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The Peacemaker



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From the President's Desk

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Yesterday I saw an interesting sticker on a car. It read: *I hope something good happens to you today.* I thought - wow what a kind and wonderful thought!

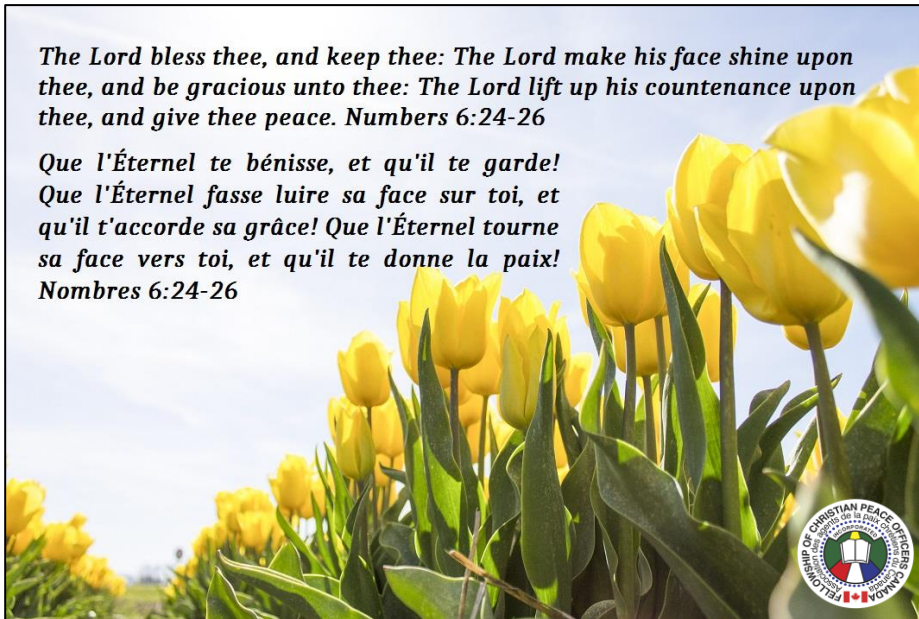
We daily learn of tragic events in our neighbourhoods and globally. We hear of the atrocities of wars and conflicts. Terrorist attacks and senseless mass shootings have become common place. We are inundated with ever-increasing political rhetoric and mudslinging. We are plagued with strategic deceiving messaging from activists and malcontents. Those of you on the frontline know all too well about man's inhumanity to man. And yet here, one person decided to display a message that caused me to contemplate it all day.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if everyone wished good for their fellow man? Wouldn't it be wonderful if people treated others the way they would like to be treated? Wouldn't it be wonderful if everyone embraced all the teachings of our Lord and Saviour? It would sure make the job of a peace officer a lot easier! In fact, many would be out of a job!

We need to hope/pray for the peace of others and seek out opportunities to contribute to the well-being of society. Continue to let your light shine in the workplace and the community you serve.

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. Numbers 6:24-26

*Que l'Éternel te bénisse, et qu'il te garde!
Que l'Éternel fasse luire sa face sur toi, et
qu'il t'accorde sa grâce! Que l'Éternel tourne
sa face vers toi, et qu'il te donne la paix!
Nombres 6:24-26*



I hope something good happens to you today!

God bless,

Ron

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Obeying

Agent Gary Gasser, Services Correctionnels Québec



Agent Gary Gasser

I was recently baptised, and it prompted me to write this article for all my brothers and sisters in Christ. I asked God for forgiveness in January 2015 and I was only baptised on the 4th of June 2023. Why wait 8 years when it is clearly written in the scriptures to believe in Christ and be baptised? (Matt 28:19).

I didn't have a church at the time I gave my life to Christ. My wife and I visited a few churches and there was always something I didn't like about them, that didn't fit with what was written in the Bible. We ended up not going to any church for a few years. I was slightly relieved because I thought I didn't really fit in with the church crowd. After all, how many warriors are in a church? I knew from scripture that meeting with other believers was important so when my father-in-law found a great little church that has meetings in a community center about 10 minutes from my house at the end of last year, I knew we had to attend. Community is important. (Hebrews 10:25)

After a few months the pastor organised a baptism for new siblings in Faith. My father-in-law said I could finally get baptised. I was reluctant to go through with the process. I told him that my mother had me baptised when I was a baby. He answered that that doesn't count. I guess I was a little ashamed that so much time had passed since my repentance. The real culprit in my life is the greatest sin of all: PRIDE.

Why should I not be prideful? I grew up on a farm working hard. I went to Afghanistan twice with the Canadian Forces. The Taliban couldn't kill me - and they tried hard! I work in a prison and live with the constant threat of violence.

Pride is the reason it took me 28 years to finally accept the fact that I needed God. It took me having a herniated disc and constant, almost debilitating back pain to finally surrender to the Almighty.

I understood instinctively at that fateful moment that God forgave me because Jesus had paid for my sins. I would not have to "do my time" in hell (all eternity actually!).

As warriors we often have too much pride in our own abilities instead of relying on the Lord. The funny thing about it is that we are better warriors when we trust in God instead of ourselves. I am a lot less prone to take situations personally. I also am a lot less emotional in high stress situations. I try to treat everyone fairly, something hard to do in a correctional facility.

