



# FCPO - CANADA

## The Peacemaker



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### From the President's Desk

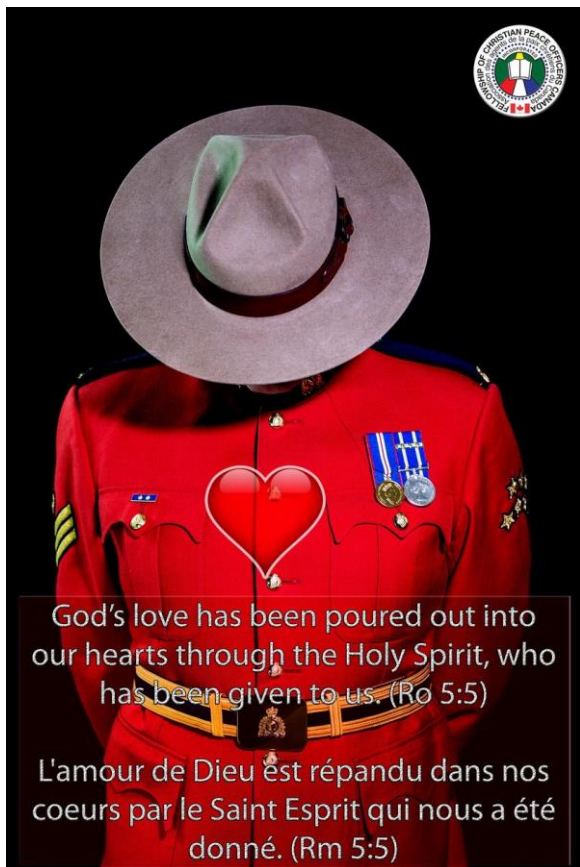


Okay... here we are again another year and we are still working our way through this COVID mess. I've got to think the end is near!

It's always a pleasure to put this newsletter together and to try to find things that are interesting and inspiring. You will see this issue contains a "double feature" from our good US friend, MC Williams. His contribution hits both those bars!

Nice to hear from Ryan Hoffman from Grande Prairie, Alberta. That was my second posting in the RCMP, and I have fond memories of my time there.

Last month, I heard from a couple cadets who were graduating from "Depot". I was very pleased and impressed to hear how they are looking forward to serving and honouring God in their new career. They are now filled with a lot of knowledge that will serve them well as they hit the streets and gain "on the job wisdom".



For this issue, I was inspired to write a piece on wisdom. When it came time to search through the vault for an article, I immediately came across a 1992 article written by Art Francis, one of our past FCPO - Canada presidents. His insight into the subject of knowledge dovetailed quite appropriately with the article I wrote. I hope you will be blessed and encouraged by both articles.

I know many of you enjoy the inspiring and creative photos with scriptures that Gilbert Bouffard brings to light on our Facebook and the ones that I use for this newsletter. He recently reminded me that he would welcome photos from various services and agencies. If you have any such photos that he could use, please send them to [fcpo.aapc@gmail.com](mailto:fcpo.aapc@gmail.com).

Happy New Year and God bless,

Ron

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# Testimonial Realization Statement & Witness of the Centurion Officer

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



Sgt. Dino Doria (Ret'd.)

When Jesus was being crucified on the cross, the Roman Centurion who had supervised his crucifixion exclaimed, "Surely this man was the Son of God".

When reading this passage I often ponder how this Centurion must have felt being the supervisor of this event. The Romans were notorious for crucifixions but what was different about this crucifixion?

Many questions can be raised regarding the statement of this centurion officer. No doubt this officer had heard many statements good or bad about Jesus before Jesus was condemned to die on the cross. Was he convinced that Jesus was truly the "Son of God" before he was given the detail to carry out this gruesome act of nailing Jesus to the cross?

If this Roman Centurion was indifferent before, during or upon completion of the Crucifixion what precipitated his comment "Surely this man was the Son of God"?

The word "surely" is defined as "a sentence adverb used to emphasize the speaker's firm belief that what they are saying is true and often their surprise that there is any doubt of this." The Centurion Officer's statement contained an affirmation and firm belief, as his eyes locked in at Jesus hanging at the cross, why would he make such a comment after carrying out his detail?

