

Ministering to Ex-Inmates



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TEAM



- **God**
- **Church**
- **You**
- **Inmate**

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EX-INMATES ARE



- **Un-churched**
- **Un-educated**
- **Poor**
- **Lack morals**
- **Lack manners**
- **Afraid**
- **Scared**
- **Confused**

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- **Luke 10:25 And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I (do) to inherit eternal life?"**
- **Luke 10:26 He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?"**
- **Luke 10:27 So he answered and said, "'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND,' and 'YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'"**



- **Luke 10:28 And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."**
- **Luke 10:29 But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"**

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- **Luke 10:30** Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded *him*, and departed, leaving *him* half dead.
- **Luke 10:31** Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.



- **Luke 10:32 Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side.**
- **Luke 10:33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion.**
- **Luke 10:34 So he went to *him* and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.**



- **Luke 10:35** On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave *them* to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.'
- **Luke 10:36** **So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?"**



- **Luke 10:37 And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."**

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- **Which ONE ARE YOU????**
 - **Priest**
 - **Levite**
 - **Samaritan**

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- **If the church member follows these suggestions he/she will seldom have problems in relating to the inmate.**
- **God has a answer to every problem, but we try to solve these problems on our own, because we do not have the relationship with Him that we should have.**

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■ Story female inmate

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**Flesh Diet,
Criticism,
and
Bitterness
a
Hindrance
to
Spiritual Discernment**

AWORK



Presumptuous Sins



- The church has turned back from following Christ her leader, and is steadily retreating toward Egypt.
- Yet few are alarmed or astonished at their want of spiritual power.

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Presumptuous Sins (Cont)



- **Doubt and even disbelief of the testimonies of the Spirit of God is leavening our churches everywhere. Satan would have it thus.--Testimonies, vol. 5, p. 217 {ChS 39.1}**

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Presumptuous Sins (Cont)



- A spirit of **criticism** and **bitterness** has come into the church, and the **spiritual discernment of many has been dimmed.**
- Because of this the cause of Christ has suffered great loss.--**Testimonies, vol. 6, p 297 {ChS 38.3} [C.T.B.H. 10] (1890) C.H. 22**

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Firm Stand Against Meat Eating



- **Letter 48, 1902**
- **We are to give careful attention to our diet.**
- **It has been clearly presented to me that God's people are to take a firm stand against meat eating.**

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Firm Stand Against Meat Eating (Cont)



- Would God for thirty years give His people the message that if they desire to have pure blood and clear minds, they must give up the use of flesh meat,
- if He did not want them to heed this message?

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Firm Stand Against Meat Eating (Cont)



- By the use of flesh meats the animal nature is strengthened and the **spiritual nature weakened**. Such men as you, who are engaged in the most solemn and important work ever entrusted to human beings, need to give special heed to what they eat. {Ev 663.2} {CD 383.1}



Learning to Know Ex-Inmates



- **Learning to know inmates and how to talk to them.**
 - **Jeffrey Cobb the Director of Shelter from the Storm said “ that when he started the shelter he still had some of the roughness from his past life and it showed.”**
 - **Those ex-inmates have spent all of their life building on their defense attitude for protection, don't expect it to disappear over night.**



How Are You Ministering



- **How are you going to minister to ex-inmates unless you are spiritually minded. That's the reason that my favorite author, Ellen G. White writes**
- **"Remember that the Lord Jesus is the Master Worker. He waters the seed sown. He puts into your minds words that will reach hearts."--Testimonies, vol. 9, p. 41. {ChS 258.3}**



- **Those who have departed from the faith will come to our congregations to divert our attention from the work that God would have done. You cannot afford to turn your ears from the truth to fables. Do not stop to try to convert the one who is speaking words of reproach against your work, but let it be seen that you are inspired by the Spirit of Jesus Christ;**



- **and angels of God will put into your lips words that will reach the hearts of the opposers. If these men persist in pressing their way in, those who are of a sensible mind in the congregation will understand that yours is the higher standard. So speak that it will be known that Jesus Christ is speaking through you.-- "Testimonies for the Church," vol. 9, pages 137-149.**



- **Some individuals find it difficult to converse with ex-inmates.**
- **How do you get to know ex-inmates?**
- **How do you talk to one?**
 - **First you must make them feel like they are a part of the church and just as important as any other member.**
 - **Greet them with enthusiasm.**
 - **Call on them when you do not see them.**



