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"Being A Doer Of The Word"

Workbook

Belongs To:

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Welcome to the "Being A Doer Of The Word" Workbook series. As you know from the book of James,

James 1:23-25 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

We all want to be blessed in our deeds, but it is only as we progressively become "doers" and not "hearers only" that the power of God begins to operate in our lives. The purpose of developing this workbook is to help train each of us to begin putting into practice on a practical basis the instructions contained in the Word of God. The goals and instructions for using the workbook are contained on tape C155-"Workbook Instructions

All of the printed materials for the Workbook Series are already in this manual. There is always more information on the audio messages than on the printed pages. The printed materials are for your quick reference when you need to refresh your memory about what "to do" in any given situation. It takes less time to review a few printed pages than to re-listen to a 90-minute message. This is intended to be "your" workbook. Make it personal...just for you! Write in the margins; add your favorite scriptures, notes and comments. Our God has so many blessings to bestow on us, yet we are all walking far below the level of abundance that He wants us to receive. Let us all become better doers of the Word!

Your fellow servant.

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WS 1 - The Foundation For Success

Mat 6:12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors **Lesson Page**

Jesus made it very clear that unforgiveness, bitterness and strife in our hearts block us from receiving the blessings in our life that our Father desires to give us. Notice what He says in these verses:

Mat 6:14-15 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Mark 11:25-26 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

Mat 18:21-22 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

Mat 5:23-24 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

The attitude of "Well, I have forgiven them but I sure won't ever forget it" is not good enough. This forgiveness must be real and it has to be from your heart (you have to mean it). Because it is so important, please read this whole parable that Jesus taught:

Mat 18:21-35 Then Peter came to him and asked, "Sir, how often should I forgive a brother who sins against me? Seven times?" "No!" Jesus replied, "seventy times seven! The Kingdom of Heaven can be compared to a king who decided to bring his accounts up to date. In the process, one of his debtors was brought in who owed him \$10 million! He couldn't pay, so the king ordered him sold for the debt, also his wife and children and everything he had. But the man fell down before the king, his face in the dust, and said, 'Oh, sir, be patient with me and I will pay it all.' Then the king was filled with pity for him and released him and forgave his debt. But when the man left the king, he went to a man who owed him \$2,000 and grabbed him by the throat and demanded instant payment. The man fell down before him and begged him to give him a little time. 'Be patient and I will pay it,' he pled. But his creditor wouldn't wait. He had the man arrested and jailed until the debt would be paid in full. Then the man's friends went to the king and told him what had happened. And the king called before him the man he had forgiven and said, 'You evil-hearted wretch! Here I forgave you all that tremendous debt, just because you asked me to--shouldn't you have mercy on others, just as I had mercy on you?' Then the angry king sent the man to the torture chamber until he had paid every last penny due. So shall my heavenly Father do to you if you refuse to truly [from your heart] forgive your brothers."

Picture in your mind that faith is like a large pipe that extends from heaven to you. All of the blessings of God must come to you through that pipe. None of us can afford to let unforgiveness, bitterness and strife plug up our "pipe" of faith!

WS 1 - The Foundation For Success

Forgiveness Action Page

James 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

You may think that there are certain people that you simply cannot forgive because of how terribly they have wronged you. You look within yourself and you simply cannot find the capacity to forgive them. Remember, we are not under law, but grace. Whenever we come up to a commandment that we cannot obey, we simply do what we can do and ask for God to do the rest.

"Mat 19:26 But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible."

Jesus gave us instructions on what to do regarding people that we need to forgive:

Luke 6:27-28 But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.

If we will simply begin by obeying Jesus' instructions to "Pray" for those whom we need to forgive and then ask for God's grace to make it real in our hearts...God will do it! We do what we can do...He does for us what we cannot do! Hallelujah! It is entirely possible to walk completely free from all unforgiveness, strife, and bitterness. Write down the names of anyone for which you know that you still have unforgiveness or bitterness against. Pray for them daily and trust God to make it real in your heart.

DOING THE WORD.

WS 1 - The Foundation For Success

Daily Confession

I thank you Father that I and my family walk in divine health all the days of our lives. I thank you that you prosper us in all that we set our hand to do this day. I thank you for the ministering angels camped round about us and I command you ministering angels in Jesus Name, go forth and make our paths straight and keep us from any harm of the evil one. I thank you Father that I and my family are growing in wisdom and stature and have favor with God and man. Favor and much grace in Jesus' Name. Now Satan in the name of Jesus Christ I bind you up and cast you out. You can not come against us in any way shape or form. I thank you Father that you are blessing me and my family in all that we set our hand to this day. I thank you that we are Jesus made people. I place all of our cares and our needs at Your feet for I know that you care for us and you supply all of our needs according to your riches in glory by Christ Jesus. I thank you that all of our needs are met. I thank you that all of our bills are paid. And that there are thousands of dollars in our checking account over and above our expenses and what we need to live. We are self sufficient, lacking nothing and able to give abundantly into every good work. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Scriptures For Financial Increase

"This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; but you shall meditate therein day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall have good success." Joshua 1:8

Confess these personalized passages of God's Word regularly to help build your faith for increased financial prosperity. Be alert to take action in ways the Holy Spirit may direct you, especially in your giving. Honor the Lord in all areas of your life, including the financial arena.

2 Cor 8:9 - I know the grace of my Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for my sake He became poor, that I through His poverty might be rich.

Deut 8:18 - I shall remember the LORD my God: for it is He that gives me power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore unto my fathers.

3 John 1:2 - The Lord desires above all things that I prosper and be in health, even as my soul prospers.

Matt 6:33 - I seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; all these things shall be added unto me.

Psa 35:27 - The LORD has pleasure in the prosperity of me, his servant.

John 10:10 - Jesus came that I might have life, and that I might have it more abundantly.

Phil 4:19 - My God shall supply all my need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Isa 48:17 - The LORD my God teaches me to profit, and leads me in the way that I should go.

Psa 34:10 - I seek the LORD, so I shall not lack any good thing.

Rom 8:32 - He that spared not his own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, shall also freely give me all things.

Gal 3:13-14 - Christ has redeemed me from the curse of the law, being made a curse for me...that the blessing of Abraham might come on me...

Heb 8:6 - Jesus is my mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

Heb 6:12 - I am not slothful, but a follower of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Isa 45:2-3 - God will go before me, and make the crooked places straight: He will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron: and He will give me the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places...

Isa 1:19 - I am willing and obedient, so I shall eat the good of the land.

Luke 12:32 - I fear not, for it is my Father's good pleasure to give me the kingdom.

Prov 10:22 - The blessing of the LORD makes me rich, and He adds no sorrow with it.

Prov 13:22 - The wealth of the sinner is laid up for me, the righteous.

Prov 28:20 - I am a faithful man, so I shall abound with blessings...

Psa 37:4 - I delight myself in the LORD; and He shall give me the desires of my heart.

Eph 3:20 - God is doing exceeding abundantly above all that I ask or think, according to the power that works in me...

2 Pet 1:3 - God has given unto me all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that has called me to glory and virtue...

Heb 11:6 - My faith in God's grace pleases Him, for I not only believe that God is, but that He rewards me as I diligently seek Him.

2 Chron 26:5 - As long as I seek the LORD, God makes me to prosper.

Gal 6:9 - I do not grow weary in well doing, therefore in due season I will reap...

WS 3 - Doing Matthew Chapter Six

Giving Alms:

As long as you see yourself as being the neediest person that you know, you will never become a channel of blessing that God can use to cause His material blessings to flow through to others. No matter how desperate your financial situation is, you will come into contact this week with someone who is worse off than you. Decide now on a certain amount of money (even if it is only five dollars) that you are going to give away this week to someone who really needs it. Do this secretly...only you, God and the person that you gave it to need to know anything about it. You give in secret...He rewards you openly.

Notes: 1. This is in addition to your regular gifts and offerings.

- 2. This is in addition to what you might normally give to your family.
- 3. This is in spite of the devil's accusation that "you don't have enough to give."
- 4. Give directly to the person yourself, not (only) through charitable organizations.

The Lord's Prayer:

The Lord never said to "pray this prayer." He said, "After this manner (pattern) pray ye." The pattern He is talking about is:

- 1. Worship You absolutely must develop the habit of telling God how much you love Him.
- 2. Thy Kingdom Come This is the same attitude that Jesus had in the garden, "Father, not my will, but thine be done."
- 3. Our daily bread If you determine to put His kingdom first, He will get involved with every area of your life. "All these things will be added unto you." (Mat 6:33)
- 4. Forgive The only reason that you are in the kingdom is that God chose to forgive you through the sacrifice of His Son Jesus. You must walk in forgiveness toward others for any of the kingdom principles to operate in your life.
- 5. Leadership Of The Spirit It is only those who walk free of unforgiveness and strife that are attuned to hearing the leadership of the Spirit. Trust Him to lead you. Spend time in the Word of God and praying in the Spirit. Confess that you "hear the voice of your Shepherd."
- 6. Deliver Us Following the leadership of the Spirit is the surest way of avoiding the traps and snares of the devil. Always expect and depend on the Lord to deliver you out of every problem. Say the twenty third Psalm often. Also Psalm 91. He will deliver you!
- 7. Praise & Adoration After all, it really is His kingdom, power and glory forever. This is praise and surrender to His loving care for you. Actually, what are your choices? Are you going to try and be your own "god" and deliver yourself? That's what the world is trying to do.

P.S. - Jesus said, "Don't forget to forgive." ... Everything depends on that!

Fasting:

Fasting does not impress God. Fasting does not earn anything from God. Fasting basically serves three purposes:

- 1. It trains your spirit to begin dominating the appetites of the flesh.
- 2. It quiets the "voice" of the flesh, which makes it easier to hear the voice of the Spirit.
- 3. Fasting cleanses the physical human system...your health springs forth speedily.

Note: Start slow. Only skip a meal or two at first. Don't give your flesh all it wants.

WS 3 - Doing Matthew Chapter Six

Matthew Six - Rewards

<u>Alms-Giving</u>: Father, reward me with a heart that prizes people above things. Give me a heart that truly loves my neighbor as myself.

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Father, reward me with a heart that is free of idols. Give me a heart that has no other gods before you. You, and You alone, are my God.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Father, reward me with a heart that seeks to do your will above all else. Give me a heart that is free of pride and self seeking. Not my will, Father, but thine be done.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Father, reward me with a heart that trusts in You alone as the source of my supply.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Father, reward me with a heart that is free of unforgiveness and strife. Give me a heart that loves You and people more than I love myself.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

Father, reward me with a heart that trusts completely in the leadership of Your Spirit.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Father, reward me with a heart that understands that I am a steward during my lifetime on this earth. You are owner of all. Jesus is Lord of all. Give me a heart that understands my portion in Jesus' stewardship of Your kingdom. Without Him, I can do nothing. Fill my heart with Jesus.

<u>Fasting:</u> Father, reward me with strength in my inner man by Your Spirit. Give me character of steel like that of Jesus to always walk in victory over the carnal appetites of the flesh. Reward me with the nature of Jesus in my walk on this earth, not just after I get to heaven.

<u>Seeking First the Kingdom:</u> Father, reward me with a heart that does not serve Mammon, but is single minded in serving You and You alone. Unite my heart, Father, and let me not be double minded. Since I live in the Spirit by Your grace, give me a heart that causes me to also walk in the Spirit while I sojourn on this earth. Father, reward me with the manifested character of Jesus while I live among men.

WS 3 - Doing Matthew Chapter Six

WS 4 - The Word Becomes Flesh

Lesson Page

In the beginning God created a garden. Before He ever created man, God made every tree to grow in that garden:

Gen 2:9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. God made man and placed him in the garden and then gave this command to Adam;

Gen 2:16-17 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Eve was deceived by the serpent and ate of the fruit of the tree of knowledge and then Adam chose to eat of it also, violating the command of God. They both fell and lost their dominion. Satan has been ruling over fallen mankind ever since. Adam and Eve had no access back to the Garden of Eden. God's plan for the earth has not changed. He still intends for Man and his bride to rule and reign on this planet. Christ came to die as the substitute for fallen mankind. When Christ died on the cross...all mankind died in Him as far as the justice halls of heaven are concerned. That was "the day" when the punishment for all of the descendants of Adam was literally fulfilled; "thou shalt surely die." Since the entire species of Adam was now positionally "dead," God was free to appoint a new "Adam." He chose Jesus to be the Second Man, the Last Adam;

1 Cor 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

When Jesus was raised from the dead He rose as the Second Man, the Last Adam! His Eve consists of people who were "dead in Adam" but now are "raised from the dead" by this "quickening, life-giving" spirit (Jesus). This is what the phrase "born again" actually means. You were first born into the earth as a "child of Adam," but when you received Jesus into your heart He "raised you from the dead" and you were "born again" as a child of God! Jesus is our "Adam." We, the Church, are the "bride of Christ"...we are His Eve. Jesus, our "Adam," has already passed beyond the veil and is now "in the garden." We are still in the flesh and cannot physically go there. But "in the spirit," we can! [See Ezekiel 36:25-35]. We ask the Holy Spirit to take us into the presence of Jesus. As He does, we step through a "door" in the spirit realm and we find ourselves in the garden with our "Adam," Jesus! He gives us the same instructions that the first Eve received: "Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat." The fruit of these trees contain everything that you will ever need. There is salvation fruit, healing fruit, prosperity fruit, EVERYTHING that you will ever need!

Eph 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.

Every blessing you need has already been provided for you in the form of the promises of the Word of God in the realm of the spirit [heavenly places]. The fruit on the trees represent those promises. You may "freely eat" as much as you want from them. Like natural fruit, the "life" in the fruit (the promises, the Word) becomes part of you until the Word literally becomes flesh! The Word becomes you...You become the Word! YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT! Every answer to your problems begins in the realm of the spirit. Go into the garden and eat! As you eat, the answers that begin in the spirit realm will eventually show up in the realm of the flesh, where you can see it and touch it. YOU WILL HAVE YOUR MIRACLE!

WS 4 - The Word Becomes Flesh

The Word Becomes Flesh Action Page

In the natural realm, there is no way to get a banana inside of you without eating it. There is no way of eating it without GETTING IT INTO YOUR MOUTH! There is no way to "eat" the fruit of the promises of the Word of God without GETTING THEM INTO YOUR MOUTH! This agrees exactly with the very first instructions that God gave Joshua in order to possess the land (live the Abundant Life).