The continuum of Christ compassion mercy, and grace was clearly exhibited towards the Roman Centurion's heart. I believe he was mercifully touched by Christ. There is a lesson for all of us to ponder here. The Lord's mercy, grace, love and forgiveness is alive and available for all of us no matter how far we fall into wrong doing towards God and others His Love is greater than we can imagine,

When we come to comprehend as the Roman Centurion did we will appreciate the vastness of His Mercy, His Compassion, His Grace and His Never ending Love for us. Yes, even at our lowest times when we don't feel God's presence and His attributes - If we are ready to accept this reality we begin to understand how we can be forgiven and made a new. Then we too can truly stand firm without reservations and say - "Surely this man was and is the Son of God"

"And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, **"Truly this man was the Son of God!"** Mark 15:39

God bless,

Dino Doria MSc

# Set Apart

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



Lt. MC Williams (Ret'd) & Chaplain

God has specifically "set apart" both Christian officers and Christians in general for His purpose...and we should be leaving an eternal legacy in the process.

*"But know that the LORD has set apart for Himself him who is godly; The LORD will hear when I call to Him."*

(Psalm 4:3)

What does it mean to be "set apart" for God, and what is the connection to us in law enforcement? Let's break it down:

According to the secular dictionary, being set apart means "to make someone or something different and special...to keep something separate in order to use it for a particular purpose."

Interestingly, God makes that same connection (and call) to His faithful (genuine, born again believers).

Likewise, on the law enforcement side, there is also a powerful biblical nexus to those of use who serve in our God-ordained profession (**Romans 13:1-4**). Getting hired, surviving the academy, field training and probation ALL involve being set apart.

To be set apart means to act and think differently. It means God chose you specifically for a purpose to bring light and love into the world while not being OF the world. As a Christian, you are chosen to live a life that glorifies God in all that you do and say. And as Christian officers, we are called to live a life of extraordinary integrity.

Digging deeper, the context of God's Word (the Bible) makes it clear that our call as followers of Christ is to be set apart because Jesus was set apart. Jesus was distinct, separate and out of the ordinary. Therefore, being set apart is not optional.

Jesus was hated by the world but He overcame darkness and exposed it's wickedness (sin), and Satan has no hold over Him (or us who are in Him). Moreover, He has set us apart to shine a "spotlight" into the darkness (thus exposing the evil hiding there).

So where is this in Scripture? Consider just the following:

**1 Peter 2:9** -- *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of the One who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.*

**Deuteronomy 14:2** -- *...for you are a holy people belonging to the Lord your God. The Lord has chosen you to be His own possession out of all the peoples on the face of the earth.*

**Psalms 4:3** (added emphasis) -- *Know that the Lord has **set apart** the faithful for Himself; the Lord will hear when I call to Him.*

**2 Corinthians 6:17** -- *Therefore, come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord; do not touch any unclean thing, and I will welcome you.*

**1 John 2:15-16** -- *Do not love the world or the things that belong to the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him. For everything that belongs to the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride in one's lifestyle—is not from the Father, but is from the world.*

**Jeremiah 1:5** -- *I chose you before I formed you in the womb; I set you apart before you were born...*

Finally, and particularly for us in law enforcement, we have God setting apart His [300 sheepdogs \(warriors\) in Judges 7](#) (talk about being "set apart").

I believe **Dep. Zack Parrish** understood these principles. His was indeed a life "set apart." He loved and honored God (as I share so often, being a born again believer is the exception in our profession), his family, his fellow officers and those he served. He actually tried to help his killer. Beyond that, God used Zack's life and example to lead unsaved officers to a saving faith, and [Zack's line of duty funeral](#) was the most powerfully evangelical (distinctly Christian with an uncompromising Gospel message -- exceedingly rare in our profession) I've ever been a part of.

I shared extensively about Zack in the newsletter I wrote in the wake of his death four years ago. Please take the time to read it (and watch at least part of his service): [A Life Strong and Courageous](#).

Finally, as we enter 2022, it is with Zack on my heart (adding to his legacy) that I challenge you to ["Go Blue -- Live Like Zack"](#) by asking God to help you embrace your calling and faith -- to be **set apart and ALL IN** for Him and those we serve and serve with. To be godly parents and faithful spouses. And how can we do that? Only if we have the Holy Spirit to transform, guide and empower us, and that can ONLY occur by being first [born again](#) (wholly surrendered) in Christ.