- **Do not cut them off when they are talking, but say I hear you, and at a later date respond to their thoughts. This will allow you to bring some other thought to them in biblical terms without correcting them.**
- **If you keep correcting them they are going to say there is no use for me being in this church. They will say that everything I say really does not matter.**



- **These drug users have a different thinking process and if we have spiritual discernment the Holy Spirit will impress you as the right time to speak about the issues. Remember it is the Holy Spirit's job to convict sinners NOT YOURS.**

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- **Let me give you an example: Let's say that the ex-inmate comes to church and confesses to you, I drink a six pack of beer every day, but now I am down to only four.**
- **What is your response?**
- **You ought to say I am proud of you man, that's good. Look, that is progress for him/her.**



- **Sometime's God allows these situations to test our response to His struggling children.**
- **Let them know that it is ok, that way they will start growing.**
- **Bad habits do not disappear over night, but through the Holy Spirit working in the heart.**



This is All You Need to Do!



- After your encouragement they might be so enthusiastic that they tell you that they are going to try and only drink two. This is real progress to them.
- This is your opportunity to enter into a prayer partner with the ex-inmate.
- Most church members will get upset and start criticizing the ex-inmate, saying this is all you need to do, instead of trying to understand and help them.



This is All You Need to Do!



- Most families do this to their children caught up in drugs yell at them “this is what you need to do.” Let the Holy Spirit move them, He is more than able to do His work.
- If they go to church one Sabbath and do not want to go the next week do not “beat them up about it and yell this is what you need.” Let the Holy Spirit move them, He is more than able to do His work.
- Church member and families are not trained in dealing with sinners, backsliders, and members struggling with addiction.



- **Inquire about their progress.**
- **Do they have any separate needs?**
- **Completing their education.**
- **Improve job skills.**
- **Marriage counseling.**

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- **There is a secret way to do so?**
- **You must remember that the ex-inmate might say something that is wrong or not quite right.**
- **Be courteous in how you respond, because if you are constantly correcting he/she will feel rejected as you are always rejecting their words.**
- **Do not respond right away, but after a silent prayer at a more opportune time remind the inmate of his/her comment with a suggestion.**



Secrets To Conversing



- **The secret in conversing or communicating with ex-inmates. Also one must remember that the ex-inmate is a human being just like any other person. This is where most people make their greatest mistake.**

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- **Often a person, many times a professed Christian, will go about with the idea of “going to the zoo to see the animals” and at the same time he or she is trying to cure all of humanity’s problems.**

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- **We must never lose sight of who an ex-inmate is and why he/she was incarcerated. Every inmate is there because he/she has allegedly broken the laws of society and must pay with the loss of his/her freedom. Some are innocent, some are guilty. Some are there due to the greed and selfishness of others.**



- **Some are there because of corrupt officials. Some wanted only to provide for members of their families and were not given a decent chance to do so. A counselor must consider all of these things.**

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- **One inmate who had been incarcerated for seven years after being sentenced to fifty-one years, felt that ignorance was the real crime. Of ignorance he stated, “too bad someone can’t capture it and convert it into a tangible. With ignorance locked in a box most of the world’s troubles would be solved.” This inmate is presently enrolled in the college program in his prison and is very close to earning an associate arts degree.**



- **A church counselor must learn how to gain the ex-inmate's confidence and respect. Here are listed ten suggested ways in which a counselor can gain the confidence and respect of an inmate:**

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- **1. Always display concern, especially in your words and attitudes.**

- **2. Know when to talk and when to listen but make sure that you are in control of the situation not the other person.**

- **3. Never give a false impression -- explain what you can and cannot do.**



- **4. Make only promises you know you can fulfill.**
- **5. Never compromise your ideas or standards.**
- **6. Try to handle problems yourself by relying on prayer and divine wisdom.**



- **7. Encourage the inmate to express his/her thoughts or feelings on the subject at hand.**
- **8. Get them involved:**
 - **They could do prayer in Sabbath School.**
 - **Have a vespers or Sabbath School sharing their Christian experience. This will help the church better understand their needs.**



- **9. Remember the ex-inmate needs not to live up to your standard but to God's standard. You did not get to where you are over night.**
- **10. If we have ex-inmates in the church we should put them in touch with new inmates that enter the church.**

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- **If the church member follows these suggestions he/she will seldom have problems in relating to the inmate.**
- **God has a answer to every problem, but we try to solve these problems on our own, because we do not have the relationship with Him that we should have.**

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Assurance of Success



- **"So shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth; it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."--Christ's Object Lessons, p. 65. {ChS 264.3}**



Prayer Answered Delayed



“I saw that if we do not feel immediate answers to our prayers, we should hold fast our faith, not allowing distrust to come in, for that will separate us from God.

