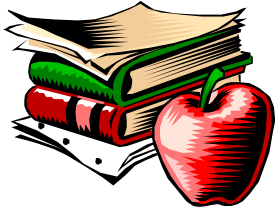


# Hunger For Truth

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**“Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.**

**Proverbs 7:2**

**Matthew 5:6**

**John 8:32**

**II Timothy 3:16-17**

**Hebrews 4:2**

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- **Wanted: People of Vision** – Dr. Enoch Kumar
- **Take a Self-Evaluation & other devotionals**
- **Faithful Friends** in the “Children for Christ” column

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## Greetings

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Welcome to the latest issue of Hunger For Truth. I praise God for His precious Holy Word!

In This Issue: you'll find an outline from a powerful message entitled “Wanted: People of Vision” by Dr. Enoch Kumar who is a missionary to India, plus “Take a Self Evaluation”

and more devotionals.

See the “Special Interest Articles” section for just some of what you will see this month in the newsletter.

Also, please note that back issues of the newsletter are available to view, print or save at [www.studytoanswer.net](http://www.studytoanswer.net).

The goal of this ministry and newsletter is to edify and encourage believers

using the truth of God's precious Holy Word.

Thank you all for taking the time to read this and for your prayers for me. I greatly appreciate your comments and I praise God for each and every one of you.

## **Meditate on The Word (Psalm 1:2; Psalm 119:148)**

### **Wanted: People of Vision (Dr. Enoch Kumar) (Neh. 1:1-11)**

*Dr. Enoch Kumar is a missionary to India. I HIGHLY recommend listening to this message, which is available on the internet at [www.bbc-cromwell.org](http://www.bbc-cromwell.org). Simply click on the “SERMONS” link and look for “3/13/11”. The outline is from notes taken when this message was preached at my church.*

#### **I. People of Vision Encounter Problems (Neh. 1:1-11)**

##### **A. The Calmness of Nehemiah's Life (vs. 1-2)**

1. Comfortable, peaceful, luxurious
2. The king trusted and loved him (vs. 11)

##### **B. The Calamity of Nehemiah's Life (vs. 2-3)**

1. Jerusalem is being burned down (vs. 3-4)
2. Life can be perfect one minute and fall apart the next

##### **C. The Compassion of Nehemiah's Life (Vs. 4)**

1. He wept, prayed and fasted for days
2. He was a type of Christ (Matt. 9:35-38)
3. Pray, weep and mourn for a better standing with God
4. God knows how to get our attention
5. God shows Nehemiah it was more important to serve Him than be the King's cupbearer (Examples are Jonah, David, Moses and Saul of Tarsus)



## Wanted: People of Vision (Dr. Enoch Kumar) (Neh. 1:1-11) (Cont.)

### II. People of Vision Exercise Prayer (Neh. 1:5-10) (Praying without ceasing)

#### A. Visionary prayer involves praising God for who He is (Vs. 5)

1. Pray not from the roof of your mouth but from the root of your heart
2. "Lord I need you to bring these people out of misery" (Vs. 6)

#### B. Visionary prayer involves perseverance (Vs. 4)

1. Weeping, praying and fasting
2. Pray daily and often for needs of souls both saved and lost; not just once or twice
3. Nehemiah prayed in the will of God (1 Chron 16:11, Matt. 26:41, 1 Thes. 5:17, Eph. 6:18)

#### C. Visionary prayer involves penitence (Vs. 6-7)

1. A broken heart
2. A clean vessel (God won't use a filthy, dirty vessel)
3. Repent of your sins before a holy God
4. Make sure your heart is right with God (Ps. 66:18, Isa. 59:2, Isa. 64:7, Prov. 28:9)

#### D. Visionary prayer involves the promises of God (Vs. 8-11)

1. According to His sovereign will, He will answer.
2. Trust in the promises of His word. He is in control!

#### E. Visionary prayer involves partners (Vs. 8-11)

1. Other praying for you and with for certain needs
2. Corporate prayer has great power

#### F. Visionary prayer involves petitions (Vs. 11)

1. Nehemiah asked the Lord to grant him mercy before the king
2. Nehemiah wanted to be a blessing to the king

### III. People of Vision Embrace Providence (Vs. 11)

#### A. He felt the weight of his assignment of God's plan for his life

#### B. Position is no accident in God's sight

1. There is no such thing as coincidences or accidents in God's sight
2. There is no such thing as "luck" in the Bible
3. You are where you are serving God for the glory of God

