



County Corrections Gospel Mission

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Dear

"Because thine heart was tender and thou didst humble thyself before God, when thou heardest his words against this place, and the inhabitants thereof, and humblest thyself before me, and didst rend thy clothes, and weep before me; I have heard thee also, saith the LORD."

-- II Chronicles 34:27

Ours is a day of great challenge and opportunity. The day of Corrections has become the demand of this hour and upon your shoulders rests a heavy stewardship of authority and leadership.

Yours is one of three spheres of authority that God intends to use to hold back the tide of any evil generation. The Church, the family and government all have great levels of influence to the maintaining of public order. As a public official, your role brings with it a tremendous burden of accountability under God. This same accountability is upon church leaders, parents and all government authority as well.

I recall to you the great testimony of God's Word to Josiah, King of Judah. God was pleased with his government and throne because of the clearly noted characteristics of his rule. He had a tender heart. He maintained great sensitivity to the issues of his day and also the people under his charge. He understood the heart of God concerning the evils of his generation. He recognized the threat of divine judgment and personally humbled himself before the Lord. He tore his clothes and wept as clear tokens of his repentance and intercession for the sins of himself and his people. Because Josiah so clearly reflected an understanding and love for God's view of his reign, he in turn found God deeply burdened and ready to assist his rule and authority.

Josiah was a great reformer and preserver of his generation. Because he was sensitive and submissive to God, the LORD in turn blessed his powerful ministry of reviving the Kingdom of Judah. Under Josiah, evil men hid themselves. Fathers returned to the spiritual and physical care of their families and the Church was restored to pure worship and praise of the LORD.

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Warden, please know that your leadership under God is the most powerful of legacies you will ever leave to Corrections. Thank you for bearing up under the needs and issues!

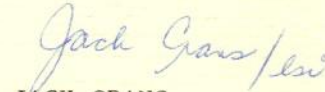
We trust you will enjoy the magazine "Focus on the Family" which we have coming your way as one small instrument to encourage preventive cures in this troubled society.

We will see you at the Symposium next month in Lancaster and trust to have some very special articles prepared for your encouragement at that time.

May you know the victory and success under God in the coming days! It was good enough for a King; it surely is a worthy task for us!

I write,

With great respect,



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I AM MUCH AFRAID THAT SCHOOLS WILL PROVE
TO BE GREAT GATES OF HELL UNLESS THEY DILIGENTLY
LABOR IN EXPLAINING THE HOLY SCRIPTURES, ENGRAVING
THEM IN THE HEARTS OF YOUTH. I ADVISE NO ONE TO PLACE
HIS CHILD WHERE THE SCRIPTURES DO NOT REIGN PARAMOUNT.
EVERY INSTITUTION IN WHICH MEN ARE NOT INCREASINGLY OCCUPIED
WITH THE WORD OF GOD MUST BECOME CORRUPT!

-- MARTIN LUTHER