

Partnership: A Fragrant Offering

THE 700 CLUB CANADA

Embracing the Trials

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Do you ever feel like you are trying your very best to live the life that God has called you to, but you just aren't seeing results? Maybe you are

experiencing the heartbreak of a failed relationship, the strain of a financial battle, or the emptiness of a spiritual wilderness. As a result, you are asking yourself the honest question, "Is it worth it?"

The author James, reflecting on this question, says, **Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him** (James 1:12 NIV).

The word *trial* used in the positive sense is a test that leads to qualification, as in a driver's test or a college exam. In the negative, it is a temptation that could bring defeat in our spiritual journey. We must embrace the first and resist the second.

Whatever the case, the encouragement is to persevere. This word can be translated "to stand behind." James is encouraging us to stand behind the promises and character of God. Much like a child who clings to his mother when afraid to find assurance and confidence, we can cling to God in our time of trial—knowing that God not only protects and guides us, but that there is a promise of reward for those who persevere.

What is the reward? It is the "crown of life." This is a reference to the garland that champions would receive upon winning a contest. For us as followers of Jesus, it is the promise of eternal life. So, be encouraged... the choices you make do matter and when it gets difficult, you can cling to the God who promises to **make all things new** (Revelation 21:5 NKJV).

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CBN NEWS: HEALTHY LIVING

THE LIVER CURE

How you can keep this vital organ healthy

atty liver disease is on the rise and has been since the introduction of high-fructose corn syrup in our food. Dr. Russell Blaylock, author of *The Liver Cure*, says high-fructose corn syrup dramatically increases not only the fatty accumulation in the liver, but it also increases inflammation.

Not caring properly for the liver can result in a progression from fatty liver disease to cirrhosis—or even cancer. But there are simple changes that can keep your liver healthy.

Blaylock emphasizes the importance of avoiding processed food that often contains high-fructose corn syrup or MSG. Both cause extensive damage to the liver.

Instead, he recommends eating fresh fruits and vegetables that are organic and washing all produce well. "We're exposed to a large number of compounds that damage the liver, like pesticides and herbicides," Blaylock explains.

He also suggests using caution when taking over-the-counter medications like acetaminophen and ibuprofen. These should be used as little as possible due to their effect on the liver.

Experts say as many as 80 percent of our health problems are preventable, and that the key is knowing how to make the right choices. Every week on *Healthy Living*, CBN News medical reporter Lorie Johnson shares information from leading doctors about how to make smart decisions in our everyday lives to protect our mental and physical health. Watch *Healthy Living* on the CBN News channel, or on the CBN News website, for the latest medical information to help you and your family look and feel your very best.

As always, consult with your physician before making any changes to your diet, lifestyle, supplements, or medication.



Go natural for greater health.



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he mission of our organization is to **prepare Canada for the coming of Jesus Christ and the establishment of the kingdom of God on earth**, which means we use multiple platforms to tell the Gospel story with the goal of bringing people into a relationship with Him. We connect with our viewers and supporters by phone, mail, social media, and primarily, our television show, *The 700 Club Canada*.

The reality is that we could not do this without the support that we receive from so many, and that includes donations that fund our various ministries. We value this commitment made by so many and view them not only as donors, but in fact refer to them as partners.

Angelyn, in Ontario, says, "I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you and God bless you and your wonderful team for all the services and sacrifices you are doing to glorify God. I am truly privileged to be part of this ministry."

To all our partners who are on this journey with us, we say a sincere **thank you!**

It is also especially important to recognize that partnership is biblical as we all have partnership in the Gospel. For example, while many may view the pastor as the leader, and those in the congregation as just members, 2 Corinthians 6:1-2 reminds us:

As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. For he says, "In the time of my favour I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." (NIV)

God has given all of us one or more spiritual gifts, and those are part of what makes us unique, but they are also what make us effective in ministry. Our individual strengths partner together, which leads to real practical involvement in each other's lives. This can mean financial assistance to those who need it, cooking meals for those who are unwell, or simply taking the opportunity to be a listening ear.

