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by Dr. Brian Bailey

The teaching profession is the oldest and the largest of all vocations. Without teachers it would be impossible for one generation to pass down to the following generation their knowledge, as one generation builds upon the knowledge and experience of another.

While only some people become professional teachers, we can also say that every one of us should learn how to teach. In a very real sense, everybody teaches during their lifetime. We are told in Deuteronomy 6:7 that one of the duties of parents is to teach the Word of God to their children, so obviously every parent is intended to be a teacher. Everyone teaches during their lifetime, whether it be a Sunday school class, in their own family, or among their friends or peers. Therefore everyone should learn how to teach.

The Need for Teachers of Righteousness

We teach to pass along our knowledge, yet education by itself is not the answer. It helps a person, but it is no guarantee that they will bring forth good fruit. Education is knowledge, it is the gaining of facts; yet it is what you do with those facts that can develop wisdom which will put you on the right path for life.

I have just been reading about a person who has an IQ of 190, which is higher than the IQ that Einstein had. Yet because of mistakes in his life and not walking on the right path, he works on a farm and cuts hay.

In a study done in California, schools were asked to identify their brightest young students, who were then given special treatment. As they grew up they were still very gifted, but many did not become successful in life. The reason was that they had not developed wisdom and were not put on the right pathway of life. That is something that a teacher of righteousness must do. They must help their students to go on the right path so that they might become as *"trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord,"* as Isaiah 61:3 declares. Then they will develop their lives correctly.

The phrase *"teachers of righteousness"* can be taken from Daniel 12:3, which reads, *"Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever."* The part that says *"Those who are wise"* can also be translated as *"Those who are teachers."* Those who are teachers and turn many to righteousness can be called teachers of righteousness.

In these Last Days the Lord will raise up teachers of righteousness who will help guide the Church into maturity and perfection. Ephesians 4:11-13 declares, *"And He Himself gave some to be...teachers...for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come...to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."* The end purpose of all Bible teaching is to present a people who have been perfected by the workings of God. As Ephesians 5:26-27 tells us, *"that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish."*

Their Preparations

Study is, of course, the first step in a teacher's preparation. The Apostle Paul, when writing to his beloved son in the faith, told him: *"Study to show yourself approved to God, a workman who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth,"* 2 Tim. 2:15. John Cotton Dana said, *"Who dares to teach must never cease to learn."*

We have a key to becoming a teacher of righteousness in Matthew 13:52 where Jesus said, *"Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings forth out of his treasure things new and old."* A scribe, speaking of a teacher of God's word, must bring forth the old, foundational truths, while also constantly seeking the Lord for fresh, greater truths. There is so much more of God to be known. We can never exhaust the knowledge of God in our few short years upon the earth.

That a teacher must seek out truth is further explained in Proverbs 25:2, *"It is the glory of God to conceal a thing; but the honor of kings is to search out a matter."* This is referred to as the hidden manna of God's Word that is reserved for the overcomer, Rev. 2:17. As we learn to search out truth we are becoming kings and will qualify to reign in Christ's coming millennial kingdom.

Daniel 12:4 says, *"...even to the time of the end, many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase."* We have seen a vast increase of knowledge in the natural world. Scientists and medical researchers are constantly having breakthroughs as mankind's circle of knowledge gets bigger and bigger. That is the way it should also be in the revelation of God's Word. Our circle of knowledge of His Word, including the end-time events, should be getting larger and larger.

As we seek to study God's Word, our next question will be, who do we study under? It is very important under which mantle you are taught. Whether you are studying in a church Bible class, in a school, or reading a book, different impartations can be given you which will affect the direction of your life and future teachings.

Once when I was young I had considered studying at the divinity schools of Oxford or Cambridge. I was contemplating this one night when an angel appeared to me, with a path behind him which began with golden light. I saw that the path went through the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and when I looked at the buildings of these universities, I saw many demons there. I understood that if I went on that path and studied in these universities I would be taught by demons. Then I saw that path, which had started in shining light, change and disappear into darkness. By

this vision I understood that God was telling me that I was not to go through these schools or the end of my path would be darkness.

Once Harvard University declared, "We have born-again professors in every department except the Divinity School" (the religious department). It is extremely important that we study at the correct schools and under teachers of righteousness. We have someone in one of our churches who has a doctorate in theology, yet his pastor will not allow him to even teach in the Sunday school because he does not understand the gospel.

As a teacher you must be on the right path yourself, or you can turn your students off of their proper path even without saying anything, because of the impact that your life can have on them. There was a certain evangelical Bible school in the USA, and every year they would graduate one or two atheists. So the school leaders carefully examined what the faculty were teaching. They found that they were not teaching any atheistic doctrines, but that they had faculty that were atheists in their heart, and they reproduced what they were in the students. It is not sufficient that you teach the truth, but that you are the truth. You reproduce who you are. You can say to someone, "Don't do that," but if that wrong desire is in your own heart, your words will have no effect. To become a teacher of righteousness we must first become righteous.

The Goal of a Teacher of Righteousness

The goal of a teacher of righteousness is to help bring his pupils to perfection and spiritual maturity, Eph. 4:11-13. Surely this should be recognized by all.

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ZION MINISTRIES is a non-sectarian parachurch ministry that has been raised up by the Lord to help prepare and equip those called to Christian leadership. Towards this goal, we offer you this teaching magazine.

Think of a farmer, he sows his seed and then carefully nurtures the young plants until they grow to maturity and bring forth fruit that are mature and perfect. Our Heavenly Gardener desires to do the same in bringing many sons to glory, Heb. 2:10.

