

BELIEVER'S BOOT CAMP MANUAL

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“The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.”

Jesus Christ
(Mat 11:12)

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BBC-02-Faith vs. Feelings

Lesson Page

The first thing you are going to have to learn in order to live victoriously as a child of God while still in this world is, **YOU MUST TAKE YOUR STAND ON THE WORD OF GOD AS BEING ABSOLUTE TRUTH!** Most people live their lives based on their emotions and their feelings. In the kingdom of God, that will result in certain defeat every time. The devil will talk you out of every blessing of God if you base "Truth" on circumstances or your "feelings." Every decision must be based on "WHAT DOES THE WORD SAY?"

Luke 4:4 And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

Example: The night I got born again I experienced no emotions at all. Some people do...I didn't. Immediately I heard a voice in my ear saying "See? It didn't work for you. You are not changed. You don't feel any different. You are not born again. You have just been too evil." Thank God that the man who led me to the Lord had taught me "**FAITH BELIEVES WHAT GOD SAYS!**" I turned in my bible to;

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.

I said out loud, "Devil, look at this. This says that if I confess with my mouth that Jesus is my Lord and believe in my heart that God has raised Him from the dead, I AM SAVED! I say with my mouth that Jesus is Lord. I believe in my heart that God raised Him from the dead. I AM SAVED whether I feel like it or not. Devil, you are a liar. I believe what God says. God cannot lie. I AM SAVED!"

The next morning, the instant my eyes opened, I heard that voice again "See? It didn't work for you. You are not changed. You don't feel any different. You are not born again. You have just been too evil. God doesn't love you. In fact, you have a headache." And I did! My head was just pounding. I was tempted for just a moment to agree with the devil but then I remembered what Faith is, so I opened my bible again and said out loud, "Devil, look at this. This says that if I confess with my mouth that Jesus is my Lord and believe in my heart that God has raised Him from the dead, I AM SAVED! I say with my mouth that Jesus is Lord. I believe in my heart that God raised Him from the dead. I AM SAVED whether I feel like it or not. Devil, you are a liar. I believe what God says. God cannot lie. I AM SAVED!" All day long I "felt" no blessing and my head continued to pound with a headache. The next morning, exactly the same thing happened. My head was still pounding. **ALL I HAD TO BASE MY FAITH ON WAS WHAT THE WORD OF GOD SAYS IN ROMANS 10:9. I kept saying it and saying it and saying it.** On the third morning...THE "FEELINGS" CAME! I wept, I worshipped, I prayed, I could "feel" the presence of God's love with me and my headache was gone. The feelings are great, but when they come, they are simply a "bonus." I was just as much saved the first day as I was the third. The "feelings" had nothing to do with it.

One other thing; Those "honeymoon feelings" did not last forever either. They went away after a few weeks and the devil tried to convince me that I had somehow "failed" God and now He didn't love me anymore. The devil tried to make me think that "feelings" were somehow more reliable as a gauge of God's love for me than what the WORD says! **FEELINGS HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THE WORD OF GOD!** You can't trust your feelings. You can trust the Word of God. Feelings change moment by moment. The Word of God never changes! Only the Word of God is a secure enough foundation for you to make your stand of faith on. Never be moved by feelings.

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Faith vs. Feelings

Confession Page

I AM SAVED!
 I AM FORGIVEN!
 I AM BORN AGAIN!
 THE FATHER LOVES ME! THE FATHER LIKES ME!
 JESUS LOVES ME! JESUS LIKES ME!
 THE HOLY SPIRIT LOVES ME! THE HOLY SPIRIT LIKES ME!
 I WILL LIVE FOREVER WITH GOD AND HE IS HAPPY ABOUT THAT! SO AM I!
 GOD LIKES TO TALK WITH ME! I LIKE TO TALK WITH GOD! WE ARE FRIENDS!
 JESUS IS LORD OVER MY LIFE!
 THE DEVIL HAS NO AUTHORITY OVER ME AT ALL!
 I AM WHAT THE WORD SAYS I AM!
 I CAN HAVE WHAT THE WORD SAYS I CAN HAVE!
 I CAN DO WHAT THE WORD SAYS I CAN DO!
 "FEELINGS" DO NOT CHANGE THE WORD OF GOD!
 I LIVE BY THE WORD, WHAT GOD SAYS, NOT BY FEELINGS!
 WHEN "GOOD FEELINGS" COME, THEY ARE A BONUS!
 WHEN "BAD FEELINGS" COME, THEY ARE AN ATTACK! I PRAISE GOD AND THEY GO!
 GOD NEW I WAS A "MESS" WHEN HE SAVED ME!
 HE HAS SAVED ME BY "GRACE"....HE HAS SAVED ME, "MESS" AND ALL!
 HE IS NOT CONDEMNING ME! HE IS ALWAYS HELPING ME!
 I ALWAYS RUN TO GOD WHEN I SIN, NOT FROM HIM!
 THERE IS NEVER ENDING POWER IN THE BLOOD TO FORGIVE ME AND CLEANSE ME!
 AS LONG AS I DON'T GIVE UP ON THE BLOOD, GOD WILL NOT GIVE UP ON ME!
 GOD IS LOVE! HE ALWAYS THINKS THE BEST OF ME! HE BELIEVES I WILL WIN!
 I AM NEVER ALONE! THE HOLY SPIRIT IS ALWAYS WITH ME! I CAN TRUST HIM!
 I AM A NEW CREATURE...I AM A NEW CREATION...THE OLD "ME" IS DEAD!
 I SAY WHAT GOD SAYS EVERY DAY!
 I THINK MORE LIKE GOD EVERY DAY!
 THE HOLY SPIRIT CHANGES ME AS I SAY WHAT GOD SAYS!
 I BELIEVE WHAT GOD BELIEVES! HE COULD NEVER LIE TO ME!
 MY LIFE IS BLESSED BY GOD!
 SATAN CANNOT CURSE WHAT GOD HAS BLESSED!
 I MAKE EVERY DECISION BASED ON WHAT GOD SAYS!
 I NEVER MAKE DECISIONS BASED ON CIRCUMSTANCES!
 SPEAKING GOD'S WORD BRINGS BLESSING!
 SPEAKING BAD CIRCUMSTANCES BRINGS CURSING!
 I AM BLESSED! MY MATE IS BLESSED! MY CHILDREN ARE BLESSED!
 MY HOUSE IS BLESSED! MY CAR IS BLESSED! MY JOB IS BLESSED!
 MY FRIENDS ARE BLESSED! MY ENEMIES ARE BLESSED!

I LOVE YOU FATHER WITH ALL OF MY HEART, WITH ALL OF MY SOUL, WITH ALL OF MY MIND,
 AND WITH ALL OF MY STRENGTH. YOUR WORD IS TRUTH! I BELIEVE YOUR WORD! THANK
 YOU FOR LOVING ME AND SAVING ME AND BLESSING ME. THANK YOU FOR THE BLOOD OF
 JESUS CHRIST MY LORD!

BBC-02-Faith vs. Feelings

Faith vs. Feelings **Scripture Page**

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

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.

Col 1:14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

John 17:23b ...that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

Eph 3:19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

1 John 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

John 15:15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

Luke 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Phile 1:6 That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

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

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

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

Rom 5:6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

Eph 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

Eph 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

Eph 2:6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

Eph 2:7 That in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

Rom 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

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?

Rom 8:33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.

Rom 8:34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

Isa 57:19 I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the LORD; and I will heal him.

Prov 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Deu 28:13 And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail;

Deu 28:3 Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.

Deu 28:4 Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

Deu 28:5 Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.

Deu 28:6 Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

Luke 6:28 Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.

