

November 2nd, 2006

Dear Brother Larry,

Hello from Belize. It is my prayer that everything is going well with you and the Lord's blessings are upon you. The blessings of the Lord makes us rich and adds no sorrow. I have a great progress report of what God has done and is doing here in Belize but before I get to that, I want to share with you something the Lord made real to my heart. It concerns not so much what we ARE DOING wrong but what we are Not DOING at all. Let me say I have spent most of my life trying not to do wrong things. You know the list, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye, the pride of life and the list of wrong things we try NOT to do goes on and on. I was reading in Genesis 18, I came to the story of Sodom and Gomorrah and I noticed that verse 20 said their sin was grievous. In verse 23 Abraham asked, "If I can find fifty righteous, will you not destroy the city? Then in verse 32 he asked, "Preadventure I find 10 righteous, will thou not destroy the city? Then I saw that god was destroying the Sodom and Gomorrah not for things they were doing but for what they were not doing. Chapter 18 did not talk about sin, instead it talked about how there were no righteous people in Sodom. If there had been one little church in someone's house with just 10 righteous people doing the right thing, Sodom and Gomorrah would have been spared but no one was doing what God called them to do. Right standing or righteousness comes to us as a gift, Romans 5:17. If we are working about the fathers business, doing what the Lord has put us on the earth to do. Some might ask, What did the Lord put us here to do? Well, lets look at Luke 4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me (that means you and I) because He hath anointed me (us) to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent me (us) to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind; to set at liberty them that are bruised, vs 19 to preach the acceptable year of the Lord. Then in Matthew 28:19 it tells us to go teach all nations and baptize them, teaching them the commandments and Lo I am with you. If I have problems it will be because of what I did not do. Let us look at the life of Jesus. In Luke 18:31 Jesus said everything written by the prophets about the son of man shall be accomplished. Then, He tried to explain all that He was to go through at Jerusalem. Read the new testament and see for yourself, 70% of the life of Jesus was fulfilling the things that were written by the prophets concerning Him. For example at the river when John refused to baptize him and Jesus answered that it must be done, "That it might be fulfilled which was written by the prophets." Jesus stayed busy doing what God had sent him to do. Jesus said "I do the things that please the father" and then he spent 20% of his time getting the kingdom principles into 12 disciples. If you and I are not spending our time doing what we were called of God to do, we might be spending our time doing things we should not be doing. Remember the story of the nobleman in Luke 19 who called his servants and gave them ten pounds and said to them "Occupy till I come" Occupy meant to get busy about your masters business. When the nobleman returned with his kingdom, vs16 He called the first servant who said that the pound had gained him ten pounds. His master said well done and gave him authority over 10 cities. The second servants pound had gained him five and he was placed over five cities. The last servant however, had kept his pound laid up in a napkin, vs27. This man was put to death before the Lord because of what he did not do with the opportunity God

had given him. Romans 11:29 says “ For the gifts and callings of God are without repentance” Some one might ask “ What can I do, where do I start? Well, I would say Matthew 25:35 would be a good place to look. Jesus said to the 12, I was hungry and ye gave me meat, thirsty and ye gave me drink, a stranger and ye took me in, naked and ye clothed me, sick and ye visited me, in prison and ye came unto me. Then Jesus said, As often as ye have done this unto the least of these, ye have done it unto me. Then Jesus said, If we have not fed the hungry and not given drink unto the thirsty and not taken in people we can help and not clothed the naked, not visited the sick as well as those in prison, that we have not done it as unto the Lord. Again, we are getting in trouble because of the things we are not doing. He that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin. The sin of omission not doing what God has called us to do. Those things we are doing wrong are only there because we are not busy enough doing what God has called us to do. We should not have the time to do wrong.

Enclosed is a picture of pastor Hosea and his wife Ruth. We had just spent the day painting the house and church. This happy couple is still praising God for their new miracle house. I could not have done anything that would have been more satisfying than it was to be a part of this house raising for this pastor and his wife. They have tried to say thank you so many many times but I know that it was just god that brought it to pass. It was a miracle in the making and I was just glad to be a part of it. Praise the Lord!

We are going to have a pastor's conference on march 11_17 of next year. Please be in prayer with us about this. Brother Duane Thompson and a team from Texas will be ministering at this conference. I have talked with 10 of our pastors and they are all looking so forward to this conference. There will be many more pastors in attendance than there was last year.

Lavern and I are going on a missions trip to Guatemala city and then on to Peru in revival before long. Please pray about that trip with us. Well Christmas is just around the corner and Lavern and I would love to go to Missouri and see all our children for Christmas. As you know, we don't get to see our children or grandchildren much and that is hard on us. Please pray with us that God will make the way for us to go home for a few days for Christmas.

A small voice in a little country, way down south,

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