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Prayer Answered Delayed (Cont)



If our **faith wavers**, we shall receive nothing from Him.

Our confidence in God should be strong; and when we need it most, the blessing will fall upon us like a shower of rain." Testimonies, vol. 1, p. 121

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Answer to Prayer



Let your heart break for the longing it has for God, for the living God. The life of Christ has shown what humanity can do by being **partaker of the divine nature.**

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Answer to Prayer (Cont.)



- All that Christ received from God **we too may have.**
- Then ask and receive.
- With the **persevering** faith of Jacob, with the **unyielding persistence** of Elijah, **claim for yourself** all that God has **promised.**

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Answer to Prayer (Cont)



Let the glorious conceptions of God possess your mind.

Let your life be knit by hidden links to the life of Jesus.

He who commanded the light to shine out of darkness is willing to shine in your heart, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.



Answer to Prayer (Cont)



- The Holy Spirit will take the things of God and **show them unto (you)**, conveying them as a living power into the obedient heart.
- **Christ will lead (you) to the threshold of the Infinite.**

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Answer to Prayer (Cont)



- **You may behold the glory beyond the veil,** and reveal to men the sufficiency of Him who ever liveth to make intercession for us. Christ's Object Lessons, p. 149

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Prayer Delayed



- To the sincere suppliant God will send an answer to every petition uttered in **humility** and **faith**.
- He may say "Yes," He may say "No," or He may say simply "**Wait.**"
- Sometimes answer to prayer may be delayed because a change must come about in (our own) hearts before God can answer it (see *The Desire of Ages*, p. 200).



Prayer Delayed (Cont)



- **There are definite conditions to answered prayer, and if there seems to be delay, we should inquire whether the difficulty may be with (us).**
- **It is an insult to God to be impatient with Him when (we) have not complied with the conditions under which it is possible for Him to answer prayer. (Bible Commentary on Luke 11:9)**



Obstacles to Prayer



The central lesson of the parable is, of course, steadfastness in prayer. The parable also defines the kind of requests for which our Lord counsels steadfastness—

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Obstacles to Prayer (Cont)



--prayers whose object is the **blessing of our fellow men** and the extension of His kingdom.

“All that Christ received from God (we) too may have” (Christ’s Object Lessons, p. 149).

Bible Commentary on Luke 11:9



Obstacles to Prayer (Cont)



- ✓ **Fickleness** in prayer is not pleasing to God, “with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning” (James 1:17).
- ✓ He who is fickle in prayer is not really expecting anything of God.
- ✓ “He that wavereth” need not “think that he shall receive anything of the Lord” (James 1:6, 7). Bible Commentary on Luke 11:9



- **It is rather difficult to empathize with an incarcerated individual unless you have shared a similar experience. One should never say, “I know how you feel” if you have never been in prison, because you don’t. Better to say, “it must be very difficult for you.” By your actions and words an ex-inmate can determine your prison experience and even the sincerity of your efforts.**



- **A church member should offer friendship first, teaching second and preaching third. Once you are accepted by an ex-inmate the battle is half won because then he/she is more apt to listen to what you have to say. Remember, first the ex-inmate must accept you as a friend, and in so doing he/she learns to accept himself/herself as a valuable human being.**



- **Getting the ex-inmate to realize that not everyone “on the outside” has rejected him/her plays a major role in learning to know and relate to him/her.**

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- **The first question usually on an ex-inmate's mind is "what's in this for you are you concerned for my good or to learn the dirty details of my life?"**
He/she is skeptical about anyone from the "outside" as he/she has often been lied to, had unfulfilled promises and been disappointed and frustrated by many "do-gooders."



- **You can talk about “Jesus cares” but the ex-inmate sees you. He/she wants to know, “do you care?”** Once he/she has decided that you do care, then you can begin to explain that God works through human instruments.

