

WIN ONE IN 2021

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I. **(HOOK)** “ONLY WHAT’S DONE FOR CHRIST WILL LAST”

A. I’ve been preaching for 38 years and have been in the ministry for 45 years. (I started when I was six. LOL!) When we were kids, my sister, Sandy, and I would pretend we were conducting church. We’d set up chairs. I was the preacher, and she was the congregation and, on occasion, the visiting missionary and guest speaker. The prophetic nature of those childhood memories is why today I am a preacher and Sandy has been a missionary to children for as many years as I have been preaching, maybe more.

B. Monday when I finished the New Year’s Eve homily, I sent it to Wayne (Higher Ground) to make sure I had correctly summarized the *prophetic word* he delivered on January 5, 2020.

For those of you who were not here on Thursday evening for the New Year’s Eve service, I addressed the word God had placed in my heart and the words God had placed in Wayne’s heart.

1. Mine was:

The LORD is good and His mercy endures forever; enter into the goodness of the LORD.

2. Wayne's was:

The prophetic word of the LORD was ordained by the Almighty God in eternity past, and is rapidly coming to pass in 2020, the season of DOUBLE PORTION ACTIVATION AND FULFILLMENT." (*2 Chronicles 20:20*)

I then addressed how, for most people, 2020 looked nothing like a "year of double blessing," and "where was the goodness of the LORD." We looked at this from a personal and church perspective (sermon # sp12312020).

C. This was Wayne's response.

"From a personal position, my wife and I had our best days this year. No lack in any respect, multiplied financial blessings continually, promotion for Linda, and the promise of increase going forward. . . .

Personally, we choose to live by the prophetic Word of the LORD and certainly hold fast to 2 Chronicles 20:20. 2 Kings 6:32 speaks of Elisha and the elders who sat in the house contented and blessed during the time of famine, because they believed the report of The Lord when others were starving.

Another aspect of "the prophetic" centers on Paul's words to Timothy (1 Tim 1:18-20) when he encourages his spiritual son to wage war over his life, engaging the prophecies spoken over him.

I believe one reason so many never see the fruition of TRUE prophetic words spoken, is **there is little or no cooperation and pursuit**, [R] as if heaven will just one day drop down a blessing at random! God is not **obligated** to bring prophecies to pass unless we truly believe and passionately pursue His words.
AGREE-MENT IS KEY!"

NOTE—JBS: “Obligated” is the key word here. So many illustrations—King Saul, King Solomon, King Jeroboam, King Zedekiah, the women of Israel, priest and prophets alike, ALL lost what was promised because they did not pursue God’s prophetic word, or they walked in disobedience.

Consider Mary, the mother of our Lord. What would have happened if she had not pursued the word of the LORD and chose an abortion instead of carrying baby Jesus to term? Understand, God would have fulfilled His *purpose* and *promise* found in ***Isaiah 7:14*** that a “virgin would conceive,” but Mary would not have been the recipient of the blessing; it would have been someone else. (Back to Wayne’s reflections on 2020.)

“There is definitely a remnant that is advancing and receiving the Double Portion in 2020. And while there is a separation in wheat and tares in this hour, the sons of God are arising; for the earth is convulsing and groaning for the manifestation of sons and daughters who will display supernatural acts and go beyond limits that religion has set upon The Church! ... GOD HAVE MERCY ON HIS PEOPLE!!!”

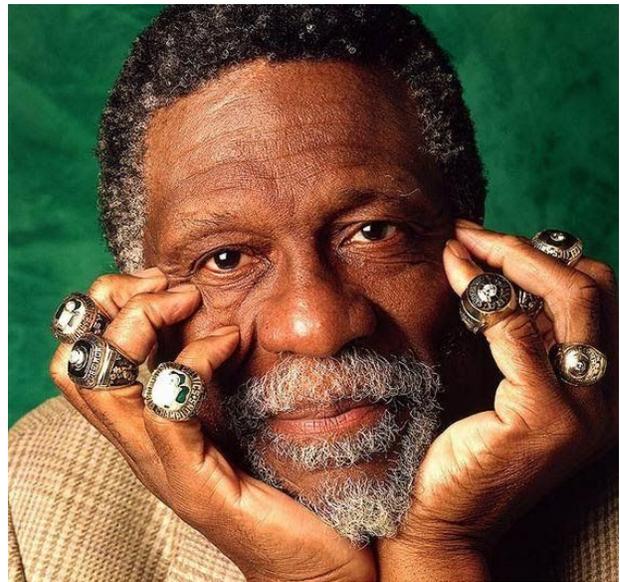
Wayne concludes by saying, “I need to do a teaching series on True Prophetic Words in 2021.”



D. The British missionary to China and cricketer, Charles Studd, is famous for penning these words. (show photo) It's the chorus, so to speak, of a poem comprised of eight verses:

“Only one life, ‘twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.”

