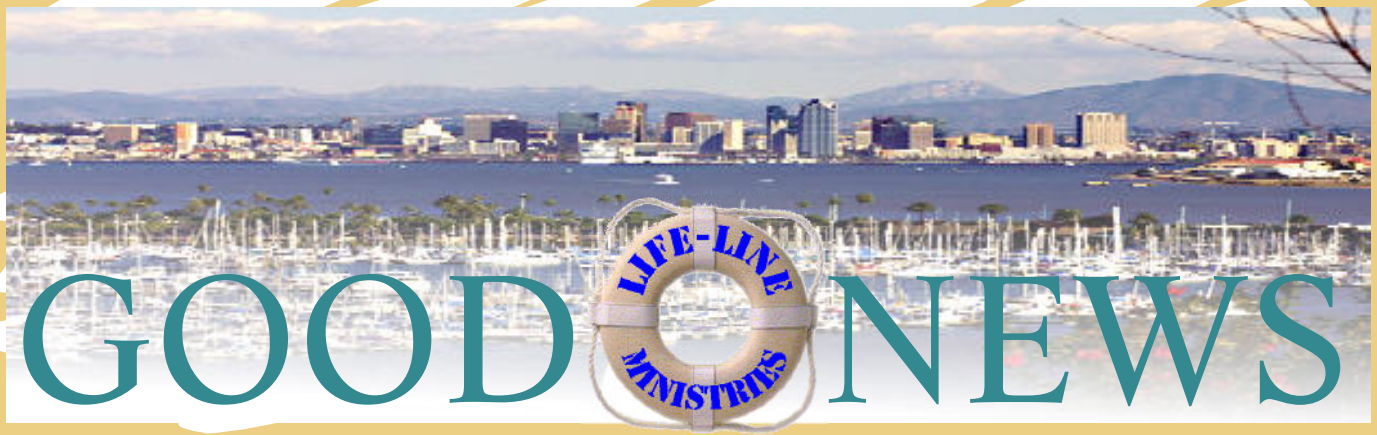


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Life-Line now has 11 CD players and carry cases with New Testament CD

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

*Pastor David Horner
Life-Line Ministries*

OUTREACH

Donna Scheffler, burned out van. She needs our help.

EDUCATION

Understanding the Gift of Leadership

Thank you



Thanks to your giving, we now have several CD players and disks in homes where they are needed, sharing the Word of God with patients.

Understanding the Gift of Leadership

Spiritual Gifts Series: Part Two

Pastor Jim Hakes, Life-Line Ministries

The spiritual gift of leadership is the ability to influence others according to a "big picture" purpose, mission, or plan (Romans 12:8), but notice I did not say the ability to lead. It is the ability to influence others. It is influence that causes others to follow the leader. Webster defines influence as the power or capacity of causing an effect in an indirect or intangible way. It may apply to a force exercised and received consciously or unconsciously. Influence placed on those that follow can be either bad or a good (Proverbs 13:20).

The biblical definition of the word influence dates back to the Hebrew word *adannah*, Strong's # 4575. It means to bond. A bond is something used to tie, hold, or adhere something firmly together. For example, Solomon had the ability to influence or bond others together with his great wisdom (1 Kings 4:29-34).

The devil uses bad leadership to pervert God's righteous justice (Exodus 23:2), therefore, any Influence should be used for the good of others (Esther 10:3). Bad leaders beware; Jesus warned that judgment awaits those who cause others to stumble (Luke 17:1-3). Leaders will be judged for their laziness, complacency, and ineffectiveness to lead. All leaders weather good or bad will someday give an account of their service of leading at the judgment seat of Christ (Hebrews 13:17).

Those leaders that understand the spiritual realities of the kingdom will not choose the brief joy of satisfying selfish desires over the spiritual joy of putting aside those desires for the sake of others (Romans 14:10-12). Here are some great Biblical guidelines for all leaders to follow:

- Leaders are chosen for greatness (Gen. 18:16-19), and are to be fair with others (Gen. 47:13-26).
- Leaders must face their responsibility with Humility (Ex. 3:11; Num. 12th; 2 Sam.

