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# New Name Ministries

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## Sprinkled With Joy

### Lessons From Left Field By Chuck Bittrick A Little B.S.

The other day I was reading about the parable of the sower in Luke 8:5-15. Verse 15 reads, "But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop." I pondered the word "persevere" for awhile and finally thought, "B.S." — Beholding and Submitting. The times in my life when I have grown the most have been while beholding and submitting.

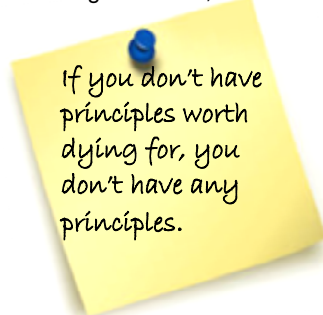
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**Please join us in welcoming our newest arrivals:**

Joseph Isbell Dec 29, 2014  
David Brock Jan 7, 2015  
James Gareau Jan 8, 2015  
Peter Wallbank Feb 3, 2015  
Mark Oldham Feb 18, 2015  
Stuart Ralston Feb 20, 2015  
William Turner Feb 26, 2015

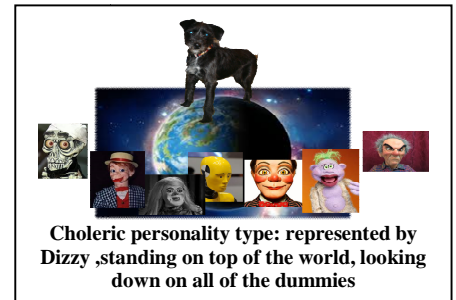
**Pray that our recent graduates will walk in their God-given talents for His glory:**

Michael Lewis Jan 11, 2015  
Richard Cole Jan 14, 2015  
Darrall Reeves Feb 12, 2015  
Burl Hagler Feb 24, 2015



The last three months have included a number of celebrations: weddings, graduations, the launching of new curriculum, even some Heavenly departures. Sprinkled throughout this issue you will find pictures of some of these celebrations and images from our new curriculum. The pictures probably won't have anything to do with the article you are reading, so don't get confused. We invite you to enjoy them along with us as we bring the fun back into dysfunction.

The wedding being celebrated was that of David, one of our graduates and a long time On-Site Manager, to his bride, Andie. Our repackaged curriculum now includes teachings from Life Leadership



## From the Father's Heart

By Pastor Jon Cordeiro

### The Gift of Desperation

Recently I had the opportunity to speak deeply to a man in our program who was not grasping his need to open and receive his gift of desperation. He ran around performing and posturing as though he was a man of character and integrity; intent on helping others achieve the same level of super(ficial) Christianity. I'm no spiritual giant, but thankfully, the Holy Spirit in me is. I have no need to tear others down today to build myself up due to low self esteem, insecurity and an orphan spirit.

of freedom that comes from submitting completely to His will for my life. It's not enough to know about Christ, quoting



Pastor Jon as Junior Samples in one of our new curriculum lessons



We need to see ourselves more clearly

These days I choose to operate in the right version of those perversions, living the truth of who I was created to be despite earthly restrictions.

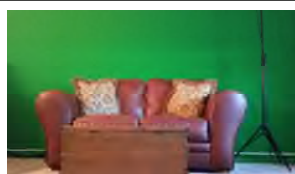
After many years of struggling with my deep seated brokenness, I received the truth of my worth in Him and the fullness

scriptures and "doing" rather "being" while sneaking around with our garbage firmly held close to our hearts. This is such a sorrow before the living God who searches our hearts and knows our every thought and deed. There is no hiding from God; His insights are not to condemn us, but to convict us of our ability to be and influence so much more - righteously. God is aware of our limitations and will never ask more of us than we are able to bear when we abide in Christ. Thankfully, He looks more to the condition and desires of our heart than the acts of our hands (look at King David's life as an example).