E. It's not what you do, but for whom you do it. You could have more NBA Championship rings than anyone in history, but if you didn't play for Jesus, they count for nothing. (show photo - Russell) You could build the largest Church in the world, but if you built it for yourself and not for Jesus, it counts for nothing. (show photo, p 5 - Yoido Full Gospel Church, South Korea)



II. This year, 2021, our focus is on *five* disciplines, all of which will last into eternity:

1. **READ** – through the entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation. Let God speak to you through His word, daily. No matter where you are in reading the Bible,



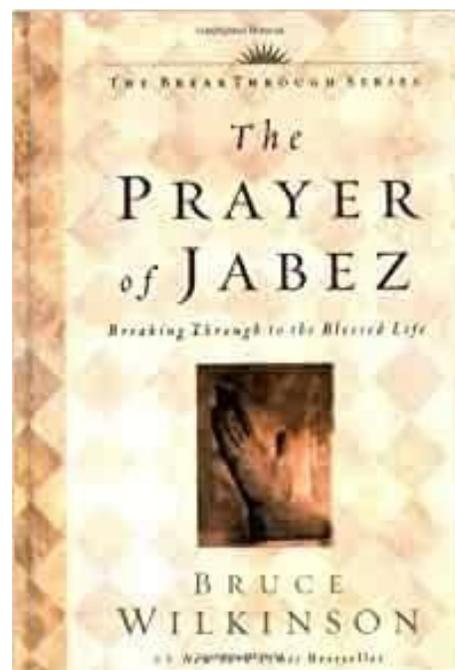
God can speak to you. The Prayer of Jabez comes out of the begats. (**show photo -Jabez**)

2. **SHARE** Christ (We'll come back to this.)

3. **POTS** (Power on the Spot)—This is when someone shares a specific need. Upon hearing the need we ask if we could pray a short prayer with the person at that moment. We then stop and pray, right then and there.

NOTE! Sounds scary. Right? It is! But when you've finished there is so much power present it's indescribable. And you're stepping on the clouds.

NOTE! This is NOT your daily prayer time; this is a very brief prayer of faith for God to meet the person's need. Brevity is the key here. You don't want the person to say, "I should have never said, 'yes'. Please shut up!" It's not your prayer list; it's a short specific prayer relational to the person's need. (**Demonstrate POTS**)



4. **TITHE**—commit to sowing 10% of the “first fruits” and experience God’s generosity and promise.

ILLUSTRATION: Do you recall Martino’s testimony Christmas Eve? A venue by which he makes an income was ‘canned’ going into 2021. Instead of cutting back, he doubled his tithe putting God to the test. That week God gave him double what he lost. You can’t outgive God ... ever.

III. (BOOK) TODAY LET’S FOCUS ON WIN ONE IN 2021

A. GCCC has recorded over 36,000 people giving their lives to Christ in our 38-year history. There are more but that’s what our records show. Do the math and that’s approximately 947 people per year. At first, I was disappointed that it wasn’t 1,000 a year, but the Lord reminded me that the number nine (9) is His number of “fullness,” and it satisfied my disappointment.

B. Scripture is clear, God wants His children to be soul winners.

Proverbs 11:30

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise.

Daniel 12:3

Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.

Luke 19:10

for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

NOTE! If we don't see our neighbors, those with whom we come in contact, as lost and on their way to Hell without Christ, we'll have little or no drive to bring them into the Kingdom. As Rosalind Rinker put it, *“It's not there goes a sinner, but there goes a sinner for whom Jesus died.”*

C. (LOOK) When Jesus appeared to the eleven after His resurrection, He commissioned them saying:

18 “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. **19** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, **20** and teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” **Mat28:18-20**

IV. (TOOK) WHAT DO YOU SAY? LET'S WIN ONE TO CHRIST IN 2021!

A. How do we do that?

1. Start by praying. (Direct people's attention to the handout - show photo.)



I would like to see _____ (name)
"saved" or "return" in 2021.

My name is _____ (name).
Thank you for praying with me in
accordance to Matt. 18:19,
"If two of you shall agree... touching
anything it shall be done."

2. Invite.

- Use the *PI* cards and invite them to join us in worship—good music and great preaching. LOL!

ILLUSTRATION: Two Sundays ago, a person came up to me after Church. Four years prior, my wife and I had given him a GCCC Tip Card and invited him to Church.

- Hand out *Easter & Christmas* invitations,
- Invite those struggling with addictions, or have loved ones suffering with addictions, to *Chain Breakers*,
- There's *Friends Needing Friends* for widows
- *Forever Young* for seniors,
- *Riders of the Lamb - Bible study*
- *Harvest Party* for family
- *Angels & Demons* for youth
- *Word Café* for teens
- *The Rising* for single adults
- *Circle of Friends* for the entire family
- and there's more ... you get it!

3. Or better yet, share YOUR testimony. That's one of the Spirit's most powerful tools. That's how Peter was introduced to Christ.

John 1: 40-42

40Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard John's testimony and followed Jesus. **41**He first found his brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated as Christ).

42 Andrew brought him to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called **Cephas**” (which is translated as Peter).

4. So, what do you say? Let’s each determine to win one in 2021.

B. For those of you who have yet to receive Christ, why not receive Him today?

V. INVITATION

Admit– your sins have separated you from God.
(Psa 14:1-3; Rom 3: 23);

Believe – that God did something about your sins through Jesus Christ. (The final Pascal Lamb/Messiah.)
(Lev 17:10; Heb 9: 19-22);

Commit – yourself to His righteousness by confessing Jesus as Lord and Savior. (Isa 53:5; Col 1:22);

Do it today! (Isa 49:8; 2 Cor 6:2).

Father in Heaven, I’m sorry for the things I’ve done that are wrong: I am a sinner; forgive me. Thank You for loving me and sending your Son, Jesus, to pay the penalty for my sin. Holy Spirit come into my heart; Jesus be my Lord and Savior. I give You my life. Amen.

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