So do you have that? Are you in fact a genuine Christian as God alone gets to define it? If not, or you're not sure, with is in Zack's honor that I implore you to fix that today. Please [reach out](#) if I can be of service.

Happy New Year and God bless.

MC

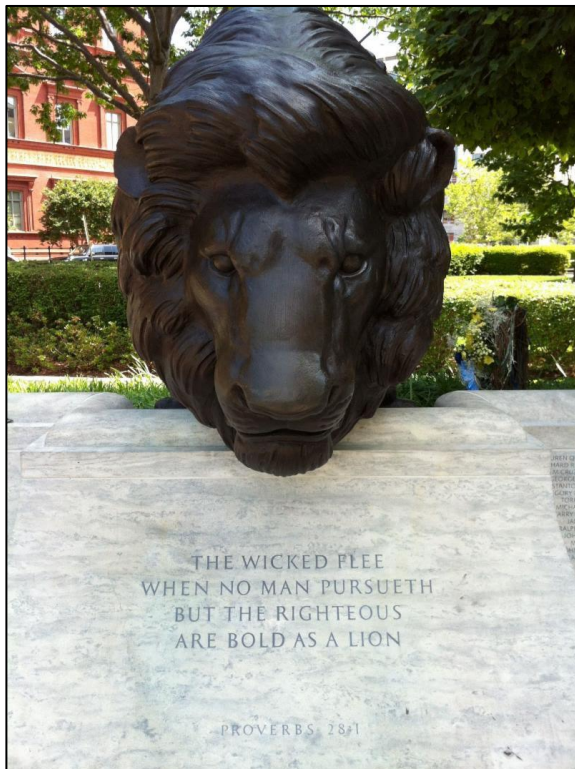


[The Centurion Law Enforcement Ministry](#) is a non-denominational, evangelical Christian outreach by, for and about law enforcement (police, deputies, investigators, probation/parole, corrections, etc.) and military personnel. TCLEM is affiliated with the Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers (FCPO) and provides Bible-based support, fellowship and accountability for officers worldwide. We also seek to infuse Christian servant-leadership into our profession and equip the Christian officer to boldly share and live the Gospel.

# Standing for Righteousness (and Christ) in an Age of Compromise

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

"**Righteous**" and "**Righteousness**" are not words much in "style" or favor in our current "anything goes" and "You have to accept my lifestyle!" culture. Yet one of the lions on the National Law Enforcement Memorial carries this inscription from **Proverbs 28:1** --



National Law Enforcement Memorial, Washington D.C.

*The wicked flee when no man pursueth,  
but the righteous are bold as a lion.*

So what does it mean to be "righteous"? And why is lion-hearted "**righteousness**" so important?

Let's start by understanding this proverb as God intends it. First, "***The wicked flee when no man pursues***" speaks of the confusion and fear that properly belong to the wicked (ultimately, those who are lost without a saving faith in Christ and not just the criminal element). This is both because they are under God's displeasure and because they lack the strength, courage and boldness of the Holy Spirit who indwells all born again believers.

Second, "***the righteous***" are ultimately those -- and ONLY those -- who are saved by grace in Christ alone (a Christian as God defines it -- the only definition that matters).

Third, it is the power of God in the lives of those He has made righteous that allows us to be "***bold as a lion***" (what Pastor John Piper calls "lion-hearted righteousness"). He adds, The righteous ones are the ones who trust in the Lord - the ones who have faith and bank their hope on the mercy and power and wisdom of God. These are the ones against whom the Lord does not impute iniquity and whose sins are forgiven. They are righteous not with a righteousness of their own, but with the imputed righteousness of God. These are the ones who are free from fear. Their consciences are "*sprinkled clean from an evil conscience*" (**Hebrews 10:22**). Their hearts no longer condemn them (**1 John 3:21**). They are right with God, because of His grace, not because of their merit. And their boldness with God and with men shows the worth and the value of the gospel of God's grace (**Hebrews 4:2, 6**).

