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**Your Word is a lamp for my feet
and a light on my path.
Psalm 119:105 (HCSB)**

Our Lord Jesus concluded His parable of the faithful steward (Luke 12:35-48) with “From everyone who has been given much, much will be required, and from the one who has been entrusted with much, even more will be asked” (Luke 12:48b; NET Bible). Let’s briefly examine this parable through the lens of statistics.

Of the 8 billion people in the world, 2.7 billion claim Christianity, and 210 million of the 335 million Americans claim Christianity (census.gov; gordonconwell.edu; Wikipedia.com). In 2013, the worldwide median household income was \$10,000 (news.gallup.com). Currently, the US median income is \$19,000 (worldpopulationreview.com). Greater than 50% of the world’s population worries about food and water safety (news.gallup.com). Concerning education, 9% of US people aged 25 and older have less than a high school diploma or equivalent, 28% possess a high school diploma as the highest degree, 24% have a bachelor’s degree as the highest degree, and 14% have an advanced degree (census.gov). Annually, more than 1 million students drop out of college (Forbes.com). In 2019, 6.7% of the world’s population at least 25 years old has a college degree (educateinspirechange.org). According to the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP), they represent over 4 million pharmacists, pharmaceutical scientists, and pharmacy educators worldwide (fip.org). In 2022, there were 325,480 employed US pharmacists with a mean hourly wage of \$62.22 and an annual mean wage of \$129,410 (bls.gov).

I offer a few remarks:

1. CPFI members are an incredibly blessed bunch of folks! Not only did we not earn our salvation (Ephesians 2:8-9), but we also did not earn the capacity or desire to be a pharmacist (Ephesians 2:10) or our spiritual gifting (1 Peter 4:10; Ephesians 4:7). We simply serve our Lord for His glory (1 Corinthians 10:31; 1 Peter 4:11).
2. There is a tremendous opportunity to serve God through pharmacy. During Jesus’ earthly ministry, He “went throughout all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of disease and sickness among the people” (Matthew 4:23, NET Bible). In other words, Jesus purposefully engaged in medical missions. He taught the faithful, preached the way of salvation to unbelievers, and healed the sick. Not only did Jesus demonstrate His love to us on the cross (Romans

5:8),but He also demonstrated His love to us in how He interacted with others regardless of their socio-economic status, belief system, or any other descriptor.

3. There are millions of potential CPFI members. After all, the “I” stands for “International” in CPFI. We need to compassionately reach out to others and pray that the Lord sends His workers to reach individuals (Matthew 9:35-37).

4. Since we have been given much, we are accountable for much; salvation, education, training, spiritual gifting, finances, and freedom (Luke 12:35-48). All that we are and have been entrusted with is due to God’s grace and is to be used for His glory. Oh, how we should desire to hear “well done, good and faithful slave” (Matthew 25:21).

Jeffrey T. Copeland, President (Interim)

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2023 CPFI Annual Conference & National Student Retreat

Lake Junaluska Conference & Retreat Center
91 N Lakeshore Drive
Lake Junaluska, NC 28745
National Student Retreat May 24 to 28

Annual Conference May 25 to 28

<https://lakejunaluska.com/>

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Join us Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 5:00 PM ET

The CPFI Past Presidents Committee was asked to implement a prayer ministry on behalf of CPFI. In March 2020, we started a weekly Prayer Meeting on Sunday evening at 5 p.m. ET, initially to pray about Covid-19 needs. **We are meeting monthly now on the third Sunday.** If you would like an invitation, e-mail Nena Lindrose at Office@cpfi.org. She will send a reminder e-mail with instructions on how to join and some suggested prayer concerns during the week prior to the meeting. We hope you will join us **Sunday, May 21, 2023**, for our next session. By signing up you are only committing to participate when able and praying out loud is voluntary.

Fred Eckel, Board Member

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