We must remember to love the people we serve (even the ones on the wrong side of the law) and not think ourselves better than them, even if we do dangerous and hard work. (Luke 10:27)

God bless,

Gary

Editorial

We Are Part of the “Inclusion”!



In May, I attended the National Prayer Breakfast. It was refreshing to hear politicians pray in the name of Jesus. I say that because more and more anything “Christian” is being forbidden in the public service, in its quest to become “more inclusive”. It’s A.B.C. (Anything But Christian)!

So, how weird is that? Our political masters can pray in Jesus’ name, yet many of our Christian chaplains are told not to. All in the name of “inclusiveness”. In fact, some police services are eliminating or “re-branding” their chaplaincy programs to “Wellness Programs”. I know of one major police service that requires chaplains to read an “inclusiveness preamble” before praying at a public function. In effect, it’s a warning to people that the chaplain is about to pray to a “higher power”, so stand by - and don’t be offended by that!

This spring, I learned a major police service was considering planning an “Employee Wellness” tradeshow type event, and were soliciting interest from various stakeholders.

I sent the following email to them:

Hi [REDACTED],

I understand you are considering hosting a Health and Wellness event. If I understand correctly, it would be kind of like a tradeshow where folks could visit various tables of their choice.

I am a retired police officer and currently serve as the president of the Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers - Canada, a registered charity. Our organization supports police officers across Canada, with an emphasis on their spiritual wellbeing.

We are particularly concerned over the mental health and suicide rate of officers. With that in mind, we have given out over 6,000 copies of a special law enforcement New Testament to police officers across Canada. Besides containing bible scriptures, the book also has helpful stories from officers and chaplains dealing with some of the more troubling issues that officers often deal with. I have found these "peer" articles are very on point and well received.

We would be pleased to participate with a table at this event.

Regards,

Ron

The next day, I received the following reply:

Good day Ron,

Thank you for your email.

We are currently in the early stages of planning this event so I'm surprised you've heard of it - may I ask who your contact is and how you heard of it?

At the moment we are full for the booths, however should space become available we will reach out.

Thank you,



After receiving that reply, I laughed. They were just at the early stages of planning the event, yet all the booths had been taken! Not too sure about that - A.B.C.?

Sometimes “No” is just a starting point for a conversation. So next, I spoke to the Head of the section, who agreed we could attend. So, I and a couple other FCPO members attended. Many people chose to visit our table. We wore our new FCPO t-shirts, proclaiming that *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble*. We had some great conversations and gave out 21 of our Project Sword special officer New Testaments. Praise the Lord for opening the door for our participation!

In my humble opinion, there is a general attempt to “down play” the Christian faith and support other faiths or lifestyles that are not compatible with our beliefs. The “approved religion” is that all paths lead to heaven. It does not matter what you believe or don’t believe. It all sounds warm, fuzzy, and “inclusive”. The Apostle Paul warned us of this occurring in the end times “Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.” 2 Timothy 3:5.

I am glad that as a fellowship we can stand up for Jesus and proclaim His wonderful name and saving power, without any “strings” attached. Although we genuinely respect all people and faiths, we believe that we serve the only true and living God. All other gods, beliefs, and non-beliefs are false. Jesus said “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” - period!

Christians are a major component of Canada’s faith community - we are a part of “inclusion” - not a community to be downplayed or marginalized.

With all this in mind, we are looking forward to some great opportunities to spread the Good News to our colleagues this year.

Ronald Mostrey
President, FCPO - Canada

Officer & Family Invitation

[Chaplain Jim Bontrager](#), Elkhart, IN Police Department



Greetings FCPO - Canada!

I hope all is well and this finds you all pressing into God's best in impacting your country and eternity!

I wanted to extend an invite to all FCPO - Canada members for this fall's Law Enforcement Events in Northern Indiana/Southern Michigan.

For the 29th year, we will do everything within our power to strengthen, encourage and challenge all Law Enforcement families that attend.

Here's a couple of videos that highlight this year's events and the

event in general:

Breaching the Barricade Video:

<https://rumble.com/v2copwe-2023-fall-le-celebration.html>

2023 Officer Appreciation Day Video:

<https://youtu.be/ex6wcXSylJw>

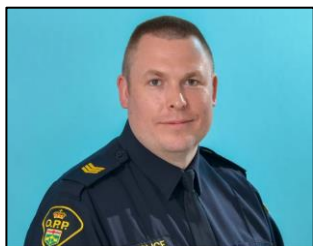
Blessings!

Jim

Editor's Note:

Please do check out Jim's two videos! **I highly recommend** you add this to your vacation plans. You will not be disappointed!

In Memorium



Sgt. Eric Mueller

[End of Watch](#)

May 11, 2023



Have you checked out our FB site lately? We have recently added regular short videos etc.





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CRAIG "SAWMAN" SAWYER

US Marine and S.E.A.L. Team 1 member, Craig eventually served as a sniper for DEVGRU, more commonly known as S.E.A.L. Team 6. Decorated for heroic service, Craig's passion culminated in founding Veterans for Child Rescue ... Using his warrior skills to rescue the least of these ... trafficked children.

DAVE FUNKHOUSER

An award winning 32 yr. veteran Wisconsin LEO, Dave formerly served as a Chief and board member for the WI Chiefs of Police Association. He eventually became their President. He'll be sharing his highly acclaimed leadership course.



