

I do this work because I believe it is what God has called me to do. It is always exhausting. It is sometimes disheartening. I never feel like I can do enough, and the problem is so huge. It is hard to be so close to families – children and parents – while they are being pummeled by the court system and the uncaring, greedy individuals in the cottage industry who leech on to good families' life savings. I have never in my life been around such evil people as many of those in the cottage industry. It takes a very cold person to purposely destroy children for motives of power or money. On the other hand, I have never been so blessed in my life. I see miracles every week as I watch our leadership, members and their families, along with many professionals who support our causes, stand up with incredible bravery and risk all that they have to fight this scourge of injustice. God loves families, and I believe that it is His power, not mine or CFJ's, that will ultimately topple this evil system and bring its constituents to justice. Below are two writings that are very dear to me. They explain much better than I can what drives me onward. ---Leslie Cumiford, President, CFJ

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.” ---The Bible, Hebrews 12:1-3

The Fellowship of the Unashamed (By Dr. Bob Moorehead)

I am part of the fellowship of the Unashamed. I have the Holy Spirit Power. The die has been cast. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I am a disciple of Jesus Christ. I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still. My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, and my future is secure. I am finished and done with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tame visions, mundane talking, chintzy giving, and dwarfed goals.

I no longer need preeminence, prosperity, position, promotions, plaudits, or popularity. I don't have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded, or rewarded. I now live by presence, learn by faith, love by patience, lift by prayer, and labor by power.

My pace is set, my gait is fast, my goal is Heaven, my road is narrow, my way is rough, my companions few, my Guide is reliable, my mission is clear. I cannot be bought, compromised, deterred, lured away, turned back, diluted, or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of adversity, negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity, or meander in the maze of mediocrity.

I won't give up, back up, let up, or shut up until I've preached up, prayed up, paid up, stored up, and stayed up for the cause of Christ. I am a disciple of Jesus Christ. I must go until He returns, give until I drop, preach until all know, and work until He comes.

And when He comes to get His own, He will have no problem recognizing me. My colors will be clear for "I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes . ." (Romans 1:16)