

## Words from the Woodwards

October, 2023

"If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." Galatians 5:25

Dear friend,

I trust you are appreciating the guidance and care of our Good Shepherd. H. F. Witherby observed, "Being led by the Holy Spirit is the principle by which the Father deals in grace with believers. Outside the circle of the Spirit, men are led by the flesh; under the law His people were in bondage and under the schoolmaster. Now, in Christian privilege, the Spirit leads: 'if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law' (Gal. 5:18)." We are blessed to be in Christ and under grace, so may we walk in the Spirit daily through yielding and trusting.

In the Grace Fellowship October letter you can read of ministry activities, such as our trips to Nashville and Florida for conferences. I am facilitating a zoom meeting weekly using the book *Keys to health Wholeness and Fruitfulness* (FICM.org). We are sharing the free online videos and discussing the content.

My monthly blogs include [RevitalizingPastors.org](http://RevitalizingPastors.org), [ELCmatters.com](http://ELCmatters.com), [BiblicalPsychology.net](http://BiblicalPsychology.net), and [DeliverUsFromEvil.online](http://DeliverUsFromEvil.online). Grace Notes are sent each Friday.

I continue to counsel men and women locally and long distance (by phone and zoom). It's also a privilege to supervise our Guides and those along the path of Exchanged Life Counseling certification.

Bible Land adventures: Linda and I have not had the blessing of visiting Israel. Visiting Bible lands has been on our "bucket list." A mega trip is approaching for us; September 29-October 16 will be inspirational, recreational and educational. Destinations include Rome and Naples (Italy), Athens (Greece), Ephesus (Turkey), Mykonos and Santorini (Greece), Haifa and Jerusalem (Israel), and Chania (Crete). We will be traveling with our GFI friends, Rob and Nancy Semco. May we embrace the apostle's attitude: "I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound... I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Phil 4:12,13). We are so grateful for these plans.

Thank you very much for your prayers and financial support. May the Lord guide you daily as you walk with Him.

Yours in Christ,

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“John, thank you so much for taking the time to meet with me and give guidance this week. Your words helped me to quiet my mind and focus on what the Lord was telling me. He showed me all the things He has done to prepare me for my new role ... I look forward to being in the area for a while longer and getting to learn more from GFI. Sending lots of blessings. Thank you again,” -S.



John & Linda 8/2023