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The qualifications for elders in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1provide a good starting point for selecting and sustaining men who are not lords, or domineering individuals. Such men are to be temperate, gentle, not violent, not quarrelsome, just, holy, self-controlled, not insubordinate, and not quick-tempered. But in 1 Peter 5, the Holy Spirit clearly indicates that elders can falter and serve unwillingly, dishonestly, and as lords:

Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock," 1 Peter 5:2-3 (NKJV)

What happens when an elder or elders become lords instead of shepherds? How does a congregation or eldership identify this problem? How should such error be addressed?

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FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT - GENTLENESS

Another word for gentleness is meekness, not a common word in our culture but one most people understand. Some might regard meekness as a weak attribute. Yet, gentleness and meekness are both necessary in keeping peace in

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the body of Christ. Instead of being a sign of weakness, gentleness actually indicates great strength. Jesus spoke of meekness in the Sermon on the Mount.

Matthew 5:5 says "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth." God must think meekness is really important to state that the inheritance of the meek is the earth.

Unless you are gentle or meek, you may find yourself having



trouble controlling your emotions and reactions. Someone who is gentle has the opportunity to touch many people's lives by their calm, loving manner. The fruit of gentleness is important and one you want to cultivate.

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We should not be surprised that Peter himself is the apostle to relay this particular problem to us. In Galilee, on the road to Jerusalem, and even in the upper room at Passover. Jesus caught His apostles comparing themselves to one another and disputing as to who would be the greatest. He consistently admonished them: "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:20-28) Jesus also provided object lessons to illustrate the solution to such attitudes by setting a child in His lap or kneeling like a servant to wash their feet.

We should equally not be surprised if occasionally an elder or elders in the church start thinking or acting like lords instead of shepherds. We are all fallible human beings. The flock and shepherds can identify this problem by observing how an elder or elders:

> My whole life I never read a warning label telling me not to eat laundry detergent or put glue in my hair somehow I just knew.

- Choose to serve or be served. As Peter noted, the elders were to be among the flock and flock among them. Their labor should be recognizable by the sheep.
- React to problems. All Christ-followers are to be "quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry." (James 1:19) Some men have strong personalities and may find this harder to do consistently based on the circumstances.
- *Rely on opinions or scriptures.* Elders are to hold fast to the faithful word that, by sound doctrine, exhort and convict those who contradict. (Titus 1:9).
- Speak. Standing by the fire on the night of Jesus' trial, Peter's speech betrayed him as a Christ-follower. Peter then betrays the Lord by his cursing and denials (Matthew 26:69-75). The same is true any elder – their manner of speech will betray how they view themselves in relationship to others and Christ. For example, do we hear: *"Do it my way," or "Let us do it God's way"*?
- Are approachable or not. While some elders may be better known or approachable, all elders should strive to grow in this. Jesus, the Chief Shepherd, modeled this well.
- Take responsibility or place blame for problems. Elders are still fallible and will likely make a bad call now and then, but good elders are not defined by bad calls. They take responsibility and can admit when they are wrong.

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- Verify first. In 1 Timothy 5:17-19, Paul wrote, "Do not receive an accusation against an elder except from two or three witnesses." Elders make some very difficult decisions, as they are responsible for the souls in their care (Hebrews 13:17). Most make these decisions by scripture, prayer, and even tears. At times, sinning members will lash out against them. We must take care not to confuse hard decisions, needed discipline, and statements of truth from elders as lording. There must be witnesses of lording behavior who will then bring it to the offending elder's attention.
- Clearly address the problem and then forgive. Elders are brothers-in-Christ who deserve the same love, accountability, and forgiveness as the rests. All members have the responsibility to address the perception or actual occurrence of sin in a spirit of gentleness (Galatians 6:1), discretion (Matthew 18:15-17), and publicly when necessary (1 Timothy 5:20). Having personally served as an elder, I greatly love and respect a young couple who took courage to privately meet with me to address a fault they saw.
- *Prevent.* Paul reminds us that we will reap what we sow (Galatians 6:7). Does our congregation (with or without elders) preach, teach, and practice a submissive, loving, forgiving, and helpful atmosphere, or does it permit disputes and cliques? Do I highly esteem, submit to, honor, pray for, and obey the elders so they don't feel the need to domineer the flock, or do we criticize, ignore, and disdain them? (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13; Hebrews 13:7 and 17) Am I helping to train the next generation to revere elders and strongly desire to be like Christ, or do we promote secular icons and models of leadership?
- Practice self-examination. The scriptures are the true mirror to judge whether we hear and do what is right (James 1:21-25). We are to examine and test ourselves (2 Corinthians 13:5). Elders need to regularly practice self-examination and have fellow-elders and/or trusted brethren to provide honest feedback.

