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The fundamental doctrine of this organization shall be the Bible standard of full salvation, which is repentance, baptism in water by immersion in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the initial sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

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**TENTH ANNIVERSARY**

Friday, April 14, 1995, Pastor Ray McIntosh, his wife Laura, and their children celebrated their tenth anniversary as pastor of the First United Pentecostal Church of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky. Ministers from neighboring cities were in attendance including Pastor James Blackford and wife of Winchester, Pastor Dan Long and wife of Paris, and Rev. and Mrs. Gale Myers, also of Paris. The guest speaker was District Superintendent G. L. Vittitow, who, with his wife, made a special night even greater. Bro. Vittitow read from Ecclesiastes Chapter 1 and entitled his message "Business As Usual". The presence of God was felt by all as the Holy Ghost ministered to our hearts.

We thank Bro. & Sis. McIntosh and their church family for allowing us to join them in celebrating this special event. Faithful men and women of God are still answering the call to home missions work. Congratulations to the McIntosh family for remaining faithful for ten glorious years. We pray that your church continues to conduct "Business As Usual."

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# DISTRICT CONFERENCE

*(Bro. Vittitow is spending a lot of time in Summersville in preparation for our Camps. In lieu of his article, we wanted to inform you of the events of this year's district conference.) Editor*

On the mount with Jesus, Peter spoke the words, "Lord, it is good for us to have been here." Surely this was the sentiment of those who attended the District Conference held in Dawson Springs, April 17-21 this year. From the opening day's License Seminar, to the closing night's State Wide Youth Rally, the presence of Almighty God filled our midst. Several hundred attended the week's services including almost four hundred on the concluding night.

Tuesday night's service contained both the anointed singing of "The Upper Room Experience", and a needful message about the "Miracle Working Power of God" by our General Superintendent, Bro. Nathaniel Urshan. God confirmed his Word that very night as bodies were healed and souls received this New Birth Experience. Praise God from whom all blessings flow! It was thrilling to be a part of this live Harvestime Broadcast.

The beautiful Spirit of God met with us again on Wednesday evening as two of our licensed ministers were ordained into God's service. Bro. and Sis. Ron Tiller, and Bro. and Sis. Kenneth Clark were

encouraged by Bro. Urshan to seek the one who gives us peace. More than ever, our men and women of God need the peace supplied by the Father. After this reassuring message of hope, the charges were read by Bros. Puckett, O'Neal, and Vittitow. Life will be a little different for these beautiful couples as they continue to minister this wonderful gospel. Thank God for faithful servants in His Kingdom.

After an early morning Foreign Missions Breakfast and an informative seminar for the ministers and their wives, we conducted this year's election of officers. All incumbents were returned to office and we thank them again for their invaluable service to the Kentucky District. Also, we appreciate the many ministers of our District who took time out of their busy schedules to attend our District Business Sessions. God bless you for your concern about District matters.

"Let Us Take Our Weapons Off The Wall", was the title of District Superintendent G. L. Vittitow's message on Thursday evening. Weapons left on a shelf are of no use in the war we fight with the enemy of our soul. We thank Bro. Vittitow

for words of instruction that are desperately needed in fighting the good fight of faith.

On Friday morning, Bro. Urshan concluded the Minister and Wife Seminar began the previous day. As usual, laughter, tears, and rejoicing were all a part of the morning's service as Bro. Urshan expounded the Word of God. We thank him for blessing our District with his presence and allowing God to minister so effectively through him. We were blessed beyond measure and are still rejoicing in the goodness of God shared by Bro. Urshan.

All good things must come to an end, but not before a powerful State Wide Youth Rally on Friday evening. As the Hopkinsville Choir ministered in song the large contingent of youth worshipped with all that was within them. Bro. Danny Hood from Memphis, Tennessee, then turned everyone's attention to the book of First Samuel. After reading from chapter 17, he entitled his text, "I Am Young But I Am Used". What a fitting conclusion to a tremendous week of services. Young people from every corner of our great state lifted their

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# Am I Becoming A Failure ?

By Linda Layton

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ndoubtedly, none of us would like to think of ourselves as a **failure**. We want success; in life, in love and in our work. But there is another side of failure to be considered.

I believe **I am becoming a failure**. Furthermore, I can see many around me who are even **greater failures** than I. You may be failing as well!