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BBC-03-Bridle Your Tongue

Lesson Page

Prov 18:21a Death and life are in the power of the tongue. The single most important weapon that a believer has at his disposal is the TONGUE! Your tongue is your #1 weapon against the devil just as surely as an M-16 rifle is the #1 weapon of a soldier in the army. It is always loaded and it ALWAYS produces results. You cannot turn its power off and on at will. Your tongue is ALWAYS working either for you, or against you. What you SAY will ALWAYS have an effect on you and the people you talk about. ALWAYS! This knowledge is not born in us. Most people think that it really makes no difference what they say. The truth is, however, YOU WILL NEVER RISE ABOVE YOUR CONFESSION! The apostle James said it like this: **James 1:26 If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.** The Greek word translated "vain" in that verse means "PROFITLESS!" If you don't learn to become expert at bridling your tongue, your Christianity will profit you nothing in this life. You can go to heaven when you die, but you will not live an overcoming life now! To think that you are going to conquer your enemy without bridling your tongue would be like an American soldier in WWII thinking that he could conquer Hitler's armies without a weapon. Imagine an American soldier throwing down his rifle and simply walking up to the enemy line thinking that the enemy would surrender simply because he was an American. The enemy would have laughed as they shot him to death and he would have been the butt of their jokes at their campfires that night. Most Christians are even more foolish than that soldier because they haven't thrown down their weapon [their tongue], but are using it AGAINST THEMSELVES AND THEIR FELLOW SOLDIERS! Every time you speak opposite to the Word of God concerning yourself, you shoot yourself in the foot and your enemy laughs! Every time you speak against your brother or sister you are shooting them in the foot and your enemy laughs. To the enemy, Christians are like an army of amateur soldiers who were never trained in the use of their weapons. They watch with glee as we bad mouth ourselves, gossip about others, slander others, and speak judgment on others. In the spirit realm, demons sit back with glee as they watch us run around shooting ourselves and our fellow soldiers. And the biggest belly-laugh of all is when they watch us operate like that and then hear us say, "Why doesn't God bless me?" The demons roll with laughter and say, "What FOOLS!" Christian, I hope that makes you mad! Fighting mad! Mad enough to once and for all decide that you are going to bridle your tongue with the Word of God! Make the decision today to begin scheduling time to do nothing but CONFESS THE WORD OF GOD! Become expert by practice in using your tongue in exactly the same way that a soldier becomes an expert marksman by practicing with an M-16 rifle. Get out on the target range and practice by spending hours doing nothing but SPEAKING GOD'S WORD! OVER AND OVER AND OVER UNTIL YOU BECOME EXPERT AT IT!

Notice that the apostle James says there is a connection between the tongue and the heart! Speaking contrary to God's Word causes a person's heart to be deceived! The opposite is also true. Speaking in agreement with God's Word causes a person's heart to be filled with TRUTH! As you spend time, on purpose, SPEAKING God's Word you are driving deception from your heart and at the same time you are filling your heart with the TRUTH! That's why Jesus said, **Luke 6:45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.** The Greek word translated "treasure" in that verse means "deposit." Every time you speak God's Word you are making a "deposit" of TRUTH into your heart. A heart full of deception will always produce "evil things" when the tongue speaks. When TRUTH is in your heart in abundance, when you speak, you will bring forth "good things." BEGIN DEPOSITING TRUTH!

BBC-03-Bridle Your Tongue

Bridle Your Tongue **Confession Page**

I AM A SOLDIER IN THE ARMY OF THE LORD!

MY TONGUE IS MY NUMBER ONE WEAPON AGAINST THE ENEMY!

THE WORD OF GOD IS MY AMMUNITION! I ALWAYS SPEAK GOD'S WORD!

I AM A SKILLED MARKSMAN WITH WORDS!

I NEVER SHOOT MYSELF IN THE FOOT! I NEVER SHOOT MY NEIGHBOR IN THE FOOT!

I SPEND HOURS SPEAKING GOD'S WORD TO REMAIN BEING A SHARP SHOOTER!

THE ENEMY NEVER LAUGHS AT ME!

THE ENEMY FEARS ME AS A TRAINED MARKSMAN!

DEMONS RUN FOR COVER WHEN I SPEAK!

I AM SKILLED IN THE HANDLING OF THE WORD OF RIGHTEOUSNESS! (Heb 5:13)

I WILL NOT TOLERATE GOSSIP. I WILL NOT SPEAK IT. I WILL NOT HEAR IT.

I WILL NOT TOLERATE SLANDER. I WILL NOT SPEAK IT. I WILL NOT HEAR IT.

I WILL NOT TOLERATE LIES. I WILL NOT SPEAK THEM. I WILL NOT HEAR THEM.

I "GO" FROM THEM THAT SPEAK EVIL. THEY ARE TRYING TO SHOOT ME IN THE FOOT. I WOULD RATHER BE "RUDE" THAN SHOT!

MY WORDS BRING DEATH OR LIFE TO ME EVERY TIME I SPEAK!

I BRIDLE MY TONGUE WITH THE WORD OF GOD...ON PURPOSE!

I SPEND TIME BRIDLING MY TONGUE WITH THE WORD OF GOD...ON PURPOSE!

I SPEND TIME ON THE TARGET FIELD "PRACTICING" MY SKILL WITH WORDS!

I MAKE DEPOSITS OF TRUTH IN MY HEART BY SPEAKING GOD'S WORD!

DECEPTION LEAVES MY HEART AS I SPEAK GOD'S WORD!

TRUTH FILLS MY HEART AS I SPEAK GOD'S WORD!

TARGET YOUR ENEMY BECAUSE EVERY WORD YOU SPEAK IS A SHOT FIRED!

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Bridle Your Tongue

Scripture Page

Prov 4:24 Put away from thee a froward *mouth*, and perverse *lips* put far from thee.

Prov 5:1-2 My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thine ear to my understanding: That thou mayest regard discretion, and that thy *lips* may keep knowledge.

Prov 8:5-11 O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart. Hear; for I will *speake* of excellent things; and the opening of my *lips* shall be right things. For my *mouth* shall *speake truth*; and wickedness is an abomination to my *lips*. All the *words* of my *mouth* are in righteousness; there is nothing froward or perverse in them. They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge. Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold. For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.

Prov 10:13 In the *lips* of him that hath understanding wisdom is found: but a rod is for the back of him that is void of understanding.

Prov 10:20-22 The *tongue* of the just is as choice silver: the heart of the wicked is little worth. The *lips* of the righteous feed many: but fools die for want of wisdom. The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it. [NOTICE THE CONNECTION OF THE TONGUE, THE LIPS, AND THE BLESSING OF THE LORD THAT MAKETH RICH WITH NO SORROW!]

Prov 12:13 The wicked is snared by the *transgression* of his *lips*: but the just shall come out of trouble. [BY THE OBEDIENCE OF HIS LIPS!]

Prov 12:22 Lying *lips* are abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly are his delight.

Prov 13:3 He that keepeth his *mouth* keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his *lips* shall have destruction.

Prov 14:3 In the *mouth* of the foolish is a rod of pride [THE PROUD THINK THAT THEY CAN SPEAK ANYTHING THEY WANT OUT OF THEIR MOUTH.]: but the *lips* of the wise shall preserve them. [THE WISE BRIDLE THEIR TONGUE WITH THE WORD OF GOD!]

Prov 14:7 Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not in him the *lips* of knowledge. [YOUR EARS ARE NOT TRASH CANS. DON'T LISTEN TO GOSSIP. IF THEY WON'T STOP SPEAKING IT, SIMPLY WALK AWAY. "GO FROM THEM."]

Prov 16:13 Righteous *lips* are the delight of kings; and they love him that *speake*th right. [JESUS, YOUR KING, LOVES TO HEAR YOU SPEAKING "RIGHT" THINGS.]

Prov 16:27 An ungodly man diggeth up evil: and in his *lips* there is as a burning fire. [YOU ARE WORKING FOR THE ENEMY, DIGGING UP EVIL, WHEN YOU SPEAK GOSSIP AND SLANDER AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOR. UNGODLY = AGAINST GOD.]

