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Don't Falter in the Falling Away... by Dr. Eddy Brown

Be encouraged brothers and sisters, the coming of the Lord draweth nigh!

In the mean time we are to occupy until he comes. Let us reach back to our sure foundation, as we long for his appearance, because much of the North American church is falling away while they believe they are in good standing.

Do you remember the time when Second Timothy was preached from our pulpits? ***For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; (2 Timothy 4:3).*** Some of the largest ministries in our country are now fulfilling that scripture. They are so busy scratching the ears of the anemic body of Christ, that they do not have the time, or in some cases the desire to wake up and face reality. *The church of the USA has become consumer driven.*

Where is the burden of the Lord? Oh that Andrew Murray, McChanes, Redpath and others would be studied and modeled again. Did we blink and behold Shepherds have constructed fences to entertain the sheep?

How can anyone deny that we have fallen to religious palaces piloted by personalities with Pepsodent smiles. Where is the passion to separate from the world and jump out of the chariots of Egypt?

We are even seeing some of this insanity happening on the mission fields. My stomach sickens as I travel and see the Americanization of the Nationals, teaching them to cling to the same faulty concepts that are driving the American church into empty rituals and popularity contests.

In 2nd Thessalonians 2:3, the Apostle Paul told the church at Thessalonica to *“not let anyone deceive you, that there is coming a falling away in the last days.”*

Stop! A falling away from what and who is the target? *It is a falling away from righteousness, holiness and sound Biblical Doctrine.* What did you think? That the Body of Christ is going to get a better offer and cast away their faith in God. Turn back to their sins and former life styles? Not likely! Who would be dumb enough to do that? Are

we smart enough to see the deception, greed and fantasy that has covered the body of Christ. Instead of falling away to openly obvious sins, they are falling into subtle diversions from true faith and holiness. The church has indeed developed an outer shell of religion, with no meat inside to support it.

God! Raise up prophets that will not be people pleasing pillow heads, but will with an iron will, sharpened by the Holy Spirit, stand against the fray and say if God didn't build the church that you cling to, then your labor is in vain.

Take heart faithful saint the Lord is not going to let the Church age go out with the greatest memory be that of prosperity, popularity and entertainment.

The ***genuine power*** of Pentecost will return with authentic signs and wonders for those who have become wanderers. Let us return to the prayer closet where we will be able to lead the parade.

May God's richest blessing be yours and what ever you do... don't blink.

Eddy Brown



TANZANIA CHURCH PLANT

WOMEN OF GOD INTERNATIONAL, CHALLENGE for 2007-08

In an un-reached area off the coast of Tanzania, IGO Missionary, Steve Gray, has received a commission from the Holy Spirit to begin to plant churches in this predominately Muslim country. So far, five churches have been planted with the goal to plant two more in the central coastal area and then move north and south to plant more churches.

Steve Gray writes from one of his mission trips, *“As I entered the village church I noticed a frail woman lying on a mat... ‘She is dying of cancer,’ I was told. She has come because she has heard Jesus is healing people in this church. . .” Three young men sit quietly outside the church door listening to the Gospel message. The invitation is given and they surrender their lives to Christ. Amazingly, these men were the source of most of the resistance to the new village church. . . To see churches along the hostile un-reached coast of Tanzania bring life transforming change to African Muslims is beyond words. Kitopeni, Mangasani, Kijotoyama and now Zanzibar are bringing revival fires to their surrounding areas. These villages once without light or truth have become lighthouses of hope, healing and the power of Jesus Christ.”*

Also from a mission trip to Tanzania it was reported, *“Team two felt led to stand in a circle in the middle of the property and worship and then blow a shofar to release God’s vision on this land and call forth His resources. It seemed strange to hear this shofar blast going out into this un-reached Muslim village. This was probably the first shofar ever blown or heard in this village. It seemed to signal God’s people had taken ownership of this place for the kingdom of God.”*

Our challenge, Women of God, International — is to plant a church in this area that once was dominated by slave trade and thus a region that has sown in bondages and has reaped bondages. This is an extremely difficult area for missionaries and many of the churches in the location are denominational churches that are politically controlled. The churches being planted under the direction of Bishop Ralph Mrope are independent churches seeking the favor and power of the Holy Spirit. Recently, when Pastor Mrope returned from the local Police station where he had gone to get permission to preach in the Muslim villages, the whole Police staff including the head officer, accepted Bibles and asked the pastor to pray for them.

