

May 2023 Report from Gary Henry

Dear brethren,

At this fresh and hopeful season of the year, greetings to each of you in Jesus Christ. Wherever you may be, I pray that your work in the Lord is bringing many blessings to you and having an impact on the community around you.

I continue to forge ahead on the writing of *Walking in Christ*. This, of course, is the next volume (No. 6) in the *WordPoints Daybook Series*. I still have a long way to go, but with each new page written, I give thanks for the progress of the work to that point. Each of these books contains 366 daily readings (I include a page for February 29), and when I begin each book, I print out a one-page calendar and then mark each day with an orange highlighter when I complete the page in the book for that day. In the early going, it is hard not to be overwhelmed when I see all the pages that haven't been written, but I've learned to focus on those that *have* been written. Eventually the calendar begins to have a lot of orange on it, and at that point it is exciting to see that I'm getting close to the end.

It is hard to believe that I've been working on this project for over twenty years, but that's the truth — I began working on *Diligently Seeking God* in the summer of 1999. As you can imagine, I'll be a happy man if I ever get to write the last page in *Going Home*, No. 7 in the series. In the best-case scenario, that might happen in another 5-6 years. But that is in the Lord's hands. I'll keep plodding along, as He gives me strength — it is only *if the Lord wills* that this series of books can be completed.

But bear in mind: that is only the *WordPoints Daybook Series*. If the Lord allows me to finish that set of seven books, there are three additional projects (listed at the bottom of this report) that I would also like to complete. If and when I get those done, I can lay down the pen and say, "It is finished, completely." So all things considered, I figure that I could be at the end of all the writing within another 10-12 years. I'm 73 years of age right now, so that would put me at about 85. People are living longer now, and so it is not outside the realm of possibility that I could make it that far and still be able to write. I hope you'll pray, as I do each day, that I will not only be living at that time, but that my physical and mental condition will allow me to think clearly and get the words onto the page.

I'd be less than honest if I didn't confess that I'm sometimes concerned whether people will be willing to support me long enough to get this body of work entirely done. But those of you who support me right now have been so generous for so long, I am content to leave it in the Lord's hands. If He wants it done, He will supply the wherewithal.

And speaking of financial support, I'm happy to welcome the Honeysuckle Road congregation in Dothan AL to my list of supporters. An individual in that congregation had been sending me a monthly amount for quite some time, and a few months ago, the congregation offered to start sending me that amount so the individual would not have to do that anymore. I am thankful the church there was willing to pick this portion of my support.

And thanks to each of you as well. In my next report, Lord willing, I want to talk about how much it means to me to have such encouraging supporters behind me, making it possible for me to keep writing. But for now, please know that you are in my daily prayers of gratitude. No worker in the Lord was ever so blessed as I am.

Brotherly,



Writing Goals . . . pray with me that I will be given the ability to finish these works

- *Walking in Christ* — Book 6 in the WordPoints Daybook Series. *Target: November 2025.*
- *Going Home* — Book 7 in the WordPoints Daybook Series. *Target: November 2028.*
- *Seeking God in the Psalms* — a 52-lesson study — theme for each week, studies for Monday-Friday.
- *Ecclesiastes* — a full-scale commentary on the text of Ecclesiastes.
- *Encountering Christ* — what the Scriptures teach about Jesus Christ . . . and why we should believe it.