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Great Work, Short on Help!

George Dronen

Don and Susan took out a loan to get a beautiful venue for their only daughter's wedding. Cleanup costs were

steep, so Don got commitments from six friends to help do the job then he signed the contract that they would clean up.

The wedding was beautiful. The music was fabulous. The bride glowed. The reception was filled with happy guests. The food was superb. The bride and groom finally drove off.

Then it happened. The Best Man took the microphone and announced, "Surprise! The groom's dad has invited you all over for a poolside celebration. Free food and music! Just grab an address card from the cake table or follow the flag on top of my car!"

Don and Susan stood in shock as all of their "helpers" and most of the guests lined up behind the flagged vehicle and then they were alone. They must have the venue cleaned by midnight. The work was great, but the laborers were two.

Don and Susan dried their tears, worked fast and hard. At 10:45 when the janitor stopped in, it was clearly hopeless. They kept working. At 11:10 the janitor came back with two people who needed odd jobs. Don agreed to pay them and they got busy. At 11:25 two of the promised helpers showed up. At 12:10 the venue manager came with his camera, but it wasn't finished. He saw how hard Don and Susan and the others were working, put down his camera, and brought in the heavy-duty vacuum cleaners. He also unlocked the laundry area.

By 2:40 a.m. everything was done. Don paid the odd-job couple, then he opened his checkbook to write the late fee. The manager stuck his camera between pen and check. He pointed to the perfect picture and said, "I saw what happened. You did your best. Go home." (continued on page 3)

President's Perspective

Did you notice our theme? It's "About Our Father's Business." This is one of the first recorded sayings of Jesus, and it's found in Luke 2:49. At the age of 12 years old, Jesus knew He was here for a purpose.

David Bolduc

Throughout scripture, there are two opposing views on greatness. The worldly view defines greatness as a competition to reach the top. But, our all-powerful God, the Creator of all things, puts the needs of His Creation before Himself. The enemy who attempted to overpower God exalts himself and seeks to put all others beneath him as defeated captives. On the other hand, when Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday escorted by those whom He had raised from the dead and those who were restored from sickness to perfect health, there were no defeated captives here!

Christ always puts the needs of others first. Yet the disciples of Christ often argued about who would be the greatest. James and John and their mother even asked for first and second place near Jesus in His kingdom.

So many elements of our culture find their roots in competition. How the enemy delights in seeing followers of Christ engaged in any form of competition that puts others down for self-supremacy. We need to reflect more on the life of Christ. Are we really "about our Father's business"? Compare Christ's ride on the first Palm Sunday with His second coming. He will have an escort of rejoicing people whom He has freed from the power of the enemy!

An old song says, "Oh Lord I want to be in that number!" Let's make it our goal to be "About Our Father's Business," and to point others to Christ by our words and our deeds.

For us to be "About Our Father's Business" we started streaming our signal on June 1st. You can go to StrongTowerRadio.org, and click on the streaming link or you can type in your address bar StrongTowerRadio.org/streaming. Unfortunately, we also have two pressing equipment needs. A failing audio decoder (\$700) for WBHL to keep us on the air, and a failing encoder (\$6700) for the TV station.

I want to personally thank you for your continued prayers and financial support.

Changed Lives (cont'd from July/August issue)

Myles searched for truth visiting numerous churches, yet repeatedly observed lip service to both theology and Christian living. Some church members even told him he 'didn't fit in'.

He began dating a Christian woman, thinking it might be God's will, but found she had other gods in her life, including nicotine and alcohol. Yet she did something significant visiting him. Looking for a different radio station she "discovered" 97.9 FM Strong Tower Radio [STR] in Newberry, MI.

Myles has kept and continues to keep the dial there. He heard Doug Bachelor and other powerful speakers, figuring "they'll lie to me sometime", but they never did! Convicted of Bible truth he began attending the Cornerstone Seventh-day Adventist Church in Sault Ste. Marie, Canada. He met people teaching and living the truth and was baptized 4/18/15. Myles shares, "I finally know the truth and seek to always do God's will! God has changed me and obeying His Word is central to my life."

So what about that trip to Texas? (See the July/Aug. newsletter issue) Myles pondered why God prompted his visit there. Suddenly a thought burst into his mind, a way to solve a great global need. "I knew God gave me that thought and was showing me I could accomplish amazing things with Him, just like RG LeTourneau did. The realization was so powerful I almost had to pull off the road to catch my breath! I've always dreamed of being an inventor, and God has given me an amazing solution to one of the world's needs. I report for duty to God daily."

Myles remains tuned to STR and especially likes the 7 p.m. time slot which he says, "always has a powerful message."

Short on help (continued from page 1)

Christ's wedding reception is coming up. We must be clean and ready to meet our Bridegroom when He comes. God expects us to let Him clean up our hearts and to call others to prepare for the final inspection. The time is delayed (a little) out of mercy to those who are not ready, but the delay won't last long. Probation lingers for just a moment. The question is, "Am I partying", or "Am I about Our Father's Business"? The harvest is great, but the laborers are few!!!



Back to School



As children and youth resume school attendance, whether on site or online, we do well to thank and praise God for Christian education. My parents made the sacrificial investment to educate me thru the 12th grade in a Christian school and I remain very thankful for their gift to me. Now 30 years later you can clearly see the influence of various groups that want our children in public schools to be trained in relativism and philosophy. Evolution is the norm; right and wrong are diminished, and beware correcting any error as it might damage a student's self-esteem!