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I remember in my early days as a Christian listening to a teaching titled, "You Become What You Behold." It focused mainly on being more aware of the negative things we might feed on such as movies and television shows with extreme violence, profane language, and pornography. Over time I have come to realize the importance of recognizing when I am in the presence of a man of God who I aspire to be more like so I behold him. I find myself desiring to be around such a person, asking a lot of questions, trying to learn how he thinks rather than what he thinks. I want to see the world, the Scriptures, the Kingdom, and my God in the light that shines through his life. I remember Bob, Knox, and my dad while I was out of jail on bond waiting to see how the



Ready to create video teachings in our own movie studio

Lord would use the judicial system to shape my future. Then there was Myron and Chaplain Kastner during my nearly 18 years in prison. And now I am honored to sit under Pastor Jon Cordeiro to receive another impartation of Kingdom DNA. Through this process, I have noticed that I acquire from them many of the attributes I found so appealing yet remaining as peculiar as God created me to be.

The other dynamic I've found to be critical for growth is submission. You might find this hard to believe but God has never been surprised by any situation I have been in that was a challenge. When I was nearing my time to be released from prison, I was transferred from an environment I worked hard to make comfortable (too comfortable) for myself to a program steeped in secular psychology. I wanted nothing to

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#### From The Father's Heart continued

I believe the Holy Spirit can use believers as a conduit for our Heavenly Father's heart, reaching out to our inner man. When doing so, the Holy Spirit can breathe life through God's



Pastor Jon and his bride, Cynthia  
This is what happens when the wedding takes place on New Year's Eve

living words of truth wrapped in His love, inviting us to step into the freedom and joy prepared for us here and now. These life-giving words don't always come in warm fuzzy presentations, often requiring us to choose to die to self at a deeper level and be accountable - at a cost.

Sitting down with the man mentioned previously, I shared the Holy Spirit's "download" of his need to stop living and believing the lie that he was "living righteously" before God and ready to lead others into healing and freedom. After reflecting how God is not fooled by our performances and the need to let his "Yes be Yes and No be No", I encouraged him to make a decision to live as a free man with a right heart. The next day I was told he left that

#### Left Field continued

do with it. I knew my faith was at odds with what they were going to teach me. Then I realized God was fully aware of where I was and not only that, He allowed it to happen. So, I decided to submit to the process. I didn't know how I was going to do it, only that I was committed to it. On the morning of my first day of class I was reading in the Book of James about the power of the tongue and how the tongue is like the small rudder steering a large ship (me). During class we were taught how our self-talk affects our emotions, which in turn affect our behavior. Wow, they were teaching a Kingdom truth. I suspect I never would have made the connection had I not committed myself

#### From The Father's Heart continued

morning at 4 AM with bags in hand. He woke one man and asked for a ride to the bus station and after being denied told another man while walking out the door that he was going to parole. A clear example of double mindedness; choosing to live as a slave to lies rather than trusting that God would honor his brokenness and lead him to freedom and the joy of being at peace in the Truth.

The following days brought waves of sorrow to my heart whenever I thought of this man choosing to run away from God. Others who had left under different yet similar character issues came to mind, too; inviting me to remember God's patience with me when I remained stuck in my sin and fear of the unknown. Even though I chose to believe lies, delaying



John Leonardson, President of our Board  
Another wedding picture - is this normal?

my progress and promotions, God never stopped believing in what He created me for and His ability, with my cooperation, to achieve great things for His glory. He can do more than we hope or imagine. Open your gift of desperation and find out for yourself.

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to submitting to the program out of trust in a God who has my best interest in the center of His heart.

To summarize, if we want to grow and be productive as Christians, we must persevere by applying a little B.S. - Beholding and Submitting.

#### As always...

We appreciate your continued prayers and financial encouragement for this ministry. Our current needs include financial support for administrative staff, gainful employment for our men, and more staff for expansion. Please join us in declaring supernatural debt cancellation.