

Newsletter: Thanks Be To God; In Whom We Have Triumph In Christ Jesus!

Harvest Time

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Mission: To equip women to overcome life challenges and find God's purpose and fulfillment through prayer, teaching, and mentoring relationships.

Vision: Daughters of Hope Ministry is called to lead women towards spiritual, emotional, and physical wholeness through the application of biblical principles to their lives.



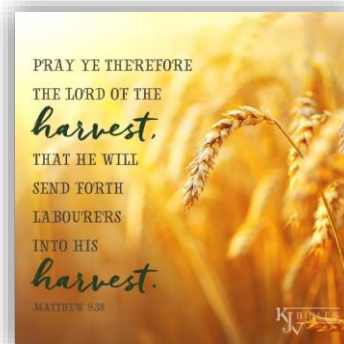
With the presidential election approaching, many are anxious about the future. I've been asked countless times, "Who do you think will win this election?" My answer remains the same: *I don't know. It's all in God's hands.* No matter what happens, my trust is in God, not in man. I understand the tension many are feeling, and I know I am not alone in being asked this question. There is so much hopelessness, anxiety, and despair in our world today.

But I believe this is also an opportunity, a sign that "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few," as Jesus said in Matthew 9:37-38 (NIV). The harvest Jesus refers to here is the souls of people, and the mission before us is clear: we are called to bring in that harvest for the Kingdom of God.



Are you ready to give an answer for the hope that lies within you? The Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20 (MSG) speaks directly to this righteous harvest. Jesus, undeterred, gave His followers this charge: *"God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age."*

As Christians, we are not only part of the harvest, but we are also called to "re-seed" by sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The harvest is plentiful, and we must be prepared to give an answer to those seeking hope.



-- Linda Gary, DOHM President

Keep Your Lamp Lit: *Be Prepared in Every Season*



In the Gospel of Matthew (25:1-13), Jesus shares the Parable of the Ten Virgins to emphasize the importance of spiritual readiness. In this story, ten virgins await the arrival of the bridegroom. Five are wise and bring extra oil for their lamps, while the other five are foolish and bring none. When the bridegroom is delayed, the foolish virgins' lamps run out of oil, and they must leave to buy more. During their absence, the bridegroom arrives, and they miss the wedding feast.

Imagine students who wait until the night before an exam to begin studying. In the rush, they struggle to grasp the material, and despite cramming, they feel unprepared during the test. This situation mirrors the lesson in the Parable of the Ten Virgins. Just as the foolish virgins were not ready for the bridegroom's arrival, the students were not prepared for the exam.

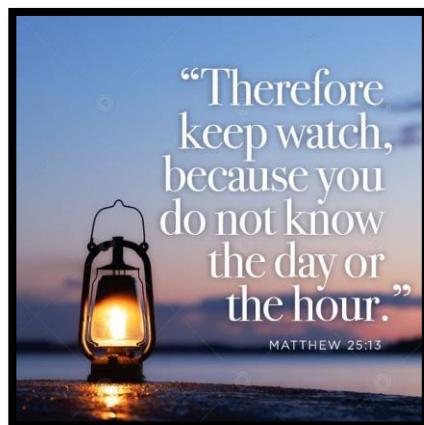
In our spiritual lives, we cannot rely on last-minute efforts to build our faith. Like the wise virgins who brought extra oil, we must nurture our relationship with God consistently—through prayer, the study of scripture, and acts of service—so that when challenges or unexpected moments arise, we are ready.

Just as students benefit from daily studying, we benefit from daily spiritual practices that keep our "lamps" filled and burning brightly.

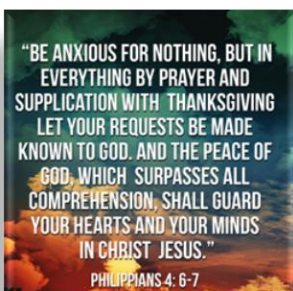
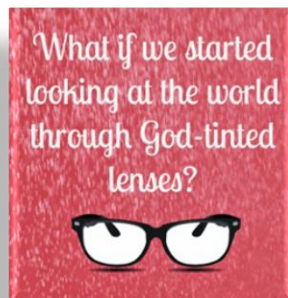
The Parable of the Ten Virgins serves as a powerful reminder that we must be prepared for Christ's return. Spiritual readiness, symbolized by the oil, cannot be borrowed or acquired at the last moment. It requires ongoing faith, vigilance, and devotion. Just as the wise virgins were ready when the time came, we, too, must live our lives in constant spiritual preparation.

