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Welcome to

Wake Up Call

your weekly email support from WorkNet

Outsourcing

Note: we are still looking for an Assistant see news below.

Everybody outsources something. Our money we entrust to banks, building societies, financial advisers or institutions. Our cars we entrust to a mechanic, our houses to builders. Our health we entrust to doctors and our wills to solicitors. At work we take advice and use consultants. Only a fool believes and behaves as if he or she can handle every problem, challenge or task without help.

Yet there is always a holding back. Rarely, if ever, will you hand complete control of anything to someone. For one thing, it is hard to trust someone else that much and second, it is possible to abdicate responsibility by acting in such a way. I want financial advice, but it is my money. I want career advice, but it's my job. I want health advice, but it's my body.

In this respect, our lives consist of many "ways". Each path makes up a part of our whole journey. Money, career, family, hobbies all make up our ways, but they are not the totality of who we are.

Somewhere in your mind's eye you see your whole path. This is your journey, your life course, your road. It includes everything about you and encompasses what you do as well as all your dreams. It involves your joys, losses, mistakes and danger. Every feeling is there. It is personal to you, your character, style and habits are rolled up in this journey. At the end of your life this will have been your "way".

If you want your way to be heated, anxious, jealous and angry, scorched with the heat of fretting, then you need to do little but go it alone. David, however, suggests that you completely, utterly, radically and fully outsource your way to the Lord - not in a vague theoretical manner, but by "committing your way to the Lord". In a world of jealous envy and jousting for position, he argues that those who commit their way to the Lord will find that the rightness of their lives will shine like a new day and, rather than have to justify themselves to everyone (which is very tiring), it will be crystal clear that their lives are justifiable - illuminated by the brightest light of the mid-day sun. David isn't arguing that a little bit of trust over a specific issue makes all the difference. He is advocating that you abandon your whole life including your work into the hands of God, throwing yourself upon Him and letting Him look after you completely. That way when the small irritations arrive, you won't need to fret. The big picture is painted, the big issue is resolved. Everything else is

*Conference
Date Fixed*



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In Jesus' Name,

Geoff Shattock

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Here is some Biblical background for your Wake Up Call

Psalm 37:1-40

Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong;

² for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away.

³ Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

⁴ Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.

⁵ Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this:

⁶ He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

⁷ Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

⁸ Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil.

⁹ For evil men will be cut off, but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land.

¹⁰ A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found.

¹¹ But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy great peace.

¹² The wicked plot against the righteous and gnash their teeth at them;

¹³ but the Lord laughs at the wicked, for he knows their day is coming.

¹⁴ The wicked draw the sword and bend the bow to bring down the poor and needy, to slay those whose ways are upright.

¹⁵ But their swords will pierce their own hearts, and their bows will be broken.

¹⁶ Better the little that the righteous have than the wealth of many wicked;

¹⁷ for the power of the wicked will be broken, but the Lord upholds the righteous.

¹⁸ The days of the blameless are known to the Lord, and their inheritance will endure for ever.

¹⁹ In times of disaster they will not wither; in days of famine they will enjoy plenty.

²⁰ But the wicked will perish: The Lord's enemies will be like the beauty of the fields, they will vanish—vanish like smoke.

²¹ The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteous give generously;

²² those the Lord blesses will inherit the land, but those he curses will be cut off.

²³ If the Lord delights in a man's way, he makes his steps firm;

²⁴ though he stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand.

²⁵ I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.

²⁶ They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be blessed.

²⁷ Turn from evil and do good; then you will dwell in the land for ever.

²⁸ For the Lord loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones. They will be protected for ever, but the offspring of the wicked will be cut off;

²⁹ the righteous will inherit the land and dwell in it for ever.

³⁰ The mouth of the righteous man utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks what is just.

³¹ The law of his God is in his heart; his feet do not slip.

³² The wicked lie in wait for the righteous, seeking their very lives;

³³ but the Lord will not leave them in their power or let them be condemned when brought to trial.

³⁴ Wait for the Lord and keep his way. He will exalt you to inherit the land; when the wicked are cut off, you will see it.

³⁵ I have seen a wicked and ruthless man flourishing like a green tree in its native soil,

³⁶ but he soon passed away and was no more; though I looked for him, he could not be found.

³⁷ Consider the blameless, observe the upright; there is a future for the man of peace.

³⁸ But all sinners will be destroyed; the future of the wicked will be cut off.

³⁹ The salvation of the righteous comes from the Lord; he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

⁴⁰ The Lord helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

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- WorkNet is looking for someone to fulfill the vital role of Assistant to Geoff Shattock. A reworded Job and Person description is now available on the online news page follow the link on the left to view or download. If you are interested in this post, please send your CV to geoff@worknetuk.org If you know someone who may be interested, please make this important need known to them. Short term we are looking for a typist -if you have experience and would like some temporary work please be in touch.

- **We have now fixed a date for a conference under the theme of "Doing the work you were born to do" for March 4th 2006. More details to follow soon**
- The [WorkTalk](#) course is based on the seven sayings of our Lord from the cross. If you haven't got your copy, you can order it now from our [on-line shop](#) and use it for your personal meditation as well as a learning programme.

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