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Happy New Year 2011!

When the year comes to an end, we tend to look back and evaluate how our past year was – good, not so good or even disappointing. This reflection creates in us a desire for a fresh start, new plans, new promises and commitments; perhaps recommitting to keep the ones we didn't keep the previous year. How about you? How many of our plans and promises for the coming year are focused on earthly things? Most of us would admit that our plans for the New Year are mostly for the "here and now". Yes, we do live on this earth and we must take care of things that pertain to this life, but our main focus must be on eternal things, for our citizenship is not here, but in heaven. Paul admonishes us to set our minds "*on things above, not on things on earth*" (Col. 3:2), because our promised destiny with Christ, if we know Him. While we are making New Year's resolutions, let's put at the top of our list a renewed commitment to share the gospel and influence those around us with the eternal message of the Savior so they too can live with us in heaven forever. None of us are guaranteed a long life, so there is an urgency to make sure that all whom we know and love will hear the gospel message of how much God loves us and them; so much that He became a man in Jesus to die for us.

As the years go by each of us must confront two possibilities ahead ...death or the rapture. Either one could happen at any time. Of course all of us would rather be raptured than die of some illness. This past year we have lost two very dear friends and that has awakened us to focus more on those we know and love, who may not know the Lord in personal way. One of these friends was definitely saved and is now with the Lord, but the other, well, only God knows. We witnessed to him many times over the years but there was never an open admittance that he accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior. So we ask each other: Will we see him in eternity? (Hebrews 9:27.)

Many new believers in Christ who have come out from Mormonism have asked us to explain what the Bible has to say about what happens when we die.

As born again believers in Jesus, we rest in God's Word. Paul, in 2 Corinthians 4:18 wrote, **"While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal: but the things which are not seen are eternal."** Paul continues (5:1-10), **"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."** This passage tells us what happens when the believer dies. **"...absent from the body,..[is] to be present with the Lord."** (2 Cor. 5:8.) He goes to be with the Lord. **"We know"** in Greek is *oidamen* which means to know intuitively as a result of being the children of God (John 1:12). It is part of the knowledge that comes to us with our new birth in Christ Jesus. The Greek text actually says, **"...if our earthly house of our tent..."**, describing to us that our real self is the spirit and soul within us and not our body. The body is presented as *"skenos," a tent*, a temporary *"house"* of our spirit. The time will come for all of us when **this earthly house, our tent**, will be taken down. As lifetime tent-campers, we know that the first thing we do when we take down a tent, is to loosen the tent pegs. Generally there are many tents pegs. We loosen them all and pull them from the ground and then take the tent down. Our bodies, *"tents"*, are like that too. In that future time it will be God who is going to *loosen all the parts* that are being held together by Him and He releases our spirit from this earthly tent. That is what takes place in death. It is a process. It is the *"loosing"* time. When that happens, we don't become extinct, or cease to exist, we continue to live on. **"...we have a building of God..."** Greek word *"oikia"* used earlier in the text means *house we now have (our earthly tent)*, but *"oikodome"* here means the **building of God**, as a one in process of being built, not that which is already built. In other words, while we are still alive, **God is building a new house** for our spirit which will be disembodied for a while when it leaves the body on earth. This indicates that God is not *"recycling"* old parts to build a new body for us. God is the one who is building our new resurrection body. It will be similar, identifiable, but yet not the same because *it is going to be made without any human involvement*, it will be a product made directly by God Himself. Remember that 2 Cor. 5:8 states, **"...to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."** That is immediate for our spirit, but in the rapture or resurrection it is going to be a quick *"move in"* to our new body, built by God.

When Jesus (Mark 14:58) was speaking of destroying *"this temple made with hands"*, he was speaking of his own earthly body which was *"made of a woman"* (Gal. 4:4). He said that in three days He was going to *"build another made without hands"*. He was speaking of His resurrection body, made without human involvement. When we are born into this world, our bodies are *physically produced*, but the second time they will be produced without human involvement. That is the #1 characteristic of our resurrection bodies. The #2 quality is that they are going to

be *eternal*. The life that He gives us on earth the instant when ***we become His children*** is called ***“eternal life.”*** (John 1:12.) It does not only refer to the duration of life, but primarily to the *kind of life* we have. The life of God becomes our life. Actually, we never lose the life that He gives us from the moment we ***become His children*** through acceptance of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. He said, *“I give unto them **eternal life**; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand.”* (John 10:28.)

