

Word of Hope

MOUNT HOPE
United Methodist Church



Pastor McGill Writes. . .

Do You Really Know God?

The church has an awesome task in these last days. We have a mandate from God delivered personally by Jesus to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation" (Mark 16:15).

The operative words here are "whole creation." That means people outside our own little circle. It means people in different denominations; people of different color; people who differ politically, doctrinally and economically. We are called to preach to the Jews and the Arabs; to the Buddhists and the Muslims.

The church has never been better equipped to fulfill God's call. We've been given apostles, evangelists, teachers and pastors. We have the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We have books, teaching tapes and satellite dishes. We have radio, television and the internet. Yet there is something lacking.

The church will never fulfill God's commission until we stop burning bridges and learn to build them. What kind of bridges? Bridges that span the chasm of custom, tradi-

tion, prejudice and opinion.

God created a bridge when He sent His Son, Jesus, that would span the gap between Himself and a fallen world. When that work had been accomplished, and the Holy Spirit was given to the Church, He set out to do the second greatest work in the Book of Acts. He built a bridge to span the chasm between God's chosen people and the world.

The story is recorded in Acts, Chapter 10, beginning with verse one:

1 At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. 2 He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly. 3 One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him and said, "Cornelius!" 4 Cornelius stared at him in fear. "What is it, Lord?" he asked.

The angel answered, "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God. 5 Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man

named Simon who is called Peter. 6 He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea."

7 When the angel who spoke to him had gone, Cornelius called two of his servants and a devout soldier who was one of his attendants. 8 He told them everything that had happened and sent them to Joppa.

Notice that Cornelius was a Gentile. Peter's religion as a Jew forbade him from having any contact with Gentiles. They were both men under authority, but different heads of authority. One served God, and one served Rome. A relationship between the two seemed impossible. The story continues:

9 About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. 10 He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance. 11 He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners. 12 It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles of the earth and birds of the air. 13 Then a

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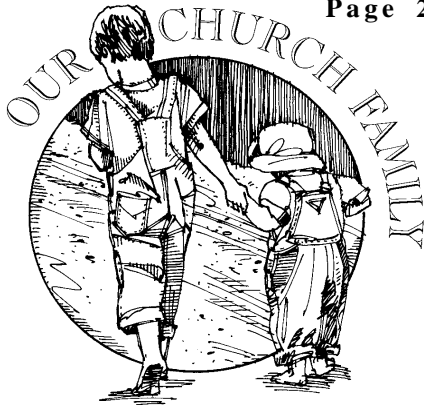
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Special points of interest:

- ◆ *Wednesdays: Devo Desserts*
- ◆ *6th: Holy Communion*
Free blood pressure screening
- ◆ *12th: New Members class*
Youth Mission Dinner fundraiser
- ◆ *13th: Cantata*
- ◆ *20th: Baptism*
- ◆ *22nd: Leprosy Mission lunch*
- ◆ *25-27th: YF Sr Hi Retreat;*
EPaUMC Mission Training



BAPTISMS

Joseph Michael Daciw Jr.

DEATHS

Kenneth H. Donaberger Sr.,
February 28

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Sharilyn "Dusty" Boyer
James and Susan Gibilante
Jeffrey and Ryan

UNKNOWN ADDRESS

Can you help us? The following members' addresses are unknown:
Patrick, Christine, Sean and Timothy Carney
Kristie and David Hamre
Deborah Highfield
William, Susan, Billy and Ashley Jirak
Heather Mozzoni
Brian and Susan O'Neill
Linda Pastor & Erik Hallermeier
Fran and Terri Westenberger

Devo Desserts

All are invited to our Wednesday evening Bible study from 6:30—7:30 p.m. in Habbersett Hall. We're finishing our study of Romans and in mid-April we'll begin the Book of Job. "Why do people suffer? Is God involved in our suffering?"

The congregation is invited—See Pastor Phil or Dr. Bill Roe and tell them you're coming!!

