



Free Discipleship Tools for Prisoners

*"This issue helped me believe in the word better and strengthen my belief. Thank you Loaves and Fishes."*

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## Have You Surrendered Your Agenda?

### July 2012 Loaves & Fishes Report

Time is one of my greatest challenges when it comes to reaching my goals. One reason eternity is attractive to me is that we will have forever to do what needs to be done. While it helps to be realistic in setting goals, even organized and disciplined people can find themselves sliding in late on big projects.

In all the challenges of life, we can and must follow the example of Jesus Christ. He walked with the Father and never did a thing that displeased Him (John 8:29). Each day was too precious to waste. Instead of living life on His own terms, He based every goal, plan, and wish on His Father's will. Is your agenda fully surrendered to the Father? It's the only way to find rest in the pressure and demands of life in 2012.

We have set a goal as a team to prepare two issues of *Loaves & Fishes* beyond the current shipping edition. Our milestone for completion of the upcoming issue was set at May 10th. We set a reasonable timetable, but the realities of life interfered with our plans and we're still working on wrapping that issue up. No doubt you've also experienced the frustration of missing a big deadline.

When unexpected needs come up and other priorities brush your plans aside, the only way to find peace is to surrender your agenda. When the battle is intense, the only safe way is to surrender your agenda and follow the orders of the Captain.

Soon time will end and the things of earth won't matter anymore. Are you investing in eternal things

today? You may think, *I'll do that this winter. Or, Next year I'll get to that project.* I've learned it's easy to make grand plans for the future. In fact, we tend to attach a spiritual status to lofty plans. But you



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have no promise of opportunity tomorrow—only this moment.

Do you always feel your life is too busy to take time for others? Mowing a friend's grass, attending prayer meeting, taking time to listen to a hurting brother, studying for a devotional at church, visiting a prisoner?

When you surrender your agenda to God, you will see the busyness of life from a different perspective. When you release your tight grip on what you think should be done for yourself and open your schedule to those "other priorities" from the Father, your life

# *"I must work*

**the works of him that sent me,  
while it is day: the night cometh,  
when no man can work."** John 9:4



will become rich with peace and joy and fulfillment. You will get more mileage out of your time because you are working with God and doing the things that please Him.

Let us all spend our time here as it pleases our Father. The rewards He has waiting for us are truly beyond our wildest imagination. I'd like to get in on that. What about you?

For the Kingdom,  
Lavern Gingerich

## ***Loaves & Fishes* Feedback**

"The county jail where I was giving out the *Loaves & Fishes* has changed their rules and I am no longer able to give them out.... Thank you very much for the ones you have sent in the past. They were very much enjoyed by the recipients who were inspired by them."

~Alma E. Brooks

"You all really put a smile on my face. You always know just what to put in your booklets. Thank you. You all are a blessing because I have been getting sidetracked."

~Randy Ellinwood

## **News and Prayer Requests**

**Bibles:** We just sent 500 Bibles to prisoners a couple weeks ago. There are another 650 going out in the next month, Lord willing. Pray for a source of quality discount Bibles and the funds to buy and mail them to the prisoners who request them.

We are excited to announce that our friend Aaron Yoder in Missouri is back on board the Bible project. They will be raising funds and mailing the Bibles for us. With our new database system, they will be able to log in remotely and fulfill the Bible requests and manage returns, etc.

**L&F 10/02:** We are making progress on the new issue. Most of the editing will soon be done, but it will take a while to get it designed. Let's continue to pray for good progress and the funds we need to print another issue in 2012.

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