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## How do we live an integrated life with proper life priorities?

I find this a challenge ever since the day I said to Jesus '*Count me in, I want to follow you.*' There have been times of anguish when 'I' have tried 'to do much' for the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and equally when 'I' have tried 'to pull back from doing', having miss-construed the text 'Be still and know I am God'. (Psalm 46:10)

It seems that 2 Timothy 2:1 has some helpful advice for us to remember. "You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus;" If I am 'In Christ', then that is because of God's grace. It is God's grace that has brought me into the transforming relationship with Jesus. It is God's grace and love that compels me to engage in helping others become disciple-makers. I have to be available for God to work through me.

But!! What about the things that happen and the relationships that are part of living in a family? What about that part of living that we call work?

I found it significant that the Korean CBMC National Convention this year addressed this matter comprehensively. It seems that too many members compartmentalise their lives instead of living integrated lives. The result is Jesus is pushed aside and does not have a position in the person's conduct of their business, nor in the family relationships until next Sunday when they head off to Church.

Psalm 119:35-37 (NIV) {My emphasis}

**Direct me in the path of your commands**, for there I find delight. **Turn my heart toward your statutes** and not toward selfish gain. **Turn my eyes away from worthless things**; preserve my life according to your word.

Psalm 119:35 mentions God's commands. Jesus summarised the commandments in this fashion (Matthew 22:37-39) "Jesus replied: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself."

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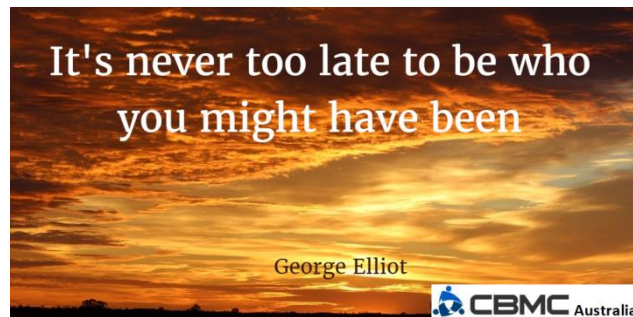
Here is a challenge. We are to love God, and demonstrate that love by loving others - decisions we have to make and actions we have to perform as forgiven heirs with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus had already taught: “What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?” (Matthew 16:26) It seems that if we are not constantly asking God to remind us and work in our lives so we may truly be his ambassador, we will very quickly slip away from an integrated life.

1 Peter 5:8 'Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.' ... Looking to destroy our credibility and testimony!, looking to interrupt our effort to live an integrated life with proper life priorities bringing honour to Jesus.

Pray for and along with me that we may live integrated lives and help our friends live integrated lives.

Tony Levick. .  
Chairman



## A special thanks to George Kocur

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George Kocur did not seek re-election to the board again as he as sort to retire from the Board but remains active in CBMC Australia.

He has been on the Board since November 2009.

In his service on the National Board he has held positions of National Treasurer, National Secretary.

The current National Board and members have appreciated his many years of service and thanked him at a recent Board dinner.

## 6 Unique Ministry Practices of CBMC

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- CALLING:** Called by God to be His “ambassadors”. As well as “salt” and “light” in the marketplace.
- PRAYER:** By developing intimacy with Christ, we seek His favor and power in reaching the lost and growing Christ-followers.
- TEAMS:** Effective teams of business and professional men and women who support one another and share our gifts in the marketplace.
- EVANGELISM:** We are compelled by the love of God to bring reconciliation to His prime creation, humanity, through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- DISCIPLESHIP:** In humility and love we will help each other become authentic Christ-followers.
- LEADERSHIP:** Servant leadership, as modeled by Jesus Christ, is the way we will conduct ourselves in the marketplace.

## Faithful for a Lifetime!

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“Faithful for a Lifetime” is the theme of the Christian Management Advancement (CMA) Q4 conventions being held in February next year. This is a new ministry focus for CMA, although not for us. This thought and exercise of ministry has been labelled in different ways over the last 20 years. Some of you may have had contact with the 'Half Time' ministry for one, other than CBMC.

We in CBMC have been asking you to pray for, and seek younger men to mentor. Another description has been to talk of Coaching another person. These names resonate with different people. We ought not get confused of pedantic about this ministry as from a Christian perspective it is all Discipleship.

At the Board meeting on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November we determined to ask, encourage, or even 'bribe' you to join with us and put aside a day to attend one of these conventions so we may better connect with younger people.

We have to make some change to what we have been doing and a Coaching role may not need excessive amounts of time to be set aside. We do need to meet with these younger people at a time when they are available. [*Read my lips! We are not asking them to come to our prayer breakfast! (Well not yet, and maybe never.) Our prayer is that they gather other younger people to meet with them for that!! What a great result for your Coaching!*] We do need to see that their Christian development is vital in the economy of God and to fulfil the 2Tim.2:1-2 imperative: “You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.”

CMA “Q4” Conventions will be held in:

- Sydney – Feb22;
- Brisbane - Feb24;
- Melbourne – Feb27;
- Launceston 1<sup>st</sup> March; and
- Adelaide 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

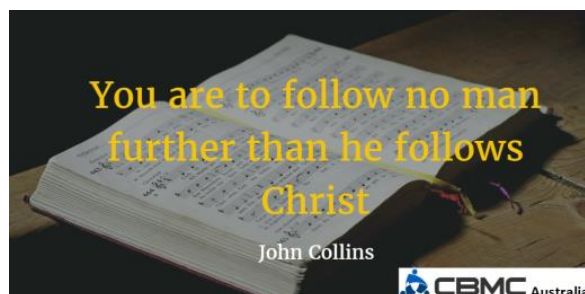
Please register at: <http://www.cma.net.au/q4/> and then advise Trent at our National Office of your registration (maybe a surprise!).