Spring Cantata

"Because He Lives" by Russell Mauldin is the title of this year's Spring Cantata.

This passionate celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ features some of the best-loved songs of all time, as well as

several brand new favorites. You will follow Jesus on His journey into Jerusalem and down the Way of Suffering to His death on the rugged cross. Moreover, all hearts and souls will find eternal hope as they celebrate the victorious resurrection of our Lord and Savior. All who share in this

worship experience should realize that life is indeed, "worth the living... just BECAUSE HE LIVES!"

Mark your calendars and plan to be there on April 13. The cantata will be presented at the 8:15 and 11 a.m. services.

Preaching Schedule

Pastor McGill will be preaching the following messages this month:

April 6th: "Why Is That Guy Prospering? I Know He Doesn't Know God". Prov-

verbs 10:22, Psalm 84: 11; Deut. 8:18

April 13th: Cantata, "Because He Lives," at 8:15 and 11:00 a.m.; Hymn Sing at 9:30.

April 20th: "Do You Really Know God?" Acts 10: 1-48.

April 27th: "Do You Want to be a Winner in Life?" Ephesians 1.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Lord is surely at work with this ministry. Many people have become involved in a lot of different ways. We are meeting together the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Diggins' home in Brookhaven from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. to knit, crochet and pray together.

Shawls, scarves, and toe socks (for military) are created and prayed over in our own homes during the rest of the month. Please be in prayer for this ministry and see if you are led

to give us a name of someone who would benefit from being prayed for and receiving a shawl. We will also accept donations toward materials. Call Dawn for more information (610.876.5011).

Shawls have been made for centuries, are universal and embracing--symbolic of God. They wrap, unfold, comfort, embrace, give shelter and solace.

Those who receive these are

uplifted and affirmed as if given wings to fly above their troubles. Compassion and love of knitting and crocheting have been combined into a prayerful ministry reaching out to those in need of comfort and solace. The shawl maker begins the shawl with prayers for the recipient, continues throughout its creation, and sends it on its way. *Prayer Shawl Ministry*

200th Anniversary Souvenir Book

Many compliments have been passed along to me regarding the souvenir book. For that I am grateful. I am pleased that everyone that has seen it, is pleased with what they hold in hand.

I want you to be aware of those who are responsible: Debbie DePrizio did the majority of the work on the book and deserves all of the accolades that we can pass on to her. Ken Donaberger is the responsible person for getting

the right price for the printing of this book as well as getting the printing done. Carolyn Lobb, Laurie Paige, Irma Taylor, and Richard & Linda Lawyer also had a large part in the completion of this masterpiece.

What a great team to work with and we are blessed to have a beautiful 80 page book that reflects our 200 years as a church. We must thank all of those people who contributed patron adds, thus helping to pay for this book. Thank you to everyone for your patience in getting this book to you and

thank you for your kind words of appreciation.

The 200th Anniversary Souvenir Books are available in Habbersett Hall. Each book is labeled with each member family's name and address. They are all placed in marked boxes that make it easier to locate yours. There are no extra books at this time, so please just take one per family.

Jan Duryea, Committee Chairperson



Do You Really Know God? (continued from the first page)

voice told him, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat."

14 "Surely not, Lord!" Peter replied. "I have never eaten anything impure or unclean."

Think about this for a minute. It wasn't some heathen trying to get Peter to fall into sin. **God** told him to rise, kill and eat. Peter did the same thing that most people in the church have done. He stood on his tradition and refused to budge. "Surely not, Lord! I have never!"

He didn't say, "Wait a minute, Lord. These beasts were forbidden to us by the law." He might have had a biblical foundation to question this command, but it didn't make any difference to him if it was in the law or not. His attitude was, "I'm Jewish and no pork chops are gonna cross these lips. No way. I have never!"

