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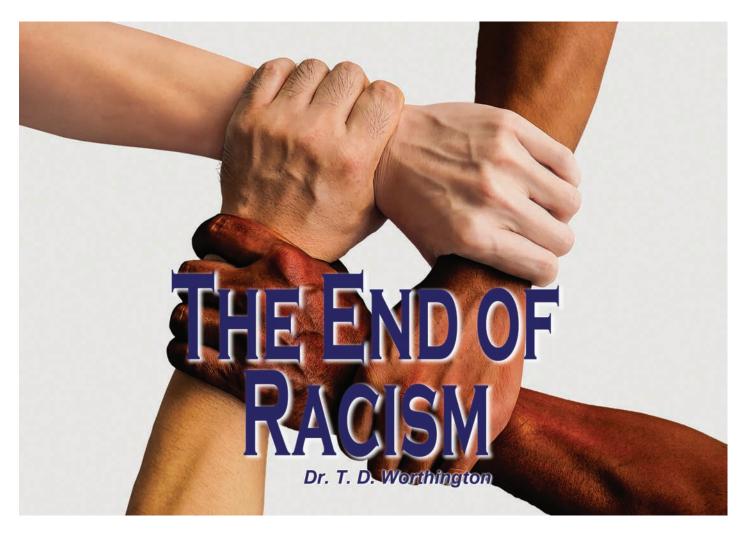
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If I ever informed my dad that someone had called me a name, the first thing he would ask me was "Is it true?" In most cases, unless it was something really important, he would tell me to ignore it, if indeed it wasn't true. The discourse would go something like this: "Ronnie said I was dumb." Then dad would say, "Are you dumb or did you do something to make Ronnie think you are dumb?" If I answered "no", then dad would say, "Well then, that means he's dumb, so just ignore the idiot." I am not sure if that constitutes proper parenting, but it seemed to work. Actually, it worked so well I used the same strategy on my kids.

Yet, there were still some things you didn't want to be called, even if you knew it was not true. No one wanted to be called "queer" even if you knew, and they knew, it was not true. No one wanted to be known as "the teacher's pet," even though it was not true. In our society today, no one wants to be known as a "racist," even though most people that are called racist are not, while most people calling people racist usually are.

Nearly sixty years ago, President Lyndon Johnston said he was going to end poverty in America. Fact is, as noble as it sounds, it cannot be done, for so says the word of God.

"For ye have the poor always with you;"

**Matthew 26:11** 

Our Lord is stating the obvious: even if you give some people a million

dollars, they would be broke again in a few months. Several lottery winners have certainly proven this to be true.

Recently I heard a politician state that his goal was to end racism in America. Assuming the best, in that most rational people really would like to end racism, I want to be honest and tell you that it cannot be done. I am sure that many people calling for an end of racism really want to make this world a better place. But, truth is they are powerless in spite of their best intentions. It would be the same as saying you are going to "stop lust" or "stop envy." Man, on his own accord is powerless to accomplish this feat. Of course, it is also quite obvious that most politicians really don't want to end racism anyway. It gives them greater power if we are divided.

Ending racism is a noble idea, but I am not sure anyone really believes it can be done. Many well meaning people have been trying to stop it for all recorded history—yet, to no avail. Politicians can change laws, but they cannot stop sin, and racism is sin, and a world enslaved to sin cannot overcome sin on its own. Even if we could build the most powerful totalitarian regime, with the authority to severely punish those who might not yield to ending racism, it still could not force anyone to love what he ought to love and hate what he ought to hate. The change the world groans after, even on its best days, belongs to the very God the world despises and rejects. He alone has the power to change hearts, thus He alone has the power to end racism.

But why? Why can't we expect non-Christian movements, even the best of them, to end racism of the heart? It is because of the sinfulness of humanity. With regards to skin color, the Bible says that no sooner can an Ethiopian change his skin or a leopard his spots, than those who are accustomed to doing evil do good (Jeremiah 13:23). Or, as Paul says, mankind is enslaved to sin, children of wrath, gladly following the devil (Ephesians 2:1-3). Racism is just one evil manifestation of this rebellion against God.

We think we can pick and choose our master, and any master we choose will empower us to end racism. It will not! Ending racism is not possible for the world. The humanitarian religion can take aim for a time at systemic racism, but it will tire and move on to the next new fad when convenient. No

politician, no law, no march nor protest, no best resolves nor legal measures, no affirmative action and no amount of listening or diversity training can end racism. As great as some of these measures can be, racism is sin, and a world enslaved to sin cannot overcome sin without God. This makes Jesus's way to "end racism" most revolutionary:

#### "Ye must be born again." John 3:7

He begins from the inside out. You must have new loves, a new nature, and a new heart. This new heart, enthroned by God himself, inspires a form of love that is more powerful than our differences.

"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God."

