# Exalting Jesus, Loving People

# Joseph Sprowl Ministries June/July, 2016

#### WHY ARE WE DOING WHAT WE DO?



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Throughout God's Word we see the testimonies of men and women and their works done in the Name of the Lord Jesus. The day will eventually arrive when <u>every Christian</u> will stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ. This is the BEMA Judgment seat



where <u>rewards</u> are passed out for the things we have done with direction from the Holy Spirit. This is not the great White Throne Judgement Seat of Almighty God where those who have not accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior will be judged. Rev. 20:11-15

Because of a lack of knowledge and wrong teaching many precious <u>saints</u> <u>of God</u> live in fear of even making it to heaven let alone receive rewards. These things are basics according to the Word of God.

1. Can I really have assurance of heaven? In other words, can I know before I leave this world.

2. Do I have to accumulate a certain number of reward points to make heaven?

3. Will my entire life—good, bad, ugly be brought up to me by Jesus?

Before we proceed any further, let's take a look at 2 Corinthians 5:10 (HCSB) "For we must all (Christians) appear before the tribunal of Christ, so that each may be repaid for what he has done in the body, whether good or worthless. This has to do with purpose and motive. Why did you do what you did for the Lord. Were you looking to be seen of men? Did you do it just for personal satisfaction? Did it feel like a duty and a religious struggle? Did you just do it so your pastor could see it? The Word of God says in Colossians 3:17 (NKJV) "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

I don't know about you so I cannot speak for you, but this is how I look at this. When the Lord instructs me to do something I want to do it with all my heart as unto Him because I love Him and the people of this earth. I'm not saying that my track record has always been perfect but I strive to keep my purpose and motive pure in the sight of the Lord.

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Allow me the pleasure of sharing a real life example with you. Personally I have always done my best to follow the scriptural admonition to rejoice with them that rejoice and weep with them that weep. Romans 12:15 When someone receives a blessing, I rejoice with them and praise the Lord for His goodness.

My dear wife and I had been pastoring for several years when the Lord put it on her heart to hold a surprise pastor appreciation party for me. It was awesome and totally took me off guard. I was having the time of my life and then it happened. Old sourpuss walked in with his family and literally threw a gift at me. I kid you not, he threw it at me and then made some caustic statement about pastors. My flesh wanted to throw it back at him but I maintained my composure and walked in love. Possibly he repented later. Watch out for your purpose and motive. Just because he gave a gift to me, his motive and attitude was certainly not doing it in the name of the Lord. You will not get rewards from the Lord with that kind of attitude.

<u>Purpose and motive.</u> <u>Purpose and</u> <u>motive.</u> <u>Purpose and motive</u>. Why are we doing what we are doing? Why do you greet at the door on Sunday morning? Why do you give in the offering? Why are you on the worship team? Why do you pass out tracts and talk to people about Jesus? Why do you preach? At work, do you work hard only when the employer is watching; because actually you should be working as if the Lord is your employer.

Ephesians 6: 5-8 (NKJV) Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the <u>heart,</u> with goodwill doing service, <u>as to the Lord,</u> and not to men, knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free." (The Lord will reward us for each good thing we do.)

1 Corinthians 3:12-14(NKJV) Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. <u>If anyone's work which he has built on it</u> <u>endures, he will receive a reward.</u> If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved , yet so as through fire."

Ask the Lord to help you with your motives and attitudes. Jesus wants to reward us on the day we stand before Him. I can tell you this, anything He gives us, just has to be awesome and worth all of our time and effort serving Him here on earth. "If
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1 Cor. 3:14



## Exalting Jesus, Loving People

## Keep Praying for our Nation



Father, we lift up this election coming in November and those servants already in office. We pray for peace in America. We thank you for cleaning corruption out of our government on a local, state and federal level. We bind political, economic and social devils; fear, terrorism, idolatry, witchcraft and immorality and command them to stop in their strategies and maneuvers against the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ and the United States of America! In Jesus name, Satan you are under our feet.

## Keep Praying for a Great Awakening

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Father, in the name of Jesus, we pray for the rain from heaven, (Zech. 10:1) a great outpouring of your Spirit, (Joel 2:28). We pray that you would soften the hearts and minds of the lost and give your people utterance (anointed words) and boldness as they preach the gospel. We hunger for and desire all nine gifts of the Holy Spirit to be in prolific manifestation. We ask for freshly anointed, fully equipped, prepared laborers to be sent into the harvest. Mt. 9:38 In Jesus name, Amen!



**UP AND COMING SPECIAL MEETINGS** 



Save the dates

Friday, September 23, 2016 and Friday, November 11, 2016

<u>Make Plans to Attend</u>

<u>WHEN:</u> Friday, <u>September 23, 2016</u> at 7:00 p.m. &

Friday, <u>November 11, 2016</u> at 7:00 p.m.

<u>WHERE:</u> Holiday Inn Express, 1392 Enterprise Pkwy, Ashland, OH 44805

For more information, please call 419-775-6334 or 419-631-4570

# Radio



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#### WLRD 96.9 FM, Willard, OH

Each Sunday Morning, 9:00 a.m.– 9:15 a.m.-Streams on the internet WLRD.net

*WGGN FM 97.7, Castalia, (Sandusky, OH).* Each Sunday morning, 9:45 a.m.-10:00 a.m. The program also streams on the internet at fm977.net.

<u>WMAN 1400 AM, & 98.3 FM,</u> Mansfield, OH. Each Sunday morning, 8:15 a.m.- 8:30 a.m. The program also streams on the internet at WMANFM.

#### Ministries We are Linked With

1. Ashland Faith Family Church—Pastors Donnie and Joy Moss, 819 Scott Street,

Ashland, OH 44805

- 2. Wedgewood Estates of Mansfield, we minister two Sundays a month with Randy and Lori Casto, 600 S. Trimble Rd., Mansfield, OH 44906
- 3. Crossway Church—Pastors Jeff and Tammy Shaull, 200 Gelsanliter Rd. Galion, OH 44833
- 4. Faith Avenue Television Broadcast—Rev. Carla Love— Odessa, TX www.faithave.tv
- 5. Global Reach—Rev. Eric and Beth Casto, Lakeland, Florida, www.foursmiles.com



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### PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAISE AND THANK THE LORD WITH US!

- 1. That our partner base will continue to grow and expand.
- 2. That doors for ministry would continue to open for both of us. Favor with pastors/church leaders.
- 3. Boldness/and manifestations and demonstrations of the Holy Spirit.
- 4. Finances for the radio outreach.

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