Josh 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth.

The only time that words are "in your mouth" is when you are <u>speaking</u> them! At all other times, the words are only in your mind. God was telling Joshua, "Keep My Word in your mouth all of the time. Don't ever speak opposite to what I have spoken. Say My Word!" Notice that God instructed Joshua to "speak the Word" <u>before</u> they had ever possessed one square inch of the promised land!

CONFESSION ALWAYS COMES BEFORE POSSESSION! YOU WILL NEVER RISE ABOVE YOUR CONFESSION!

Remember, you may "freely eat of every tree of the garden." The fruit of the trees are the promises in the Word of God. They are all yours. They are all free. All you have to do is begin to "eat" them. You do that by "saying" them! This is reason that God changed Abram's name from Abram to Abraham, which means, "I am the father of many nations" when Abraham did not have a single child of his own. CONFESSION COMES BEFORE POSSESSION! This principle in the Word of God is called "calling those things which be not as though they were." God operates this way and Abraham learned to imitate God:

Rom 4:16-17 Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

DOING THE WORD!

- 1. Find scriptures [fruit = promises] that cover your case.
- 2. Make them into confession form as if they were already true in your natural life.
- 3. Begin "eating" them by "saying" them. "Gorge" yourself with the fruit of the garden.
- 4. No matter what the circumstances look like in your life, <u>do not let the Word depart out of your mouth</u>. Keep saying the Word!
- 5. Be like Abraham. Keep saying it even when all natural hope is gone!
- 6. Don't "try" to make the Word come to pass in your life. That is God's job!
- 7. You be like Abraham;

Rom 4:20-21 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

WS 4 - The Word Becomes Flesh

WS 5 - Being Led As A Child

Lesson Page

Isa 48:17 Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

Teach - Hebrew = lamad - To goad. To instruct with discipline.

Profit - Hebrew = ya'al - To ascend. To go higher and higher.

Leadeth - Hebrew = darak - To guide, to lead, to go before, to walk ahead.

Thou Shouldest Go - yalak - To walk.

From these word pictures you could say the verse like this: "I am instructing you to become a disciplined follower of Me as I walk the path ahead of you to go higher and higher."

HE IS TEACHING US HOW TO FOLLOW HIM! THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN YOUR LIFE IS LEARNING TO HEAR HIS VOICE AND FOLLOW HIM!

Mat 18:3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

You had to humble yourself by saying, "I am a sinner. I cannot save myself. Jesus, save me" to even be born again into the kingdom of God. You were born again and became "as a little child" in your spirit. But you live in a grown up body with an adult mind that has been programmed by the world. From your spirit, the Holy Spirit immediately begins to "goad" (prompt, motivate) you to do certain things that will begin directing your feet onto the path that God has for your life. In the beginning, you sense these "promptings" in your spirit...but nearly everybody over-rides them at first with their mind. The Holy Spirit will say things to your "newborn" spirit like...pray, worship God, confess the Word, read your bible, give, fast. But the "adult" part of you says things like, "I don't have time. I have to change the oil in the car, I have to do the laundry, I have to work overtime or we are not going to make it, I have to stay up late at night and 'worry' about how we are going to pay our bills, I can't afford to give, I don't have time to read my bible." That is the "broad path" of destruction that the whole world is following. You will never find the narrow path of God's will for your individual life that way. In order for you to begin to profit (increase higher and higher) Jesus said,

Mat 18:4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest [highest] in the kingdom of heaven.

We are born into the kingdom by humbling ourselves as a little child and then we are exalted higher and higher the more we <u>continue</u> to humble ourselves before the Holy Spirit and obey His "goadings" (promptings, instructions).

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

The Greek word translated "sons" in this verse means "mature, full grown" sons, not little children. The image we have is that things in the kingdom are the same as in the natural world, that is, we are born a child and "mature" into adults. But in the kingdom of God just the opposite is true...at least in the mental realm. When we are born again, we already have minds that prefer to "think for ourselves" and make decisions "on our own." But according to this verse it is the person who more and more learns to humble himself as a little child and become more and more obedient to the "goadings" (promptings, suggestions) of the Spirit that is the mature, full grown son of God. The more we become as a little child ... loving the Lord, trusting the Lord, obeying the Lord, following Him and Him alone...the more "mature" we are in the spirit. The goal, then, is not to become more of an "adult," but to become more and more of a "child."

Prov 3: 5-6 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

WS 5 - Being Led As A Child

Being Led As A Child

Action Page

1 Pet 5:6-7 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

I have never known anybody that did not have trouble "hearing His voice" and "following His leadership" in the beginning of their walk as a Christian. After sixteen years of learning to follow Him myself and after countless discussions with mature Christians that I have known over the years I have learned that his "goadings" (promptings, instructions) seem to most often follow this pattern:

Worship:

To become intimately acquainted with anybody, you must spend time with them. Your goal is not to know "about" the Lord...but to know "Him." Most are not willing to "pray" the price to get to know Him well. There is simply no other path to knowing Him personally. Nobody else can do it for you. Tell Him that you love Him, appreciate Him, and your desire to serve Him.

James 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.

Confession Of Your Faith:

- 1. You must agree with Jesus when He said, "My sheep hear My voice." Believe that and say it even when it seems that you cannot hear Him at all. Say, "I thank you Lord...
 - A. That I hear Your voice. The voice of a stranger I will not follow.
 - B. That I have the mind of Christ.
 - C. That I know all spiritual things.
 - D. That I am Your son/daughter.
 - E. That I always follow the leadership of Your Holy Spirit.
- 2. Hold fast to these confessions no matter how long it takes.

Praying In The Spirit:

Even if you currently only have a few words that you can speak in other tongues, spend much time in using them. Remember, you can pray almost silently in tongues even while you are at work. Hours and hours of prayer do much to develop your ability to hear His voice.

Read And Meditate Your Bible:

The Holy Spirit is the author of the Word of God. He agrees with what He has inspired holy men to write. Jesus said that the Holy Spirit is the true "Teacher" who would guide you into all truth. Jesus said of the Father, "Thy word is truth." (John 17:17). The Holy Spirit desires to <u>personally</u> teach <u>you</u> the "mysteries" of the gospel. You make His job extremely difficult when you do not even know what He has already said in the written Word.

Go To Church, Bible Study, & Listen To Cassette Teaching Tapes:

The bible teaches what is known as the "Law of Association." Simply stated, "You become like whom you associate with the most." Solomon, the wisest man (other than Jesus) who ever lived put it like this: **Prov 13:20 He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.** Listen to people who know God better than you do. If they are teaching...go listen to them! If you get the opportunity to spend time with them...by all means, do it!!!

TRAIN YOURSELF TO HEAR HIS VOICE BY DOING THESE THINGS!

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Psalm 91 (King James)

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. <u>I will say</u> of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet. Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

Psalm 91 (Living)

We live within the shadow of the Almighty, sheltered by the God who is above all gods. This I declare, that he alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I am trusting him. For he rescues you from every trap and protects you from the fatal plague. He will shield you with his wings! They will shelter you. His faithful promises are your armor. Now you don't need to be afraid of the dark any more, nor fear the dangers of the day; nor dread the plagues of darkness, nor disasters in the morning. Though a thousand fall at my side, though ten thousand are dying around me, the evil will not touch me. I will see how the wicked are punished, but I will not share it. For Jehovah is my refuge! I choose the God above all gods to shelter me. How then can evil overtake me or any plague come near? For he orders his angels to protect you wherever you go. They will steady you with their hands to keep you from stumbling against the rocks on the trail. You can safely meet a lion or step on poisonous snakes, yes, even trample them beneath your feet! For the Lord says, Because he loves me, I will rescue him; I will make him great because he trusts in my name. When he calls on me, I will answer; I will be with him in trouble and rescue him and honor him. I will satisfy him with a full life and give him my salvation."

What Are You Declaring?

Remember, you will never rise above your confession. In normal conversation with people, do you tell them about your God, Who is your fortress and your place of safety? Or do you tell them about how difficult things are in your life...all the "evil" that is currently going on? Who are you magnifying? Your God or the Evil One? It's your mouth...it's your choice!

"Because He Loves Me" - Galatians 5:6 "Faith worketh by love."

You spend TIME with those that you love. It is useless to tell someone that you love them and never demonstrate it by spending time with them. Spend TIME worshipping the Lord.

"Because He Trusts In My Name" - If someone's WORD is no good, their NAME is no good!

"When He Calls On Me" - James 4:2 "Ye have not because ye ask not."

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God does not have favorites. He does not love one person more than another. Rom 2:11 For there is no respect of persons with God. So why does it "seem" that He delivers one person out of every difficulty the evil one throws at them and does not deliver another? The one thing that people seem to have the hardest time understanding is that God designed this gospel so that all of the promises would be available to every born again person...rich or poor, educated or unlearned, white or black, young or old, skinny or fat. Rom 4:16 Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed. "Grace" means that it is available at absolutely no cost to you because Jesus did all of the work to purchase these promises for you. "Faith" means...

IT ONLY WORKS FOR THOSE WHO BELIEVE IT!

How can you know if you are really operating "in faith" or not? The Lord gave me a measuring stick years ago in order to accurately answer that question in my own life. He said,

"PEOPLE ALWAYS DO WHAT THEY BELIEVE!"

Real Faith always has two parts:

- 1. <u>WORDS</u> 2 Cor 4:13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;
- 2. <u>ACTIONS</u> James 2:26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also. Real faith <u>speaks</u> the answer and <u>acts</u> like God tells the truth [acts like God's Word can be trusted]. Neither "words" alone nor "actions" alone are enough! For example, to "say" that God is your provider but to never "give" money into the gospel "because you can't afford it" IS NOT FAITH! On the other hand I know many, many believers who give and give and give but never "speak" the Word of God concerning Him multiplying their seed sown and providing all of their needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. THAT IS NOT FAITH EITHER! That is "works," believing that God will bless them based on what THEY are doing. **ALL OF THE PROMISES BELONG TO US BECAUSE OF THE WORK THAT JESUS HAS ALREADY**

FINISHED! Because we believe in "the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich," we know that WE ARE ALREADY RICH! Therefore we "give" as a <u>corresponding action</u> to what we believe. We are also bold in <u>declaring</u> that Jesus has given us His wealth in exchange for our poverty. We openly <u>declare</u> that God is multiplying our seed sown and that He provides all of our needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

ACTION

- 1. Spend time with the One you love. Spend time worshipping God. Tell Him that you love Him with all of your heart, soul, mind and strength EVERY DAY!
- 2. SAY that God is your fortress and your refuge ALL THE TIME! Don't ever say anything that would agree with the devil at any time!
- 3. Think about God. Make up your mind. Does your God lie or not? Can you trust His Word or not? If His Word is good then His name is good. Come to know your God. The NAME of Jesus has been given to the Church (you) to enforce the victory that Jesus won over the devil. Start taking authority over the evil one using the NAME OF JESUS! His NAME is above every name that is named (such as cancer, poverty, depression, lost children, etc.).
- 4. Call upon Him for His help in EVERYTHING! Not just the big things. He has plenty of time for you. He is the "timeless," eternal One. He is interested in every detail of your life and will help you abundantly every time you call upon Him to do so. Jesus did not suffer all that He did just so we could go around having to solve all of your problems in your own wisdom and strength. CALL UPON HIM! HE WILL ANSWER YOU! HE WILL DELIVER YOU!

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IF YOU ARE BORN AGAIN, YOUR ETERNAL LIFE WITH GOD HAS ALREADY BEGUN! YOU "MADE IT!" YOU ARE "IN THE KINGDOM"...NOW!!

John 11:25-26 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

THAT'S THE QUESTION...DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?

John 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but <u>is</u> passed from death unto life.

It is as if you have already died, gone to heaven and been given the assignment of coming back to the earth in a flesh body so that you can be a "carrier" of Christ (The Anointed One) to go wherever He chooses in order to "do the will and work" of the Father on the earth. To "seek first the kingdom" means that your life is not your own anymore, you have been bought with a price. You are now living for the purpose of fulfilling the will of the Father on the earth:

1 Cor 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and <u>ye are not your own?</u> For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

1 Cor 7:23 Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men.

That means, even on your job you are not really serving men, but serving the Lord Jesus Christ in the kingdom of the Father. We do the very best job that we can for the sake of being a good witness of the kingdom...not to impress men with our abilities. Remember, God is in charge of your life now. He is the one who promotes you...not men! Your priorities in life are:

- 1. Soul Winning This is every Christian's first call whenever opportunities allow.
- 2. Vocation Your "call" in the body of Christ... What has He "called" you to do?
- 3. Occupation What you do in the world that puts bread on the table.

In Matthew Chapter Six, Jesus said that as long as you put your priorities in this order of seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, YOU WILL NEVER HAVE TO GIVE EVEN A MOMENT'S THOUGHT AS TO HOW YOUR NEEDS WILL BE MET. THAT IS GOD'S RESPONSIBILITY AND HIS ALONE. He can provide for you any way He chooses, regardless of the economic ups and downs of the world system. He can provide any kind of "occupation" as long as you are putting your kingdom "vocation" first! As children of God and in service to the kingdom of our Father, we make no major decisions without first inquiring of the Holy Spirit whom He gave to lead and guide us. Even regarding what city to live in, what job we should have, or anything else. OUR JOB IS TO SERVE HIM...NOT OURSELVES!

1 Pet 4:2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, <u>but to the</u> will of God.

Remember that the apostle John said, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." (3 John 1:2)

THE PROSPEROUS SOUL HAS IT'S ATTENTION ALWAYS FOCUSED ON THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

We are literally "ambassadors" from heaven sent here as agents through which the kingdom of God can be made manifest on the earth. We are "in the world, but not of the world." Our citizenship is from heaven.