Accordingly, this quote on our memorial wall has NOTHING to do with us as police officers unless we are first [born again](#) (radically saved, changed and made righteous in Christ alone) and serving under His authority, power and leading. Does that describe you?

Let's dig in a little further on this concept of **righteousness** in light of our current culture which demands we compromise on the things of God (what I call the ["Age of Compromise"](#)).

**Proverbs 15:9** says, *"The LORD detests the way of the wicked, but he loves those who pursue righteousness."* If God calls us to pursue righteousness, then what about verses such as **Romans 3:10** in which God tells us, *"There is none righteous, no not one"*? If no one is righteous, then who can really pursue it? Are those verses contradictory?

Before we can **pursue righteousness**, we need to define it further. The word most often translated "righteousness" can also mean "justice, justness, or divine holiness." In the broadest sense, *righteousness* can be defined as "the condition of being acceptable to God as made possible by God." God's standard is what defines true righteousness; His power is what enables it. Unless God is its author, we will never possess righteousness. No amount of man-made effort (or our service in law enforcement) will result in righteousness. To be righteous is to be right with God. A heart that is right with God results in a life that bears "fruit" (see [John 15:1-2](#) and [Mark 4:20](#)). [Galatians 5:22-23](#) lists some of that fruit. A common substitute for true righteousness is self-righteousness. Self-righteousness is the opposite of what God desires. Self-righteousness makes a list of rules and checks them off, congratulating itself on how well it is doing compared to others (again, we cops fall into that trap). The Pharisees of Jesus' day were masters of self-righteousness, but Jesus had harsh words for them: *"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean. In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness"* (**Matthew 23:27-28**).

To pursue righteousness and stand firm in this "age of compromise" means we must recognize that we cannot please God in our sinful state ([Romans 8:8](#)). We turn from trying to justify ourselves by our good deeds (including our service in law enforcement) and instead seek the mercy of God. We desire that He transform our minds ([Romans 12:2](#)) and conform us *"to the image of His Son"* (**Romans 8:29**).

We pursue righteousness when we pursue the character of Christ and desire holiness more than the things of the world. We avoid the temptation to become self-righteous when we understand that true righteousness begins with godly humility ([Psalms 25:9](#)). We remember that Jesus said, *"Apart from me you can do nothing"* (**John 15:5**).

In closing, my hope and prayer for you is that you will stand firm in Christ and reject the temptation and pressure to compromise on His standard. Moreover, my encouragement is that you will serve with [lion-hearted boldness](#) in the face of a culture that demands we reject (compromise) God's standards (again, we are literally seeing **Isaiah 5:20** (*"Woe to them who call evil good and good evil..."*) being played out before our eyes.

Finally, it is imperative that you understand that without first being radically born again in Christ, true righteousness is outside of our reach. So where do YOU stand today? If you're reading this today and have never placed your trust in Christ as your Lord and Savior, I can't encourage you enough to do so today.

MC

\* Thanks to [Got Questions Ministries](#) and [John Piper](#) for serving as resources for this study.

# Friendship

By: Peace Officer Ryan Hoffman, City of Grande Prairie Enforcement Services



Peace Officer Ryan Hoffman

There are very few professions where an individual forms an everlasting bond with their coworkers. Law enforcement is one of those professions. We spend countless hours with our fellow Officers. The trust we develop can rarely be duplicated in the civilian world. Our boots walk the street together, we go into situations where dangers can present themselves in a split second and at the same time we see the horrors that exist in society. We are there for each other when we fall and we are there for each other when we need support. Furthermore, we trust each other so much that we know that in a life or death situation we have each other's back. We do all of this together, while maintaining the peace and security of our communities.

The Old Testament's biblical story of the friendship of David and Jonathan shows the same sort of platonic love that we have for our fellow Officers. David and Jonathan were warriors that pushed each other to be better individuals. As with any good friendship, Jonathan and David were selfless. In fact Jonathan and David planned that David would be the next King of Israel. Their friendship also can be characterized as being loyal. Early on, David and Jonathan formed a covenant with each other that sealed their friendship. This covenant was put to the test as Jonathan's father, King Saul, at times harbored ill feelings towards David, even attempting to have him killed. Nevertheless, Jonathan stayed by David's side and was loyal to his friend. David showed his own loyalty in the friendship by helping to raise Jonathan's son following Jonathan's death.