May the Lord encourage everyone of us who believe and already have eternal life, to share it with those who He puts before us, thus giving us ***“divine appointments”*** to be a witness of His love to those who do not know Him yet. *“For God so loved the world, that He gave His Only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should never perish, but have everlasting life.”*(John 3:16.)



From our mailbox: We have received a lot of mail in December, among them many long and argumentative letters from Mormons, too long to include here. One of them, **six pages long**, was from a **convert to Mormonism**. We thought that it might be good one to answer here. Since his letter is very long, I will summarize just some of his arguments and give my answers to him below this summary.

*He says that he was raised in a **Baptist home** and even while still a young man, he was occasionally asked to **“fill the Pulpit”** at his local Baptist church. He said that he was **“on the fast track to becoming a Pastor”**. He said that he felt that he had a **“special calling to the LDS community”**, but when he **“studied it out, he found it (the LDS Church) to be true”**.*

*He argued that we and others speaking about Mormonism **as not a Christian faith are slandering the LDS Church**. He said that evangelicals portray Mormons **“in horrific ways”** to their congregations. He said that Christians persecuted, killed and robbed Mormons and thus forced them to move from state to state. He accused us of using **LDS leaders’ words that are not found in their standard works**, as an unfair thing to do. He also said that we are **“clearly ignorant of the numerous examples of weakness and fallibility on the part of God’s Biblical prophets”!!!!** He says that what **the 1800’s LDS leaders** said and preached was not yet **“established doctrine”** of the LDS Church. He said that the Church, **“led by God or not”**, or **“prophets and apostles or not”**, adopted false ideas that were brought in by converts from **“diverse religious backgrounds”**. He insists that Mormons only accept as doctrine what has been canonized by the Church (i.e. **“standard works”**) and that it alone is the word of God to them, not what their **“prophets and apostles”** had said **when doctrine was being developed**. He also said that our quoting of early LDS prophets and leaders would be as if he was **“running around quoting Martin Luther” or other Christian leader,s and what they have said that was clearly not truth**. He argues that because LDS leaders are just mortal men, they can make mistakes too. He stated that he follows living prophets of the LDS Church, but we follow just **“dead prophets”** (of the Bible).*

[Note: He fails to acknowledge that Martin Luther or other Protestant reformers never claimed to have received revelations directly from God as Joseph Smith, Brigham Young et. al. claimed. When Joseph

Smith wrote, **“thus saith the Lord to my servant”**, this elevated him, and other “prophets” of the LDS Church, who likewise claimed to have received their information directly from God, to **a position of infallibility. One cannot correct God** or improve on what God says. He also claimed that the LDS Church has never been “racist” and that un-canonized statements of the “curse of Cain” are not part of what the LDS Church teaches. He obviously has not read his own **canonized scriptures, standard works.** For example in **the Pearl of Great Price, Moses 5** (most all of that chapter) **is about Cain and his curse**, repeated again in 7:22, etc. He asks why we attack Mormons, and accuses us for not knowing all the facts! He also accuses us of going in front of Mormon buildings (as temple square in SLC) and yelling to Mormons that they are going to hell. (We have never done anything like that!)]

My answer: (Two documents I attached to my answer to him, are also attached to this Newsletter, FYI.)

I am sorry that it has taken me over a week to get to your letter. My mail-box has been quite full for a long time... I will not be able to answer all issues you wrote about at this time in your long letter, but I would like to do it later, after the holidays, if you are still interested. I will just take a few of your points to address now in response. I hope you'll review what you said and match my answers to them...Sorry if it is confusing. That is the best I can do now...