JEFF DAUKAS

Speaker, author and podcast contributor, Jeff shares lessons learned from his 24 year career in AZ law enforcement and his passion for courageous nobility ... The heart of the profession.

HEIDI HOGAN

LE Spouse and enthusiastic supporter of the thin blue line, Heidi Hogan, MSN, RN, CCRN, has worked tirelessly to encourage officers and spouses through marriage conferences, a wives group, podcast appearances and written articles in national publications.



THOMAS LEMMER

Thomas Lemmer is an independent researcher, analyst, author and instructor. Drawing from his nearly 40 year career with the Chicago PD that culminated in his position as Deputy Chief. His expertise lies in addressing the numerous facets of police - community involvement.

ANDY HUGHES

Fmr. Sheriff and Asst. Dir. for the AL Dept. of Homeland Security, Andy served as Chief of Tactical Operations overseeing their Aviation Unit, EOD and SWAT Teams. He'll be sharing firm convictions developed from his 30+ year career.



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Questions? Contact

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LOCATION - Northern Indiana Event Center, 21565 Executive Parkway, Elkhart, IN



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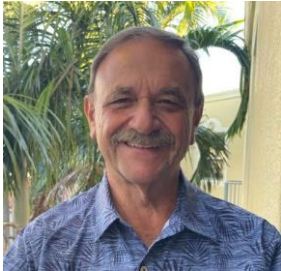
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Blessed Hope

Sgt. Dino Doria (Ret'd), Ontario Director

“O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?” (1 Corinthians 15:55; Hosea 13:14).



Today I want to highlight the hope that we have in the “Blessed Hope” for all who believe in the “Resurrection of Jesus Christ - our Lord & Saviour”. Death

eventually touches all of us, if you have lost a loved one or about to lose a loved one - it becomes an experience we never forget. Death has us reassessing the values we place on certain things. We begin to take inventory of our own lives and where we find ourselves regarding the time clock of life.

For the Christian Believer the Story of Life itself continues for eternity! I thank God that death does not have the final word to our existence here on earth. As we examine what the Bible has to say about death - we begin to see God’s Grace and Love towards us. We see that physical separation with our loved ones is but for a season. Christ has made a way for all He has called to have eternal life. In reading these passages we see God’s mercy crying out to us... My prayer for you is that you come to believe and accept Him as your Lord and Saviour.

So my dear fellow believers, friends be encouraged - yes physical separation from a loved one who dies is very difficult, however in the quiet moments as we read the Word if God - the Holy Spirit whispers in our heart reminding us of this important fact. “I have overcome this world - I have defeated death” Death does not have the final word!”

The Bible presents death as separation: physical death is the separation of the soul from the


body, and spiritual death is the separation of the soul from God. Death is the result of sin. “For the wages of sin is death,” Romans 6:23. The whole world is subject to death, because all have sinned. “By one man, sin entered the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned” (Romans 5:12). In Genesis 2:17, the Lord warned Adam that the penalty for disobedience would be death—“you will surely die.” When Adam disobeyed, he experienced immediate spiritual death, which caused him to hide “from Lord God among the trees of the garden” (Genesis 3:8). Later, Adam experienced physical death (Genesis 5:5). On the cross, Jesus also experienced physical death (Matthew 27:50). The difference is that Adam died because he was a sinner, and Jesus, who had never sinned, chose to die as a substitute for sinners (Hebrews 2:9). Jesus then showed His power over death and sin by rising from the dead on the third day (Matthew 28; Revelation 1:18). Because of Christ, death is a defeated foe. “O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?” (1 Corinthians 15:55; Hosea 13:14).

For the unsaved, death brings to an end the chance to accept God’s gracious offer of salvation. “It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment” (Hebrews 9:27). For the saved, death ushers us into the presence of Christ: “To be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord” (2 Corinthians 5:8; Philippians 1:23). So real is the promise of the believer’s resurrection that the physical death of a Christian is called “sleep” (1 Corinthians 15:51; 1 Thessalonians 5:10). We look forward to that time when “there shall be no more death” (Revelation 21:4).

May God Be With Them

Chaplain/Constable Bruce Ewanyshyn

Yesterday was a special day for me, both as a police chaplain, and as a police instructor. It marked the end of an eight-month journey with 16 amazing young women and men who will soon be policing in Brandon MB with Brandon PS, MB Indigenous communities with Manitoba First Nations PS, and the Lac Seul, Ontario community with Lac Seul Police Service. This was year 15 for me providing instruction to those who will soon be serving various communities as police officers. This class was special to me because of the degree of improvement I witnessed from my first session with them to their final practical crime scene exam. Each one applied what I taught them and 50% of the class scored 90% or higher. I'm very proud of each one for the effort they put forth from January to the end of April.



