

Love and Compassion Ministries

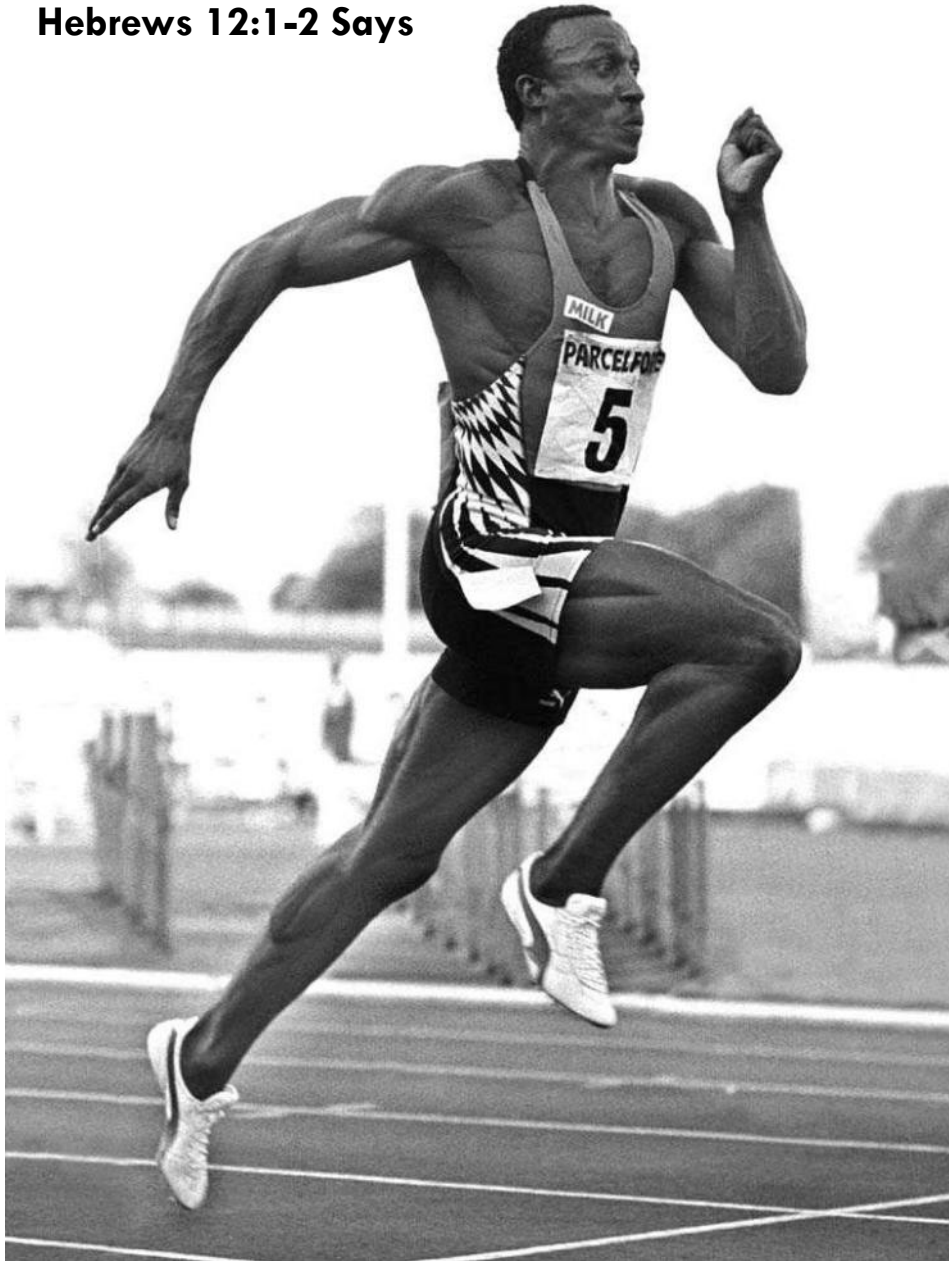
In the Name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit

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NEWSLETTER

Hebrews 12:1-2 Says



Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

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2. Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

So what kind of race are we running? Many Christians today are walking around in despair and defeat. They have lost their zeal for the Lord. A large number of us have lost our desire to serve God as we once did. We have lost the joy of the Lord. We have lost our first love. We have become more of the world and less of God. Many have become ashamed of saying anything that might come across as spiritual.

Mark 8:38 says: Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

Look, before you were born our Lord knew you! He has plans for you. He has a will for your life. Now He is not going to force His way upon you, but He will only allow you to say no to Him just so many times and then He will allow you to live your life as you wish. So what are we to do to get right with God as when we first accepted our Lord as Savior.

