

Takeaway Newsletter - Feb 2022

by Larry Nobles

It was 1964(ish) and I loved that *International Harvester Cub Cadet* tractor. Dad was mowing our backyard on White Station Road in Memphis (which he loved doing) with that 8HP monster of a lawnmower. He paused long enough to take this picture of my sisters and me. I had on my 'now' out of style shoes, socks, and shorts (but the plaid shirts are back now!)



Dad even let me borrow it (rent it from him) to make some money mowing other people's yards. I thought that was a Good idea ... and also a Bad one.

Not long after this photo, I drove it down to the Dagastino's about a mile away to mow their yard. While mowing, a little red light came on the tractor. Gee, I'd never seen that before and didn't know what it was, so I ignored it. A Bad idea. But remember, I'm just 11! Of course, soon, the mower stopped in its tracks. It was out of oil and the motor froze up. Dad was REALLY mad. "LARRY, DIDN'T YOU KNOW TO CHECK THE OIL FIRST ?????!!!" I said, "Uh, No." But I was really thinking, "You never told me it needed oil or why it needed oil or how to change it (which he didn't)." But I kept that to myself. A Good idea.

I know now that oil keeps the engine from overheating and ruining the motor. It doesn't stop all the heat, but it sure keeps it from doing its job and not dying. You know what else does that? My faith in Jesus. My faith and trust that God loves me and forgives me 'decreases' the heat that my human self can easily create. It moderates my responses and smooths out life's choices.

I used to do a TV program in Birmingham, Alabama. I interviewed Truett Cathy, the founder of Chick-Fil-A, and asked him why he was a Christian. He said, "Larry, I'm not perfect, but I'm a lot better with Christ than I would be without Him." I loved that pragmatism. Yes. Sure. I make mistakes and get upset, blah, blah, blah. But my mind and heart are moderated by my trust that God is in control, so I need to just chill. Faith in God should be the oil in your life that keeps you from burning out and ruining your motor. We need that kind of oil that's free for the asking (Rom 10:13). That's a Good idea too.

By the way, I keep getting my oil refreshed each time I narrate another great Christian book by authors who have profound truth to offer. Ok, the next sentence is really, really corny, but here goes. These audiobooks that I choose to narrate will be listened to for generations to come (never going out of print) to help people all over the world learn to serve as "International Harvesters for the Kingdom." HA. Yeah, I know, but I couldn't help it. (My wife said that it was a 'long way to go for a joke,' but she giggled).

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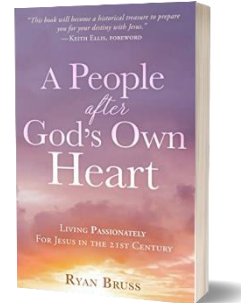
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I'm thankful that January has been so productive.

- Completed narration of "People After God's Own Heart" by Ryan Bruss.



and



- *It's Time to Launch Out* by Brian Mora.

Have we missed what Jesus really wants?

He said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you ..."

Truly excited this month to begin an extensive narration of Dave Greber's deep, well-researched, and insightful treatise on what he labels as ...

The Lost Commandment

