

The following letter was written by Charlie Williams, Ministry to Men Director. After many requests for him to write a book about *Ministry to Men* and after several attempts to do just that, someone suggested he simply write letters sharing some of the truths God has been teaching him during the years.

We will be posting his letters on the Ministry to Men Web site. This letter was posted on January 3, 2011.

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I remember reading a short note by Helen Mallicoat.

She said:

I was regretting the past and fearing the future. Suddenly my Lord was speaking to me. "My Name is "I AM" He paused, I waited. He continued "When you live in the past with its mistakes and regrets it is hard "I AM" not there. My Name is not "I WAS". When you live in the future with its problems and fearing that its going to be hard. "I AM" not there; My Name is not "I WILL BE". When you live in the moment, it is not hard. "I AM" there, My Name is "I AM".

As I read that it gave me a couple of thoughts. One was that in all the circumstances of life you will find you have the perfections of Jesus Christ, not at your back NO but dwelling within you.

What do you do to earn a gift? Nothing God tells us to take it. If we have the slightest remnant of thinking we can earn it, we will never take it. If we are quite certain we do not deserve it then we can take it.

Then the sanctification process begins in our life. It is not power to live like Jesus, it is Christ living in me, and it is His life that is seen, but it is only seen as by faith, I walk in the light.

Real life in Christ is to remember that it is God who engineers my circumstances, and that the only place where I can be of any use to Him is where I am, not where I'm not or where I want to be.