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Lostness Breaks Our Hearts: Let's Adopt a "Blessing Strategy" January 27, 2025

Note: As I slow down, I have no schedule from these "bits from bob..." WOW continues each week. From time to time, I will share my heart, insights, and studies. God bless!

Good Monday morning. The last week of the New Year begins. I hope your plans and commitments are still new. Thank you for letting me share my heart with you.

A question for life--how can we ignore the battle? Great challenges are before us. As Jan and I prayerfully talk about how to step back from the strenuous schedule that has been ours for 18+ years of LALD mission work, I think more often about **empowerment**. I pray about **involvement**. How can I involve more people in God's eternal purpose, God's great work?

I am blessed to teach Bible classes in the local church. To assemble is a wonderful blessing. I still consider a calendar full of mission and ministry activities and commitments a blessing. The hustle, hastening and hurry -- my inability to get everything done, the natural slowing down that comes with age, these remind me of the importance of empowering others in the purpose of God—in person, online, recordings and writings. Sharing the word of God, evangelizing. Teaching, mentoring, training, instructing.

This statement caught my attention: *"Around us is poverty so complete that it breaks our hearts. We rise each morning to engage in a battle we dare not ignore or sidestep. To do so is to miss God completely."* Many of us feel the challenge. Other words could be inserted. Poverty breaks our hearts, Injustice, suffering...

I feel a greater challenge. Most of the people in our world are lost. **Such complete lostness must break our hearts!** How can we ignore the battle? The challenge is to involve God's people in the search for souls. An overwhelming majority of the people in our world are lost, without God, without hope, walking in the wide way that leads to an eternity without God.

That truth must grab our attention, break our hearts. We arise every morning with the lost on our hearts, in our prayers. We go forth into the world, not only to help solve problems of Injustice and suffering and poverty, but to engage in a battle for souls, a battle that we must not ignore, a battle from which retreat or disengagement is not an option. Because failing in the eternal struggle for souls is to miss God completely.

From a recent 'bits': *"Everybody needs a little Jesus. Everybody needs a whole lot of Jesus."* These words are reminder as we go forth each day. Not only must the song of God be in my heart, it must be on my lips. May others see Jesus living within me. May others hear because of what we do, who we are, and what we say.

Will you join me in the coming year to adopt a **"blessing strategy?"** Let us go forth committed bless those who cross our path, a blessing to others, engaging in the great battle for souls.