

GUNNPOINT

Shooting Straight For The heart!

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Heidi's Corner

Malachi 3:3 says: *'He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver.'*

This verse puzzled some women in a Bible study and they wondered what this meant about the character and nature of God.

One of the women offered to find out the process of refining silver and called a silversmith to watch him at his work.

She told them she would let them know what she had learned at their next Study.

As she watched the silversmith, he held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames were hottest as to burn away all the impurities.

The woman thought about God holding us in such a hot spot; then she thought again about the verse that says: 'He sits as a refiner and purifier of silver.' She asked

the silversmith if it was true that he had to sit in front of the fire the whole time the silver was being refined.

The man answered yes, that he not only had to sit there holding the silver, but he had to keep his eyes on it the entire time it was in the fire. If the silver was left a moment too long in the flames, it would be destroyed.

The woman was silent, then asked the silversmith, 'How do you know when the silver is fully refined?'

He smiled at her and answered, 'Oh, that's easy -- when I see my image in it.'

Today's GunnPoint

Presented by Rand Gunn

I want to dedicate Today's GunnPoint to my father...the greatest man I know. Next week the Florida District of the Assemblies of God will honor him for 50 years of service and ministry.

My father's life is one that movies are made of. He was born into poverty with 7 brothers and sisters. He robbed his first gas station when he was 8 years old. His father was an alcoholic, but his mother was a Godly woman who lived out her faith, but had a leaky heart valve, so there was little discipline in his home.

He was sent away 3 different times to correctional facilities while growing up. Eventually joined the Navy and came home. One night, while on a date with my mother (they were not married at the time, and last year celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary) she was crying, he was mad and realized that what his own mother had to carry her through life they both needed. He said to my mom, "I know what you need, we both need." He put her in the car, drove to the church his mother used to attend, walked into the building, told someone they needed Jesus and then wept his heart out for hours while surrendering his life to God. Some years after that experience, he believed God called him into ministry to start and Pastor a church in an extremely rough area in Walled Lake, MI. He started the church from nothing and was the Pastor there for 20 years. He has been directly responsible and indirectly for ministries all around the world. His leadership and guidance has helped many pastors, evangelists, and all types of organizations. My father has influenced and helped change many thousands of lives, if not hundreds of thousands of live through his sacrificial efforts and works...including many of you who are reading this Newsletter now.

I can tell you that since I have been old enough to know better, my father has been the perfect example of Christ I have ever seen. His patience, long suffering, forgiveness, endurance, hard work, wisdom, strength, love

for his family, and devotion to God has been an overwhelming force in my life. He has, without question exemplified the life of Christ to me in the flesh.

My father was the hardest working man I have ever known. I could go into all of his accomplishments and great feats in life, but that is not what this is all about. His example is the shining star of his life to me and my siblings. He once was offered to take cash, under the table for a job. He said he would take the cash, but would declare it on his taxes. The man paying him asked him why he would do that; my father quickly said "I have 3 children." The man answered, "Your children don't have to know." My father's response was, "I'll know. I don't want my children to think I am a hero to them and I know that I am something else." They believe I am honest and I will be honest for their sakes and the Lords. I want to be what they believe I am, even when they don't know I am being that."

My father is the wisest, greatest, most gracious and patient man I know. He has been for me the truest example of a living Christ I have ever seen. I love him more than words can say. I honor him with the Assemblies of God for all of his sacrifice and labor for the Kingdom of God. My father has always put God first, even above his own family, and we have been better off for his doing so.

I love you Dad. Thanks for all you have done for so many, for so long, for God's glory.

God Bless You and God Bless America!

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