The Bible goes on to say: 15 *The voice spoke to him a second time, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean."* 16 *This happened three times, and immediately the sheet was taken back to heaven.*

17 *While Peter was wondering about the meaning of the vision, the men sent by Cornelius found out where Simon's house was and stopped at the gate. 18 They called out, asking if Simon who was known as Peter was staying there.*

19 *While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Simon, three^a men are looking for you. 20 So get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with*

them, for I have sent them."

There was a great chasm between the church and the world. Man wouldn't bridge the gap because of tradition and religion. So God had to build a bridge that started with Peter and Cornelius. Because those men moved past their prejudices, you and I are Christians today.

Think about it. If it hadn't been for this bridge, the Gospel would never have been preached through men like Wesley, Finney, Asbury or Billy Graham. Neither would Aaron Mattson have been inspired to give this acre of ground on which Mount Hope Church stands today.

In verses thirty-four and thirty-five, Peter makes one of the most beautiful statements recorded in the Bible. "Then Peter began to speak: 'I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts men from every nation who fear Him and do what is right.' "

If you continue reading down to verse 43, you'll read Peter's sermon to Cornelius and those with him. Then in Acts 10: 44-48, the Bible records the results of Peter's sermon:

44 *While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. 45 The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. 46 For they heard them speaking in tongues^a and praising God.*

Then Peter said, 47 "Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water? They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have." 48 *So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus*

Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

What did God do here? He moved the newly formed church beyond their concept of Christianity. That's exactly what He wants to do with Mount Hope Church; expand our concept of Christianity so we can build bridges to reach out into the community.

Before we can effectively be bridge builders, we must learn to stop burning the ones men like Peter and Cornelius built for us. So how do we burn bridges?

Opinion

One of the quickest ways to ignite a bridge and burn it is through our opinions. Opinion is a dangerous thing. It is nothing more than a transitory form of thought floating on the surface of life. And it is subject to change with every wave.

When you are faced with a sensitive situation, the first thing to crucify is your opinion. Let's face it, your opinion doesn't hold water—God is going to do what He wants anyway.

"God would never call me into that place." Oh, yes He would! God would never You fill in the blank. God will do or allow a lot of things to get you out of your narrow concept of Christianity, into the place where He can use you.

Speculation

The second way to burn bridges is through speculation. The devil uses speculation in the church to tear down instead of build up. Speculation is not a spiritual quest for truth (John 14:6). It arises from the soulish realm and produces suspicion,

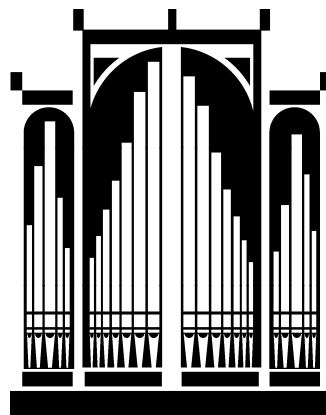
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Praise the Lord!

We're on the home stretch!

All parts and pipes are installed, tuning is in progress.

Stay tuned for announcements for the inaugural concert on the Mount Hope Organ



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Women of Faith

Thirty tickets have been ordered for the 2008 *Women of Faith* Conference to be held in Philadelphia on September 13th & 14th. The location is the same as last year, Wachovia Center.

If you went last year, you know what an inspirational and spiritual two days this can be and if you did not

go last year, why not join us this year and see for yourself what this can mean to you? Tickets are \$45.00 per person and must be paid for by June 7, 2008.

Both church vans have been reserved for these 2 days, which means you do not have to drive yourself into the city. Last year we "tail

gated" for lunch and that can be arranged again this year. Otherwise, there are the food courts at the Wachovia Center and a box lunch can be ordered from Women of Faith for \$8.00 per person. For questions please contact Jan Duryea jduryea@hotmail.com or 610 361-8231.