As we reflect on this parable, let's ask ourselves: Are we keeping our spiritual lamps lit? Are we prepared for Christ's arrival, whether it be today or years from now?

BE PREPARED!!!



How is Your Vision?



I wear prescription glasses. Without them, I don't see clearly, and some things look blurry. When I put my glasses on, things become clearer, and I can see things as they really are. A worldview is a collection of attitudes, values, and expectations about the world around us. A person's worldview influences every thought he has and every action he takes. It determines his ethics, religion, philosophy, and scientific beliefs. It is like the lens through which a person sees the world.

At conversion, Christians become new creations in Christ and citizens of another kingdom. Our pre- and post-conversion worldviews should be very different. Having knowledge of who God is, the belief in the truths of scripture, and the fact the Holy Spirit comes to live within us, changes our perspective. As we grow and mature in our knowledge of the things of God, our view of life becomes clearer, and our thoughts and actions should change accordingly.

The idiom, "looking at life through rose-tinted glasses," means having a cheerful view of things, often without a valid basis. As Christians, when we view the world around us and our life experiences, we should view them through "scripture-tinted" or "God-colored" glasses such that our vision of life is based on biblical truths. We should view things as God says they are, not how man, whom God created, defines them. The clarity of our vision is dependent upon our level of knowledge and acceptance of spiritual truths.

A couple of weeks ago, I needed to make several time-sensitive, life-altering decisions at the same time. I felt as if I had to juggle several egg-like balls at once, and the balls were all falling downward at the same time. At first, unfortunately, I spent several days allowing myself to be overwhelmed by them, while trying to figure out how to prevent them all from falling. Thank God for the indwelling Holy Spirit, who reminded me of several things:

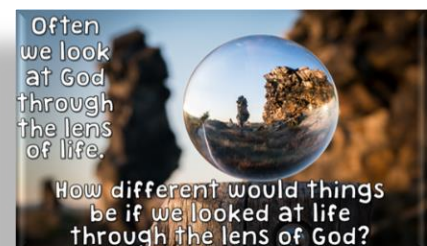
- God has invited us to cast our cares on Him for He cares for us. I was carrying my burdens myself.
- God is sovereign. Nothing can happen in my life unless He allows it.
- And one of my favorite passages; Philippians 4:6-7 – "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

In response, I laid each of my burden-eggs at His feet, acknowledged His sovereignty, and reconfirmed in my mind that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose. I thanked Him for His promise to never leave or forsake me. As for my burden eggs, my conclusion was, "So, what if they all came crashing down? My God would still be with me."

My heart is no longer racing, and my thoughts are no longer filled with anxiety. My circumstances did not change, but how I view them did, allowing me to experience that peace that passes understanding. The Holy Spirit, our comforter and guide, helped me view my circumstances through scripture-tinted lenses!

How is your vision? Does it need adjusting?

-- Cornette Cole, DOHM Treasurer



A Psalm of Thanksgiving

Psalm 100:1-5

¹Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands!

*²Serve the Lord with gladness;
Come before His presence with singing.*

*³Know that the Lord, He is God;
It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;
We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.*

*⁴Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
And into His courts with praise.
Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.*

*⁵For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting,
And His truth endures to all generations.*

Faith ... Patience

Having Faith or standing on Faith is something we hear and often say as we navigate the things in life. It is a "Faith Walk," often said while waiting for the answers. Also, usually, we focus on the results we want to see and declare we are believing by Faith. However, our Faith is not tied to a desired outcome. Our Faith in God places the answer(s) in His hands. Our Faith does not control what we will receive. What trusting in Faith teaches us is patience.

Equation: Faith + Faith + Faith + Faith = Patience

Unplanned Side Effects:

1. We learn to wait.
2. What we also are learning is endurance.
3. What we see is what perseverance looks like.



James 1: 2-4 (NKJV) – “² My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴ But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.”

In my words or my paraphrase for this verse: “My sisters and brothers in the Lord, look for the benefit when life hands you a bag of rocks, know this, that the strength and knowledge you will gain working with something hard and seemingly unchangeable, transforms you, completing the training you will need to finish the courses of your life.”

