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“7 Years” Completion has Arrived!

The number “7” is God's very own number, and is associated with Divine completion and perfection. My heart is filled with gladness, humility, content, and gratification that God has allowed me to come full circle.

In November 2004 God gave me a vision and put me on the path of ministry. I remember being so confused and unsure. Never really knowing “what I was doing”, but always being led by the Spirit on “what to do”. I quickly learned to hearken to His voice and I believed I would never go astray.

Now, 7 years later, God has seen fit to give me the papers that society requires to be able to fulfill all duties vested to Ministers of the Gospel. I will be ordained on October 30th. Exactly 7 years of beginning the Women of the Well!

In the past 7 years I have watched this ministry grow from a vision on paper to truly “Changing many lives one person at a time!” I have watched it grow from a Bible Study in my home, to a Worship Service, the Jewels of Christ Dance Ministry, many programs that have blessed so many like the Living Water Newsletter, The Open Hand Project, Miss Black Teen Atlanta Scholarship Pageant, Pay My Bill Service, 4 Steps to Excellence Classes, partnering with the Gospel stage play, “True Love” and to the latest Women of the Well, Genesis Chapter at the University of West Georgia, which has quadrupled in membership in two months and plans are in the works for the Exodus Chapter!

Sometimes you have to reflect on what God has done! Sometimes you have to **write the vision and make it plain!** God gets ALL OF THE GLORY for the things HE HAS DONE!

In His Precious Service,

Sherry

Scripture of the Month –

The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.

Exodus 14:14

Upcoming

Events & Activities

- 2012 Miss Black Teen Atlanta – Registration is now open! – www.missblackteenatlanta.com
- EVERY MONDAY, 6:00am - “My Week is God’s Week” Prayer Conference Call – 218-339-4600 – Access Code – 774633# - PLAYBACK # - 218-339-4699 use Reference #1, 2, 3, and so on...
- Wednesday, October 5th, 6:30pm, Bible Study – University of West Georgia
- Tuesday, October 11th, 6:00pm, Bible Study – Clark-Atlanta Univ., Holmes Hall
- Friday, October 21st, 7:30pm – “In the Spirit Awards Black and White Gala” – Dr. Adams will serve as Mistress of Ceremony
- Sunday, Oct. 30th, 4pm – The Ordination of Dr. Sherry. C Adams
- Tuesday, November 8th, 6:00pm, Bible Study – Clark-Atlanta Univ., Holmes Hall
- Wednesday, November 9th, 6:30pm, Bible Study – University of West Georgia
- Sunday, November 13th, 4pm, Women of the Well Service, University of West Georgia
- Tuesday, November 29th, 8am, Church Management & Tax Conference, Holiday Inn Airport

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Our next Women of the Well Worship Service will be Sunday, November 13th, 4pm on the campus of the University of West Georgia. If you haven’t had a chance to worship with us, we would love to see you! We are excited about where we are going! Hold on to your seats because this plane has TAKEN OFF!

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Responsibility

"The price of greatness is responsibility."
~ Winston Churchill

"The man who complains about the way the ball bounces is likely to be the one who dropped it." ~ Lou Holtz

"If you want children to keep their feet on the ground, put some responsibility on their shoulders." ~Abigail Van Buren

"We are made wise not by the recollection of our past, but by the responsibility for our future." ~George Bernard Shaw

The willingness to accept responsibility for one's own life is the source from which self-respect springs. ~Joan Didion

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- Sunday, January 15th, 4pm, Women of the Well, (Pay My Bill Service) University of West Georgia
- Sunday, February 26th, Gospel Stage Play – “True Love”, University of West Georgia, Campus Center
- Sunday, March 4th, Women of the Well Awards Banquet
- Sunday, April 15th, Women of the Well Sunday Best Competition, University of West Georgia

"But whoever drinks of the water which I give him shall never thirst; but the same water which I give him shall become in him a well of water springing up to life everlasting." -- John 4:14

Live A Life That Matters

Ready or not, some day it will all come to an end. There will be no more sunrises, no minutes, hours or days.

All the things you collected, whether treasured or forgotten, will pass to someone else. Your wealth, fame and temporal power will shrivel to irrelevance.

Your grudges, resentments, frustrations, and jealousies will finally disappear. So, too, your hopes, ambitions, plans, and to-do lists will expire. The wins and losses that once seemed so important will fade away.

It won't matter where you came from, or on what side of the tracks you lived. It won't matter whether you were beautiful or brilliant. Even your gender and skin color will be irrelevant.

So what will matter? How will the value of your days be measured? What will matter is not what you bought, but what you built; not what you got, but what you gave. What will matter is not your success, but your significance.

What will matter is not what you learned, but what you taught. What will matter is every act of integrity, compassion, courage or sacrifice that enriched, empowered or encouraged others to emulate your example.

What will matter is not your competence, but your character. What will matter is not how many people you knew, but how many will feel a lasting loss when you're gone.

What will matter will not be your memories, but the memories that live in those who loved you. What will matter is how long you will be remembered, by whom and for what.

Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident. It's not a matter of circumstance but of choice. Choose to live a life that matters!

Five (5) lessons to make you think about the way we treat people

First Important Lesson - Cleaning Lady

During my second month of college, our professor gave us a pop quiz. I was a conscientious student and had breezed through the questions until I read the last one: "What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?"

Surely this was some kind of joke. I had seen the cleaning woman several times. She was tall, dark-haired and in her 50s, but how would I know her

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Favor is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.

Proverbs 31:30

name? I handed in my paper, leaving the last question blank. Just before class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward our quiz grade.

"Absolutely," said the professor. "In your careers, you will meet many people. All are significant. They deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say "hello".