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Message for the Month



Pastor David Horner

The Fisherman

A businessman watched a fisherman go out in his little boat every day. When he returned he only had a few fish in the boat.

"Why do you only catch a few fish every day?" He asked the fisherman.

"Because that's all I need," said the fisherman.

The businessman said: "Why don't you catch more fish. Then you can sell them and buy a bigger boat so you can catch even more fish. Then you can get a business going like me. Then you can take it easy."

To that the fisherman replied: "What do you think I'm doing now."

Something to think about. Look at this story from a Biblical stand point and discuss it with your friends, etc.

God Bless

Pastor David

OUTREACH

Donna Scheffler

Escapes her burning handicap van She needs our Help

SAN DIEGO -- A Lakeside woman rescued from a burning van by a group of strangers last week spoke to 10News about her "angels."

On Dec. 29, 62-year-old Donna Scheffler was driving a transport van when it began experiencing mechanical problems near the intersection of Main Street and Sunshine Avenue in El Cajon.



Three other people in the vehicle were able to escape, but Scheffler, who was in a wheelchair, could not exit the van.

Joe Spencer and his 8-year-old daughter were across the street when they noticed several people run by in a panic the woman trapped in the van. "I got closer and I saw some flames coming from the front and people were saying, 'Fire, fire, the car's on fire.' They

were panicking because they couldn't get the wheelchair, so they had to get as many people as possible to get her out," said Spencer, who was involved in the rescue effort. ***You can help by donating to "The Donna Scheffler Trust" at any Bank of America branch.***

Divine Healing

By Pastor Jim Hakes, Life-Line Ministries

As you read this, already you may be asking yourself; "Why Me?" Why am I going through this? I assure you, you are not here by coincidence or because you have done something wrong.

Let's start from the beginning and look at the spirituality of what sickness really is, and its purpose in your life. Although not everyone has the propensity to be sick, there are many who seem to have been sick their entire life. Some of you are sick enough to be in the hospital for the first time. It is easy for one who is going through an affliction to think that they are being punished.

While it is true that God uses sickness from time to time as a punishment, correction, or chastisement for His children, it is not the sole purpose of sickness. According to God's Word, the Bible describes sickness as being weak or feeble (Matt 10:8), impotent or diseased, to be weary (Heb 12:3), weariness of mind (Rev. 2:3), afflicted by ills (Acts 28:8), mental ailment (1 Tim. 6:4), or without strength. It means to be

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frail, weak, sick, afflicted, ill, infirmed, feeble, lame, and is often stated as a malady.

What is the value of sickness? The Bible says that it is a good thing to know that you are sick. Psalm 119 is a wisdom psalm, originally written as a song about the Torah (Law). Verse 71 says, *"It is good for me that I have been afflicted, That I may learn Your statutes."* The psalmist cannot stop praising God for His mercy and goodness in providing His people with instructions for living.

God's purpose in suffering is not to increase pain but rather to increase our capacity for joy by making out of pain, something that would have been less good without it. The real purpose behind sickness is not always death, but that the Son of God might be glorified. When Jesus heard that His friend Lazarus was sick, He said, *"This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it"* (John 11:4).

Facilities we Serve

Arber Hills
Arroyo Vista Nursing Center
Balboa Nursing and Rehab
Bradley Court
Brighton Place
Care With Dignity
Carmel Mountain Health and Rehab
Carroll's Residential Care
Chase Care Center
Cloisters
Community Convalescent
Country Villa
Edgemoor Geriatric
Eldorado Health Care
Granite Hills Convalescent
Grossmont Gardens
Lakeside Special Care
Sungarden Terrace

Focusing on the Elderly

Captain Jill Geary, USAirways Leader, Pt. Loma Convalescent

When Pastor Ken Davis spoke with me two years ago and explained the mission statement of Life-Line ministries, I was certain I was ill-equipped and not qualified for this ministry. How could God ever use me to minister to the elderly? What should I say? How can I pray? What if they don't want me to pray with them?

