



## *Eagle Vision Partner Letter*

# *1st Love*

November 2005

Dear Partner,

I pray this letter finds you walking in forgiveness and staying connected to your first love.

As I was praying about what to write about this month, the Lord began to reveal to me the importance of His people keeping Him as their first love. God has always desired to be number one in our lives but sometimes we can replace God with other things or other people. You see it's easy to be close to God in the bad times; but what about in the good times? **God wants to remain our number one focus so let's make sure that the Blessor is never replaced by the blessings!**

The Bible says in **III John 2-3** <sup>2</sup>Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. <sup>3</sup>For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth.

To walk in this Truth means that you are consistently walking with God and His Word. Our number one goal should be to draw closer to God on a daily basis. As we increase, our time with God should increase! We should be so thankful for all that He has already done. In **Luke 17:11-19** there were **10 lepers that received deliverance, but only 1 came back to say "Thank you."** In verse 17 Jesus asked where are the nine. If Jesus was to ask you the question today, would you be the one that came back to worship and thank Him or would you be included in the nine that received deliverance but kept on going? The one who came back to say thank you ended up being made whole. (Whole means that everything was restored, not just being healed from leprosy.)

In **Philippians 3:10** the Apostle said that he wanted to know him and the power of his resurrection. The Apostle Paul was more interested in getting to know Him intimately than anything else. There are times when I get into His presence just to worship Him and not ask Him for anything. I want Him to know that my relationship is not based on how much He has blessed me but on how much I know Him. **Now the blessings are great too and I'm not saying that we should not desire to be blessed, but let's never allow God to be second to anything.**

In **Revelation 2:4** it says **Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.** In this chapter, John was writing to the church at Ephesus but in today's time, we must keep our hearts equally as pure in all areas. In **Mark 6:33** it says **But seek ye first the kingdom of God,**

and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. God desires to do more in our lives but we must demonstrate that we can handle it.

Just like any good investment, when you see that it is yielding fruit, it is wise to keep investing. God is the greatest investment because He is everlasting and He is calling His people back to a closer walk with Him. His presence yields joy, prosperity, love, excitement, eternal life, power, grace, mercy, healing and so much more. **Everything that you need or will ever need is "in Him".**

If you have strayed away from God, do not be a casualty of war. Come back to your first love. He will love you and welcome you with open arms.

In His Righteousness,

Harold M. Council  
Senior Pastor

#### MINISTRY UPDATE

## Join us for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, November 13, 2005 at 10:00 am!

As always, thank you for your faithfulness through your prayers and financial support. We truly appreciate it.

Pastor Deirdre was one of the guest speakers at WCLY AM 1550's "Matter's of the Heart" Prayer Breakfast. It was a wonderful day of healing and deliverance for woman in the area. The Men of Excellence has a GREAT time at their Fellowship last month! As we did last year, we are dedicating a Wednesday Night Service to prepare shoe boxes for the Operation Christmas Child project. We have a wonderful time preparing boxes for the less fortunate and praying over them before they are delivered to the Samaritan's Purse. As always, lives are being transformed, people are being saved, healed and delivered during our weekly services as well as the Rest Home Ministry. Pastor Harold has been ministering periodically at the Men's Prison, but ECCI is about to become more active in the prison by starting the Prison Ministry at the beginning of next year.

#### OPPORTUNITIES TO SOW SEED

> Building Fund—*Any Amount*

✝ CD/Tape Player and Recorder---\$750

> Chairs for Sanctuary—\$4,000

✝ Purchase of a keyboard— \$700

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