There's a migration toward eliminating summer vacations and going to school all year with periodic short breaks. This is under the guise of more effective learning, yet it thereby affords more consistent access to children's developing minds. This may sound conspiratorial, and in fact it is. Satan works directly and thru human agents to redirect children's minds away from God, just as he does with adults. God instructs us to diligently train our children from infancy in His ways because He knows and understands how we're impacted by early life learning.

For the past 3 years, STR has featured Christian education in the late summer months, and we intend to continue. God raised us up to share the everlasting gospel and He continues to grow this ministry. Proclaiming God's character through the Three Angels Messages teaches listeners what God is **really** like, based on plain Bible truth not man's traditions. Strong Tower Radio aims to reach diverse age groups using various schedules and programs.

Do you value Christian education? Please continue supporting STR with your prayers, influence, energy and finances as the Holy Spirit impresses you. Thank you.

Have You Heard?





"The Name of the Lord is a Strong Tower. The righteous run to it and are safe." Proverbs 18:10 NKJV

LISTEN TO ONLINE STREAMING

STRONG TOWER RADIO IS NOW STREAMING!

Strong Tower Radio stations, or your radio does not get a good signal, you can go to

StrongTowerRadio.org website and click on the streaming button!! While you are there, won't you consider supporting our streaming service with a donation? Streaming cost averages about \$2 per listener per month.

Also, we would love to hear where our listeners are located. Please send us an email, Info@StrongTowerRadio.org, or use one of our media platforms: FaceBook.com/StrongTowerRadio or StrongTowerRadio.org/Contact-Us. To let us know where on the planet you are finding our signal!



We Need More Billboards!

We want to keep STR billboards up on the high volume Grand Rapids freeways, plus we'd like to add more billboards in your community! If you act quickly, we can extend at the present discount rate for the Grand Rapids billboards and we are exploring similar contracts throughout Michigan. Can you visualize an STR billboard on every Michigan freeway? Do you see the vision? If you can, please contact Tom at 616.550.3555 or Tom@StrongTowerRadio.org ASAP!!!



2020 Tax Deductions

We've all been challenged in new ways these past few months, and we want to alert

you to new additional giving opportunities. The Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) 3/27/2020, offers more ways you can support Strong Tower Radio!

Only for tax year 2020 you can:

- 1) Non-itemizing individuals are eligible for a \$300 charitable deduction (\$600 for a couple) for gifts made to Strong Tower Radio, reducing your taxable income and taxes paid.
- 2) You may be able to deduct up to 100% of your adjusted gross income (AGI) on gifts made to Strong Tower Radio or other charities. Deductible amounts are normally limited to 60% of (AGI).
- 3) Qualified Charitable Rollovers (QCR) remain unchanged. Required minimum distributions (RMD) are waived for most qualified plan participants for tax year 2020. Even without an RMD, often qualified charitable distributions yield tax savings.

To further clarify your tax or income planning, please speak with your financial advisor or accountant.

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support of Strong Tower Radio.



Listeners Are Saying!



"We have STR on 24-hours a day. That's all we listen too! We like the messages on Daniel and Revelation, the Garden Guy and 'Joy in the Morning'. We feel God brought us back to Michigan so we can hear the truth of God's word through Strong Tower Radio."

"Camp Meeting listeners told us they enjoyed our health seminars and recently 3ABN's 'Mental and Spiritual Health' program on natural remedies."

We **love** to hear from you! Contact us, at 231-468-2087, or email Info@StrongTowerRadio.org or go to www.StrongTowerRadio.org and click on 'Contact Us'.



Dear Listener and Supporters;

God has blessed Strong Tower Radio so many times over the past years by coming to our aid at just the right time and we want to THANK YOU for your love, prayers and financial support.

Some ministries request we carry their programs and are willing to pay us to put them on the air, but from the beginning the STR board was convicted that we would not sell airtime like most other Christian radio stations do. Our board felt Strong Tower Radio should be a faith based, listener supported, Holy Spirit inspired ministry. We have seen that where God leads, He does provide.

Recently we shared with you the opportunity to begin streaming our station and many of you marvelously provided. Thank you! We began streaming on June 1. You can go to StrongTowerRadio.org, and click on the streaming link or type in your address bar StrongTowerRadio.org/streaming.

We know everyone has been impacted by the Coronavirus but it did not catch God off guard! What the enemy meant for harm, we have used to not only share God's love but share how listeners can strengthen their immune systems and also improve their health.

Many times, we have noticed our donations lag off just before the Lord is about to open a new opportunity for us. Currently our funding has dropped to the point that we have had to withhold staff paychecks **so stations can stay on the air.** We have had seasons of prayer asking the Lord for wisdom and for His leading. By the calls we get, we know the Lord is not finished with us yet!

We'd like to ask you to do 2 things: 1) Please pray daily for STR and our listeners, 2) Prayerfully consider what more you could do to support us financially. Any amount would be greatly appreciated.

How to Make Your Investment Donations:

Go to our secure website, www.StrongTowerRadio.org, or call us at **231-468-2087** or text 'donate' to 231-216-6809. May God continue to lead, guide and richly bless you.

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STR Engagements:

9/3-7 Camp Sagola Camp Meeting (U.P., Michigan) STR staff will be there!

9/12 11:00 a.m. David at Marion SDA Church 9/12 11:00 a.m. Kam at Ann Arbor SDA Church

9/12 11:00 a.m. Jilane at Traverse City SDA Church 9/15, 22, & 29 6:30 p.m. Vicki Griffin's Health Series Cadillac, MI Farmers Mkt

9/26 11:00 a.m. Kam at Unionville SDA Church

When moving, please remember to update your new address to save the ministry money, but also include your entire old address!