

GOOD TO GREAT SERVICE AND MINISTRY

Note, this article was written and shared with my Christian biker buddies at the beginning of a calendar year of service and ministry.

“Get your motor running, headed for the highway...looking for adventure,” or so the “Born to Be Wild” song goes. But wait, we’re having one of those off winters where it is nice riding weather one day and brutally cold the next. Marina and I rode down to Guntersville on Saturday, Jan 31st and it was 60°. Today, just two days later, I bundled up for rather cool run through the neighborhood. Burr. I’m finding that winter is a good time to get the bike(s) ready for the next riding season. Along the same vein, I introspectively look at how I can also be a better husband to Marina, a better Dad/Son/Brother to my extended family and certainly not least of all is how I can be a better Christian to reach out to those I will encounter along the highways and byways this year. Physically I try and watch what I eat and exercise regularly but am I feeding my “spirit man” with spiritual food that will not only benefit me but be a blessing to others? If not, then I need a tune-up myself in order to give back (or share) from the overflow of what I’ve received. I find I need to read more in His Word, pray more, and fellowship more with believers or my spiritual man become weak.

2011 was a good year for our Christian biker family but good is not “great” or “awesome.” Actually, as a Christian I should (and we should) forever be in a state of discontent as time is short before the coming of our Lord and the world needs to hear the Gospel (“Good News”). They certainly see, hear, partake in things of this world that is death to the soul but Jesus is the author and giver of life and we have that message to share (i.e., Great Commission). Our founder and one closer to us (Bill Parmenter) both certainly had the vision for the lost and I really believed they lived in a state of discontent that there was always more to do to plunder hell and build up Lord’s Kingdom. These are fine examples lives committed to His service and I would like to at least emulate a life of similar service in my own way and seize the opportunities that so often slip by.

I resolve in 2012 to wear my Colors more and to really “live it” as a Christian motorcyclist better than I did in 2011 and hopefully by year-end that I can reflect back and say “yes,” it was a better year than last.

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