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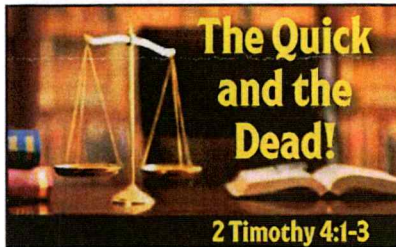
John and Sharon Sanders

"Let the children come."

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Devotional Thought

by Bill Johnson



¹ I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

² Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.

³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears.

The incarnation, life, death, and resurrection of God the Son isn't an afterthought in the special revelation of God. For our sins to become His, it was necessary that He become one of us. For His righteousness to become our's, it was necessary that He become one of us. This was of necessity a work for God, alone. Only God is totally righteous and therefore able to suffer the penalty of sin.

As God, Jesus could speak with all authority. As God, Jesus can and will judge the quick and the dead. This is exactly why the unbelieving world only accepts Jesus "at best as a great prophet and at least a great moral teacher." According to R. C. Sproul, "This still leaves Him in His humanity, precisely to leave off His judgment." But Sproul wrote that a few generations ago. In today's materialistic, secular world, man claims the right to devise his own system of morality. Even so, Jesus is the One who offers to take the sin of any believing person and give His righteousness in return. But those who refuse, hate to hear the words, "[The Lord Jesus] will judge the quick and the dead." It is indeed a "fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Hebrews 10:37).

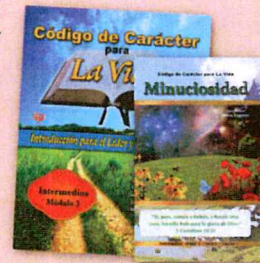
Paul, in his charge to his young friend Timothy, hoped to prepare Timothy for the time when the world would not tolerate life under the moral principles of God, making it necessary for us to preach the Word. In Christ, we have hope of life eternal. Without Christ, our only destiny is to fall into the hands of the One who will judge the quick and the dead. Preach the Word. Be honest and clear. Preach in love. Preach to every person you encounter.

John's Notes

We are so blessed to see the translation and distribution of our *Character Code for Life* material around the world. Our newsletter today highlights five of those locations.



Brother Gabriel Sanchez, who has translated Modules 1-4 of our *Character Code for Life* curriculum and *Lord of Kings* VBS into the Spanish language, has recently moved to Monteria, Colombia. He and his wife Esmerelda, and children Dylan and Dayra, have been sent out by First Baptist Church of Cave City, Arkansas, to do mission work in Monteria. Brother Gabriel will continue helping with translation as time permits. Pray for this precious family and ministry.



Our Russian translation is one step nearer to completion, with Module 5 translation now being proofread. Brother Pavel Omelianchuk and his family live in Belarus. He was raised in a Baptist home and is a true blessing to our ICP family. Brother John Pinkavich is also a tremendous blessing as he proofreads all the Russian translated materials. Both these brothers are also using these materials with their churches and promoting them with others. Please pray for them and their families.





While Moses Wanjala continues to translate and prepare the CCFL Module 2 student cards for grades 1 through 3, he visits a different church almost every Sunday to help teachers and children learn to use the curriculum. It has become a race to prepare the next Module by the time churches have finished the first one. We give God the praise for the open doors in Kenya, South Sudan, Uganda and Tanzania.



On February 10, 2024, the military announced a conscription law. Since then, soldiers and their supporters have been arresting young people aged 18 to 35 in smaller towns and villages. They are stopping public transport and taking passengers to join the military against their will. At night, soldiers and their supporters are going from house to house, taking whoever they want. This has left young people in Bible colleges, workplaces, and schools feeling very afraid.

ICP/Hope Children's Home

The children continue to have a safe home at Hope. Director Junia continues to lead them in education, seeing that they learn English and the Bible. Pictured here are four of the older teens who came to the children's home to attend high school. Many of these young people have fled their homes because of the continuing civil war.

Thank you for your continued support for ICP/Hope Children's Home. With God's grace, through your generosity, all the children are clothed, sheltered and have food for a healthy diet.



Missionary Training School Update

We thank God and your kind support for the completion of our four-month missionary training program this month. Despite some facing serious health issues like leukemia, they persevered and completed the course by God's grace. Some of these graduates will return to their homes and begin new missions, others will stay at the school due to the ongoing civil war, and we trust the Lord will continue to provide for their needs.



Jacob's Translation Ministry

Jacob continues to distribute ICP's *Lord of Kings* VBS curriculum among the churches in Myanmar. These lessons about God's authority over the kings of Babylon are so very appropriate for children of all countries today.

If your church has not chosen a VBS curriculum for summer of 2024, you might like to consider *Lord of Kings* (available in Spanish as well as English). For more information contact us at lordofkings@icplit.org or go to <http://www.charactercode.org/Lord-of-Kings-Vacation-Bible-School>. All proceeds will be used to help provide the VBS for the children of Myanmar, Kenya, the Philippines and other countries.



A full schedule has been set for our trip to the Philippines. Preaching, teaching, lecturing and humanitarian outreach will keep us busy. Those going are Brother Bill and Rita Johnson, John Sanders, Dr. Bill Henry and pressman Shane Saulsbury. Watch our Facebook pages for updates on all the activities.

We will distribute over one thousand backpacks, hundreds of dresses, boys' pants, T-shirts and hygiene kits during the month. We will also distribute hundreds of VBS kits, hymnals, and Bibles to the churches.



Number of Children	Printing Cost
1 class of 10	\$ 64.00
1 class of 25	\$ 130.00
1 class of 50	\$ 237.00
10 classes of 50	\$2,370.00

The chart shows how many children can have printed *Character Code for Life* materials with your donation. We are praying that "God will provide," and that God will use His people in His provision.

Please make this an object of prayer and, as the Lord leads, send your love offering to PO Box 2587, Texarkana, TX 75504 or give online at www.icplit.org



Thank you for your love, prayers and support for the ministry of ICP.