#### C. Prosperity is no accident (Vs. 11b)

1. We are not owners but stewards of God's property (1 Chron 29:10-end of chapter)
2. All your wealth and resources are given by God to be used for His glory (Psalm 50:10, Haggai 2:8)

#### D. Power is no accident (Vs. 11)

1. You can and do influence others
2. (\*)Your influence can send someone to heaven or hell ("many are going to hell with heaven on their mind")
3. Nehemiah asked that God would grant him grace in the sight of the king
4. God had Nehemiah there for a specific purpose
5. "When conviction is deep, courage rises to sustain it"
6. You can make a difference

(\*)A story is told of M. Ghandi, who is the father of the nation of India. He was reading his Bible one day and interested in Christianity. He got out of bed and headed to a church down the street. When he got to the steps the ushers stopped him and asked how they could help him. He said he was interested in Christianity and knowing more about Jesus Christ. They told him, "this church is not for you. You are dark skinned. This church is for white people." They directed him to another church. Ghandi said, "Sirs, if this is what Christianity is, I don't want it." Discouraged, he said, "show me one Christian and I will be one." He died without trusting Christ as his Lord and Savior.



Matthew 5:6

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*"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."*

John 8:32

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*"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."*



## Take a Self Evaluation *(Source: Unknown)*

- Have I prayed about it? (Phil. 4:6; James 4:1-2)
- Am I willing to do what is right once I know God's will? (John 7:17, Isa. 1:19)
- Do I have the leading of the Holy Spirit? (Rom. 8:14, Acts 16:6-8)
- Can I do it in the name of Jesus? (Coll. 3:17)
- Is this fitting and pleasing unto the Lord? (John 8:29, Eph. 5:10)
- Can I thank God for this habit, action or pleasure? (Coll. 3:17)
- Will it hinder or damage the temple of the Holy Spirit? (1 Cor. 6:19-20)
- Do I want to reap this in my life or my family? (Gal. 6:7-8)
- Am I willing to face this at the Judgment Seat of Christ? (Rom. 14:10-12)
- Does this show others that I am living for Christ? (Phil. 1:20)
- Is this a pattern I wish to show others to follow? (1 Cor. 11:1)
- Does the best Christian I know agree that it is right? (Prov 24:60)

## Jeremiah's Life to Today *(Source: Unknown)*

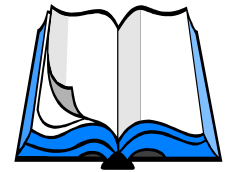
1. People wholly given over to sin
2. Preachers fall into compromise and apostasy
3. People are blind and deaf spiritually with no fear of God
4. The word of God has become a reproach
5. People have forsaken biblical truth (6:15)
6. People embrace a false external religion (6:20-21)

## Five Monumental Events in Genesis *(Source: Unknown)*

1. Creation
2. Fall of man into sin
3. The flood
4. Tower of Babel (language, nations scattered)
5. Promise of a Redeemer

## The Fear of the Lord Gives Us: *(Source: Unknown)*

1. Commitment
2. Confidence
3. Compassion
4. Communion
5. Contentment
6. Conviction
7. Comfort



### II Timothy 3:16-17

*“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”*

### Hebrews 4:12

*“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”*



## Quotes of The Month

*(Sources Unknown)*

*“A true friend is willing to be there for you at all times, help you out, is willing to sacrifice for you, and is willing to do things together.”*

*“We must put our wills under the authority of God.”*

*“Christianity not applied is Christianity denied.”*

*“God gives to you handfuls on purpose in tough times.”*

*“God uses the ordinary to do the extraordinary.”*

*“If you don’t show it (Christ living in you), the lost won’t know it.”*

*“Dusty Bibles lead to dirty lives.”*

*“A sunrise is God’s way of saying lighten up.”*

*“If you don’t want to reap the fruits of sin, stay out of the devil’s orchard.”*

