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Pastor
Dick Bullock

The Fruit of the Spirit: Self-Control

The last of the nine fruits of the Spirit listed in **Gal 5:22-23** is self-control (temperance in the KJV).

The Oxford Dictionary defines self-control as "the ability to control oneself, in particular one's emotions and desires or the expression of them in one's behavior, especially in difficult situations." A related word is self-discipline: "the ability to pursue what one thinks is right despite temptations to abandon it."

The opposite of self-control is allowing people or situations to control our thoughts, attitudes, and actions. Proverbs 25:28 tells us this is not a healthy thing to do: "Whoever *has* no rule over his own spirit is *like* a city broken down, without walls." This is not a healthy way to live; it leads to a "victim" mentality. God has not called us to be victims; He invites us to be "more than conquerors" through Jesus, who loves us. **Rom 8:37**

We don't always get to choose what happens to us in life, but we alone choose how we will respond to what happens to us. We have two options: we can allow people or situations to determine our thoughts, attitudes, and actions, or we can allow the power of God's Word to determine them.

Galatians 5 lays out the difference between those who choose to live according to the Spirit and those who choose to indulge the flesh. "Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: "adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like...But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such there is no law" Verses 19-23.

What a difference between these two paths! The good news is that God leaves it to us to choose which path we will walk in. The devil cannot control us against our will, nor will the Spirit of God control us against our will. Notice that self-control is a gift that comes from God, not the devil.



David Bolduc



If all goes well, our engineer and tower crew should be building 88.7 **WGNP** in Port Sanilac by the time you receive this newsletter. Once that is complete, I'm hoping we can start building 89.9 **WJCG** in Greenville, getting it on the air before the Michigan Camp meeting. As of this writing, we are awaiting shipment from Italy of antennas for

WJCG in Greenville and **WHSR** in Owosso. It's hard to fathom the many obstacles and delays we have experienced throughout this process. I know it is a spiritual battle.

Speaking of spiritual battles, the fiber optic Internet connection that feeds all of our stations suddenly stopped working one Friday evening. I waited for two hours for the technician to arrive. Just before he came to the door, the connection came back up. I showed him the rack, and he said, "I don't know how you are getting a signal, our equipment shows no connection!" He worked on the equipment and got a solid connection. Afterward, he said everything was working, from the connectors to the signal coming over the fiber. He said it was a mystery how it had been working when he arrived. I gave him the book, *Only God Knows*; maybe that's why he was called: he needed this book. Like Joseph said to his brothers in **Gen. 50:20**, "God used for good what was meant for harm."

April is tornado awareness month, all STR stations are set to pass along local Severe Weather alerts as soon as they are issued. We want to ensure all of our listeners are informed if/when there is a local weather emergency in your area. Stay tuned to your local STR station, and make sure you and your family know where the safe area is in your home in the event of a severe storm. My wife and I used to be storm spotters; we have seen the damage caused by tornadoes; please pay attention to the alerts. Be patient if the alerts interrupt a program; we are trying to be good stewards of the public trust the FCC has given us.



SURVEY

Which STR station do you listen to? What topics would you like to hear more about? Are you interested in learning more about Jesus Christ and the Bible?

Please share with us by taking this short survey found at;
www.strongtowerradio.org

Click on "**Get Involved**", then "**Community Survey**."

Answers to Prayer: Genita Gardner



Kam Ferguson

Genita Gardner was raised Baptist and learned to love Jesus at an early age. Some painful experiences in her teen years stirred her desire to know God more, yet the rigors of daily life competed with that yearning. Over time, Nita was convicted to begin attending a Lutheran church, where she experienced further spiritual growth. That growth plateaued, however, and Nita wanted more; she wanted answers to her spiritual questions from the Bible, not tradition.

Then the Covid-19 experience happened, and her church and nearly all churches closed in-person services for an extended period. Nita wanted a church family and keenly felt the absence, yet she was impressed not to return to her local Lutheran church. She continued looking to Jesus for guidance and spent time in God's waiting room as the answer developed.

While this was occurring, Strong Tower Radio (STR), with the generous support of the area Seventh-day Adventist churches, purchased two radio stations in the Battle Creek/Kalamazoo area. Broadcasting began in July 2021, and within a few weeks of this, Nita discovered one of them, 97.3 FM, Kalamazoo while driving to work. She listened to Your Story Hour, then Bible Answers Live, and continued listening to more of Strong Tower Radio for the next year. She was gaining answers to her Bible questions and became convicted to keep the seventh-day Sabbath. Where would she find a church that kept the Bible Sabbath?

In the Spring of 2023, Nita decided it was time to find a church family that followed the entire Bible.

She has the delightful habit of talking to Jesus out loud, and as she went to her car one Friday afternoon, she said, "I'm going to look for a church, Jesus. Are you coming with me?" After more than an hour of driving past many churches in Kalamazoo and receiving no clear impression, Nita said, "Sorry, Lord I just wasted an hour of time and fuel," as she turned onto Nichols Road and headed home.

Kalamazoo Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) church is located on Nichols Road, and as Nita was about to pass the church's driveway entrance, the Lord sent an angel to intervene. Nita doesn't know the details; she simply went from driving along Nichols Road to suddenly being parked in the Kalamazoo SDA church parking lot.

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The Fruits of the Spirit: Self Control... (Continued from page 1)

God has given each of us the sacred right to choose whom we will serve. No one can take that from us. Self-control or self-indulgence is not determined by our circumstances, feelings, friends, family, or the government. God tells us in Romans 8:5 the single factor determining how we respond to the trials and temptations of life. *"For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, (set their minds on) the things of the Spirit."*

Answers to Prayer: Genita Gardner (Continued from page 7)

As she regained clarity and realized she was behind a church, not driving on Nichols Road, she looked down at her dash, and the car turned off (did not stall). She started to laugh, wondering what was happening, then saw the church sign and a Strong Tower Radio sign and burst into tears. "Lord, this is where you want me to attend," she cried out?

