

CLARITY MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

CLARITY TRUMPET

"It's Time for CLARITY!"

For if the trumpet makes an uncertain sound, who will prepare himself for battle? So likewise you, unless you utter by the tongue words easy to understand, how will it be known what is spoken? For you will be speaking into the air.

-First Corinthians 14:8, 9-

Dear Christian, if I were the Devil and I wanted to make you ineffective –

1. I would soon identify your weaknesses and see to it that you were regularly brought face-to-face with those areas of weakness. *I would bombard you.*

2. I would fill your life with good things *in place of* the very best.

3. I would get you involved in relationships with other "fine Christians" – *as long as* that "fine Christian" was not directly involved in any outreach, or as long as that "fine Christian" was negative or critical, or as long as that "fine Christian" had so many personal problems that you would get bogged down with this "fine Christian's" personal dilemmas, and so have little or no time for the Lord, or for reaching out to those without Christ.

4. I would get you fighting with other "good" Christians and once it began I would be constantly feeding the flame of discontent in a thousand different ways.

5. I would *keep you busy* doing other Christian things – *fun* Christian things, that would not leave much time for serious prayer, or for entering into the real spiritual warfare. After all, *who wants to fight a war when you can play?*

6. I would *distract* you with whatever worked – good or bad; with *legitimate areas* of concern such as earning money to pay bills, to support a family, to live; with *frivolous things* such as styles, cars, sports, popularity, hobbies, entertainment (including "Christian" entertainment); and with *sinful things* as lying, uncontrolled sexual passions, stealing, cheating, keeping up with others *at the expense of personal godliness in your own life.*

7. I would let you believe your self-deceived notion that you are "cool" because as long as you are caught up with how "cool" you are, you won't be so foolish as to think *Christ should be your Everything*; that He should have preeminence without sharing it with the likes of you.

8. I would *weigh you down*. I would lay burdens upon you that you would be unable to bear. I would ring every fear, worry, doubt, and depression into your life, especially concerning your past and your unknown, uncertain future.

9. *I would so consume you in concerns for "self"*—including such noble enterprises as *my* ministry or the needs of *my* family—that you would have virtually no contact with or impact upon the world outside of Christ. If you hear a message that makes you feel guilty for not reaching out to the lost, don't worry. I will remind you of some Scripture indicating that evangelism is not your gift; or I will remind you how unwise it would be to "run ahead of the Lord"; or I will gently suggest that you don't want to be too pushy—after all, fanaticism will drive more people from Christ than it will draw them to Him. You certainly wouldn't want that to happen, would you?

10. *I would go to any extreme, use any method, perpetuate any lie*, to keep you from being sober-minded about your Christian walk, and to keep you preoccupied with the *appearance* of godliness without the reality. *At any cost*, I would not want you to take prayer seriously. I would let you study the Bible (and even attend Bible school or seminary) as long as you were not permanently changed by it *on a deeply personal level*. But I would not want you to take too seriously Christ's command to spread the Gospel to every creature. And I certainly would never want you to ever be overly concerned with *actually* pleasing God in every area of life—every *trial*, every *relationship*, every *event* you attend, every *work*, every *thought*, every *desire*, and for every *moment*.

11. I would pledge myself, my life, and my destiny to *the total destruction of Bible Christianity*, and I would do it *from within*. **AND IT WOULD WORK!**

UNLESS – There is ever a Christian who will take *seriously* Scriptures such as these: Psalm 63:1-8; Isaiah 57:15; 66:2; Romans 12:1, 2; Hebrews 12:1,2; II Corinthians. 4:16-18 ; Philippians 3:7-16; James 4:7-10 ; I Peter 5:6-11; Luke 6:46-49 – *and hundreds more to heed and to follow.*

Let me urge you to make this your heart felt prayer

To defeat the purposes of Satan and to keep my focus upon You, Lord, *I give up my rights* –

- In Choosing my calling or career in life.
- To all relationships -- real or imagined, both now and forever.
- To my Time -- how it is used; what I do with it.
 - To my Money -- from now on I'm only a trustee of what is truly and totally Yours alone.
 - To all my Dreams and Plans – You may change them, fulfill them, or totally destroy them as You wish.
 - To be heard; to be vindicated; to be appreciated; to be recognized or admired for my work.
- To visible, tangible blessings as evidence of Your favor upon my life. I will serve You with or without such evidence.
- To my hobbies and favorite pastimes, things in which I find pleasure.

- To be accepted – I know I am invited to go to Christ "*outside the camp bearing His reproach*" (Hebrews 13:13) – a very lonely place.

- To all my possessions -- real, imagined, or anticipated.

- To the ownership and control of everything – all that I can think of now, and all that I am not even aware of at this point in my life.

"Lord, keep me focused. I am Your slave without any reservations!"

Signed: _____

Date: _____

The eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.

Second Chronicles 16:9

"So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one!"

Ezekiel 22:30

Will YOU be the one?

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