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Thank You Larry!
(Plan Of Salvation)

Words of a Witness Ministries, as you will hear on the tapes, is dedicated to God's words, His love and His redeeming redemptive power of the Holy Ghost. As my friend Larry came to my mind via a dream this morning; and I know who this person is, he was real plain and is REAL to me. I will use the name of Larry in this writing, but it is for everyone who does not know or have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior which will take us to heaven with Him when He comes back for His bride, the Church.

In my dream this morning Larry came to me and asked me to sing 'Amazing Grace' and 'I'll Fly Away' on tape for him and ask me to read on tape the plan of salvation. Although I know exactly who this Larry is, I do not know why he asked me to do this. It could have been for himself or it could have been for someone else he wanted to give the tape to; but, regardless of the reason why, he came to me for this tape.

As far as the songs go, we will see! For the plan of salvation, I'm going to use the twelve (12) steps in the conversion of man from their worldly life to a **strong** Christian life. Then at the end of the twelve steps I will give you a condensed version.

This twelve step plan is to prepare you for the onslaught of temptations and the ridicule or persecutions from your family, co-workers and from the world you are leaving behind. The old saying, 'what you liked, you will hate, and what you hated, you will like', will make so much more sense and become a reality to you. There is no middle ground to becoming a Christian. There are no so-called 'grey' areas where a person can live in both realms. The old man in you must die and your new man through your rebirth in Christ must become your new life. Matthew 6:24, Jesus tells us that ***"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. Ye cannot***

serve God and mammon.” What you disliked you will now like and vice versa.

THE TWELVE CONVERSION STEPS ARE:

- 1. REPENT** – In the Greek it means a “Change” as in one’s mind. It becomes the total change of one’s character, mind, heart, thoughts, ideas and ways, etc. In the theological and ethical sense it is a fundamental and thorough change in the hearts of men from sin and toward God. Repentance contains as essential elements; firstly, a genuine sorrow toward God on account of sin, 2 Corinthians 7:9,10 says *“Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a Godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. For Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.”* Secondly, an inward repugnance to sin necessarily followed by the actual forsaking of it, as Matthew 3:8 says, *“Bring forth therefore fruits mete for repentance.”* And thirdly, humble self surrender to the will and service of God, as says in Acts of the Apostles 9:6, *“And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.”* So the first step is to repent, to change with your heart your old ways to God’s ways, *“I tell you, nay; but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.”* Luke 13:3.
- 2. RECEIVE HIM** – You need the Saviour, Jesus Christ, accept Him. *“But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.”* John 1:12. Men is nothing but as filthy rags and are in dire need of a Saviour, *“But we are all as unclean things, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities like the wind have taken us away.”* Isaiah 64:6. The second step is to get Jesus Christ in you; and for you to receive Him. Pride, vanity and your ego must leave.

3. **BE “... born again, ...”** John 3:3. This is what God does for you; **you can not do it on your own**. This is the new birth, the rise of your new man in Christ Jesus, a miracle of spiritual life performed by the Holy Spirit within you *“Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”* John 1:13. And as Jesus told Nicodemus, the Pharisee, in John 3:3-6, we must be reborn in the Spirit, *“Jesus answered and said unto him, verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto Him, how can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother’s womb, and be born? Jesus answered, verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit.”* The third step is to reborn from the flesh to the spiritual realm!

4. **REJOICE PUBLICLY** – Testify openly, *“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”* Romans 10:9,10. This is necessary because Jesus says in Matthew 10:22,23 that *“Whosoever therefore shall confess Me before men, him will I confess also before My Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny Me before men, him will I also deny before My Father which is in heaven.”* So the forth step is to testify before men the Lord Jesus Christ that you have accepted Him as you Master, Lord and Saviour. **GLORY TO GOD, THANK YOU JESUS!!!!**

5. **REQUEST WATER BAPTISM** – This is the outward testimony of your belief and faith to an inward transaction. Another testimony to man that you desire to have your new man arise out of the grave as Jesus’ death, burial and resurrection. *“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned.”* Mark 16:16. Step number 5, be baptized, full submersion, for total burial and not just dipped or sprinkled for just partial sins being

washed away; TOTAL cleansing by the blood of Jesus, to wash away all of our sins.

- 6. READ THE WORD** – The Bible can never be the private or exclusive property of any religion. No one religion has the monopoly on its' contents. **GOD GAVE HIS BIBLE TO THE WORLD; IT CAN NOT BE COPYWRITED! IT IS NOT MAN'S PRODUCT!!!** So therefore, look for your total eternal assurance from the Bible. It is what God says that counts, not man's religions! God said it, I believe it and that settles it!!!! The word is your source of faith! *“These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.”* 1 John 5:13. The sixth step can also be found in Romans 10:17, *“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”*
- 7. REACH GOD IN PRAYER** – Prayer is our conversation with God. Can you imagine when God created man that God said to God let us make man in our image and place him in the garden so we will have someone to talk to in the cool of the evening? Today, our prayers, to God, are from this creation, **you and I**, whom God had made, our walk with Him in the garden of life in the cool of the evening. Our life in our garden is sustained by conversation with union and communion with God. *“And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask any thing according to His will, He heareth us; and if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him.”* 1 John 5:14,15. This is step seven in our conversion from our old ways to our new ways, which are God's ways. **IF WE ASK ANYTHING ACCORDING TO HIS WILL!!!**
- 8. RELATE YOUR EXPERIENCE TO OTHERS** – You maintain your strength by exercising your faith. Speak up, tell someone, what God has done for you. You will be amazed at how you will feel afterwards. You draw your strength from God just by testifying to others just what God has done, is doing and what He says He is going to do to you and for you. To strengthen, to have the power to overcome, we read in Revelation 12:11 that we, you and I, *“And they*

overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.” The eighth step is to tell someone what God has done for you. Your strength is in your testimony. First, know that you overcame the devil by the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ, on the cross at Calvary; and then, secondly, your testimony as to what God has brought you out of and or though, will carry you through to overcome.