Children's Center News

Our April Bible Verse:
"For God so loved the world He gave His only begotten Son"

John 3:16

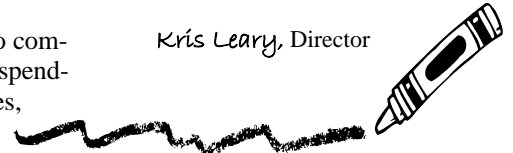
Spring is so close, we can smell it in the air, see it in the change of the sun, and the trees and bushes are budding! Every year it seems to be more and more welcome. Our busy month of March is over and we are looking forward to

enjoying our April. Our Fruit of the Spirit is Gentleness, please join us for chapel on April 29th and 30th at 11:30 AM. This month we invite our fathers, uncles, or grandfathers to "Breakfast with Buddies and we will be traveling to Neumann College for a play towards the end of the month.

We will also commemorate Earth Day spending the day flying kites,

blowing bubbles, and hopefully picking up some trash. The children really enjoy this special day and learn about the importance of taking care of our world. We will have our seven-week summer program again this July and August. Call or stop up for more information, 610-558-0442.

Kris Leary, Director



What's New In the Library

How Did I Get So Busy? by Valorie Burton, is described perfectly by its subtitle: The 28-day Plan to Free Your Time, Reclaim Your Schedule and Reconnect with What Matters Most. I couldn't pass it up! *Wrestling with Angels*, by Carolyn Arends, award-winning songwriter and recording artist, is a series of personal stories revealing how God meets people in ordinary moments of

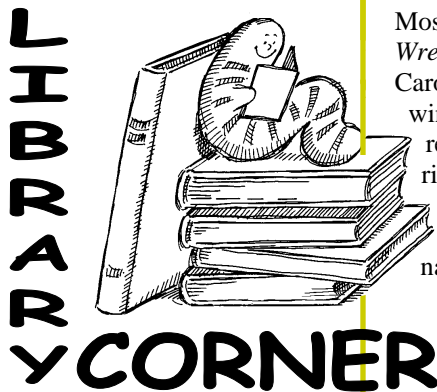
When the Sandpiper Calls and *When Bobbie Sang the Blues*, the first two volumes of

the Cozy Mystery Series by Peggy Darty, are light-hearted, contemporary mysteries set in Florida. The Shop-Til-U-Drop Collection, features gemologist Andrea Adams solving mysteries as she travels around the world advising customers. The series begins with *Priced to Move* and *A Steal of a Deal*, by Ginny Aiken. *Kingdom Wars I: A Hideous Beauty*, is a new offering from Jack Cavanaugh. Grant Austin learns of a plan to assassinate the president of the U.S. and soon finds himself at the center of a battle as he stands alone against ancient powers

and unspeakable evil.

Our DVD collection now includes *Saving Sarah Cain*, based on a novel by Beverly Lewis. Sarah is a successful columnist who finds herself guardian of her estranged sister's orphaned children -- five Amish children! We also have *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, last year's hit retelling of C.S. Lewis' classic. If you didn't see it in the theater, you have to see it at home!

Lynn Ward
 Librarian





Vacation Bible School

Chadder the Chipmunk and all his friends are back again this year for Vacation Bible School! Our theme this year is “POWER LAB: Discovering the miraculous power of Jesus’ love!” VBS will be held

from 9 AM until 11:45 AM the week of June 23-27 and volunteers are desperately needed! Remember, you don’t have to volunteer for the whole week – you can volunteer for just one day or help with preparations beforehand

such as decorating or preparing name tags. Anyone willing to lend a hand to Mount Hope’s largest community outreach program, please contact Kathy Simonds at 610-558-3253



Do You Really Know God? (continued from page 3)

criticism and malicious talk. Speculation is a poor substitute for prayer. It presumes to know what God would do or would not do based on “I have never!”

At first Peter speculated about the vision God gave him. But then he went to Cornelius, with “no hesitation,” even though he knew it would offend every Jew in the nation of Israel (Acts 11: 12). Jesus did a lot of things that offended the customs and traditions of the religious establishment of that day.

Prejudice

The third way we burn bridges is through prejudice. Prejudice is a terrible thing. Racism in the purest form is akin to Nazism. The Nazis declassified Jews, cripples, and retarded people and said they weren’t human. They classified them with rodents, rats and roaches.