Prov 18:7 A fool's *mouth* is his destruction, and his *lips* are the snare of his soul.

BBC-03-Bridle Your Tongue

BBC-04-His Grace - Our Faithfulness

Lesson Page

By God's mercy He has saved us from death, Hell, and all the power of the devil. By His grace He has adopted us into His own family and has made us to be sons and daughters of God. He did all of this for us through the perfect work of His Son, Jesus Christ! We did not deserve it. We could not earn it. He did it for us freely because He loves us and knew that we were powerless to help ourselves. We are sons and daughters of God in the service of Jesus our King! Each one of us has a service to perform in the Kingdom of God, whether it be in ministry, our families, our jobs, our Church, etc. Each person has been made a steward over some aspect of the Kingdom and Jesus is watching our faithfulness in our present stewardship. **1 Cor 4:2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.** If Jesus finds us faithful where we are now, He will promote us to new levels of stewardship where more responsibility is required. Jesus said,

Luke 16:10-12 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?

ONE OF THE FIRST AREAS THAT JESUS WATCHES REGARDING FAITHFULNESS IS TO SEE HOW YOU HANDLE YOUR MONEY! JESUS IS NOT IN THE BUSINESS OF PROMOTING THIEVES, CON ARTISTS, NOR BEGGARS IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

Some might say, "What do you mean, Gary? Thieves are wicked. None of us are wicked!"

Psa 37:21a The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again. I don't care if, by God's grace, you are born again, spirit filled and a tongue talker, if you have borrowed money and have defaulted on the loan, **YOU ARE BEHAVING WICKEDLY!** Jesus is not about to promote you higher in the Kingdom until you change! This principle applies to more than just actual loans. Every time you sign your name on the dotted line regarding any contractual agreement with another human being [such as an apartment lease], **YOU HAVE GIVEN YOUR SOLEMN WORD!** We are to imitate our Father as beloved children. He has exalted His WORD above His name! That means, if His WORD is no good, GOD is no good! If your WORD is no good, **YOU** are no good! You cannot be trusted. You have not been found faithful. You can forget about promotion in the Kingdom until you repent...that means **CHANGE!** In the book of Acts, when it was needful to appoint men to serve food to the widows in the Jerusalem Church, Peter gave these instructions: **Acts 6:3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.** The Greek Word translated "honest report" means "to be well reported of" and it comes from the root word which means "Martyr!" **THAT MEANS YOU WOULD RATHER DIE THAN GO BACK ON YOUR WORD!** Many people are "believing God" for a mighty Ministry when, according to the bible, they are not yet qualified to wait on tables in the Church! **THIS IS NOT A CONDEMNATION MESSAGE! THIS IS A REPENTANCE MESSAGE!** All God is looking for is a repentant heart that is willing to be changed. He is looking for those that will hear HIS wisdom and will not waver from it. He will help you by His grace to repay every loan that you have outstanding. He will cause you to prosper if you will hearken to the wisdom He has already revealed in the written Word and if you will spend time with Him by praying in the spirit and obey the instructions that the Holy Spirit gives you. There is no cash shortage with God! There is an obedience shortage among His children. Make the quality decisions, "No more defaulting on loans. No more conning. No more begging. My Word is my bond. My word is good." God rewards **FAITHFULNESS!** **HE IS WATCHING YOUR FAITHFULNESS WITH MONEY!**

Psa 15:4b But he honoureth them that fear the LORD. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.

BBC-04-His Grace-Our Faithfulness

His Grace - Our Faithfulness

Action Page

STEP ONE - Get "in the black" on your current budget.

1. No Luxury Items while overdue on payments.
2. God expects you to eat and have gas money, but it is sin to spend another man's money without his permission. Call and ask your lender, "is it OK if I spend part of the money that I owe you on a new fishing rod?" **THAT WILL NOT GO OVER!**
3. Make a budget. If you don't know how, get help from somebody who does.
4. No "pigeon holing" of money between husbands and wives. Honesty is a must!

STEP TWO - Become consistent with your giving and confessing of God's Word.

1. If you do not now give offerings at all, **START!**
2. Confess God's Word over your giving **EVERY DAY!**
3. Worship God as being your total Provider **EVERY DAY!**

STEP THREE - Begin repaying any past loans that you have defaulted on.

1. Make a list of everything you owe, especially old debts that were never repaid.
2. Take your list to God with a repentant heart and ask Him to help you. He will!
3. **Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need**
4. Start making payments on them...no matter how small they are in the beginning.

Rom 13:8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

OWE NO MAN ANYTHING BUT TO LOVE HIM! HOW CAN YOU SAY YOU ARE WALKING IN LOVE WHEN YOU HAVE NOT REPAID A LOAN THAT SOMEONE MADE TO YOU IN GOOD FAITH? GOD WILL HELP YOU PAY OFF PAST DEBTS IF YOU WILL ASK HIM AND THANK HIM FOR IT EVERY DAY...AND BE WILLING TO FOLLOW WHATEVER INSTRUCTIONS HE GIVES YOU!!!

For example, those instructions might include: GET A JOB and pray during your evening hours. Or, GET A JOB and attend night classes to improve your qualifications. In my case, it was a combination of all three, in a way. My job allowed me to pray forty hours a week in the spirit. In addition, I never missed a service nor an opportunity to pray at the Church when I was home. At the same time, He was having me study horribly boring books in order to learn how to use the computer. All of this went on simultaneously for TWO YEARS before He ever called me full time into the ministry. He was watching to see if I would prove myself FAITHFUL in all of these areas for two years!

A good gauge you can use to see if your character has developed to the point that God could call you full time into the ministry: ARE YOU WILLING TO DIE BEFORE YOU WILL BEG? If you are still resorting to "Plan B" by going to other human beings and asking for money to bail you out when your circumstances are real bad...YOU ARE NOT YET READY FOR PRIME TIME! There is no condemnation in that statement, it is simply intended to help you locate where you truly are. If that is you, then go get a job that will pay sufficiently to meet the needs of your family and then give all of the free time you possibly can to praying in other tongues so the Holy Spirit can "develop" that level of character in you. That is what He does and He is real good at it. He will do it for you if you will give Him time.

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Scripture Page

Psa 37:21 The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again: but the righteous showeth mercy, and giveth.

Prov 22:7 The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender.

2 Cor 8:21 Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.

1 Th 4:11-12 And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you; That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing.

Heb 13:18 Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly.

1 Pet 2:11-12 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; Having your conversation [manner of life] honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Eph 4:27-28 Neither give place to the devil. Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

1 Tim 1:12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry.

Prov 20:6 Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?

Prov 28:20 A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.

Heb 13:5 Let your conversation [manner of life] be without covetousness [greediness]; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

1 Pet 4:14-15 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.

2 Th 3:10-12 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.

Mat 25:21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

BBC-04-His Grace-Our Faithfulness

BBC-05-Know His Voice!

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John 10:3-4 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: FOR THEY KNOW HIS VOICE.