In this 95% Muslim area, the majority of the un-reached tribes of Tanzania are located along a 500 mile stretch of the coast. Bro. Steve feels God called him into this area to reach these un-reached tribes that are mostly poor and located in small villages. He says, *“God called us into this country to reach this area where 80% of the un-reached tribes are located. It is a tremendous area to reach the un-evangelized people of the world. God has called us and is giving us favor and success.”*



Steve Gray meeting under a tree with members of a local Tanzanian Church

WOMEN OF GOD, INTERNATIONAL, our goal is to build a strong church in Tanzania. Now we could put up a temporary structure for around \$2,000, that after the rains may last only a year or so or build a permanent building that would endure for about \$5,000. I say, let’s believe God for the latter. So ladies, get out your glue gun, knitting needles, or whatever you can do to help raise the needed funds. Door to door is not out of the question either. Our local ladies group has chosen the glue gun route and the designing of floral arrangements to sell in a craft show. Whatever you select we pray God bless you and help you be creative. Let’s go with our giving where our feet may never take us and help change the world for the glory of God.

Remember our slogan — *“We have a dream of women united under the name of the Lord Jesus Christ doing more together than we could ever do alone.”*

All funds raised go directly to reaching the lost and planting churches in Africa. Checks should be made out to : IGO, P. O. Box 1008, Semmes, Al. 36575 and include a note telling us you’re your gift os for the African Project, Women of God, Int.



Advice to a Young Leader in a Time of Shaking

Churches and ministries are crumbling because of pride, greed and hidden sin. Here are 10 principles that can help bring stability during this tumultuous season.

Kevin, a 31-year-old pastor from Minnesota, asked me an honest question this week. He's been reading about all the scandals that have rocked the charismatic world, beginning with Ted Haggard's embarrassing moral failure late last year and continuing with the recent divorces among prominent church leaders and the allegations of financial mismanagement made against leaders at Oral Roberts University.

Kevin wrote this: "I am guessing that none of these people started off with the goal of having this be their story. If you were someone in my stage of ministry, what would you do to prevent this from being my lot?" I shared these simple truths with him, and I'll pass them along to a wider audience—hoping that they will strengthen our foundations while everything around us is shaking.

1. Live a humble, transparent life. Just because you are a leader doesn't mean you don't have issues. You are a flawed, broken individual who has experienced the miracle of God's mercy. Resist the temptation to live in denial about your weaknesses. Don't take yourself too seriously. Stay in close relationship with mature mentors and trusted peers who know your temptations, insecurities and any past addictions. Confess your sins to God and to your inner circle regularly.

2. Stay open to correction. Many of those whose ministries are imploding today either worked in isolation or they surrounded themselves with yes men. As your ministry grows, increase the number of people who speak into your life. If your colleagues are rubber-stamping everything you do, consider that a warning sign. If they tell you they can't correct you because you are either authoritarian or subtly controlling, take a sabbatical and get counseling immediately.

3. Audit your actions regularly. God watches the way we handle the little things. Are you telling the truth? Are you mishandling ministry finances? Are you "fudging" in any area of sexual purity? Do you have checks and balances set in place so that you always comply with the law? God sees every Web site you visit, every personal expense you

charge to your ministry account and every exaggeration (i.e., lie) you put in your newsletter.

4. Stay in touch with the real world. Ministry is about loving people. (Duh!) But you will never develop compassion unless you are close enough to the grass roots to smell the poverty, lay hands on the sickness and cry with those who are in pain. The days are over when preachers can arrive in limousines to announce salvation. The Lord is requiring all His servants to come down to earth.

5. Don't allow people to make you a celebrity. Before Jesus began His ministry, the devil showed Him the kingdoms of the world and offered Him fame and fortune. The enemy of your soul will try to cut you a similar deal. Resist every urge to become a star. Don't let people put you on a pedestal. If the spirit of entitlement is seducing you, humble yourself and wash some feet. That is what true ministry is about.

6. Make family a priority. We have crusaded against abortion and gay marriage, yet at the same time many in our movement have neglected their spouses and children. People need to know that what we preach works at home. The Bible makes it plain: "But if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?" (1 Tim. 3:5, NASB). If we enforced this one biblical principle today, most of the shenanigans happening in charismatic leadership would end overnight.