May we all strive to develop, select, honor, support, and even gently correct elders so that they may receive the crown of glory that does not fade away when Jesus, the Chief Shepherd, appears.

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Gentleness is sensitivity for another person. It is concerned with another's welfare, safety and security. It is grounded in humility. The approach is careful, tender, considerate, affectionate and mild-mannered. It is free of all pushiness, roughness or abrasiveness.

What is your approach to the harsh and argumentative state of the world. Do you react with abrasiveness? Or do you respond with the humble, meek and lowly style that Jesus does? It's definitely easier to fight back. But when you allow the Holy Spirit to flow through you, your responses will be of love for Jesus and everybody else.

The New Spirit Filled Life Bible defines gentleness as "a disposition that is even-tempered, tranquil, balanced in spirit, unpretentious, and that has the passions under control. The word is best translated 'meekness,' not as an sign of weakness, but of power and strength under control. The person who possesses this quality pardons injuries, corrects faults, and rules his own spirit well".

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. Matthew 11:29 Jesus identified himself as an example of meekness or gentleness.

And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves. Matthew 21:12 Jesus exerted force to drive money changers out of the temple as a very non-gentle act. As a matter of interest, our 26th President Teddy Roosevelt is quoted as saying "Speak softly and carry a big stick". That motto embodies both being meek (Matthew 11:29) and a nongentle act (Matthew 21:12).

Gentleness is not simply being a Casper Milquetoast type person who lets others run over him. It is a person who stands up for right when it is appropriate, but is but is an example of humility in all their dealings.

DEEDS OF THE FLESH: FIRMNESS

The opposite of gentleness is firmness. Firmness is what Satan wants to temp you to do, be because it serves yourself, your family, and your organization better in a physical sense. Gentleness lets others run over you. If you appear to be meek, others who are not will tend to take advantage of you. Satan's message is you have to be firm at all times in your dealing with others to protect your family and your properties.







LIVE TO PLEASE GOD



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"Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we urge you in the name of the Lord Jesus to live in a way that pleases God,..." (I Thes. 4:1 NLT)

First, in order to have a relationship with God, we come to love him with our heart, mind, soul and strength. Second, our love for God is defined as obeying his commands. "This is love for God: to obey his commands." (I John 5:3 NIV) Third, there is another nuance added to our relationship when we seek to please God. It goes beyond obedience to a motive of doing that little extra that gives pleasure.

We are called to live holy, sexually pure, respectful and productive lives in Jesus Christ. Satan has made multiple other options very appealing. The biggest challenge is to intentionally learn what pleases God and ask for the wisdom to do those things. The more our character grows into the character of Jesus Christ the more we will please God.

It all begins in our minds. Determine to be grateful stewards of all God has provided. Ask for insight and understanding to love like he loves. Protect your life from the corruptions of this world. Never indulge in entertainment that harms your mind or body. Pagans, who don't know God, indulge in lustful passions. Remember that God examines the motives of our hearts. Purposefully pursue faith, love, endurance, hope, self-control and joyful thanksgiving. "Test everything that is said. Hold on to what is good. Stay away from every kind of evil." (I Thes. 5:21, 22 NLT)

Jesus is coming soon. Live in the light of God's word. Stay alert and be clearheaded. "So encourage each other and build each other up. Just as you are already doing." (I Thes. 5:11 NIV) Will you live to please God today?

