



Serving With Joy

by Verne Luchinski

Living today with our eyes on the future. Living in the world, but not of it. This is the path of every follower of Christ. The second we are “born again” we step into an eternity with Christ. We repent of our selfish ways and, in obedience, learn how to be like Jesus. We follow Him into the place of suffering of our fellow man to help ease that suffering. We develop a heart for reaching those who live separated from Christ. We are compelled by love to stand up for the weak and marginalized and intervene on their behalf. We reach out to those who live next door while supporting missionaries at home and around the world. What’s wrong with this picture? Absolutely nothing! However, our joy amidst suffering should be the hallmark of our actions. *Why do we do what we do?* Because the restoration of paradise is the future hope we have in Christ! It brings a sense of urgency, encouragement and purpose to everything we do! We count any present suffering as nothing compared to the inexpressible joy we look forward to when Jesus restores all things! Let us encourage one another with these words!

TESTIMONY

“Thank you for the course, “The New Life in Christ”. It was a refreshing, wonderful reminder of the foundation of our faith. The most exciting and striking lesson for me, was the reminder of Christ’s 2nd coming.”

Adult student.

Ten Terrific Traits

- Part 1

by Brian Cummins

In view of our organizational name and frequent focus on David, it may be profitable to look at the kind of people God brought around David to help make him successful. A fascinating list is given in **1 Chronicles 12:23-40** describing **ten terrific traits** common to these men and equally essential for us who follow the great Son of David, Jesus Christ.

The first trait is “**PREPARED.**” Notice the many references in this passage to the “preparation” of these men: they were “equipped for war”, “armed for war”, “fit for war”, “expert in war with all weapons of war”, and “armed for battle with every kind of weapon of war.” They knew that what they were about to do would involve “war.” It would not be easy and so they came “prepared” – armed and equipped.

Now it is true that we are not involved in physical war; but we are certainly in a *spiritual* battle. Paul therefore told the young pastor Timothy to “wage the good warfare” and “fight the good fight of faith.” The Bible clearly warns us that the Christian life is not an easy one. There will be trials, tribulations, temptations, and an enemy who constantly seeks our downfall. So we need to be prepared – and we can be, because God has supplied us with all the armour we need (listed in Eph. 6). We just have to put it on. And when we do, He has promised us the victory. “*In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.*” (Rom. 8:37)



Keeping Our Eyes on the Prize

- Vaughan V. Durston

Last night I watched the results of the American election, and the first e-mail I received this morning was lesson answers on, "Jesus is Coming Soon".

Sometimes when things don't happen the way we were hoping, this morning's e-mail sounds pretty good. For the Christian we need to keep in mind the old song written by Stuart Hamblin.

*"This world is not my home, I'm just a-passing through.
My treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue."*

On the bright side this is one more day to give out the Good News. I'll do that in Club DJ this evening. There are many children and youth that I want to go with me when Jesus comes. I love what we are doing through giving out the Good News. We have received over 65,000 completed lessons this year.

Every day comments are made by our students as to what they are learning, such as:

"Sin always leads to bondage. Once you continue in it, you become a slave to it." "The more we feed the flesh, the more power it has over us. The flesh wants what it wants and will do what's necessary to get it." "All of this starts when we are young. If it's not corrected, we can end up doing some serious damage to ourselves and others."



In a world of self-centeredness what a privilege we have giving out the gospel and encouraging Christ-centeredness! Your prayers and giving allow the front line to move forward with this message.

Our Mission
"developing young people
after God's own heart"



TEXAS

As we live in this shaky world we are reminded of the little couplet that says, "Only one life, t'will soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last."

We may never know how many children will be in heaven as a result of the 5000+ lessons that were completed this summer in the U.S. But we do know that the first little boy to receive his award book for doing 10 lessons after attending a summer club was saved through studying God's Word.

These comments from adults doing online lessons are examples of what many are learning about their eternal destiny: JK writes, "If we do not accept Christ before we die, we will not have another chance." JW writes, "If you believe in Jesus as your Savior you can know for sure you will go to heaven."

