

## Cleaning Out the Wells! January 24, 2004

1) If we want to drink we must \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_!

- He replied, "Accept these seven lambs from my hand as a witness that I dug this well." Gen 21:30-34 NIV
- Isaac moved on from there and dug another well, and no one quarreled over it. He named it Rehoboth, saying, "Now the LORD has given us room and we will flourish in the land." Gen 26:22 NIV
- Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" John 4:5-7 NIV
- You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous for what others have, and you can't possess it, so you fight and quarrel to take it away from them. And yet the reason you don't have what you want is that you don't ask God for it. James 4:2-3 NLT

2) We allow the Devil to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ our wells.

- He had so many flocks and herds that the Philistines envied him. So all the wells that his father's servants had dug in the time of his father Abraham, the Philistines stopped up, filling them with earth. Gen 26:14-15 NIV
- But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" The man said, "The woman you put here with me--she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." Gen 3:9-13 NIV
- When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you Ps 32:3-5 NIV

3) You are responsible for \_\_\_\_\_ your own well.

- So Isaac moved away from there and encamped in the Valley of Gerar and settled there. Isaac reopened the wells that had been dug in the time of his father Abraham, which the Philistines had stopped up after Abraham died, Gen 26:17-18 NIV

➤ \_\_\_\_\_ - Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"--and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Ps 32:5 NIV

➤ \_\_\_\_\_ - Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 2 Cor 5:17-18 NIV

➤ \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ - Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. 1 Thess 5:11 NIV

1. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. Heb 3:13-14 NIV
2. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, Eph 5:25-26 NIV
3. Love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strength. These ...are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Deut 6:5-7 NIV

➤ \_\_\_\_\_ - You must each make up your own mind as to how much you should give. Don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves the person who gives cheerfully. 2Cor 9:6

1. The borrower is the slave of the lender. Prov 22:7
2. He who augments his wealth by interest and increase gathers it for him who is kind to the poor. Prov 28:8

4) You are called to be the LORD's \_\_\_\_\_ in a dry thirsty \_\_\_\_\_.

➤ "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. John 7:37-39 NIV

➤ For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. They will spring up like grass in a meadow, like poplar trees by flowing streams. Isa 44:3-4 NIV

➤ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?...'"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' Matt 25:37-40 NIV