I've never forgotten that lesson. I also learned her name was Dorothy.

Second Important Lesson - Pickup in the Rain

One night, at 11.30 p.m., an older African American woman was standing on the side of an Alabama highway trying to endure a lashing rainstorm. Her car had broken down and she desperately needed a ride. Soaking wet, she decided to flag down the next car. A young white man stopped to help her, generally unheard of in those conflict-filled 1960s. The man took her to safety, helped her get assistance and put her into a taxicab. She seemed to be in a big hurry, but wrote down his address and thanked him.

Seven days went by and a knock came on the man's door. To his surprise, a giant console color TV was delivered to his home. A special note was attached. It read: "Thank you so much for assisting me on the highway the other night. The rain drenched not only my clothes, but also my spirits. Then you came along. Because of you, I was able to make it to my dying husband's bedside just before he passed away. God bless you for helping me and unselfishly serving others."

Sincerely,
Mrs. Nat King Cole.

Third Important Lesson - Always remember those who serve

In the days when an ice cream sundae cost much less, a 10 -year-old boy entered a hotel coffee shop and sat at a table. A waitress put a glass of water in front of him.

"How much is an ice cream sundae?" he asked.

"Fifty cents," replied the waitress. The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied the coins in it.

"Well, how much is a plain dish of ice cream?" he inquired. By now more people were waiting for a table and the waitress was growing impatient.

"Thirty-five cents," she brusquely replied. The little boy again counted his coins.

"I'll have the plain ice cream," he said. The waitress brought the ice

God's Spotlight

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cream, put the bill on the table and walked away. The boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier and left.

When the waitress came back, she began to cry as she wiped down the table. On the table placed neatly beside the empty dish, were two nickels and five pennies. You see, he couldn't have the sundae, because he had to have enough left to leave her a tip.

Fourth Important Lesson - The obstacle in Our Path

In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out of the way.

Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. The peasant learned what many of us never understand!

Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our condition.

Fifth Important Lesson - Giving When it Counts

Many years ago, when I worked as a volunteer at a hospital, I got to know a little girl named Liz who was suffering from a rare & serious disease. Her only chance of recovery appeared to be a blood transfusion from her 5-year old brother, who had miraculously survived the same disease and had developed the antibodies needed to combat the illness. The doctor explained the situation to her little brother, and asked the little boy if he would be willing to give his blood to his sister.

I saw him hesitate for only a moment before taking a deep breath and saying, "Yes I'll do it if it will save her." As the transfusion progressed, he lay in bed next to his sister and smiled, as we all did, seeing the color returning to her cheek. Then his face grew pale and his smile faded. He looked up at the doctor and asked with a trembling voice, "Will I start to die right away".

Being young, the little boy had misunderstood the doctor; he thought he was going to have to give his sister all of his blood in order to save her.

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Children in Church

A little boy was in a relative's wedding.

As he was coming down the aisle, he would take two steps, stop, and turn to the crowd.

While facing the crowd, he would put his hands up like claws and roar.

So it went, step, step, ROAR, step, step, ROAR, all the way down the aisle.

As you can imagine, the crowd was near tears from laughing so hard by the time he reached the pulpit.

When asked what he was doing, the child sniffed and said, "I was being the Ring Bear."

One Sunday in a Midwest City, a young child was "acting up" during the morning worship hour.

The parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew but were losing the battle.

Finally, the father picked the little fellow up

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way out.

Just before reaching the safety of the
foyer, the little one called loudly to the
congregation,

"Pray for me! Pray for me!"

One particular four-year old prayed,

"And forgive us our trash baskets
as we forgive those who put trash in our
baskets."

A little boy was overheard praying:

"Lord, if you can't make me a better boy,
don't worry about it. I'm having a real good
time like I am."

A Sunday School teacher asked her little children, as they were on the way to church service,

"And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"

One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, looking at the old pages as he turned them.

Then something fell out of the Bible.

He picked it up and looked at it closely.

It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed in between the pages.

"Mama, look what I found," the boy called out.

"What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked.

With astonishment in the young boy's voice he answered,

"It's Adam's suit".

The preacher was wired for sound with a lapel mike, and as he preached, he moved briskly about the platform, jerking the mike cord as he went.

Then he moved to one side, getting wound up in the cord and nearly tripping before jerking it again.

After several circles and jerks, a little girl in the third pew leaned toward her mother and whispered,

"If he gets loose, will he hurt us?"

Six-year old Angie, and her four-year old brother, Joel, were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang and talked out loud.

Finally, his big sister had enough.

"You're not supposed to talk out loud in church."

"Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked.

Angie pointed to the back of the church and
said,

"See those two men standing by the door?

They're hushers."

My grandson was visiting one day when he
asked,

"Grandma, do you know how you and God
are alike?"

I mentally polished my halo, while I asked,

"No, how are we alike?"

"You're both old," he replied.

A ten-year old, under the tutelage of her
grandmother, was becoming
quite knowledgeable about the Bible.

Then, one day, she floored her
grandmother by asking,

"Which Virgin was the mother of Jesus? The
virgin Mary or the King James Virgin?"

A Sunday school class was studying the
Ten Commandments.

They were ready to discuss the last one.

The teacher asked if anyone could tell
her what it was.

Susie raised her hand, stood tall, and
quoted,

"Thou shall not take the covers off the
neighbor's wife."

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THE TOP TEN PREDICTIONS FOR 2011

1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
2. Prayer will still work.
3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
4. God will still inhabit the praises of His people.
5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
6. There will still be singing of praise to God.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the Cross.
9. Jesus will still love you.
10. Jesus will still save the lost.

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