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IS Love that pierces the darkest depths of depraved sin, to see past what has been, back to what was conceived within, Gently calling O sleeper, --- awake.... Do not allow yourself to be taken when the world is shaken, but open your eyes to see, your ears to hear, your cold heart to feel the warmth of His Love for YOU, the special person whom He came to find, to open your mind, refresh your spirit, become reconciled to Himself. recommissioned to live in complete fullness of His Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control to live in awe of the Works Of His Hand, created for man By the Wonderous I AM

Love is He who "Was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, And by His wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; The LORD has laid on him The iniquity of us all." Isaiah 53: 5-6

Love is He who said "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome he world." John 16:33

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FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH

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And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

We need to be grace people and truth people. Not half grace and half truth. Not all grace on Mondays and all truth on Tuesdays. All grace and all truth all the time.

When I was being interviewed to be the pastor at University Reformed Church, I had to indicate where I was on a spectrum of issues. One of the lines measured grace versus truth. I wrote something like: "This is a bad question. Seeing as how Jesus came from the Father full of grace and truth, I believe we should be 100% in both directions." I think they knew it was a loaded question and wanted to see my response.

"Or" Is Not an Option

By personality and upbringing and a whole bunch of other factors most of us lean in one direction or the other.

Grace people are pleasant to be around. They don't ruffle any feathers. They cut us a lot of slack. They're easy going. They accept us for who we are. They don't make demands. They are always welcoming. But without truth, grace isn't really grace, it's just being accepting and nice. But affirmation and being grace-filled are not the same thing.

Grace people without truth are pleasant to be around, but we wonder if they really like us or if they are just trying to be liked. They are tolerant, but they often do not know the difference between right and wrong. Or they don't care to line up one way or the other. Grace people can be cowardly. They often refuse to make tough decisions in life. They demand nothing from others and get nothing in return. They accept us for who we are, but they never help us become who we should be.

And then there are truth people. Truth people are easy to admire. They have convictions and principles. They believe in right and wrong. They set standards. They speak out against injustice, oppression, and evil. They are articulate and well-spoken. But without grace, telling the truth can become an excuse for belligerence.

Truth people without grace are loyal to their cause, but we wonder if they are really loyal to us. They want to change us and make us better, but they don't allow for mistakes. They are quick to cast judgment on others. They make difficult decisions, but they also make life difficult for others and for themselves. They can be slow to forgive. They inspire us with their courage, but turn us off with their intimidation.

If you are a grace person you are most concerned about being loved. If you are a truth person you are most concerned about being right even it means being unloved. Both have their dangers. Something is wrong if everyone hates you, and something is probably just as wrong if if everyone loves you.

Grace and Truth Walked Among Us.

Jesus was all grace. He welcomed sinners and tax collectors and ate with them. He had compassion on the crowds when they were hungry and far from home. He welcomed the little children to come and sit on his lap-gentler and kinder than any department store Santa. He healed the lepers, the lame, and the blind. He saved the criminal on the cross, who, in his dying breath, confessed that the dying man next to him was truly the Son of God.

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And Jesus was all truth. He condemned many of the religious leaders of his day for being liars and hypocrites. He talked about hell more than he talked about heaven. He called all his those who would be his disciples to take up their cross daily and follow him. He prophesied judgment on Jerusalem for their unrepentant hearts. He obeyed the law, set standards, and demanded everything from his followers, even their very lives.

Jesus came from the Father full of grace and truth. All grace, all truth, all the time.

But he didn't come simply to give us an example of grace and truth. He came to save us in grace and truth. It's only after we've been saved and made right with God, the God says, "Alright, now that I have saved through Jesus, you need to know that I have saved you to look like Jesus." The motivation to be full of grace and truth is not because we need to earn God's favor, but because being a follower of Jesus Christ, means we look like the one we follow.

