



Flies In the Ointment

Now the Bible speaks of a lot of things, but flies in the ointment? It does though, and if you will look in your Bibles at Ecclesiastes 10:1, you will find it. Perhaps it would be better to entitle this letter as “Dumb things that happen to bright people,” or “Little things that can spoil your day.”

I am writing a series entitled, *Avoiding Emotional Meltdown*, which addresses and shows how to Biblically deal with our renegade emotions (guilt, anxiety, depression, anger, etc.) - major things that wipe us out. However, it occurred to me to ask, “What about the little things that can ruin one’s day?” I am quite certain that little things are a greater culprit than the big ones. It doesn’t take much of a cloud to block out the sun.

The flies that most often spoil our ointment are the unexpected moments, some funny, some drudgery, some sad, some down right aggravating, and some disappointing. Add them up and they can equal a bad hair day.

Some questions that arise are: How do we handle these little things? How do we keep them from building up and tearing us down? In short, how do we keep our spiritual equilibrium?

Now Jesus had His moments too. His neighbors were not at all impressed with the acclaim He was receiving, and His family thought He was crazy. The public loved Him when the going was good and the bread and fish were plentiful, but by the time of the cross, His followers had thinned out considerably.

Then there was Peter, in many ways a loose cannon. In the crucial moments before His arrest, Jesus was in agony as He prayed to His Father. And Peter? Sound asleep. When they came to arrest Jesus, they brought Roman soldiers, Temple guards and a mob. Jesus and his men were surrounded by half an army, and what did Peter do? He draws his sword and takes a swing at some guy. He is aiming for a head and gets an ear.

So it is the little things, the unexpected things that can mar our day. We need to understand how to face them, how to stop them from ruining our day. Nobody is immune to them. But God has a way, laid out plain and simple.

No matter what we face or what comes up we can have a great day in spite of all the odds. How?

First, let us take a peek at a very interesting word. We find it in James 1:2 and in 1 Peter 4:10. James uses this word to describe the many testings we face. The word “many” means “variegated” or “many colored.” The best translation would be “manifold.” What James is explaining is there is a flock of flies that could come your way and when they do, count them all joy. Whoooo.


But then Peter uses the same word only here he equates it with grace – the manifold grace of God. What we find is that for every fly, God has a swatter. There is a greater grace for every test we face.

This must be the first thing toward a good day. To realize that there is a greater grace. Then Paul makes a point in 1 Thessalonians 5:18, “*In everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.*” Note that he says “in” not “for.” The moment we are hit by a fly, by the unexpected, by these small but irritating issues, bring them before the Lord and **thank Him for assuming control over them!**

Now along with His fly swatter, God has a 3-in-1 fly spray which is always effective. I say 3-in-1 because these words all come from the same root – *charis*, called the most beautiful word in the Greek language. From this word we get the word grace. Now this spiritual fly spray consists first of rejoicing, remembering that it comes from the root word grace. Next, he says to give thanks, again a word that comes from the same root. And finally to pray and pray continually. Grace then replaces the flies and our day becomes His not ours. His is much better by the way.

So, how are you to start your day? Begin by making a conscious, volitional choice in faith, to rejoice. You might not feel joy at first, but you will. Then, add to the joy, again by a volitional choice in faith, thanksgiving – thanking God in everything. And finally, seal it all with grace administered through prayer.

You see, God is God of the great things, and also of the small things and He is interested in them all. He is the “Make my day” God!



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Book Eleven: BELIEF SYSTEMS

What you believe determines the way you behave. The Bible shows that what you believe is the most important facet of your being. This book explains how your belief system works and how the Holy Spirit can renew your mind by changing your beliefs, your thought patterns, as well as your behavior, which produces better choices and Godly living.

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This book demonstrates the biblical way to establish your self-image and a healthy sense of worth. It will help you as a Christian to understand that God gives you unconditional acceptance based on who you are rather than what you do.

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(Absent Without Leave)

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Book Sixteen: A GOD FOR ALL SEASONS

God is God no matter what our season of life. This book reveals the Father in the Person and ministry of Jesus and explains how God is sufficient to meet the unique needs that come with each season of our life.