Col 3:1-3 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

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Mat 6:13b For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. Mat 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

To successfully operate in the kingdom of God we must keep uppermost in our mind that we are no longer living just to please ourselves, but to please Him who loved us and gave Himself for us: Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

This is actually the most profound "mystery" of the gospel. We are no longer normal human beings, but are actually "vessels" for the living Christ (The Anointed One and His Anointing) to dwell in: Col 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

The great question is ... Who are you serving? Yourself or God? Whose kingdom is this? Jesus made it abundantly clear: Father, thine is the kingdom, thine is the power, thine is the glory! The key to successful and fulfilled living is to humble ourselves to the will of the Father. To understand that the whole reason we are living on this earth in the flesh is so that the Father's will and work can be accomplished through the anointing of Christ which IS IN US! So our job is to always keep in mind that we are serving in the Father's kingdom and to always be seeking to serve and to please Him!

Jesus said we are also to "seek HIS righteousness." What does that mean to the born again believer who has already been made the "righteousness of God in Christ Jesus." (2 Cor 5:21). Are we to forever be "seeking" something that the bible says that we already have? No! What Jesus is saying is, "Your job is to always be seeking first doing your part in the kingdom of God and to understand that God will always be doing His part in fulfilling all of your needs...that is HIS righteousness! You will never prove yourself to be more righteous than Him!"

When I asked the Lord exactly what that meant, the Holy Spirit gave me His own definition of HIS_RIGHTEOUSNESS: "My righteousness means that all power and all responsibility for accomplishment in your life is based on My action and not your own." WHEN YOU GIVE YOURSELF COMPLETELY OVER TO FULFILLING YOUR ROLE IN HIS KINGDOM, HE TAKES RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR LIFE! That's why Jesus said we would never have to take any thought for "what we will eat, what we will drink, or how we will be clothed." YOUR NEEDS BECOME HIS_RESPONSIBILITY!! We do our part by humbling ourselves to His will and seeking first of all in every decision to be led by the Spirit of God and the Father does His part by providing everything you could possibly need to accomplish His plan for your life IF YOU WILL BELIEVE IT!! All of this works "by grace, through faith." (Eph 2:8). WORRY IS THE OPPOSITE OF FAITH! WORRY VIOLATES GRACE!

ACTION

- 1. Spend time praising and worshipping the Lord for the privilege of serving in His kingdom.
- 2. Pray much in the Holy Spirit to allow Him to begin revealing what your role in the kingdom is.
- 3. Acknowledge the Lord in every decision and trust Him to direct your paths.
- 4. Learn to replace worry with faith. Worry says, "I do not trust that my heavenly Father will keep His part of the bargain. I am not convinced that He will provide for me."
- 5. Make this scripture a part of you. Practice doing it until it becomes your normal way of life:

Phil 4:6 Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs, and don't forget to thank him for his answers. (Living Bible)

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Phil 4:6-7 Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs, and don't forget to thank him for his answers. If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus. (Living Bible)

PRACTICE EXCHANGING WORRY FOR FAITH!

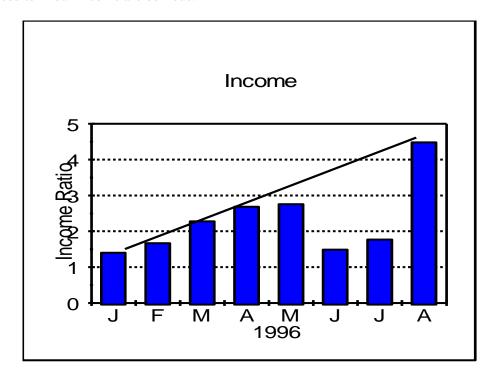
On the lines below write down everything that you are currently "worried" about. "Practice" stopping the habit of "worrying" about them by praying and turning them over to God once and for all. Every time "worry" starts attacking you again, don't forget to "thank God for His answers." This is called faith! You will eventually develop a "worry free" lifestyle as you learn to trust Him Who cannot lie!

DON'	T WORRY	ABOUT	ANYTHI	NG; PRA	Y ABOUT	EVERYTH	ING

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WS 8 - The Power Of Confession

The graph shown below charts our monthly income for a portion of the year 1996. The vertical numbers on the left side of the graph show our income as a "ratio," not in actual dollar amounts. The lesson to be learned is that while my confession of God's Word was steady during the months of January through April, there was steady increase in our income. In May, due to a very busy schedule, my confession time dropped off a little. After we became debt free on May 30th, I took a break from confessing the Word every day. In fact, I hardly spent any time at all at it in June. Our income dropped dramatically. In July, I increased my "confession time" a little, and our income went up a little. In August, I purposely became very faithful not to miss a day confessing the Word concerning our finances. The results in our income are obvious.



The diagonal line that connects the tops of the bars shows how steady the increase was during January through April. It also shows that the Lord did not force me to "start all over again" and bring me back up one little step at a time. No, once I repented of my sin (James 4:17. Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.) He restored our monthly income back to where it would have been "just as if I had never sinned." Since I have repented there is now no record in heaven that I sinned by not keeping up my confessions in June and July. The blood of Jesus has washed that sin away and God is able to bless me as if I have always perfectly obeyed Him (the standing of Jesus Himself). The amount of income that He sent us in August was exactly the amount that we would have received if I had been perfectly faithful to make my confessions every month.

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Fifteen Reasons Why Confession Works:

- 1. It activates the anointing of the Lord Jesus.
- 2. Jesus is the High Priest of our confession.
- 3. The Holy Spirit performs what He hears.
- 4. The angels hearken unto the voice of the Word of God.
- 5. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.
- 6. Renewal of the mind causes transformation from the world.
- 7. God cannot lie. It is His Word. It is His responsibility to make it good in your life if you will hold to it.
- 8. It transforms your hope into the kind that faith can give substance to. It helps change your "vision," what you "see."
- 9. It is a corresponding action to your faith.
- 10. It transforms the lordship of your life from your flesh (tell it like it is) to Jesus, the Logos, the Word (calling those things which be not as though they were). It causes the flesh to die and the spirit man to grow.
- 11. It brain-"washes" you! It cleanses the filthy thinking of the world system from your mind and causes you to think pure thoughts, God's thoughts, the mind of Christ!
- 12. You are "eating" the Word. The Word will eventually become flesh! It will become you! You are what you eat!
- 13. Jesus, the Logos, the Word is the Way! Confession sets your course like a compass or a thermostat on a wall. The Holy Spirit is the HOW! He will direct your feet onto the WAY that you have dictated by your confession. (Praying in tongues speeds this process up.)
- 14. God works in the earth one way, not two! He works with WORDS!
- 15. You can have what you SAY! (Mark 11:22-24)

GOD THE FATHER OWNS EVERYTHING! JESUS IS LORD (STEWARD) OVER ALL THE FATHER'S KINGDOM!

THE DEVIL OWNS NOTHING!

HE HAS NO AUTHORITY FROM GOD AT ALL!

HE ONLY CONTROLS MAN BY DECEPTION!

HE PRESSURES MANKIND TO TRUST IN HIS SENSES!

HE IS POWERLESS AGAINST THE MAN WHO WILL TRUST GOD!

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS TRUSTING GOD WITHOUT TRUSTING GOD'S WORD!

Psa 34:8-13 O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him. The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing. Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD. What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good? Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

SPEAK GOD'S WORD!!!

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WS 9 - Do Exploits By Knowing Your God

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Dan 11:32 ...but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

Wrong thinking produces wrong believing. Wrong believing produces wrong actions. Nobody is ever able to do "exploits" in the kingdom of God until they come to "know" God. For example, nobody will stand against sickness and disease if they think that God put it on them to teach them something. Nobody ever stands against financial lack if they think that God is keeping them poor to keep them humble. Nobody ever gets saved as long as they think that there is no hope for them. Somebody has to tell them the message of reconciliation first. Until they know that there is forgiveness in Christ they will not turn to God because they wrongly believe that He is holding their trespasses against them.

- 2 Cor 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
- 2 Cor 5:18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;
- 2 Cor 5:19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.
- 2 Cor 5:20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.
- 2 Cor 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Smith Wigglesworth often said, "I cannot know God by what I feel about Him. I can only know God by what He has revealed about Himself in the Word."

To "know" God is to know what He says concerning Himself in the Word. Jesus is the "will of God in action." Jesus said, "If you have seen me, you have seen the Father."

Worship is the most intimate of all of our interactions with God. Worship is done in the Holy of Holies of your inner sanctuary. You bring your body under subjection and force it to humble itself in the presence of your God. You bring your mind, your will and your emotions under subjection and force them to kneel in the presence of your God. From your innermost being you begin to tell God how much you love and appreciate Him. There is only one God, yet He has revealed Himself to us in three parts. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost. Each member of the Godhead has distinct, different operations that they perform in the Kingdom of God. Paul put it this way,

1 Cor 12:4-6 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same <u>Spirit</u>. And there are differences of administrations, but the same <u>Lord</u>. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same <u>God</u> which worketh all in all.

The "Ministering To The Lord" pages that follow were written over the years as I meditated the Word and prayed in the Spirit. As I would learn more about each member of the Godhead, I would add another statement. It is good to "know" your God. He is pleased when you read these to Him. Eventually you will not need them anymore because you will have come to "know" Him better yourself. Remember the Psalmist David, how he would write and sing his psalms to the Lord. These are only intended to get you started.

Ministering To The Lord

The Father

My Father in heaven, Holy is Your name. You have given me Your Holy Spirit, by whom I have access to Your throne to worship You and to fellowship with You by means of the door You have provided by my Lord Jesus Christ. As I fellowship with You, Your love is actually poured into my heart. I love You, Father, with all of my heart, soul, mind, and strength.

You are Love, You are Light. You are a Spirit. I have nothing to fear from You, my Father. You are my Provider, Sustainer, and Nourisher. You have freely given to me all things that pertain to life and godliness by Your grace, through faith in the finished work of my Lord Jesus Christ. You have given "instructions of grace," which some call "corresponding actions." These corresponding actions enforce the "positional truths" that have been given to me. You have "given me the land" freely by Your grace. I possess the Land by faith and action.

You are Owner of all. Everything in heaven and earth belongs to You. You have exalted Your Son, Jesus, to be Lord of all that is Yours. He is Your Steward over all creation. Your Holy Spirit is on the earth to enforce that stewardship in the material realm.

You sent Jesus as the express image of Your person, so I can know what You are like. Jesus is Your will in action. You hate sin because it destroys us. You want people to repent and come home to You. You want people to be healthy. You hate poverty. You do not want people to be in lack. Jesus continually gave to the poor. You choose not to live in lack Yourself.

You hate pride, strife, and an unforgiving heart. You are rich in mercy and disposed to grant favors. You love unity and fellowship.

There is nothing impossible with You. Absolutely nothing. You cannot lie. You are absolute Truth. The things that are impossible with man are possible with You.

You have emotions. You grieve over the lost. You do not rejoice when the enemy triumphs over Your people. You understand war, and desire victory. You are great in compassion. You desire total blessing for Your people, and You desire all people to be reconciled to You.

You are the God of increase. It is by You that the lilies grow. You are the only one who can cause seeds to grow. You are the God of exaltation to anyone who will humble themselves and be taught by You. I cannot cause myself to grow even one inch. I never worry because You are my Father. I remain meek and teachable before You. I inherit the land because You exalt me. You sustain me as I seek You. As I put You, Your kingdom, and Your righteousness first, You feed me just as You feed the ravens. You desire to bestow on me that which I earn not.

You have already abounded toward me by Your grace through the Lord Jesus Christ. As I respond to that grace and draw nigh to You, then You open the door to sweet fellowship in Your presence.

You love to answer prayer. If I ask, You will answer. If I seek You, I will find You. If I knock, You will open the door into Your presence. You love for my joy to be full because of answered prayer. You esteem my fellowship as being more precious than my work for You.

The Father (Cont'd)

You have exalted Your Son, Jesus, who is now a glorified man, to be Lord of all. By Him, You have restored authority and dominion to all men who are "in Him." As with the first Adam, when He speaks, You have given the Holy Spirit to "manifest" that dominion on the earth. As You sent Jesus to the earth in Your Name, so now I have been sent forth in His Name to accomplish Your will on the earth. You have always intended for man to have dominion by having access through the open gates of heaven to Your unlimited resources. When I speak in the Name of Jesus, Your Holy Spirit manifests the dominion and authority that is vested in that Name. There is nothing, visible or invisible, in heaven, in earth, or under the earth that has any power or authority over that Name. At that Name every knee must bow and confess that Jesus is Lord, to Your glory, Father.

You desire fruit from the earth. You first planted a garden. People are the fruit You desire from the earth. You want all people to have life, not religion. You love liberty, freedom, wide spaces, and room to breath. You hate the bondage, captivity, slavery, and tyranny of religion. You desire that people walk in the truth, and not in deception.

Your love in me causes me to love not the world, neither the things in the world, because it is not presently as You created it, but lies in darkness under the deception of Your enemy. By loving You and Your kingdom, this present evil world is restored to Your will.

Even Your first command to Adam, and the judgment carried in it, was Your method of providing for Your children. If it had not been possible for Adam to die, then Jesus could not have died in my place, and made it possible for me to "die" to the species of Adam and be reborn by Your Spirit into the kingdom of Your dear Son. You kept the fallen Adam from eating the fruit of the tree of life so that he would not be eternally doomed to the tyranny of the devil. Now You have made a new species of being, spawned from the spiritual loins of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, by the quickening power of Your Holy Spirit. You have made me into a new creature in Christ Jesus. My life as a son of "Adam" is over. Now I am Your son, through Jesus Christ.

You love people. You do not want even one of us to be lost. You notice when even one sparrow falls to the ground. The hairs of my head are all numbered. You love me intensely and completely.

You desire Your anointing to be resident within my spirit. You enjoy seeing me do exploits by conquering in the name of Jesus by the anointing of Your Holy Spirit, who is the finger of God.

You have specifically raised up the United States of America for the express purpose of financing the propagation of Your gospel. You have given me seed to sow and You greatly multiply my seed sown. There is no lack to me as I seek You Lord. Sowing and reaping is a grace You have provided for me. This is the method You have chosen to provide for Your children. "Being enriched in everything" unto all bountifulness is the final product of my sowing finances to the Spirit, just as bread is the final product of my natural sowing. You are a Faithful Creator. You provide abundantly for me.