True friendship is a gift from God. Cherish those around you. By being selfless and loyal similar to how David and Jonathan's friendship was your life will improve both in and out of uniform.



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*"He guards the paths of the just and protects those who are faithful to Him." Proverbs 2:8*

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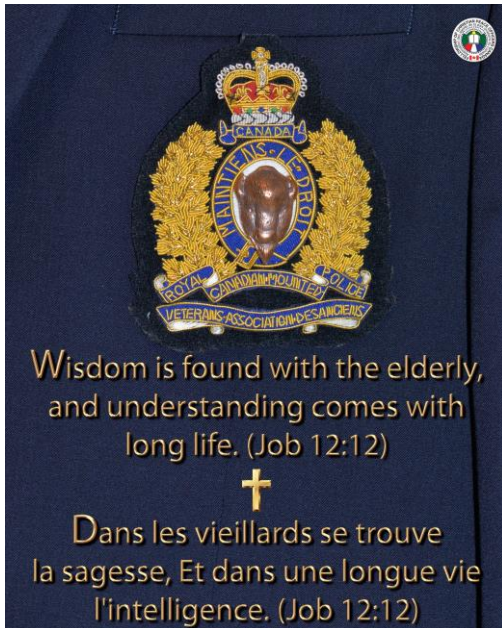


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# Wisdom

By: Ron Mostrey, FCPO - Canada President



A friend of mine recently did a study on our need for wisdom. He started out by comparing the difference between knowledge and wisdom. He noted that in this day and age, knowledge is easily accessible - one can Google anything! He then gave an example of the difference between knowledge and wisdom. Knowledge will inform you that a tomato is a fruit. With wisdom, you will know to not put that fruit in your fruit salad! So, clearly wisdom is important for us as we go through our life's journey.

After hearing his study, I thought of how important wisdom is for those in law enforcement. As officers proceed through their career, their knowledge and wisdom increases. As an example, let's say it's the wee hours of a Saturday morning, you pull over a suspected impaired driver on a rural road in the middle of nowhere. The driver hops out of the car along with four of his big drunken buddies, and threatens to beat the living crap

out of you. With knowledge you know he has committed the offence of impaired driving and you can arrest him. You also have knowledge that backup is at least a half hour away and you are alone. This is where wisdom kicks in, and hopefully you decide to tactically reposition and wait for backup!

Often wisdom comes with age and experience. I remember in my early years I thought it was great to rush to a bar brawl. I remember a senior member telling me that we are not bouncers and we will get there when we get there, and hopefully all the brawlers would be beat out by then and we could just pick up the pieces! Good wisdom! In police work I learned we can use our energy and God given talent for more than just risking injury by wrestling with drunks!

We all can use more wisdom. We deal with a lot of "clients" who have little or none! The Bible says: *If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.* James 1:5

During my career I always prayed for wisdom. Now, I'm not the brightest lightbulb in the package, but I do firmly believe that God did provide me with wisdom in many circumstances - too many to write about in this piece.

The wisdom that God gives is not something that the world can give. Anyone can ask God for wisdom. The Bible says *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.* Proverbs 9:10

When one seeks wisdom from the Lord they have an edge, that one does not receive through training or even experience. Although we can learn a lot from just going through life, the wisdom of the world has no comparison. ...*hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?* 1 Corinthians 1:20.

God bless,

Ron

# Remembering Ron Seney - A unique life of service

(Past President FCPO-Canada)

By: John D Allen, NS Prov Rep



Ron Seney 1944 - October 19, 2021

Many interesting turns of a phrase about death have grown up in the world, and the Christian Church, down through the millennia. And many have intriguing origins; from Shakespeare's "slipping this mortal coil", to "the owl calling your name" among our First Nations people, to the Sally Ann's "promoted unto glory"... But regardless of what you call it, we lost a good friend and a stalwart of the faith on October 19th 2021.

I first met Ron Seney in 1988. I had been out of the military for a couple of years I had taken a security job at a Federal Government facility and Ron was my Supervisor. Both sons of old school cops we would go on to be friends and colleagues for more than 30 years.

