

# Harassment begging in America:

by Dr. Glenn Mollette

My wife and I visited New York City a couple of days recently. We were walking through Times Square and masses of people on a Saturday night after a show when someone called out to us for money. "Will you please give me a couple of dollars I am hungry," came the first plea. I barely heard this out of my right ear, as we were moving forward with the crowds. I hadn't really noticed this guy as I was trying to watch where we were going, not trip on someone or the sidewalk while trying to enjoy the lights and sounds of Times Square. People begging for money have become a common sight in America. I see it in Cincinnati, Nashville, Washington, D.C., Chicago, Baltimore, Seattle, Portland and well you get the picture...begging is everywhere in America to some extent. There is no American that can hand money to every beggar they pass on the street. My wife and I try on occasions to help people. We've seen mothers with their babies on the street begging. We've seen families on the street begging. We've seen Veterans on the street begging. We have passed people and then gone back with a few dollars if we had it to give.

Last Saturday night I was more attuned to walking with my wife and trying to enjoy a brief NYC visit. For some reason this beggar in NYC tuned in on me when I did not turn my head and look at him or respond. He moved toward me, got in my face and yelled at me, "You are a S.O.B. and I hope that you choke on your food tonight." I looked at him for just a moment. He was a very angry man obviously from the Middle East. I

don't know if he was from Syria, Yemen or who knows but definitely Middle East. My wife and I moved forward. I wasn't scared but it's irritating to be accosted for money when someone is calling my mother the B word. I was happy that I had not given that man a penny.

I understand that people get desperate and hungry. I understand poverty is rampant in this nation. I understand people are victims of unfortunate circumstances. I do believe we should help people and I've tried throughout my life to always be involved in charitable projects. I don't feel sorry for people who feel they are entitled to harass, accost and literally try to rob people. Thieves and robbers who break into people's houses rationalize that they need stuff and however they can get it is justifiable in their minds.

What I am seeing more and more in America's cities is what I've seen in Africa, Turkey and other foreign countries, which is harassment, begging and pleading. Our tour group was warned about leaving the ancient city of Ephesus in Turkey back in 2005. Our guide told us the people would beg vehemently for anything you have. Do not even make eye contact with them we were told. Sure enough it was a mob who did everything but try to take our wallet and purses. They literally got in our faces and begged, pled and cried for anything we might give them. I've seen this same demeanor in other parts of the world. More and more of these people are coming to America and more of them will end up on our streets and prowling our

neighborhoods. Taking a carefree, delightful stroll down Michigan Ave in Chicago, a leisurely walk through Times Square or most any major American city has changed. We've always had the poor and needy. However, we are now facing a different attitude and in reality a frightening mentality that does not mind getting in your face to get some of your money or whatever else they feel possessed to try to take.

Finally, everywhere I go in America people are working from every nationality around the world. From hotels, to restaurants, to taxi drivers to vendor people are working and I can't understand anything they say. They do seem to work hard and seem to be happy to be in America. I am happy for these people if they are legal, but I do wish I could understand what they are saying.

If you run into a guy in Times Square calling you a S.O.B. and wishing for you to choke on your food please do what I did not have the presence of mind to do. Remember, hindsight is always 20/20. Tell him about all the Internationals working all over America. Tell him he can work a real job to. If he doesn't want to do that to please do us all a favor and go back to where he came from.

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## Seventh-day Adventist Church

### He showed us how to overcome

Our wonderful Jesus wants to help us overcome the sin in our lives. He knows that our sins are separating us from Him.

In the wilderness of temptation Christ encountered the leading things that we are all tempted with.

The first great temptation was on appetite. Our enemy, Satan, has overcome millions of people by tempting them to indulge their appetite. Through the gratification of taste, the nervous system becomes excited, and our brains are enfeebled, making it impossible to think clearly or rationally. The mind is unbalanced. Its higher, nobler faculties are perverted to serve animal lusts, and sacred eternal

interests are not regarded. When this object is gained, our enemy can come with his two other leading temptations and find ready access. All his temptations grow out of these three great leading points.

The next temptation our enemy brought against Jesus was another of his common temptations called presumption. This is based on an acceptance or belief based on reasonable evidence. When he uses this temptation on most of us, he obtains the victory over nine out of 10 of us.

Those who profess to be Christ's followers, and claim by faith to be against all evil, frequently plunge without thought into temptations

that would require a miracle to bring them out of. Meditation and prayer would have saved them from the danger they had placed themselves when they gave Satan the advantage over

them. God's promises are not for us to rashly claim while we rush recklessly into danger,

violating the laws of nature and disregarding the good judgment which God has given us. This is the most flagrant presumption.

The third great temptation that Jesus met was love of the world. Never will any of us face as hard temptations as our Savior did. He was offered the thrones and kingdoms of the

world and the glory of them if He would only bow down to Satan.

How did Jesus overcome these three major temptations? He showed us how to overcome. Christ resisted Satan with scripture. "It is written," He said.

If the sacred scriptures were studied and followed the Christian would be fortified to meet the wily foe. When the religion of Christ rules in the heart, conscience approves, and there is light in the soul. Submission, love, and gratitude to God keep sunshine in our hearts, even though the day be ever so cloudy.

So take heart let's allow God's word be our guide, and ask Him to help us overcome the temptations in our lives.

