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Dear Believer:

May the wisdom and grace of Jesus Christ fill every aspect of your life that you may show forth His praises.

Often there is so much to say in these letters that we just cannot get it all done. Sometimes things need additional explanation to be really clear or we have to leave things out due to lack of room. Very soon, as in before our next letter, we are going to produce video presentations to the internet so we can fill in the blanks when necessary. If you have an email address, a fast internet access, and would like the added insight, email me and tell me to include you in the notification. We will place you on the list and send you a link each month when we post the video. This month go to: <http://tiny.cc/August2010PrayerLetter>

Recently the word of the Lord came to Don Leavell, my Pastor at Corpus Christi Christian Fellowship (CCCCF), on a Tuesday to make him aware that the enemy was going to attack. He shared it with the congregation the following Wednesday night and in both services the following Sunday. The next week there was a tremendous women's conference held at CCCC. On the Sunday immediately after the conference, shortly after the second service, about 2 PM, Pastor Don was taken to Spohn Shoreline Hospital. About that same time Pastor Charles, former associate Pastor at CCCC, was admitted the Bay Area Hospital. Many people would attribute these things to what is called backlash. I want to share something my friend Rev. Eddie Smith taught me.

While backlash is a reality, it is mostly misunderstood. That can cause us to miss critical things. Backlash is indeed often a result of the enemy kicking back after a powerful time of ministry. However, it is actually almost always a rabid and usually successful attempt to draw our focus from what God has just done, turning the focus onto what the enemy is doing. In other words, Satan steals God's praise and attention. Individually, and corporately, we in the church are too often reacting to the enemy instead of acting in godly fashion. Let us stop being such easy prey. When the enemy attacks, backlash or not, let us focus on Jesus.

The Lord exposed a scheme of the enemy just in the last few days. A friend, Mr. Bill Word was listening to a particular call for financial participation and found he was thinking it was off base. As he caught himself and took control of his thoughts, he recognized the working of a poverty spirit. Depending upon what stream, or faith walk, you are in, a poverty spirit may not be the same as a Spirit of Poverty. In many of the liturgical churches a Spirit of Poverty is a humble spirit and heart. However, here we are referring to a spirit from the enemy that whispers such things as, "No matter what you do you will never have enough. You are going to be left without. You can give, but you won't have it when you need it." These are lies which directly contradict the Word of God who says for us to give liberally and cheerfully.

Three areas that continue to need prayer attention are Hurting that will not be healed, Haughtiness that will not be humbled, and, Control that will not be relinquished. These strategies of the enemy are keeping us divided. Pray for the Lord deal with us where we hold hurts because they define us, haughtiness that makes us feel superior to others, and control because we refuse to trust.

Sincerely,

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PS: The spmious.org website now has a complete archive of all past prayer letters. You will enjoy looking over them to see what God has done. Remember; email me in order to get each new monthly link for the video of the prayer letter.

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