Born, into a family of service, Ron was one of 10 children of Chatham, Ontario City Police Officer the late John Seney and his wife Evelyn (Dawes) Seney. Ron's grandfather had served many years as Deputy Sheriff of Kent County and a number of his siblings and extended family also serve in Law Enforcement and the military. Ron and his siblings grew up hunting and fishing the woods and fields of Southern Ontario, learning to appreciate wildlife - an interest he would pursue his whole life.

In 1964 Ron arrived at Regina, Saskatchewan and fulfilled many a Canadian boy's dream to become a Mountie. Over the next few years he served on highway patrol in various detachments in H (Nova Scotia) Division. In those days the force could veto young members' marriage plans and Ron and the horsemen soon parted ways.

The Seney's returned to Ontario, with Ron joining the Windsor City Police just in time for the "Black Day in July Riots", across the river in Detroit. As with many young officers the chance for promotion was always coveted and an opportunity presented itself in 1969 and Ron was named Chief of Police in Amherstburg, Ontario. This appointment was short lived. Biker gangs shot up the homes of the Seney's and the town's Mayor. Fearing for their young family, they returned to Nova Scotia. He would spend the next few years as a fraud investigator with the Federal Government before joining the Lunenburg Town Police and then as Chief, in nearby Mahone Bay in 1977. Ron accessed numerous grants to expand the tiny force to include a second vehicle and auxiliary constables. Also of note, Mahone Bay was the first town in NS to adopt red and blue lights for their patrol cars; many years before the rest of the province.

But as is so often the case in small town policing, acrimony soon ended Ron's career and his first marriage, but Ron's love for the outdoors never fanned, and he would start a hunting and fishing guiding business that exists in some form to this day. Throughout the 90's Ron would work extensively in the security & private bailiff industry, eventually founding two private investigation, security and traffic safety companies.

Ron was a man of strong beliefs and strong opinions, and could be difficult, but if you needed a force to drive a project - he was that man. A strong supporter of both professional and community efforts he served, at various times & places, on the FCPO Canada, American Federation of Police, The Civil Constables of Nova Scotia Boards, was a serving Brother with the Order of St John, a veteran Volunteer Firefighter/EMT, member of the RCMP Veterans' Association, and a number of sport fishing, hunting and wildlife groups and perhaps his greatest pleasure came with spearheading the development of 3 parks along the Lahave River Watershed. He was recipient of both Fire Service long service medals and bars and the Queen's Jubilee Medal.



(L-R) Ron Seney with John Allen (2017)

The church has always played a significant role in Ron's life and the call of the ministry tugged at the edges of his heart for many years. Ron studied for the ministry on and off since Windsor, Ontario but after attending the 1979 Halifax Billy Graham Crusade committed his life to His service finally completing his Masters in Religious Education in 1987 and served as a Supply Pastor and Chaplain in various capacities, including with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

Based out of Meiners Section, Nova Scotia, Ron would spend many years with his longtime "landlady" and wife Caroline- known to her friends as "Betty", before her passing in 2016. In Genesis 2 God says "It is not good for the man to be alone," Ron would share the last few years of his life with his new wife Jean, traveling extensively, visiting friends and family before the COVID hit.

But time and tide wait for no man and age and infirmity caught up with Ron the last few years and he passed away from complications from ALS. He is survived by his wife Jean, 2 sons and daughter and a large extended family. Ronald Spencer Seney was 77 and he was my friend.

God bless,

John

## Let your colleagues, family, and friends know about FCPO!

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# How Great Thou Art

*Oh Lord, my God  
When I, in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art*

*And when I think that God, His Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art*

*When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration  
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art*



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## 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.

## What Does Knowledge Mean To You?

By: Cst. Art Francis (Metropolitan Toronto Police Services)

This article is reproduced from our Peacemaker archives: [Fall 1992 issue](#)



P.C. Art Francis

Can you remember the first and subsequent days, weeks and months of arriving at your first assigned detachment as a brand new recruit; you arrived with theory of the law

but no practical experience, something you had to learn and did?

In performing your duties, did you diminish in character and develop an appreciation for living by the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics? Did you become a cynic, a demanding husband, rigid with very little creativity flowing through your mind except your profession? Was your joy conspicuous by the fact that your wife, children and friends noticed the change in you? Was there any room or love for people who disagreed with you?