The Father (Cont'd)

You have sent Your Word and healed me. First You sent it by the mouth of the Prophets, but then in the last days You have spoken to me by Your Son, who is the very Word of God. You give me wisdom liberally and upbraideth not. Vengeance is Yours, and Yours alone, Father. I am careful to walk in total love and forgiveness, so that You will always be able to take vengeance by Your Love, and not by my anger. You avenge me of my adversaries. You are the Righteous Judge. I am careful to instantly forgive anyone who might trespass against me. Forgive me of my trespasses against You.

You have given me life in my spirit, and have provided the positional truth of the death of my flesh so that it is no longer able to control me. By the sacrifice of Jesus' body on the cross, You have freed me from this body of death. Like Abraham, Father, I believe that You are able to quicken the dead. I know that You are able to produce holiness in me by the miracle working power of the Holy Spirit that You have given me.

You have spoken to me and said that You have grace prepared for me, and that the only way I can receive it is to believe it. I do believe it Father. Using the sword that the Spirit wields I move ever forward as You rise up and proceed from within my camp and drive out doubt, fear, and unbelief. You are my strength. My victory is based on Your grace by relationship, not by my works. Like Mephibosheth, I sit at the king's table because of my relationship, not because I am perfect in my works. Jesus was perfect in His works, and I am complete in Him.

Your words are all truth, Father. I receive Your instructions and corrections gladly, knowing that You are always concerned with what is best for me. I esteem Your Word to be more precious than my necessary food. When You show me Your Word, I use the weapons You have given me to conform to it, not change it. Lead me in the paths of righteousness for Your Name's sake. Lead me not into temptation, Father, but rather around the plans, snares, and temptations of the evil one. You are my hiding place, and no evil shall befall me, neither shall any plague come nigh my dwelling.

I believe that You are, and that You are a rewarder of them that diligently seek You. Father, reward me with Yourself. Let me always stand before you in Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

Father, the faith that You have given me works by love. As I revel in Your love, and lavish my love upon You, faith soars in my heart. I love You Father, and I desire to be in Your presence always. The best part of every day is the time I get to spend with You.

Ministering To The Lord

The Lord Jesus Christ

I love You Jesus. You are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. You are the Way, The Truth, and the Life. By You and For You were all things created, both in heaven and in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers. You are the Logos, the very Word of God. You were in the beginning, You were with God, You were God, and You are God in the flesh. You are the Tree of Life. You uphold all things by the word of Your power. You are the express image of the invisible God. By You, I know the Father.

I know that You are alive, and that You are risen from the dead. You have a glorified body, and You sit at the right hand of the Father. The Father has exalted You to be Lord of all; things visible and invisible, in heaven, in earth, and under the earth. You are Steward over all that the Father has. You are the Head of the Church, which is Your body on the earth. You are Emmanuel, God with us. All things that exist are for Your use in stewarding the kingdom of our Father.

You became flesh and dwelt among us. By Your teaching and Your works, You have shown us the Father. At Your baptism, You surrendered all rights to living a normal life as a son of man, born of a woman, and You bowed Your knee to the will of the Father vowing to accomplish His will for Your life as His Son. At that moment, the Father declared You to be His Son. Heaven's gates were opened wide as the Holy Spirit descended upon You like a dove. The unlimited resources of the kingdom of heaven were once again available to man.

In obedience to that vow You overcame the world, the flesh, and the devil. You were the faithful messenger of the Father and spoke the truth no matter how much You were reproached by scornful and unreasonable men. You were the Good Shepherd who came seeking the lost sheep who were so precious to the Father. You laid down Your life for the sheep. With Your rod and staff, the truth and the anointing, You delivered the sheep from the jaws of the wolf. You healed all who were oppressed of the devil. You became the door of the sheepfold and rescued me from the religion of the hirelings. You opened the door to the Father's sheepfold and restored me unto Him where I can find pasture and water for my soul.

Your obedience to the Father was complete, even to the death of the cross. By the shedding of Your blood, You bore the judgement that I deserved for my sin. All who have been cleansed by that blood are washed whiter than snow. My sins are no more, and I can now stand before my Father in complete confidence and assurance. You bore my sicknesses and my pains in order that I can be free from them. You bore my poverty that I might be rich.

You suffered the death of Adam on the cross. Adam's judgement "was finished" when You died. We all died when You died. "Adam" is dead, including my old man. But the Father did not create the earth to be uninhabited, so after the penalty had been paid in full, He raised You from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. You are the firstborn from the dead. You carried Your blood into the true Holy of Holies and poured it upon the mercy seat for us all. At that moment You gave Your righteous standing to all who would receive You and call upon Your Name.

The Lord Jesus Christ (Cont'd)

The Father desired more sons on the earth with Your nature in them. You returned to the earth and breathed the Holy Spirit into Your disciples so that He could birth Your spirit within them. After You further instructed them, You returned to the Father and prayed that He would send His Holy Spirit to baptize their newborn spirits in the anointing of power. Then You sat down at the right hand of the Father, to administrate Your stewardship of His Kingdom on earth until Your enemies be made Your footstool.

Jesus, You are Lord of all. I have been born again by You, the Second Man, and have been raised from the dead species of Adam. I hear Your spirit within me crying, "Abba, Father, I have come to do Your will." By Your Holy Spirit, You have given me a prayer language whereby I may communicate directly with my Father. Your Holy Spirit shows me my inheritance, the portion that has fallen to me by Your choice, in carrying out Your stewardship over the Father's kingdom.

As the Father sent You, so You have sent me into the world. The glory which the Father gave You, You have given unto me, that I may be one with my brethren, even as You and the Father are one. You are in me Lord, and the Father is in You. The Father loves me as He has loved You. As I behold Your glory, I am transformed into Your image by the Holy Spirit. Jesus, You continue to declare unto me the Father's Name, that the love of the Father may be in me, and that You may always abide within me.

I love You Jesus with all of my heart, soul, mind, and strength.

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The Holy Spirit

I love You. You are the Spirit of Truth. You guide me into all truth. You teach me what the Word means. You cause me to understand what was in the mind of the Father when He spoke the Word. You keep me from being deceived by the ever changing doctrines and creeds of men. You bring to my remembrance the Word spoken by the Lord Jesus Christ during His earthly ministry. You reveal to me what Jesus is saying now from heaven. At every given moment, You reveal to me what I should say. You teach me and train me concerning my stewardship of the inheritance that falls to me in my generation. You show me my portion in the seven thousand year plan of the Father.

Now, You, Holy Spirit, are Lord unto me in the same way that Jesus was Lord unto the twelve. You are my Comforter, Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengthener, and Standby. It is You that has been sent to lead me. You are Captain of the Lord's Hosts on earth, both human and angelic. You are the One who brings to me the strategies, plans, and counsels of war from the Lord Jesus Christ to enforce His victory over our enemies.

You are the portal, the passageway, between the seen realm of the material world and the unseen realm of the spirit. It is by You that I have access to the Father by way of my Lord Jesus Christ. It is by communion with You that I have fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ and my Father in heaven. By You I enter my Father's house and fellowship with Him. You not only bring me into the presence of the Father and the Son, but You also bring the presence of the Father and the Son to the earth. It is by You that I am able to worship in spirit and in truth. You teach me and train me to worship.

You are the Spirit of Might. You are the Molecule Changer. You are the Power of God. You drive the strong man out. You are the finger of God. You change diseased flesh into healed. You correct defective genes. You restore nonexistent human tissue from nothing. You manifest the Word. You are the anointing of God. You strengthen me in my inner man. You give me supernatural help by the activating of any of Your nine gifts whenever You deem it to be advantageous for the advancement of the kingdom. You are the Enforcer of the Covenant.

You are the Manifestor of positional truth. You use these "unseen" positional truths to bring to nothing the things that "are seen" in the world of circumstances. You capitalize upon the very weakness of my flesh to confound the things that are mighty in this world. When I am weak, You cause the power of Christ to rest upon me. It is by You that I mortify the deeds of the body. As I behold the glory of Jesus, as in a mirror, You transform me into the very same image.

You intercede for me according to the mind of the Father regarding the finishing of my course in the allotment that falls to me in the overall plan of God. By You I can pray perfectly the mind of the Father, not only for myself, but for everybody. You know the answer to every problem. Jesus said you are the Wisdom of God.

You do not speak on Your own authority, but as You hear, so you speak. You show me things to come. All that the Father has is now placed under the stewardship of the Lord Jesus Christ. You understand His mind You reveal it unto me. I love You, Holy Spirit.

WS 10 - The Covenants Of Promise

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Eph 2:12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

This is one of the saddest verses in the bible. To be without hope and without God in the world. All unbelievers are in this condition. They are excluded from the covenants of promise. They have no access into the grace of God because they have nothing to bargain with. God demands perfection of righteousness in order to qualify for His blessings. Since all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, mankind cannot even approach the throne to ask for the Father's blessing. That is why mankind needed a substitute, a Savior. Jesus, the Son of God, came as a man and perfectly obeyed the Father. He was perfectly sinless and the only one qualified to receive all of the blessings of the Father. He became mankind's substitute, paid the full price and penalty for sin, then after He was raised from the dead, He turned around and gave His righteous standing to all who would receive Him as their Savior and Lord. Now when "born again" Gentiles approach the throne of the Father they have free access to Him because they are accounted "perfectly righteous" with the righteousness of Chirst!

2 Cor 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. That is why Paul could say to these "born again" Ephesian Gentile believers;

Eph 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. Paul's assignment from Jesus was to let the Gentles know;

Eph 3:6 That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:

ALL OF THE "COVENANTS OF PROMISE" BELONG TO US!
WE ARE FELLOWHEIRS!
OF THE SAME BODY!
PARTAKERS OF HIS PROMISES!

The sad part is...most Christians are ignorant of what the "Covenants of Promise" are. Always remember, **GOD DOES NOT BLESS IGNORANCE!** God's mind has already been made up, the price has already been paid by

Jesus, and the bible has already been written. Most Christians are "waiting" for God to bless them. God is

"waiting" for His children to enter into the "blessings" that have already been given to them two thousand years
ago by the blood sacrifice of Jesus. You enter into those blessings by knowing what your "Covenants of Promise"
are, believing them and acting like they are yours! That process is called **FAITH!** What is the main difference
between our covenant and the covenant of the Old Testament?

Jer 31:33-34 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

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Deu 8:18 But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

Mat 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Both of these verses say the same thing. "God and Sons, Inc." is in the business of establishing the will of the Father on the earth (Mat 6:10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven). It is the Father's will to establish His covenant with as many people on the earth as possible. He is only able to do that through the "body of Christ." It meets the "need" of the Father in establishing His covenant in the earth when you learn to partake of the "Covenants of Promise." He gets His need met by meeting your needs...IF you are serving Him by using the overflow to establish His covenant in the earth to other people.

Psa 103:2-5 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

HIS COVENANTS ARE HIS BENEFITS TO YOU!

This covenant is "vertical," not "horizontal." This covenant is not between two equal kings each serving the interests of their "own" kingdom. There is one kingdom, and only one King! This covenant is between "Him" and the Father. The "promises" are between God and Abraham's SEED, singular!

Gal 3:16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

Gal 3:29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

ACTION

- 1. Worship the Lord daily. Surrender to his will for your life. Paul said, "I die daily." It is the attitude of, "not my will but thine be done."
- 2. Tell the Lord often; "I love you with all of my heart, soul, mind and strength." Perfect love casts out fear. The more that your love toward Him is perfected, the more you will understand that you have absolutely nothing to fear from Him. God is love.
- 3. Pray much in the Spirit (other tongues). Romans 5:5 says that the love of God is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. He reveals your Father's heart to you.

Jude 1:20-22 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, _ Keep vourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

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WS 11 - Stubborn Prayer

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Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them [NOW], and ye shall have them [IN THE FUTURE].

Dan 10:2 In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks.

Dan 10:12-13 Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for <u>from the first day</u> that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, <u>thy words were heard</u>, and I am come for thy <u>words</u>. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

THE PRAYER WAS HEARD THE VERY FIRST DAY! THE ANGEL WAS DISPATCHED WITH THE ANSWER THE VERY FIRST DAY! IT WAS NOT GOD THAT WAS HOLDING UP THE ARRIVAL OF THE ANSWER! DANIEL DID NOT QUIT UNTIL HE GOT WHAT HE ASKED FOR!

From God's point of view it would have been nonsense for Daniel to keep asking Him to answer the same prayer every day. GOD HAD ALREADY DISPATCHED THE ANGEL WITH THE ANSWER! The prayer had already been heard, answered "Yes," and the angel sent with the answer. The key, on Daniel's part, was to continue in an "attitude of receiving" until the answer showed up in the "material realm." Until Adam's "lease" runs out there is going to be resistance from wicked spirits in the heavenlies trying to keep you from receiving your answer. There is literal warfare going on between angels and demonic spirits in the heavenlies. In addition, there are demonic forces on the earth trying to convince you that God never heard your prayer in the first place...and even if He did, He must have said "No!" That is not what the bible says,

1 John 5:14-15 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, <u>he heareth us</u>: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that <u>we have the petitions</u> that we desired of him.

What matters is that He "hear" us. For Him to hear us we must ask "according to His will." What is His will? 3 John 1:2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

GOD'S WILL IS PROSPERITY, HEALTH AND PEACE OF MIND!

All of these things were purchased for us at the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ. They are available free to everybody [by grace] to everybody who will believe it [by faith]. God is withholding no good thing from us. Our foundational "right" to pray and receive the answer is the blood shed for us at Calvary. Many never receive because they do not ask, but most fail to receive because they "give up!" They do not persist in prayer until the answer comes. Jesus said,

Luke 18:1 Also Jesus told them a parable, to the effect that they ought always to pray and not to turn coward, faint, lose heart and give up. (Amplified Bible).

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YOU ONLY ASK THE FATHER ONCE REGARDING ANYTHING! NEVER ASK TWICE! BELIEVE HE ANSWERED YOU WHEN YOU PRAYED! THANK HIM DAILY FOR HAVING ALREADY GIVEN YOU WHAT YOU ASKED FOR! NEVER, NEVER, NEVER, NEVER, NEVER, NEVER, NEVER, NEVER OUIT!

