

The Faith Script

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“From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded, and from the one who has been entrusted with more, much more will be asked.” (Luke 12:48 NIV)

[Prayer Wall](#)

Abundance

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary says “abundance” means: “ample quantity”, “affluence, wealth”, or “a relative degree of plenty.” As a gardener, I would agree that these definitions are certainly fitting for this year’s crops here in our home garden! We have been blessed with an ample quantity of rain, sunshine, and heat which have in turn produced an ample quantity of most things we planted this year—peas, beans, lettuce, spinach, potatoes, and on and on. In fact, we have had so much that we were blessed to be able to give much away to family, friends, and the local food pantry. God has truly been good!

Pharmacists generally have an ample quantity of income and should have the opportunity to share that wealth to give back to others. As pharmacists, it is likely that we may sometimes take for granted the comfortable life style we have attained. Our needs and wants are met. We do not go to bed hungry (except by choice) and we have clothing (that we choose) and shelter (in comfort) at all times. Thanking God for all our gifts, we should joyfully share our wealth with those we encounter every day.

Pharmacists can and should, be giving back all the time. Our “relative degree of plenty” in drug knowledge enhances the quality of life for those we serve, even saves lives, and helps to fulfill our purpose within our profession. Our material wealth, as income, allows us the privilege of contributing to those organizations that further the mission of the church here and abroad. Because we have received much, we need to give much in return.

The parable of the talents reminds us that when we are entrusted with talents (money/abilities), we need to put them to work to spread the kingdom. To not do so is to squander what God has given us. Christ says, “*Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things.*” Matthew 25:23 (NIV) We seek to follow this in our lives, both professionally and personally. And He reminded us: “*For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him.*” Matthew 25:28-29 I believe each of us should seek to do as much good in this world as we can in the time we are given, because of the sacrifice Christ made for each of us, though none of us deserves it. The profession of pharmacy offers each of us so many opportunities to serve. It should be only a matter of choosing among so many options how to be the blessing God wants us to be. According to frequent Gallup polls, we are held in high esteem as professionals. Let each of us strive to uphold that designation 24/7 to the public we serve. But most importantly, we need to be good and faithful servants 24/7 to the God we serve.

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CPFI Prayer Breakfast VPhA 134th Annual Convention

CPFI Board members Greg Carlson, Gene Erb and past Board member John Cowley sponsored a CPFI exhibit booth and prayer breakfast this month at the Virginia Pharmacy Association's 134th Annual Convention held in Williamsburg, VA. Board member Joy Greene was the keynote speaker at the prayer breakfast.



(From left: Gene Erb, Joy Greene, Greg Carlson, John Cowley)

Learn more about CPFI Board member, Joy Greene's ministry by visiting her website at www.Joytime.org

Welcome CPFI Chapters in Africa!

We welcome the CPFI chapters located in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Rwanda in Africa. Pharmacist Paul Kabanga Kapuya is the contact person in Africa for CPFI. Soon chapters will be started in Zambia, Cameroon, Ivory Coast, and Republic of Congo (Brazzaville). Pharmacists and students in Africa that would like to be a member of CPFI may contact Paul at pkabkapuya@gmail.com or follow the link on our website at www.cphi.org to become a member. Paul has attended several of our annual meetings in the USA and continues to recruit members in Africa. International Pharmacist and International Student memberships can be completed on the website. Membership must be processed using one of the approved credit cards and the payment will be in U.S. dollars charged to the

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