1. Start glorifying God in everything you do. Don't be ashamed of God. Speak about Him to all.
2. Be thankful! Thank God for all things.
3. Don't put God in a small box. This world will tell you it is impossible, but God says, "all things are possible."
4. Don't let this world harden your heart to God's Will for your life. Have faith in Him.
5. Open your heart to everything God wants for your life.
6. And most importantly is to trust and obey our Lord!

Many people will pray but never act on what our Lord is asking them to do. We must step out in faith and obedience to what God tells us to do. We allow finances, family, job circumstances, our own fears, and other insecurities talk us out of doing the will of God. The Bible is full of people that took a stand for God and God is looking for people today that are willing to do the same. If you want to change the world for our Lord, then trust and obey.

It took years and many people to give us the Bible (the divinely inspired revelation of God) as we have it today. Just think of how many words and letters it took to give us the Word of God. Yet we know that our Lord gave all the writers everything they needed to complete the task. Did God will others to write portions of the Bible and they said no? What would have happened to human history or animal life if Noah had said no to God?

What about Abraham, Moses, Joshua, Daniel, Gideon, Elijah, Elisha, Ezekiel, John the Baptist, Matthew, Mark, Philip, Stephen, Luke, John, Peter, Paul, Jonah, David and so many others that obeyed our Lord at such a time as was needed. We would not have a Savior if Jesus had said no to God!

You know that there are more than 120 miracles in the Bible which are really an intervention of a supernatural power, usually coming about by God, using ordinary people that were being obedient. So, we can rebel against God's wishes as many have in the past and will do in the future or we can trust and obey and be used by our Lord and Savior.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Love and Compassion Ministries has a large team of Christian men who minister to the youth at Crossroads Wilderness Institution in Punta Gorda, Florida. They take delicious cookies and other wonderful deserts along with milk to feed the young men while teaching them the Word of God.

Many are coming to know Christ because of what is being done in our Lord's name there.

Love And Compassion Ministries has the desire to purchase a pair of tennis shoes for every young man being released from the institution, while giving them a package of items and information that will help them to never return to the jail / prison system again.

These young men are our future! Please pray for them and all LCM's Youth Team Ministry members (16 in all) that care enough to reach out to them.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

William Stewart is a big part of LCM, He has been doing outreach ministry for many years. He takes the Word of God to the streets along with ribs, hotdogs, hamburgers, chicken and all kinds of other good things to eat.

People come around to get nourished as William cooks on a large outdoor grill. The smell is wonderful and the food is mouth-watering. He and his wife, Sally, feed the people good wholesome food as William delivers an awesome message that our Lord has put on his heart to preach that particular night.

All agree that the fellowship is wonderful and people come from all around to see, feel, and sense the power of the Holy Spirit. Many would never come within a Church frame work but would listen to the Word of God being taught on the streets.

This is a ministry that is so needed.

Outreach Ministry is having the Church
come to the people.

HOMELESS MINISTRY

Lee County has more than 3,000 homeless people living out of their cars, under bridges, in the woods and various other places where the police will allow them to sleep. They are in need of shelter, yet all the shelters are and have been full for months.

LCM is trying to open a place known as God's Place that will provide essential life skills, social skills, and practical work experience. We wish to have our "graduated" residents be able to integrate back into society as wholesome individuals.

Individuals from the community who have an interest in helping the homeless succeed, needs to call Ron Willis at 239.574.5683.

Any person that is taken off the streets will be considered a victory. Our primary focus is to work on getting the families with children off the streets. We have put entire families on the bus and sent them back to their kin in other states, given gas cards to people traveling "back home" and provided mechanical repairs to people's cars to help them get to work.

PRISON MINISTRY

Love and Compassion Ministries started as a prison ministry. Seeing the same people returning to the prison system time and again will break your heart. Upon his retirement from McGregor Baptist Church, Pastor Holbrook joined the team and started ministering to the men at the Lee County Stockade. He loves it and they love him and more importantly, he is still leading people to the saving grace of our Lord.

The Word of God needs desperately to be taught in the jail and prison systems, but we also have to minister to them while they are on the outside. That means helping them with jobs, clothing, housing, transportation and counseling.

Housing an inmate in jail costs thousands of dollars! To teach him about a wonderful Savior is priceless. When someone turns from their wicked ways and accepts Jesus Christ, they become a creation that will not be a burden on society.

