

Chords of heart chiming

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Valentine's Day! It is a traditional time for expressing love. The favourite symbol for this special day is the heart. In fact, among Christians such phrases as, "Give your heart to Jesus" have become

commonplace. But does God desire only our hearts? The Scriptures echo with a resounding no! The very first commandment God gave in the Old Testament read, "Love the Lord your God with all thine heart, AND with all thy soul, AND all they might"

(Deut 6:5). Jesus regarded this first commandment as the greatest, reiterating it in the New Testament. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind and with all your strength." (Mark 12:30).

The heart is thought of as "the seat of our emotions." When a person falls in love, the chords of the heart chime first. Lovers desire to be with each other as much as possible. To them, each fleeting moment is precious. They enjoy sharing each other's company as they fellowship together. They know a selfless love which says, "I'll go where you want me to go, do what you want me to do." God desires that we love Him with that same type of selfless abandon; with our whole heart.

Soul and heart have very similar meanings. One of the root meanings of "soul" in Hebrew is "breath." God wishes us to love Him with our whole breath. The Psalmist wrote, "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord." According to Acts 17:25, God gives life and breath to all creatures. How many times do we breathe each day, each night? The Scripture commands, "Love God with all your breath". That is to say love Him each moment of our lives.

We must also love God with all our mind. The Bible does not downplay the importance of the human mind. The Word of God strongly emphasizes the concept of a controlled thought life. Our thoughts are to be pure and glorifying to God. That can be a difficult task in today's world. Our minds are easily prone to absorb unhealthy influences from the world daily. We must guard our thoughts.

Philippians 4:7 promises us that God's peace will keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. God himself will help us to love Him with our whole mind, as we allow Him to do so.

Finally, we are to love God with all our might. I like to think of this not only in terms of strength, but the strength of our will. Our total will should be sacrificed to God's will. God asks that we love Him with our whole will. Jesus'

example of "not my will, but thine" should be our daily prayer. God will not force us to love Him. He placed within us the capability of loving Him willingly; loving Him with all our will.

Jesus loved His Father with all His heart, soul, mind and strength. Why? His heart, soul, mind and strength were all totally surrendered to His Father. God commands us to love Him with our whole being. In order to do that we need to sur-

render our whole being to Him.

The hymn writer expressed himself this way, "Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small. Love so amazing, so divine, demands my life, my soul, my all."

It is only when we fulfill this first commandment of giving God our all, that we are able to fulfill the second. The second Jesus said, was like unto the first, "Love thy neighbour as

thyself." On February 13th at 7 p.m. everyone is welcome to join us here at T.B.G.A. as we show the film "Heaven's Heroes". This film is a moving true story about a man who was a husband, father, friend, and police officer. A man who had given his all to God.

As we think of Valentine's Day this year, let us give God more than just our hearts. The chords of the heart chime when we give Him our all.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank Shamis, Ron & Craig, who rescued me. Terrace Bay Police Con. Fenton, Con. Smeltzer, Schreiber O.P.P., K.C. Truck Drivers for their consideration, Search & Rescue & my many friends & neighbours. I sure appreciated your help as it could have been an extremely cold night in the bush. Its a great feeling to know you care.

Thanks,
Garry Richards

THANK YOU

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all our friends who helped our Children to make our retirement party such a memorable occasion. We would like to thank Shirley Krystia for the beautiful cake, Rita McBride for the lovely corsages, Ruth Mitchell for the unique decorating of the Moose Hall, and everyone who contributed to the money tree and attended the party. To all of you we say 'God Bless You' and we hope you will visit us in Arizona or at Hydro Bay on our return.

Love & Best Wishes
to Everyone,
Marj & Scotty Hamilton

Forestry . . .

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species such as tag alder and other unmerchantable or less desirable types. In many areas where bedrock was overlaid with very shallow soils, mechanical harvesting made it impossible for the area to be regenerated by any means. In short, not only have we failed to manage our most precious and vital resource, but we squandered and mined it rather than treating it as an agricultural crop.

Provincial and Federal governments over several decades have recovered billions of dollars from the exploitation of our forests - by way of taxes, stumpage dues and ground rent, with very little thought of reinvesting those dollars to assist in the renewal of this resource.

It is ironic, to say the least, to read in the most recent newsletter from The Ontario Forestry Association that the Northwestern Ontario forest industries face a minimum 27 per cent shortage in their softwood supply if the Ministry of Natural Resources strategic land use plans are implemented. This conclusion was based on a report by a forestry consultant who has recently retired from the employ of that same ministry.

This report states that the minimum projected supply for conifers calculated to the Year 2000 by the Ministry, falls short of meeting present day requirements of the Woods Industry by 17 per cent. The Ministry's Year 2000 projections for conifer fall short of Industry's projected requirements for 1990 by 28 per cent.