How to Accomplish Your Goal

To help accomplish this goal, you must first identify with your students and bond with them. When I went to Egypt the first time, I said to the Lord, "What am I going to say to these people? How can I identify with them?" Then the Lord gave me a scripture in Isaiah 19:25 that says, "Blessed is Egypt, My people." After I started with that, I had everyone happy and identifying with me.

Then as you teach the Scriptures, you must find the level of the people that you are teaching. Seek to lift them all one step higher up the ladder of Christian development than they have been. Something will be accomplished! This can be illustrated by the technique of an American ophthalmologist I met while in Indonesia. He explained that his technique was to watch eye operations that the local doctors performed, and then he would ask for patients who required a slightly higher level of surgery. Afterwards, he would gather the doctors around him as he performed several of these operations and then watch while they in turn performed similar operations which were one grade above those that they had previously been capable of performing.

The doctor said that when he had left the hospital, all those surgeons had climbed one step higher in their surgical expertise. On the other hand, other international surgeons would come in with equipment that was still unavailable to the Indonesians and with it would perform outstanding operations, those at the very top of the ladder. But when they left, the resident Indonesian surgeons were still standing on the same step where they had stood before the teams had come.

When teaching God's Word, we want to make sure we are always leading people to a higher level, a higher step in their Christian walk. The teacher is not there to show his abilities, but to impart his abilities.

As the goal of a teacher of righteousness is to teach the way to perfection, let us examine some aspects of perfection taught us in the Bible.

Biblical Aspects of Perfection

1. Perfection as the completing of our God-appointed task. The all-consuming desire of the Apostle Paul was to hit the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. He expressed this when he wrote, "Not that I have already attained, or am already perfect: but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus," Phil. 3:12-14. The

meaning of "perfect" here is to fulfill God's goal for your life. We must realize that God has a very specific plan for each of our lives. The Lord has a blueprint for our lives, and when we die we are held accountable as to whether or not we finished our course.

The Lord made this so clear to me many years ago when I asked Him to end my life and take me to heaven because of the opposition I was facing at that time as a young pastor. The Lord granted my request, and I physically died. When I got to heaven, the Lord showed me my whole life from my birth until the time I died. Yet I saw that there was much more God had purposed for my life, but I had not finished it. Yes, I was a Christian, I was a righteous pastor and I made it to heaven, but I had not completed God's plans for my life!

I hope none of you ever experience the terrible agony I felt in my spirit. I knew I had died before my appointed time. After I pleaded with the Lord to send me back to earth and give me another chance to finish my course, He graciously revived me and my spirit came back into my body. Since that time, the burden upon my heart is that every believer finishes his course, as Christ did. As the Lord was preparing to go to the cross, He said to His Father in John 17:4, "I have glorified You on the earth, I have finished the work which You have given me to do." We also want to be able to say with Paul at the end of

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our lives: *"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my race, I have kept the faith,"* 2 Tim. 4:6-7. We want to be runners that win the race and gain the prize.

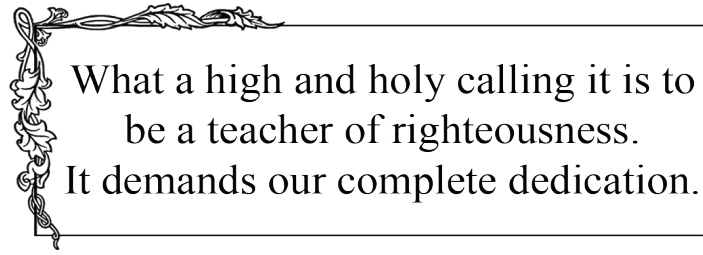
God has ordained specific purposes for each of us from before the foundation of the world, and we are to seek to attain those goals. Thus, the teacher is to encourage each student to press toward the particular goal that God has ordained for his life. This includes seeking God for the particular giftings that He wishes us to receive and develop.

2. Perfection as showing goodness and love to all. Christ said in Matthew 5:48, *"Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect."* This almost seems like an impossible commandment. Yet when we study the Word of God, we find that love and Christian perfection are equivalent, for Paul tells us that *"love is the bond of perfection,"* Col. 3:14. Christian perfection is to show forth agape love to all, as we can further see in the context of when Christ taught that we are to be perfect, *"That you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust,"* Mt.5:45. Thus we see the goodness and love of God manifested as He even feeds and cares for the wicked.

3. Perfection as seen in the control of our tongue. Let us consider the words in James 3:2, *"If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body."* James is making the point that a perfect man or woman is able to control their tongue and not sin with their words. Our words flow out of our mouth at times without consideration of the damage that they might do to others. Because the tongue is the most difficult member of our body to control and bring into subjection, if a person is able to control his tongue, he is able to control every other aspect of his life. What we speak is a gauge of our spiritual maturity and perfection. Our speech reveals how much of the nature of Christ we have.

4. Perfection of Heart. We read of King Asa in 1 Kings 15:14, *"Asa's heart was perfect with the Lord all of his days."* The word "perfect" and other similar phrases are repeatedly used to describe the lives of the kings

of Judah, 1 Kings 11:4, 15:3 & 14, 2 Kings 20:3. It is almost a report card upon their reigns and could be an example of what will appear in the heavenly books in which our deeds on earth are recorded, Rev. 20:12. The word "perfect" does not imply that we are infallible, but that we walk in all the ways of God. We may define a perfect heart as the heart of one who has a willing mind and desire to please the Lord in all aspects of life.



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We read concerning King Solomon in 1 Kings 11:4, *"For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father."* May we continually warn our students that our report cards will not just depict a good beginning, as did Solomon's, but that we will also have a good finish without blot or blemish. After all, how we finish the race of life is the most important comment that will be made about our life here upon the earth.

5. Perfection as Maturity. In Hebrews 6:1 we read, *"Therefore leaving the elementary teachings of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on to perfection."* Perfection in its fullest meaning is maturity.