Of course Satan would love for us to be self-absorbed and do nothing. Fear immobilizes us and Satan loves to fill our minds with fear and doubt. I've been on staff at Bible teaching churches over the years, yet I cannot honestly say I was "out in the field" – or as Ken says, "where the rubber meets the road."

When you first step out in faith, as an act of obedience, to follow where the Holy Spirit calls you, it likely will not be a completely comfortable experience. Perhaps that's how you know you're doing the right thing. We are not called to sit in a pew, be fed with the Word, then go home and be comfortable.

I like to jokingly say, if something seems logical to us, it's not from God.

So after speaking with Pastor Ken at length, I found myself arriving at Pt. Loma Convalescent Hospital on the appointed day and time. Did I feel ill equipped? Absolutely! But in the process of focusing on the elderly residents (vs. on myself, of

which I am quite good) who are mostly abandoned, how could I not grow to love them? How could I not come back, week after week? How could I not want to share the Gospel with them, give them a gentle hug, a smile, some hope? I am blessed beyond words by the residents at Pt. Loma Convalescent Hospital.

We may never know in our lifetime what gentle and loving effect we have had on those with whom we smile, laugh, and pray. But they know. And God knows.

2 Timothy 1:7 *"For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline."*



Spiritual Gifts

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- 7:18-24; 2 Cor. 1:24).
- Leaders are to always be looking for other leaders (Num. 27:18-23), and they are to be chosen for their faithfulness (Deut 8:2,15).
 - Leaders must be courageous under fire (Josh. 1:18), and must honor their leaders even if they dislike him or her (Josh. 22:1-5; 1 Sam. 24:1-11; 26:9-10).
 - Leaders must have a good rapport between themselves and who they lead (Judg. 5:2; 2 Sam. 19:14).
 - Remember; Leaders are chosen by God (2 Sam.7:8).
 - Leaders must always pray for wisdom (1 Kings 3:5-15).
 - Leaders must learn to delegate responsibility (1 Kings 4:7).
 - Leaders must serve (1 Kings 12:7; Matt 20:28; Mark 10:43-44; John 13:5,14,22; Acts 20:18-19 Mark 10:44-45; John 13:3-9), and to exemplify stewardship (1 Chron. 29:9).
 - Leaders must look out for the welfare of others (Esther 10:3).
 - Leaders must consult with others (Esther 1:13), and must have integrity, and skill (Ps. 78:72).
 - Leaders are not to be prejudice (Ecc. 10:5-7).
 - A ministry is no stronger than its leaders (Isa. 7:7-9), and must always be seeking the Lord (Jer. 10:21).
 - Leaders must have a burden for what they do (Lam. 3:40-51), and recognize the sovereignty of God (Dan. 4:34-37).
 - Leaders must teach with the authority of Jesus (Matt. 7:28-29), and be able to give encouragement (Acts 20:1).
 - Leaders are not to lord it over all but be submissive (Eph. 5:21).
 - Leaders are to be exemplary in communication skills (1 Tim. 3:14-15).



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"In the past, I have suffered through some difficult medical problems that lasted 12 years. This has helped me relate to our patients' fears, questions and pain. I had to resign as pastor thinking that I would never work again. To God's glory, He taught me how to eat, exercise, and deal with stress. I believe God healed me only after I learned my lessons." The position Larry holds now is in teaching individual pastors and their staff how to minister in hospitals.

Life-Line Ministries has a classroom on line www.lifelineclassroom.com where you can see videos by Pastor Larry. "**Hospital Protocol**" is one of his first followed by "**Advance Healthcare Directive**" and "**Withdrawal of Life Support.**" All these videos will be of great help to everyone, young and old alike. Visit the site today.

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