I am also attaching two comparison charts to this letter. First one, **“Is Mormonism Christian”**. I hope it will help you to see **why Mormonism is not Christianity**, even though Mormon people generally are nice and “Christian-like”. This chart is not a complete list of why Mormonism is not Christianity. More could be added even from your **Gospel Principles**, a manual that has been used in LDS wards for teaching the principles of the Mormon “gospel” since 1943.[I have that edition, and I have also collected new editions from 1978 on.] This manual reflects what Mormonism is, as taught by their claimed “*modern day prophets and apostles*”, not just by their “standard works”...You tried to explain that they (LDS prophets) at the beginning did not really know or understand what the doctrine was going to be any more than other religious leaders in the world. **But Mormonism claims what no other church or leaders have claimed, namely that the prophets are called of God and that they receive their words directly from God.** If Mormons cannot trust their *prophets and apostles*, and if they just spout opinions of men, *like all other churches*, why do you have them? Why do they present the Mormon Church as **“the Only True Church on the face of the whole earth”?**

My second attachment to this letter is a brief example of contradictions in your canonized scriptures, that you say you trust in and believe. I hope you compare them and decide which one of them you believe or not believe, and why.

You referred to **“our website that had many flaws”** and even listed some of them. However, **the website you gave is not our site.** I was not even aware of this site until you referred to it. Our website is www.hismin.com. There are many ministries that have used parts of our story of coming out of Mormonism. They are free to do so for our testimony is not copyrighted. We have received many letters over the years with similar assumptions as yours, referring to some other websites instead to our own site, assuming that we have originated them.

To answer your question why we do this, is because we love our Mormon friends and family. The reason my husband and I are engaged in this **informational ministry** is that we are concerned about all Mormons, not just our family and friends, who are still Mormons. We care about them enough to tell them what we have found out about the true God, Jesus and salvation,- and Mormonism. Without knowing who true the God is, who Jesus is, one cannot go to heaven (John 8:24; 17:3.) We love them enough to put ourselves on line to be mocked, persecuted and attacked by many Mormons. It is our every day experience. Again, we do this because we love them and are concerned for them, for we know that false gods and “another Jesus”, “another gospel”, promoted by influence of “another spirit”, will lead people eventually to eternal hell. (2 Cor. 11:3-4, 13-15; Gal. 1:8-9; 1 John 4:1; John 8:24.) We want to warn them

so that they can make an informed decision – “**choose ye this day whom you will serve**”, as Joshua said to his people who had gone after false gods. (Joshua 24:15.)

If they do not want to investigate, if they do not care that a god (or gods) they believe in is not God of the Bible, that their Jesus is a counterfeit Jesus, “another Jesus”, and their gospel “another gospel” (2 Cor. 11:4), it is up to them, their call, what they do with that information, but our call is to inform, as God of the Bible through Ezekiel (33:7-9) commands that we do.

You mentioned people who scream and yell at Mormons by the Temple Square...Why did you say that? Have you ever seen do that? For your information, we do not engage in a ministry of “street preaching” in front of LDS meeting places or their Temple Square! We inform via internet where people, of their own free will, go searching, or we teach in Christian churches that ask us to come and help them. We do not push or force our knowledge on you or on them. Because you asked, I am answering.

During the past few decades Mormonism has begun to claim to be a Christian religion – and that is why we jump in and inform. Mormons use deceptive methods, claiming to believe in the same God and Jesus as biblical Christians! That is a lie!!! They are engaged in “sheep-stealing” –they send missionaries only to those nations where Christianity is already established – looking for those among them who are not doctrinally well informed. They are selectively using Bible verses and by so doing they are giving an impression that they believe what the Bible teaches! **Not true!**

When I joined the Mormon Church, the Mormon Church was not promoting itself as a Christian church. When we both served our LDS missions (in mid 1960’s), I recall our mission president instructing us saying, “**If asked are you Christians, you are to say, NO, we are Mormons.**” This was based on **Joseph Smith’s First Vision Story** found in your **canonical scriptures** declaring that **all Christian sects are an abomination to God**, and that Mormons are not part of them! **How things have changed!**