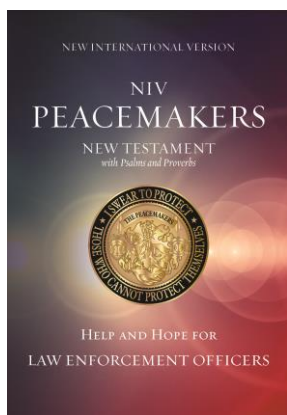
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PHYSICAL ABILITIES - IT REQUIRES A
HEALTHY HEART AND A SOUND MIND.***

This also marks the ninth year of my service as a police chaplain in which I spend a session with the students sharing the purpose of chaplaincy and pray over them as they commence their course in September. In September, on their second day of class, I presented Police Chaplaincy to these students. In reading their body language, some appeared open to the value of chaplaincy, while some perhaps, not so

much. From January through the end of April, many sessions were spent instructing them on crime scene management and related topics. From traumatic case stories to answered prayers, they heard that faith and policing can exist together, without division or conflict. Based upon my years of policing experience, my goal was to provide the best instruction I could offer, while hopefully demonstrating through my actions that police chaplaincy exists to passionately encourage and support those who choose to dedicate their lives to serving and protecting all persons, without prejudice and with courage. It's never about religion but about a genuine display of interest in their development as persons who will one day soon face very diverse and dangerous situations. I've learned the hard way that character is key to longevity and strength which requires more than physical abilities - it requires a healthy heart and a sound mind.



Prior to their graduation ceremony yesterday, I had an opportunity to once more encourage them. Through the blessing of the Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers, I offered each the "Peacemaker" book to anyone who wanted a copy. This is a book put together specifically for Law Enforcement Officers to provide help and hope through stories of personal victories of



officers, set within the pages of the NIV Bible translation of the New Testament. (These books for law enforcement officers are available free of charge <https://fc pocanada.com/uploads/peacemakers/Psword.pdf>)

Traditionally, I invite the graduates each year to join my prayer huddle, with an option not to participate if they are uncomfortable; each one joined me. Although I've prayed over graduates since becoming a chaplain in 2015, this was the first-time following prayer that each student lined up and gave me a big hug coupled with words of encouragement. This time spent with the graduates, soon to be police officers, is worth far more to me than numerous public invitations ... this is what fills the heart of a chaplain. This truly is a very special group whom I believe will excel in policing. Each student exceeded in achieving over 200 hours of volunteer service while in the midst of intense studies.



During the graduation ceremony, inspirational words were provided by various dignitaries. One was Chief Bruno Rossi, who had been a student of mine in 2000, and is now serving as the police chief in the Lac Seul community. While there were inspirational words spoken from each dignitary, one word stood out for me. Chief Rossi instructed his new recruits to police with "kindness."

One final special moment God provided today was being reacquainted with my old troop mate from 1990, Dave Duncan, now a retired Sgt from Winnipeg PS. His daughter Ravyn Duncan graduated today, and I will soon have the honor of policing with her, as I did with her dad over 32 years ago. In addition, I will have the privilege of serving her in a way I didn't serve her father - serving as her chaplain.



Through my opportunities in my dual roles, I give God the glory, while I continue to enjoy this journey for as long as it is the will of the Lord for my life.

Blessings,

Bruce

Editor's Note: Besides being a Chaplain and serving officer with the Brandon Police Service, Bruce also serves as the President of The [Canadian Police Chaplain Association](#), and Director Region 1 of the [International Conference of Police Chaplains](#). Praise the Lord for his strong witness and faithfulness!

Being a Witness

S/Sgt. Steve Rowe (Ret'd)



A witness is defined as one who can give a firsthand account of something seen, heard or experienced, Also one who is called on to testify before a court. Acts 1:8 (Amplified) but you will receive power and ability when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be my *witness* (to tell people about me).

In 1978, I became Born Again in Swift Current, Saskatchewan, while stationed there with the RCMP. My first changes were that I quit consuming alcohol and my swearing diminished. Through the grace of God I have always tried to model C.I.A. Have: **Character, Integrity** and a great **Attitude**. These characteristics model our inward heart (spirit) and are shown outwards towards others.

In 1992, I retired from the RCMP and immediately went into full time ministry with the Canadian Gideon's/Share Word Global. During those 25 years I had many opportunities to be a *witness* for the Lord. Doreen my wife, and I have been married for 52 years (Praise the Lord!). That has been a testimony to others, including family and friends.

I officially retired almost 5 years ago and I now volunteer at a golf course, marshalling two days a week. People often comment about my smile and the consistency they recognize in my life. Matthew 5:16 says "let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven". As peace officers we have all been called to testify as a *witness*. **Letting our light shine is always the best *witness*.**



Doreen & Steve Rowe



Godly Servant-Leadership in Law Enforcement

Police Lt. (Ret'd) & Chaplain MC Williams

So Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:42-45



Lt. MC Williams (Ret'd)

Let me again state that this is not a new topic for me. In fact, the two top topic requests I get when I'm asked to speak around the country are (1) servant-leadership; and (2) our law enforcement servant-warrior ethos. While my focus for us today is the former, for the latter, see my Law Officer article, "[Embracing Our Servant-Warrior Ethos in an Age of Guardians](#)". Both of these topics are also mainstays of the messages I share here.

So why again on this topic? Well first, because God put it on my heart to teach on it (I strive to be a "[good soldier](#)" and follow the marching orders of the ultimate Servant-Leader). But secondly, the pervasive wickedness at the highest levels of government (including all the Marxist, anti-police non-leaders) and growing lawlessness

have added another layer of stress to our lives. Together, these issues and more make it clear that the need for genuine, biblical SERVANT-leadership has never been greater (especially in our [God-ordained profession](#)).

As we dive back into this topic, let me preface it by saying that no small inspiration for teaching on servant-leadership comes from having had both OUTSTANDING servant-LEADERS who served as tremendous examples for me (Steve Hasler, Patrick Mooney and Frank Rupp -- thank you!) but also far too many truly horrific and even cowardly NON-leaders ("bosses"). Let me also add that inasmuch as [God establishes all leaders](#), His call and command for all who lead (and EVERY officer -- regardless of rank -- has been called to be a godly leader), is to first be a SERVANT.