9. **RESIST THE DEVIL – KNOW YE THIS!** Temptation or your thoughts is **NOT SIN!!!!** The yielding of or the obeying to your thoughts or temptation is the sin!!!! 1 Peter 1:7 says *“That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.”* Also in Hebrews 4:15, *“For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feelings of our iniquities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.”* Step number nine, resist the devil, first we must *“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”* James 4:7. **SUBMIT YOURSELVE TO GOD!**

10. **RESTITUTION** – Return of something taken away. Reparation, compensation for war damage. **Your guilt is gone!** You can convert your influence for good. Work for God now and make amends as Zacchaeus said in Luke 19:8, *“And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.”* Step number 9, your guilt is gone for your past sins so clear up or make amends to others who you have sinned against is your step number 10. **You know**, fix up things with your neighbors or your enemies.

11. *“Render ... unto God the things that are God’s.”* Matthew 22:21. Start tithing right away the first of your income. A tithe is the first 10% of your earnings. Even before taxes are taken out. If you make \$1,000.00 a month, then the first \$100.00 or the first 10% of your income is your tithe to God. **GOD OWNS EVERYTHING, HE DOES NOT NEED YOUR MONEY!!!** For an offering to God just

because of your love for Him, a tithe or 10% was instituted, as our appreciation to Him for His love to us. God does not need your money. **He desires your love and obedience!** The love to Him is enough to give Him this tithe to show Him your obedience to Him and to His commandments. In doing this He gave us another promise, ***“Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithe and offerings. ... Bring ye all the tithes unto the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.”*** Malachi 3:8,10. Step number eleven, put a fleece out before God. He says to prove Him, prove Him and see if He will not pour you out blessings, so big and so many, that you will not have room to put them all. Show Him your love and give unto God what is God's. ***“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.”*** 2 Corinthians 9:7. GO AHEAD, TRY GOD! THAT IS YOUR STEP NUMBER ELEVEN!!!

12.REGULARLY ATTEND CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL – Immediately associate yourself with God's people, become a church member. ***“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”*** Hebrews 10:25. The valleys come quite often in our Christian walk. From the exhorting or urgings from others and their testimonies, we will and can be strengthened enough to get us through these valleys or dry spells or depressed times. Without calling upon other's strengths at our valley time, we can not expect ever to reach that mountain top again. We must cross through the valleys to reach that next mountain top. **We draw upon one another's strength.** Even Jesus went to church regularly, ***“And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up: and, as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read.”*** Luke 4:16. In step number twelve, remember also step number six and Romans 10:17, ***“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”*** FAITH TO BELIEVE!!!

These are the twelve conversion steps from worldly living to spiritual living as a Christian, a Christ like being. These steps, if followed, and in God's time schedule, will guarantee you that the conversion will be successful. These steps followed will get you started on your walk to heaven with Jesus Christ. These steps, if you need more in your life, than just salvation; if you need to live a changed Christian life, as Jesus lived His, then follow these twelve easy steps. These steps are for those who desire this dedicated, consecrated and sanctified walk as one worthy to be called Christ like.

**SALVATION BY CONDENSED VERSION
CAN BE TOLD IN FOUR WORDS:**

1. **Sin** – Salvation is needed. *“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”* Romans 3:23.
2. **Calvary** – Salvation is provided. *“Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye are healed.”* 1 Peter 2:24.
3. **FAITH** – Salvation is offered. *“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.”* Ephesians 3:8.
4. **LIFE** – Salvation accepted. *“He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.”* 1 John 5:12.

**FOLLOW THIS POEM, WRITTEN BY:
JOSEPH ADDSION ALEXANDER**

There is a time, we know not when,
A place, we know not where;
Which marks the destiny of men
To glory or despair.

There is a line, by us unseen,
Which crosses every path,
Which marks the boundary between
God's mercy and His wrath.

To pass that limit is to die,
To die as if by stealth;
It does not dim the beaming eye,
Nor plate the glow of health.

The conscience may be still at ease,
The Spirit light and gay;
And that which pleases still may please,
And care be thrust away.

But on that forehand God hath set
Indelibly a mark;
Unseen by man, for man as yet,
Is blind and in the dark.

He feels perchance that all is well
And every fear is calmed;
He lives, he dies, he walks in hell,
Not only doomed, but damned!

O, where is that mysterious line
That may by men be crossed,
Beyond which God Himself hath sworn,
That he who goes is lost?

An answer from the skies repeats,
“Ye who from God depart.”
TODAY, O hear His voice,
TODAY repent and harden not your heart.

“The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.” 2 Peter 3:9,10.

Listen to God calling you. The time is now! Ask God into your heart. He desires your presence with Him. He loves you so much that He sent His only begotten Son to die for you on the cross at Calvary for your sins. Accept Him! Accept Him, before it is too late!!!! ***“But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but My Father only.”*** Matthew 24:36.

There are no more prophecies which need to be fulfilled before Jesus Christ, the Son of God, comes to that cloud, and with a trump of God, call His bride home!!! Larry, are you a partaker of the twelve steps to being a Christian? Repent, and we will fly away!!!

My love always
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