

'... to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord' (1 Corinthians 7:35)

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## THE CUTTING EDGE

"I will build My Church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it."

Bless you, brothers and sisters of the celibate heart. The purpose of this newsletter is to bring inspiration, wisdom, possibly testimonies and needs to our attention. God has done a remarkable and quite historic work among us in the recovering of the vision of celibacy in the local church life. Having said that, we are still in the battle to bring into being the fullness of the celibate ministry and life in our church. It is a battle we shall win as we fight with God and our brethren. We have much to give thanks for and much to fight for!

### How you can help

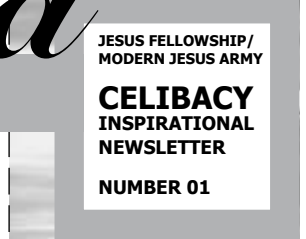
We have a great reserve of wisdom concerning celibacy which we have gained from first-hand experience in our life together. We need to give this wisdom expression and we would be very keen to receive any from any of you. Anything you feel God has said that which has been particularly helpful and any prophetic words for the future – these will all be gratefully received.

### The Goal of the Church – the Pure Single Heart

We would also be keen to hear from married folk – celibacy belongs to them too! It is a vital part of their church. We would love to hear what God has to say through you to us. We are a church of the celibate heart, the heart that lives a sharp, focused, passionate life for the King and His kingdom, it is a heart that has ceased to say "Thus far and no further", but is one that says "Welcome will of God, whatever you cost."

### Holy Attractiveness

The celibate who lives out his gifting will have a peculiar affinity with Jesus because He was celibate. The attractiveness of Jesus will be



more readily seen in the celibate because of this; it will shine through their single-heartedness like the light shines through a jewel. People will see this and be drawn to it. It is ironic and sad that what so many lost young people find themselves irresistibly drawn to among us, some of us cynically resist. We need to stop it.

### **'Open hearts, open arms'**

The single-hearted devotion of the celibate is something which the rest of the church will follow. One thing about the celibate is that he has open arms. Open arms to the will and word of God, open arms to spiritual sons and daughters and open arms to the church. His heart will always be "This is what I have received from the Lord, come and share in it with me". The celibate will always draw others into what he has, whether or not they have the gifting for celibacy.

### **Rich, warm, wide 'Jesus humanity'**

The celibate is someone who cannot love one person in the relationship of marriage because he has been called to love many in the relationship of the church. He is not a narrow, stinted person, but a wide and generous-hearted person. Through his single-hearted devotion to the Lord, the Holy Spirit will produce a person of rich, warm affections, an uncommonly human sort of person. They will not have the magnetism of the worldly character which smothers and dominates others, but a magnetism which will draw the hearts of people out, drawing them together with each other and to God. As you follow the Lord in simple obedience, falling into the ground and dying, you will rise to be such a person and much more. 1 Corinthians: 26-31.

### **Love that burns**

As I think of it now, one of the particular characteristics of the celibate will always be fire; prophetic fire, devotional fire, the fire of intense desires which leads people to pray, to seek souls, build the church. The fire of love which purifies the heart and attracts many round its warm hearth.

Please send any wisdom, prophetic words, inspiration, testimonies (which can be about how you came to be celibate or the workings of the gift in your life) to Wilf at Living Stones. If you feel anything you have to share is rather obvious, please send it in anyway – those sort of things are often actually very important.

Lastly, pray for struggling souls, encourage one another. Love one another, Inspire one another.

Bless you,



**Huw Lewis**

## **FEEDBACK**

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