"There is Cake, And Then There Is CAKE!"

By Mrs. Sojourner

Many times during my childhood I watched my mother decorate cakes for people. Wedding cakes, birthday cakes, holiday cakes—I could give a detailed description of the whole process of decorating a cake.

Years later I decided to decorate a "simple" round two-layer birthday cake. No problem, right? WRONG! I could easily bake the cake, but when it came to the details of getting the frosting smoothly on the cake and getting the words and other decorations neatly on the cake, that was another story. After considerable time of trial and error I decided that instead of a cake skillfully done, it would be a cake done "with love." (and sugar sprinkles!) My experience here is proof that a cake made by someone who puts little time and effort in making and decorating it may be a cake but it is not necessarily the true essence of cake.

Now, lets consider something else. There is a difference between the spiritual walk that includes casually perusing the Bible on occasion and



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[a] Acts

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(NIV)

praying only when something is needed, and the spiritual walk that includes searching the scriptures for God's daily revelation and daily praying worshipfully and humbly for the Blessing to cover the Believer praying and others.

Think about this, David is called a man after God's own heart.^[a] Is this because David was sinless? Certainly not! But, looking through the Psalms one can easily see that David searched for his Heavenly Father's will and expressed some of the most adoring and worshipful verses in the Word.

Please keep in mind that putting time, energy, and heart into your relationship with God will cause this relationship and your life overall to go further than you ever thought it could.

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When I was following the leading of the Holy Spirit by developing a Sojourner's Fellowships brochure, I was preparing to write a doctrine statement when suddenly the Holy Spirit said, "No, don't produce a doctrine. The doctrines of men divide The Body. I will tell you what to say about what those in Sojourner's Fellowships are to do."

Marching Orders

It was then I realized doctrine is not necessarily a marching order! Then I was taken to Jeremiah 23 to the section of "woe to the shepherds." I must tell you I was a little taken back when I was first reading where I had been sent. I was wondering what I had done wrong to receive such a strong rebuke!

Then the Holy Spirit said, "Tell the people they are to do what these shepherds had failed to do! The Sojourners with you are to be doers and not just hearers! My people are to be people of action, my action through them. Believer and unbeliever alike are to see my glory flow through them in power!"

Not Just Another Place

It was then I realized Sojourner's Fellowships were not to be just another place to hear a message and go on about your life.

Yield!

Everyone of us who drives a vehicle in a country that uses 'YIELD' signs has experienced someone who did not seem to understand the meaning of the word 'yield' and the proper response to it.

Many who have invited Christ into their lives have mistakenly only accepted him in as Savior but have never yielded to him as Lord. "Jesus is either LORD of all or not LORD at all!" I have heard John Hagee say this very thing numerous times.

Commitment to Christ is an all-the-way thing! The Be-

Please note: This is a teaching sketch only and not the complete teaching.

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⁵ This is what the LORD says: "Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the LORD. ⁶ That person will be like a bush in the wastelands; they will not see prosperity	Notes: [a] probably from a primary verb eiro (to join); peace (literal or figura- tive); by implica-	stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."
when it comes. They will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives. ⁷ "But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. ⁸ They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the	tion pros- perity :- one, peace, quietness, rest, + set at one again. — Strong's Greek & Hebrew Diction- ary	¹¹ It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, ¹² to pre- pare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <i>(Eph. 4:11-12 NIV)</i>
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The Blessing

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liever is the person who has yielded to Christ. There is no such thing a partial yielding! Wherever two lanes of traffic and vehicles come together, at least one vehicle must yield to the other completely or there is disaster. A Christian is a yielded life to Christ.

Planted & Fruitful

Yes, the Believer must be planted firmly in Christ to be fruitful. Fruit, good

fruit, is what our Lord expects of us. A harvest is something that is yielded from seeds that were planted. The harvest our Lord wants, no expects, is a plentiful harvest—that's a good harvest.

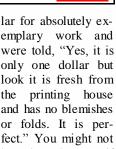
We must not plant sparingly to have a small harvest, we must have a harvest full of fruit. If we harvest one nearly perfect apple that one apple no matter how well formed it may be is not a plentiful harvest. It may be a beautiful apple but it is not the harvest our Lord expects.

What would you think if you received only one perfect dol-

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and has no blemishes or folds. It is perfect." You might not be pleased even if you thought it was a beautiful specimen of a one dollar bill. Believers are to yield

Believers are to yield both good fruit and plentiful fruit to their Lord!

Blessed By God

God wants to bless us! He has already blessed us by sending Jesus the Christ to bless us with salvation, healing, deliverance, and preservation! Jesus yielded up his life so we would be restored to mankind's original state and condition in all creation with him.

Bearing Good

Bearing good fruit and good harvest as one who has truly have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior places you in a position to draw upon the treasure you lay up in heaven. This is true in your sojourn now and in eternity!