We are called to become mature like Christ. However, maturity is relative to one's age. A man matures during his lifetime in several different stages—as a baby, as a boy, as a young man, and finally as an adult. In much the same way, in our Christian development we must grow and progress from a spiritual babe in Christ (a new believer) to a mature saint and spiritual father in the Lord, 1 Jn. 2:12-14.

In the Philippines I saw a woman whose boy was 9 years old, yet he was still a baby, unable to feed himself or do any of the basic things. When the boy was born, it was the mother's delight to feed and dress him. But that joy turned to sorrow. God looks at His Church in the same way, He wants us to grow.

Our attitude of heart must be a quest to move past the foundational principles and go on to perfection. Therefore, we constantly need to cry out to God for His grace and mercy so that we pass our tests and go on. The call is to perfection, or Christian maturity.

The Rewards of a Good Teacher

Good teachers of righteousness will impart their teachings and life to make an impact upon many of their students. Through our expositions of the Scriptures we can mold many young lives in the ways of God.

You don't know who your students may go on to become. Once I went to Malaysia to speak at a large church. I had no idea who the pastor was, but when we met, he said that he was a student of mine some years before when my wife and I had taught in Singapore. The pastor said, "You do not know me, because I sat at the back of the class and said nothing," but years later he was the pastor of a church of 5,000 members. Then we had another student who I had taught in Switzerland, who has gone on to start 150 churches in Africa. And again, one of the students I taught in the USA went on to build a church of 6,000. When you are teaching, you don't know what your students will go on to become.

Teachers have mighty influence when they boldly proclaim the truth. Their pupils remember their words long after the teacher has gone to his eternal reward. Their words live on in their hearers' lives and sometimes produce fruit for many generations to come. If we are faithful to study, pray, and live our teachings, God will ensure that, like Jesus, we shall see our seed and be satisfied, Isaiah 53:10-11.

Teachers of righteousness will have honor not only here upon the earth, but also in heaven above. How we teach on earth is going to determine our heavenly position. Let us consider the words of our Lord on this matter. In Matthew 5:19 He states, "*Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*" It is clear that the rewards are given to the ones who faithfully practice the commandments of God and teach others to do so. These shall be termed "*great in the kingdom of heaven.*"

What a high and holy calling it is to be a teacher of righteousness. It demands our complete dedication. This calling requires time spent in the presence of the Lord Jesus, the Teacher of teachers, to sharpen our skills and grow in the knowledge of Him who is the Word made flesh. His mantle must cover us so that, with humility and honesty, we can manifest His image.

These are the days when sin will abound and the love of many shall grow cold. Yet the Spirit of God will be poured out in revival power and multitudes will come to the Lord. Teachers of righteousness will be raised up by God to nourish the newborns and bring the mature to perfection and glory. May we desire to be included among these teachers of righteousness, by His grace.



In Memorial

Rev. Dr. Brian J. Bailey, of Waverly NY went to be with the Lord on June 11, 2012.

He was born on April 6, 1925 in London, England and was in Britain's Royal Air Force during World War II. After meeting Christ as a young man he spent over 60 years as a minister of the Gospel, traveling to more than 100 nations.

Rev. Bailey had become respected for his worldwide ministry as early as the 1970s. By then he had held important leadership positions in the Body of Christ in a number of nations in Europe, Africa, North America, and Asia. He became known as one of the leading teachers of the worldwide Charismatic Renewal. In the Philippines he organized the first World Map seminar held in Los Banos, Laguna in 1972, and from that time conducted dozens of leadership seminars around the nation.

After helping lead a revival in New Zealand during the early 1980s, Rev. Bailey moved to Waverly, NY, USA. There he founded Zion Fellowship, a worldwide fellowship of Pentecostal churches, Bible schools, orphanages, and missions.

Dr. Bailey authored 65 books that have been translated into over 20 languages and are used around the world to help prepare mature leadership for the church of the Last Days. The testimony of his godly life and close walk with God will bear ever-increasing fruit in the lives of multitudes of pastors and leaders whom he has impacted. As it is written in Revelation 14:13, "*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord... that they may rest from their labors, for their works follow after them.*"



The HEBRIDES

A Testimony
by Duncan Campbell

Revival

The Hebrides Islands of northwestern Scotland received a mighty revival from God about 60 years ago. May this condensed account from the testimonies of Duncan Campbell inspire us to pray for a similar revival today!

To start, let me make it perfectly clear that I did not bring revival to the Hebrides. I had the privilege of being there and helped lead the revival, but God was moving before I arrived on the island. Next, let me tell you what I mean by revival. I am not talking about an evangelistic campaign or special "revival" meetings. In a successful campaign or crusade hundreds of people may make decisions for Christ yet the community remains untouched, and the churches continue on much the same as before. But in revival, God moves in the community. Everyone suddenly becomes God-conscious. The Spirit of God grips men and women in such a way that they even stop work as the people seek God. In the midst of the Hebrides revival the minister at Barvas wrote, "The Spirit of the Lord was resting wonderfully on the different towns of the region. His Presence was in the homes of the people, on the meadow and hills, and even on the public roads." This presence of God is the supreme characteristic of a God-sent revival. Of the multitudes who found Christ during this revival fully seventy-five percent were saved before they came near a church meeting or heard a sermon. The power of God was moving and the fear of God gripped the souls of men. This is God-sent revival and is different from evangelistic crusades or "revival" services organized by men.