VETERANS MINISTRY Love and Compassion Ministries is dedicated to getting veterans the help that they deserve. Many of them are having major problems getting any kind of help. Many are going through depression, eating disorders, failures, grief, suicidal thoughts and even attempts along with major trauma. We owe each and every one of the veterans much more than we could ever pay back to them. Great care will always be given to those who have served this country and now find themselves in need.

ANYBODY CAN GROW OLD

The first day of school our professor introduced himself and challenged us to get to know someone we didn't already know. I stood up to look around when a gentle hand touched my shoulder.

I turned around to find a wrinkled, little old lady beaming up at me with a smile that lit up her entire being.

She said, 'Hi handsome. My name is Rose. I'm eighty-seven years old. Can I give you a hug?' I laughed and enthusiastically responded; 'Of course you may!' and she gave me a giant squeeze.

'Why are you in college at such a young, innocent age?' I asked. She jokingly replied, 'I'm here to meet a rich husband, get married, and have a couple of kids...' 'No seriously,' I asked. I was curious what may have motivated her to be taking on this challenge at her age. 'I always dreamed of having a college education and now I'm getting one!' she told me.

After class we walked to the student union building and shared a chocolate milkshake. We became instant friends. Every day for the next three months we would leave class together and talk nonstop. I was always mesmerized listening to this 'time machine' as she shared her wisdom and experience with me.

Over the course of the year, Rose became a campus icon and she easily made friends wherever she went. She loved to dress up and she reveled in the attention bestowed upon her from the other students. She was living it up.

At the end of the semester we invited Rose to speak at our football banquet. I'll never forget what she taught us. She was introduced and stepped up to the podium. As she began to deliver her prepared speech, she dropped her three by five cards on the floor.

Frustrated and a little embarrassed she leaned into the microphone and simply said, 'I'm sorry I'm so jittery. I gave up beer for Lent and this whiskey is killing me! I'll never get my speech back in order so let me just tell you what I know.'

As we laughed she cleared her throat and began, "We do not stop playing because we are old; we grow old because we stop playing."

"There are only four secrets to staying young, being happy, and achieving success. You have to laugh and find humor every day. You've got to have a dream. When you lose your dreams, you die."

"We have so many people walking around who are dead and don't even know it! There is a huge difference between growing older and growing up. If you are nineteen years old and lie in bed for one full year and don't do one productive thing, you will turn twenty years old. If I am eighty-seven years old and stay in bed for a year and never do anything I will turn eighty-eight."

"Anybody can grow older. That doesn't take any talent or ability. The idea is to grow up by always finding opportunity in change. Have no regrets."

"The elderly usually don't have regrets for what we did, but rather for things we did not do. The only people who fear death are those with regrets."

She concluded her speech by courageously singing 'The Rose.' She challenged each of us to study the lyrics and live them out in our daily lives. At the year's end Rose finished the college degree she had begun all those years ago.

One week after graduation Rose died peacefully in her sleep.

Over two thousand college students attended her funeral in tribute to the wonderful woman who taught by example that it's never too late to be all you can possibly be.

These words have been passed along in loving memory of ROSE.

REMEMBER, GROWING OLDER IS MANDATORY. GROWING UP IS OPTIONAL . We make a Living by what we get. We make a Life by what we give.

God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage. If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it.

Good friends are like stars.You don't always see them, but you know they are always there.

Enjoy your life and make it count by giving of yourself and of the things that our Lord has over abundantly given to us. There are so many people in need!.

You have more than you need so that you can give to those in need.

Author: Unknown

DRUG PROGRAM

Love and Compassion Ministries works directly with numerous, very wonderful, Christian drug and alcohol programs. We believe that without Jesus Christ you cannot be delivered from your addictions.

Many times we are asked to go to court to ask the judge to allow a person to complete a drug program rather than going to prison.

We do our own evaluations of people who desire to stop living as they are and want to change their life! We do all we can to make sure that when we recommend a person to a program that it is the right place, at the right time, and that the person will be able to complete the program. Love and Compassion Ministries makes all the arrangements for the entry including transporting the person to the program.

It is so nice to see the change in people's lives after completing a nine month or more in-house drug program.

All of our services and most of the programs are free to the client.

The wonderful goodness of God is a comfort to all those who call on Him.

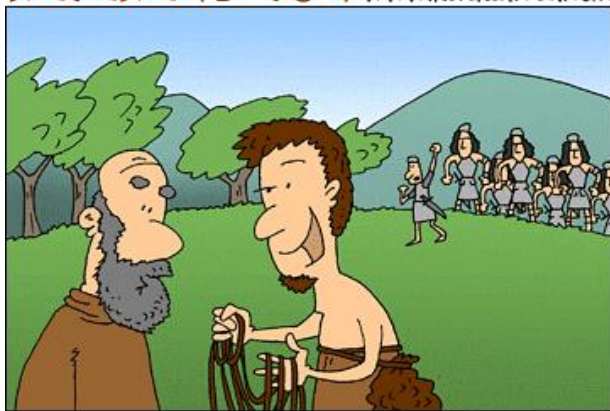
Praise God in every circumstance. He wants to forgive and restore us.