**John 4:7** 

This new heart is incompatible with any practice of racial prejudice.

"He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God."

#### I John 3:8-9

This new heart prepares us for heaven, where we will experience eternal peace with one another: men and women of all tongues, nations, and colors. This new heart, unlike an old heart commanded by government or social pressure to merely act new, is really, genuinely new. When you stop and think about it, isn't it strange that most racism today is propagated by





liberals, the very ones who are speaking of peace and unity.

"Evil men understand not judgment: but they that seek the LORD understand all things." Proverbs 28:5

The Bible teaches us that the new birth by the Spirit of God empowers us to live new lives of love, a love strong enough to overcome old bigotries.

The foundations of racism, and all the other perversions of our culture, can be stopped, but not under a brotherhood that flies under the banner of social justice or civil rights, but under the banner of Christ, for He is always the answer. The cross still towers over the wrecks of time, shining like a

lighthouse to navigate through dark and jagged shores. When the cross shrinks, the world dims. When the church loses influence in a culture, the culture decays. When we distance ourselves from Calvary, when we move on and try to do God's work without giving preeminence to God's work and God's Spirit, we will never shine with the light the world so desperately needs to see. In other words, having something higher to unify us than unity itself, we will show the righteous fruit of God being among us.

Our culture today reminds me of the woman who had the issue of blood for twelve years, and though she had spent all her living on physicians, she could not be healed by anyone. The world is full of physicians that cannot heal. Racism needs to end, but your favorite political candidate cannot end racism. New legislation, with all the good it might achieve, cannot end racism. The reason is, none of these can change hearts.

Historically, too many churches have not been the standard-bearers in this area, but rather have embraced their share of compromises with racist societies instead of shining within them. Yet, the church today is still the only institution on the planet that goes forth in the authority of Christ and effects genuine change as we...

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

Matthew 28:19–20

Ironically, the racism-free world all good men yearn for is quickly approaching. Racism will end soon, sooner than most people of all races will actually want. You see, racism will end as all men stand on equal ground shoulder to shoulder when our King finally comes to reign. And not only will racism, and every other sin, be thrown into the lake of fire, but His people will be unified in ways we can only now imagine. One people, one family, one nation...under Christ.



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#### Working Lights

Out with the old and in with the new. The Christmas decorations are being taken down. Ornaments are back in the box. Strands of lights are rolled up. The Christmas tree is out by the road. Now, let's rewind back in time to a month or so ago... The tree was fresh and new, we were reminiscing over ornaments made by our children and grandchildren, and we had that one strand of lights we couldn't get to work unless it was being held in just the right position. It was just one single bulb out of one hundred causing a problem. Was it burnt out or did it have a bad connection with the power source? Either way, it interfered with the rest of the strand working properly.



As Christians, we are to be a light burning bright for Christ that all the world may see Him through us and bring Him glory. If we are like a burnt-out lightbulb, we can also cause others to miss out on shining for Him. Just like that one bulb at the front of the strand, our actions can impact those around us, including generations to come. What if you really knew how many other lives you were influencing for (or even against) Christ? Maybe it is someone as close to you as your spouse or child, or maybe it's someone you have never even realized was watching you, like the cashier at the gas station or person sitting across the waiting room from you at the doctor's office.

Likewise, maybe you are not burnt out, but you just don't have a good connection with the power source. God is our source of power. His Word tells us we can do all things through Him, to not be afraid of our enemies, to trust Him because He will provide for His own, and that He will work out all things together for our good and the good of His Kingdom. Once again, just as the one light on the Christmas tree has an impact on those around it, if we do not have a good connection (relationship) with our power source (God), all the different areas of our life will suffer as a result; our relationships with others, our finances, our careers, etc.

For the coming year, let's all check to see that our "lights" are working properly so we can shine bright for Him!

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#### Let It Snow?

"Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snows, the children of God are given a visible, tangible testimony that their scarlet sins

Job 38:22

Are you hoping for snow this winter? I suppose we might be equally divided on the issue. Some love the icy blast, while others are just enduring winter until spring finally arrives. Maybe it's a spiritual thing. Most theologians believe that before Adam sinned the earth had plenty of water, but it didn't have cold temperatures to create ice crystals. Therefore, snow is a product of a fallen world.

Creation scientists point to tropical plants and animals in the arctic as evidence that the world, as far as we know, didn't always have icy poles. All of that changed when God sent a flood to earth to judge wickedness. The vapor canopy was removed, the earth tilted on its axis, and now we have the seasons as indicated in Genesis 8:22.

So, will we get some snow this winter? We may not know yet. But we do trust that GoMix Christian Radio will always be here to remind you that every time it snows, the children of God are given a visible, tangible testimony that their scarlet sins have been washed white as snow. Like the pure, white flakes which have placed a blanket of white on the bloodiest battlefields, God's forgiveness is able to make the darkest heart pure and the bloodiest hands clean. What snow does only for a morning, God can do forever. Jesus' blood washes away the worst sins so that God's redeemed can share in His purity. The same snow-white raiment that He wears is shared with those whose sins have been washed clean.