The Foundation of Prayer

How did this revival begin? In 1949, the local ministers issued a proclamation that was read on a certain

Sunday in most of the churches on the Island of Lewis. This proclamation called the people to consider the backslidden condition of the community, and for the Christians to consider what their responsibility should be to see the community turn back to the Lord. I do not know what effect this declaration had upon the ministers or people of the island in general, but I do know that in the town of Barvas a number of people took it to heart, especially two elderly sisters. The older one, Peggy, was eighty-four years old and completely blind while her crippled sister, Christine, was eighty-two. These two women developed a great burden for prayer and gave themselves to waiting upon God in their humble little house.

One night God gave one of the sisters a vision. In the vision she saw the churches crowded with young people and she told her sister, "I believe revival is coming." At that time, there was not a single young person attending the local church services. The Lord also gave them the promise from Isaiah 44:3, "*I will pour water on him that is thirsty, and floods on the dry ground.*"

Sending for the minister, she told him her story, and he took her message as a word from God. Turning to her he said, "What do you think we should do?" She said, "Get your elders and deacons together and spend at least two nights a week in prayer. If you will do that at your end of the town, my sister and I will pray at our end of the town from ten o'clock at night until two or three o'clock in the morning.

So the minister called his leaders together and for a number of weeks they waited upon God in a barn among the straw. During this time nothing seemed to happen. But one night a young deacon rose and began reading from Psalm 24, *“Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in His holy place? He that has clean hands and a pure heart.”* Closing his Bible, he lifted his hands toward heaven and prayed, “God, are my hands clean? Is my heart pure?” Then, he went to his knees and fell into a trance. Now, don’t ask me to explain the physical manifestations of this revival because I can’t, but this I do know, that something happened in the barn at that moment. The power of God swept through the town and an awareness of God gripped the community such as had not been known in over a hundred years. An awareness of God – that is revival! On the following day, almost no one worked as everyone thought about the things of God.

Breakthrough in Barvas

I was not on the island at the time. I was in another part of Scotland where I received a message asking me to come and preach on the Island of Lewis. I had other meetings scheduled and wrote back that I could come the following year. My reply was brought back to the church in the town of Barvas, and when the two sisters heard it Peggy replied, “That is what man is saying, but God is saying otherwise. The man will be here within ten days.” My other meetings were unexpectedly cancelled, and to make a long story short, I was on the island within ten days.

As I arrived by boat, I was met by the local minister of the church who had arranged for me to speak at his church for about 300 people that evening. It was a good meeting but nothing special happened. I closed the meeting after almost two hours and just as I was preparing to leave with a young deacon of the church, he looked up to heaven and said, “God, you can’t fail us.

You promised to pour water on the thirsty, and floods on the dry ground – God, you can’t fail us.” As he prayed, I realized I was standing by the side of a young man who knew God in a way that I did not know Him. As he knelt down in the aisle and kept praying, the church door soon opened and a man from the outside said, “Mr. Campbell, something wonderful has happened.” When I went to the door of the church I saw about 600 people coming to church. Where had they come from, and how did this happen?

The power of God had swept into the community. Over 100 young people were at a dance, when suddenly the power of God fell upon the dance hall. The music stopped, and within a few minutes the hall was empty – they ran away as if they were fleeing from a disaster! They walked up to the church with many others of the town, who had gone to bed but had awakened, dressed, and then also headed for the church. There was no advertising or human organization, God had simply gripped the people’s heart so that they came to church. We reopened the church and it was soon crowded with more than 800 people. God sovereignly moved, and the meeting lasted until four o’clock in the morning. From among the many that were saved that night were five young men from the dance, who became born again and went on to become ordained ministers.

At four o’clock in the morning when we closed the meeting, a young man asked me to go with him to the police station. I asked him why, and he told me that more than 400 people had gathered outside there. This included a busload of people who had just come from 12 miles away, who had no idea why they had decided to come. But the local people knew that the police chief was a God-fearing man, and next to the police station was the little house where the two elderly sisters lived. I believe that their prayers were like a magnet that had gathered the people.



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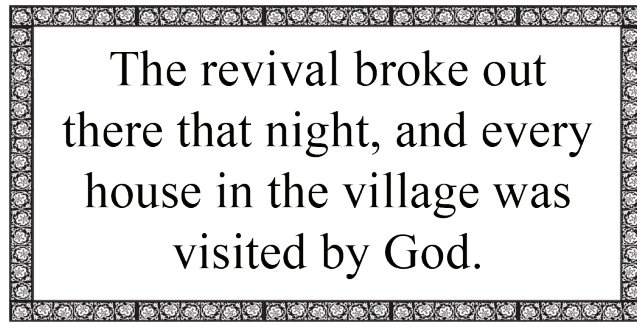
When I arrived at the police station, I saw something I will remember the rest of my life. I did not preach, there was no need to preach. We didn't even sing. All the people were crying to God for mercy. One old man was crying out, "Oh God, hell is too good for me." And all these things were only the first night of revival. It lasted three years, until the whole of the islands had been swept by the mighty power of God.

In Churches, Towns, and Fields

From Barvas, the move of God spread to the neighboring towns. We were ministering night and day as the churches were crowded. I remember one night we were finishing a service after 3 a.m. when a messenger said that the churches were crowded in another town 15 miles away. We went, and at that early hour I preached there in a large church that could seat 1,000 people. The Spirit of God was moving in a mighty way, and they were all crying out to God along with people outside who could not fit inside the church. When we left, someone told me that a very large number of people were gathered in a nearby field because there was no room for them to get inside any of the crowded churches. There was an enormous crowd standing there who were gripped by a Power that they could not explain. At that gathering I saw the principal of the local school, who was on his face on the ground, deeply convicted of his desperate need. Around him were four young girls who attended his school. They were telling him, "The God who saved us last night is the God who can save you now." They led him to Christ that morning.

