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## LORD MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF YOUR PEACE

with Kahu Billy Mitchell, December 5, 2021

### I. Why We Must Take the Cards Out . . . 1- God made it so easy . . . 2 - The Contracting and Growing of a church and its members! Stagnation!

#### THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. AMEN

**Psalm 107:19-21 NKJV** Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, *And* He saved them out of their distresses.<sup>20</sup> He sent His word and healed them, *And* delivered *them* from their destructions.

<sup>21</sup>Oh, that *men* would give thanks to the Lord *for* His goodness, *And for* His wonderful works to the children of men!

**Romans 10:13-15 & 17 NIV** <sup>13</sup>for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”<sup>14</sup> How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? <sup>15</sup>And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

**Notes from Romans 10: 18-20** Some religious people are spiritually blind, while those who have never been in a church are sometimes the most responsive to God’s message. Because appearances are deceiving and we can’t see into people’s hearts, beware of judging beforehand who will respond to the good news and who will not!

**Proverbs 24:10-12 NIV** <sup>10</sup>If you falter in a time of trouble how small is your strength! <sup>11</sup>Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter.<sup>12</sup>If you say, “But we knew nothing about this,” does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who guards your life know it? **Will he not repay everyone according to what they have done?**

### II. Mana Christian Ohana: “Instruments of God’s Peace!”

**1. Colossians 3:16 NIV** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

**2. “Go Ye Therefore! . . . (30 days with the cards = Read from the back of a little card!)**

### III. The Recipients of The Cards

**Matthew 5:6 NIV** Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

**IV. Numbers 6:24-26 NKJV** “The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.” ’

**AMENE!**