We desperately need grace in our lives. We need to hear from Jesus "Come to me, all you who are weary and heavy-laden and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28) We need to know that God doesn't expect us to clean up our act before we come to him. He implores us to come, now, today, just as we are—in brokenness, in pain, in humility, in repentance, and in faith. We need to hear that wayward children, who have squandered their inheritance and lived an immoral, rebellious life, can come home into the arms of their heavenly Father (Luke 15:20). And we desperately need truth in our lives. We need to hear from Jesus "the truth will set you free" (John 8:32). And we need to hear from Jesus what this saying really means: "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin... But if the Son sets you free you will be free indeed" (John 8:36). We need someone as gracious as Jesus to tell us the truth: you are not okay. You do not need to push away those feelings of guilt that weigh you down. You are guilty. And anyone who tells you otherwise, is not telling you the truth. And because they won't tell you the truth, you won't experience the grace you need.

We need truth. We need grace. We need Jesus.

Only Jesus Christ lived in perfect grace and perfect truth.

Only Jesus Christ can save hard-hearted, hardheaded sinners full of lies and deserving judgment.

And only by union with Jesus Christ, can we grow in the same truth and grace that walked among us in the miracle of the incarnation.





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IMPOSSIBLE FOR EVOLUTION #133 LIFE FORCE

In December 2008, we issued impossible #3 THE START OF LIFE. Fourteen years later we have a largely different reader's list so we are going to look at it again. It is reprinted below in black.

General evolution teaches that lightning struck a primordial brew and started life. Sounds simple enough.

To get a feel for the reality of this belief, we want to discuss what are the minimum requirements of life? Although there are a number of other requirements, 5 basic characteristics



REPRODUCE GET FOOD (MOVE) GET OXYGEN BURN FOOD DISPOSE OF WASTE

which must happen in one place to have life.

Can you be alive without any of these

capabilities? The evolutionary lightning strike had to do all complex creations at one time for the "life" to survive. Do you believe that all these capabilities can happen because lightning strikes something? Wouldn't you think it more likely that lightning would kill something rather than bring it to life?

Are you smarter than the dumbest thing which ever lived? The dumbest thing ever supposedly figured out how to take food and chemically mix (burn) it with oxygen to produce energy. Do you know how to do that? It also fig- Stratum granulosum ured out how to divide in half to reproduce. Can you figure out how to divide in half? It is not unlikely, it is impossible!

We would like to suggest that all of this is still true, but one to add another point to this. Billions of your tax dollars are spent regularly to try to develop a self replicating set of molecules. This is important to some as it would represent a possible start for the evolutionary processes.

We want to suggest that even if someone got the right set of molecules together, it would not be sufficient. To help, we have a standing offer to provide the correct molecules free of charge.

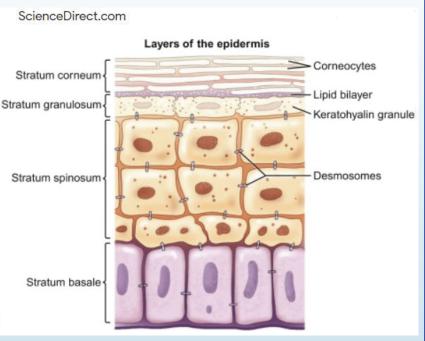
All you have to do is to scratch your fingernails across your skin and you will collect thousands of dead skin cells. The stratum corneum as seen in the graphic below is the dead outer layer of your skin. The cells were alive so they have the right chemistry. Similarly hair cells are dead. All evolutionists need to do is bring them back to life.

To be clear this will provide the set of molecules which they are spending billion of your tax dollars to find. But when they have them, they will still be dead.

This is not a simple matter of chemistry. There is something different about being alive. Something chemistry cannot solve.

We want to suggest to you that it is the life force which God put in all living things.