Even after the answer is "manifested" where you can touch it and feel it, continue to give God thanks for it daily for a while. Don't be like the nine lepers who did not return to give God thanks for what they had received. Personally, I thank Him <u>before</u> I can "see" it and I thank Him <u>after</u> I can "see" it. There is NOTHING that the Father will not give you that is consistent with a godly life. NOTHING!

Rom 8:32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

EXAMPLES

Date Requested	The Thing You Have Asked The Father For	Date Manifested
11/15/95	Firewood	12/02/95
06/01/96	Computer Upgrade - One Gigabyte hard drive or better	09/19/96
05/07/96	A Debt Free House Of Our Own	

Right now, Sue and I have twenty one current petitions that we are thanking the Father for daily that have not manifested yet. We have sixteen items on the list that we are thanking the Father for daily that have <u>already</u> manifested. As sure as the sun rises and sets, WE WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE MANIFESTED EVERY SINGLE PETITION THAT IS CURRENTLY ON OUR LIST! There is absolutely not a shadow of a doubt about it...that is, **IF WE DO NOT QUIT**!!!!!

Jesus concluded His parable with the words,

Luke 18:8 However, when the Son of Man comes will He find (persistence in) the faith on the earth? (Amplified Bible)

In context, Jesus is saying, "When I come to your house, will I find you stubbornly standing in faith thanking the Father for what you believe you received when you prayed?"

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Petitions

Date Requested	The Thing You Have Asked The Father For	Date Manifested

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WS 12 - The Steps Of The Faith Of Our Father Abraham Lesson Page

The Spirit "leads" you into the manifestation of the Promises. Abraham had a promise from God but, in the natural, there was absolutely no hope of that promise ever coming to pass. Most of us are in the same boat. We have scriptures that tell us we are healed, we are prosperous, we are led of the Holy Spirit, we are to "walk as He walked" (How is that for a seemingly impossible statement?). The Scriptures tell us that we are to "walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham." (Rom 4:12) What were Abraham's steps of faith?

ABRAHAM WAS WILLING TO "SEE" THE VISION THAT GOD GAVE HIM! ABRAHAM AGREED TO CALL HIMSELF WHAT GOD CALLED HIM!

THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKS WITH VISION AND WORDS! HE WILL LEAD YOU INTO THE MANIFESTATION OF WHAT YOU SEE AND SAY!

THE VISION:

Gen 15:5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.
THE CONFESSION:

Gen 17:5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

Abraham's job was two fold: 1) to "SEE" his offspring as the stars of heaven...NOT to look at his present circumstances. He had to "keep the vision" FRESH and ALIVE on the inside of him and not be discouraged. 2) to "SAY" about himself what God had said about him! That's it! That's all! To SEE and to SAY was Abraham's part of this transaction between himself and God. What about the Holy Spirit's part of this transaction? As long as Abraham was SEEING and SAYING, the Holy Spirit's job was to MANIFEST THE PROMISE! When the Holy Spirit finds a person who is SEEING and SAYING the promises of the Word He immediately goes to work to LEAD that person from where they are now into the ACTUAL POSSESSION OF THE PROMISE! It was the Holy Spirit who changed the molecular structure of Abraham and Sarah's physical body so that what was IMPOSSIBLE became POSSIBLE! Not only possible, but REALITY IN THE FLESH!

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS NOT BOUND BY NATURAL LAWS! NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH HIM! HE WILL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO MANIFEST THE PROMISE IN YOUR LIFE! EVEN IF HE HAS TO CHANGE YOU!

It took roughly twenty-five years for the promise to be manifested in Abraham's life. We have an advantage that he did not have under his covenant. We actually have the Holy Spirit on the inside of us WHO BROUGHT A PRAYER LANGUAGE WITH HIM in order to speed up the "changing" process when we are the ones who need to be changed. EXAMPLE: Suppose a person begins "SEEING" and "SAYING" the "Scriptures for Financial Increase." But let's say that for the present this person loves money more than people, God or anything else. In order for the Holy Spirit to manifest GOD'S prosperity in that person's life He will begin leading them into the lessons that Jesus taught in Matthew Chapter Six. He will begin prompting them to give to the poor, pray after the pattern of the Lord's prayer, and to spend seasons of time fasting to deaden the cravings of the flesh.

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Notice that God did not tell Abraham to confess <u>once</u> that he was the Father of many nations...No, God changed his name so that <u>every day</u> confession would be made even in the course of daily living. By changing what Abraham <u>said</u>, God was changing what Abraham <u>was!</u>

The Ark existed on the inside of Noah long before it existed made out of gopher wood. The promise has to exist <u>in you</u> before you get to live <u>in it!</u> You get prosperous on the <u>inside</u> first! You get healed on the <u>inside</u> first! You see your family saved on the <u>inside</u> of your spirit first! On the inside of me I SEE the day when every single one of you will be roaming the land as a mountain moving, devil stomping CHAMPION OF THE FAITH! If I could not SEE that on the inside I could not endure the discipline of overcoming discouragement! Presently, what I SEE on the inside of my spirit is far different from what I SEE with my natural eyes!

YOU ARE WHAT THE WORD SAYS YOU ARE! YOU CAN HAVE WHAT THE WORD SAYS YOU CAN HAVE!

FOLLOWING IN THE STEPS OF ABRAHAM:

- 1. SEE yourself as already possessing the promise.
- 2. SAY that you already have the promise.
- 3. NEVER SAY anything contrary to the promise.

 [Abraham was not allowed the luxury of changing his name back and forth from day to day. His name was changed FOREVER! SO IS YOURS!]
- 4. GIVE GLORY to God!

Rom 4:20-21 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

WHO PERFORMS THE PROMISE? GOD!!

Our job is the same as Abraham's...to SEE and to SAY! God the Holy Ghost is the PERFORMER!

THE HOLY GHOST PERFORMS WHAT HE HEARS! HE WORKS THROUGH VISION AND WORDS! NO VISION, NO WORDS, NO PERFORMING!

Go back through the Confession booklets and handouts that you have been given. Change your vision until you begin to "SEE" yourself just like they say. Train your mouth to always speak in line with what God's Word says about you. We have one additional tool to employ that Abraham did not have, Praying In Other Tongues. The Holy Spirit will begin changing your desires and motivations to begin lining up with the nature of Christ Who is in you. He will begin dealing with selfishness, for example, and will begin "leading" you to give to people who have less than you do. He will begin prompting you to pray more along the lines of the Lord's prayer. He will begin prompting you to fast and quit giving your flesh everything that it wants. We often fail to recognize that these sorts of promptings are the very things necessary to change us in order to receive the promises that we are desiring to possess. They seem unconnected to the promise...but they are not!

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WS 13 - Dividing Soul From Spirit

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Heb 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the <u>dividing asunder of soul and spirit</u>, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

In order to operate successfully in the kingdom of God while still living on a planet that is controlled by the "god of this world," a person <u>must</u> be able to determine whether he is making decisions according to "natural thinking" or according to "the mind of Christ." Said another way, is he operating out of his soul or his spirit? It is fine to operate out of the soul realm IF (and only IF) that person's soul (which includes the mind) has been renewed by the Spirit of Truth according to the Word of God. A person can be born again and still think according to a carnal (unrenewed) mind. From the New Testament, listen to what the Apostle Paul says about a Christian who operates with a carnal mind:

Rom 8:7 Because the carnal mind is enmity [hostility] <u>against</u> God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

The Old Testament prophet Isaiah put it like this:

Isa 1:5b-6 ...the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment.

NATURAL HUMAN REASONING WITHOUT THE COUNSEL OF GOD IS SICK! IT IS COMPLETELY SICK! THERE IS NOTHING GOOD ABOUT IT! IT WILL FAIL YOU EVERY TIME!

Every time you let your unrenewed mind think for you...IT THINKS WRONG! Common, everyday examples of carnal, unrenewed thinking:

- 1. I CAN'T AFFORD TO GIVE.
- 2 Cor 9:10 Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness.
- 2. IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO CORRECT MY CHILDREN BY SPANKING THEM.
 - Prov 13:24 He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.
- 3. I DO NOT HAVE TIME TO PRAY.
- Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.
- 4. WHY WON'T GOD HEAL ME?
 - 1 Pet 2:24b ...by whose stripes ye were healed.
- 5. LITTLE WHITE LIES ARE NOT HARMFUL.
 - Col 3:9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;
- 6. CHURCH ATTENDANCE MAKES NO DIFFERENCE.
- Heb 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

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2 Cor 13:5a Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves.

How does a person know if he is operating out of the soul or spirit?

James 2:20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

A PERSON DOES WHAT HE BELIEVES!

It is time to get real and quit "playing church" and "patty-caking" with the devil. Are you a believer or not? Look at what you are actually DOING and you will know if you are "in the faith" in any area of life.

ACTION

- 1. Are you a giver? If not...why not? Write your answer in this space and see if you can find any scripture to agree with it.
- 2. Do you correct your children by spanking them? If not...why not? Write your answer in this space and see if you can find any scripture to agree with it.
- 3. Do you set aside certain amounts of time every day to pray and worship God? If not...why not? Write your answer in this space and see if you can find any scripture to agree with it.
- 4. Do you confess healing scriptures every day? If not...why not? Write your answer in this space and see if you can find any scripture to agree with it.
- 5. Do you always speak the truth in love? If not...why not? Write your answer in this space and see if you can find any scripture to agree with it.
- 6. Do you regularly attend church? If not...why not? Write your answer in this space and see if you can find any scripture to agree with it.

WS 13 - Dividing Soul From Spirit

WS 15 - The Two Main Reasons Why Christians Do Not Prosper

Lesson Page

The Lord has made it clear to me that the two main reasons why Christians do not prosper are:

- 1. "They do not give what I tell them to give and I cannot bless their disobedience."
- 2. "They do not give in faith."

DELAYED OBEDIENCE IS DISOBEDIENCE! PARTIAL OBEDIENCE IS DISOBEDIENCE! GOD DOES NOT BLESS DISOBEDIENCE!

In this lesson we are not primarily talking about normal gifts and offerings. We are talking about those times when the Lord visits you and asks you to give something or do something for Him.

1. GIVING WHAT HE TELLS YOU.

Example: In Luke 5:1-11 we see that the Lord has need of Simon Peter's boat in order to preach a meeting. He basically says, "Simon, let me use your boat." Simon could have responded with delayed obedience by saying, "Lord, I don't mind for you to use my boat but we have been fishing all night and I am really tired. Come back tomorrow and I will let you use my boat then." Would that response have satisfied the need that Jesus was faced with at the moment? Of course not. He needed the boat right then. The crowd was already there. Tomorrow would be too late and there would be no need for the boat then. Delayed obedience is useless and obtains no blessing. Or, Simon could have responded with partial obedience. He could have said, "Lord, you know that my entire living depends on the use of this boat. I don't mind if you need some of my things, but really, asking for the boat is just too much. Tell you what, I can't let you use the boat but I will loan you two oars and a good net." That sounds crazy, doesn't it? Jesus did not need two oars and a net. He needed the boat. Partial obedience is also useless and obtains no blessing. Thank God, Peter obeyed fully and immediately and look at the blessing that he obtained...a net breaking, boat sinking load of fish at a time of day when no other fishermen could catch anything. Because of Simon's full and immediate obedience, GOD MADE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HIS FISHING BUSINESS AND ALL OF THE OTHER FISHERMEN ON THE LAKE. Jesus has not changed. When you "quickly and quietly" obey Him, you can expect Him to bless you and make a difference between you and the world.

2. GIVING IN FAITH.

Jesus is our role model. We are to pattern ourselves after Him. A good example of His giving in faith is when He fed the five thousand with five loaves and two fishes. Notice first of all that reason number one was followed. He was given what He asked for: **Mat 14:18 He said, Bring them hither to me.**

This was done "quickly and quietly." Jesus understands how the "anointing of increase" works and He knows better than to present an offering without speaking Words Of Faith over it. Notice;

Mat 14:19 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he <u>BLESSED</u>, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

He <u>BLESSED</u>!! The literal meaning of the word "bless" means "to empower to prosper." He SPOKE His FAITH over the offering. While Jesus was among us in his earthly body He had a mouth of His own on earth to speak the Words of faith Himself. But we are His body on the earth today. His mouth on earth is OUR mouth! If we don't speak the blessing...it simply does not get spoken. Do you think the offering would have multiplied supernaturally if He had not SPOKEN the BLESSING to it? No, of course not, and NEITHER WILL OURS! Speaking Words of Faith over your offering activates the anointing of Increase that abides on Jesus Christ the Lord. The angels hearken to the "voice" of His Word. (Psalm 103:20)

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DAILY CONFESSION

I thank you Father that I and my family walk in divine health all the days of our lives. I thank you that you prosper us in all that we set our hand to do this day. I thank you for the ministering angels camped round about us and I command you ministering angels in Jesus Name, go forth and make our paths straight and keep us from any harm of the evil one. I thank you Father that I and my family are growing in wisdom and stature and have favor with God and man. Favor and much grace in Jesus' Name. Now Satan in the name of Jesus Christ I bind you up and cast you out. You cannot come against us in any way shape or form. I thank you Father that you are blessing me and my family in all that we set our hand to this day. I thank you that we are Jesus made people. Father, I place all of our cares and our needs at Your feet for I know that you care for us and you supply all of our needs according to your riches in glory by Christ Jesus. I thank you that all of our needs are met. I thank you that all of our bills are paid and that there are thousands of dollars in our checking account over and above our expenses and what we need to live. We are self sufficient, lacking nothing and able to give abundantly into every good work. In Jesus Name, Amen.

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WS 16 - Things That Disqualify For The Inheritance Lesson Page

The Holy Spirit has been telling me that my mission with the bible study is not that different from Paul's commission from the Lord:

Acts 26:18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and <u>inheritance</u> among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

I am to see to it that you receive an INHERITANCE from the Lord. The Holy Spirit said to me, "Search out all that I revealed to Paul regarding the word <u>inheritance</u>." I normally teach about the positive aspects of that inheritance, such as:

Col 1:12 -13 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet [able] to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

But tonight He has instructed me to teach that there are certain things that will absolutely disqualify you for receiving any inheritance from the Lord. Traditional religion has gone too far in emphasizing external things like makeup and jewelry in attempting to get people to live a holy life. But the same apostle Paul who taught us the revelation of "grace" is the same person who wrote that habitually doing these things will disqualify you for any inheritance from God.

