

Resource Justification

A Resource is only valuable when it is found to be meaningful, relevant and sound in practical and theoretical application to each Nurse who has it.

The Modules

The justification for the publishing of these modules is clearly stated in the section titled Nursing With A Difference directly following the Table of Contents pp. i to iii The Foreword, Recommendations considered, the basis for each decision and the outcome, presents the challenges and decisions made from the time of the first challenge to 'Do something of value for Registered Nurses by a Medical Director.

pp. iv to x reflects the personal and professional input into the author's life which both qualified and justified the approach taken.

From pp i to x the dignity and freedom of each Nurse reading is respected. God did not create Nurses as robots or passive non-thinking creatures. Each Nurse has the capacity and responsibility to take, select and use what he or she finds from this and any resource that will enhance his or her personal professional competence and therefore worth as a Nurses.

As a result of using these Modules Nursing With A Difference has a list of topics that have been requested by Nurses of all categories including Chief Nursing Officers.

The Song Books

Singing is an integral part of life in every culture. The current song in Nursing is one of heart ache and sorrow, gloom and doom, helplessness and hopelessness.

But it need not be and around the world Nurses are addressing the important issue of how to help each other sing a new song. A song of joy, of victory and triumph over wrong and straight out evil, a song that reaches the heart, is educative, dispels normal depression replacing it with joy, overcoming pathological depression and bringing serenity, peace and hope, a song that gives purpose and meaning to life.

These songs in both Hindi and English have been selected or offered by Nurses during the many Nursing With A Difference programs in 17 States, for the specific relevance and meaning to Nurses.

Singing of at least one song has been a feature of Nursing With A Difference Programs and since we took the initiative to publish the first 1500 song books the demand has always been greater than the supply with to date well over 10,000 published.

No one has the right to deny Nurses the freedom to put into song that which wells up in her heart yet may be difficult even painful to express in words. Occasionally and only very very occasionally a Nurse chooses not to sing, this is her prerogative within a group. However, most if not all have joined in before the song ends and very rarely have the song books been handed back.

The New Testament

The fact that Gideon's International makes available the New Testament for Nurses in many languages in every Nation throughout the world, is not in it self sufficient justification for its inclusion as a useful resource for Nurses.

At the conclusion of most sessions during which a fresh look has been taken at much that is wrong in Nursing and the limitations each Nurse has experienced in trying to 'right the wrong', only then is a brief introduction to the New Testament using the '*Where to find help*' index is given. When Nurses see the immediate relevance to the earlier discussion, many have been encouraged and readily availed themselves of a copy. Thus each Nurse has the right and freedom to choose.

While many Nurses were quick to take the Modules and Song books and later the New Testament, it is understandable that the Modules on different aspects of patient care and Nursing management would be read and discussed, and many Nurses have told us that they use songbook as a prayer book.

But the New Testament because it brings the powerful teaching of Jesus Christ who came to give all who desired and would accept His great gift of love, is identified as a 'Religious Book' rather than what it is a 'Valuable Resource for Living', some Nurses may take it but be hesitant and fearful to read.

This fear is genuine, it arises from the notion that to consider religion other than the one you were born into is wrong. Sadly this unfounded yet very real fear denies the supreme workmanship of the Sovereign God and Creator of all men who gave each one the ability to think, critically analyze and select from any source, what each one finds to be of most value for their own personal or professional development or interest.

This fear too often results in deep misunderstanding that leads to unjustified communal conflict.

Therefore this gift can be likened to the parable of the sower found in Mathew Chapter 13:

Some of the seed

That was sown fell by the wayside; the birds came and devoured it,

The resource is taken but immediately put aside or forgotten for **when there is time!**
but
There is never time!

Some fell in stony places where

There was not much earth, the seed sprung up, but because the soil was not deep they had no root, when the sun came up they wither away.

The Nurse has genuine **interest**, is enthusiastic and begins well but because she lacks encouragement to read, and is busy, the burdens crowd out her desire and she soon gives up,
There is no blossom and no fruit.