“Oh, we’re Christians. We’d never do that.” *NO?* Well, think about prejudice for a moment. Prejudice always divides. Whenever you see division in the church, you, can always trace it back to opinion, speculation and prejudice. The end product is always division—never unity. That’s why God is looking for people who will build bridges instead of burn them.

Man’s prejudice has

divided us again when it comes to the knowledge of God. We’ve been divided into Roman Catholic, Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Lutheran, Assembly of God, United Church of Christ, Church of God and Full Gospel, to name a few. God said we are One Body, One Church. God never said we were many bodies! That’s man’s prejudice.

You see, the size of your vision will reflect the size of your faith. If you see yourself as a member of Jesus’ Body on earth, that vision will reflect the greatness of your faith.

Take Mount Hope for example. If our vision is limited to our denomination or to our local church, we’ve dwarfed the Body of Christ. And our faith will be dwarfed as well.

To overcome prejudice, we’ve got to go back to the beginning. God knelt down in the dirt to doodle. Does this surprise you? It shouldn’t. Jesus liked to doodle in the dirt too, because He was like His Father. When you see kids doodling in the dirt, they’re just acting like their Dad.

So God played in the dirt and formed someone that looked like Him. It was just a bunch of dirt until He breathed on it, and with that

breath suddenly came life. Adam opened his eyes. From Adam, God formed Eve. That means we all have the same mother and father.

So why do we look so different? Did you ever stop to think that God may have used all different colors of dirt? He used black dirt, white dirt, yellow dirt, red dirt and brown dirt. It’s hard to be prejudiced when you realize we are nothing more than bags of colored dirt with God’s breath inside.

Prejudice isn’t just about denominations and color. There’s prejudice in the church over the clothes we wear or the style of our hair. It’s about what one person considers a sin. It starts with opinion, “I have never!” and progresses to speculation. The final product is prejudice.

The Church must build a bridge over prejudice. God is speaking the same words to us that He spoke to Peter, “*What I call clean, do not call unclean.*”

There’s a difference between holding truth and being held by it. We can’t preach to people if we aren’t willing to humble ourselves and cross the bridge of prejudice.

Isn’t that dangerous? Of course it is! True Christianity has always dared to live

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NEW MEMBERS’ CLASS

Saturday, April 12
9—11:30 a.m.
in the Lounge

Call or email the Church office to sign up



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Leprosy Luncheon

It's sad that leprosy is still a health concern in today's world. You're invited to attend the Leprosy Missions luncheon and program on March 22, Noon-2 pm in Habersett Hall. The cost: \$5.00. Donna Kelly will provide musical entertainment.

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Church Family

Photo

The congregational photograph taken on Anniversary Sunday, May 6, 2007 is available for purchase for \$25. We must have a minimum of 50 orders. Payment is due before the pictures can be ordered. Please stop by the Narthex, where it is on display, and then please email us at office@mthope.org to place your order.

dangerously. Beware of the deadening influence of routine and its twin brother, the enslaving power of custom. It was those two things, routine and custom, that caused Peter to argue with God Almighty!

"Not so, Lord! For I have never!" Those words rose to my lips when I considered the thought that routine and custom have an enslaving effect on me. Then I considered that people walk into churches all around the world— using Mount Hope as an example (and pick up a bulletin. The service is already planned. Worship at 8:15 a.m., Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. along with contemporary worship at 9:30 a.m. Worship again at 11:00 a.m. Benediction promptly at the close of each service. Hospitality prior to each service. Whoops, we left out a move of the Holy Spirit. What is that? Routine,

custom, tradition!

Don't misunderstand, I'm not saying we should throw out all organization, custom or routine. What I am saying is this: as we all get older we have a tendency to let custom and routine dictate our lives? But if we don't adapt ourselves to some change, we are going to lose our opportunity to touch this community. If God required Peter and Cornelius to change in order to reach the larger community and world, how can we expect to do any less?