Book Seventeen: THE GRACE CONNECTION

Grace is a gift bestowed by God to every Christian and to be received by faith. This book explains that Grace is a spiritual dynamic that allows God to be God in us and how grace can be effective in our Christian walk.

Book Eighteen: WORSHIP HIS MAJESTY

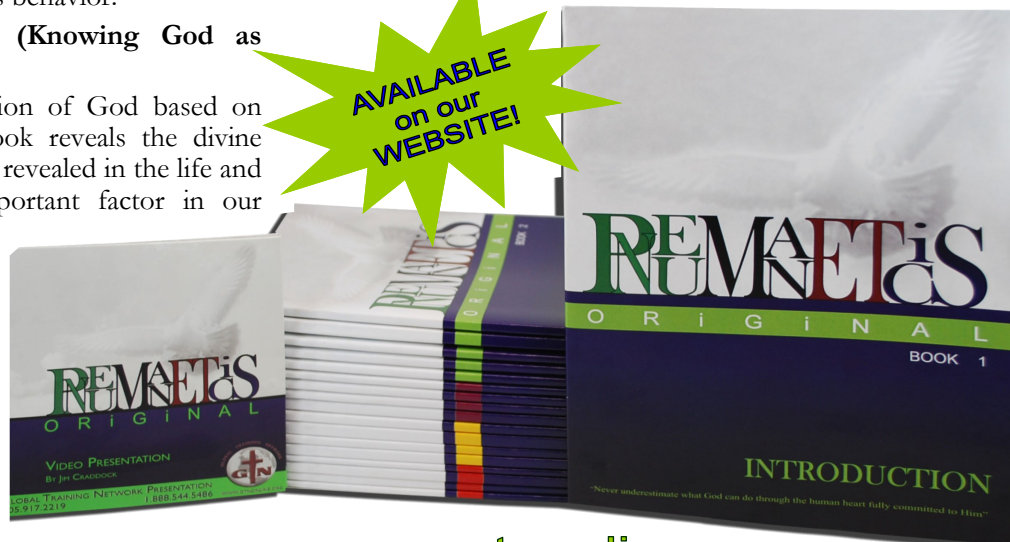
This book reveals how worship is the most important activity a Christian can engage in and how man was created to worship. It also explains how we tend to become like that which we worship and how proper worship is necessary for proper living.

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For more information on this series, quantity discounts or attending a **Pneumanetics Original** Class, contact us by phone at 405-917-2219, 1-888-544-5486 or by e-mailing us at info@gtnonline.org.

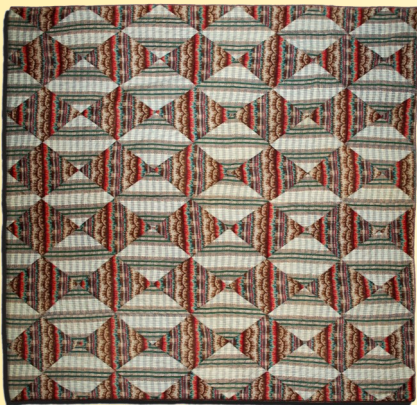
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Prayer Requests:

- For wisdom and compassion as we minister to those who seek our help.
- Financial Seminar: please pray for the speaker: Norma Woodard, the attendees, and all details to be accomplished.
- For wisdom in addressing the myriad of details related to directing the ministry, editing of the materials and teaching of various Bible studies.
- For the completion, editing, publishing and financing of the following books:
 - A Treasured Possession (Booklet on God's Forgiveness)
 - Conflict of Angels (A Study of the Conscience)
 - Emotional Meltdown Series (Anger, Anxiety, Bitterness, Depression, Fear, Guilt, and Hate)
 - Faithworks
 - Finding Meaning in a World of Madness
 - Fiddling with the Fleece (Discovering the Will of God for your Life)

- It Took a Miracle (God's Incredible Forgiveness)
- Man – The Incomparable Creation
- Pursued By Grace
- Torah Syndrome
- That God's grace will be accomplished in each of our lives.
- For wisdom as we pursue overseas contacts.

