

Are You Ready for Success?

Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. **–Joshua 1:8**

Bow Your Knee

And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her. **–Luke 1:38**

Accepting God's Call

Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. **–1 Corinthians 1:26-27**

Protect Your Seed

Guard, through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to you. –2 Timothy 1:14, NAS

Believe God Loves You

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. –1 John 4:16

Conceive a Miracle

And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. –Luke 1:28, 31

Christian Groups Still Fighting Macy's Transvestite Policy

Remember the story earlier this week about Macy's firing a Christian employee for telling a transvestite man he couldn't try on clothes in the ladies fitting room?

Well, Natalie Johnson, the woman who was fired from a Macy's in San Antonio, Texas, is appearing on Fox News Channel to tell the whole story.

Mat Staver, Liberty Counsel founder and chairman, will join Johnson on Fox on Sunday, between noon and 1 p.m., to discuss Macy's policy that allows men to use the women's fitting rooms.

"This policy is absurd, and everyone who hears of it is shocked," Staver says. "Macy's policy has placed every woman at risk of sexual assault and even rape. To regain the confidence of its customers, Macy's need to immediately change its policy."

Many people are outraged to learn that Macy's allows men to use women's fitting rooms. Some are cutting up their Macy's credit cards. Others are refusing to step foot back in the stores until the policy changes.

This bizarre policy came to light during the Christmas shopping season, when Johnson saw a man entering a women's fitting room in her department area at Macy's. After he came out, Johnson politely approached the young man and told him he could not use the women's fitting rooms because they were for women only.

Although this young man was wearing lipstick, Johnson reports he clearly looked like a man. He became upset and used expletives. The attorney who accompanied him said that Macy's was LGBT friendly. Johnson politely responded that men cannot use the women's fitting rooms. The two men demanded to speak with Johnson's manager.

Johnson was later summoned by her manager, Mary Ellen, and told that "transgender" people can use any fitting room they desire. When Johnson questioned how men could use women's fitting rooms and asked for a religious accommodation because she could not lie by allowing men to use women's fitting

rooms, she was terminated.

Despite widespread support for Johnson, Macy's has not reversed its policy. Bloomingdale's, an affiliate of Macy's, has the same policy. Liberty Counsel is gathering signatures on a petition to ask Macy's to change the policy.

You can find it at [http://www.libertycounsel.com](#). Or call the corporate office at 800-264-0069 or 513-398-5221, fax them at 513-573-2049, or write to Terry Lundren, President and CEO, Macy's Inc, P.O. Box 8220, Mason, OH 45040.

Christian Stores Debut E-Book Sales

With digital readers and tablets expected to be popular Christmas gifts, accelerating the growth of non-print book sales, Christian suppliers and brick-and-mortar retailers have been launching e-book programs in time for the holidays.

Berean Christian Stores and some leading independents have already introduced services, with Mardel Christian & Education and The Parable Group due to follow soon.

Chuck Wallington's Christian Supply in Spartanburg, S.C.—one of the industry's top stores—unveiled its e-book initiative at Thanksgiving, with plans to roll it out to stores that are part of Wallington's Covenant Group marketing network in the New Year.

E-books are available for purchase at the Christian Supply website, through Ingram Digital Content Services, with an in-store center to be introduced to answer customers' questions.

Wallington said that the e-books initiative was a significant shift in book selling. "I am convinced more than ever that if we are not where they are shopping, we are losing them for life."

Digital marketing supplier Innovative Inc. has launched Christian e-books for more than 300 users of its Signature Websites, with in-store signage promoting the service. Among those using the service are members of the Association of Logos Bookstores, whose executive director Becky Gorczyca said it was "exactly what we had in mind when we began searching for an e-book solution a year and a half ago."

Innovative's program, which includes audiobooks and apps, has been developed in partnership with audiobook and digital publisher eChristian.

"We are committed to providing Christian retailers the products and promotions critical to their success, so they can give their customers information and access to new release, bestseller and sale titles in all formats," said Innovative President Larry Haege. "By providing a quality physical store and a best-in-class e-book user experience, Christian retailers can meet customer needs across the spectrum."