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- **In other words, you should first approach an ex-inmate with a statement such as, “I want to be your friend, I love you and care about your physical, mental and spiritual well-being. Because I care, I’d like to share the source of my happiness with you, so that you too may know real joy and peace.”**



- **But do you really care?**
- **Or are you just wanting to make yourself acceptable and appear as a good Christian, because you might be tested as his/her needs might be like money or lodging.**
- **You might be upset when they do not show up for church or you think they are not living right or have a bad habit, then what is your action?**



- **Maybe not once but several time's over a period time they need:**
 1. **Money**
 2. **Food**
 3. **Parole problems**
 4. **Gas**
 5. **Transportation**
 6. **Just someone to talk to**



■ **What then?????**

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God's Promise



- **Prov 19:17 He who has pity on the poor lends to the LORD, And He will pay back what he has given.**
- **IS THIS TRUE?**

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R. and H., 1896



- **When heavenly intelligences see those who claim to be sons and daughters of God putting forth Christ like efforts to help the erring, manifesting a tender, sympathetic spirit for the repentant and the fallen, angels press close to them, and bring to their remembrance the very words that will soothe and uplift the soul. . . . Jesus has given his precious life, his personal attention, to the least of God's little ones; and the angels that excel in strength encamp round about them that fear God.**



R. and H., 1896



- **Then let us be on our guard, and never permit one contemptuous thought to occupy the mind in regard to one of the little ones of God. We should look after the erring with solicitude, and speak encouraging words to the fallen, and fear lest by some unwise action we shall turn them away from the pitying Saviour. . . .**



R. and H., 1896



- There is a large, a very large number of straying and lost sheep that have perished in the wild deserts of sin, simply because no one went after them to search for them and to bring them back to the fold. Jesus uses the illustration of a lost sheep to show the need of seeking after those who have wandered from him; for a sheep once lost will never find its way back to the fold without help. It must be sought for, it must be carried back to the fold.--R. and H., 1896, No. 26. {HL 277.1}



- **Not everyone will accept you with friendship. Some are there with the same attitudes that crucified Jesus, thus we must as the Scriptures say, “be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.” It will take “pure, unadulterated love” to deal with some of these attitudes.**

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- **Let's take a closer look at the ex-inmate to whom the counselor must minister. Most inmates are un-churched and few attended church till time of their arrest.**

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- **Many inmates are black or Hispanic. However, the common denominator is poverty. This is true almost by definition. Being poor is a substantial element of their problem. If they were not poor, many would not be in prison.**

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- **One ex-inmate told me he never knew about Jesus before he was incarcerated. Unbelievable!!**
- **One ex-inmate told me when he got out of prison he asked his mother for two dollars, and she would not give it to him. So the only place he knew to get money, was his old ways.**



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Start Date yyyy/mm/dd	End Date yyyy/mm/dd	Event Title	Event Details
2006-01-28	2006-01-28	FPM Training Certificate Presentation	Brother Ferguson will be doing the 11:00am Worship service at Pen-Mar Church and then we will have a FPM Training Certificate presentation at 4:00pm at the Lauderhill Church.
2006-02-04	2006-02-04	Ft. Myers FPM Training	Training Session 1 to be held at the Ft. Myers Church located at 3451 Ortiz Avenue. Training will be around 1:30 or 2:00pm.
2006-02-11	2006-02-11	Ft. Myers FPM Training	Training Session 2 to be held at the Ft. Myers Church located at 3451 Ortiz Avenue. Session will be around 1:30 or 2:00pm.
2006-02-18	2006-02-18	Miami Temple	Working out details.
2006-03-17	2006-03-19	North Florida Campmeeting	Will have our booth set up. Please come by and chat with us and see what is going on in the Florida Prison Ministries.
2006-03-26	2006-04-01	South Bay C.I. Revival	Will be holding a revival in the prison at South Bay, FL. Pray for us and our group as we go in to witness to these inmates that the Lord will use us to touch many lives.
2006-04-06	2006-04-08	Adventist Layman's-Services (ASI) Cohutta Springs, GA	Will be holding the Southern Union convention for ASI at Cohutta Springs, GA. If interested in details please contact F. Barton at 352-728-1229.
			We will be having training sessions this



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LAMB Training Manual	4306kb	Training manual for the LAMB Baby Program (PDF file).
Training Manual	115kb	Florida Prison Ministries training manual (PDF file)

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Application Form	15kb	Florida Prison Ministry application form (PDF file)
Become a Covenant Partner	18kb	Form to download, print, and mail to director of Covenant Partners. Form allows you to indicate if you would like to become a Covenant Partner, to sponsor an individual, to make a one-time donation, or to be a volunteer. (PDF file)

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The Lamb Baby Program



Florida Prison Ministries has a desire and commitment to help babies born behind prison walls. In order to give these young ones a new start we will try to provide Spiritual material and physical material to nurture this new life till the age of 3 or 6. This is a critical time in this new born baby and to be torn away from the mother at this critical time we must do all in our power to

see that it at least has some chance to have a life changing experience. We believe that if we could provide for some of the basic physical and Spiritual needs in this child's life that this child along with the mother and caretakers might have a life changing experience also.