Most people have never spent enough time meditating in the scriptures to be able to distinguish the voice of Jesus from the voice of their own thought patterns. For example, when you are doing your best to serve Jesus and all kinds of problems hit your life and it seems like everything is going wrong, yet you are doing all that you know to do and still it looks like your boat is sinking, most people expect Jesus to show up and say all kinds of comforting things to them and tell them how much sympathy he has for them and that he will lay his hand upon their fevered brow and say, "There, there, I know it has really been rough and I understand that you are feeling discouraged." **NO!** That is not at all what Jesus would say. He would say the same thing to you that he said to the twelve when their boat was sinking due to the storm: **Mark 4:40 And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?** Jesus does not believe in your boat sinking! Jesus believes in going all the way over to the other side! He does not think defeat thoughts! He does not sympathize with them! He is touched with the feeling of your infirmities but he is not moved by them! Jesus believes in victory!! All the time!! Every time!!! Jesus overcame everything that the devil threw at him! He expects you to overcome everything that the devil throws at you! **Rev 3:21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.** Jesus has not left us as orphans. He has sent His Holy Spirit to teach us and to correct us in every area of life! **Rev 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.** The word "rebuke" means "You are wrong!" The word "chasten" means "Do it like this!" The Greek word translated "chasten" is paideuo and means "to train up a child, to discipline." Most modern day Christians seem to have no concept of Jesus ever talking to them like that. They think that Jesus will talk to them as though he "agrees with them." Get this straight, **JESUS ONLY AGREES WITH YOU WHEN YOU ARE AGREEING WITH HIM!** Jesus does not agree with unbelief. Jesus does not agree with whining and complaining. Jesus does not agree with pity parties. Jesus never agrees with the statement, "I can't!" Jesus agrees with the statement,

Phil 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Jesus has never yet agreed with you when you have said, "I am too sick to go to church tonight." Here is what Jesus sounds like when he talks to sick folk: To the sick of the palsy He said, **John 5:8 Take up thy bed, and walk.**

To the man with the withered hand He said, **Mat 12:13 Stretch forth thine hand.** To the lepers He said, **Luke 17:14 Go show yourselves unto the priests.** To the blind He said, **Mat 9:29 According to your faith be it unto you.** As if all of that is not enough, if you had been sick to the point that you died and you heard the true voice of Jesus, He would say the same thing to you that He said to His friend Lazarus, **John 11:43 Lazarus, come forth!** **THAT IS WHAT THE VOICE OF JESUS SOUNDS LIKE!** That "comforting" voice that most people think is Jesus telling them how much he sympathizes with their present problems **IS THE DEVIL!** The devil always agrees with your emotions, your feelings, your pains and your discouragement! **JESUS NEVER DOES! JESUS AGREES WITH THE WORD OF GOD!** When you hear the voice of Jesus, He says things like;

Mark 9:23 If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

Mat 17:20 Nothing shall be impossible unto you.

Luke 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

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

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Know His Voice!

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JESUS IS MY SHEPHERD. I HEAR MY SHEPHERD'S VOICE. JESUS CALLS ME BY MY NAME. JESUS GOES BEFORE ME AND I FOLLOW HIM FOR I KNOW HIS VOICE. I NEVER FOLLOW A STRANGER'S VOICE FOR THEY DO NOT SOUND LIKE JESUS. I KNOW MY SHEPHERD'S VOICE AND HE KNOWS ME. I FOLLOW JESUS!

John 10:3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

John 10:4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

John 10:5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

JESUS KNOCKS ON THE DOOR OF MY HEART. HE IS KNOCKING AND CALLING FOR ME TO LET HIM IN SO I CAN HEAR HIS COUNSEL. WHEN I HEAR HIS VOICE, I ALWAYS OPEN THE DOOR. HE COMES IN AND WE HAVE SWEET FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER. I TALK TO JESUS AND HE TALKS TO ME!

Rev 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

EVERY DAY IS "TODAY." I HEAR THE VOICE OF JESUS EVERY DAY. I NEVER HARDEN MY HEART TO WHAT HE SAYS TO ME. I ALWAYS DO WHAT HE SAYS!

Heb 3:15 While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

I HEAR THE VOICE OF JESUS BY THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO IS WITHIN ME. THE HOLY SPIRIT BRINGS ME THE COUNSEL OF JESUS. I LET THE HOLY SPIRIT LEAD ME AND GUIDE ME INTO ALL TRUTH! I TRUST THE HOLY SPIRIT COMPLETELY!

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

I HAVE NOT RECEIVED AGAIN THE SPIRIT OF THE WORLD, BUT THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD! HE TEACHES ME SO THAT I CAN KNOW THE THINGS THAT ARE FREELY GIVEN TO ME BY GOD! I NEVER REFUSE ANY GIFT FROM GOD! WITH CHILDLIKE FAITH I FREELY RECEIVE EVERY GIFT! EVERY DAY IS CHRISTMAS FOR ME!

1 Cor 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

IN EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE OF LIFE I ALWAYS KNOW WHAT TO DO. THE HOLY SPIRIT ALWAYS BRINGS ME THE COUNSEL OF JESUS MY SHEPHERD. I AM NOT AN ORPHAN WHO MUST FIND HIS OWN WAY. JESUS WILL NEVER LEAVE ME NOR FORSAKE ME. HE IS AWARE OF MY EVERY BREATH. NO PROBLEM EVER TAKES JESUS BY SURPRISE. HE KNEW ABOUT IT BEFORE I DID. HE ALWAYS HAS THE ANSWER. THE HOLY SPIRIT ALWAYS GIVES ME THE ANSWER. I NEVER FEAR! I BOLDLY SAY, "THE LORD IS MY HELPER." I NEVER HAVE ANY REASON TO FEAR!

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Know His Voice! **Confession Page 2**

I AM A BELIEVER. ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE UNTO ME!

Mark 9:23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

I HAVE FAITH! I SAY UNTO EVERY PROBLEM, GO AWAY! EVERY PROBLEM OBEYS ME!
NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE UNTO ME!

Mat 17:20 If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

I HAVE THE FAITH OF GOD IN ME! I BELIEVE WHAT GOD BELIEVES! I SPEAK TO MOUNTAINS! I SPEAK TO PROBLEMS! I TELL THEM TO BE REMOVED! THEY OBEY ME AND GO! EVERY TIME! I BELIEVE THAT I CAN HAVE WHAT I SAY! THEREFORE, I HAVE WHAT I SAY!

Mark 11:22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

Mark 11:23 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.

I NEVER PRAY THE PROBLEM! I ALWAYS PRAY THE ANSWER! GOD ALWAYS HEARS EVERY PRAYER OF MINE! I ALWAYS BELIEVE I RECEIVE WHEN I PRAY! I ALWAYS GET WHAT I PRAY FOR!

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

I HAVE AUTHORITY OVER ALL THE POWER OF THE ENEMY! THE ENEMY HAS NO AUTHORITY OVER ME! AT ALL! NOTHING SHALL BY ANY MEANS HURT ME! I WALK ON THE DEVIL! THE DEVIL IS UNDER MY FEET! I AM THE HEAD AND NOT THE TAIL!

Luke 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHICH STRENGTHENS ME! THE ANOINTED ONE LIVES WITHIN ME! HIS ANOINTING STRENGTHENS ME! I AM STRONG WITH THE STRENGTH OF JESUS HIMSELF!

Phil 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Psa 23:1-6 A Psalm of David. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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BBC-06-The Devil or The Flesh?