The difference is presently being compensated for by wood fibre being imported into Northwestern Ontario from outside the Planning Region.

The Reed Tract (19,000 square miles) which was so avidly sought after by Reed Paper, and now Great Lakes Forest Products, has been declared mainly inaccessible and may be prohibitively costly to develop, so says this consultant, recently retired from the service of the one ministry of government which has presided over these sins of omission and commission. This same consultant recommends to the Ministry that the funding of the development of modified cutting systems should be jointly undertaken by Industry and the Ministry.

To add to the confusion, Ken Greaves, President of the Ontario Forest Industries Association, said in a recent speech that \$64 billion will be lost to the Provincial economy as a result of Strategic Land Use Planning proposals for additional nature reserves. Existing parks and nature reserves cover an area of 20,000 square miles, 9,300 square miles in Polar Bear Provincial Park, 3,000 in Algonquin, where modified cutting is permitted under a forestry authority, 1,750 square miles in Quetico, 150 in Killarney and the balance in 129 other smaller parks throughout the province.

If Mr. Greaves, and others in the industry, feel that the Reed Tract around Red Lake is uneconomical, why does he include Polar Bear Provincial Park away up in the Hudson Bay area in his statistical analy-

sis? He claims that an additional 19,000 square miles of productive forest lands will be withdrawn for non-productive use if the existing plans were implemented.

Three of the most contentious areas are the Ogoki-Whitewater Candidate Park in the Armstrong area, the Woodland Caribou proposal, bordering on Manitoba, and the Lady Evelyn Park in the Temagami area of Northeastern Ontario. It is estimated by park officials that 35,000 cords per year will be lost if the Ogoki-Whitewater Plan is adopted and 7,000 cords if the Lady Evelyn receives approval. This is a far cry from the \$64 billion that Mr. Greaves alleges will be lost to these non-productive areas.

Existing park reserves represent about 4 per cent of the existing land and water base in this province and proposals under S.L.U.P. would add another 1 or 1½ per cent to the total areas to this figure.

The notion that "all's well in the woods" has been fostered by both government and industry for the last 50 years. What hasn't changed is the inadequacy of efforts to assure long-term wood supplies through regeneration and good harvesting and silviculture practices. This has been well documented by the Reed Report for the federal government and the Armson Report for the Province of Ontario. Reed now holds the top forestry position with Environment Canada and Armson is now Chief Forester for the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources.

Under the Forest Management agreements now being signed

between the large licence holders and M.N.R., the responsibility for renewing cutover areas will rest with the companies and paid for by the taxpayer. The theory being that you have to integrate the timber harvest with efforts to regenerate the forest and this can be done best by those who do the harvesting. As Reed and Armson say "We have a strategy. We need the money and the manpower."

Government funding is often provided on a hit or miss basis. The promise by Premier Davis in 1977 to plant two trees for every one cut has not been honoured. The much touted F.M.A.s could fizzle out unless there is an ironclad commitment to total regeneration and follow-up site treatment.

The future of many woods industry communities is at stake. All citizens in Ontario, particularly those in the North, must leave no stone unturned in demanding that the forest industry and the governments, both federal and provincial, embark upon a program which ensures good forest management.

It is northern society which must live with the results of past and future resource extraction and government (non) enforcement of the rules by which this is done. It is this segment of our population most directly affected, but if we continue on our present course, the effects of mining rather than managing our forests as an agricultural crop will be felt by every citizen in Canada.

We might have sufficient time to correct our wasteful and sinful ways, but I have my doubts.

Immunization Clinic

offered by the Thunder Bay District Health Unit

Terrace Bay Clinic

(McCausland Hospital)

Feb. 22

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Schreiber Clinic (400 Scotia St.)

March 2

1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in updating their immunizations are encouraged to attend these clinics. Please bring your immunization record if available. For further information please call 824-2413 weekday mornings.

For this month only The Schreiber Clinic scheduled for February 23 has been cancelled and will be held March 2 from 1 to 5:30 p.m. The March Clinic will remain March 22 Terrace Bay, and March 23 Schreiber.

THANK YOU

On behalf of my wife and myself I would like to thank Kimberly Clark for the lovely dinner for our family. I will treasure the Life Pin presented to me and fond memories of my thirty years of association with Kimberly Clark and all employees.

Sincerely,
H. "Scotty" Hamilton

THANK YOU

We would like to thank the members of The Schreiber Fire Department for responding to our call so quickly. Their prompt and precise response saved our home. Special thanks goes out to Ed & Cathy Borutski & Harry Prescott for their help. We are very fortunate to have such helpful Neighbours & Families.

Michael & Tammy Mineau