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Dear Prayer Supporter,

Recently an Internet user wrote: “Not only am I reading *“Your Quest for God”* for the second time myself, but I have handed out several copies to both non-believers and to new believers. I was recommended to this book by a well-respected Jewish pastor/teacher, a believer in the Lordship of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. He had said,

‘Richard Bennett, unfolds the Gospel message and one’s pathway to knowing the Creator of the universe, in a manner that is clear, profound & biblically true.’ May, **“Love Irresistible”** quicken your heart to reach others for Him! With thanks for your prayers and gifts.

Love in Him,

God’s love extended through CCIM by broadcasts in Africa.

Lodwar: Yesterday, I listened in Turkana to *“Dorothy’s Daily Devotional”* and I was immediately challenged by a friend who asked me to pray for him because he had many problems. I was scared, but went ahead and said a short prayer since I am also learning about praying. He was very happy and later his wife called to share appreciation because her husband could not stop talking about God. **I have made a commitment to visit my friends, share the gospel and pray for them.** Please pray that the Lord will enable me to do so!

Kericho: Greetings in Jesus name! Thank you for your inspiring radio program and for *“Your Quest for God”* which has drawn me back into God’s ways. I had been discouraged but **“Food for Faith” rekindled my faith in God and in His Word.**

Nairobi: I write on behalf my family and thank you for the wonderful program you give to us every day in the evening. *“Dorothy’s Daily Devotional”* is our devotional just before we retire to bed! As a result, **we have grown in our love for God and in our faith in Him.** Thank you!

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"The Love of God," available in book format, has an:

~Introduction~



In old age, when we are chastened by pain, some call it living in the 'Twilight Zone.' However, when the sun is setting, we see a glorious panorama of golden rays that could never be witnessed in the mid-day sun.

In His declining years, the apostle Paul wrote, "See what *large* letters I write unto you." As I was writing this little book, I kept chuckling to myself, "See what *small* letters I write unto you" as I discovered that I could not even read what I had just written!

Though, "*The Love of God*" is beyond human description, it is my prayer that the following messages will be as from the Lord and become a great blessing to you.

Always remember that information without application will lead to spiritual stagnation!

"And now, it is with my love and prayers, that I relay these few thoughts on, '*The Love of God.*'"

In the bonds of Calvary, *Richard.*

~Epilogue~

I trust you have been blessed with the various messages on "*The Love of God.*" Now, in conclusion, let us consider a few thoughts on, "*Irresistible Love.*"

Every day you and I mingle with people who are physically alive; emotionally alive; intellectually alive but spiritually dead. In conversation with these people it is easy to comfortably relate to their physical, their emotional and their intellectual areas of common interest.

But it is only the compassion of the love of Christ that will break through the conversation to their all-important spiritual needs and eternal destiny.

"That is not my gift nor my calling," you may say. However, we can confess Christ with our life and we can confess Christ with our lips. It is equally important to know that we can deny Christ by our speech and we can deny Christ by our silence. However, the Lord did not address a church or an evangelist when He said, "*You shall be witnesses unto Me*" Acts 1:8.

Every one of us have our own special mission field. There is the bank teller, the hair dresser, the neighbor or the person sitting with us in the doctor's office - the list goes on and on. In each and every one of these circumstances, Dorothy and I have had the privilege of leading people to Christ.

However, I personally look back with shame at my silent lips when I missed golden opportunities. It was after Dorothy was confined to a darkened room for nearly 12 months, because of her chronic Myasthenia Gravis, that I was delighted when she was able again to accompany me on a ministry mission.

We were to be at the ‘Word of Life Bible Conference’ in the Adirondacks. To get there we had to fly from San Diego. At a stopover in Chicago, Dorothy collapsed on the floor after stepping off the plane into heat and humidity. A kindly hostess came to my side and knelt with me and asked what she could do. As we talked together she said, “What star were you born under?” I replied, “I don’t believe in that. Why do you ask?” “Because I wanted to find out why you are so kind.”

At that point, I had a wonderful opportunity to witness for Christ and share my testimony, but I blew it! The irony was, that at the Word of Life Conference, my schedule was to minister on ‘Personal Evangelism.’ What a hypocrite! How could I start? Instead of giving some glowing testimonies of people who have come to Christ through our witness, I introduced my theme by sharing when God gave me a wonderful opportunity to witness for Christ, at Chicago airport and how my lips remained silent. More people seemed to respond to my ‘failure’ than to all my subsequent reports of successful witnessing.

How I wish that these people could have heard the end of the story. Before returning to the West Coast, we had to go through Philadelphia airport. There, to our delight, we again met the same hostess who we met on the outward journey. “Please forgive me,” I said. “Whatever for?” she enquired. “Any love you may have seen was not because of the star I was born under, nor of my own affection, but it was the love of the Lord Jesus Who lives in me, and I should have explained that to you.”

This testimony resulted in the hostess asking if she could sit with us in her ‘off time.’ It was then we explained how much God loved her and how she could respond to His love. As we prayed together,

tears streamed down her face in response to His love.

On two occasions, Dorothy and I were requested to attend the Presidential Prayer Breakfast in Washington DC. Seated at the main event, the MC asked us to introduce ourselves and our mission to the other guests seated at the table. “I am the US Ambassador from Israel,” said one. “I am the US Ambassador from Romania,” said another. “I am a Member of Parliament from Canada,” said two others as they introduced their wives. Then came Dorothy’s turn. I held my breath.

In a clear voice, she said, “I too am an Ambassador; I am an Ambassador for my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!” I was next. What could I say? I acted like Barak of old who hid behind the skirts of Deborah and became strategically involved in her victory. So I proudly identified myself with Dorothy and her mission!

It is never inopportune to witness for Christ. “*Be instant in season, out of season.*” 2 Timothy 4:2. If it is ‘in season,’ take the opportunity, if it is ‘out of season,’ make the opportunity. But never keep silent in your witness for Christ.

When God’s love overflows from your heart, you will not witness because you have to, but because it is as natural as breathing.

Yes, “**The Irresistible Love**” of God is the dynamic of soul-winning!

Give me a passion for souls, dear Lord:
A passion to save the lost;
O that Thy love were by all adored
And welcomed at any cost.

Jesus I long, I long to be winning
Men who are lost and constantly sinning;
O may this hour be one of beginning.
The wonderful story to tell! ~H. G. Tovey



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