In one area there was opposition to the revival because I preached the baptism of the Holy Ghost as a separate occurrence following conversion. Those who opposed me there were so successful that very few people came to the meetings. One night, a local elder said, "We must give ourselves to prayer. There is a nearby farmer who said we could meet in his home. He and his wife are not yet saved, but they are God-fearing people." About thirty ministers and elders from the district met in this farmer's

house. I felt the prayer time very difficult. It seemed that the very powers of hell were against us. After midnight I turned to one of the elders and told him the time had come for him to lay hold of God. This man rose to his feet and prayed for about half an hour. (Of course, you must remember that we were in a revival, and in revival, time doesn't exist. Nobody was looking at the clock.) The man paused, lifted his hand toward heaven and said, "God, did you know that Your honor is at stake? You gave the promise that You would pour water on the thirsty and floods upon the dry ground, and You are not doing it." I wonder how many of us could approach God with words like that on our lips? He paused and



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then cried out in a loud voice, "God, Your honor is at stake and I now challenge You to pour water on the thirsty and floods on the dry ground." And at that moment the stone house we were in literally shook like a leaf. A minister beside me said, "an earthquake," but my thoughts went to Acts 4:31 where the place that they prayed was shaken. As soon as this dear man stopped praying, I closed the prayer meeting, it was after two o'clock in the morning. When we went outside we found the whole village awake and active. Men and women were outside in the middle of the night, carrying chairs and stools and saying, "Is there room for us in the church?" The revival broke out there that night, and every house in the village was visited by God. I went into one house to ask for something to drink, and found 9 women in the kitchen crying out to God for mercy along with a 16-year old boy. One of the elders prayed for the boy, and young Donald MacPhail met the Savior. He became a leader of the revival, and I believe that more souls came to Christ through that young man's prayers than through all the preaching that we did throughout the islands. Also, the drinking house in that village closed that night and never reopened since. The men that drank there before still gather together, but now they meet at the church three times a week for prayer meetings.

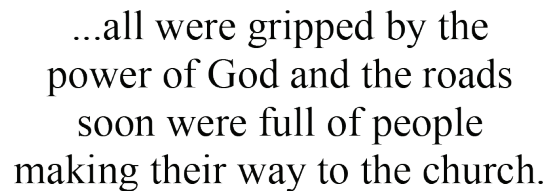
On a trip to a neighboring island, I found that the people there were very cold and hardened. I called for the men to come with me and pray, and I specifically asked young

Donald MacPhail to join us. As we were in the church that night, Donald was sitting near the front with tears falling off his face onto the floor. I knew Donald was in touch with God in a way that I was not, so I stopped preaching and asked him to pray. He rose to his feet and said, "I am gazing into an open door and see the Lamb in the midst of the throne, with the keys of death and hell on his belt." He stopped and began to deeply weep for a minute or so. When he was able to control himself, he lifted his eyes toward heaven, raised his right hand, and said, "God, there is power there. Let it loose! Let it loose!" And at that moment the power of God fell upon the congregation and the church resembled a battlefield. On the right side of the room (towards which Donald had lifted up his hand) these people threw up their hands, put their heads back, and were in a trance in that position for two hours. It is hard to do this for ten minutes, much less for two hours, but you would have broken their hands off before you could have taken them down. On the other side of the church the people all fell over and slumped on top of each other, crying out for mercy.

Outside the church, surprising things took place. The Spirit of God swept over the homes and area surrounding the church. Fishermen out in their boats, men at their machines or driving their trucks, teachers grading their papers, all were gripped by the power of God and the roads soon were full of people making their way to the church.

At the same moment, in a village 5 miles away, in the direction to which Donald had raised his hand, the power of God swept through the town. There was not a single person from that village at the church service, but the power of God swept through that town and in every house in that village someone was saved that night. In one of the houses there a father, mother, two daughters and one son were saved that night. But their other daughter was in the medical profession in London at the time. She was walking down Oxford Street after leaving a patient, when suddenly she was arrested by the power of God. She went to a private place and cried to God, and God saved her there. The whole family was

saved at the same time, even though one member was far away! That girl is now the wife of a Baptist pastor in Australia. Another unusual work of God during the revival occurred in a small village of seven houses, where each house had a weaving loom. One morning it was discovered that the seven weavers were each lying on the floor beside their looms, and each of them was in a trance. This was God, because six of those men were saved that day, and the seventh the next day. I visited the Hebrides many years later, and I heard these men tell me the story again of the day when God swept in to their seven houses. That is revival!



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During the revival, Peggy once saw a vision of seven men from a certain community that would be saved and would become pillars in the church. She called for me and told me that God had revealed that He was going to move in this village. I told her, "Peggy, I have no leading to go to that village. There is no church there, and the school principal is an ungodly man who would never allow us to use the school for a meeting." She said to me, "Mr. Campbell, if you were living as near to God as you ought to be, He would reveal His secrets to you." She told me that if I would go to the village, God would provide a congregation. I agreed to go, and when I arrived at seven o'clock, there were approximately 400 people gathered there. The people could not tell what it was that had brought them – it had been directed by the Spirit of God. I spoke for a few minutes when a minister who came with me said, "Come see this." He led me to where seven of the most ungodly men in the community were on their faces crying out to God. They were communists who before this time would spit at your face if you mentioned God. All seven were saved within a few days and became leaders of the church that was started there. If you go to that community today you will see the beautiful church building that those seven men built.

One day a minister was walking along a road when he saw two young men on their knees in a nearby field crying out to God. He recognized them as two of the musicians who were to have played in a dance that night. He decided to walk to the dance and tell the

people what had happened. When he arrived there, people were not pleased to see the minister; they knew he was not there to dance. He went in, and when a quiet moment came between two songs he stepped up to the front and said, "People, something very wonderful has happened tonight. The Smith Brothers were to play here tonight, but they are crying to God for mercy over in Barvas." Suddenly a stillness came - not a person spoke a word. Then he spoke again and said, "Young people, will you sing a Psalm with me?" One young man said, "Yes, if you will lead the singing." The minister started singing Psalm 50, and while he sang the power of God fell upon the dance. I was told that only three of the people who were at the dance that night did not get saved.