So are you serving your people or are you one of those who expects to be served instead? Someone who (sadly and even tragically) epitomizes Jesus' statement in [Mark 10:42](#)? Folks, the only way we're going to fix our issues in government, law enforcement and in general (including the church) is by replacing ungodly dictators (bosses) with godly, biblical SERVANT-leaders. Let's dive in:

The biggest stressors and causal factors for PTSi ("injury" -- not "disorder) and suicide in our profession come from WITHIN our ranks!

If we're honest, my quote here is our sad truth. The public wants to believe it is all the stuff we see and deal with on "the street." While some of that is true, most of us who have answered God's call (it is and must be a "calling") to "serve and protect" in law enforcement are drawn TO the things that rightly repel those outside of the "thin blue line" (for example, we run TO the sound of gunfire and chaos whilst other run AWAY from it). After all, ours is in fact "The Greatest Show on Earth." No, it is not so much what we see outside the metaphorical police "ivory tower" that negatively impacts us but rather those who "rule" from within those walls.

Some years ago, dear friend, mentor, pastor and fellow Chaplain **Jack Crans**, gave me a precious gift that hangs on my office wall and includes two powerful passages of Scripture that are central the message of Godly servant-leadership:

When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked man rules, the people groan. Proverbs 29:2

I will stand my watch And set myself on the rampart, And watch to see what He will say to me, And what I will answer when I am corrected. Habakkuk 2:1

Let me start with a short clip of Jack sharing his heart on this latter passage: [What Is Your Calling?](#) (AMEN). So with this powerful foundation in mind, it is imperative you understand that God is calling you and I to be SERVANT-warriors/leaders willing to "stand in the gap" on "the wall" (the ramparts) while crying out to God for our nation, profession and families. To be a "man" (a servant-leader/servant-warrior) "among them" ([Ezekiel 22:30](#)), "for such a time as this" (**Esther 4:14**)! And with that...

THREE MARKS OF A GODLY SERVANT-LEADER

God, through His Word (the Bible -- the greatest leadership "policy and procedure manual" of all time), instructs us to exercise due diligence in discerning someone's fitness to lead (see, for instance, [1 Timothy 3:1-13](#)). What traits do we look for in a leader that suggest their fundamental orientation is Christlike servanthood? This list - adapted in part from the [outstanding work of Jon Bloom](#) is by no means exhaustive, but here are just three (of many) fundamental, biblical "forensic markers" (evidence) of a servant-leader:

1. A servant leader seeks the glory of his Chief (his King):

Jesus said, *"The one who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true, and in him there is no falsehood"* (**John 7:18**). A Christlike leader

is a [bondservant](#) of Christ (**Ephesians 6:6**), and demonstrates over time that his first loyalty is to Christ.

2. A servant leader sacrificially seeks the highest joy of those he serves:

This does not conflict with seeking the glory of his "Chief" (Master). Jesus said, *"Whoever would be great among you must be your servant . . . even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many"* (Matthew 20:26, 28). Whatever his temperament, gift mix, capacities, or sphere of influence, he will make necessary sacrifices in order to pursue people's *"progress and joy in the faith,"* which results in the greater glory of God (**Philippians 1:25; 2:9-11**).

3. A servant-leader is not preoccupied with personal visibility and recognition:

Like John the Baptist, a servant leader sees himself as a *"friend of the Bridegroom"* (**John 3:29**), and is not preoccupied with the visibility of his own role. He doesn't view those with less visible roles as less significant, nor does he covet more visible roles as more significant (**1 Corinthians 12:12-26**). He seeks to steward the role he's received as best he can, and gladly leaves the role assignments ("calls for service") to God (**John 3:27**).

More? God speaks volumes to us on this subject through His Word, the Bible: [What does the Bible say about servant-leadership?](#)

As I've shared so often <SIGH>, our "dirty little secret" as a God-ordained profession (again, **Romans 13:1-4**) in terms of stress is not so much what we deal with on "the street" as it is about the fallout from poor leadership (bosses, wolves) from within our ranks. The solution, therefore, is to outlast and/or replace the "bosses" with godly servant-leaders who have been radically transformed by surrendering their lives to Christ as Lord and Savior! In the end, He alone is the "Cure" for all that ails us. Secondly, we must PRAY for those currently in positions of authority -- that they would yield to Christ and then allow Him to transform them from bosses to the servant-leaders He has called us all to be.

For more, see my Law Officer Magazine article on this topic: ["Servant Leadership in Law Enforcement"](#) (with application to any profession).

In closing, and with our sin nature much in mind, HOW then can we be the servant-leaders God has called us to be? Folks, it is all but impossible unless we are first radically born again in Christ and then obediently leading/serving under the inspiration and direction of the Holy Spirit (a power available ONLY to genuine Christians).

So is that you? Do you know (really KNOW) and are serving under the ultimate Servant-Leader? Friend, if your answer is "no" or "I don't know" (or you're one of those deceived into thinking you don't need Him) I am pleading with you to NOW [Know God](#), and make sure you're on the winning side!

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Appreciation!