Looking back, one gains knowledge but lacks discernment. This reminds me of the friends of Job who were older than he was, full of knowledge, yet the only one who made sense out of the controversy was Elihu, who said in Job 32:8; *"There is a spirit in man, and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth him*

*understanding."* There is a vast difference between the spirit of man and the Spirit of God.

Do you find it a contradiction for a child of God to grow in the knowledge of His Word but to not show the fruits of the Spirit? Who controls the spirit in this person?

There is a need for learning, growing and applying the truths taught by the Holy Spirit and surely for many of us, the race has just begun. What a difference the Spirit and word of God makes in one's life after conversion.

Many of us are no doubt troubled by the behavior of some Christians who know the word of God but fail to put Paul's exhortation to the Philippians into practice. Paul believed that it is possible for all God's children to live together in harmony and love, as though having one mind and one spirit between them. Can we do so without sincere application? *"Peter do you love me .... feed my lambs."*

He says in Philippians, chapter 2:3-4 (JB Phillips New Testament) *"Never act from motives of rivalry or personal vanity, but in humility think more of each other than you do of yourselves. None of you should think only of his own affairs, but should learn to see things from other people's point of view."*

*"Now if your experience of Christ's encouragement and love means anything to you, if you have known something of the fellowship of his Spirit, and all that it means in kindness and deep sympathy,"* Philippians 2:1 (JB Phillips).

Charles Swindoll says *"When knowledge leads to an intolerance of other people, it has gone beyond proper bounds. Knowledge that isn't balanced with love and grace is truth gone to seed."*

The poem in our last issue which dealt with references from 1 Corinthians 13, teaches me that knowledge of the word of God implies love; and the exhortation given to the Philippians by Paul, is for applying this knowledge to our daily living.

C.S. Lewis puts it this way; *"If all the world were Christian it might not matter if all the world were uneducated. But, as it is, a*

*cultural life will exist outside the church whether it exists inside or not. To be ignorant and simple now - not to be able to meet the enemies on their own ground - would be to throw down our weapons, and to betray our uneducated brethren who have, under God, no defense but us against the intellectual attacks of the heathen."*

Do you believe it is possible to improve on these words; *"Without love, I am empty and I am nothing"*?

Swindoll again, *"Our problem is not that we know so many things, it's that we know so much that just 'aint so."*

The great theme of the Bible is love. It is the place where one acquires the principles and doctrines necessary to apply knowledge. However, *"Let there be love with knowledge."*

## Our Valued Associate Members

As you are no doubt aware, FCPO is a unique ministry for those who "serve and protect". The prime purpose of this ministry is to encourage and support peace officers as they grow and strengthen in their relationship with Jesus Christ. FCPO is led by a team of serving and retired peace officers. Our membership continues to grow as more and more officers find out about this organization. We currently have over 800 members. We are blessed that over 300 of those members are "associate members" (non-voting).

Much like the valued support staff that supports peace officers on the job, we have a cadre of folks that support this ministry. What a great sign of support it is when hundreds of God-fearing Canadians stand shoulder to shoulder with us! They are spouses, parents, friends, office staff, co-workers, neighbours, and just other fellow believers who found out about us and just want to keep abreast of what God is doing amongst Christian officers in Canada. They support us with prayer and some bless us with donations. I believe we should have eight times as many associate members as regular members. We need the backup! God bless our associate members, and **THANK YOU** for being an important part of this ministry.

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## CANADIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION RETREAT

Get away and be refreshed at the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team's Law Enforcement Appreciation Retreat. If you're married, bring your spouse and be encouraged! You will hear from speakers who will discuss the unique challenges officers and their families face, and they will share from their own law enforcement experiences and God's Word.

### LOCATION

Hockley Valley Resort · 793522 Mono 3rd Line, Mono, ON

### DETAILS

Check-in begins Sunday, March 27 at 3:00 p.m. | Sessions begin with supper at 5:45 p.m.  
Retreat ends Monday, March 28 at 4:00 p.m.

\$200/individual

\$225/couple

(cost includes lodging, food, sessions, and materials)

For more information  
and to register, visit  
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