible and Christianity and distribute freely in all parts of Africa. Some of his books are entitled 50,000 errors in the Bible, Crucifixion and several others. When I got hold of them, I studied carefully and printed a tract based on their Quran to answer all his questions. When the Muslim youths in this country read it, they began questioning their leaders about Islam and their Quran.

I was called upon for questioning at the ministry of religious affairs. At the end, I was warned not to distribute those tracts anymore. God is truly on our side. I have so far trained seven preachers of which five are Gambians. My wife I brought from Ghana was sick and since I was having no funds to cater for her expenses, she had to die leaving on me our three children. Please always remember us in your prayers, sister. To God alone be the glory through Christ Jesus, Amen.



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