You say that your were raised in *an Evangelical Christian church and home, even in a Baptist church*, and imply that you were such an outstanding young man and a good speaker that you were called to “*fill the Pulpit*”, while still in a high school! You may have been a charming and inspiring speaker, **but obviously you did not know the God of the Bible, nor Jesus’ true identity as God Himself who became a man.** (Rev. 1:8; Matt. 1:23; John 1:1, 14; 8:24). **Had you known, you would have never found Mormonism to be “true”, as you now say!** Sad fact is that many young people raised in Christian homes and churches today have no real understanding of biblical doctrine. **For that reason they can be influenced by cultists who know how to attract biblical illiterates – as I too was. It is sad that basic and fundamental truths are not clearly taught in many so-called Christian churches. “Cults flourish because of biblical illiteracy.”** I know – I’ve been there... I joined the LDS Church because I knew nothing about biblical doctrine. Had I known, I also would have known that the Bible says that **The Word of God is given to us so that we could know.** (2 Tim. 3:16.) I did not! We are told in 2Tim. 2:15 to **STUDY** so that we would not end up ashamed, as I did. I did not even own a Bible when I met the Mormon missionaries. They said that it was OK – and they gave me the Book of Mormon instead!!! I was unlearned as far as the Bible is concerned, and gullible.

However, as Dennis and I matured and learned to think and reason, we came to see that **the truth does matter! And that facts are important. Feelings are not! Feelings change!** (Jer. 17:9.) **Truth does not change. Truth matters to both Dennis and I – so we started to study the Bible independently of Mormon scriptures.** We learned the truth and we escaped the bondage we were under. **We are now free.** (John 8:31-32, 36. **Free in Jesus!**)

You say that we do not know what we are talking about. You do not seem to know that Dennis was a generational LDS (6 generations before him), always active and obedient member who also was a student of all what the Church wanted him to know (!). You do not seem to know that my learning of Mormonism was attained from Church’s own archives, not from any “anti-Mormon” materials, but from their own published writings during my 14 plus years as a translator and interpreter for the LDS Church and what its doctrines are.

What you are saying, especially about how Mormons were **persecuted** by other faiths (Christians) during their early history, **proves to me that you are not familiar with what really took place in Kirtland, in Missouri and in Nauvoo.** The LDS Church has put a huge effort into *damage control* during the last 50 plus years and has sanitized their history - with their new converts in mind. I became very familiar with this “*sanitizing effort*” while working for the Church and in some ways even taking part in the *cover-ups*,

thinking that it was indeed better if potential converts, or even members, did not know the ugly truths. (I am sorry about my participation in all that!)

History of the world, and of religions that developed over the centuries, makes interesting reading, and I have done a lot of it. I know that most **religions** have an ugly side, but ugliness found in the Mormon Church's records is not the only or the main reason why we abandoned Mormonism. We do not follow any "religion", we do not "believe in a religion". We believe in and follow a Person, Jesus Christ, who is **God with us** (Matt. 1:23.) We trust the Word of God that was given "**by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.**" (2 Tim. 3:16.) The "**Word**" and "**Truth**" are titles of Jesus, who said that **His Word is Truth**. (John 14:6; 17:17.) We left Mormonism for His Truth, for doctrinal reasons, for there is no salvation in false gods, or in "Jesus" who is a created being, brother of all mankind, angels and even Lucifer. **Jesus of the Bible is eternal God who became a man to die for our sins. He is the Creator of angels and Lucifer – and "all things, visible and invisible"**. (Col. 1:16; John 1:1-3.) Thus He could not be a "brother" of men nor angels! Eternity is never ending – and after this life there is no second chance to repent and change. (Hebr. 9:27.) "**God has promised forgiveness to your repentance, but He has not promised tomorrow to your procrastination.**" Jesus Himself said that **if we do not believe that He is the Great I AM (Eternal God) we will die in our sins**, and thus not go to heaven. (John 8:24.) **Only God can forgive sins**. (Mark 2:7.) We likewise learned from the Bible, contrary to Mormon teachings, that there is no pre-existence of men; Jesus alone came from heaven, mankind did not. (John 8:23-24; 3:31; 1 Cor. 15:46-47.)

We have in our home a good size "LDS library" – with hundreds of volumes, many going back more than hundred years, as well as current *sanitized LDS versions*...and comparing them we can see what has been changed and what has been removed from the historical records. The "**living prophet**" **claims of the LDS are huge**. Joseph Smith claimed that his revelations came directly from his god, just like Isaiah's, Jeremiah's, Ezekiel's and others. He claimed them as "*revelations*" (see D&C) but they did not come true. (On our website we have 53 samples of his false prophecies, when only one is necessary to prove a prophet false. When a "prophet" proclaims, "*thus saith the Lord*", and if that saying does not come true, **he is a false prophet!** (Deut. 18:18-20.) Even "Jeannie Dixon-type" psychics of this world can guess well enough to be right once and awhile, some even 50% of the time. Joseph Smith was not even that "good". ☺