Ronald Mostrey,
President, FCPO - Canada



Brian L. Prill

Over the past few years Toronto lawyer [Brian Prill](#) has spearheaded First Responder BBQs in the Peel Region, Ontario.

With the support of local churches and ministries, grill masters serve up an excellent array of BBQ cuisine - beef, chicken, fish, kabobs, salads and desserts. In a word - **DELISIOUS!** Brian has a rule - no hot dogs or hamburgers! It is one of the strongest supports of love and respect for First Responders in Canada.

We help out by distributing the plates and cutlery at our FCPO table.

Brian has a vision to see these appreciation BBQs in communities across Canada. This year, additional events have been planned for the Durham Region and one in Cochrane, Alberta.

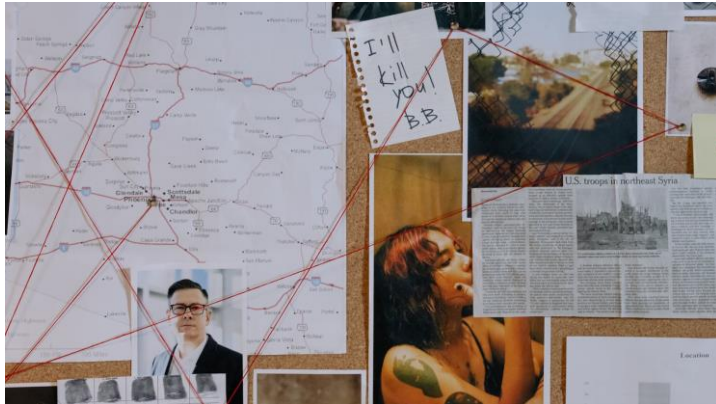
So... we are looking for some volunteers to help out. Please let us know if you can attend one of the locations. It's a great time - you will not regret it! Email: fcpo.aape@gmail.com



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Peel Regional Police - Division 12, 4600 Dixie Rd, Mississauga
Peel Regional Police - Division 21, 10 Peel Centre Dr, Suite C Brampton
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Cops Can Appreciate The Evidential Nature Of Christianity

J. Warner Wallace



Richard Dawkins, the famous evolutionary biologist, author and avid atheist, once said, “Faith is the great cop-out, the great excuse to evade the need to think and evaluate evidence. Faith is belief in spite of, even perhaps because of, the lack of evidence.” Is that true? Does Christianity call us to scorn or reject reason and evidence in an effort to have a faith that pleases God? If you’re a cop, you know the importance of evidence. That’s why you *ought* to be interested in Christianity.

The God of the Bible does not call his children to obey blindly. The Bible itself serves as a piece of evidence, the testimony of eyewitnesses who provide us with reasons to believe. That’s why the scriptures repeatedly call us to have a “reasoned” belief in Jesus. Scripture tells us:

1. **We should value reason so that we won’t be like “unreasoning animals” (Jude 4, 10)**
2. **We should love God with our “mind” as well as our heart and soul (Matthew 22:37-38)**
3. **We should remember that Jesus said that the miracles He performed were offered as evidence so we would “know and understand” that the Father was in Him and He was in the Father (John 10:37-38)**
4. **We should remember that God provided “proof” for all of us by raising Jesus from the grave (Acts 17:30-31)**
5. **We should remember that Jesus did not hesitate to provide additional “convincing proofs” (evidence) to the disciples, even after He had been resurrected from the tomb (Acts 1:2-3)**
6. **We should remember that Paul regularly “reasoned” with people as he provided evidence from the Scriptures and testified as an eyewitness to the resurrection (Acts 17:2-3)**
7. **We should use our minds to “examine everything” carefully (1 Thessalonians 5:19-21)**
8. **We should resist the temptation to have blind faith, and should instead “test the spirits” to see if they are from God (1 John 4:1)**
9. **We should examine what we believe until we are “fully convinced” (Romans 14:5, 2 Timothy 1:8-12, 2 Timothy 3:14)**

When we use our minds, investigate the evidence and become convinced, something wonderful happens; we have the courage to defend what we believe. Jesus gave us more than enough evidence to believe that He was who he said he was, and He never asked us to believe blindly. When Jesus asked us to have faith in Him, he asked us to accept what he said on the basis of the evidence that He gave us. The Christian faith is a reasonable faith:

Unreasonable Faith

Believing in something IN SPITE of the evidence. We hold an unreasonable faith when we refuse to accept or acknowledge evidence that exists, is easily accessible and clearly refutes what we believe;

Blind Faith

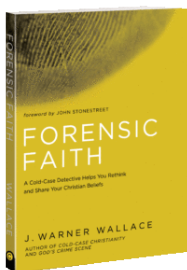
Believing in something WITHOUT any evidence. We hold a blind faith when we accept something even though there is no evidence to support our beliefs. We don't search for ANY evidence that either supports or refutes what we are determined to believe;

Reasonable Faith

Believing in something BECAUSE of the evidence. We hold a reasonable faith when we believe in something because it is the most reasonable conclusion from the evidence that exists.

The Bible repeatedly makes evidential claims. It offers eyewitness accounts of historical events that can be verified archaeologically, prophetically and even scientifically. As cops, we're called to use our minds to make the most reasonable inference from evidence. As Christians, we're called to hold a reasonable faith that is grounded in a similar way.

