



Maryland

Have you been to a seminar on the father heart of God? Most people have. These are highly useful teachings for all of us.

Now, have you been to one on sonship? This is a side of the teaching that has been largely ignored. We need to learn how to be better sons in order to receive the full benefit of the fathering God is already doing.

Arthur will be speaking on this theme during a half-day seminar in Frederick, Maryland on Saturday, March 13th. Go to the Events page for more info.

Canadian Seminar

There are fewer than two dozen openings left for the seminar in Ottawa on Saturday the 27th. Go to the Events page for info or to register.

Training in Ministry to the Spirit

Robert Hartzell is the director of Fountains of Life in Jacksonville, Florida. He is trained in various healing modalities that are commonly used these days and has been working hard in recent years to integrate ministry to the human spirit into his existing tool kit.

He is currently exploring the possibility of developing a training program for this kind of blended ministry. There is not yet a structure or syllabus. This is still in the early conceptual stages.

If you are interested in brainstorming with Robert what this might look like, contact him through his website at: www.FountainsOfLife.org.

This is not being done through Plumblin Ministries. We are simply advising people of an emerging new paradigm and possibility.

iPods in Canada

Since we have released the iPods, the majority of the sales have been to Canadians. We wondered about that for awhile, until one excited Canuck called the office and explained why.

Some of the broadband connections in the more remote communities won't handle the streaming video from our website, so the iPods became their source for all the blessings and the Video Library.

While we were not thinking about small towns in Canada (and elsewhere in the world) when we developed this product, we are delighted to have accidentally done something that benefits you in that way.

Enjoy!

Anaheim, CA

Starting in April, we will be holding our monthly workshops at the Phoenix Club in Anaheim. This is the German cultural hub for the area. Anaheim was founded by German vintners who left a deep imprint on the city in its formation.

Our first event there will be a workshop on April 24th about identifying your calling. Watch the Events page for further details, but in the meantime, pray that our time on the land will be significant for the city, not just for the workshop participants.

Seabees



Are there any Seabees in Plumblin? I am doing a case study of the redemptive gift of this fine organization and would love to chat with a few current or former Seabees. Drop me a line through the Contact Us page.



Two New Conferences

A Visual Message

Have you ever played with wire puzzles like this? I loved them when I was growing up (pre-video games!) and I just ordered a set for our office since they make great fidgeting toys when I am on a really



boring phone call. I also chose this as the emblem for the two conferences we will be holding in June. The message is that the

impossible task is quite simple when you get the alignment right. You don't need force -- you need accurate alignment.

The conferences will be on the first two weekends in June. On Friday night the 4th and all day Saturday the 5th of June, we will be in Oklahoma City. The following weekend we will be in Minneapolis.

This is an unusual pair of conferences and marks a new season for Plumblin. They are designed for social entrepreneurs.

Social Entrepreneurs?

What is a social entrepreneur? It is someone who knows there has to be a better way for society to work and wants to per-

sonally bring that about in values, structures and outcomes.

Over the last 30 years God has been giving more and more people a vision for transforming a particular sector of society. Each person can envision the life that could flow into the culture if God's values and structures were established in the place of what is currently there.

A social entrepreneur is obviously unhappy with the current state of affairs, but their driving emotion is not anger, it is excitement over the magnificence of what could be, if the life of God were allowed to flow in that arena.

Sectors

The size of God's passion for our culture is seen in the amazing diversity of the redemptive pictures He has planted in our hearts. Each social entrepreneur is deeply vested in his or her own niche.

I know a couple of people who have a passion for exploring and revealing where God is at the edges of physics.

Another is passionate about using the art of spirit nurture to enrich current modalities of hippotherapy for autistic children.

A man recently shared with me his vision for using the Internet to communicate truths from spirit to spirit -- without wordy sermons!

A businessman overseas is excited about building a new economic model for his nation, starting with the hundreds of thousands of small farmers.

An educator is dreaming of a school which addresses spirit, soul and body simultaneously.

On the other side of the same dream, a

healer is savoring what surgery could be like if every member of the medical team was highly gifted in spirit nurture.

Someone in elder care rages against the practice of discarding the older generation and can talk eloquently about giving them the gift of dignity and training them to go out with a blaze of glory by passing on their generational blessings to the younger ones.

A land owner sees a retreat center where the spiritual dynamics of the land seamlessly blend with the ministry resources available for renewal.

An artist ponders what it would be like to capture the look on people's faces when the spirit comes to the front and they are radiant.

The owner of an auto body shop dreams of turning his business into a school for under privileged kids to learn an enduring trade.



**STARTING
RIGHT**

These dreams and a million more are all expressions of God's intention to redeem the culture in the Mercy season, rather than just redeeming people from out of the culture.

Frustrated Social Entrepreneurs

Many people whom God has called to be social entrepreneurs have tried in the past to walk out their vision, only to be utterly ineffective. This has caused some to lay down their dream and others to walk in guilt and self-condemnation because they were not able to execute it.

It is my opinion that God began a process that was time sensitive. Over the last 30 years He placed His dreams in the hearts of men and women who could receive and celebrate those ideas secretly even though they seemed outrageous to the culture at the time. This act of coming into agreement with the heart of God released a powerful force into the cosmic battle.

Over the years, the daring ideas that were once only whispered about became sufficiently acceptable that they were openly discussed. Then, as a marker that the season of "pregnancy" was about over, God has recently released a number of Exhorters to passionately validate the general concept of social entrepreneurship and to implore the people of God to do it.