Brigham Young was an LDS president and a "prophet" longer than anyone after him (he led the Mormons from 1844 till 1877). He said that his teachings were "*as good as scripture*". (JoD 13:95) **He taught for 25+ years that Adam is God**, and even **the only God** with whom Mormons have to do. (One claiming to be god's prophet, must know who his god is, right?) **Brigham said that it was God Himself who revealed that doctrine to him**. His apostles taught the same and preached it in their General Conferences, even long after Brigham's death. **Adam, as Michael, is still one of the gods in their temple ritual's "creation portion"**, and he is proclaimed to be the **Ancient of Days** in D&C 27:11. (See also D&C 116.) **There is not one reputable Bible scholar or Hebrew scholar in the world who would not identify the Ancient of Days as God Almighty! To Mormons that is Adam!** (Comp. Dan. 7:9 and Rev. 1:8,13-18 and see who the Ancient of Days is.) Reference to Daniel 7:9 in D&C 27:11 admits that Adam is God to Mormons. (Read also a bit about Adam-oni-Ahman and what leaders of the Church have said about that.)

The leaders of the Mormon Church have declared that General Conference sermons, past and present, are an extension to the D&C – so they are scripture.

By the way, you may know that there are many, many contradictions between officially canonized LDS scriptures. (See the attached list of some of them.) How do you choose which one to believe?

I trust that you know that **none of the most important doctrines of today's Mormon Church are in the Book of Mormon at all** (that claims to have "fullness of the gospel" in it), as: **pre-existence of mankind, God being a former man, plurality of Gods as Joseph Smith later taught, men becoming gods and creating their own worlds and having spirit children who will then worship them, temple ordinances/endowments and temple marriage, three heavenly kingdoms but no hell, work for the dead, two priesthoods, Jesus as an elder brother of mankind, and a created being and Lucifer's brother, polygamy, needfulness of a future prophet (Joseph Smith) for mankind's salvation etc.**

Nor does the BoM teach what the LDS Church teaches today, namely that “**salvation by grace alone**” means resurrection only for all mankind, but “**true salvation**” must be earned. (Mormon Doctrine, pp. 669-671.) Mormon Doctrine (p. 670) declares, “**If it had not been for Joseph Smith and restoration, there would be no salvation. There is no salvation outside of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.**”

The Book of Mormon as well as **the Pearl of Great Price** do teach racism. Skin color determined their “**righteousness**”. Blacks are said to be descendants of Cain (PoGP, Moses 5, most of that chapter – and 7:22). Blacks could not have the priesthood (PoGP, Abraham 1:20-27). In the BoM “**skin of blackness**” was God’s curse on disobedient “Lamanites” – you ought to know that. **The Bible does not teach anything about race, except the Human Race.** We all are in that race!

There are no prophets any more in the same sense as there were in the Old Testament. (Luke 16:16; Matt. 11:13; Hebr. 1:1-3.) Word “*prophet*” found in the Greek New Testament means *spirit filled teacher* who is inspired to teach and explain the Old Testament. That is what the New Testament “prophets” were: **teachers!** If we study the New Testament and what it teaches, we can understand the Old Testament also. John the Baptist was the last prophet in the same sense as OT prophets. (Luke 16:16; Matt 11:13.) He came in the Spirit of Elijah - after 400 years of silence from God - to bring teachings of the Old Testament and God’s promise of the Redeemer to the memory of what had been taught there from Gen. 3:15 on. **The Four Gospels** declare Jesus to be the **Promised One**. The rest of the NT writings (of Paul, Peter, James, John and Jude) are **instructions to the believers in Jesus’ saving work, to all who have received Him and have become God’s children.** (John 1:12; comp. Rom. 9:8.) **The Book of Revelation** is a fulfillment of **Hebr. 1:1-3**. It was “**in the times past**” that God spoke through the prophets, now He speaks through His Son, Jesus. Jesus is the one who reveals the future of the world (after His first coming), starting in **Rev. 1:1**. He takes us through the “**Church age**” which we are still in (Rev. Chapters 2-3), describing various problems we, as His Church (Col.1:18, 24), have and giving warnings to us as believers in Him. Chapter 4 starts with the words, after this... After what? After Rev. 4:1! **After the church age ends** comes the Rapture, promised in 1 Thess. 4:13-18, and then begins the time of *Jacob’s Trouble, Tribulation of Israel.* (Jer. 30:7; Matt. 24 – all of it.) From Rev. 4 through Rev. 18, the **Church, which is all born again believers in Jesus,** are not mentioned until Chapter 19, when we will come back with Him. It is after that when the Millennial Kingdom begins. After the thousand years are past, comes the **Great White Throne Judgment of unbelievers.** (Rev. 20:11-15) – Then we will receive a New Heaven and New Earth – and Heavenly Kingdom – Eternity. Indeed, **Jesus has told us all there will be – no new prophets needed. He is the last Prophet, He is our High Priest and Coming King. We have His promises in His trustworthy Word. He is the Truth. He cannot lie. We are His forever. Isn’t that great or what!!!.**