In his letter to the Philippians, Paul refers to this partnership as a "fragrant offering." So we ask, how can you be a fragrant offering today? Are you able to offer practical assistance to others? Perhaps you can pray for your friends and family, or if God gave you the ability to listen, then become that person who others turn to in a time of crisis.

Offering your support to The 700 Club Canada, which helps the ministry continue, is always welcome.

Regardless of how you choose to serve, know that partnership in

the Gospel glorifies God!

Thank you for your support and your partnership as we continue to look for meaningful ways to share the love of Jesus Christ.

May God bless you.



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Rest Is a Gift from God

by Lorie Hartshorn Co-Host, *The 700 Club Canada*



Summer is a time for rest, and God offers us the blessing of rest.

It will be a sign between me and

the Israelites forever, for in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed (Exodus 31:17 NIV).

God modelled the importance of rest. In Hebrew, the word *refreshed* means to "breathe freely" or "recover." In Exodus 23:12 the people were instructed to follow God's example for themselves and so that all of their household, including the animals, took time to rest.

Six days do your work, but on the seventh day do not work, so that your ox and your donkey may rest, and so that the slave born in your household and the foreigner living among you may be refreshed (Exodus 23:12).

Taking time off is an important component in our lives to help us catch our breath and recover. Rest leads to refreshment. We can be tempted to keep going or to get ahead on our work. But God designed the human body, and He tells us we need to have a regular rhythm of rest in our life. One day of rest for six days of work. When we are living from a place of refreshment, we are able to better reflect God to others.

Looking for some refreshment? Try resting. It's a gift from God.

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SEARCHING FOR HAPPINESS

Jay was an alcoholic for 30 years, but it took his wife leaving for him to admit he had a problem. However, a decision to stop drinking was not enough. Jay needed help dealing with the pain and emptiness that were driving him to drink. Discover how God transformed his life.



PRAYER CHANGES EVERYTHING

A horrific traffic accident broke nearly every bone in Robbie's body and left him clinging to life. Doctors gave his family little hope that he would survive let alone ever again lead a normal life. See how God intervened with a series of miracles that amazed everyone.



PARDONED FOREVER Brooke was sexually assaulted as a child and fell in with the wrong crowd as a young teen. Sex, drugs and stealing became a way of life. By age 23, she had four children. Brooke's illegal activity escalated when her sister died, and Brooke eventually ended up in prison. See how accepting Christ dramatically changed Brooke's life.



FORTIFYING A MARRIAGE

Duane was a Christian. Latoya wasn't. He was never home; she had an affair. Was there any hope for this struggling marriage? Latoya accepted Christ, and Duane rededicated his life to the Lord. But only time and forgiveness could restore their relationship.

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LIVING WATER THAT NEVER RUNS DRY



If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. ~John 7:37

by **GORDON ROBERTSON** Chairman of the Board, CBA President and CEO, CBN

While Jesus was resting by Jacob's well in Samaria, a wonderful conversation takes place when He asks a woman for a drink.

John 4:9 explains her surprise: "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

Yet Jesus has something on His mind other than water. He replies: "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water. … Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life" (John 4:10, 14).

In Greek, "drinks" doesn't mean having one cupful one time. The King James Version says "drinketh." It means continually drinking—like when Jesus said, "*Keep on asking*. … *Keep on seeking*. … *Keep on knocking*…" in Matthew 7:7 (NLT). He is telling the woman at the well,



"Keep on drinking."

Jesus' words are the living water. They went deep into her spirit, quickening her to say, *"I know that Messiah is coming. … He will tell us all things"* (John 4:25).

Jesus then declares, *"I who speak to you am He"* (v. 26). Now, drink this in, and drink it deeply. When you hear Jesus, you're getting the living water—and He says, "Drinketh." That means He's constantly speaking, He's constantly revealing Himself, and He's constantly flowing. He doesn't stop! He is always there, ready to pour out His Spirit on all flesh.

And in John 7:37-38 He announces, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." All we have to do is be thirsty and believe in Him. God bless you!

Excerpted from a teaching at CBN Staff Chapel. Scripture is quoted from the NKJV except as noted.

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