PRAISE

Praise Reports:

- Completion & printing of the Pneumanetics Original 18 books and DVD.
- Completion & printing of the Depression Brochure.
- Completion & printing of the Financial Brochure and our sponsors.
- For the incredible people God continues to bring to GTN to accomplish our work.

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this BOOK!

The WEIGHT of GRACE by Paula Neall Coleman

Experience the freedom from overeating that you already have.

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See if you identify:

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- You feel God is disgusted with you for having so little self-control and for being so fat.
- You eat when you're bored, angry, depressed, and/or lonely.
- You find yourself constantly thinking about food- especially about what you should and shouldn't eat- and about your weight. You want to stop

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For sixteen years, Paula Neall Coleman served as assistant to the president of Scope Ministries (Jim Craddock).

As founder of Weight of Grace Ministries, she leads women's small groups and writes, speaks and teaches about how, for the Christian, "being yourself" is the answer to the painful struggle many women experience with overeating and being overweight. For more information, go to www.weightofgrace.org



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A world that seems to be disintegrating.

A world where life is no longer sacred.

A world where women and children are the targets.

A world where evil is ascending.

A world where the battleground is our front yard.

A world that is hungry for Christ.

A world that is waiting to see the power
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A world that waits to see what God can do through the
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Who should attend:

Ministry staff, community groups, community leaders, treasurers, financial secretaries, and non-profit organizations.

Items to be covered include:

- ♦ When should a ministry or organization file for 501(c)(3) status?
- ♦ How the income tax laws affect your organization.
- ♦ What is now required in the areas of:
 - Housing Allowances
 - Professional expenses
 - Retirement planning
 - Charitable contributions
- ♦ Health expense reimbursement options.
- ♦ Appropriate IRS reporting for treasurers and financial secretaries.
- ♦ Aid in preparation of W-2 form for all employees.
- ♦ Instruction for payroll and payroll tax reports.
- ♦ New changes in Form 990.
- ♦ Minimizing tax liability for ministries.
- ♦ Legal issues - do's and don'ts.

This seminar also offers specific instruction for ordained staff's tax opportunities with housing allowance and auto and professional expenses.

SEMINAR LEADER:

Norma Woodard, is an IRS enrolled agent, accredited tax preparer and business advisor. She is a retired IRS employee and has specialized in tax assistance and tax preparation for ministers, churches, and organizations for the last 11 years as Founder and President of EagleView Consulting.

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One of the ministries within GTN is the Kingdom Connection designed to provide faith-based organizations with additional tools that will strengthen and enhance their organizational structure and outreach. With increased financial pressure, a more active review of faith-based organizations, and the changes that have been implemented by the IRS, it is imperative we keep abreast of the latest information. As a service to the faith-based community, GTN is hosting a financial forum to address these issues.

LOCATION:

Paul K. Thompson Events Center
Jasco Products Company
10 East Memorial Road Building B
Oklahoma City, OK 73114-2205

SCHEDULE:

Check-in 8:30 A.M.

Seminar: 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

COST:

The seminar is \$40.00 per person and includes all material and refreshments. Registration does not include lunch or dinner.

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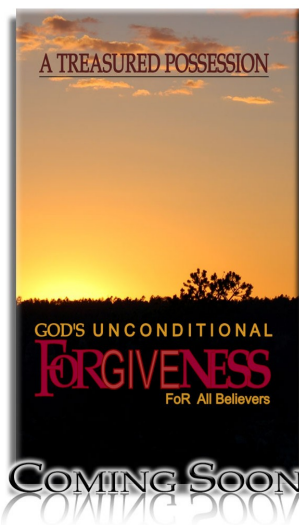
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has always tried to either rationalize his sin away or to ignore it. Man refuses to see himself as evil. In his own mind and in his own way, man has become his own god,

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Our next series is designed to help the Christian both understand and cope with the emotional upheaval that accompanies the various renegade emotions and to enable them to minister to others who might be affected by a renegade emotion. The series will include *Anger, Anxiety, Bitterness, Depression, Fear, Guilt, and Hate.*

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Depression

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