1 Cor 6:9-10 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall <u>not inherit</u> the kingdom of God? <u>Be not deceived</u>: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

I am not going to expound on these things nor give you my interpretations. Here are the:

DEFINITIONS

<u>Fornicator</u>: [Greek Word = Pornos] Unlawful sexual intercourse. (Strongs)

<u>Idolators:</u> An image-servant [worshipper]. (Strongs)

"The warning is to believers against turning away from God to idolatry, whether openly or

secretly, consciously or unconsciously." (Vines)

Adulterers: One who has unlawful intercourse with the spouse of another. (Vines)

Effiminate: A catamite (Strongs), one who engages in anal intercourse, especially with a boy.

(American Heritage Dictionary).

Abusers of themselves with mankind: A sodomite, a homosexual or lesbian (Strongs).

1. Anal copulation of one male with another. 2. Anal or oral copulation with member of the

opposite sex. (American Heritage Dictionary)

Thieves: A stealer. (Strongs)

<u>Covetous:</u> Eager to have more of what belongs to others, greedy of gain, a defrauder. (Vines)

Drunkards: To be intoxicated. (Vines) To be chronically drunk. (Strongs)

Revilers: Abusive, railing, reviling. (Vines)

Abusive - To wrongly or incorrectly use or treat someone. (AHD)

Railing - To condemn or attack in bitter, harsh, or abusive language. (AHD)

Reviling - To denounce with abusive language. (AHD)

Extortioners: Rapacious (Vines & Strongs).

Rapacious - 1. Taking by force; plundering. 2. Greedy, ravenous (AHD)

Notice that all of these activities HURT PEOPLE! GOD IS LOVE! GOD LOVES PEOPLE!

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Things That Disqualify For The Inheritance

Additional Scripture

Gal 5:18-21 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

<u>Uncleanness</u> - Impurity, physically or morally. (Strongs)

<u>Lasciviousness</u> - Excess, absence of restraint, indecency, shameless conduct. (Vines)

<u>Witchcraft</u> - [Greek = Pharmakeia], The casting of spells, the use of charms, appeals to occult powers, seances, the use of hallucinogenic drugs. (Vines).

<u>Hatred</u> - Hostility, enmity. (Strongs)

Varience - Quarreling, strife. (Strongs)

Emulations - Jealousy, envy. (Strongs)

Wrath - Hot, fierce anger [with hard breathing]. (Strongs)

Strife - Denotes ambition, self-seeking, rivalry, self-willed. (Vines)

Seditions - A standing apart, a dissension, a division. Those who cause divisions (Vines)

Heresies - A self-willed opinion which is substituted for submission to the truth. (Vines)

<u>Revellings</u> - A "letting loose," often the consequence of drunkenness. (Vines)

Eph 5:3-7 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any <u>inheritance</u> in the kingdom of Christ and of God. <u>Let no man deceive you with vain words</u>: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them.

<u>Foolish Talking</u> - Silly talk, buffoonery. (Strongs) Dull, stupid talk, foolish talk. (Vines) Jesting - Facetiousness, quick witted & ready for a spirited retort. Dirty Jokes. (Vines)

Heb 12:14-17 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled; Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. For ye know how that afterward, when he would have <u>inherited</u> the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

Bitterness - Intense hatred. (Vines)

Defiled - Contaminated. (Strongs)

Profane - Lacking all relationship or fellowship with God. Unholy. (Vines)

Notice how all of these things originate from within us. These are the stones and the thorns that Jesus said keep the Word from penetrating deep within us to produce good fruit. It is impossible for man to change his nature by his own efforts. Thank God for the new birth and the work of the Holy Spirit:

Rom 8:13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

PRAYING IN OTHER TONGUES IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE WEAPON WE HAVE TO PUT TO DEATH ALL OF THESE THINGS WITHIN US!

WS 16 - Things That Disqualify For The Inheritance

WS 17 - What Is Faith, Really?

Lesson Page

Faith is when you believe in your heart what God believes in His heart! Before the fall, Adam was in direct communication with God so he believed what God believed. After the fall of Adam, the human race was cut off from direct communication with God and did not know what to believe anymore. Man became governed by his five physical senses and "believed" what his five senses told him. This is what made man subject to the devil. The devil is a master of physical circumstances. The devil knew that he could manipulate mankind into believing whatever he wanted by manipulating man's circumstances.

Yet there was something in mankind that simply "knew" there was a God. Since he had lost contact with the true and living God, he began to create "gods" of his own based on circumstances. For example, ancient man knew that rain was good because it caused his crops to grow. Based on circumstances he began to believe that when the rain was abundant, "god" was pleased and when there was drought, "god" was angry! So man began to construct "gods" based on these external circumstances and began to worship images that he made with his own hands and offered sacrifices to those images in order to appease the "gods." So now Satan had man completely under his control. All Satan had to do was alter a man's circumstances and he could change what that man believed. He knew that a man's actions always follow what a man believes. He was so successful at this that he got man to murdering his own children as sacrifices on the alters of these "gods." He caused man to degenerate to the point that the religion of "temple prostitution" was begun. He got man to believing that it was an act of worship to have sex with a prostitute (male and/or female) in the temple in order to show "god" that he was thankful for the fertility of his crops.

Most people today still believe what the circumstances dictate. Murders are committed because the devil convinces one person through unpleasant circumstances that another person is the source of their problems. Therefore, to remove the unpleasant circumstances, one person murders another. Divorce is a lesser example of the same root problem. Abortion is another form of the same root problem. Murders, divorce, abortion, wars, fighting, jealousy, envy and all similar works of the flesh are rooted in one problem: THE FLESH BELIEVES WHAT IT PERCEIVES BY ITS FIVE PHYSICAL SENSES. That is why the bible says:

Rom 8:13-14 For if ye live after the <u>flesh</u>, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

That is why the new birth is an absolute necessity. A man must be born again by the spirit of God in order to be connected once again with God. Without the new birth, man is still governed by his five physical senses and he simply cannot believe what God says.

1 Cor 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

But even after a man is born again with his spirit re-connected with God, if his mind continues to think according to the natural man (the flesh), he will still believe wrong which will result in wrong actions.

Rom 8:7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

This is why Jesus baptizes our newborn spirit into the Holy Spirit of God and gives us a spiritual language. The Holy Spirit can teach us what God believes ... from God's Spirit to man's reborn human spirit.

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What Is Faith, Really?

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In order to believe in your heart what God believes in His heart, you first of all have to know what God says! That's why the scripture declares:

Rom 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

We all start out by believing what our circumstances have been dictating during the course of our lifetime. The first thing we have to do is find out what is it that God says about those circumstances. For example, most people believe they are either prosperous or poor based on the amount of money they see in their bank account. Here is what God believes about your prosperity;

2 Cor 8:9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

GOD BELIEVES THAT THE POVERTY THAT JESUS SUFFERED AT THE CROSS IS SUFFICIENT PAYMENT FOR THE CURSE AND THAT HEAVEN'S RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE TO SUPPLY ALL OF YOUR NEEDS!

Most people will never believe that because they refuse to believe what God says about it. But what they choose to believe or not believe will never change what God believes. That's why the apostle Paul wrote:

Rom 3:3-4 For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar;

God says that if you choose to believe the circumstances instead of what He says about them...YOU ARE THE LIAR...NOT HIM! Notice the phrase, "the faith of God" in that verse. You can have the "faith of God" on any subject by choosing, on purpose, to accept what He says in the Word as being absolute truth!

John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

ACTION:

Take inventory of your life right now in every area. The first step to obtaining real faith is to find out what God has said on every subject. How you can you have His faith if you do not know what He has said? It is absolutely impossible. Most people do not really have so much of a lack of faith problem as they do a lack of Word problem. They have no faith because they simply do not know what God has said.

- 1. Check your present circumstances against what God says about them in the Word. Find out what God says about your prosperity, your health, your peace of mind, your joy, etc. Make up your mind that what He has said about it IS THE TRUTH regardless of your present circumstances.
- 2. Begin to agree with God by SAYING what God says about your circumstances in every area of life. You will never succeed in life by disagreeing with God. Get your mouth in agreement with Him!
- 3. Pray much in other tongues. It is the Spirit of God who is the true Teacher. He will begin revealing the understanding of the truth [what God believes] directly to your reborn human spirit.

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WS 18 - Have God's Own Faith

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The Father said to me, "Most of my people are trying to believe by using human effort...the force of their will. That is flesh and will not work. The flesh profiteth nothing. 'Trying' to believe is not what My Son taught concerning the operation of the kingdom of God. Teach them again how the kingdom operates and how faith grows." Most translations of the bible translate the Greek words that Jesus spoke like this: **Mark 11:22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.** The problem is, that is not what Jesus said in the original Greek language. It would have been easy for Him to have chosen Greek words to say "Have faith <u>in</u> God" if that was the thought that He wanted to convey. What He actually said was, "Have the faith <u>of</u> God." If He had been speaking in English using today's normal language He probably would have said it this way to impact our thinking;

HAVE GOD'S OWN FAITH!

Not faith "like" God's, but the actual, tangible faith of God Himself! Why operate on "our faith" when we can operate on "God's faith?" We could all agree that it would be easy to operate on God's faith because all of us know for sure...GOD'S FAITH WORKS!! But how in the world does a person do that? Notice that the Father instructed me to teach you two things:

1. HOW THE KINGDOM OPERATES

Mark 4:30-32 And he said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth: But when it is sown, it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches; so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it.

Jesus said that the Kingdom of God operates exactly the same way as growing a tree in the natural realm. You take a seed that has the "image" of a tree on the inside of it. You sow it into the ground. The seed will begin drawing from the soil the "substance" that is needed to produce the "image" that is on the inside of the seed. You keep the seed in the ground, water it, keep it from being choked by weeds and simply watch with patience as the tree itself is produced. Once the tree is grown and produces fruit, then you are free to eat fruit from the tree. Simple?

In the Kingdom of God the seed is the Word of God, or you could say, the promises of God. Each promise has an "image" in it. You plant the promise into the soil of your spirit. The promise makes contact with the anointing of Christ within you and His anointing causes the promise to begin drawing the "substance" from God the Father Himself to produce whatever "image" is contained on the inside of that promise. You job is to keep the promise sown in your spirit, water it, keep it from being choked by circumstances and simply watch with patience as the promise is manifested in your life. Once the promise is in full manifestation and the fruit has "appeared" you are free to eat the fruit of it.

THAT IS HOW THE ENTIRE KINGDOM OF GOD OPERATES!

Heb 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

God's method of creation has not changed. It is still HIS FAITH that produces the "substance" of every promise. His Word (the seed) will literally draw His Faith into you to manifest the promise in your life. Your job is not to expend human energy "trying" to believe it. Jesus never said that. He said your job is to PLANT THE SEED and KEEP IT PLANTED!

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Lesson Page 2

The next logical question would be, "Well, if the entire kingdom of God operates by my planting the Word of God, HOW DO I PLANT IT?" That leads us to the second thing that the Father told me to teach you;

2. HOW FAITH GROWS

Luke 17:5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.

They could just as well have said, "Lord, make our faith grow." Notice very carefully His answer;

Luke 17:6 And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.

Jesus used the words "mustard seed" simply to indicated something very small. He was agreeing with the disciples that at present their faith was indeed small. Also, the Greek does not actually say they "might" say, but rather that they "would" say. Leaving out the reference to the mustard seed for a moment, Jesus was telling them how to make their faith grow. "If you had faith as a seed...you would say!" SAYING IS HOW YOU PLANTED THE SEED! IF YOU KEEP IT PLANTED THE SEED WILL SPRING AND GROW UP! IT WILL EVENTUALLY BECOME A FRUIT BEARING TREE! God has given His faith to all of us in "seed form." That seed is the Word of God. Every promise in the Word of God contains an image in it. You plant the seed by SAYING the Word. As you continue to SAY and SAY and SAY the Word of God you KEEP IT PLANTED! You water the Seed by praying in tongues over it and by worshipping God for the fact that He cannot lie. Satan sends all kinds of circumstances with only ONE goal in mind...TO GET YOU TO CHANGE WHAT YOU ARE SAYING! But if you will continue to SAY the Word of God, the very faith of God Himself will eventually flow into you. You will simply believe what He already believes. When you believe what God believes, FAITH HAS COME! WITH THE FAITH COMES THE SUBSTANCE! THAT SUBSTANCE PRODUCES THE IMAGE CONTAINED IN THE SEED!

Heb 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

God would be so pleased if all of us would quit all of this "trying" to believe nonsense and just begin SAYING THE WORD like Jesus instructed us to do! Using myself as an example, for years and years I "tried" to believe that God wanted me to prosper financially. I studied everything I could find about it in the bible. I read all of the books and listened to all of the cassettes by the very best teachers "trying" to have faith for prosperity. It never worked. I simply could not believe by human effort nor human intellect. Faith is of the heart, not the head. Thank God for His mercy and grace that He did not give up on me. For years He kept instructing me to spend hours of my time doing nothing but walking the floor and SAYING verses concerning prosperity from His Word. I simply would not, or could not bring myself to do it on a consistent basis. On the few times that I tried, it seemed like the circumstances grew so much worse very rapidly that I get too busy putting out "brush fires" so that I had no time left to spend simply SAYING the Word. The circumstances always defeated me by convincing me that my TIME would be better spent trying to correct the circumstances than spent simply SAYING the Word. How foolish I was! Finally, He kept after me to spend four hours a day doing nothing but SAYING the Word of God concerning finances. Only when we were facing bankruptcy was I finally able to overcome my flesh enough to obey Him. Day after day, week after week I spent four hours a day sowing the Word and sowing the Word and sowing the Word by Saying the Word and Saying the Word and Saying the Word. At first I could tell no change. It seemed like the most foolish, non-productive thing in the world to spend my TIME doing. But little did I know that every hour I spent doing that, God's own faith was coming into me. GOD'S FAITH WORKS! His faith has supplied all of our needs for many years now. Plant the seed! It will grow!

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You do not need lots and lots of scriptures to begin drawing on the very faith of God Himself. Notice this verse from the Old Testament:

Deu 19:15b At the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.

