

I want to be a bent wire

I am, at best, a mechanical moron. My labors on my Jeep inevitably end up in the “clunking” sound of a tool or part hitting the floor of the garage. Sometimes an even more ominous scenario....the absence of any sound at all when I drop what ever I am working with and it never hits the floor at all! It has gotten lost in the mechanical catacombs of the jeep engine or transmission. It is at that moment that I have discovered how applicable is the “law of mechanical repair” which states that the importance of the part or tool which has been dropped is inversely proportional to the accessibility of the part or tool in its final resting place.

Fortunately, mechanical morons tend to develop, out of necessity, a certain inventiveness for creatively ferreting out the tool or part which now is inaccessible. This also proves that necessity is indeed the mother of invention....another truism. After having gotten grease, dirt, muck, mire etc. smeared all over me from vain attempts at retrieving the lost item, I came up with the idea of using a wire coat hanger, unfolded, with a hook bent into the free end, and with a bright flashlight to illumine the way, to fish out the lost item.

Using this devised set up requires a certain amount of coordination, dexterity, and determination to access the item. Holding the flashlight in one hand to illuminate the desired item, the next step is to bend and manipulate the wire to the point where, with cautious maneuvering of the wire, it is possible to place the hooked end in such a position as to drag or pull out the desired item. While this technique is far from ingenious, or even original, there are certain parallels to the steps God will take to save persons who have drifted afar.

The book of Genesis speaks about the Creation. God Created light on the 1st day. The rest of Creation followed in a logical sequence, as distinctions were set up between the different articles of this Divine Act and their counter parts. In order to have an appreciation for one aspect of Creation, it is necessary to have a system of opposites such as, for example, light and darkness, Heavenly Waters and earthly waters, or good and evil.

God used light to demonstrate His Glory as He Led the children of Israel out of the oppression of Pharaoh in the Book of Exodus. He used darkness as one of the plagues He sent upon Pharaoh to convince him to let the Children of Israel leave Egypt.

God also captured Moses' attention by use of a burning bush, and Moses was allowed only to view the back of God because His Direct Glory is more than one can see and still live. So great was God's Glory that after speaking with God, Moses had to veil his face, so that the glory which was absorbed by Moses' skin, would not be seen fading away.

Because of the difference Jesus Christ makes in peoples lives, Christians are called the light of the world and are called upon to let our lights shine in order to give Glory to God . If that is true, then the light we carry in our lives is the message of love as demonstrated by Jesus Christ, as He was crucified for our sins and rose again from the dead in order to give us life eternal. Since we have within us, the indwelling Holy Spirit of God, it follows that our lives are to be used as an illustration or example of how people should live their lives.

Unfortunately sin is rampant in the world; with the result that the victims of sin are lost forever without being led into the light of God, who, indwells us through the Holy Spirit. We are now children of God as a result of this indwelling Spirit of God.

I believe that being children of God gives us benefits, to be sure, but it also gives us a heavy responsibility to those persons in his creation who do not know His voice but shy away from it. Just as Peter was charged by Jesus to care for His Lambs and sheep, so I believe is our charge by Jesus to care for those of our society who have lost the way and are struggling, wallowing, as it were in the cesspools and septic tanks of sin and depravity. We notice this going on because of the signs given by those who are being consumed by it.

It would be easy to sit back staying clean and sanitary, so to speak thus being a self appointed judge of how people ruin their lives. God, however, in His charge to Peter tells us to be caring and concerned “feeding and tending” His sheep. In other words, we are to get involved. We are to live as examples; walking and living by the Holy Spirit of God who indwells us because of our relationship through Jesus Christ. This will allow the Spirit to live in us and demonstrate through His Power, the Fruit of the Spirit as a visible testimony to His presence in our lives.

We sometimes, within this calling find ourselves in certain areas of society where we feel like we are uncomfortable do to the presence of uncleanness around us. In view of this, remember that Jesus said that it is not those who are well who need a doctor, but those who are sick. As Christians, we are doctors, of sorts. Seeking out the sick of the world and treating them. Like the bent wire, I may be put into some unsavory situations. I may find that I am uncomfortable due to uncleanness in my surroundings. I may find that it is easier to turn my back and walk away, letting the “part or tool” stay lost. But, when you translate “tool or part” to mean lost soul, there is new meaning put in.

If I am to live in the spirit of a bent wire, I must be a willing tool to fetch lost souls. I need to stay in the light of God’s focus, go where he moves me, grab on to the object of focus, and not worry about getting splattered with uncleanness. The focus of God’s attention is worth dying for in His opinion; He thought I was worth dying for; so who better to serve as a bent wire than one who has “been there, done that”. It is my prayer that I can serve in this rather esoteric capacity well. It is a 24/7 job. I must live for Him Who died for me. But then, is that not what all Christians are called to do? I remember when the teachers used to ask what kids wanted to be when they grew up. I am still not sure I know, in one sense of the word, but I do know that “being a bent wire” is most likely a part of what ever it is I will end up doing.

Genesis 1:1-5

Genesis 1:6-Genesis 2:3

Exodus 13:17-22

Exodus 10:21-29

Exodus 3:2

Exodus 33: 12-23

Exodus 34:29-35

Matthew 5:14-16

John 14:16

Romans 3:23,6:23

John 1:1-18

John 21: 15-17

Galatians 5: 19-21

Galatians 5: 16-26

Lk 5:31

Matt 28:19-20