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For more information about the nature of Biblical faith and a strategy for communicating the truth of Christianity, please read [*Forensic Faith: A Homicide Detective Makes the Case for a More Reasonable, Evidential Christian Faith*](#). This book teaches readers four reasonable, evidential characteristics of Christianity and provides a strategy for sharing.



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Teamwork makes the Dreamwork

Thanh Campbell, Canadian Director for Partners Worldwide Canada



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I recently found out about the FCPO and joined as an Associate Member. I was excited to hear there is a ministry and outreach to Police Officers here in Canada. As a pastor's kid, we were raised to appreciate, and have a heart of Christ for all those in community service such as Police officers and others in law enforcement. I saw how their faith truly impacted the families and relationships of those officers that attended my dad's church.

Like an iceberg, there is so much more below the surface of what we see going on, and similarly it is what we don't see that can be so destructive and damaging if left unattended. To know that there is an organization like FCPO that is also dealing with the unseen spiritual life of those in service to our community, is of great encouragement and comfort to me. Now it is just a matter of letting more people know how to access this ministry.

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As the Canadian Director for [Partners Worldwide Canada](#), it brings me pleasure to seek and establish as many collaborative relationships as possible, *a three stranded cord is not easily broken*. If we want to work in making our communities healthier, safer and stronger; we need to work together. Our

model of working with existing Local Community Institutions (LCI's) around the Globe has proven to be effective and sustainable. To support those LCI's [we seek mentors and coaches](#) who are willing to give of time, talent and treasure, to see a tangible difference that lasts; we call them Business Affiliates (BA's)

Often, after people have been served in a great way, they seek ways to give back; pay it forward, so to speak. Partners Worldwide's opportunity to serve as a BA is an amazing service opportunity for those that have the bandwidth to serve while they are employed or retired from active duty. **Teamwork makes the Dreamwork** – Our BA's work in teams to help adopt, train and mentor our LCI's who connect to multitudes of entrepreneurs (Lights) in need from their community. To date we are serving over 189,000 Lights worldwide!

It's a scarcity mentality that causes poverty and crime. Understanding God's abundant love for us can rid the World of both of these, if we work together. God's economy is not our economy and beyond our comprehension, but he calls us to partner with him in the Great Commission. Please connect with me directly thanhc@partnersworldwide if you would like to join the adventure.

Always HOPE,

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T-shirt Update



What an amazing response we received to our offering of our new FCPO - Canada t-shirt! We sold 155!

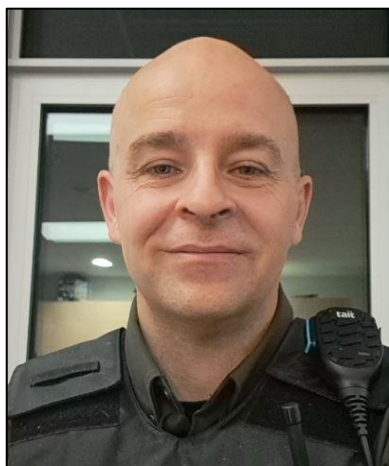
Great to see our members boldly promoting that *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*

We have a few left. If anyone would like to purchase one (\$30), just let us know at fcpo.aapc@gmail.com.

The Other Cheek

Agent Guy Nadeau, Quebec Representative

But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. Matthew 5:39



Agent Guy Nadeau

As a police officer it is easier to respond harshly to someone who has responded to us in that fashion. The normal reaction is not to let it go and to give it back so as not to lose face. Matthew 5:38 tells us that we had learned an eye for eye and tooth for tooth (Old Testament). On the contrary, the Lord tells us to respond to evil with good.

You probably remember the very beginning of your career. We always tried to distinguish ourselves from the officer who was aggressive or the most macho. I remember my beginnings as a policeman. There was an older officer teasing me and taunting me to retaliate. He was sometimes mean and wanted to humiliate me on certain occasions, possibly because of my faith in Jesus.

During a meeting with my supervisor for my evaluation, the latter told me that I had to respond in kind, otherwise the bad guys would have the upper hand over me and I would never be able to take control of the situation. Inside me there was a fight. I didn't want to become another person and do what my superior thought was good to do according to his vision of things.

Several months passed. The colleague who taunted me was off work for depression. The Holy Spirit revealed Himself to me telling me to speak to him. Not the way my boss thought, but the way Jesus did. I wrote him a note in a card with a bible verse about depression, telling him that I would pray for his recovery. During my night shift, I dropped the card in his mailbox. After that, his attitude was never the same with me. The evil he sent me in front of my peers was returned to him for good in secret.

Where do you live?

Rev. Claude La Barre, Ministry Outreach (Québec)



Rev. Claude LaBarre

Well, that is one question Peace Officers won't share with just anyone ... for obvious reasons!

But where we dwell has an impact on how we live. If you remember the purchase of your first house (or second or third!) you might remember this saying: "Location, location, location"!


Yes, where we live has an impact on how we live. You might remember the words of Jesus: "I go prepare a place for you..." (John 14:1-4). Now that's something to look forward to! But until that day, where "do we live"?

Physically, we might have an apartment or a house. But spiritually, where do we live? Well, until we "move to that mansion in the sky," there is a place we can live and be safe and provide safety and security to and for our loved ones. It's a secret place where we are protected and well taken care of. Yes, it is "the secret place of the Most High"! I give you Psalm 91! Yes, that's the address. What a place to live!