I used to have the idea that in order to get something from God I would have to first find ALL of the verses on any given subject and begin confessing all of them. I find that my mind tends to wander when I do that and it never really focuses on the Word or enters into supernatural meditation with the empowerment of the Holy Spirit involved. Experience has taught me that my "Confession Time" is more productive when I only take two or three verses and spend time my time confessing only them. For example the actual verses that I quoted in confession form for four hours a day regarding prosperity were:

2 Cor 8:9 For I know the grace of my Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for my sake he became poor, that I through his poverty might be rich.

Psa 34:10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not lack any good thing. I SEEK THE LORD AND I NEVER LACK ANY GOOD THING.

Phil 4:19 But my God shall supply all of my need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

That's it! Over and over and over for four hours a day I would SAY these verses out loud! There would be times when my mind would begin really "chewing" on the meaning of them and I would lapse into other tongues for awhile, but I would not allow that for more than just a few minutes at a time. Then I would go right back to SAYING these verses over and over and over again. I had other times scheduled for praying in the Spirit so I did not substitute that for my "confession time."

THE ENTIRE KINGDOM OF GOD WORKS BY PLANTING THE SEED!

This works in every area of life. Not only for prosperity but also for healing, peace of mind, joy, your marriage, wayward children, the anointing for your call, EVERYTHING!!

ACTION

- 1. Find two or three promises in the Word of God that cover a "problem" area in your life.
- 2. Write them into "confession form."
- 3. SCHEDULE time during your week to Confess the Word. [Don't "hope" you'll have time].
- 4. Don't "try" to believe them. Just simply SAY them! God believes them. His faith will come!
- 5. Understand your enemy:
 - A. He will send adverse circumstances!
 - B. He wants to change what you SAY!
 - C. He wants to steal your confession TIME!
 - D. His greatest weapon against you are your emotions (that will want to quit)!
- 6. Make up your mind NOW that NOTHING is more important than your confession time. Nothing!

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WS 19 - Understanding What The Will Of The Lord Is Lesson Page

Eph 5:17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

You could take the same verse and say, "The wise person understands what the will of the Lord is." To begin truly discerning the will of the Lord for your life you must understand that there are two kingdoms on earth and both of them are trying to influence you;

Col 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power [authority, kingdom] of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.

Satan and his powers of darkness are trying to get you to follow his plan for your life. Satan's plan for your life is destruction described in three parts:

John 10:10a The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy:

Everything in Satan's kingdom is designed to steal, kill, and destroy you. But Jesus has come,

John 10:10b I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Everything about the Kingdom of God's dear Son is designed to bring you life...ABUNDANT LIFE! Jesus came for the express purpose of stopping the thief (Satan) from being able to destroy you,

1 John 3:8b For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. YOU ARE WISE WHEN YOU COME TO UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAVE BEEN SET FREE FROM ALL THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL! ACCEPT NONE OF HIS DESTRUCTION IN YOUR LIFE! MOST CHRISTIANS DO ACCEPT THEM BECAUSE THEY ARE UNWISE!

Be wise and understand that the will of the Lord is for you to be free from everything Jesus paid the price for, including all of the three fold curse of the law: Spiritual death, Sickness and Poverty! When the kingdom of darkness tries to enforce sickness and poverty on you and your family, BE WISE, UNDERSTAND THE WILL OF THE LORD REGARDING THESE THINGS AND RESIST THEM. THESE THINGS ARE NOT GOD'S WILL FOR YOUR LIFE.

However, most people just accept these things in their life, at least half-believing that they just might be the will of God. Yet when it comes to submitting to the <u>actual</u> will of God for their lives they never spend any time to find out. When it comes to most Christian's plans for their own lives they pretty much leave out any leadership of the Spirit. Most people make major decisions in their life based on what is <u>financially</u> best for them, never even considering what the will of the Lord for them might be. If they are offered a \$10,000 raise in pay by moving to Omaha, they usually make immediate plans to uproot their family and move, never seeking the mind of the Lord concerning it at all. This is evil.

James 4:13-16 Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil.

James is saying, FINANCIAL GAIN IS NOT SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO DETERMINE THE WILL OF GOD FOR YOUR LIFE. People have the process exactly backwards. They are iron willed when it comes to keeping control of the direction of their own lives, yet they never become iron willed to resist the works of the devil when he comes knocking at their door with sin, sickness and poverty. THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN YOUR LIFE IS TO FIND OUT WHAT THE PLAN (THE MIND) OF GOD IS FOR YOUR INDIVIDUAL LIFE. YOU WILL NEVER FIND OUT WITHOUT SPENDING TIME WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT. Understand this, wherever God leads, God provides! You can rest assured that the Lord will supply all of your needs as you endeavor to accomplish His plan for your individual life. Satan will resist you, but he can never defeat you!

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It is absolutely crucial to understand that Jesus Christ, the Lord God Head of the Church, has an <u>exact</u> plan for every single member's life. Look at the specific information Jesus gave the apostle Peter:

John 21:18-19 Verily, Verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not. This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me.

Peter learned a wealth of information from this time with the Lord. He learned that he would not die young. He learned that he would die a martyr's death. He learned that he would die before the second coming of the Lord. Now do you understand why Peter could be sleeping so soundly the night before he was supposed to be put to death? HE WAS STILL YOUNG! He knew he would not die at that age because the Lord had already told him that he would live to be an old man. Apparently, however, when Peter found out he would die a martyr's death he wasn't real crazy about the idea;

John 21:20-22 Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee? Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? Jesus saith unto him, <u>If I will</u> that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? Follow thou me.

Notice that I underlined the phrase, <u>IF I WILL!</u> When it comes to the plan of God for our lives the only thing that really matters is WHAT THE <u>LORD</u> WILLS! Peter would have never found out these things without spending time with the Lord and neither will anybody else. Jesus knows His own plan for your life. He has sent the Holy Spirit for the express purpose of revealing that plan to you. But most Christians are not very much interested in really FOLLOWING HIM! They want to make all of their major life decisions on their own, based on their own will. They will never see much of the supernatural power of God in their lives because they will never graduate from being "little children" to being mature "sons."

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the [mature] sons of God.

TO BE LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD MEANS TO FOLLOW THE EXACT PLAN OF JESUS CHRIST FOR YOUR INDIVIDUAL LIFE! The plan, the mind of Jesus Christ is precisely what the Holy Spirit is revealing to your spirit as you spend time praying in other tongues.

John 16:13-14 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall show it unto you.

ACTION

There are two arenas of life to be wise in when it comes to knowing God's will for you.

1. KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN REDEEMED FROM.

From the Word of God find out everything that Jesus paid the price for you to be free from. Do not let Satan convince you that sin, sickness, disease, poverty, depression, anger, wrath, malice, gossip and so forth are the will of God for you. Recognize that Jesus bore the entire curse for you on the cross and Satan has no right to put any of these things on you. When it comes to these things,

1 Pet 5:8-9 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

2. SPEND TIME WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT BY PRAYING IN OTHER TONGUES.

He will show you exactly what the plan of Jesus Christ is for your life.

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WS 20 - Obtaining The Love Of God

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The content of this lesson is not to teach you that the Father loves you. Most of the people who get these lessons are already born again and know that the Father loved you so much that He sent His only begotten Son to suffer the penalty of death for you in order that you may have eternal life. The subject of this lesson is: How do you obtain the same love for other people that the Father has. Most of us have the attitude of, "Father, I love you...it's these people that I'm having a hard time loving!" In the prophecy that the Holy Spirit gave us for 1997 He said, "THE LOVE OF GOD CANNOT BE OBTAINED BUT FROM GOD." In John 5:1-9 we are told that Jesus healed a man who had been sick for 38 years on the Sabbath day. The religious leaders were furious about this because Jesus did not follow their rules. In fact, they wanted to kill Jesus because of it (John 5:16). Now notice, THEY DID NOT CARE AT ALL FOR THE MAN WHO WAS HEALED. GOD THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR THIS MAN WAS NOT IN THEM! They would have been content for the man to have remained sick for another 38 years, or until the end of his life, just so long as everybody adheres to their religious doctrine. Jesus actually went to great lengths to try and explain to these men how far away from the heart and mind of God the Father they were, but we will examine only a few of the verses where he distinctly tells them the things that are not "in them."

- John 5:38 And ye have not his word abiding in you:
- John 5:42 But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you.
- John 6:53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, Verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.
- John 8:37 I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.

Notice the progression: First, you must receive the Father's word as being truth. The Father's Word [Logos] is Jesus! Unless you receive Jesus as the manna from heaven and have his very life [represented by the blood] in you, you will never have this same "ZOE," God kind of life flowing in you. [This is a different way of saying, "Ye must be born again."]. Only after being born again will you begin receiving the word of Jesus, the Second Man, the Last Adam as being ultimate truth.

John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Another Example: When the Father [God] threw a party because the Prodigal Son [the lost] came home, the Elder Brother [religious people] got mad. He thought the Father should have been angry with the younger son. He wouldn't even call him his brother. Why did the Elder Brother feel that way? BECAUSE THE LOVE OF THE FATHER FOR THE PRODIGAL WAS NOT IN HIM! He didn't know his Father's heart at all. He did not have a clue that the Father loved the Prodigal Son like that. Why didn't he know? BECAUSE HE NEVER SPENT ANY QUALITY TIME ALONE WITH HIS FATHER. HIS ENTIRE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FATHER WAS ONE OF WORKS, NOT FELLOWSHIP. Had the Elder Brother come in the house and spent time fellowshipping with his Father, it wouldn't have taken very long for him to find out how broken hearted the Father was over the loss of the Son. In fact, before very long He would have been willing to have left his Father's house to go searching for the Prodigal to see if there was any way to restore him back to the Father.

JESUS WAS TELLING THEM THAT WAS EXACTLY WHAT HE HAD COME TO DO. HE HAD LEFT HEAVEN FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF SEEKING AND SAVING THE LOST SO THEY COULD BE RESTORED BACK TO THE FATHER. Are you having trouble loving "unlovable" people? Welcome to the club. We all begin like that. The only cure for that natural "human" attitude is **SPENDING TIME WITH THE FATHER!**

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If you have been born again, you have already eliminated most of the problems that the religious leaders of the day had: You have received the "Word" [Logos=Jesus] of the Father. You have received the manna from heaven and the blood of Jesus has been applied to the doorposts of your heart. You have been born again and have received a new nature that has the "potential" of loving like the Father loves. The only thing lacking is the "time with the Father" part. How do we do it? In the same gospel of John, when Jesus was speaking to believers he gave a completely different list of things that will be "in you." For the believer,

John 14:17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

John 14:20 At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

John 15:4 Abide in me, and \underline{I} in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

John 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words [Rhema] abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

John 15:11 These things have I spoken unto you, that <u>my joy might remain in you</u>, and that your joy might be full.

Jesus has baptized us with the very "Spirit of the Father" so that we can always be in communication with Him. When the Holy Spirit baptized your spirit he brought a prayer language with Him so that your born again human spirit could be in direct communication with the Father for the express purpose of fellowship, the sharing of motives, intents, plans, purposes and pursuits.

1 Cor 14:1-2 Follow after charity [agape=the love of the Father], and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy. For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. In the same way that it was a "mystery" to the Elder Brother how the Father could love such an "ungodly" person as the Prodigal Son, so it is with most Christians today. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO LOVE WITH A LOVE THAT IS SIMPLY NOT IN YOU. It is entirely possible for the same love that beats within the heart of the Father to be in you also, BUT ONLY AS YOU SPEND TIME WITH HIM TO OBTAIN IT. The number one way to spend time with Him is to spend time praying in the Holy Ghost. It is by that very process that the Love that is already within the Father is transferred to you as well.

Rom 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in [poured into] our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

ACTION

"Good Intentions" never produce anything. Always "intending to pray" but never "actually praying" accomplishes nothing at all. I heard a good definition of "insanity" the other day. INSANITY IS WHEN YOU CONTINUE DOING THE SAME THING BUT EXPECT DIFFERENT RESULTS.

That is insane! If you are ever going to walk in more love toward God and your fellow man than you are right now, you are going to have to CHANGE your priorities. If you continue to stay completely occupied with "busy work" you will be no different from the Elder Brother who continuously worked in his Father's fields but never took the time to actually come into the house and spend "quality time" with his Father. Busy work and good intentions will never cause the change in your heart that you desire. Begin actually "scheduling" time to spend meditating the Word of God and praying in the Holy Spirit. This the "more excellent way" that Paul spoke of. Remember, Gal 5:6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision [religious rules]; but faith which worketh by love [agape=the love of the Father]. Come into the house; spend time with your Father.

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WS 21 - Jesus Will Heal You NOW!

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Acts 14:7-10 And there they preached [announced] the gospel [good news]. And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked [birth defect]: The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving [Word of Knowledge] that he had faith to be healed [sozo], said with a loud voice [Word of Wisdom], Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

Do you know of many churches today where people who were born crippled from birth defects can come and receive faith to be healed instantly on the spot and walk out of the service normal like anybody else? Why not? BECAUSE THE CHURCH IS NOT PREACHING THE SAME GOSPEL THAT PAUL PREACHED! Jesus, the Anointed One, works with believers confirming the WORD with signs following.

Mark 16:20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the <u>WORD</u> with signs following. Amen.

There is precious little WORD being preached form most pulpits today. To "preach the gospel" means to "announce the good news." What would be "good news" to a man who was born crippled in his feet by a birth defect and had never walked? "JESUS WILL HEAL YOU AND HE WILL HEAL YOU NOW!" When was the last time you heard a preacher walk up to a pulpit and proclaim the gospel like this? "I have good news for all people born with birth defects. Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One. He is alive and has been anointed by God to heal all birth defects. He is here right now and He will heal you RIGHT NOW!" THAT is preaching the WORD! That is the WORD that the Lord confirms with signs following.

Notice that the Greek Word for "healed" in verse nine is "sozo." That is the same Greek Word used in the passage that we normally preach to get people born again,

Rom 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved [sozo].

From Strong's Concordance:

4982. sozo, sode'-zo; from a prim. sos (contr. for obsol. saos, "safe"); to save, i.e. deliver or protect (lit. or fig.):-heal, preserve, save (self), do well, be (make) whole.

JESUS BECOMES TO YOU WHAT YOU SAY HE IS! HE IS YOUR DELIVERER FROM ALL THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL!

