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*Take A Short Trip Around My World ...*

*by Dr. Paul Collins*

## Easy

A crusty old army Special Forces officer said, "We can do this the easy way or we can do this the hard way!" It seems that the easy way was popular in his context and it is popular in most all circumstances.

- It seems to be easier to listen to a motivational message than to deal with doctrine and theology.
- It seems to be easier to make donations than to practice Christian stewardship.
- It seems to be easier to cooperate with the world system than to confront its power.
- It seems to be easier to "pass by on the other side" than to "walk through the middle."
- It seems to be easier to watch the screen with the words than to open the hymnal as well as the mouth.
- It seems to be easier to drive 100 miles in the other person's car than to walk a mile in his/her shoes.

On and on it can go. Not to belabor the point, but many folks seek the "easier way." I really don't want this message to come across as a negative "picking on you" approach to human behavior. However, I do want to be honest. Honesty requires that we be honest!

Americans are consumers. We are consumers more than we are producers. Consuming is easier than producing. It is easier to buy milk in a carton than to milk the cow. It is easier to have a mechanic put new tires on our car than to shoe a horse. Is it any wonder that the buggy whip business went out of business? Opening a can of beans is easier than growing the beans.

We are mostly about keeping warm conveniently, staying cool conveniently, eating conveniently, traveling conveniently, watching television conveniently ... and now we want to go to church conveniently. It is all about **EASY**.

Now, here's the positive side:

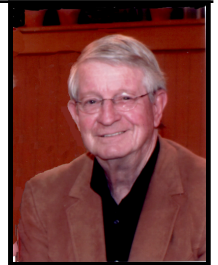
- We can live longer.
- We can do more.
- We can reach more people for Christ.

Having it the easy way can be a plus for the Gospel and the Kingdom. Leisure time well-invested for Christ will accrue to more treasure in Heaven. Extra, unexpended energy used for Christ will cause angelic choirs to sing with even greater energy.

It's all a matter of stewardship. If we take the easy way, let it be so that there is more of ourselves to give to our creator, our loving Heavenly Father.

Stay blessed,

Paul ☐



Dr. Paul Collins



Nancy Collins

# HE is All I Need

by Nancy Collins

I have spent time thinking of some words to describe the process that has helped me find 'my face in the carpet.' This was how I felt last March when the Holy Spirit showed me it was time to retire and be with Paul full time. Even writing about what happened and how I felt at that time has been a continuing reward.

Another lesson of great reward is learning to be still and quiet before Jesus.

The word contemplate means to look at or think about intently. To think means to bring to mind; form an idea; to have the mind turned steadily toward; to give thought to. To speculate means to think about the various aspects of a given subject; meditate; ponder. To dwell on means to linger over in thought or speech. To savor is to enjoy with appreciation; dwell on with delight. To reflect implies a turning of one's thoughts on or back on a subject and connotes deep or quiet continued thought. To rest is peace of mind; mental and emotional calm.

Bible reading, a conversation, television, church or other ways may bring a word or idea to mind that helps you think other than your usual thinking. The Holy Spirit may help you understand something that you had read and reread many times. You may want to jump and shout!! This is what is awesome! The Holy Spirit knows exactly what will get you going. Remember He knows the number of hairs on your head. He knows the thoughts and intents of your heart. He knew you before creation. He knew the end of everything from before the beginning. Think about this when you question, wonder, get upset, worry, get scared, etc. Look up scriptures that remind you of how awesome, loving, forgiving, all powerful, all knowing, and ever present He is.

Think about the answers to prayer you have had. Think about the times He 'headed you off at the pass.' Think about the times He was involved in your health and whatever else He has done for you.

There is a peace and joy that only the Holy Spirit can give when you are with Him. He is a treasure! May you have your jump and shout times as you spend time with Him! ☐

## ACTSFEST

Mark your calendar now.

July 26-29, 2012

# On The Light Side

by Audrey West

## Taking The Long Look

God created the heavens and the earth. As a capstone to His creative work, He created man and placed him in His creation to take care of it on His behalf. From the beginning, man has been in a stewardship responsibility. This responsibility is as valid today as it was when first given by God. Man has never been the owner, only a steward.