Mothers and Fathers inmates cannot purchase gifts or needed material to give to their children. In some cases, women have been known to barter in the prison environment just to get a few tubes of toothpaste to send their children for birthday or Christmas presents.

Our Goal

Our goal is to provide some of the basic needs for the baby in this terrible environment that this baby is being born into. All material and literature sent to the baby should be as coming from the mother. As we minister in the mother's name hopefully our support will in time produce the life-changing attitude in both the mother and child. Hopefully we will be able to send baby layettes to each baby as it reaches its home, and Spiritual material for the little one to be nurtured with by the caretaker in the child's life at this time. Also there might be needs for strollers, beds, etc. in the first 6 years of life.

We should try to enroll each baby in our Christian Spiritual literature for their age group. Like "Little



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Frequently Asked Questions

Questions

Halfway Houses

- [Halfway houses are an additional expense in inmates getting out prison, why do we need them?](#)
- [Why aren't there half-way houses closer to the families?](#)
- [Why do we need halfway-houses?](#)

Miscellaneous

- [Does Florida Prison Ministries deal with prison ministry in Florida only?](#)
- [Who is the director of Florida Prison Ministries?](#)

Sending Materials

- [I tried to send material to my relative what did I do wrong?](#)
- [What type of material can I send to the inmate?](#)

Training

- [Do you have any training materials I can download?](#)

Visitation



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Recommended Links

Prison Ministry-related Links

- [Florida Department of Corrections](#)
- [Florida Department of Corrections - Regional Business Offices](#)
- [Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Detention Contacts](#)
- [Introduction to Information on Florida Correctional Facilities](#)
- [Introduction to General Information on Florida Prison Facilities](#)
- [Misconceptions About Florida Prisons](#)
- [Florida Department of Corrections Awareness Brochure](#)
- [Florida Department of Corrections Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Federal Bureau of Prisons BOP/NIC Directory](#)
- [Search the Writings of Ellen G. White](#)

Other Links

- [RevivalSermons.org](#) - Richard O'Ffill's web site
- [LifeTalk Radio Network](#) - Connecting you to Christ. Free Bible guides and live Christian radio with free login. Free live broadband audio. Interact with us online during our live talk shows.
- [Shelter from the Storm](#) - Shelter from the Storm, Inc. is a not-for-profit, faith-based



Low Estimate of Self



- **God wanted them, else He would not have sent His Son on such an expensive errand to redeem them. He has a use for them, and He is well pleased when they make the very highest demands upon Him, that they may glorify His name. They may expect large things if they have faith in His promises.--The Desire of Ages, p. 668. {ChS 262.1}**



Assurance of Success



- Remember that the Lord Jesus is the Master Worker. He waters the seed sown. He puts into your minds words that will reach hearts.
- Testimonies, vol. 9, p. 41

TEAMWORK



Assurance of Success



- **When God opens the way for the accomplishment of a certain work, and gives assurance of success, the chosen instrumentality must do all in his power to bring about the promised result.**
- **In proportion to the enthusiasm and perseverance which the work is carried forward, will be the results given. - *Prophets and Kings, p. 263***



Assurance of Success



- **To every worker for God this thought should be a stimulus and an encouragement. In this life our work for God often seems to be almost fruitless. Our efforts to do good may be earnest and persevering, yet we may not be permitted to witness their results. To us the effort may seem to be lost. But the Saviour assures us that our work is noted in heaven, and that the recompense cannot fail. Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 305**



Assurance of Success



“When we give ourselves wholly to God, and in our work follow His directions, He makes Himself responsible for its accomplishment. He would not have us conjecture as to the success of our honest endeavors. **Not once should we even think of failure. We are to co-operate with One who knows no failure.” (Christ’s Object Lessons, p. 363)**



Assurance of Success



- **Success depends not so much on talent as on energy and willingness. It is not the possession of splendid talents that enables us to render acceptable service; but the conscientious performance of daily duties, the contented spirit, the unaffected, sincere interest in the welfare of others. In the humblest lot true excellence may be found. The commonest tasks, wrought with loving faithfulness, are beautiful in God's sight.-- Prophets and Kings, p. 219. {ChS 264.1}**