



THE COUNSELOR'S PROFESSIONAL PERSPECTIVE

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... from the President

Clear Your Emotional Clutter

The two biggest pieces of Emotional clutter are fear and resentment. Fear is clutter about the future; resentment is clutter about the past. A lot of people say we have one foot in the past and one foot in the future, and you know what we're doing on our present.

- ⇒ What are YOUR biggest blocks in your Emotional Environment?
- ⇒ What resentments are you holding onto that should be left in the past?
- ⇒ What fears are holding you back from being Who You Really Are?
- ⇒ Your Inner Environment is not static and unchanging, but vibrant and dynamic.

Just because you cleared the clutter this week doesn't mean you won't have to do it again next week. Give yourself permission to clear the clutter from your Inner and Outer Environment, and you'll quickly experience an acceleration in your life.

Until Next Month
Jack Kelly, President GCCA

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**FEBRUARY
GCCA Meeting**

**FEBRUARY 14th
10:00 am**

**Topic:
Religious Abuse**

Kimberly Hoechstetter ,
LCCT will be the speaker
for **February**.

The Will of God

The will of God will
never
take you,
Where the grace of
God cannot keep you,
Where the arms of God
cannot support you,
Where the riches of
God cannot supply
your needs,
Where the power of
God cannot endow
you.

"We lose many irreplaceable hours brooding over grievances that, in a year's time, will be forgotten by us and by everybody. Let us instead devote our life to worthwhile actions and feelings, to great thoughts, real affections and enduring undertakings." – Andre Maurois



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"Where there is no guidance the people fall, but in the abundance of counselors there is victory".

Proverbs 11:14



GCCA Monthly Meeting
2nd Monday ~ 10:00 am



Earn Money By Helping GCCA Grow

Couples \$100	You will receive \$50.00
Member \$ 55	You will receive \$27.50
Student \$ 35	You will receive \$17.50

If you invite someone to join GCCA and they do, we want to reward you with 1/2 of their membership dues as a "finders fee".

"Regaining My Cutting Edge"

Increase is normally associated with growth, however not all increase leads to spiritual growth. There is increase characterized as the accumulation of clutter which takes up room in our lives and actually hinders growth in spiritual matters. The work of Christ is abundant in a clean and balanced house. II Timothy 2:20-22 reminds us, in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor; therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work. Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

What a great time for self evaluation, we have just transitioned from one year (2010) to another (2011). We accumulated much, some habits of comfort, consistency, mediocrity, etc. Self examination or self inventory is a discipline that is helpful in gauging performance, determining losses as well as locating oneself, "where am I in the eyes of Christ?" Am I in the center of His will? Is His plan and purpose established for me before the foundations of the world, where I walk daily?

A story is told in the book of II Kings about a company of prophets who took inventory, they realized that where they dwelt was well situated but the water was bad and the land was unproductive. They also realized that they could not correct the situation in and of themselves, they needed help, divine intervention. It was the Man of God, Elisha (who represents Christ) by the power of Almighty God brought healing by casting salt at the source. Treating symptoms builds clutter but healing at the source yields wholeness and spiritual growth. The Word of God declares that even to this day those waters remain healed.

In another instance, the company of prophets took inventory, Elisha they said, "the place where we dwell is too small". Again they sought help, divine intervention, they would not move unless Elisha went with them. At the word of the Man of God, Elisha, these prophets went down to the Jordan River to cut down trees and gather resources to build a larger place. As they were cutting down trees, one servant's iron ax head fell into the water and above that it was borrowed. As we seek to reposition ourselves, growing to higher heights and deeper depths we can expect unforeseen challenges to arise. If we moved at the Word of God, all will be well. The ax was borrowed, the tool of another was used, the prophet failed to check the ax for sharpness and he lost his cutting edge. In our season of preparation we must be sure to study to show ourselves approved unto God, sharpening our discernment, our skills as well as sharpening ourselves as servants and sensitizing our heart and ears only to the voice of God. Again Elisha went to the source, "where did it fall," he asked. He threw a stick in and caused the iron to float instead of sinking but he did not retrieve the ax head. The ax head had to be retrieved by the one who lost it so as to regain his cutting edge.

Therefore, in regaining our cutting edge we must seek first God, His kingdom and His righteousness. We must sharpen our discernment, our skills, ourselves as servants and be ever dependent on Jesus Christ at all times to order our every step. God uses sharp instruments that are balanced, prepared for every good work and skilled in handling challenge and or opposition. It is wise to note those who labor with and among us, we must be careful of who we yoke ourselves with in any type of relationship whether personal or business, we must discern their sharpness in relation to God will being perfected in our lives. We must maintain our cutting edge at every cost. Stay sharp, hope in God and maintain your cutting edge through the discipline of self evaluation and inventory. Deny yourself daily, pick up your cross and follow Christ. Endure to the end, continue, abide in the Word of Christ, then you will be God's disciple of truth indeed.

Reverend Terri Stalls