Privilege always involves responsibility. The measure of our stewardship in the present will determine the happiness and prosperity of future generations. We are prone to take the "short" look, but God demands that we take the "long" look. We must act in such a way that future generations will be able to enjoy the blessings of God as we have enjoyed them. The following poem, **The Bridge Builder**, expresses this responsibility in vivid words:

An old man, going a lone highway,  
Came at the evening, cold and gray,  
To a chasm, vast and deep and wide,  
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.  
The old man crossed in the twilight dim;  
The sullen stream had no fears for him;  
But he turned when safe on the other side  
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,  
"You are wasting strength with building here;  
Your journey will end with the ending day;  
You never again must pass this way;  
You have crossed the chasm, deep and wide-  
Why build you the bridge at eventide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head:  
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said.  
"There followeth after me today  
A youth whose feet must pass this way.  
This chasm that has been naught to me  
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.  
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;  
Good friend, I am building the bridge for him."

The future generations will judge us as we judge past generations by the conditions we create for them. ☐

**ACTS Ministry Services are the first and third Sundays beginning January 1, 2012. We look forward to what God is preparing for the new year.**



LeAnn Kennedy

## In Love with the Lord

by LeAnn Kennedy

Have you ever been in love? Do you remember what it is like, constantly thinking of and wanting to spend as much time as possible with your beloved? Do you remember how you wanted to let them know how much you loved them and how you tried to live your life to please them?

Are you in love with the Lord? Are you continually thinking of Him and wanting every thought, word and action of yours to please Him? Do you desperately desire to spend as much one-on-one time with Him as you can? Do you have a longing in your heart for Him to know how much you love Him?

The Bible tells us that to love God we must obey his commands and walk as Jesus walked, loving others as Jesus loves us. Although I knew that all of my righteous acts were as filthy rags, I had never considered my love for God to be in that category. I realized that my love was not good enough for one so Holy and Perfect and that if He did not provide me with the love with which to love Him, I could never love Him as He deserves to be loved. So I started to pray for His gracious supplication of His own love with which I could love him back. As He pours out His love in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, we can love Him, as he deserves to be loved. And it is only with the abundance of God's love that we can love others as Jesus has loved us. I pray that we may have power to grasp how deep is the love of Christ, know this love that surpasses knowledge, and that we may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. □

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## THE COMMERCIAL CHURCH

by Dr. Paul Collins

“Upon this rock I will build my church.” These words of Jesus concerning the statement made by Simon Peter seem to have been lost in today's American church. The statement has been rewritten from man's secular perspective to say, “Upon **MONEY** we will build our church.” To their motives I say, “Too bad, so sad, and the devil's glad!”

We have gone from Lord's Acres Sales to pie suppers to raffles to chili suppers to bingo to shows to “television giving gimmicks,” to whatever to replace the tithes, offerings, and alms as the Biblical way to support the work of Christ.

### If the shoe fits, we have to wear it anyway!

Those who have been around me very long (and listened to what I have been saying) will know that I emphasize **STEWARDSHIP**; it is the Bible answer to the world's way of handling financial matters.

When did the prophets go from “these sandals were made for walking” to “these private jets were made for flying?” Have you seen a mass “evangelism” effort where the “evangelist” broke bread and blessed fish for the crowd rather than have them go into the lobby and buy chili dogs, potato chips, and soda pop?

Whatever happened to the simplicity of the simple gospel? The gospel is simple: believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you may be saved ... and your household. I fear the simplicity of the message is being drowned out by the sound systems cranked up to hide inept musicians and singers with limited talent. It's alright to be ordinary as a musician or a singer. It's even alright to have absolutely no talent; but the point is that we are in danger of going from genuine worship to a secular show with religious words.

“We don't need no rockin' chair” for the body of Christ. Our Father God exists without commercials to pay the bills because He owns the cattle on a thousand hills.

Count your blessings,

Dr. Paul Collins □

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## Success

by Dr. Paul Collins

In January we began having our local Acts Ministry Gatherings on the first and third Sundays rather than the second and fourth. The change has been successful. We continue to meet at Maranatha Village in their chapel. It is a beautiful setting.

I hope to see all of you on February 19. It will be a time when you can take notes on the three lessons that will be presented, listen to great music, and participate in a prayer meeting.