A pastor was asked years later what the lasting fruits of the revival were. He replied, "In my village, 122 young adults met the Savior. Today I can say that they are growing like flowers in the garden of God, and there is not a single backslider among them." I personally know of many who were saved in that revival who have become pastors and foreign missionaries. For example, Donald MacPhail grew up to spend his life as a missionary, leading souls to Christ in southern Arabia. Moreover, in the next few decades, more ministers and doctors proportionately came from Lewis (the main island where the revival was centered) than from any other area of Great Britain.

Conclusion

Those who seek God for revival must be prepared for God to work in His own way and not according to their program. However, His sovereignty does not relieve men of responsibility. God is the God of revival, but man is the human agent through whom revival is possible. I am convinced that if we are to see the hand of God at work, we must covenant with God and have a new dedication, if we are to be men whom God can trust with revival.

It takes the supernatural to break the bonds of the natural. You can make a community mission-conscious. You can make a community crusade-conscious. But only God can make a community God-conscious. Just think about what would happen if God came to every community in power. I believe that day is coming. May God prepare us all for it.



Duncan Campbell (1898-1972) In addition to his involvement in the *Hebrides Revival*, he was much in demand as a speaker throughout the British Isles.

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Elijah's Mantle

by Rev. Norman Holmes

One of the most important goals a person can accomplish is to help prepare and empower the next generation. To be successful in the long run people need to equip their successors to carry on what they have achieved, and to multiply and develop their achievements into greater things. Parents prepare inheritances for their children, while businessmen train their protégés to move their companies towards higher heights. Teachers train their students in the hope that they will go on to achieve greater things than they have. Society aims to progress through the generations to bigger and better things.

This principle of generational multiplication and development was first instituted by God in Genesis 1:28 when He told Adam and Eve to be fruitful, multiply, and take dominion over the earth. Although their first responsibility was only to tend a garden, by the end of the Bible in Revelation 21, mankind's developing inheritance and responsibilities have come to include a city that is over two thousand kilometers long, wide and high!

This generational principle was spiritually applied by Christ when He told His disciples to, "go and make disciples of all nations...teaching them to obey all things I have commanded," Mt. 28:19. The Apostle Paul followed this when he told his spiritual son, Timothy,

"And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit the same to faithful men who will be able to teach others also," 2 Tim. 2:2.

One of the most biblically important transfers and multiplications of ministries can be seen in the ministry of Elijah. This great prophet had one of the most outstanding ministries in the Old Testament as his prayer to call down fire from heaven started a national revival. Then Elijah multiplied his ministry to the next generation through the impartation of his prophetic mantle to Elisha and many other disciples.

Elijah's Mantle Given to John the Baptist

The transferring of his ministry, however, did not stop there. The last message given by God in the Old Testament was, "I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to the fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse," Mal. 4:5-6. This makes it clear that Elijah's ministry did not end during his lifetime on earth, nor with his immediate successors.

At the beginning of the New Testament we find that Elijah's ministry was passed along to John the Baptist. When the archangel Gabriel announced John's birth, he declared that John would prepare the way of the Messiah, "in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children," Lk.1:17. Then when Jesus' disciples asked Him why the scribes said that



Elijah must come before the Messiah, Christ replied to them, *"Indeed, Elijah is coming first and will restore all things. But I say to you that Elijah has come already... Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them of John the Baptist,"* Mt. 17:11-13.

Elijah's Mantle for the Last Days

Christ's disciples learned from this statement that John the Baptist was a fulfillment of Elijah's ministry. However, Christ also alluded to the fact that Elijah's ministry is still to have a greater future fulfillment. This corresponds to Malachi's prophesy that Elijah will come *"before the great and dreadful day of the Lord,"* which clearly refers to the Second Coming of Christ.

While Bible scholars look for the literal return of Elijah before the Second Coming as depicted in Revelation 11:3-12, many also feel that a spiritual mantle of the spirit and power of Elijah will again be released. Just as John the Baptist was anointed to preach repentance to the nation of Israel before the first coming of Christ, in the Last Days the Lord will anoint many ministries to prepare all the nations for Christ's return. And not only will Elijah's ministry have its complete fulfillment in the Last Days, this will also be the case for all the mantles, giftings, and spiritual inheritances in the body of Christ. The transgenerational multiplication and development of the worldwide Church is all pointing towards the grand finale, when the victorious Church of the Last Days will have evangelized the world, triumphed over the gates of hell, and prepared the nations for the Second Coming of Christ.

Who will qualify to receive mighty mantles in these Last Days? Who will God choose to anoint with powerful ministries to help prepare the Church as a spotless bride for the marriage of the Lamb? We can best learn about this as we study how Elijah's mantle was transferred and multiplied to the next generation of ministers who carried on God's work after him.

How Elijah's Mantle was Transferred to the Next Generation

As we study 1 Kings chapters 17 and 18 we see that Elijah had a lonely job when the Lord first called him to bring repentance to his backslidden nation. For those first years the Lord hid him alone at a brook, and then in a foreign land, as King Ahab searched everywhere for the prophet who had stopped the rain.