All we need to do is go to Him with a grateful heart and repent! God has given us so much!

Won't you please tell others about Jesus Christ

Thank You For Your Support of Love And Compassion Ministries!

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Thanks to Peter Mason

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HEY!

Prayer:

Please pray for all the people that sacrificed their time, money and resources to help keep this ministry going!

Please pray for those who have lost all hope and are thinking of suicide.

Please pray for all who have lost their jobs, homes, cars, etc. due to no fault of their own.

Please pray for loved ones who have had to take jobs in other states and even in other countries to support their families.

Please pray for ones who are trying to balance so much at one time.

Please pray for all those who are doing time in jail or prison. May they find the saving grace of our Lord Jesus there and never go back into the prison system again.

Please pray for the ladies who have had to leave their children in other people's arms in order to go into a drug program where they know that it's their last chance to have a life with their family.

Please pray for all the clients, staff, and volunteers who keep all the great drug programs running day and night, year around.

Please pray for all the youth who are court ordered to the Crossroads Wilderness Institution in Punta Gorda, the staff and all our people from LCM who are ministering to them.

Please pray for all the people who are going through marriage counseling or financial counseling along with many other difficulties.

Please pray for all the people who are in need of job training, high school education, computer training or additional hands on training.

Please pray for the people who are hospitalized, in rest homes, and /or on their death bed, that they may see Jesus.

Please pray for all the wonderful people who support this ministry monetarily every month like clock work. Without them we could not do what we do.

Please pray for our veterans who have served this country well in the past and all the armed service who are stationed around the world serving this United States today.

Please pray for the big and little Churches that want to team up with us in reaching the lost for our Lord.

Please pray for Love And Compassion Ministries, our board of directors, staff, volunteers and all the people we serve.

THANK YOU



Love And Compassion Ministries

Dear Friends,

I don't know whether you would call them critics or not, but many people have the mistaken idea that people in prison ministry want inmates to be fed gourmet food, have all the comforts of home including a new TV in every cell with DVD and 200 channels running 24/7 all year long, plus private showers and wonderful beds to get their much needed sleep.

I assure you, that is not the case. Yes, we do want people to be treated with respect if the inmate shows respect. Yes, the inmate needs their medication if they have been taking medication before they was arrested. No one should be given antacid tablets and be told that it is their cancer tablets when the jail knows that they have stomach cancer. No one should be sleeping on hard metal till bed shores are bleeding, Inmates should be treated as good as the animal hospitals treat our pets. Everyone should be given clean water and food that is not left over from WWII.

Now that we have got that out of the way here's what I tell people all the time... "You don't like jail, don't come back."

The most important part of jail / prison ministry is telling people about Christ. Jails and prisons should not be hotels. They should be places where no one would ever want to go again. They should be places where the Word of God is taught for many people are there because they are running from God!!!! I believe that God will use circumstances to get us to quit kicking against the pricks of life, even in a jail cell if need be. It's like God is saying, "You have done it your way, now sit down, shut up and listen. I love you and care deeply for you. Stop everything and listen to me."

Jesus said in Matthew 25:34-36...

34. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35. For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: 36. Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. 37. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? 38. When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? 39. Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? 40. And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

How will they (prisoners) know Christ if they do not see and hear Him. We must go to them with love and compassion and be ready to introduce them to wonderful Savior and be ready to help them when they are released.

In the Presence of our LORD,

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If you would like to be a part of our exciting prayer team, please send us your e-mail address and we will send you updates of people who need our prayers.

It is a great privilege that we have, as sons and daughters of the KING, to be able to come into HIS presence with our needs, our hurts, and our cares.

We know that we can leave them at HIS feet because HE cares for us and will always answer us in our time of need.

Prayer requests are very important to us! We always need people who are caring and willing to personally pray for others' needs.

As we pray for their physical, moral, and spiritual needs, we must under-

stand that because of JESUS CHRIST'S love for all of us, we are able to do this. CHRIST is the answer to every human's needs.

As members of the Body of CHRIST, we have the privilege and responsibility to pray for our Churches, our missionaries, public officials, other ministries, and each other.

It is so exciting to see prayers being answered. May we always give CHRIST the Glory!