One of the greatest privileges of my life has been to teach my own children and grandchildren. have taught them in school and in Sunday School. It is one of those things that is a mixed blessing. I was able to observe elements of my children's character in a setting with their peers and authority figures as well as know more about how they interacted with their friends. One of the parts I loved the most was being near them throughout the day. I know my children didn't always feel that it was a blessing, but to me, it was always special.

My challenge was to make sure my children did not hate the fact that I was their teacher. How do I keep it separate? There were several uncontrollable circumstances. We were almost always among the first to arrive and the last to leave. Being the principal's kid and the teacher's

kid added its own pressures. In the first few years at the academy, their Dad was their principal, too. Their classmates seemed to be watching them to see if they received special privileges. We were careful to be sure to treat each student the same. In reality, our children had more responsibilities than the other students because they helped with the ministry. When we were at our first location, we had the Worthington lawn and cleaning service. The children worked in the afternoons mowing grass and cleaning the building. In the summers, the staff and the staff kids painted the building and did the repairs. These are things their classmates did not see.

I began to talk to myself each day when my children would do things I deemed unacceptable. I would ask myself, "What would you do in

this situation if another student was guilty of this behavior?"

It was hard sometimes because as their mom I had high expectations, but at that moment, I was their teacher. I had to discipline myself to only penalize as I would any other student. When it became necessary to involve a parent, I would go through the motions of calling my student's parent.

For example, if my child did not complete his homework, I would give demerits and the appropriate detentions. When the discipline at school wasn't working, then I would call his parents for help. I would have a conversation with my husband similar to this. "Mr. Worthington, I am concerned about your son. He has not completed his homework for a couple of days. Will you help me out here?" Then my

darling husband would go through the motions of talking to his wife, and we would decide how to follow through. The children sometimes thought we were crazy, especially the ones that were in the most trouble. As in any other family, some of our children were not as cooperative at school as others. We would tell them their teacher had called today and informed their father and me of a problem. We would say their teacher had called and we discussed the issue. They always gave us this look like we were crazy, but they knew what we were trying to accomplish. This is Mom and Dad talking to you about something your teacher called us about. We were trying to wear the different hats. On one particular occasion, the behavior called for a conference with the teacher, so to make the point of the different roles, I switched chairs during the conversation. My child still remembers this incident to this day. This process helped to make having a mom as a teacher bearable.

All five children have graduated now, and I pray they are better for the experience. They all have children that are attending or have graduated from the academy. Try wearing the hats of Grandma, the principal, and the teacher who also has to call about discipline issues. I think this one is the hardest. As Grandma, I really don't want to be the one telling the parents their child is in trouble. The first time I had to deal with a discipline issue with one of my grandchildren I shed so many tears, and it doesn't get any easier either over time. I knew the child was going to be in trouble at school and at home, but I knew it had to be done. We had decided a long time ago that our children would be treated the same as the other children, and it had to be the same for the grandchildren as well.

My husband and I also work together as a team. In reality though, he is my boss. How do you like that? We work quite well together. How? ... Because he gives me everything I ask for. Seriously, we try to keep things separate. He is the president of Pathway Ministries and does a very good job. I am the principal of Pathway Christian Academy, which is a branch of Pathway Ministries. I know the realm of my authority, within the parameters of my job description. I try to ask myself if my husband was not my boss, would I have this expectation or request. There are some fringe benefits. Best of all, I get to see my husband more than most wives see theirs, which I consider quite a privilege.

As parents, we also have multiple roles. My husband is asked quite frequently about cars or loans. Since we had seven drivers in the house, there was always a car problem. That is definitely not my department. Sometimes we have been small loan bankers when our children ran a little short. We make pretty good counselors, when they let us. I guess they figure we have been around a long time, so we should know.

We don't have to play the disciplinarian role much anymore. We are proud that our children can call us friend. We are still here when they need us. Next to my husband, my children are some of my closest friends. Their father is a

resource of spiritual wisdom who is always available to tap. I honestly can say he is the wisest man I know. The children see their father living what he believes, which is the most valuable gift he can give them. We have played all of these roles on the same day when necessary.

If you examine your life, you will see the many different hats you wear, as well. The hard part is knowing which one to wear at a specific time. Most of us probably wear the wrong hat too often. Isn't it exciting though to know that our Heavenly Father knows what we need when we need it? He has no trouble knowing which hat to wear at a given time. When we need a friend. He is there. He knows everything there is to know about cars, so He could lead you to the right one or the right mechanic. When we need a daddy, He is there for us to crawl up in His lap and get a hug. Of course, when we need discipline, He is there to dish it out. He is the perfect blend.