## Community Bible Church

### The Old Road

Jeremiah 6:16 (NKJV)

16 Thus says the LORD: "Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; then you will find rest for your souls."

On my uncle's dairy farm, there was a lot of history. My uncle's grandfather homesteaded on the rim of Silver Falls Canyon in the 1860s. In the back woods there had been a small saw mill which had been destroyed or torn down. As youngsters my cousins and I used to go back there and find odds and ends of things left behind. There was an old road that ran in back of the pasture area. One time my uncle and I - in search of an errant bull - headed down that old road as an easy means of getting to where we believed that bull might be. As we walked down that road, my uncle began to talk about the people who had lived there in the days of his youth. I remember one place that was only a pile of rock - maybe a chimney or foundation - and my uncle began to tell me about the family who lived there. He talked of riding in wagons and on horses as they went to town or to the school

for a gathering of one sort or another. As he talked, my mind began to envision a wholesome, simpler time (if not more difficult), and neighbors who shared their lives, their experiences, even their needs with one another. We never found that bull that day (if I remember right he came home on his own), but I remember the walk we took along that old road to this day - 40 plus years later.

Maybe we all need to remember those old paths. Maybe you older ones need to talk to the younger generation who really need to hear about a simpler, more person-to-person time. A time when parents, teachers, and law enforcement officials were respected, and neighbors helped keep track of their neighbor's children and needs. Oh, by the way, I believe that God was also revered and honored by most everyone.

God help us to remember those old paths. Hope to see you Sunday.

In Christ,  
Pastor Dave

## National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 4  
12 - 2 p.m.

All are welcome to join us in prayer for our country, our president and government.

The House of Prayer next to New Beginnings Church and across from Perfect Pizza in the little plaza, 210 Redwood Hwy.

Come and go as you are led or need to. It is not required to stay the whole 2 hours. Hope to have you there! Please answer the call wherever you are! Let us be known by our love.

## Places of Worship

**BRIDGEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
5181 Holland Loop Rd., CJ  
541-592-3923  
"Come Join the Worship!"  
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor Sonny Moore  
[www.bridgeviewcc.org](http://www.bridgeviewcc.org)

**7th DAY ADVENTIST**  
265 S. Old Stage Rd., CJ  
Sabbath School - 9:30 a.m.  
Saturday Worship 11 a.m.  
Pastor Christian Martin  
Church (541) 592-3218  
Madrone Adventist School  
541-592-3330

**IMMANUEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
200 Watkins St., CJ  
Phone 541-592-3876  
Pastor Charles Chase  
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday Worship - 9:15 a.m.  
Child-care for small children

**Illinois Valley Praise Center**  
28569 Redwood Hwy. CJ  
Non-denominational  
Bible-believing Church  
Sunday school - 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.  
Thursday Seekers 7 p.m.  
Youth group Thursday - 7 p.m.  
[www.ivpraisecenter.com](http://www.ivpraisecenter.com)

**COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH**  
Pastor Dave Gordon  
113 S. Caves Ave., CJ  
Office: 541-592-3896  
Email: [cbccca@gmail.com](mailto:cbccca@gmail.com)  
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.  
Christian Academy  
Pre-K to 12th grade  
Awana - Wednesdays - 6 p.m.

**ST. PATRICK OF THE FOREST CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
407 W. River St., CJ  
541-592-3658  
Fr. William Holtzinger, Pastor  
Mass - Sunday 11 a.m..  
Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Sunday - 10:30 a.m.  
Holy Days TBA

**TAKILMA BIBLE CHURCH**  
10343 Takilma Road, Takilma  
Pastor Dan Robinson  
Bible Study / Prayer Time  
9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11 a.m  
Wednesday Bible Study  
7 p.m

**First Baptist Church of Selma**  
18285 Redwood Hwy., Selma  
541-597-4169  
Pastor Monty Pope  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Worship - 11 a.m.

**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
East River Street  
& Lewis Court, CJ  
Annemarie Richardson  
Lay Pastor.  
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.  
Church Phone: 541-592-2290  
[www.goodshepherdlutheraniv.net](http://www.goodshepherdlutheraniv.net)

**VALLEY EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH**  
498 Laurel Road, CJ  
P.O. Box 1248  
Pastor Marvin Porter  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service - 11 a.m.  
[evfree@frontiernet.net](mailto:evfree@frontiernet.net)  
541-592-6160

**FOUNTAIN OF LIFE ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
451 S. Junction Ave., CJ  
541-592-3956  
Pastor Mark McLean  
Morning Worship  
9:30 & 11 a.m.  
Wednesday - 7 p.m.  
Adult Bible Study

**ST. MATTHIAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
25904 Redwood Hwy., CJ  
541-592-2006  
Rev. Bryant Bechtold  
Sunday Worship  
Service 10:30 a.m.

**THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS**  
209 S. Junction Ave., CJ  
Sacrament Meet - 10 a.m.  
Sunday School - 11:20 a.m.  
Priesthood, Relief Soc. - 12:10 p.m.  
Bishop  
Larry Hammersmith  
541-592-3919

**Illinois Valley Baptist Church**  
541-592-6149  
102 S. Redwood Hwy.  
(in the County Building)  
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM  
Wednesday Bible Study, Prayer & Youth Program 7:00 PM  
Friday Ladies Bible Study 11:00 AM

**Wonder Bible Chapel**  
11911 Redwood Hwy.  
Wonder, Ore.  
Sunday worship 10 a.m.  
Non-denominational Bible believing Church  
Sunday School Nursery  
Youth group meets  
Sunday 6:30 p.m.



**MINISTRY AT CBC**

Sunday  
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Praise and Prayer 6 p.m.

Wednesday  
NO AWANA: See you in September

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