

The Voice of the Common Man

Welcome to The Voice of the Common Man.

Some years back, a friend of mine said; "All I want to be is a common man, because a common man can touch more souls than any other." That simple statement, made during a church small group meeting, had a profound impact on me. Shortly thereafter, God inspired me to write a song entitled "The Common Man." That song relates to that small group experience and how Jesus came to earth in the form of a common man.

All through biblical history you find that time after time, God calls common men and women and uses them to accomplish extraordinary tasks. That's God plan and He has a plan for you too!

I am reminded of a management class I once attended. The professor said, "The definition of management is --- getting results through other people." For some reason, that stuck with me and I now see, that's exactly how God works. God gets results through other people --- common, ordinary people just like you and me.

One of the purposes for this website is to help you realize the power of your words. The words we speak can either build-up or tear-down. So, how do you speak the right words? Jesus said, "Things that come out of the mouth come from the heart" (Matthew 15:18). In addition, Solomon wrote, "As a man thinketh, so is he" (Proverbs 23:7). Therefore, in order for us to speak positive, uplifting words, we must be careful about the things we listen to and think about.

I was born with a love of music. I learned to sing and play musical instruments and gave my heart to Christ at the age of nine or ten. However, I later became a professional musician and played secular music with several bands in and around Tulsa, Oklahoma. During that time, I had strayed away from Christ. However, in 1978, my brother Jim invited me to join The Gospel Singing Collins Family in Branson, Missouri. From that day forward, my faith began to be renewed and God started blessing me with the writing of gospel music.

Now, our ministry (my wife Peggy and I) includes song writing, recording and performing gospel music ---- and the writing of topical books, pamphlets, newsletters and "current event" newspaper articles. All of which are based on the gospel of Jesus Christ ---- and Isaiah's admonition, "***Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight paths for Him.***"

It is our sincere desire that through the music, and the writings and reference materials provided through "*The Voice of the Common Man.*" you will find your purpose through Jesus Christ. The purpose, that God had for you before you were even born.

We want to hear from you. Thank you and God Bless You.

Duane Collins