## Vale Lance and Hope Hogg

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On 25th October Lance Hogg died, and on 26th October his wife Hope went to be with their Lord also. Lance had been the support carer for Hope for more years than I can remember. Lance exercised significant ministry in CBMC Brisbane and in the State branch with the support of Hope. He took the CBMC training and applied it in and through the Baptist church at Annerley and in the workplace, helping many people into the Kingdom, or strengthening their faith in Jesus.

Please join with us and their family in giving thanks for their life and ministry. Tony Levick.



## 21<sup>st</sup> CBMC Asian Convention

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After careful consideration we have decided to shift the location of the event to Brisbane rather than the Gold Coast. This will enable a cheaper convention and a smaller logistics requirement.



We need you as CBMC Members and friends to pray for this event.

Pray for insight, wisdom and connections as the organizing team and Board deliberate and plan for this event. We see this as a pivotal event for Australia, where we can invite our friends and colleagues for them to hear first-hand the great work CBMC does around the world. Pray for everyone involved in planning and resourcing this event.

We are one year out from the 21<sup>st</sup> CBMC Asian Convention. The Australian Board is seeking your daily prayer support so that this event may be planned well, within the required budget, and the work of CBMC throughout Asia (including Australia and New Zealand) will be strengthened bringing honour to our Lord Jesus.

If you would like to join the prayer team please email [admin@CBMCAsianConvention.com](mailto:admin@CBMCAsianConvention.com). And you will be added to the team.

## Where is CBMC Ministry?

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I hear this question and ask myself “Well where has it been? Surely it is still with the people who have used CBMC as their ministry platform since they joined the ministry.”

CBMC is a mix of individual and corporate ministry. Without you and your individual ministry praying for others, getting beside them and building a relationship with them, and living a consistent and godly life before them, there would be no CBMC ministry.

Likewise, without our activity together, our praying, our training, our organising of outreach events, there would be no CBMC ministry.

I say it again; CBMC is a combination of Individual and Corporate prayer, and activity. Our Leader is Jesus who has risen from the Dead. He has said “Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.” Matthew 10:32-33 (NIVUK) , and in John 15:16 – 17 Jesus said “You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you

might go and bear fruit – fruit that will last – and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: love each other”.

I have written before regarding the challenge the Board received as to 'Why were we not concerned or arranging anything for small business traders?' Well that was a timely contribution to our planning.

We are compiling a series of seminar topics that will be useful in engaging people of a church and the community around them that will attract small business owners (and others). {An example would be “The Need for a Succession Plan”} Our prayer is by giving some good advice, people of the community will benefit, and some may respond to the offer of having a Small Business Forum. May our Lord bless these efforts so we generate new cells / new teams that will 'impact the community to the honour of Jesus.

Please pray with the Board for this initiative to be tested soon and grow our Ministry. Pray and seek churches we may team up with, and possible locations where a number of small businesses operate so we can issue invitations to the seminar in a particular location. Have you any thoughts about either of these groups, please contact Trent at the Office, or one of the Board and share the location so we can pray and make connections.

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This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. John15:8 NIV.

## Upcoming Events

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### Prayer meeting

Regular prayer meeting are held in the following locations

- Victoria
  - Horsham
  - Melbourne CBD
  - Burwood East
  - Warragul
- Queensland
  - Ipswich
- Tasmania
  - Hobart
  - Launceston
  - Scotsdale
  - Ulverstone

### Outreach events

New South Wales

- Pennant Hills – 28<sup>th</sup> November dinner

Tasmania

- Devonport – regular outreach events and forums are held

Queensland

- Brisbane
- Camp Hill – group meeting as part of Camp Hill Church of Christ men’s group using Operation Timothy
- Wooloongabba – Korean group meets weekly for breakfast and reflection and regular hold encouragement events
  - December 2<sup>nd</sup> an interest meeting will be held at Dianna Plaza Hotel.

Victoria

- Melbourne Prayer meeting



## Prayer Points

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- Pennant Hills Dinner Meeting November 28<sup>th</sup>
- Korean CBMC Seminar in Brisbane
- 2017 CBMC Asian Convention in Brisbane October 2017
- For the Hogg family on the loss of Lance and Hope Hogg in late October 2016

## Financial Support

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Thank you to the members who regularly contribute to the ministry of CBMC across Australia. Your assistance is greatly appreciated in supporting the work we do. As we begin looking to 2017 we realise what your support has enabled over this last year.

We invite others to consider regularly partnering with CBMC as we look to new initiative for 2017. By supporting this ministry you are investing in us by

- Supporting our CBMC staff and volunteers
- Assisting in providing resources to members and guests.
- Increasing our reach and effectiveness



These activities cannot be done without the financial support of our members and friends. We invite you to give a once off gift or a monthly contribution towards the work of CBMC Australia.

You can give your support by:

- Cheque
- Credit Card (securely on our website <http://www.cbmcaustralia.com.au/donations/> or over the phone to our office)
- Bank Transfer (BSB: 083054 Account number: 24 836 1352)
  - Or contact our national office: [admin@cbmcaustralia.com.au](mailto:admin@cbmcaustralia.com.au) or call 07 3172 9365

Jesus said, "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Mark 10:45