ALBERTA/BC

We welcome all inquiries about faith, friends, or whatever. It never ceases to amaze us how open children are to discussing great questions and sharing their hopes and fears. We are grateful for the opportunity D&J has to make a positive difference in the lives of young people! Pray, volunteer, or give to the work we do. Make a

Our Vision

"to see Jesus seated on the throne of every 'David' and ruling over all the aspects of their life."

difference in a child's life today that will echo through eternity!

ONTARIO

God is answering our prayers! We are working with twelve camps across Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes. We have received 400 new registrations during and since the 2008 camping season. We trust that these 400, plus all the many former campers, will continue to learn God's word and learn to "Live today with their eyes fixed on eternity."

It warms our hearts to be the recipient of notes from children and youth who tell us of their concerns to know God and to live for God.

Please continue to pray for the work and financial needs of D&J.

SASKATCHEWAN

I always enjoy receiving personal letters from students. Many of these letters are asking the same question, How can I know that I am a child of God? That is a wonderful question that everyone should ask themselves. 1 John 5:13 says, "I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. ..." God doesn't want us to spend our whole life wondering if we are a child of God; He wants us to know. The lessons that we are sending out explain how you can be sure you are ready for eternity. Many students are requesting lessons to be sent to their siblings or cousins or school friends. Once people hear the good news about the gospel the natural thing is to want to tell others. I believe we are living in important days and it is very exciting to see many come to Christ because of the message in

INTERNET REPORT

Over the past 3 years we have seen a **265% increase** in the number of visitors to our website. Nearly 4000 people come to it each month putting ubdavid.org in the top 15% of all websites for traffic ranking. The attraction, of course, is the help so many students receive by doing some of our 447 online lessons. A 10-year-old girl recently wrote: "I love this web site, it gives children like me and all my brothers real true facts about our Lord Jesus in fun ways they can understand. Thanx for creating this wonder webpage for all ages." An 11-year-old wrote, "By the way, I really like the flash mode lessons. They put a picture in your head that is easier to understand. Reading it off of paper is not as fun." And an adult said, "These lessons are teaching me new things I have never recognized about walking with Christ and they are a tool that helps me come back to the Word much more often than I was previously."



the Mailbox Club lessons.

Club DJ

The ministry of **Club DJ** continues to grow across the nation as we seek to partner with churches to **reach** children in their community, **give** them the gospel, **win** them for Christ, and **disciple** them to have **'Hearts that Desire to Please God'**. Children continue to invite their friends each week as new children are reached and register all year long. So far over **900 children** are enrolled and reports are already in of children coming to Christ this fall. One note we just received from a new church said, "More good news! The club continues to grow in both numbers and the children's growth. One of the clubbers brought two of her friends but when her parents discovered

the Bible emphasis they did not allow them to continue to come, but S. and her dad are all the more determined to pray that the girls return." Would you pray for the children that are reached each week across our nation that they would not be hindered from coming to **Club DJ** and hearing the gospel message?

We have been conducting **Club DJ Workshops** in churches across Canada and if you would like more information on hosting **Club DJ Workshops** in your church please contact Jerry at jdurston@clubdj.ca. Only eternity will reveal the full impact of the importance of reaching children in their community.

Our Method

Jonathans building up Davids
“And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking with Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.”

(1 Samuel 18:1)

PRAYER REQUESTS

- * Pray that *David & Jonathan* would become better known across Canada, the United States and the world.
- * Pray for the continued success of Club DJ and its partnering churches.
- * Pray for people and resources to reach and disciple the 66 million children across Canada and the U.S.
- * Pray for the thousands of students who are currently taking lessons. Along with this pray that the students from camps and clubs who have sent in a lesson will want to continue doing lessons.



TESTIMONIES...

“I learned more and more about how to live a Christian life and more about who Jesus is.” (15 year old)

“Thanks so much for this amazing life building study.” (11 year old)

“I want you guys to know that I really enjoy the lessons! They really speak to me. They don’t just repeat all the typical stuff you always hear, they’re deeper than that and requires me/others to think. Thanks a lot.” (17 year old)

“Thank you for the lesson. I can’t wait to get more.” (10 year old)

“Thank you so much for sending me the lessons by paper. You are so awesome! I thank you for all the time and effort you put into looking at my letters and correcting my lessons. May your day be special!” (12 year old)

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