



# Thursday Thought

January 7, 2010

## Devotion

A weekly e-mail for  
Church of God  
women in leadership  
from  
Jan Timmerman

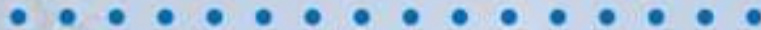
*Sanctity of  
Human Life  
Sunday is  
January 17, 2010.*



### Quick Links

[www.womensministries.cc](http://www.womensministries.cc)  
[www.churchofgod.org](http://www.churchofgod.org)  
[www.faithnews.cc](http://www.faithnews.cc)

*Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life (John 4:13-14, NIV).*



### *A River of Peace In the Midst of Chaos*

*Our truest friend for "2010" is Jesus who gives this water of life freely for our thirsty souls.*

*We are embarking upon a new adventure for our Women's Ministries Web site. The new page will be entitled, "Women at the Well in Changing Times." The three headings will be: Wellness in Spirit; Wellness in Soul and Wellness in Body. We believe that God has allowed all of us to share thoughts in the mutuality of encouragement, comfort, and exaltation among women worldwide. It is at this Web site that you will be able to drink refreshing insights, promises, prayers, and truths for every need and area of your life. Our desire for you is to drink deeply and find an artesian well that will never run dry.*

*Whether we realize it or not, words have power, ideas have the ability to transform cultures and nations. How true it is that life and death are in the power of the tongue (Proverbs 18:21). When we look back over the years, we begin to see the power of negative ideas upon our world. Brad Scott wrote an excellent book called, "Streams of Confusion." He mentions thirteen "mega ideas" that are contaminating our modern culture. As I was reviewing his book, the thought came to mind of God's great "River of Peace" in the midst of the streams of chaos.*

*I want to share with you a few thoughts I believe will help you to see the necessity of Christians witnessing in our times.*

*There are some people who think man is basically good and able to determine his or her own laws through rational ability and the pursuit of whatever makes one happy. But I can tell you that when the revelation of God is separated from the reasoning power of humanity, and when the sacred is separated from the secular, the result is thousands losing their lives. Charles Darwin gave us the idea that humanity was basically an evolved animal with no divine origin. He has given us a world that is void of the sacred, and left our culture spiritually dry and bankrupt. Other men gave us the thought that since man is basically a sexual being and life has no reference points, let's all eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow, we will die. This has left us morally dry with failed marriages, parentless children and every form of sexual deviance known to man. These streams of confusion and chaos have not been able to slack the spiritual thirst that rages in the hearts of humanity. In fact, instead of quenching our thirst, they have been nothing but poison to our hearts,*

*leaving nothing but death, disappointment and despair in our world.*

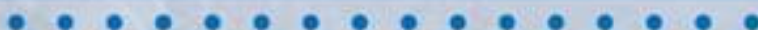
*The good news is that a simple humble faith in the promises of God and His wisdom and direction causes us to drink deeply from His great river of peace.*

*Pretend with me that January 2010, Jesus is standing at your spiritual well, one in which you have been drinking from for a long time. "This well," as Jesus has said, will not answer the deeper problems of your heart. Instead, it will only mask your real pain and temporarily slack the cry of your heart. He said, "The water I give him," which He was talking about an eternal source of life that comes from a relationship with Him.*

*Our deepest desire and prayer for you is that in this new year, 2010, you will drink deeply from the well of living water as you visit this new Web site page and experience from every writer "A River of Peace in the Midst of Chaos."*

*— Jan Timmerman  
International Coordinator  
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***Happy New Year!***



**January Prayer Emphasis**

***God, thank You for Your countless blessings.***



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International  
Women's Ministries  
President



Jan Timmerman,  
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# Prayer Requests

*Remember the families of our loved ones who passed away during the holidays:*

*Alma Kelley, Cleveland, TN  
Penny Mauldin, Cleveland, TN  
Edna Thompson, Cleveland, TN  
Kenneth "Deacon" Jones, North Carolina  
Donald Lloyd Woods, Debbie Childers' Father  
Darlene Padgett, South Carolina*



## *Prayer Requests:*

*Bryleigh McConnell, new great granddaughter of Jerry and Paulette Chitwood. Bryleigh is less than one month old and hospitalized. She is in need of our prayers*

*New Jersey YCE, Gary & Jacqueline Mullings' infant daughter, Ashley*

*Joseph Ryan Bristow, grandson of Gail Bristow, Southern Ohio State President. Joseph has been able to leave the hospital; however, he is still in need of our prayers as he continues to gain strength*

*Cathy Yaun, Kentucky Girls Ministries Coordinator*

*Pastor Pete Merkes, Kenai, AK. His wife is Judi. Pastor Merkes is fighting the battle of cancer*

*Brenda Gunter, Milford Church of God, Austell, Georgia*

*Wanda Turner, Cleveland, Tennessee*

*Kathy Isaacs, Northern Ohio State President*

*Jan Timmerman's niece, Sherry Watson, Cookeville, Tennessee*

*Sandra Rose, Cleveland, Tennessee. Remember to pray for her husband, Delbert*

*Verdell Simpkins, Harvest Temple Church of God, Forestville, Maryland*

*Michelle Maggard, Arkansas Girls Ministries Coordinator*

*Seminary in Haiti*

*Our children, grandchildren, & great-grandchildren*

*Military, hospital, prison and volunteer chaplains, especially chaplains who are deployed*

## *Ministry Notes*

### WWAM — 2008-2010

**Evangelical Theological Seminary of the Church of God, Brazil.**

### 2010 Bible Study Recommendations — English & Spanish

*You can order online or call 423.478.7168.*

Widows Sunday — January 17

Sanctity of Life Sunday — January 17