Benton F. Baugh







PERSONAL EVANGELISM TENT CARDS

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Tent cards are business card size and are folded into a small tent. You can hand them to someone or when you go to lunch, you can simply leave it on the table. The purpose is to try to start a discussion, or at least to give an invitation.

They can provide a message like these samples or can say anything you like.

> یا زر me amas, کو<mark>دند amas</mark>,

Jesús Te Ama

Imagine you equip your members with 1000 of these and consider the impact it can have on your congregation.

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If you like contact us at info@occg.institute and we will assist you.

Guarda Mis <u>Mandamientos</u>" John 14:15

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PERSONAL EVANGELISM TRI-FOLDS

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Personalized personal evangelism trifolds are a tool which has proven to be an effective way to begin conversations similarly to the Tent Cards discussed last month.

These cards not only tell the basics about Churches of Christ, but also can give location details and service times about your specific congregation. They can be edited to give whatever information you think to be beneficial for you're area and circumstance.

Cards similar to this can be obtained from a number of printers, with Uprint.com being the one we have used. In the example shown we used a 5.5" x 8.5" Z-Fold printed on the outside and inside in full color. It is found under brochures.

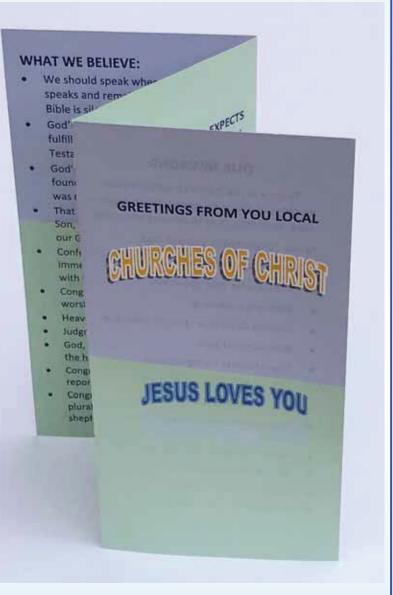
The following will give the base costs for the tri-folds, with shipping being extra.

100	\$37.19	\$0.38 ea.
250	\$106.31	\$0.43 ea.
1000	\$238.49	\$0.24 ea.
10000	\$1,074.46	\$0.11 ea.

You can go online and design any style tri-fold or other brochure you prefer. As an alternative, if you like the wording and

style on the example shown, we will have them printed for you.

The following page shows the wording for Luther Community Church of Christ. If you want us to coordinate them for you, print the next page, mark it up as you like, and email it to bbaugh@occg.institute. Our part of the process will be a free service. You will pay only for Uprint's printing costs.



If you deal with them directly, they will send a free sample of your printing. As we have dealt with them before, they will not send us a free sample for you. We will send you a free sample which looks like the following page before anything is printed.

Hopefully this will be a method which will be of assistance to some congregations. If you have another idea we can publish in a future issue,



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PERSONAL EVANGELISM TRI-FOLDS -THE GOLDEN RULE

This tract is a study in how to say enough to pique someone's interest without offending them. We sometimes try to hard at not offending people that we water our messages down to platitudes. This tract promotes actually saying something and the Wednesday Service Night concept. The Wednesday Service Night concept is generally that most members do not need to sit in class #3001 but rather that it is time to start being of service.