Some seed fell into good

Ground, and brought forth some an hundredfold, some sixty fold and some thirty fold.

As Nurses diligently read the New Testament and faithfully search for direction for each situation, her thirty-fold will lead to sixty-fold, to become one hundred fold of blossoms and fruit. Her reward is sure.

This section is therefore presented in consideration to each Nurse who may have had limited opportunity to expand her horizons and is hesitant, even fearful of reading and exploring previously unknown resources in the world that are of immense value to Nurses.

The important thing is to start reading, and to read thoughtfully to gain wisdom and discernment whether it is the Modules, the song books or the New Testament. Even the Newspaper should be read prayerfully with discernment and for a purpose.

Both the Old and the New Testaments reveal the true basis and validity of the Bible. The Bible is not a book of suggestions it is a book of commands. It is not a mythological treaties, it is an historical record.

Justification in Psalm 19

Clear justification and relevance of the Bible for Nurses can be easily understood by reading Psalm 19.

Verses 1 to 6 confirms what we unconsciously experience every day, that is, the glory of God revealed in creation.

Verses 7 to 11 provide the most powerful basis for living.

Verses 12 to 14 express our need and our willingness in spite of that need, to want our words, intents and activities to be acceptable to a Holy God.

This can never take place through the formality of any religion, but only by knowledge and understanding gained through reading the Bible, and then applying the Law, the Statues and the Commandments in the daily walk and practice of life.

We shall concentrate on Verses 7 to 11. Here we have 3 elements, 3 characteristics and 3 activities that result in a positive outcome, and 6 times Yahweh which means 'of the LORD' is mentioned immediately after the element to identify the source and authority e.g. The law **of the LORD**

Psalm 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect converting the soul

Psalm	Elements	Characteristics	Activity	Object
19:7	Law	Perfect	Reviving	the Soul.

Law is the authoritative rule of conduct, an operating principle and an expression of God's will

Perfect means nothing can be added or subtracted; it is complete, enough, comprehensive and sufficient for us in every situation.

Converting means to revive, it is the transformation from one state to another.

Therefore, our soul is transformed and revived by the perfect law of God. Not by man's effort.

Psalm 19:8 The Testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

Psalm	Elements	Characteristics	Activity	Object
19:7	Testimony	Sure	making wise	the simple

Simple means to lack wisdom, lack discernment and to be unskilled in the art of godly living.

The Law revealed in the Bible is the divine testimony that witnesses to a transformed life, with the simple becoming wise; when discernment is added the wise become skilled in the art of godly living.

Psalm 19:8 The Statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart

Psalm	Elements	Characteristics	Activity	Object
19:8	Statutes	Trustworthy	rejoicing	the heart

Statutes are authoritative, divine guidelines, that are right and therefore trustworthy; and through obedience to them, the heart is able to truly rejoice

Psalm 19: 8 The Commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes

Psalm	Elements	Characteristics	Activity	Object
19:8	Commandment	Pure	enlightening	the eyes

A command is authoritative, it is not optional, and these commands come from the supreme authority Yahweh.

Pure means clear, radiant there is no ambiguity.

Therefore the commandments of the LORD are sealed with His authority, they are radiantly clear and unambiguous so that anyone can read and understand and they bring light to the eye. In other words our eyes can be opened in a way previously not known.

These commandments bring light when we travel in the midst of the darkness of this world.

Psalm 19:9 The Fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever.

Psalm	Elements	Characteristics	Activity	Object
19:9	Fear	is clean	Enduring	for ever, eternity

The fear of the LORD differs from every other fear that is surrounded in the mind with darkness as it grips the stomach, producing all kinds of negative reactions.

The fear of the LORD is pure and clean it brings an awareness of the awesomeness of God as expressed by nature in the first 6 verses, and in so doing leads people to worship God in spirit and in truth.

With the fear of the LORD there is no lasting anxiety because there is a complete absence of imperfection and sin in Him, therefore it is without error and endures for ever.

