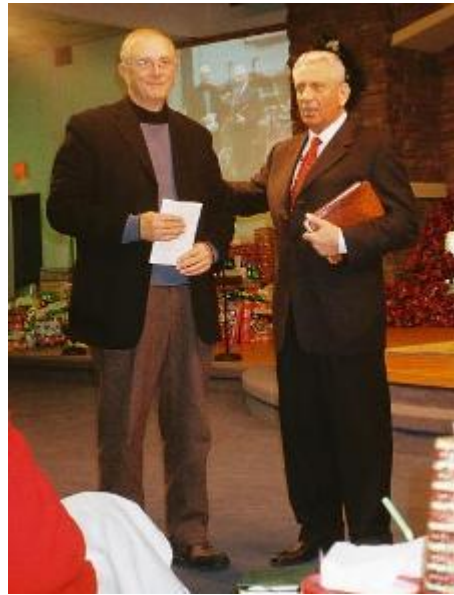


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**ANGEL TREE 2010**

1,500 children given gifts and families of inmates ministered to by local churches in Western New York this past year. Two church parties above served 400 Angel Tree children. Many received Christ.

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The Dallas/Fort Worth Heritage

May 2001



### A prison book drive

*Courtesy photos*

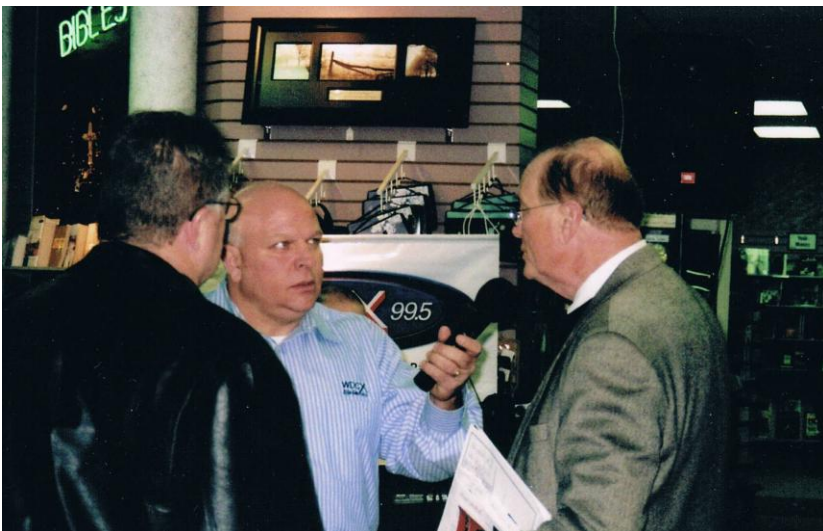
Top photo, volunteers assist Pastor Dave Umfreville (far right) of First Baptist Church Dallas in the collection of Christian books and Bibles for Texas prisons and aftercare units. More than 153,000 books were collected during the two-week KCBI/1st Baptist Church Dallas prison book drive. Center photo, Phillips, Craig & Dean join KCBI's Todd Chatman and Alan Scott on the afternoon show encouraging people to donate books to prisons and aftercare units. Bottom photo, First Baptist Church Dallas Pastor Dave Umfreville accepts books from donors.

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our new website:

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**PRISON-TO-PRAISE INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY NEWSLETTER  
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The following is an excerpt from a lesson answer to one of our students. I thought it would be a good reminder for all of us. It was to me. Thank you for your prayers for our ministry. Tom Colarossi

Now look at Exercise 8. It asks for examples of gold, silver, and precious stones, and wood, hay, and stubble. Christians will stand before Jesus and be rewarded for the things they did for the Lord while they were on Earth. This is different from the time when God will judge the world at the end. When we stand before Jesus, it is because we are going to heaven and we are rewarded for our actions which we did on Earth. Because we are saved, we are like the sheep on the King's right hand, we are going to the **"the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world"** (see Matthew 25:35 above). But before we go into the kingdom, the Lord examines the things we did on earth. What did we do with the gifts and abilities God gave us?

Some of the things will be like gold, silver, and precious stones. These will be good things that pleased God. Other things that we did will be like wood, hay, and stubble. These are things that we said we did for God that did not please God. When Jesus examines the things that we did it will be as if the things were put in a furnace. I Corinthians 3:13, **"Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is."** Wood, hay, and stubble burn quickly.

Now understand, the things that are burned up are not the sin in our lives. Jesus has already paid for our sins and they are remembered no more. The things that are burned up are good things that we did for the wrong reasons and did not please God. Why is it important that things we do are done for the right reasons? It is important because born again believers should be living their lives for Jesus, not for themselves.

The kinds of things that will be burned up are things we do to make ourselves look good. These are things like: 1) helping only those people who will help you (Matthew 5:46), 2) by telling everybody what a great Christian you are (Matthew 6:1-5, 16), and 3) by doing the least you can do when helping someone (Matthew 10:42).

The good things that are not burned up and that we get rewards for are: 1) our righteousness (Psalm 18:20-24), 2) the shame and hurt we suffer as Christians (Matthew 5:11-12), and 3) to love your enemies and to do good (Luke 6:35). These are things that we do out of a pure heart (loving our enemies and doing good), a willing mind (righteousness), and strong faith in Jesus (facing persecution). See I Timothy 1:5.

As you live your life \_\_\_\_\_, every time you want to do something for someone consider why you are doing it. Make sure you are doing it for God's glory and do it the very best you can. Colossians 3:23, "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;"

May the Lord guide you and give you wisdom,