I believe the time has come for many of you to move toward implementation. Externally this may appear to be a most inauspicious season for something as immense as what you have carried in your heart for so long. The resources are no more there now than they were last time you tried. The doors are no more open now, than the last time you tried.

Or...maybe not!

Starting Right

From a Ruler season strategic point of view, it may well be true that you do not have the resources or the manpower to execute such a plan.

However, from the Mercy season perspective, perhaps the reality is not so daunting as you think it is. Consider these two nails again. At first glance, you need some strong tools to separate them. However,

there is a way to make them come apart with no force -- only finesse.

We believe God is making a new grace available for beginning, but we must begin the Mercy season way. These two conferences are about starting right.

We certainly don't have a 20 year plan for overcoming all the obstacles you will face but we do have seven social entrepreneurs who have started, who would be glad to show you what starting looks like in the Mercy season. None of the seven has accomplished their objective. All of the seven have tasted the grace of God for the passion in their heart.

They are coming to the conference to share with you in vivid detail what it would look like for you to start right with your dream.

Is It For You?

A social entrepreneur is someone God has designed and called to produce this kind of change in the culture. You do not become a social entrepreneur when you achieve a certain level of success. You are one because God called you, and you slowly unpack the treasure that is in you.

If you recognize yourself as one of those who has carried one of God's dreams for awhile and you were blocked from implementing in the Ruler season, perhaps you belong at one of the conferences. Come rub shoulders with ordinary people who started right -- and see what it would look like for you to make a minor adjustment to the nails in your hand, to make them come into alignment and release.

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MORE THOUGHTS ON MALABSORPTION

A Harsh Reaction

I recently wrote an article about the inability of some people to absorb spiritual truth. I called the phenomenon "Malabsorption."

That article netted me a massive reaction from the readers. I was very surprised by the volume of mail and even more intrigued by the tone of too many of the e-mails. They were harsh, critical and definitely talking down to me. Some of it, I know, was the religious spirit that usually has a one-size-fits-all silver bullet solution to any problem. The religious spirit is quite condescending.

But there was something else beyond that which really caught me off guard. I think it came from a misunderstanding of the tone of that original article. Allow me to comment on my tone before we move on to the new things we have learned.

The Learned and the Learners

A writer can present himself as either learned or a learner. The simple reality is that most of the religious things you read are written by someone who is, or wants you to believe he is, learned, and therefore he has earned the right to pontificate.

I intentionally wrote that article from the point of view of a learner. It is not that this is a new problem for me. Nor am I devoid of tools to deal with it. Nor does everyone who listens to me fail to absorb truth in a transformational way. Frankly, I

could have written a long, powerful article about the dozen tools I use to help truth absorb better, deeper, faster.

But I didn't.

I adopted a learners tone in order to stimulate some discussion and encourage dialog, not dogmatic statements.

I was chagrined that it had exactly the opposite effect I was looking for. Many people thought I was stumped and clueless and they rode to the rescue with gusto. Nonetheless, I am writing again from an exploratory perspective, not from the perspective of someone who has arrived and has THE answer.

An Idea

In addition to the unwelcome e-mails, a number of people wrote passionately about their personal pilgrimage. They came from having head knowledge that did nothing for them to having the Word of God come alive in a transformational way.

I have pondered those e-mails and observed a lot of people since then. I am more and more convinced that the issue of malabsorption is actually a dozen or more issues, since the same fruit can come from many different roots.

Much good work has been done already on the subject, but there is one issue I have not seen addressed very deeply in this context and that is the role of shame in the malabsorption of spiritual realities.

As I read the e-mails of those who have had good results, a number of them reported incidents where it seemed to me as though God might have been addressing deep shame issues (along with other things) in the situation which gave them a good release.

I ponder other people who admit to being blocked from grasping truth in a transformational way and I see discernable levels of shame in at least some of them. So while I feel there are many probable causes (like a lifestyle of TV viewing that causes you to be marred in your thinking processes) it is worth spending some time looking at shame.

I wonder if shame in the spirit causes your spirit to be afraid of embracing much truth, lest it sees something that will add more condemnation to what is already there.

Sources of Shame

Shame can be passed on through the family line as the result of a covenant, a curse or as a generational memory which was transferred from eye to eye during the formative years.

Shame can be projected onto you by early care givers or can be the result of bad choices on your own part that you have not fully resolved. Individuals who have been part of a Christian cult and then came to their senses and left, often have a lot of trouble getting past the shame of having been deceived in such a way.

I think some people may have trauma bonds to land, people or events where shameful actions took place.

Some people are suffering the shame that comes from being part of a specific community. For example, our soldiers who served faithfully in Vietnam were broadly reviled for the decisions of our government and therefore ended up carrying a corporate shame they most certainly did not deserve.

There is shame that comes from social stereotypes. Women who are overweight, children who have limitations in their speech, and minorities are often affected by the floating cloud of shame from the culture.

Dignity

The opposite of shame is dignity. It would be interesting to see what would happen to those of you who already know that you have malabsorption issues if you were to focus for six months on digging out every root of shame, and then building dignity into your life with fierce intentionality.

I wonder if truth will automatically start landing deeper when shame is removed, or whether the eradication of shame and the presence of dignity would merely pave the way for the other disciplines to be adopted.

I have some ideas about this -- obviously -- but am not being dogmatic about how the sequences will play out. So when you write back, please do so in an exploratory manner as well so we can learn together.. because there HAS to be a better way.

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