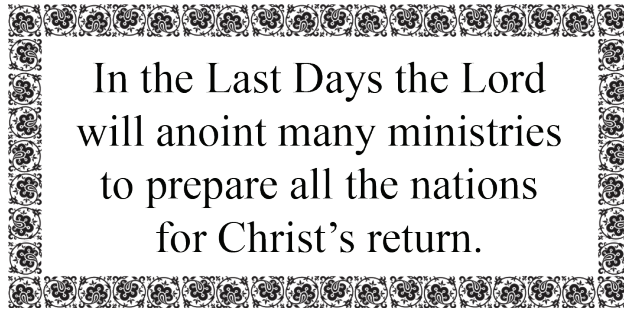
Yet when Elijah publicly reappeared and started a national revival on Mt. Carmel, there may have been many who wanted to follow and help the famous prophet. Elijah chose one young man to become his servant whom he sent seven times to look east across the sea as he travailed in prayer for rain. When

the prophet's fervent prayers began to be answered by God, Elijah then sent him with a message for the king to quickly drive home before the heavy rain came. What a day this servant of the prophet had enjoyed! First he

saw Elijah boldly confront the prophets of Baal, and then start a mighty revival when he prayed and God's fire fell. Next he saw how Elijah persevered in prayer until the rain came. And finally, he was sent as the prophet's personal messenger to the king!

When Elijah and his servant were back at the capital the next day, his servant was probably expecting more glorious times. Yet when Queen Jezebel sent Elijah a death threat, instead of arising in God to meet the new challenge, Elijah fearfully fled for his life. As he headed south into the Sinai desert to hide, he left his servant at the last town before he disappeared alone into the bleak countryside where he asked God to take his life, 1 Kings 19:1-4.

On the previous day of glorious revival, Elijah's servant probably thought he was the most privileged young man in Israel. He had the chance to closely observe and be trained under the prophet that had just started a national revival. Yet his zeal to be a faithful servant and disciple faded away the next day when Elijah was



a depressed and fearful man who only wanted to run away and die! As a result this young man only served Elijah for part of two days. Because he did not remain faithful to stick with Elijah on his day of failure, this first servant of Elijah dropped out of the picture to remain unnamed to us and untrained for ministry. His life had been touched by Elijah's mantle, yet he did not continue on to receive that mantle.

Elijah then met with God afresh during his time at Mt. Sinai. He was recommissioned to complete his ministry and impart it to the next generation. As recorded in 1 Kings 19:16-21, Elijah followed God's instruction and placed his prophet's mantle upon a young farmer named Elisha. This prophetic act was understood by Elisha, who then followed Elijah for many years as he prepared to inherit the prophet's mantle and ministry.

Second Kings chapter two tells us about Elijah's departure for heaven and those he left behind to carry on his ministry. We first read there, *"And it happened when the Lord was to take Elijah up into Heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. And Elijah said to Elisha, 'Please stay here, for the Lord has sent me to Bethel.' And Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel."*



The first thing Elijah did was to tell Elisha to remain behind as he went onwards. Elijah's first servant had failed this same test when Elijah had gone alone down into the desert. Yet Elisha knew that he needed to be fully faithful to Elijah to receive his mantle.

Elisha was requested to remain at Gilgal, a place that held many good memories for the people of God. It had represented a place of consecration and victory from the time when Joshua and his army had first camped there during their conquest of the Promised Land, Josh.5:7-9, 10:9-10 & 42-43. Gilgal represented a good spiritual blessing that Elisha could have obtained if he stayed there - yet Elisha was aiming for the much greater inheritance of Elijah's mantle.

So instead of remaining there, Elisha followed his mentor as they traveled together to the city of Bethel. Then we read, *"And the sons of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that the Lord will take away your master from you today?' And he said, 'Yes, I know. Keep silent!' And Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, please stay here. For the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' And he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho,"* 2 Kings 2:3-4.

Elisha was again tested as to whether he would fully follow Elijah. This time he was offered a better place to stay among the sons of the prophets at Bethel. This city, named the "House of God," could have been a good place for him to remain and develop his ministry among a group of Elijah's disciples. Yet Elisha was aiming for something higher as he headed on to Jericho with his master.

We next read in 2 Kings 2:5-8, *"And the sons of the prophets at Jericho came to Elisha and said to him, Do you know that the Lord will take away your master from you today? And he answered, 'Yes, I know. Keep silent.' And Elijah said to him, 'Please stay here, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' And he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you.' And the two of them went on. And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went on and stood afar off across from them. And both of them stood by the Jordan. And Elijah took his mantle*

and rolled it up, and struck the waters. And they were divided here and there, so that both of them crossed over on dry ground."

In Jericho as well as in Bethel we find that Elijah had trained many disciples in what have been called the schools of the prophets. These men had developed their prophetic ministries, as evidenced by their knowledge that Elijah was departing from them on that day. Yet we find that these other disciples of Elijah were not ready to follow him all the way, as Elisha was. Fifty of these sons of the prophets followed Elijah and Elisha out of the city, but did not go down and cross the Jordan River with them.

Crossing the Jordan River spiritually speaks of dying to self and being crucified with Christ. While these fifty disciples had entered into a Pentecostal anointing (as evidenced by the number 50, which speaks of Pentecost), they were unwilling to cross the Jordan and be crucified with Christ. They did not gain the greater anointing and mantle that Elisha soon obtained from his mentor. Sadly, many anointed servants of God today still resist the full work of the cross in their lives, and only obtain part of the anointing and ministry that God has available for them.

This story goes on in 2 Kings 2:9 to say, *"And it happened when they had crossed over, Elijah said to Elisha. 'Ask what I shall do for you before I am taken away from you.' And Elisha said, 'please, let a double portion of your spirit be upon me.'" This double portion was the birthright*

inheritance of every firstborn son in an Israelite family, Deut. 21:17. Through asking for this, Elisha was not asking for twice as much anointing as Elijah had received. Instead, as Elijah's most mature spiritual son, he rightfully could claim the double portion from his spiritual father's anointing.