Diplomatic adjustments by the clergy or the Administrative Board of Mount Hope Church will not bring about the necessary change required to move this Church forward. So how will we bridge the gap? The same way Cornelius and Peter did. If you read the tenth chapter of Acts carefully, you'll see a common link.

Cornelius was praying. Peter was praying.

Cornelius was fasting. Peter was fasting.

Waiting in prayer and fasting softens prejudice and widens sympathies; it makes you open to hear the leading of the Holy Spirit. Prayer and fasting softened two men from opposing cultures and politics, and opened them to be led by the Holy Spirit to build a bridge. It worked for Peter and Cornelius, and it will work for you and me.

When that starts to happen, watch out! God will move us out of our comfort zone. He will call you to places you never would have gone and to people you never would have loved. He'll bridge the gap to spread the Good News to every person in our community and beyond.

Pastor McGill

Why Is That Guy Prospering? (cont. from the back page)

will work for anybody who applies them, saved or unsaved.

But once you come to the saving knowledge of Jesus, you have the opportunity to gain ALL that God has for you, spiritually, physically and financially. You can work under supernatural laws. Jesus paid the price so that you could have life and have it abundantly (John 10:10). That person prospering according to natural law will never be able to receive the blessings that belong to you no matter how

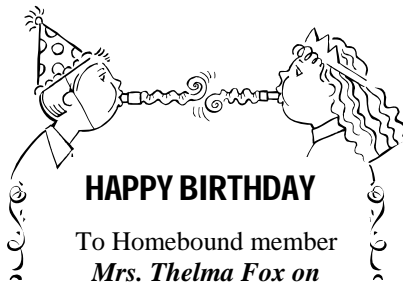
hard he tries. You see, without God there is no healing, no peace, no real joy, no promise of eternal life, no true prosperity. There are only worldly things, and they do not last or satisfy.

You have the opportunity to experience a full and complete life in God! He has plenty, and He's ready to pour out a blessing you don't have room enough to contain! (Malachi 3:10). He simply asks that we do our part in keeping our promise when we joined the church to uphold it

by our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service. When we do our part He is faithful to do His! "You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the power to get wealth" (Deuteronomy 8:18 (NKJV). Misfortune pursues the sinner, but prosperity is the reward of the righteous." (Proverbs 13: 21 NIV).

It's my prayer that God prosper you in every area of your life, in Jesus name.

Pastor McGill



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To Homebound member Mrs. Thelma Fox on April 23rd 206 Robin Hood LN Aston PA 19014-1911 Mrs. Dorothy Kieffer on April 24th 38 N Avon DR Claymont DE 19703-1510



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Why Is That Guy Prospering?

I know he doesn't know God!

Have you ever asked that question? For people who aren't already prospering in the world, spiritual prosperity will be the key to obtaining earthly prosperity. I've heard many people who get aggravated about their situation. They look down the road at their neighbor and say, "That guy down the block is prospering like crazy. And I know he doesn't know God!"

That's right, you hit the nail on the head. The guy doesn't know God. He may not even be saved.

Consequently, he's doing everything in his own strength. And he may be suc-

cessful at what he does. He may have learned how to go out into the world and produce wealth. But, the rules for you don't apply to him. He's going to hell. You are going to Heaven. Big difference! He's working under natural law, and although he is becoming successful at it, there is no peace without Jesus and so it will amount to nothing in the end.

He is not prospering spiritually and physically. He only has financial prosperity and without the Lord, he'll have a hard time making it last for a long time.

You, on the other

hand, have the ability to work under supernatural law, which is not only more effective in gaining financial prosperity than natural law alone, but also helps you to prosper in all the other ways God wants you to.

You see, in this world you may be a good business man and become wealthy. Many unsaved wealthy people practice godly principles and succeed. Sometimes they don't even know they are God's principles because someone has written a book for financial success that is really just a compilation of godly principles in everyday language! God's principles of wealth

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