## Early Signs of Failure

1. **Failing** to be attracted by sin or evil.
2. **Seldom failing** to be rejected by a sinner.
3. **Rarely failing** to hear objections from unbelievers.

The Word of God reminds us that **failure** to pursue idolatry, lying, envy, lust, hate and murder can result in the discovery of the Love of God, truth, charity, brotherly love and life eternal!

## Advanced Stages of Failure

1. **Failing** to understand why some people reject us.
2. **Seldom failing** to be hurt or surprised by this.
3. **Rarely failing** to be strengthened by it.

*"But if you suffer for doing good, and you endure it, this is commendable before God. To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in His steps. He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." (I Peter 2:20-22, NIV):*

**Yes, Jesus Failed!** According to Peter, He **failed** to commit sin and He **failed** to deceive anyone. He **failed** to fall prey to the temptations of Satan. He **failed** to allow anyone or anything to change His purpose or deter Him from accomplishing His plans for our good. He **failed** to cave in or even bend to the pressures exerted against Him from whatever direction.

Jesus also **failed** to stay in the grave. He **failed** to let evil destroy His promises to us and **failed** to allow our hope to be stolen from us!

Because of our wonderful Creator, the example of the Life He lived, and the direction of His Holy Spirit; **all of us are apt to become failures** - at those things which separate us

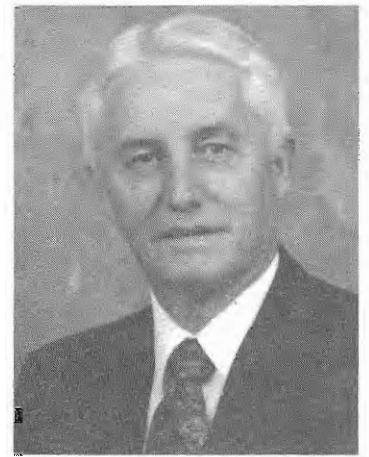
from God.

**By becoming "failures"** at sin and self-righteousness, we can hope to follow in the footsteps of the greatest "**Failure**" who has ever lived....And when that "**trumpet**" sounds, death and mortality will have no hold on these "**failures**" either!

Knowing this never fails to make my heart rejoice!

# Satisfied But Lost

**Pastor Robert Ison  
Presbyter Section E  
Danville, Kentucky**



Mark 8:36-37, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

True satisfaction doesn't come in things, but in God. We can be satisfied doing what we want to do, but that's not as important as what we want to be.

One man said, "If the grass is greener on the other side of the fence, you can be sure the water bill is higher over there, too."

A cartoonist drew a picture showing two fields about the same size, with plenty of luscious green grass in each field, and it showed a mule in each field with his head through the fence, eating grass from the other mules' pastures. All around each mule was plenty of grass, yet the grass in each field seemed greener and fresher. In the process, the mules were caught in the fence and were unable to get loose. The caption at the bottom read, "DISCONTENTMENT". This, of course, is the opposite of satisfaction.

You can pick any dish you want from the smorgasbord of human philoso-

phy and it will leave you hungry and searching for something else to satisfy. Many try hard to be religious and be sincere but are still running blind, bored and baffled. They're attempting to fill the inner vacuum of their lives with everything but the only thing.

Robert Ingersol was a bold agnostic. He spent many years of his life opposing and attacking the scriptures and the cause of Jesus Christ. I'm sure he was satisfied with what he believed, but he was lost. He was sincere, but sincerely wrong. On his death bed he cried aloud "I see flames and I'm sliding into them!"

The man who lay daily at the gate of the temple, which is called beautiful, to ask alms of those who entered into the temple (Acts Chapter 3) was expecting to receive alms from Peter and John. But, to his amazement, instead of receiving a coin, he was healed of his infirmity through the power of God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Here was a man who was satisfied with a coin for many years, but had failed to receive what he needed from God. He sat in

the shadow of Herod's beautiful temple for a long time but never received deliverance from the condition that had him bound.

Many people close their eyes to reality, and say "I'm just as good as so and so," but that doesn't change their spiritual condition. You can feel a sense of security in the things you're doing, but that isn't salvation. You can be "satisfied but lost." Jesus said, "Except a man be born of water and spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God." John 3:5

He mentions here the two elements of the New Birth, the birth of water and the birth of the Spirit. When this was carried out on the birthday of the New Testament Church, Peter commanded them to be baptized in Jesus' name (this was the birth of water) and went on to say, "Ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." (This is the birth of the Spirit.)