I must end this for now, but *in summary* I would like you to know that we are not followers of any religion – nor do we take counsel from any organized religion. We study the Bible daily and follow Jesus Christ, who is our God who became a man and died for us. **We KNOW, even now, that we have salvation.** (Eph. 2:8-9; 1 John 5:13.) If I died this hour, I know that I would be with Jesus forever.

Men can make mistakes, but Jesus does not. I repeat: The Word is one of His titles (John 14:6) and **His Word is the Truth.** (John 17:17.) He promised that not even one jot or tittle will pass (be taken away) from His Word until all is fulfilled. (Matt. 5:18; 16:18; Mark 18:31; see also Ps. 119:89; 12:6-7; Isa. 40:8.) **God holds His Word even higher than His Holy name. (Ps. 138:2.) That means that any attack against His Word is attack on His Person. (Thus be careful!)**
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We have so much to be thankful for. The Lord has given us “*life, breath, and all things*” (Acts 17:25). He is “*the God of our salvation*”. Whatever else we don’t have in this life, we surely have the great gift of eternal life, through faith in Christ and His finished work of redemption. Each day we have the indwelling presence of His Spirit, and guidance of His Word, the daily provision of all our needs and the assurance of His love.

We thank our Lord for you, our dear friends and praying partners, partners with us in our ministry. Thank you!!! Without you responding to our Lord's promptings to remember us, praying for us and supporting us in tangible ways, we could not have the means, strength or spirit of courage to go on. This work is hard and it pretty much takes "all of me", and Dennis' evenings and weekends too. ☺ There have been many heartaches and disappointments along the way this year, but also many joyous rewards when those whom we have shared the gospel have finally come to "see the light" and have asked Jesus to be their Lord and Savior. That is when we celebrate, and we know that at that same hour there is a joy in heaven also as is told in Luke 15:7.

Your prayers for Dale and his wife Sharon are much needed and appreciated as well as prayers for Dwayne and his soon coming brain surgery. Heber still has ringing in his ears that is very disturbing, and every time he calls, he asks for prayer, and we do pray for him and others every night. Bruce is doing better after his settlement, even though it was not what he should have received. Insurance companies have more money to fight with than an average person could ever afford, but we trust that the Lord will be with Bruce and take care of him. Grace is also healing quite well (after she was hit by a car couple of months ago), and we thank the Lord for her recovery, but please continue to pray that her injuries are not going to cause any long term problems. Please pray also with us that those many LDS people we are in contact with will open their hearts and minds to receive truth.

We pray for our friend Mark Cahill and his ministry (www.markcahill.org) and other ministries too that truly preach the whole Word (Acts 20:27) rather than men's ideas. We are concerned about Emergent Church's heretical ideas that are dividing people and enticing many who are not solid in the Word of God, into accepting their "new" teachings. As the Bible warns, the closer we get to the Second Coming (and to the Rapture before that), the busier the enemy of our Lord gets and we have to watch his every move by knowing the Word of God better every day.

We indeed need to memorize Paul's instructions he gave for this war we are in (Eph. 6:10-20):
"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins gird about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked, and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God: praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; and for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel. For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak."

May we all have the strength and determination to be bold but loving in sharing the gospel and serve our Lord till He comes or calls us home.

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