



The Vine Inspiration



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"I am the Vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me, you can do nothing". John 15:5

Fresh from the desk of...

It is a great pleasure and, indeed, a privilege to be given the opportunity to present this newsletter to you. The Lord has blessed me with a vision to reach people in many ways, and this is just one. I pray that every reader will be touched and ministered to, as the Lord so leads in the production of these newsletters. Just as Paul said, *"My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."* Col 2:3, 4

Be encouraged, my brothers and sisters, and may you receive the wisdom and knowledge that Christ has for you!!



~Righteous Breed, Editor-In-Chief (EIC) ~

Keys to the Kingdom...



DO you know the difference between Happiness and Joy? Are you being swayed by emotional happiness day by day? Read the following excerpt from Dr. Charles Stanley to see what you can do about receiving the stability of the joy of the Lord in your life today...

Jesus promised us His joy. However, such gladness evades most Christians. There are certain important points to understand about joy. This gift to every believer in Christ has a spiritual source — the Holy Spirit — and is produced from within by Him. Being supernatural in nature, divine joy exists independently of our circumstances. Happiness, on the other hand, comes from external causes, is earthly in character, and increases or decreases as events change. The success of a sports team, recognition by others, or completion of a project all represent sources of earthly happiness. Holy Spirit-developed joy comes when we:

1. **Focus on our relationship with the Lord.** Because of Jesus, our sins are forgiven, our names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life, and we are forever His. Nothing can separate us from Him in this life or in eternity.
2. **Observe His transforming work in others.** Notice and draw pleasure from what God is doing: rescuing people from bondage to sin and transforming them into His likeness.
3. **Serve those He sends to us.** Our obedient, loving care for others brings spiritual joy.
4. **Meditate on God's living Word.** Through Scripture, we receive an outpouring of His love and precious truths on which to build our lives.

The Holy Spirit desires to produce gladness within you. Take a few minutes to ponder the wonder of your new birth, share someone's spiritual joy, obediently serve someone else, or receive guidance from His Word. Then check your emotional barometer. Are you singing hallelujah yet? Read [John 15:9-17](#) Dr. Charles Stanley

Come visit us Sunday mornings at 11AM and be blessed by the following ministries:



FEBRUARY

- 4th – IUP Voices of Joy Gospel Choir
- 11th – Perfected Prayze Mime Ministry
- 18th – Blessed Assurance Mime Ministry
- 25th – Divine Praise Ministry Team



Words to Live By...

Often we forget about the impact that we have on others. Let us remember that the Word states we are the salt of the earth. Our job, to be examples, is important in changing the lives of others and exhibiting what a life of salvation is all about. Check yourself this month. Are you being the example that Christ needs in order to bring others out of their sinful state? Or are you blending in with the world?

You are the world's seasoning, to make it tolerable. If you lose your flavor, what will happen to the world? And you, yourselves, will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless.

(The Living Bible) Matthew 5:13

Make a Christ-like difference in your

STAY TUNED!!!

The 4-1-1 on up and coming events and more at Victory Christian Assembly

- **WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING** – That is exactly what you will receive if you make the sacrifice to come out to The Jesus Factor Series this year, taught by Alisa and Frank Destefano. The series gives you a chance to discuss your misunderstandings, hang-ups, and questions you always wanted answers for but never asked. Come experience great wisdom as they teach on subjects like who is Jesus, what does it mean to be saved, tithes and offerings, and many other subjects. Catch the classes on every Wednesday night from 7pm – 8:30pm in the old Victory Sanctuary on 418 Church Street. Refreshments provided.



- **IT'S NOT A TALENT SHOW** – YES!!! Our Christian open mic night, for those whom wish to share their gifts, is coming back this year. Stay tuned for dates and details on how you can get involved in "Ministry Nite".



- **GOOD MOOD MUSIC** – Look out for the finished VOJ CD project as Pastor Jenkins and Asst Pastor Hanson are working diligently to bring to pass the vision that the Lord has given them. If you would like to place an early order, you may call VCA. In the meantime, pick up the Demo DVD of the live VOJ concert. Experience an inside look at Voices of Joy rehearsals, check out behind-the-scenes concert preparation, and enjoy a live, full length video of the title hit "No Turning Back". For more information, visit the website at www.myvictory.org. To pick up a DVD TODAY, visit The Music Box on Philadelphia Street in downtown Indiana, PA or stop by our Sunday service and see the Sound Engineer. DON'T MISS OUT!!!

- **WHAT'S IN YOUR CLOSET?** – Minister Malaika Turner is doing great things with her new Non-profit organization **Saving Soles International**. She is working hard, with a vision from the Lord, to provide a way for low-income women to receive business shoes for the purposes of obtaining a more professional presence and an increased self esteem in the workplace. Malaika is in need of people who are willing to donate new to almost new women's shoes to the organization. For more information on Saving Soles, you can visit her website at www.savingsoles.net



- **ENLARGE OUR TERRITORY** – VCA is still working on The Nehemiah project, a funding effort to enlarge the Victory Christian Assembly building. If you would like more information on this outstanding way to be a blessing to this place of worship, visit the VCA website or feel free to drop your donation in the mail.

If you would like to submit an announcement for The Vine Inspiration, please contact me at RBMinistries@excite.com