Why America Needs Our Prayers Now

I've received several warnings recently concerning terrorist attacks against America, and I want to ask you to join me in praying for protection from these attacks. Within the last few months I have had several credible dreams presented to me about this, five of them within the last week.

While warnings such as these are subjective in nature, and dreams always need careful discernment and interpretation, I feel that the dramatic and sudden increase of these warnings merits this call to prayer.

I don't feel it is necessary to give details from the dreams—suffice it to say that the attacks seen were worse than those of 9/11. For some time, many of us have felt that more terrorism was possible for America. One need not be particularly prophetic to know this is planned by our enemies—indeed, our government warns us of this and encourages regular vigilance, and plots have on occasion been discovered and thwarted. But many intercessors and prophets have felt that something on a bigger scale is being planned and stands the chance of succeeding. This is what the recent dreams warn of, and the sense is that it could be imminent.

I'm asking you to join me—for the next few days especially, but also over the next few weeks—in interceding for God's protection over our country. Yes, we as a nation have sinned against the Lord in many ways, and perhaps if we receive what we deserve it would be further judgment. But that is to be determined by the Lord and it is always appropriate to ask Him for His mercy.

- Pray that plots will be exposed and the individuals involved will be discovered and captured.
- Pray for the success of our law enforcement and protection agencies.
- Pray for sound leads to come to them and for the necessary wisdom to “connect the dots.”
- Ask God to forgive and cleanse us of our wicked ways, and continue to pray that America receives a third Great Awakening.

Let's all do our part to ward off any and every attempt to bring violence and destruction to our land. Please help spread the word by forwarding this message about these warnings and

the call to prayer. Thank you for joining me in the watchman alert.

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Online Chat Room Drives Sunni Muslim-Turned-Atheist to Christ

Mehmet* was brought up in an Alevi family in a town in southeast Turkey. Alevis belong to a minority branch of Shia Islam and are frequently viewed by the majority Sunnis as unorthodox because of their liberal interpretation of Islam: They do not attend mosques, perform the ritual prayers five times a day or fast during Ramadan.

However, as is common among Turkish Alevis, Mehmet was greatly influenced by the prevailing Sunni religious culture and society that surrounded him. Yet he always harboured doubts about what he was being taught.

In time, he came to reject Islam entirely and became an atheist. He later softened somewhat and described himself as a “deist”: someone who believes in the existence of God but is not committed to any religion. He moved to London and soon found himself caught up in the tidal wave of decadent Western

culture.

“Because I was living in London, I gave way to bad instincts—drink, women, gambling—and I was drowning in these evils,” said Mehmet. “I was unable to think of anything good.”

To escape his circumstances, Mehmet settled in Germany but came against problems with work. Because of this, he spent his time constantly on the Internet. One day he came across a chat room called the “New Testament Good News Turkish Christian.”

“I was astonished,” shared Mehmet. “I said to myself, ‘Is it possible for there to be any Turkish Christians?’ Then I entered the chat room in order to curse and mock them.”

As he listened, he was suddenly overcome by a great feeling of sadness. “I couldn’t figure out what was happening to me,” he said. “While I had been joyful, suddenly I became unhappy. I continued entering the chat room for some days, and after a week I heard a voice in the room telling me to believe, and I came to faith. Hallelujah!”

Mehmet returned to the U.K. and made contact with the Yeni Yaşam Fellowship in North London. He indicated a desire to be baptized, so the team leaders went through the baptismal preparation lessons with him.

Still, Mehmet could not find employment in London. He decided to go to North England to work in a kebab restaurant, but recently returned to London because he had missed the fellowship of believers.

He was finally baptized on Nov. 13 and shared how the Lord had turned his intention to curse and mock into deep conviction of sin, which led to repentance and salvation.

Now Mehmet is regularly online, witnessing to other Turkish-speaking Muslims in Turkey and around the world in the same chat room where he came to faith.

Life is tough in London for Mehmet. He lives with friends but needs to find a place of his own and a source of income. He hopes to take a course that will lead to a vocational qualification.

Please pray for God's provision and protection. Pray that Mehmet will continue faithfully with the Lord and grow in spiritual maturity.

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