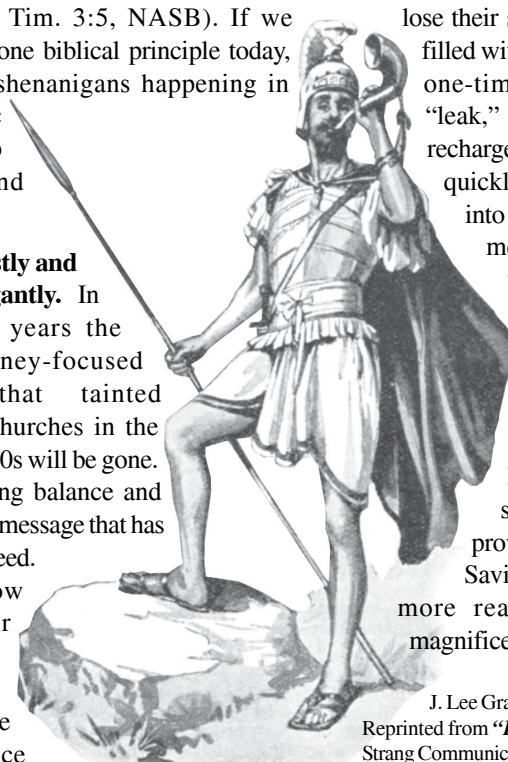
7. Live modestly and give extravagantly. In a few more years the selfish, money-focused doctrines that tainted charismatic churches in the 1980s and 1990s will be gone. God is bringing balance and correction to a message that has encouraged greed. I do not know Texas pastor Robert Morris personally, but he has become a long-distance mentor to me in the

financial area. His book *The Blessed Life* has redefined how we charismatics should view money. Bottom line: We don't give to get, even though we know God blesses generosity. We give to give.

8. Don't build your own kingdom. In the previous season leaders got away with naming their ministries after themselves. That will not work today. The one-man show is over. Leadership today is about building a team. Those who think they can "do it all"—and take all the credit—will end up with meager results when their work is tested by God's fire.

9. Develop keen discernment. The devil is on the prowl, and we can't afford to be ignorant of his schemes. Leaders must develop an early warning system if we expect to survive. You must develop a team of watchful intercessors who are committed to praying for you. Those whose ministries are crashing and burning today most likely ignored prophetic counsel from people who saw disaster coming.

10. Maintain your spiritual passion. People who experience moral failure almost always lose their spiritual passion first. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not just a one-time encounter. Because we "leak," we need to be refilled and recharged regularly. We will burn out quickly if we don't stay plugged into the Source. The man who led me to Christ, Barry St. Clair, taught me to have a daily appointment with God. I try to guard my time in prayer and Bible study because I know I can't give what I don't have. The more I read His Word, the deeper and stronger it grows inside me, providing daily revelation of the Savior—and giving me more and more reasons to make Him my magnificent obsession.



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Word of Encouragement

This word was given at our Ladies luncheon last summer and felt might encourage your day.

“It is a new season and a new day. Get ready for changes. Good changes. Do not be discouraged by the past. It has been a time of preparation, preparation for the good things that are to come. Enter into this new season with joy. Let the past go. Let the past be the past for I indeed have called you to a new season. It will be a productive season, a season of gaining new spiritual ground, a season of refreshing. Let go, I say of the past. Enter into this new season with great joy. Look to the future with great joy. Do not allow the enemy to steal your joy for the joy of your God is your strength. Receive afresh and anew my joy. Joy that you have been redeemed, that you have been called. Let it go, let it go, the past and look to the future with great joy and confidence. How do you receive that joy? Just open your spiritual mouth wide and I will fill you with joy. It is my gift. It is my blessing to my people. Do my work with great joy. Remember the joy of the Lord is your strength. Do you need strength? Just receive my joy this day and look to your future with great confidence. Let it go—the past that is and embrace your future with my joy.”

2008 Global Fellowship Conference

Now is the time to start thinking about the next GF Conference!

June 17 - 20, 2008



Rooms are already starting to fill up from the folks who registered before leaving the 2007 conference.

The guest speaker for 2008 will be **Dr. Dick Braswell** from Mobile, AL. Dr. Braswell (left photo) is Senior Pastor of **Life Church of Mobile**. Worship ministry will be provided by **Gary Szymik** (right photo) and family again. You don't want to miss this next conference!



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