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## LIFE'S INJUSTICES

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**Proverbs 20:10 (NCV) The Lord hates both these things; dishonest weights and dishonest measures.**

**Injustice...** According to the dictionary, injustice is defined as lack of fairness or justice; an unjust act or occurrence; unfairness; violation of right or the rights of others and the list goes on. I believe that many who are reading this right now can relate to those definitions because

we've all been there and done that or have a family member or someone that you know who has been a victim of injustice. I know I have. But, just in case you haven't...keep getting up!

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said "**Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere**" and when we stop and take a look at our world today, we can see that it's the truth and nothing but the truth...it's crystal clear. Injustices have a way of raising their ugly heads, more often than not, and there isn't anything that we can do about it, no matter how angry and upset we may become, nor how hard we may try to make it right. Sometimes it matters not how much money we have, what title we have, what color our skin is, how educated we may be nor how important we think we are...injustices can affect us all.

During my journey through this life, I have found that when people are dishonest and do dishonest things, and when it appears that the injustices will never stop, and as profound as Dr. King's words are, there is nothing more profound than what God tells us in **Proverbs 20:10 (NCV) The Lord hates both these things; dishonest weights and dishonest measures.** He sees, He knows and... vengeance belongs to Him. **Deuteronomy 32:35 (AMP)**

So, no matter how hard your journey appears, never forget that:

YOU ARE STRONG  
YOU ARE SPECIAL  
YOU ARE AWESOME  
YOU ARE TOUGH  
YOU ARE LOVED  
YOU ARE NOT ALONE  
YOU ARE SUPPORTED  
YOU ARE WORTH IT  
YOU ARE AMAZING  
YOU ARE BRAVE  
YOU ARE COURAGEOUS  
YOU ARE A FIGHTER AND AN OVERCOMER  
AND...This too shall pass!

## "FROM THE YARD"

(Each month we try to bring you content from one of the brothers inside the compound. ***This month's edition brings you more than one.*** Enjoy!)

A POEM BY CURTIS WOOTEN (RECENTLY RELEASED) FROM EL DORADO CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

### "About My Burdens"

I don't care  
What the future may hold,  
I don't care  
If I don't wear fancy clothes.  
I don't care  
About my prayer life being right,  
I don't care  
About my Heavenly Father and me being tight.  
I don't care  
What the world may think,  
I don't care  
Because assumptions intend to stink.  
I do care  
About my faith in the Lord,  
And I do care  
About the blessings He has in store.

Inspired by "Matthew 6:19-20,25,34

With Brother Love,  
Curtis Wooten II

# MORE FROM THE YARD - "A SHORT TESTIMONY - TREASURES IN HEAVEN"

BY MR. STEVEN A CLARK – LANSING CORRECTIONAL FACILITY – AKA 'SCRIPTURE MAN'



I am back in a one-man cell. A prayer answered that came at a price that I had no understanding of so I sought the Lord for the answer. I had purchased hundreds of dollars' worth of art supplies through the years. Some in which I never had the opportunity to use. I had found enjoyment in one thing... Paintings. And I had stored up art supplies for other things that may have been an enjoyment as well. It was my "Treasures".

But the Lord opened my eyes to see what I never, ever saw and wasn't willing to except it, **Matthew 6:19-21**. I hadn't ever realized how important I had made these worldly things in my life. More important than the Lord, until they were taken away from me, by staff here, for having too much property. I had to donate it. I ended up with very little. The little I have now, has to make due. Yes, I was bitter about it. But I can now talk about it, because I now have the understanding of why it happened. During my time in Medium Security, I kept saying, "I can't wait to get back in a one-man cell to paint..." when I should have been saying, "I can't wait to get back to a one-man cell to get closer to the Lord..." I was lifting myself up when I should have been lifting up Jesus.

## **Matthew 6:19-21 NIV**

***"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.***

This is my testimony. Be careful what you pray for. Mine was a selfish one, but a valuable lesson was learned. It's all about Jesus...Not me.

Your Brother in Christ Jesus,  
Steven

## CLOSING WORDS

LONNIE JOHNSON, GMI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### Are you an Undercover Christian?

In the spy game there are secret agents that can infiltrate the enemy, discover their secrets, and eventually bring down the other side. But if you are really wicked, you can be a double agent or undercover spy. A double agent is one who pretends to act as a spy for one organization while in fact acting on behalf of an enemy. I have found that there are "Undercover Christians".

Are you an Undercover Christian? Be honest, now; would it be a shock to your family, acquaintances or co-workers if you told them you were a disciple of Jesus Christ?

Is being accepted by others more important to you? Do others intimidate you when it comes to your religion? Are you afraid your life does not measure up to Christian standards so you don't want people to ridicule you?

Being an Undercover Christian can be damaging to your eternal life. Jesus said in Luke 9:26 **"For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels."**

### What must I do to be saved?

If you have never accepted Christ as your Lord and Savior, or if you have turned away from Him living a life of unrighteousness, and you wish to be connected to Him and have ever lasting life, then take a moment and say the prayer below:

**"Lord, I confess that I am a sinner and ask that you forgive me. I believe that your son Jesus died on the cross for my sins and was resurrected with all power. I invite Jesus to be the Lord of my life and your Holy Spirit to come into my heart to guide me for the rest of my life. Amen."**

Romans 10:9 says that *if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.*

If this is you, please write Growth Ministries and we will gladly help you start your new life in Christ.

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