



Marriage & Family Savers Institute

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NEWSLETTER



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It's hard to believe; soon it will be Christmas! It has been a challenging time for many. Many Non-profit organizations like ours are having financial difficulties. Many are laying off employees and some are even closing their doors for a lack of funding. But the need to save marriages and restore families is more apparent than ever. That's why even though it has become necessary to eliminate the position of "Director" (My position), I will continue to work on a volunteer basis as long as I am able. We're still conducting Marriage Saver Seminars, Training Marriage Mentors, counseling couples, and speaking and preaching wherever God opens doors to see the institution of marriage preserved in our culture and to see our nation become once again, One Nation Under God." We know we are making an impact, (Even Sarah Palin quoted some of our teachings in her new book), but there is so much more to be done. We are praying that God will raise up the warriors who will be willing to take up arms against the enemies of Marriage and Family, and who will join us in this battle for the next generation. A recent survey indicates that marriage is no longer valued as it used to be. Our mission is to change that, to elevate the holy institution to its rightful place, so that more American children will grow up with a loving father and mother in a home filled with His peace. We're accepting bookings now for next year. If your church wants to make an impact call our office and set up a date for a Saturday seminar or to have me come to preach or teach on a Sunday. Let 2011 be a year of Marriage Revival beginning in our own homes. And don't forget to join our Gideon Army if you haven't already done so. Your faithful support in prayers and finances is what keeps us in the fight!



We recently launched our **Gideon 300 Project** to provide a funding base to continue this ministry. The goal is to have **300** individuals committed to supporting us at a rate of at least **\$15.00** a month. We're presently up to **39** Gideon Warriors, so we still have a way to go. If you have not yet joined us, please pray about it, especially if this ministry has been a blessing to you. We have had to make budget cuts, and unless our funding base is significantly increased it may become impossible for us to continue.

We believe, however, that God desires for this work to continue, and that the funding needed is out there. We're thankful to those who have been regular supporters and those who have made significant and large gifts to help us in times of financial crisis, but others need to join us. Gideon's Army was a type of Special Forces God called to defeat the enemy. We believe God still has a special force willing to join the fight. Please keep our Gideon Campaign in your prayers, and if you haven't done so already, join up today!



MENTOR CLASS GRADUATES

Our 2010 Marriage Mentor Training Class will be graduating nine couples on December 9th. They will join the ten couples who previously took the course, bringing the total number of Certified Marriage Mentor Couples in the Hudson Valley to nineteen. We're building an army. Marriages are being saved, families are being restored and the saints are being equipped for the work of the ministry. **His Church is marching on!**

We hope to repeat the course each year to steadily build the army of "Marriage Savers." If you would like to be considered for next year's class call us and let us know. This is one area where we can never have too many trained for the challenge we face in keeping marriages and families together.



LAY-OFF AT THE OFFICE

Due to our funding shortage it has become necessary to defund the position of Director at our office. This means that Bill will no longer receive a salary from the ministry. He will be, in effect, a volunteer. He will also be looking for work outside the office. Please continue to keep this situation

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THANKFUL?

Somehow that is not enough

-A Testimony-

I saw a flyer about a Marriage Seminar to be held at a local church on my work bulletin board. I remember thinking this would be something Patricia, my wife of 25 years, would go for. I brought the information to her and she reluctantly agreed to try it. I think she felt safe because there would be other couples there; it wouldn't be just the two of us hashing out the same old issues.

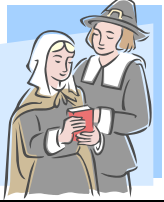
The Seminar was a little tough in the morning as the speakers, Bill & Penny, shared how they overcame their own struggles. Maybe I felt guilty over some of our issues, but after lunch we did a personality assessment and I knew this would help us. We discovered my personality was that of a Beaver-Lion. Patricia found out she was a Golden Retriever-Otter.

I was the one that had to get things done right and immediately; you know, "my way or the highway." Patricia took longer to get going but she was faithful and she just wanted to have fun.

I couldn't believe the difference in our personalities. As the explanation for the personalities was given I realized how I tried to judge and control Patricia all these years. I wanted all her ducks to be in a row like mine, while that really didn't matter to her. And I wanted everything done yesterday.