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Gal 5:16-18 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. I am not normally a great fan of the Living Bible, but in this case it is a very accurate translation of these verses: **Gal 5:16-18** I advise you to obey only the Holy Spirit's instructions. He will tell you where to go and what to do, and then you won't always be doing the wrong things your evil nature wants you to. For we naturally love to do evil things that are just the opposite from the things that the Holy Spirit tells us to do; and the good things we want to do when the Spirit has his way with us are just the opposite of our natural desires. These two forces within us are constantly fighting each other to win control over us, and our wishes are never free from their pressures. When you are guided by the Holy Spirit, you need no longer force yourself to obey Jewish laws. (Living Bible). MOST OF THE PROBLEMS THAT CHRISTIANS ARE BLAMING ON THE DEVIL ARE ACTUALLY BEING PRODUCED BY YIELDING TO THEIR OWN UNREGENERATED FLESH! Here is some food for thought: From the time of Jesus ascension from earth to heaven, there is not even one single incident recorded in the bible of a devil being cast out of a Christian. Not One! Even in the most serious case of sin, the man who had his Father's wife, Paul did not recommend that they "Cast that *devil of lust* out of the man." No! What Paul said was, **1 Cor 5:4-5** In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, to deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction OF THE FLESH, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. It is important to notice two things: 1) The problem was THE FLESH! 2) Satan had no authority over this man AT ALL! Otherwise, why would it be necessary for the Church to turn the man over to Satan? It wasn't the devil causing the man to do this. He was simply yielding to his flesh! The truth of this verse has never really dawned on most Christians, **Col 1:13** Who hath delivered us from the power [exousia = authority] of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son. SATAN HAS NO AUTHORITY OVER CHRISTIANS! HE CANNOT MAKE YOU DO ANYTHING THAT YOU DO NOT WANT TO DO! HE ONLY CAUSES YOUR DESTRUCTION BY DECEPTION! HE HAS TO GET YOU TO AGREE WITH YOUR UNBORN AGAIN FLESH! Man is made of three parts, spirit, soul and body. **1 Th 5:23** And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Man's natural disposition is to be much more conscious of his BODY and SOUL than his SPIRIT. Here is a great truth to remember; YOU ARE NOT YOUR BODY! YOU ARE A SPIRIT! YOU HAVE A SOUL! YOU LIVE IN A BODY! The part of you that was "recreated" at the new birth was your SPIRIT! Your SOUL is in the process of being renewed as you meditate on the Word of God and pray in the spirit. But your body IS NOT SAVED! It is not going to be saved until the sound of the trump and we receive a glorious body like the one Jesus already has. Paul said the bodies that we have now are corruptible and vile. Our hope is that we will one day get a glorious one: **Phil 3:21** Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself. Until that time, just like Paul stated in the first verses we quoted, your body is always...ALWAYS going to want to do evil things and it is never going to be very excited about doing anything spiritual, such as pray, confess the word, fast, forgive others, give away your goods, etc. You, the spirit man, are born again. Your soul [the intellect, the will and the emotions] are in the process of being renewed. But your body is a slobbering dog! It must be controlled and kept under subjection to the inner man by the power of the Holy Spirit!

BBC-06-The Devil Or The Flesh?

The Devil or The Flesh?

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MY SPIRIT IS BORN AGAIN! MY FLESH IS NOT! THEY ARE AT WAR WITH EACH OTHER! MY SPIRIT WILL WIN! WAR WITH THE FLESH IS REQUIRED!

Gal 5:17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

I LISTEN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT! I OBEY THE HOLY SPIRIT! I DO NOT OBEY MY BODY!

Gal 5:18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

I AM A NEW CREATURE! MY SPIRIT IS BORN AGAIN! THE OLD "ME" DIED! IN MY SPIRIT, I AM BRAND NEW! MY REBORN SPIRIT CONTROLS MY BODY!

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.

I AM A SPIRIT! I AM IN CONTROL! I MAKE MY BODY OBEY ME! IT DOESN'T HAVE A CHOICE! I FORCE IT TO OBEY!

1 Cor 9:27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

I AM BORN OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD! I SET MY MIND ON THE THINGS THAT PLEASE THE HOLY SPIRIT! I NEVER YIELD TO MY FLESH!

Rom 8:5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

I THINK LIKE THE HOLY SPIRIT THINKS! I THINK LIKE JESUS THINKS! I HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST! MY MIND IS FULL OF LIFE AND PEACE!

Rom 8:6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

CHRIST, THE ANOINTED ONE, IS IN ME! MY BODY HAS BEEN DECLARED DEAD BECAUSE OF SIN! MY SPIRIT HAS BEEN DECLARED "LIFE"! GOD HAS DECLARED ME TO BE RIGHTEOUS! I AM THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS!

Rom 8:10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

MY LIFE COMES FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT! I OWE THE FLESH NOTHING! I DO NOT HAVE TO OBEY IT! MY FLESH OBEYS ME!

Rom 8:12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

I YIELD TO THE HOLY SPIRIT! THE HOLY SPIRIT PUTS TO DEATH THE EVIL DEEDS OF THE BODY! MY LIFE COMES THROUGH 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.

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I PRESENT MY BODY TO GOD! I MAKE MY BODY GO PRAY! I MAKE MY BODY CONFESS THE WORD! I MAKE MY BODY WORSHIP GOD! I MAKE MY BODY GO TO CHURCH! I FORCE MY BODY TO SPEND TIME WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT!

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

I REFUSE TO THINK LIKE THE WORLD! I REFUSE TO ACT LIKE THE WORLD! MY MIND IS MORE RENEWED EVERY DAY! I UNDERSTAND THE GOOD WILL OF GOD! I KNOW THE ACCEPTABLE WILL OF GOD! I DO THE PERFECT WILL OF GOD!

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

MY REBORN SPIRIT IS HOLY! I WILL LIVE HOLY! MY BODY IS NOT SAVED! MY BODY WANTS TO LIVE UNHOLY! MY SPIRIT CONTROLS MY BODY!

Eph 4:22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

I AM RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT OF MY MIND!

Eph 4:23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

THE REAL "ME" IS CREATED IN RIGHTEOUSNESS! THE REAL "ME" IS CREATED IN TRUE HOLINESS! I, THE REAL ME, THE SPIRIT MAN, IS CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD! I AM HOLY BECAUSE HE IS HOLY! I REFUSE TO LIVE LIKE AN UNSAVED MAN! I CHOOSE TO LIVE HOLY! THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES ME THE POWER TO LIVE HOLY!

Eph 4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

SATAN HAS NO AUTHORITY OVER ME! NONE! AT ALL! THE DEVIL CANNOT MAKE ME DO ANYTHING. AT ALL! I AM IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD'S DEAR SON! I BELONG TO JESUS!

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

GOD HIMSELF IS AT WORK IN ME! GOD HIMSELF IS THE ONE WHO SANCTIFIES ME AND MAKES ME DIFFERENT FROM THE WORLD! THE HOLY SPIRIT IN ME GIVES ME THE POWER TO BE PRESERVED BLAMELESS. HE KEEPS MY SPIRIT BLAMELESS. HE KEEPS MY SOUL BLAMELESS. HE KEEPS MY BODY BLAMELESS. I OBEY THE HOLY SPIRIT WITHIN ME! I ALWAYS OBEY THE HOLY SPIRIT. I NEVER OBEY MY BODY!

1 Th 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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BBC-07-Don't Help God!

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GOD DOESN'T NEED YOUR HELP! GOD NEEDS YOUR OBEDIENCE! Every time that you try to help God with human effort, you will produce an Ishmael instead of an Isaac! Abraham and Sarah got tired of "waiting" on the promise that God would give them a son. They decided to "help" God out with their human, natural reasoning powers and concluded that "it must be God's will" for Abraham to produce a child by sleeping with Sarah's handmade. BIG MISTAKE! The descendants of Ishmael are still at war with the descendants of Isaac today. Understand this, God will never stop you from "helping Him" if you choose to, but you will have to live with the consequences of that decision. Once you birth a "man made" program of any kind, it is nearly impossible to stop it. I say again, DON'T HELP GOD! Most young believers run off trying to "help" God rather than learning to "hear" God. The number one thing that is most important for believers is to become expert at "hearing the voice of God!" It is impossible to "obey" what you cannot "hear." Here are some examples of what I am talking about.

