

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 24, 2011.

Letter 26 Get your But out of the way

For quite some time now I've been saying that one day I would write a book and title it 'Get Your But Out of the Way'.

But as I started to write it dawn on me that getting the But out of the way wouldn't work unless I got the Butt out of the way first.

As a young man, married to a beautiful woman, father of three great sons (soon to be four), living in our dream home, doing well in my job; all the things I thought would bring me peace and happiness - But I wasn't happy or at peace. I was struggling with God. I had known of Him as far back as I could remember But I didn't know Him; I didn't know I could know Him. But I knew I wasn't good enough. I was very active in my church, but I knew that wasn't enough, was it?

But God, I'm doing the best I can, much better than my past behavior. As I struggled with God I began to learn that He doesn't grade me on a scale with everyone else; He is an equal opportunity God. He says all have sinned and come short the glory of God.

But Lord, I'm doing my best. He said 'I am the Way, the Truth, and the Light. No man comes to the Father apart from me.

But God, I'm trying to do and be my best. God showed me where He said 'It is appointed unto man to die, and then the judgment'. But Lord, by then it's too late. He said 'To as many as received Him, He gave the right to become the son of God, even to those who believe in His name.

But God, how do I do that. You don't Charlie, I did it for you; all you have to do is get your Butt out of the way and all your other Buts will have been taken away. I have done for you all that you cannot do; come unto me and find the joy and peace you seek.

But Lord, I'm not worthy. Christ is. Lord I will stumble and fail, Christ won't.

But Lord can it be that simple and easy? Charlie, it cost me My Son!

As I gave myself to Him He first took my Butt out of the way, and for all these years little by little He is taking my Buts away too.