I began to see that over the years I had berated Patricia for not doing things the acceptable way—my way. I was trying to

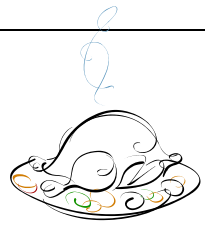
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In Everything Give Thanks

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

-1 Thess 5:16-18



"This is a special season of Thanksgiving, first of all, for God's wondrous love for us. We're thankful that in His mercy He has not given us what we deserve. C.S. Lewis said no Christian who knows himself would dare think he deserves anything better than Hell. We have all sinned and fall short of the entrance fee required at Heaven's gate. None of us qualify, and close doesn't count. Every single one of us: rich or poor, good or evil, religious or non-religious is destined for that place where "the worm does not die and the fire is not quenched," and that's for all eternity. But God had mercy on us, and sent His only Son to pay the penalty for our sin on Calvary's cross, so that if we would choose to live for Him, we will know we have been spared from what we deserve. Please, never think you deserve more than what you have. If you woke up this morning to discover you were not burning in Hell, then you are already ahead of the game. Don't even think of asking God to give you what you deserve. You won't like it!

We can be thankful that not only has God kept us from what we deserve -hell, but in His grace He has also given us what we don't deserve -Heaven! He demonstrated His own unconditional love toward us by providing a life of abundance that begins the very day we say "yes" to Him. We don't have to wait to die to enter into our eternal life; we have it today!

Penny and I are so thankful for His calling on our lives, a calling to see the miracles of changed hearts, saved marriages, and restored families, *so many times over!* We thank God for our Board of Directors who have made the ministry of Marriage & Family Savers Institute possible: Rev. Ray Cummings, Rev. Vic Torres, Mike & Karen Davidson and Dr. and Mrs. David & Laura Segal. We're so thankful that He has met every need, and has provided our "daily bread."

We are so thankful to God that 22 years ago, when we were about to become another divorce statistic, He gave us the grace, the wisdom and the power to press through our issues, in order to enjoy the season of harvest we enjoy today. Yes, it was hard, but it is so worth it! On the 23rd of this month Penny and I celebrated our 42nd wedding anniversary. The love of God has never been more present in our marriage than it is today, and it continues to grow deeper as we continue to grow in oneness.

We thank God for our two grown children, our son-in-law and our two grandchildren, and for all the special friends that God has blessed us with over the years. You know who you are. We thank God for you.

We're so thankful for the brave young men and women who are overseas fighting and dying that our children may grow up in liberty. It's been said that two have sacrificed their lives for us: Jesus Christ and the American soldier. Let us always be Thankful for them and keep them and their families in our prayers.

I can go on and on; God has been so good. My heart goes out to those who don't know the source of their blessings, to those who don't yet know the love of Christ in a personal and real way. It's God's desire that none would perish but that all would be saved. We must always make that our continual prayer.

We pray that this season of Thanksgiving will bring God's love and grace into your hearts and homes in greater measure than ever before, that by the love you have one for another the world (and the children) will know that you are His disciples.

With hearts overflowing with gratitude,

Bill & Penny



Quick Infidelity Quiz

If your marriage partner exhibits several of these following behaviors, your marriage may be in danger of an affair:

- Avoids eye contact with you.
- Talks continually about the unknowns of the future.
- Shows an increased disinterest in the topic of sex.
- Makes excuses for not spending time alone with you.
- Acts unusually guilty when you do something nice for him/her.
- Quits complimenting you on your physical attractiveness.
- Stops saying, "I love you" and even acts rudely to you.
- Starts buying you gifts to ease his or her guilt.

Many factors can drive a marriage to the rocks. Help ensure an enriching relationship for a lifetime by taking steps today to guard the fidelity of your marriage.



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make her into me. All the while I was losing her and pushing her further away with my demands, How blind I was! As Patricia and I talked about this session, and the knowledge of our different personalities, I began to see how unfair I was being. I apologized, but I could see she didn't instantly trust me but she agreed to try to begin forgive me.

It has been three years now and you know what? We have a new relationship. I am so grateful to God that someone had posted that flyer at work. I thank God that His Spirit moved on me to go and ask Patricia to go with me. Even though my heart wasn't totally pure, Patricia trusted God enough to respond to me and try one more time to work out our differences.

Thank you God for opening my ears and my eyes. I now live to please God in how I love and treat Patricia. It is my pleasure to try to make her happy. She is my gift from God and I treasure her and I thank God for this priceless gift.



GLENN LIGHT

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Glenn has been a blessing to this ministry by contributing his professional services to help with our building maintenance. We strongly encourage you to call him if you have any kind of contracting work that needs to be done. Let's help one another!

LAYOFFS FROM P. 1

In your prayers. We still believe the vision for an institute is God's intention. Our calling is to educate and equip believers to be successful in their marriages and lives, so we must be in prayer for the necessary source of funding to see the vision come to pass. The next generation is counting on us. Please be in prayer with us; pray that we will be able to increase our resources so we may increase our impact.