Verses 11-15 then record the fulfillment of this request: *"And it happened as they went on and talked, behold, a chariot of fire and horses of fire came and separated them. And Elijah went up in a tempest into heaven. And Elisha....took up the mantle of Elijah which had fallen from him, and went back and stood by the bank of Jordan. And he took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the waters, and said, 'Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?' And when he hit the waters, it divided to the right and to the left. And Elisha crossed over. And when the sons of the prophets across in Jericho saw him, they said, 'The spirit of Elijah rests upon Elisha!' And they came to meet him and bowed to the ground before him."*

Because Elisha had been fully faithful to Elijah, he received the full mantle and anointing that caused the other prophets to receive him as their new leader. Many of these other prophets went on to do notable exploits, but it was Elisha who became the national prophet that took Elijah's place, 2 Kings 3:11-12. Elisha also went on to work twice as many miracles as Elijah had, as he and the other prophets multiplied the results of the prophetic ministry that Elijah had imparted to the next generation that carried on his work.

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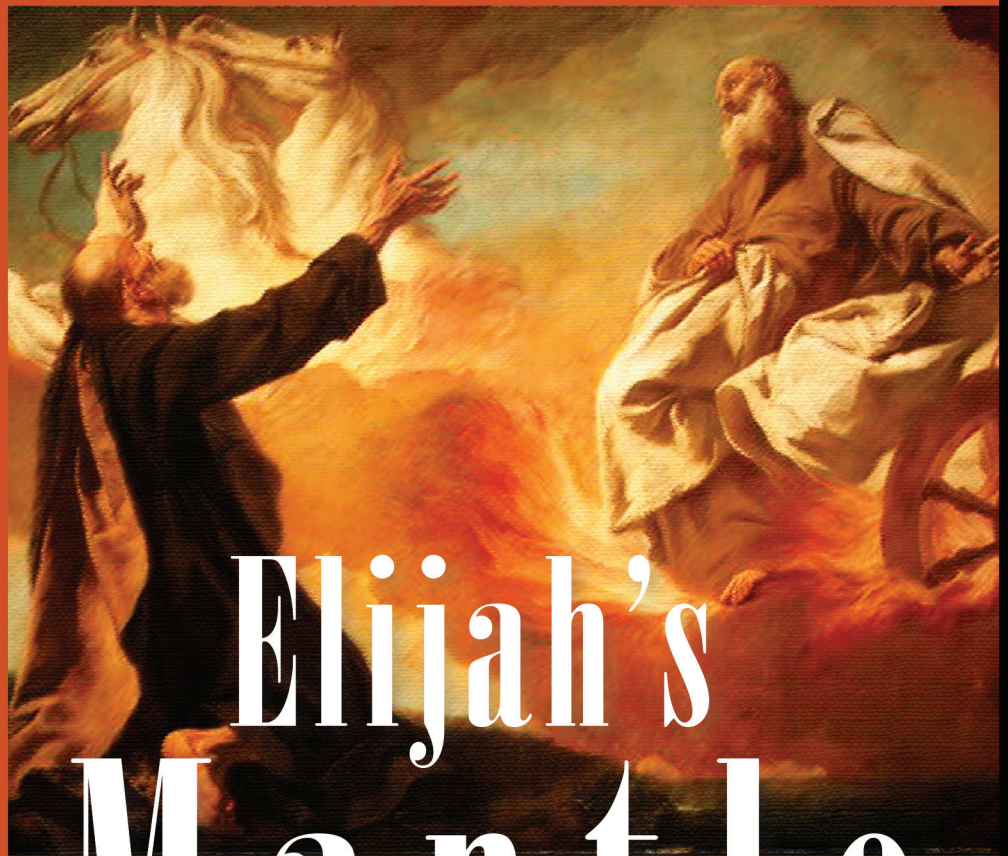
The Faithful Receive the Mantles

From the stories about Elijah's disciples we can see the crucial importance of being faithful to both God and our leaders in order to receive a mantle or ministry. Elijah's first servant, who followed him for part of two days, left Elijah at the first trial they faced. While the first servant gained some exciting testimonies from his short time with the prophet, he received nothing further.

The sons of the prophets who studied under Elijah were more faithful to their mentor and received a portion of his mantle and ministry. Yet they did not follow him fully, as Elisha did. They only followed Elijah part way and consequently received a smaller portion of Elijah's prophetic ministry as the less mature spiritual sons of the great prophet.

It was only Elisha who was completely faithful to Elijah. Through fully following his mentor in the difficult times as well as the easy, he matured more than all of Elijah's other spiritual sons. As a result he gained a double portion of Elijah's anointing and mantle through which he became the next national prophet of Israel.

The biblical accounts of Elijah show him to be a man who would not have been easy to follow. From the heights of great revival one day he sank to the depths of depression and defeat on the next day. He repeatedly told his servants to remain behind and



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stop following him. As the book of James says, "*Elijah was a man of like passions as we are,*" and we can easily see areas of his character that could have deflected his followers. So it is crucial for young people training for the ministry to keep their eyes on the mantle. They must see beyond the weaknesses and faults of their mentors to gain their heart and their anointing.

The end of the Church Age will soon be upon us, when every mantle, ministry and gifting in the body of Christ will have come to full development. Who will again be ready to call upon

the God of Elijah and receive his mantle, as did Elisha and John the Baptist? Or who will call on the God of other great Christian leaders of generations past? Who will receive from the anointed mantles that many great servants of the Lord have passed down to the coming generations? Let us seek to have a full faithfulness and consecration so that we may each receive a mighty anointing - even a double portion - of God's Spirit for these coming days of great trial and triumph. 🌀🌀

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