St. John 3:5 was fulfilled in Acts 2:38, and the promise is unto you and your children.

A Born Again experience like Jesus taught is the only thing that will satisfy your soul.





# OVERCOMING DISCOURAGEMENT

**Pastor Ivan Key  
Bowling Green, Kentucky**

**1 Peter 2:1-10**

Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings.

There are many things that can come to our heart that can hinder us. When we cannot touch God with a free spirit, we do not have the peace and victory in our lives. Hebrews 12:2 considers these things to be weights.

In the first verse of this chapter Peter tells us to lay aside these things that have become a hindrance to us (to lay aside means to remove them from our view or out of our thinking for now). We are to approach God as we did in the day of our conversion. We are to become as babes in Christ, and to look to Jesus as our Redeemer. Experience has taught us that He was kind, easy and full of mercy. He lifted us then and He will lift us up now. We can come into His presence!

When we come to God, we are coming to the Living Stone and rightly so for we are living stones. We are children of God by his own will and power. It is our right to come to our Father, for we are flesh of His flesh and bone of His bone. We fail to realize that God as a father has a close relationship to His children. The world has rejected God and does not understand our wonderful relationship with Him. It was God's choice to have a family and as a Father he loves us with a great love. We have a birth right that entitles us to come boldly into His presence to find grace and mercy in the time of need. When our heart is weighted down, we need God to remove from us that which has troubled us and restore our heart before His presence.

He has built us up into a Spiritual

House, which is His house. Since we were born into His Holy family, He has qualified us to be a Holy Priesthood. In this position we can offer up spiritual sacrifices. We have the right to send up prayers of love and faith to God as our Father. Prayers that He will answer because He has promised to do so. Jesus purchased this relationship for us when he died on the Cross. It is through His Blood that we have these privileges.


God in all His greatness chose to lay in Sion (church) a chief corner stone, elect and precious. He gave us a wonderful look at the relationship that the Son had with His Father. Jesus displayed the privilege that a son of God has in prayer. (At the tomb of Lazarus, when Jesus prayed he said, "And I knew that thou hearest me always" John 11:42) He let us know that a son of God is always heard by his Father. Our relationship with our Father is the same as the one Jesus had with His Father. Let us not forget that we are heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

Satan, who is the accuser of the brethren, wants us to feel that we have no place before the throne of God. He tries to convince us that we have no hope before God and God will not hear us. If he can convince us that we are not worthy to come before the throne of God our faith wavers and we are cast down in our soul. We must realize that the Almighty God has perfected our salvation. Our salvation did not come to us on our worthiness but it came to us because of His love. Since he wanted us when we were in sine, He wants us now. If he heard our prayers when we were not sons, He will hear our prayers much more now.



# GIVING WITH GREAT JOY

*"As he purposeth in his heart so let every man give..."*  
II Corinthians 9:7



*"He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor; his righteousness remaineth forever."*  
II Corinthians 9:9

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# FAMILY CAMP

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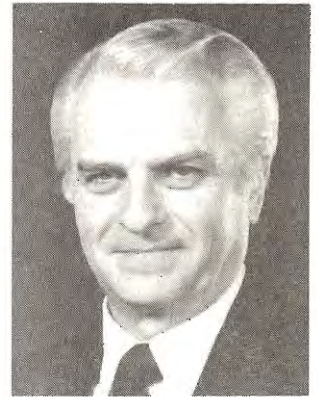
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Rev. David Gray



Rev. Bill Sciscoe



Rev. C. M. Becton

## PLAN NOW TO ATTEND!

### DISTRICT CONFERENCE

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hearts and hands and asked God to use them in an even greater measure than before. Thank you for being sensitive to the needs of our youth.

We appreciate Bro. and Sis. Robert Akers and his church family for the hospitality shown and the many long hours of sacrificial work to make our conference a success. May God reward your church in a special way for all your efforts. Thanks also to District Secretary, Bro. Anthony Keaton for his tireless efforts in preparation for our conference. Again, we thank the ministering brethren for their attendance and hope to see you at Family Camp next month. We extend a great debt of gratitude to Bro. Urshan for his fellowship and for ministering this great gospel to us during this week. Most of all, we thank God. "It is truly good for us to have been here!"



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