1. It seems commonplace that the one of the first things that new believers want to do is to "go into full time ministry." Understand this: Ministers of God are supposed to be CALLED AND SENT! But there are thousands and thousands of "ministers" who just GOT UP AND WENT! Most of their lives are spent producing "Ishmaels" and little, if any, of the true power of the gospel ever flows through them. They are forever trying to get God to "bless their plan" rather than submit themselves to the ministry of the Holy Spirit to find out what "God's plan is!" GOD'S BLESSING IS ON HIS PLAN...NOT YOURS! What is the solution to this problem? Here are the four primary things that all young believers should be doing in order to learn to hear God's voice: 1) Meditate the Word of God 2) Pray in the Spirit 3) Go to a Spirit filled Church 4) Go to a Spirit led Bible Study! Countless are the victims of pride whom the devil has convinced that they have "matured" beyond the need of these four things.
2. Thousands upon thousands of potential Ministries have been wrecked from the beginning because the devil twisted the scriptures and convinced people that to "live by faith" means to "quit your job." The sad part is, most of the people who are destroyed by this method have good hearts and honestly believed that they were obeying God. It is one of the devil's main strategies for destruction for two reasons; 1) It usually causes a person to "starve out" and be eventually forced back into the secular world anyway, only this time, they don't trust themselves anymore that they can hear God and they never again dare to step out by faith. 2) Very often the financial problems that are caused by this error create so much strife in the home that married couples get divorced, the family becomes divided, and Satan knows that a kingdom divided cannot stand. Here is good advice: DON'T QUIT YOUR DAY JOB! Keep your job but be diligent to do the four things mentioned above. You will become better and better at hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit and if He ever does truly call you full time into the ministry...YOU WILL KNOW IT! In the meantime, men especially, PROVIDE FOR YOUR FAMILY! At the same time, do the four things above. Not only is God not obligated to provide your needs if you choose on your own to quit your job and live by faith, He is obligated not to support that path financially because you are in violation of His Word! GOD FINANCES THE WORK HE HAS APPOINTED...NOT THAT OF MAN'S!
3. Learn to let the Word fight its own fight. God doesn't need any help from man in order to bring His promises to come to pass. All He wants from us is to agree with His Word, put His Word into our mouths and confess it like it is already so in our lives and then give the Holy Spirit time to pray all of the details into manifestation as you give time to Him by praying in other tongues. IF YOU WILL LEARN TO BE OBEDIENT TO DO THOSE TWO THINGS...THAT'S ALL GOD NEEDS FROM YOU! HE WILL DO THE REST! HE DOESN'T NEED YOUR HELP!

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I STAGGER NOT AT THE PROMISES OF GOD! I BELIEVE EVERY PROMISE! I AM STRONG IN FAITH! I GIVE ALL THE GLORY TO GOD! I AM FULLY PERSUADED THAT WHAT GOD HAS PROMISED...HE IS WELL ABLE ALSO TO PERFORM IT! GOD DOESN'T NEED MY HELP TO PERFORM HIS WORD!

Rom 4:20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

Rom 4:21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

I AM DILIGENT TO STAY IN FAITH! I AM DILIGENT TO REMAIN IN PATIENCE! I BELIEVE GOD! I NEVER TRY TO RUSH HIM! I PRAISE HIM INSTEAD WHILE I WAIT! I AM PATIENT! I NEVER CHANGE! I PRAISE GOD FOR THE TRUTH OF HIS WORD EVERY DAY! I INHERIT EVERY PROMISE! THEY ARE ALL MINE! I HAVE THEM ALL!

Heb 6:12 That ye be not slothful [sluggish, lazy, stupid], but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

GOD IS GOD! ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE UNTO HIM! I BELIEVE GOD! ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE UNTO ME! POWER BELONGS TO GOD! GOD CANNOT LIE! GOD PERFORMS HIS WORD! HE IS ABLE TO DO EXCEEDING ABUNDANTLY ABOVE ALL THAT I ASK OR THINK! GOD'S POWER IS AT WORK IN ME!

Eph 3:20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

I HAVE CONFIDENCE IN GOD! HE IS STILL WORKING ON ME! HE IS NOT THROUGH WITH ME YET! HE BEGAN A GOOD WORK IN ME! HE IS CONTINUING TO WORK IN ME! HE WILL NEVER STOP WORKING IN ME! I AM FULL OF FAITH FOR THE "NOW!"

I AM FULL OF HOPE FOR THE FUTURE! I TRUST GOD!

Phil 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ

IT PLEASES GOD TO WORK IN ME! I LIKE TO PLEASE GOD! I LET "HIM" WORK IN ME! HE LIKES TO WORK IN ME! GOD IS DOING HIS GOOD PLEASURE IN ME!

Phil 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

GOD HAS GIVEN ME ETERNAL LIFE! I WILL LIVE FOREVER! THERE IS NO RUSH! MY ETERNAL LIFE WITH GOD HAS ALREADY BEGUN! I NEVER HAVE TO GET ANXIOUS OR IN A HURRY ABOUT ANYTHING! I AM ALREADY LIVING FOREVER!

John 17:2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

I NEVER WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING! I PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING INSTEAD! I THANK GOD FOR HIS ANSWERS! I AM FULL OF PEACE! I AM THE PEACE OF GOD!

Phil 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Phil 4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

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BBC-08-Power In The Blood

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Rev 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

In our lessons during boot camp we have talked much about our confession of the Word of God, “the word of our testimony” and about truly giving our lives to serve Jesus “they loved not their lives unto the death,” but tonight we are going to talk about the most important weapon of all...THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB! The blood of Jesus is the most powerful thing in the Universe. For all the ages to come, it will be the most talked about event in all of history! To think that God would become a man and actually shed His own pure blood in order to save the “ungodly.” Why would the righteous, holy God do such a thing as that? One reason and one reason only...LOVE! Never forget your foundation:

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

The thing I want you to especially notice tonight is that it was faith in the blood that got you saved in the first place, and it is faith in the blood that causes you to overcome your enemy, the devil! All of hell could not stop you from getting saved once you put your faith in the blood of the lamb. Since the devil could not stop you from being born again, all he can do now is try to keep you in a constant state of self-condemnation to cause you to believe that God is somehow displeased with you and will not bestow His blessings upon your life. Every time you lie, every time you “miss it,” every time you sin in any way, immediately the devil will come with condemnation and attempt to pass judgment on you that are no longer fit for service (or blessing) in the kingdom of God! Listen, THE SAME BLOOD THAT SAVED YOU IN THE FIRST PLACE IS THE SAME BLOOD THAT CLEANSSES YOU EVERY DAY! WHEN YOU SIN, DON'T RUN FROM GOD...RUN TO GOD! RUN TO THE BLOOD AND BE CLEANSSED AGAIN FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS!

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

If you let condemnation come on you to the point that you refuse to go back to the throne of grace and be cleansed again by the blood of the lamb, WHERE ELSE WILL YOU GO? Is there some other God you can turn to? Is there another Christ who shed His blood for you? No, humble yourself, confess your sin, and be cleansed again by the blood that is still on the mercy seat in the Holy of Holies of God's Temple! The Power of that blood will never end. Sometimes I get so disgusted with my shortcomings that I nearly give in to the devil's relentless hammerings, “You are not fit for the kingdom of God!” Why does the devil do that? He wants me to join all of the others that he has cast on the junk heap because they finally lost faith in THE POWER OF THE BLOOD! I still miss it a lot! I still have to be cleansed by that blood a lot! But I know where my forgiveness is...IN THE BLOOD!

The Father told me one time, “Son, as long as you don't give up on the blood, I will never give up on you.” Hallelujah! That's shoutin' ground if I ever heard it. NEVER GIVE UP ON THE BLOOD OF JESUS! Run to it daily! Run to it many times a day if you have to, BUT NEVER LOSE FAITH IN ITS POWER TO CLEANSSE YOU FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS! Does God require us to be willing to forgive more than He is willing to forgive? Jesus told Peter to forgive 7 times 70, and in another place He said to forgive 7 times daily! YOU WILL NEVER EXHAUST THE FORGIVENESS THAT IS IN THAT BLOOD! Only if you give up on its power to cleanse will you step outside of God's grace! Listen, that is why it is so important not to judge your brothers and sisters in Christ! If they have been washed clean by the blood of the Lamb, God the Father has declared them to be RIGHTEOUS! When you judge them anyway you are saying, “Step aside God, I will be the judge in this case. I over-rule your decree. I declare them to be guilty and I pass judgment on them as being unrighteous!” JUDGE NOT LEST YE BE JUDGED! (Mat 7:1-2)

BBC-08-Power In The Blood

Power In The Blood

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I AM JUSTIFIED BY THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB! IT IS "JUST AS IF I" NEVER SINNED! I AM SAVED FROM THE WRATH OF GOD BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS!