## ☺ Children For Christ ☺ - “Faithful Friends”

**Memory Verse: Prov. 17:17** “A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.”

1. Finish the verse: a man *that hath* \_\_\_\_\_ must shew himself \_\_\_\_\_: and there is a \_\_\_\_\_ *that* \_\_\_\_\_ closer than a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. James 4:4 says that a friend of the world is the enemy of God! How often do the things of this world come between you and your walk with the Lord? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Finish the verse: Iron \_\_\_\_\_ iron; so a man sharpeneth the \_\_\_\_\_ of his friend. Explain what this verse means: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. True or False: Prov. 27:6 says faithful are the wounds of a friend. This means that when we are rebuked by a friend for doing something wrong we must accept it and repent of our sin and ask the Lord and our friend for forgiveness. \_\_\_ True \_\_\_ False
5. Proverbs is a great book about good, godly friends. Please read Prov. 27:9 and explain what this verse is teaching. \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Read Prov. 16:28 and 17:9. What are some ways that can hurt friendships? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. What are some examples of faithful friends in the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. What are some examples of unfaithful friends in the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. True or False: We must make sure our friends are faithful to God and to others. (Prov. 6:3) \_\_\_ True \_\_\_ False
10. John 15:13 teaches us that Jesus Himself laid down His life for His friends. No greater love hath a man than this. We sing the hymn, “What a friend we have in Jesus”. Though our earthly friends may forsake us Jesus is a friend who will NEVER leave or forsake us! Do you desire to love your friends and be respectful to them the best you can? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Stop and examine your life with your friends from church and home. Is there peer pressure, cliques, anger or arguments with them, or gossiping? Are they hindering you in your walk with the Lord? If yes, I encourage you to please take some time to pray about this.

## National Heritage

*“In all my perplexities and distresses, the Bible has never failed to give me light and strength.”*

Robert E. Lee 1807-1870

General, Christian, Gentleman



## Song of the Month – “Almighty Father”

This great hymn by J. Paul Williams and Benjamin Harlan has such a powerful message of the glory, holiness and majesty of Jehovah God. It also shows how much we need to depend on Him for everything. I love this song and it is a blessing to my soul.

*are God.*

*Almighty Father, You alone are holy. You are Creator, You are all in all! Yours is the power, Yours is the glory. Yours is the majesty, You are God.*

*Almighty Father, You alone are holy. You are my refuge, I will trust in You. You are a tower, a mighty fortress. You are my strength and shield, You are God.*

*Almighty Father, You alone are holy. You guide my footsteps that I may not fall. In joy or sorrow, I will exalt You. You are my righteousness, You*



If you have a praise, prayer request, study, devotional or article you would like posted in Hunger For Truth, please e-mail it to me at [svtdtday@yahoo.com](mailto:svtdtday@yahoo.com)

## Praises

- Praise God for the beauty, majesty and intelligent design of His wonderful creation.
- I praise God and want to say thank you to each and every one of you who take the time to read this every month and to those who have sent emails or have spoken to me about how the Lord has blessed you. Please keep them coming. They are a great blessing.
- Praise God for solid Local NT churches all across the land.
- Praise God for Victory in Jesus! Hallelujah, What a Savior!
- Praise God for health, safety, friends, family, and fellowship.
- I praise God for the privilege & blessing of preparing and sending this newsletter to people all across the land.
- Praise God that all we are and have belongs to Him. We should not want it any other way.



## Prayer Requests

- Children and teens across the globe with serious health ailments.
- Expectant mothers all across the globe to know the Lord and raise the children for the Lord
- Bro. Greg Myers (recovering from heart bypass surgery)
- Gods grace, strength, wisdom and victory regarding an unspoken request for the HFT editor.
- Those in need of employment and ones seeking other jobs
- Pray for wisdom in finding work in MA and for sale of my home in PA to make a move to Norwood, MA
- Pray that God would help the H.F.T. editor find the one wife that God has for him.
- Our nation and its leaders and for revival in this land
- Salvation of my sister Wendy & friend Ben • Local New Testament churches with building needs
- Salvation of my nephew Jacob and Aunts' Sybil and Bernice
- Salvation of our family, friends and co-workers
- Souls devastated by the recent earthquake & tsunami in Japan. Pray for souls to be saved.
- Wisdom regarding HFT, HFT ministries and for FT service as the Lord leads
- Parents across this land to raise their children for the Lord
- Health and needs of Pastors, Missionaries, and Evangelists and their families
- Tract distribution and outreach to lost souls all over the world who were witnessed to last month for salvation

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## In Next Months Issue

“Cause For Rejoicing” devotional, and you’ll find several articles plus a study in the “Children For Christ” column.

Thank you for reading this. I praise God for all my dear brothers and sisters in Christ and I greatly appreciate your prayers. May each and every one of you be richly blessed as we serve our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

His Servant,

Craig G. – Prov. 3:5-6

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