Just like when our children do not utilize all of their resources, we fail to go to our greatest resource, our Heavenly Father. I am glad my Heavenly Father knows what I need and when I need it. Thank goodness, He is not like me! He is perfect!



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## The Year to Disappear

Dr. Glenn Mills

"He must increase, but I must decrease."
John 3:30

I pray that 2023 is a year in which we disappear. What do I mean? I simply mean I hope we become so much like Jesus that we fade away, and only the person of Jesus is seen in us.

This is a process where we daily, by the leading of the Holy Spirit, give up our plans for His plans. We give up our will to accomplish His will in and for us. His way becomes our way. His desires become our desires. It is coming to a beautiful state of mind that all we live for and all we desire is to please our loving, heavenly Father and Saviour.

This in no way means we abandon our responsibilities, but that we allow God to show us the best way to fulfill them. Paul said in **Philippians 1:21**, "For me to live is Christ..." Our relationships, jobs, finances, etc., can only become more blessed when we die to self and become alive in Christ. The more we yield to His leading, the more victory we will experience.

But who is willing to be poured out so that He can fill us up with Himself?

We all have stories of how God has done great things in our lives when we've trusted Him. I would even say that most of us have experienced a miracle at some time. If God can do so much with so little, then how much more could He do with our total surrender?

Every little part we give up is a part He can do awesome wonders with. Letting go and letting God is not always easy, but it is extremely rewarding.

Just ponder for a moment on what God could do with a person completely yielded to His Divine Will. Think of the people He could reach with His love and mercy through a totally yielded vessel. Imagine, if you can, the lives that would be touched in some special way if God had complete control.

Can we even comprehend the prayers that would be prayed, the help that would be given, the forgiveness

that would be extended, and the souls that would be saved if we sought God in all areas of our lives?

Satan's forces would be stripped of their power and influence as God would flow through a yielded life. Darkness would be defeated as the glorious light of Christ shines unrestricted. It would be as if Jesus were still here with us in bodily form.

This, my beloved friends, is just what God had in mind when He sent Christ to die for our sins. That not only could we be forgiven but we could also be filled with the Holy Spirit to live like Jesus. The Spirit of Christ flows through us by His Holy Spirit so we can do what Jesus did.

I have no doubt that Jesus is flowing through each one of us on some level. Every Believer is yielded to some degree. But who is willing to give more with the goal of eventually giving all to God?

God has given us His precious Holy Spirit to help us, not occasionally, but daily. He will show us what areas in our lives are still not fully yielded to God's Divine plan for us. He will teach us how to pray, love, help, serve, give, study, encourage, and much more. The more we follow the Holy Spirit, the more we die to self and become more like Jesus, thus doing what He would do in every area of our lives.

2023 can be our year to disappear, allowing God to use us in mighty ways. Start a journal of your decision to yield more and more daily, and record the awesome results that will happen. Soon you



will be filling notebooks with the mighty works of the Lord through your yielded life.

May it soon be said of us what was said of Enoch, "And he walked with the Lord..." (Genesis 5:24a). Precious Lord, may we daily decrease so that You may increase in us.



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## And Finally...



#### Looking Back...

I tried to make a habit over the last half of 2022 to help people more. Sometimes it was leaving a bigger tip for a waitress at a restaurant, saying an encouraging word to someone on the street, helping meet the need of a neighbor, or just making extra time in my schedule to chat with an old friend. I wanted to be more intentional on showing the love of Christ to others with my words and actions. I think this has been the best part of the year for me because it has helped me grow in my faith. Every time I stepped out to help someone, the Lord was right there to provide what was needed. Every time I gave, He gave back. I'm excited to keep things going in 2023 and see just where the Lord is ready to take me!

G.R.

I started homeschooling in 2022. It has its challenges, but I wouldn't trade it. I've enjoyed spending more time with my kids and knowing exactly what they are being taught. They have adjusted well and are learning a lot. Our "fieldtrip days" are the best!

K.W.

2022 has been a hard year, but it has also had many blessings. We have lost family members and friends due to illness, and even a very loved family pet. We've had some financial difficulties as well. Looking back, we even had a few sleepless nights worrying about things beyond our control when we

should have trusted in God a little more. In the end, He worked it all out. He always does! Hopefully, we'll remember in 2023 just how good God was to us in the trials we faced before, and we'll learn to trust Him a little more.

L. H.

I am so happy that this past year I have been able to lose over 75lbs. and keep it off! It has been a lot of hard work and I still have a little more weight I'd like to lose, but I feel so much healthier and better about myself.

D. F.

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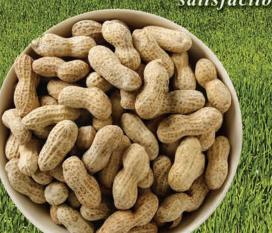
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