Rom 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

I HAVE BEEN REDEEMED BY THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB! I AM FORGIVEN BECAUSE OF THE BLOOD OF JESUS! I HAVE THE RICHES OF GOD'S GRACE BY FAITH IN THE BLOOD!

Eph 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

BY HIS OWN BLOOD, JESUS ENTERED INTO THE HOLY OF HOLIES! HIS BLOOD OBTAINED ETERNAL REDEMPTION FOR ME! HE HAS DONE IT ONCE. THAT BLOOD IS STILL THERE FOR ME! IT IS ALWAYS THERE FOR ME! I AM REDEEMED!

Heb 9:12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

THE BLOOD OF CHRIST CLEANSSES MY CONSCIENCE! I CONFESS MY SINS BEFORE GOD! THE BLOOD OF CHRIST CLEANSSES ME AGAIN! I AM FREE TO SERVE THE LIVING GOD! I AM FORGIVEN! I AM REDEEMED! I AM FREE FROM ALL SIN!

Heb 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

I COUNT THE BLOOD OF JESUS TO BE PRECIOUS AND HOLY! HIS BLOOD KEEPS ME CLEAN! I BOLDLY ENTER INTO THE HOLIEST OF HOLIES! I AM WELCOME THERE!

Heb 10:19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

I AM SANCTIFIED BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS! GOD HAS SET ME APART FROM THE WORLD. I BELONG TO GOD! HE BOUGHT ME WITH THE BLOOD OF JESUS!

Heb 13:12 Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.

GOD DID NOT REDEEM ME WITH SILVER AND GOLD! THEY WERE NOT VALUABLE ENOUGH! ONLY THE BLOOD OF JESUS WAS PRECIOUS ENOUGH TO BUY ME BACK TO GOD! I HAVE BEEN BOUGHT WITH A PRICE! I BELONG TO GOD!

1 Pet 1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

1 Pet 1:19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST CLEANSSES ME FROM ALL SIN!

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

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Confession Page 2

WHEN I SIN, I ALWAYS RUN TO GOD, NOT FROM HIM! I CONFESS MY SINS TO MY GOD! I ASK HIM TO FORGIVE ME AND CLEANSE ME! HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST TO FORGIVE ME EVERY TIME! HE IS FAITHFUL TO CLEANSE ME EVERY TIME! THE BLOOD OF JESUS WILL NEVER LOSE IT'S POWER!

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE ANOINTED ONE! JESUS IS THE FAITHFUL WITNESS! JESUS IS THE FIRST BEGOTTEN FROM THE DEAD! JESUS IS THE PRINCE OF THE KINGS OF THE EARTH! JESUS LOVES ME! HE WASHED ME FROM MY SINS WITH HIS OWN BLOOD! I AM FORGIVEN! I AM REDEEMED! I AM CLEAN! HIS BLOOD GOT ME CLEAN! HIS BLOOD KEEPS ME CLEAN! THANK GOD FOR THE BLOOD!

Rev 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood.

JESUS IS REAL! JESUS IS ALIVE! JESUS SHED HIS BLOOD FOR ME! BECAUSE HE LOVES ME! HE LOVED ME THEN! HE LOVES ME NOW! HE WILL LOVE ME FOREVER! HIS BLOOD IS MY SALVATION! HIS BLOOD WILL NEVER LOSE ITS POWER! HE FORGAVE ME THEN! HE FORGIVES ME NOW! HE WILL FORGIVE ME FOREVER! HE IS THE FAITHFUL AND TRUE! HE GAVE ME HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS THEN! I HAVE HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS NOW! I WILL HAVE HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS FOREVER! BECAUSE I WILL FOREVER HAVE FAITH IN HIS BLOOD! JESUS, I LOVE YOU! JESUS, THANK YOU FOR THE BLOOD!

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. (Rev 19:11-13)

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BBC-09-Obtaining Promises

Lesson Page

"How does a person receive from God?" In one form or another, that is the question that is most often asked of ministers of the gospel. Most born again people that go to a good, spirit led Church will agree that God is love and that He demonstrated that love by sending Jesus to the cross to die for them as a substitute for their punishment. Mentally they say things like, "I know God loves me. I know Jesus shed His blood for me. I know I am forgiven. I know God has all power and is able to do anything." Yet, when it comes to their daily lives, if they will be honest, most of them will also say, "I just can't seem to get Him to use His power on my behalf." To be very precise, what I mean is; their financial bills remain unpaid, their bodies remain sick, their marriages remain a place of strife, their minds remain in a state of torment and fear, and their children continue to run after the world instead of God. The question is, WHY? I cannot improve on the words spoken by the prophet Hosea when God spoke through him saying, **"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."** (Hosea 4:6) In plain English that means, **PEOPLE DO NOT RECEIVE FROM GOD BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW HOW!** This next statement might sound almost silly to you, but it is actually the answer as to why people don't receive from God: **MAN IS NOT PERMITTED TO MAKE UP HIS OWN GOSPEL!** This is GOD'S gospel! He designed it. It is perfect. It works 100% of the time when it is operated correctly. But it never works...NEVER...if man decides on his own to change it! Here are some ways that man has changed the gospel: 1) You must beg God to bless you. 2) You must become perfect before God will bless you. 3) God blesses you based on your "performance." 4) It is "prideful" to ask God to bless you. 5) You should just accept everything that comes your way (car wrecks, sickness, etc.) as being God and simply trust that "He is working all things together for your good." 6) Just "hope and pray" that He will bless you. 7) God will bless you if He wants to.

NO! A THOUSAND TIMES NO! NONE OF THOSE THINGS ARE GOD'S GOSPEL! GOD'S GOSPEL DOES NOT WORK LIKE THAT! IT WILL NEVER WORK LIKE THAT! NEVER!!!

Most people follow down one or more of those "man made gospels" their entire lives and die wondering "why God never used His power on their behalf." **DON'T BE LIKE THEM!** In order to find out how the God's Gospel works, you have to go directly to the source: The bible and the Holy Spirit Who wrote the bible through men. The apostle Peter was one of those men. He said;

2 Pet 1:3-4 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: 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.

YOU GET GOD TO MOVE ON YOUR BEHALF WITH HIS POWER BY THESE EXCEEDING GREAT AND PRECIOUS PROMISES! You can keep on begging, crying, and trying to "earn" God's blessings the rest of your life, but it will never work because those are "man-made" ideas about God. Peter said that God has already given unto us "all things" that pertain to "life and godliness" (that pretty well covers your case, doesn't it?) **BY THESE PROMISES!** It is by these promises that we partake of the "Divine Nature." What is God's nature? The reason Jesus came was to declare unto us that God is not a God of law, and judgment, and vengeance, but that God is a **FATHER!**

John 14:9 Jesus saith unto him...he that hath seen me hath seen the Father...

The "nature" of a Father is: **A FATHER PROVIDES FOR HIS CHILDREN!** God, our Father, has already provided EVERYTHING that any of His children would ever need. If you are ever going to start receiving from God your Father you are going to have to do it one way...not two. You have to learn **HOW** to receive from Him by these exceeding great and precious promises! There is no other way! God does not allow any other way! God does not honor any other gospel but His! All of the promises are **FREE** by **GRACE** through **FAITH!** **THAT** is **HOW** you receive from God! Period!