Psalm 19:9 The Judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

Psalm	Elements	Characteristics	Activity	Object
19:9	Judgments	True	Righteous	for all

These judgments are Divine ordinances which demonstrate the righteous judgments of God for living. They are objective not subjective. They are comprehensive, altogether right and therefore righteous and sure of truth thus engendering trust and confidence.

Blessings of Psalm 19:10 when Applied
More to be desired are they than gold, yes, than much fine gold.
Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

Thus we have the blessings of the elements, the Law, the Statutes and the Commandments, when the characteristics are applied and kept, in life:

They are, and therefore become to each one, more precious than gold, they become our greatest possession. They are sweeter than honey giving the greatest pleasure through the enrichment gained from the teaching contained in each one.

Application of Psalm 19:11 in Life
Moreover by them Your servant is warned,
And in keeping them there is great reward

As we read and ponder these words in relation to the reality of a situation, we are warned and therefore we have the greatest protection in life against temptation and sin. We can hide behind them because they are God's Word and irrevocable.

Through corruption the laws of this world may be revoked but

**'God is not man that He should lie nor the son of man that He should repent. Has He said and will He not do it? Or has He spoken and will He not make it good? Behold we have received His commandment to bless...
Numbers 23: 19**

This resource is the authoritative Word of the God who sends His holy Angels as ministering spirits to guide, protect, deliver, provide for, direct activities, comfort, gather together and to minister to us.

**In its purity
His Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Psalm 19:105**

His Word is true, unwavering, and reliable and a sure foundation on which life can be build.

Nothing can be added or subtracted from it. It is complete, comprehensive and sufficient for guidance in every situation. It is more than enough. for our every need.

But only if each Nurse takes it, reads and appropriates it.

May you be encouraged by the example of Nurses in the Post Graduate Medical and Research Institute Hospital in Chandigarh where we had five full week workshop for 96 out of 108 Ward in Charges, Supervisors and Nurse Administrators including the CNO. Nurses attended from 8.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday and 8.00am to 1.00pm on Saturday.

Many of these Nurses stated both verbally and in their written assessment "I never knew the Bible had so much of relevance for Nurses". Very few of these Nurses had ever had a Bible or New Testament to read prior to attending the workshop.

Five of the 96 Nurses chose not to keep the Bible at the end of the workshop. During follow-up one month later 4 of the 5 requested the Bible be returned to them .It took 6 weeks to get more supplies from Delhi and on personally delivering a copy to each Nurse in her clinical area of service each one expressed disapproval that it had taken so long to get!

Tradition, Fear and Perception

Tradition and fear can block one's perception of long term values.

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out all fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect. 1 John 4:18

The LORD Jesus Christ came into the world to bring God's perfect love to each one.

Singing is integral to Worship, it keeps the mind healthy for life and duty.

Isaac Watts born 1674 died 1748 even though frail in health, authored and compiled Hymns for adults and the very first Hymnal for children. This heritage of words and music continues after 5 Centuries to inspire and encourage people all around the world and because of translation, many many people groups are able to join in.

As you ponder the following words and the Health Service scenario in 2007 pause and consider the kind of heritage you are willing to work at in order to leave something of value to the next generations of Nurses?

The Word of God

Psalm 19 (Abridged and paraphrased) song by



- 1 The heavens declare thy glory, Lord,
In every star thy wisdom shines;
But when our eyes behold thy word,
We read thy name in fairer lines.
- 2 The rolling sun, the changing light,
And night and day, thy power confess;
But the blest volume thou hast writ
Reveals thy justice and thy grace.
- 3 Sun, moon, and stars convey thy praise
Round the whole earth, and never stand;
So when thy truth began its race,
It touched and glanced on every land.
- 4 Nor shall thy spreading gospel rest
Till through the world thy truth has run
Till Christ has all the nations blest,
That see the light or feel the sun.
- 5 Great Son of righteousness, arise,
Bless the dark world with heavenly light:
Thy gospel makes the simple wise;
Thy laws are pure, thy judgments right.