There, we are hidden in "His shadow," a shelter of protection, a safe place, a fort and a bunker and fortress. How do we get in? It takes a key. Where's the key? It's in verse two of this Psalm of protection: "My God in Him will I trust"!!

Do you trust Him with your eternal salvation? So now, it becomes a small thing to trust Him with our daily lives! He's got your back! Read them again, as though you read them for the first time, verses 3 to 8.

Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler And from the perilous pestilence. He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day, Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you look, And see the reward of the wicked.



**THIS IS WHERE WE ARE INVITED TO LIVE!
IT'S ALL ABOUT A RELATIONSHIP, NOT
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His Word is His bond, and He is not a man that He should lie, and His promises are "Yes and Amen"! Somebody has to start believing this ... In His Love, Grace, and Mercy for us, He even gives us the "how to": verse 9 "Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place," And He says in verse 5: "You shall not be afraid". No fear! Jesus takes up these same words when Jairus' daughter

is declared dead by some who came from his house: "While He was still speaking, some came from the ruler of the synagogue's house who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?"

As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid; only believe." (Mark 5:35 -36). This is where we are invited to live! It's all about a relationship, not some form of religion or religious service. It's about a relationship! In the words of James, Jesus' physical brother: "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you" (James 4:8). And if you have missed it along the way (and we all have), don't pull away from God. Run to Him! He has provided a way to restore the relationship in 1 John 1:9 where He says: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness". The relationship is now restored! Don't be afraid, only believe!

So, where do you live? "Location, location, location"! It makes all the difference "in the world"! As we operate in this world's system, let's "move in" closer to God remembering that "He is the good, good Father" and that He has provided all we need to be safe and protected and ... that He loves us so very much. May we never fear and only believe! Amen!



From our Vault

Articles from [past Peacemakers](#) make for a great second read. And for many of you - the first read. They are timeless. We opened the vault for this issue, and hope you will be blessed again by this contribution.

If God Exists, Why is the World in Such a Desperate State?

Cst. Michael Mead, Metropolitan Toronto Police Force

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The common answer is that the state of the world is the result of man's sin, not God's inattention, and that in fact the world would be much worse if God did not restrain man's sinful activities.

But this answer must become something that we can live with every day; we must be able to apply it to the situations in which we daily find ourselves.

As police officers, we are all aware of the sinful state of mankind. The effects of constant exposure will be accelerated for some, and slowed down for others. Yet at some point we all say, "What could lead a human being to do something like that?" We can all think of examples. As Christians we have learned that the source of all the perversions that we see around

us is the sin within man. So why are we surprised by them? These crimes only show that man is indeed utterly depraved by sin. The unbelievable foulness of some of these crimes shows us how disgusting sin really is - the "minor" sins or crimes are really the same foulness in disguise.

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doesn't have to work very hard at all to get out from behind those bars. For us, this is a very frustrating reality. I think it would help, however, if we realized that, as most of the criminals are sinners, so also are most of the law-makers. The only difference is that the law-makers sin in ways that are acceptable to society, while the criminals sin in ways that are unacceptable to society. They are birds of a feather. So we should not be surprised that the overruling tendency of society is to be lenient with them.

How can we deal with the first horror - the results of man's sin? God; in His perfect holiness and righteousness, has said that He hates the workers of iniquity. As Christians, we should echo that revulsion for iniquitous acts, and for their perpetrators.

At the same time, I must not forget that if the righteousness of Jesus Christ has covered all of my sins, it can surely cover all the crimes of the most depraved man on the earth. There are no distinctions among sinners; I was once as wicked in God's eyes as that criminal is now.

We should feel no guilt because of the reaction of revulsion, loathing and hatred that comes over us when faced with the aftermath of sin; we are only reflecting God's feelings about sin. But we must be sure that we do not allow this feeling to dominate our reactions. If our hatred becomes

unreasonable, or blind, we will only be led to sin ourselves.

It is our duty, therefore, to labour to put an end to the violent outpourings of sinful activity. That is the most direct way of dealing with the terrible things that we sometimes see. We must also remember that there is One who sees it all, and who - does not forget. Whether or not we catch them, there is a Day of Judgement. We usually only think of that Day in reference to ourselves as Christians; but that is also a Day of Judgement for those who murder, rape and abuse others.

We can take all of the frustrations and stress that comes from our close proximity to sinful men and give it to God.

“For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;” Hebrews 2:2-3

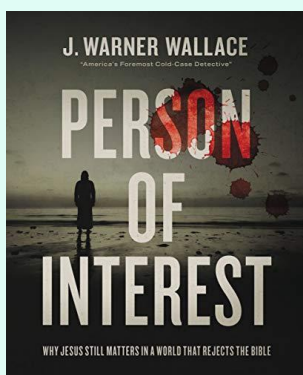
Every act of disobedience will be rewarded by God - rewarded with punishment. The final responsibility does not rest on us.

Michael Mead - P.C.
Metro Toronto P.F.

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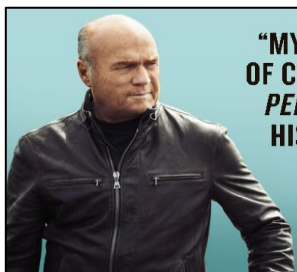
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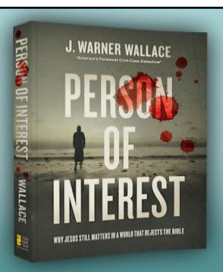
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