What did Paul do?

1) He preached the gospel, 2) He perceived that the man had faith to be healed, 3) He gave the Word of command.

What did the cripple do?

1) He <u>heard</u> the WORD, 2) He <u>believed</u> the WORD, 3) He <u>acted</u> upon the WORD that was spoken.

Acts 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

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WS 22 - Walking With God

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Micah 6:8 He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? How does a person walk humbly with Elohyim? The Prophet Amos gives us more insight: Amos 3:3 Can two walk together, except they be agreed? The first step toward walking with God is to make up your mind. GOD CANNOT LIE! HIS WORD IS TRUTH! The apostle John tells us that we are to walk as Jesus walked;

1 John 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

This same apostle John told us how to walk as Jesus walked in his third epistle;

3 John 1:3 For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth. JESUS WALKED IN GOD'S TRUTH!

Most people do not realize that "walking in the truth" is a prerequisite for walking in prosperity!

3 John 1:2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

"WALKING" IN THE TRUTH IS A FAR CRY FROM "KNOWING" THE TRUTH!

How does a person begin His "walk with Elohyim? The first thing He is going to have to do is "agree" with what God says in spite of all circumstantial evidence to the contrary. When I first got saved this verse seemed almost sacrilegious for me to say; 2 Cor 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

I knew I was "saved" by the blood of the lamb but I did not understand the extent to which the Father God had declared me to be "righteous." My mindset was, "I am just an old sinner saved by grace." See, that doesn't agree with what God says either. He doesn't say that I am the "same old sinner" and that the only difference now that I'm saved is that I am a "forgiven old sinner." God says,

2 Cor 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. That Greek word translated "new" is "kainos" which means "something brand new that never existed before." Now I have a choice to make. I can either walk in the traditions of the denomination I was raised in and continue to say that I am just an old sinner saved by grace (in which case I will never be able to walk with God in the works that he wants to do through me because I would never feel "worthy"), or I can agree with God and begin saying "I am brand new. The old Gary Carpenter is dead. I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. I am a born again spirit person living in a body that is still capable of sin." THAT IS THE TRUTH! The tradition keeps me powerless because it says I am "unchanged," only "forgiven." The truth says I have been born again with the same nature within me as Christ Himself and I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me. Hallelujah! Agreeing with God on this one truth causes me to go on to understand more truth. Since I am a brand new spirit man, now I can understand how I can grow stronger; 1 Pet 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that we may grow thereby.

Jude 1:20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost. Now I understand that the Word of God is "food" for my new spirit man and praying in the Holy Ghost causes my spirit man to understand [digest] the food that I am taking in. Why does that process cause me to grow and get stronger? BECAUSE THE MORE OF THE TRUTH I UNDERSTAND, THE MORE OF THE TRUTH I CAN WALK IN. THE MORE OF THE TRUTH I CAN WALK IN, THE MORE I CAN WALK WITH ELOHYIM! His thoughts become my thoughts. His ways become my ways. I can be more and more like Jesus and as the apostle John said, "walk as He [Jesus] walked." JESUS WALKED IN GOD'S TRUTH! WE SHOULD WALK AS HE WALKED!

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To walk with God I must "agree" with God. What He says is truth regardless of whether it agrees with my present circumstances or not. When I believe what God believes, faith has come. He has given me His faith (what He believes) in seed form, the Word. Since I now have faith as a seed...I say! Every time I agree with God by saying what God says, my "believing" is being changed to agree with God. To "know" mentally what God says is knowledge, not faith. To believe in my heart the same thing that God believes is called FAITH! Faith is an issue of the heart, not the head.

Mark 11:22-23 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. [Greek=Have the faith of God.] For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

To "have the faith of God" you are going to have to believe what God says about your mountain. What is your mountain? Do you have a mountain of financial lack? What does God say about that? Find out and agree with Him by beginning to say what He says about that mountain. Is your mountain sickness or disease? What does God say about that? Agree with God! Say what He says!

GOD HAS GIVEN US WHAT HE BELIEVES CONCERNING EVERY AREA OF LIFE. OUR JOB AS "BELIEVERS" IS TO AGREE WITH WHAT HE HAS ALREADY SAID! HE WILL NEVER CHANGE HIS MIND SO WE HAVE TO CHANGE OURS!

Mat 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

EXAMPLES

Prosperity

2 Cor 8:9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

Psa 34:10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing. Phil 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Health

1 Pet 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

Mat 8:17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

Psa 103:3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

Peace Of Mind

Psa 27:1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Isa 26:3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Mat 10:29-31 Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.

GATHER SEED LIKE THIS TO SPEAK TO ANY "MOUNTAINS" THAT MIGHT BE IN YOUR LIFE. AS YOU AGREE WITH GOD YOU WALK WITH ELOHYIM AND THE MOUNTAINS BECOME A PLAIN BEFORE YOU.

Zec 4:7 Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with <u>shoutings</u>, crying, Grace, grace unto it.

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WS 23 - Worship In Spirit And Truth

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Last week we discussed that in order to "walk with God" a person must first humble himself to the fact that GOD CANNOT LIE! A person must AGREE WITH GOD to walk humbly WITH GOD! Learning to agree with God and to put His Word first place in your life is an act of worship!

John 4:23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

John 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

The question is, "How does a person worship God in spirit and in truth?" We are going to discuss tonight two ways that this can be done.

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT:

1 Cor 14:14 For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.

1 Cor 14:15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

1 Cor 14:16 Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest?

1 Cor 14:17 For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified.

1 Cor 14:18 I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all:

1 Cor 14:19 Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.

Paul says that praying in other tongues and singing in other tongues is one way of "giving thanks well." Paul says that he does this more than them all! But he also says that "in church" is not the main time to do it, but rather the teaching of the Word. Paul is saying, "I pray in the spirit more than all of you put together IN MY PRIVATE TIME OF WORSHIP!" One way to worship God in spirit is to spend times of praying in your known tongue, praying in other tongues, singing in your own tongue, and singing in other tongues. When? Primarily in your own private times of worship! Remember, it is THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH who is helping you to pray and worship in other tongues!

WORSHIP IN TRUTH:

John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

THE WORD OF GOD IS THE TRUTH! THE WORD OF GOD IS SPIRIT! Another way of worshipping God in spirit and in truth is to SPEND TIME WORSHIPPING GOD FOR HIS WORD! There may be more than one way of doing this, but the Lord instructed me to demonstrate for you the way I do it so at least you will know one way. Then He said to lead you in it as well.

Real "confession" of God's Word nearly always leads to times of worship as the light of God's goodness and grace to you begins to dawn on your inner man. You normally start off simply by honoring "Elohoim" by choosing to speak His Word as being absolute "TRUTH," and in the beginning it may seem very dry and emotionless. Your first step in "walking with God" is to agree with God by declaring His Word to be truth in your life. But as you continue to do it and the revelation of His goodness toward you begins to become real on the inside of you, from your heart, from your spirit, periods of true worship just naturally begin to flow from your spirit to His.

ACTION: FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE EXAMPLE PORTION OF THE TAPE!

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WS 24 - Why God Is Not Moved By Your "Needs"

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The accusation is often made against God that, "We would put a parent in jail who only provided for his children *by faith*. We expect parents to provide for their children simply based on their *need*, not their *faith*. God must be cruel to require us to receive *by faith* instead of simply supplying for us based on the simple fact that we *need* it. Why doesn't God supply for us *according to sight* and based on our *need*?"

Once I was giving my testimony to a person concerning how my financial circumstances got so bad that I was staring bankruptcy in the face before I could bring myself to begin obeying the instructions that God had given me. His comment was, "You mean that even facing bankruptcy God did not come to your rescue?" The implied thoughts behind a statement like that is; 1) God is withholding His deliverance from you for some reason. 2) He is watching your circumstances and He will release His power on your behalf when they get bad enough. Both of those statements are false!

GOD IS NOT WITHHOLDING ANY GOOD THING FROM YOU!

Rom 8:32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

GOD IS NOT YOUR PROBLEM! HE IS NOT THE ONE WHO IS STUCK!

Secondly, your circumstances, good or bad, have absolutely NOTHING to do with obtaining any sort of blessing you want from God! His deliverance is not based AT ALL on your circumstances!

2 Cor 5:7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight.)

All of you have heard that sort of preaching before, but the question we want to answer tonight is "Why doesn't God provide for us according to need and by sight?" To answer that question we have to go back to Genesis, the book of beginnings.

Gen 2:8-9a And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food;

First, God planted the garden. Second, He put the man in it. IN THE BEGINNING GOD <u>DID</u> PROVIDE "ACCORDING TO NEED" AND "BY SIGHT." Everything that the man could possibly ever need was in that garden. There was nothing forgotten. Adam did not have to "live by faith" in order to get his physical needs met. God had already provided for them all. Adam was only required to "live by faith" concerning one thing, and that was the Word of God when He said,

Gen 2:16-17 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Adam could not literally "see" what would happen to him if he ate. He had to simply *believe* what God had said about it. But as far as Adam's physical needs were concerned, they were all provided "by sight" and "according to need" in the beginning. It was man that changed the order of things by choosing to disobey the command of God. What man violated was the only thing that he had to believe "by faith." Adam had never "seen" the consequences that would ensue should he violate the command of God. Regarding those consequences, Adam had to act according to faith in God's word, faith in what God had already said about it. It was "the law of faith" that Adam violated and that is why the pathway back to God has to be walked "by faith."

God has no problem providing "by sight" if He is approached via the avenue of "faith." "Need" alone does not move God because from His point of view all of the "needs" have already been provided. However, they are only accessed by faith. Those that receive the restoring grace of the Lord Jesus

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Why God Is Not Moved By Your "Needs"

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Christ have access once again to the Father's unlimited resources. Everything that a person could ever need has already been provided for them "In Christ Jesus," the Second Man, the last Adam. We, the bride, truly are in the garden again with our husband, Jesus, "by faith." We truly are, from the Father's point of view, free to eat from every tree of the garden. But it is all provided free, by grace, through faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ, the Redeemer who restored us back to God's free favor and abundant supply. That is the meaning of the verses,

Eph 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

2 Pet 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

2 Pet 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Mat 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

GOD IS YOUR PROVIDER! HE HAS ALREADY PROVIDED FOR EVERY NEED! WE MAY FREELY EAT FROM EVERY TREE IN THE GARDEN OF HIS GRACE! BUT EVERY BLESSING IS RECEIVED BY GRACE, THROUGH FAITH!

Those who are still of the species of Adam [those who have never been "born again"] are still outside the garden. Their "need" has already been provided for by the Father, but their supply is in the Garden of His Grace. Access into that garden is only through Jesus Christ, the "Door." Without Him, there is no access. They may wish to accuse the Father on Judgment Day that He did not supply their need. His response will be, "From the foundations of the world I provided everything you ever needed. All of your provision was in the Garden of My Grace all the time. But you refused to enter the only "Door" into that garden, which is the Lord Jesus Christ. Because of your own refusal to enter that door you remained outside of My provision for you. You made the choice to live separated from My provision when you chose to reject the only door into it. I supplied all of your need lavishly but you chose of your own accord to live in lack." Asking in the Name of Jesus, "in faith," "believing," IS HOW WE PARTAKE OF EVERY TREE! There is simply no other way of partaking of the fruit of the trees! God is not moved by your "need" because He has "already been moved by it." He has already provided for every "need." The provision is already waiting for you in the Garden Of His Grace, or you could say, "In Christ Jesus." Faith in the restoring grace of Jesus Christ is what accesses those provisions to supply every visible need.

God <u>is</u> moved by need. God <u>does</u> provide by sight. So much so that <u>He has already moved</u> (through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ 2000 years ago) to provide every possible need any human being could ever have. Those provisions are received "by grace through faith."

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

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Learn to pray according to Scripture. NEVER PRAY THE PROBLEM! For example, never pray, "Oh Lord, you know how bad things are here and it seems like they're getting worse every day. Oh, I just don't know what we're going to do. My kids are sick, my husband is mean to me, the water has been turned off, and our car is broke down. Oh Lord, and besides that, I feel so discouraged and I am just so weak and tired all of the time." If you have been praying like that, STOP IT! STOP IT NOW!

Jesus never taught us to PRAY THE PROBLEM! He said to PRAY THE ANSWER!!

Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye <u>DESIRE</u>, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

JESUS SAID TO PRAY WHAT YOU DESIRE! WHAT YOU DESIRE! DESIRE! DESIRE!

In the same circumstances as given in the prayer above, the scriptural way to pray would be,

"Oh Lord, I love you with all of my heart, soul, mind and strength. You are my God and you cannot lie. In the Name of Jesus you have provided for all of my needs. I thank you, Lord, that by the stripes of Jesus my family is always healthy. You have given me a godly husband and I thank you for him. How wonderful to have a husband who is full of the fruit of the Spirit and who takes his rightful place as the priest of the home. He is so kind and gentle to me and the children, yet we can always depend on him to be strong and courageous against our spiritual enemies. Lord, I thank you for the home that You have provided for us and that we have all of these wonderful utilities to enjoy. Thank You for electricity, gas and water. You have provided wonderfully for us in every area and I want to thank You for our car. It is such a blessing and it works perfectly all of the time. You are my rock, my fortress, and my strength. I thank You for the spirit of Christ who lives within me. I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me. I am strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. I love you, Lord. Thank you for loving me and my family so much. Above all, thank you for sending Jesus."

Mat 6:8 ...for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

HE ALREADY KNOWS WHAT YOU NEED!
HE HAS ALREADY PROVIDED THEM FOR YOU "IN CHRIST JESUS!"
ASKING FOR THEM AND "BELIEVING YOU RECEIVE" IS HOW YOU GET THEM!
PRAY WHAT YOU DESIRE, NEVER THE PROBLEM!
HE ALREADY KNOWS THE PROBLEM!
HE IS WAITING FOR YOU TO ASK HIM FOR THE ANSWER!

There is no limit to the resources of God which have been made available for you. There is nothing that "He forgot" to provide for you. Everything you will ever need is already waiting for you. Become "ENDLESS RESOURCE" minded instead of "NEED" minded! There is no "need" that the Father has not already provided for.

Isa 65:24 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

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