The Golden Rule looks at it from the opposite LUTHER COMMUNITY CHURCH OF CHRIST As your local Church of Christ, we **120 LUTHER STREET** side from how we HOUSTON, TX 77076 want to invite you to worship, TELEPHONE NUMBER 713-419-8683 fellowship, and be in Jesus' service normally look at it. WEBSITE luthercoc.org with us. SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 & 6:00 **BIBLE CLASS: 9:30** If we can pray for you, let us know at phone 🕿 or email. WEDNESDAY SERVICE NIGHT 5-00 - 8-00 P.M. WEDNESDAY SERVICE NIGHT We meet at 6:00 p.m. for a common meal and a devotional service, and ANA IN then break into groups to do Christian service projects. Times will LITHER vary, but we are generally finished by 8:00 p.m. Come find your role with us. 120 Luther Jesus said in his golden rule: "So in I believe God is the creator and Whereas we would not question everything, do to others what you sustainer of the universe. anyone's sincerity: would have them do to you, for I believe God's word for us is For the past 1500 years the this sums up the Law and the communicated to us in the Old Catholic church has been Prophets." Matthew 7:12 **Testament and the New** adding to and taking away Testament. from the teachings of the Bible by their rulings. This means that if you come to a I believe only the New Testament clarity about a truth impacting is applicable to us Protestant denominations are your salvation in Heaven with today as the Old distinguished by the Catholic Jesus, I would hope you to tell me Testament is doctrines they protested and the about it. completed (Gal. 3:23-25) Catholic doctrines they follow. I believe that we are not Most independent community authorized to add to or take away churches at the least abandon the I have come to such a clarity about

our salvation in Heaven with Jesus, and I understand I should tell you about it.



from what the New Testament says (Rev.22:18-19) In other words, all revelation

from God to us was given in the first century.

I understand that if the Bible teaches something and you teach something else, you are in rebellion to God's word.

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The Churches of Christ make every effort to speak where the Bible

speaks and remain silent where

the Bible is silent.

in Jesus' New Testament. What

they actually teach otherwise is

sometimes hard to determine.











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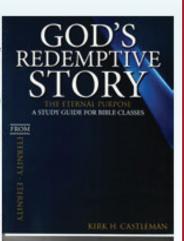
19. It's never too late to have a happy childhood. But the second one is up to you and no one else.

20. When it Comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.

Source unknown.

A 13 lesson book written by a long time Church of Christ minister and servant of Jesus. Intended for Bible Class studies, this book can also be used for personal evangelism.

Most Bible class study books on this subject begin with Genesis 3. This study however, lays



the foundation by beginning with a basic studyoutline of Biblical History, which is sorely lacking among many Christians today. Then after laying this foundation, it seeks to present a "Synthesis of Scripture" by asserting that the theme of all the Bible is Jesus, His Death, Burial, and Resurrection! The Eternal Purpose of God for Redemption is then presented with an in-depth study of Ephesians 1, and other New Testament passages which describe God's redemptive plan.

It is not until the fourth lesson that God's Eternal Purpose in Genesis 3 is presented. Then other Promises, Pictures, Prophecy, and Prep-

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HUMAN HISTORY"

aration, are fully described. This study includes a description of the Davidic Covenant, as well as a helpful approach to Old Testament Prophesy.

This guide is helpful for all Christians, but especially new Christians who need an understanding of God's eternal desire for all the world!

This book can be bought on Amazon for \$10.







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Three new 20-minute videos which can be used to assist in personal evangelism. Available as a <u>free download</u>. LESSON TOPICS ARE:

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WHICH GOD? The various offerings to be the god.
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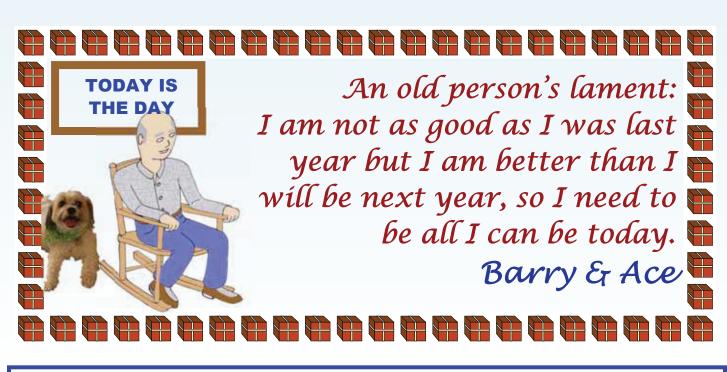
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