A short history of Dr. Bill Reed of Michigan, Texas, and Florida:

I was born in a facility where babies were being born near our home in Port Huron, MI near the western bank of the St. Clair River about a mile west of our Canadian neighbor, Sarnia, Ontario. I was born during a typical Michigan heavy snow storm at a time when our spring time was being truly delayed.

Thinking about home and mother and father and all the wonderful people of this life whom I have met, I thought, "Wouldn't it be exciting to write down the names of human beings whom I had met during my long life-time especially those who have profoundly affected my life and my wonderful joy and happiness.

First of all, have been my family and my friends and teachers in Port Huron MI. My father was born into a large Christian family. Grandfather Reed was a blessed grandfather whose father had been a Canadian physician in Easter Ontario. The Reed family lived in a very large three story brick home with a large library of medical and philosophical and religious books of all sorts. It was in the center of Port Huron and probably was one of the largest of our town's homes. Grandfather wore a black skull cap often and many friends thought he was a rabbi since he looked like one. He and my grandmother and Dad's brothers and sisters were cheerful, laughing, happy people who were all busy and very active in church activities. Going to their home was always the happiest of times.

My boyhood in Port Huron was a time of nothing but wonderful and happy memories. Even though at age five I contracted polio and was left with a heart problem, I enjoyed life, home, church and school. I was given a violin at age six, an instrument I have loved to this very day. My life prior to going to The University of Michigan was one of love, worship, music, poetry, and learning. It was difficult even to imagine the problems of Germany, depression, war and hatred. Even my friends were largely of a similar mind.

At age 10 at vacation bible school, I gave my life to Jesus and at that age gave my first sermon regarding the wondrous stairway to heaven. I have carried my love of God and His Word throughout my life. At the University I played in the symphony orchestra and in addition to my studies, worked as a waiter at the Michigan Union. Subsequently, I worked as an orderly at University Hospital. At age 20, I was privileged to enter the University of Michigan medical school. At medical school, I developed wonderful relationships with professors and fellow students. My classmates are dear friends to this very day. I was married during medical school to a girl who loved music and beauty and gave me two wonderful sons. Our little family, as it developed, lived in the United States Navy where I began my active medical practice.

In subsequent years of practice in Michigan, Texas, and Florida, my life has been superb in every way professionally, spiritually, and musically. After my first wife's death with hepatic failure, my second marriage to Kay was again most happy. Kay left to go to heaven after she developed gastric cancer. Kay was most wonderful in helping with the development of Christian Medical Foundation. Now, I am wed to my very beloved Coppi who has brought Texas Christian love again into my life and family. God is good and Jesus is love.

My Gift
(2nd Stanza of poem on page 120 written by WSR)

"As years have passed and parents have left our family scene
And I look down life's path - where I have been,
I feel that their greatest gift was simply
One of love -
And knowledge of God, His Word
And a Heaven above."

Dr. Wm Standish Reed's book of poems has been published. They can be ordered from www.xulonpress.com or CMF, 601 W. Emma St., Tampa, FL 33603 cost $15.95 plus S/H $2.50

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I teach an art class to some of my friends after we have a wonderful bible lesson taught to us by Pastor Tom Wade. He indeed brings the word of God alive in our hearts.

After class, I set up a still life and shine a light on it. The students are first to do a composition of the still life and then separate it into light and dark. My famous quote to them is: “Your values must stay within the window of light and dark. Do not put dark values into the light nor put light values into the dark. It will bring discord to your painting. Keep your values/colors apart from each other. Again, I reiterate, do not mix light tones into dark values and dark tones into light values”.

As I spoke to them regarding light and dark, my mind drifted back to a time when I worked at Adams Golf in Plano, TX. I was blessed with an office that was surrounded by large windows and I could view our beautiful world from where I sat. One day, I looked outside into the sky. It was filled with wonderful white clouds. They reminded me of soft-white cotton puffs floating in an expansive sky but it seemed only an instant when suddenly the sky darkened and the white puffs turned smoky gray. Then out of nowhere it happened, an illuminant light formed around the periphery of the dark clouds. It was so bright that the dark seemed to fade into the presence of light. It reminded me of the verse in scripture when Jesus said, “I am the Light of the world, and in me there is no darkness”.

Genesis 1: 2-5 Says and the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, let there be light and there was light. And God saw the light that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.
The Bible says in John 1: 4-5 in him was life; the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.
Matthew 4:16 says the people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to those whom sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.
Matthew 6: 22-23 says the light of the body is the eye: If therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness.

The Bible says a lot about do not mix light with darkness. I think just as I tell my students that when you mix your light values into your dark values it will bring discord. The same will happen to us when we mix our lives with the darkness of sin. Jesus loves us and wants more for us than we want for ourselves – He knows what is good for us and what isn’t – He does not want mud and discord in our lives but beautiful color and harmony. That is why it is not wise to mix the two.