ACTS RADIO ... if you haven't listened, please do ... for your sake ... the blessings are real! To be supportive of the effort, contact Rick Ramsey. If you don't have his information, contact the office at [actsministry@sbcglobal.net](mailto:actsministry@sbcglobal.net) or by calling 417-886-0223. Want to be on the radio? Use the same method of making contact.

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Acts Ministry University is ready to receive applications for **STUDENTS** and **TEACHERS**. Call the Acts office or e-mail us at [actsministry@sbcglobal.com](mailto:actsministry@sbcglobal.com).

The Acts Open Door Chaplaincy has openings for qualified counselors.

Prayer requests are to be sent to Rev. O.K. Neal at [okneal49@gmail.com](mailto:okneal49@gmail.com). They will be honored by our Acts Ministry International Prayer Circles.

**FINALLY ... A WORD FOR INDEPENDENT MINISTERS WHO ARE NOT LICENSED OR ORDAINED BY ACTS MINISTRY ...**

Dr. Paul Collins, the founder of Acts Ministry, is following the lead of the Holy Spirit by issuing an invitation to you to become a part of the Acts Ministry Association of Ministers. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE ... NOR CAN YOU BE ... LICENSED OR ORDAINED BY ACTS MINISTRY (AND BE A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION) ! This is for those who need more opportunities to serve and receive service. The Acts Ministry website has a new "room" being custom built that will feature names and contact information for evangelists, pastors, churches, and ministries. The room will also provide information that is a part of the Acts Ministry network of providers of services, e.g. lawyers, CPAs, fundraisers, grant writers, church building/location/growth experts, architects, engineers, real estate/property experts, educators, professional counselors, addiction specialists, and more. ☐

**A Good Word About Ministry**

- ACTS Radio has 1000's listening 24/7
- Acts Press
- Acts Ministry Prayer Circles
- Acts Ministry University
- Acts Ministry Association of Ministers
- Acts Ministry Open Door Chaplaincy

More information about these programs is available. Send an e-mail or letter.

**Listen Now.** Charted below is our current schedule and as programming changes it will be posted in the monthly newsletter, *the Real News-Review*. Please consider tuning in and help support this wonderful opportunity to reach millions around the world to bring Unity to God's people.

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## ACTS RADIO SCHEDULE

| SUN                                | MON                           | TUES                             | WED                              | THURS                             | FRI                              | SAT                                                                  |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>8:00-10:00 am</b>               | <b>8:00-9:00 am</b>           | <b>7:00-8:00 am</b>              |                                  |                                   |                                  |                                                                      |
| Sounds of Sunday                   | Autism<br>Outreach (live)     | "Teaching Time"<br>LeAnn Kennedy | Gospel Music<br>Continuously     | Gospel Music<br>Continuously      |                                  | <b>12:00-1:30 pm</b><br>Southern<br>Gospel Music                     |
| <b>3:30-4:30 pm</b>                | <b>4:00-5:00 pm</b>           |                                  |                                  |                                   | <b>1:00-2:00 pm</b>              |                                                                      |
| End Times<br>According<br>To Jesus | Talk to The Animals<br>(live) |                                  |                                  |                                   | "Teaching Time"<br>LeAnn Kennedy | <b>3:00-4:00 pm</b><br>Interview with<br>Susan Childress             |
| <b>4:30-8:00 pm</b>                | <b>5:30-6:30 pm</b>           | <b>5:30-6:30 pm</b>              | <b>5:30-6:30 pm</b>              | <b>5:30-6:30 pm</b>               | <b>5:30-6:30 pm</b>              | <b>4:00-5:00 pm</b>                                                  |
| Sounds Of Sunday                   | Along the Way<br>Tom Moller   | Along the Way<br>Tom Moller      | Along the Way<br>Tom Moller      | Along the Way<br>Tom Moller       | Along the Way<br>Tom Moller      | "Christian Economic<br>Perspective"<br>Rev. Oliver K.<br>Burrows III |
|                                    |                               | <b>7:00-8:00 pm</b>              | <b>7:00-8:00 pm</b>              | <b>7:00-8:00 pm</b>               | <b>7:00-8:00 pm</b>              |                                                                      |
|                                    |                               | Dr. Paul Collins                 | "Teaching Time"<br>LeAnn Kennedy | "Christian Book<br>Review" (live) | Dr. Steve<br>Highlander          | Gospel Music<br>Continuously                                         |