Now faith is the
substance of
things hoped for,
the evidence of
things not seen.
Hebrews 11:1

The Faith chapter, Hebrews 11, lists many who had Faith, some not seeing the outcome. They were commended for their Faith. But trusting in our Lord, who knows all and knows best, may let us see the result in the here and now, or in a future time. There will be an outcome because our God is Faithful; it may be during the journey. Let us actively seek the joys in the journey and have the same good report commended for our Faith.

An acrostic that may help you remember how we need to approach Faith.

F A I T H – Forever Always I Trust Him

Endurance
Perseverance
Patience
Trust



How To Claim Your Lifetime Lottery Jackpot

Financial pressure can be a significant source of stress in life. The anxiety of ensuring you have enough money to keep a roof over your head, feed and support your family, and cover your bills is crucial. The idea of playing the lottery can be tempting because winning might resolve your financial issues. But if you lose, you are left with nothing.

As children of God, we live by a different set of principles than the world does. Why gamble your money on the uncertainty of the world's "get rich quick" schemes when we have the guaranteed promises of God? We are already victorious, so why haven't more Christians embraced *GOD'S* promises and claim their lifetime jackpot, which far surpasses anything the world offers, and it is given to us freely by God?

Remember, we are the children of God, and we must "seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." (at no charge)

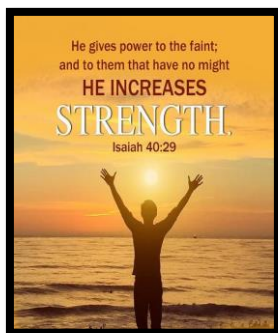
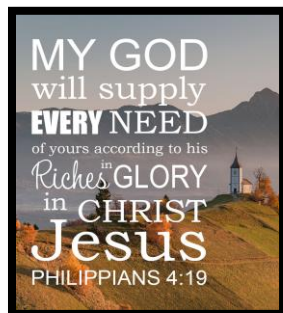
Matthew 6:33.

By following these principles to transform and renew your mind, your mind will align with the mind of Christ, and you can fully embrace God's everlasting reward.

- L** Love God – "You shall love the Lord with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." **Mark 12:30**
- O** Obey God – "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice." **1 Samuel 15:22**
- T** Trust God – "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding." **Proverbs 3:5**
- T** Transform your mind – "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." **Romans 12:2**
- E** Examine your faith – "Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves that Jesus Christ is in you?" **2 Corinthians 13:5**
- R** Receive from God – "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks, it will be opened. **Matthew 7:8**
- Y** Yield not to temptation – "...but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God." **Romans 6:13**

God is the one who provides for us. Continue to nurture and strengthen your relationship with God and live a victorious life.

-- Gretchen Huntley, DOHM Member





Daughters of Hope Ministry – Event Vendor



"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful; I know that full well."
Psalms 139:14

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For more information on previous event vendors, please visit the DOHM website at
<https://daughtersofhope.org/conference-vendors/>.

**MORE
DETAILS
Coming Soon!**

Upcoming EVENTS

- ✚ DOHM Tea – “Don’t Forget The Oil” – Saturday, May 17, 2025
- ✚ Entrepreneur Event – “Bring Up the Treasure That Is Within You” (Date to be determined)
- ✚ Open Forum – (Date and Title to be determined)
- ✚ 2026 DOHM Women’s Retreat – “For Such A Time As This” (Date to be determined)

Do-It-Yourself At Home

Exploring new ways to treat and care for ourselves is becoming increasingly more important daily. See the links below for simple steps and natural skin care recipes using natural ingredients for DIY facials and foot care at home.



<https://www.hellodollface.com/clean-beauty/diy-facial-natural-ingredients/>
<https://www.healthline.com/health/diy-foot-soak>



The DOHM continually pray for all of you. We stand together offering support and strength through prayer, and we believe in the power of collective prayer to uplift and comfort one another. However, if you have an individual specific request that you would like us to pray over, we invite you to submit it on our website at www.daughtersofhope.org or by email at daughtersohope@aol.com. Whether it is a personal struggle or a loved one in need, your prayer requests are welcomed and valued. Rest assured that your requests will be held in confidentiality and treated with respect.

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