As Nita marveled at what God had just done, she confidently said, "I'm coming to church here tomorrow."

Nita walked into church Sabbath morning and was warmly greeted by numerous members. She thoroughly enjoyed the worship service (especially the truth-filled sermon from the Bible) and knew the Lord had guided her directly to her new church family!

Bible studies began within a few weeks, and on February 6, 2024, Nita Gardner publically embraced the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ, signified by baptism at the Kalamazoo SDA church.

Praise God for another life being changed, and first fruits of the newer station 97.3 FM, Kalamazoo!

On that note, several members of the Kalamazoo SDA church had been praying for the Holy Spirit to bring them a STR listener. "Lord, we want a STR testimony for our church," they prayed. Within a few weeks, the Lord brought Nita, who'd been listening to STR for over a year. Nita was asking God for a church family that kept the seventh-day Sabbath and could answer her Bible questions, and church members were praying for God to bring them an STR listener. All those prayers authorized God to intervene in a marked way. Hallelujah!

Nita still enjoys listening to STR and praises God for using this ministry to lead her to the truth and her new church family. Glory to God for your prayers and financial support of this radio ministry through which the Holy Spirit continues changing lives!

Happy Anniversary!

The beloved radio program **Your Story Hour** is turning 75 this month! What started as a half-hour story aired on a single radio station (WHFB in Benton Harbor, Michigan) is now a program broadcast on thousands of radio stations worldwide. All that we at **Your Story Hour** can say is, “The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad.” (Psalm 126:3)



Every year of the ministry’s existence has been full of miracles. In 1949, it seemed impossible for a group of laypeople without radio experience to produce a weekly program. However, at just the right moment, God provided the right people with the right skills to carry the mission forward. This scenario has repeated itself over and over throughout the past 75 years! Every time the ministry needs new equipment or other resources, God impresses someone to make a donation. When someone is about to retire, God leads another skilled person to fill their shoes. Your Story Hour truly is God’s ministry!

While this birthday is a time to celebrate where the ministry started, it’s also a time to look to the future. Children of today need character-building stories more than ever! They are inundated on all sides by meaningless and addictive entertainment. Half of children under the age of 8 spend more than 2 hours staring at a screen daily; this can have a profound negative impact on their development, language, and reasoning skills.

Your Story Hour offers an alternative source of entertainment, inviting children to use their vast imaginations to paint pictures in their minds as they listen to stories of heroes and heroines who exhibit values like faith, courage, responsibility, diligence, and more! The radio program is dedicated to continue producing new stories to keep reaching new generations of children. Here’s to another 75 years of God’s blessings!



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Tom Mejeur

We hope you enjoyed our Resurrection programming, especially the Seventy-eight hours of Bible reading, what a blessing to hear God's Word!

In preparation for the soon-coming solar eclipse on April 8th, we spoke with Jim Burr, a Christian amateur astronomer and world-class telescope designer. Who shared the predictability of astronomical events referenced in the Bible.

We have been tracking the Michigan AMEN Free Medical/Dental/Vision clinics and had a sneak preview of the Detroit clinic during an interview with Dr. John Shin, AMEN's president including an update on the volunteer needs of the next clinic, which will be in Cadillac.



We resume the Strong Tower Radio "Top Ten Community Issues" series with the Housing Crisis (at all levels) and relatedly the homeless condition. We started our second season of virtual school visits with Peterson-Warren Academy in Inkster, MI, with visits to Upper Peninsula schools to follow. Dr. Arthur Weaver's remarkable life story will be aired this month; don't miss it!

Finally, one of the most exciting recordings we will produce (OK, maybe not for everybody) is the riverside fish egg harvesting and fish hatchery visit. This and much more are coming to Strong Tower Radio!



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Kam Ferguson

Praise in Sorrow

My wife and I recently lost her stepfather to pulmonary fibrosis shortly after his 88th birthday. As we mourn the loss, I'm comforted by Paul's appeal that we "sorrow not as those which have no hope."

** We mourn not for eternal loss but for the present loss, we feel. In Christ, we have hope that will not disappoint and are confident that we will see Bill again at Jesus' return!*

Nearly every day, someone in Michigan loses a family member or friend. Do they have this confident hope that our family experiences? Do we see God's providence in the final days of a loved one's life? How many consider the words of **Isa 57:1**, which invite us to consider God's mercy: "The righteous perish, and no man lays it to heart: and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil [to come]."

Friends, the Truth (Jesus and His word) sets you free. You and I are called to witness to the world that Jesus is the way of life everlasting, and in His power, we can be forgiven and free from sin's grasp.

Declare to the world that the first death has no power over us but is a sleep from which we shall awaken to life everlasting.

God has raised up and continues growing Strong Tower Radio as a tool in your hand to help proclaim God's true character and set the prisoner free. Thank you for giving Michigan listeners and the world the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ day after day: lives are being transformed and set free by the power of Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life.

***1 Thes 4:13**



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Adventist Church |
| 4/9 | 5:00 p.m. | Kam Ferguson | Seventh-day Adventist Church |
| 4/16 | 9:45 a.m. | David Bolduc | Seventh-day Adventist Church |
| 4/16 | 3:00 p.m. | Kam Ferguson | Seventh-day Adventist Church |
| 4/30 | 11:00 a.m. | Kam Ferguson | Seventh-day Adventist Church |

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