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You obtain all of the promises of God exactly the same way that you got saved in the first place:

Rom 10:9-10 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. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Notice verse nine says, “confess with thy mouth and believe in thine heart.” Verse ten says, “believe in thine heart and confess with thy mouth.” This is the eternal cycle that obtains every promise of God in your life. Confessing with the mouth and believing in the heart. Believing in the heart and confessing with the mouth. The first step to obtaining EVERY PROMISE from God is to begin CONFESSING IT WITH YOUR MOUTH! This is a practice page. Below, I have typed a few of these “exceeding great and precious promises.” I have left room above them for you to write a confession from that promise so that when you say it, you are saying it like it is already true in your life. Once you become good at this and are willing to spend time confessing them as “present tense truth” in your life, there is nothing the devil and all of hell can do to prevent you from obtaining every promise IF YOU DON’T QUIT CONFESSING IT! Even if you don’t believe it when you first start confessing the promise, you eventually will, because FAITH COMETH BY HEARING AND HEARING BY THE WORD OF GOD! That means that, sooner or later, it will not be just “in your mouth,” but also “in your heart!” When that happens, FAITH HAS COME, and the power of God will flow into your life! I have done the first one for you as an example:

Example

MY FATHER ALWAYS GIVES ME WHATEVER I ASK HIM FOR, IN THE NAME OF JESUS!

John 16:23b Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.

Practice

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 5:21 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.

Gal 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us.

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GOD HAS ALREADY GIVEN ME EVERYTHING THAT PERTAINS TO LIFE AND GODLINESS! I ALREADY HAVE EVERYTHING I WILL EVER NEED! I DON'T PERISH FOR A LACK OF KNOWLEDGE! I HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD! I KNOW MY FATHER! HE HAS CALLED ME TO GLORY AND EXCELLENCE!

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 [excellence].

GOD HAS GIVEN ME EXCEEDING GREAT AND PRECIOUS PROMISES! EVERY PROMISE IS TRUE IN MY LIFE! I CLAIM EVERY PROMISE IS MINE! I HAVE THEM! ALL OF THEM! GOD IS "FATHER" TO ME! MY FATHER PROVIDES FOR ME! I RECEIVE EVERY THING FROM GOD MY FATHER...NOT THE WORLD!

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.

MY GOD SUPPLIES ALL OF MY NEED ACCORDING TO HIS RICHES IN GLORY BY THE ANOINTING OF JESUS! JESUS IS MY CONNECTION TO THE FATHER! MY FATHER PROVIDES EVERYTHING FOR ME BECAUSE OF JESUS! JESUS IS MY LORD!

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

I KEEP THE WORD OF GOD IN MY MOUTH ALL THE TIME! I SAY THE WORD OF GOD ALL THE TIME! I KEEP THE WORD IN MY MOUNH! I KEEP THE WORD IN MY HEART! THAT IS THE WORD OF FAITH! FAITH PLEASES GOD! MY FAITH PLEASES GOD! I SAY WHAT GOD SAYS...ALL THE TIME!

Rom 10:8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach.

I AM GROWING STRONGER EVERY DAY! I REFUSE TO REMAIN A BABY! I AM GRADUATING FROM MILK TO MEAT! I LOVE STRONG MEAT! I AM SKILLED IN THE HANDLING OF THE WORD! I KNOW HOW TO RECEIVE EVERY PROMISE! ALL OF THE PROMISES OF GOD ARE MINE! AS I CONFESS THE WORD, I AM TRAINING MY SENSES TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL! GOD'S WORD IS TRUTH! ANYTHING CONTRARY TO GOD'S WORD IS A LIE! I BELIEVE GOD! I BELIEVE GOD'S WORD! ALL THE TIME! ALL DAY! EVERY DAY! I BELIEVE GOD'S WORD! I AM WHAT THE WORD OF GOD SAYS I AM! I CAN HAVE WHAT THE WORD OF GOD SAYS I CAN HAVE. I CAN DO WHAT THE WORD OF GOD SAYS I CAN DO!

Heb 5:13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

Heb 5:14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH THE "ANOINTED ONE" WHO STRENGTHENS ME! THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS "CAN'T" IN MY LIFE! I AM AN OVERCOMER! I AM THE HEAD AND NOT THE TAIL! I AM ABOVE ONLY AND NOT BENEATH! HALLELUJAH!

Phil 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

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BBC-10-Forgiveness Is Your “Big Gun”

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Rom 12:17-21 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. In this “Boot Camp” series we are purposely submitting to training in order to be good soldiers in the army of God. We have made many comparisons between a military unit and the army of God. But we must never lose sight of the fact that the “weapons of our warfare are not carnal” [natural]. Our weapons are different from the world’s.

FORGIVENESS IS A FRONT LINE WEAPON IN THE ARMY OF THE LORD! In the same way that our Naval forces would use their “big guns” to pound an island held by the Japanese in WWII to soften up the enemy before the ground troops landed, so “forgiveness” should go ahead of you into every situation of life. Forgiveness is our BIG GUN! Everywhere we go, and in every thing we do, we are supposed to do all “in the Name of our Lord Jesus.” That means we are representing our King Jesus and are attempting to “possess the land” by getting as many people born again as possible during our lifetime. People will NEVER receive the gospel message from you unless you first “pound” them with forgiveness. Remember, our battle is not with “flesh and blood.” That person is not your enemy. The demonic forces controlling him is. **POUND YOUR TRUE ENEMY WITH FORGIVENESS! FORGIVENESS MAKES DEVILS NERVOUS! DEVILS DON’T UNDERSTAND PEOPLE WHO ALWAYS FORGIVE!** Forgiveness “softens up” the forces of your true enemy [the devil] and causes him to lose more and more of his hold on the person you are forgiving. The walls come down [real slow some times]. They begin to open up [gradually]. Then you can tell them about Jesus and get them born again. Would you like to become a “General” in the army of God? The disciples asked Jesus, **Mat 18:1** **At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?** Because of the seriousness of their question, Jesus gives them a very detailed answer which includes all of the verses down to, **Mat 18:35** **So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.** TO BE GREAT IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD, TO BE A GENERAL IN GOD’S ARMY, YOU MUST DEVELOP THE CAPACITY TO “FORGIVE EVERY ONE HIS BROTHER THEIR TRESPASSES!” PERIOD! You might as well know right now that this is humanly impossible without the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. That is why true ministers of the Gospel are always encouraging you to spend much time praying in the spirit, meditating and confessing the Word of God, and in worship so He, the Holy Spirit, can transform you into the very likeness of Christ Himself. You set your rudder with the Word of God. Then you trust the Holy Spirit to blow on the sails of your ship to send you down the desired course. Here is what I mean: For your part, 1) Never “get even.” 2) Do “good” to all people. 3) Live “peaceably” with all men [on your part]. 4) Never “seek revenge.” 5) Give God your “anger.” 6) Remember that God has reserved “vengeance” as His own personal possession. When you seek to take vengeance yourself, you have exalted yourself above the throne of God. You simply are not qualified to do it. Pride and pride alone demands “vengeance.” **Prov 13:10a** **Only by pride cometh contention** [quarrels, debates, strife]. **MAKE THE QUALITY DECISION THAT NO MATTER HOW EVIL ANYONE TREATS YOU...YOU WILL OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD!** That is the heart of our Lord. When Jesus was dying in agony on the cross that His enemies had nailed Him to, He prayed, **“Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.”** (Luke 23:34). JESUS FORGAVE ALL! JESUS IS THE GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM!

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I NEVER GET EVEN. I NEVER RETURN EVIL FOR EVIL. I DO “GOOD” TO ALL PEOPLE. FOR MY PART, I LIVE AT PEACE WITH ALL PEOPLE. I HATE REVENGE. REVENGE HAS NO PLACE IN MY LIFE. I ALWAYS GIVE MY ANGER TO GOD. VENGEANCE IS THE LORD’S. HE WILL REPAY. THAT IS NOT MY PROBLEM. I AM FREE FROM REVENGE. I DO GOOD TO MY ENEMIES. FORGIVENESS IS MY “BIG GUN.” I USE FORGIVENESS TO OVERCOME EVIL. I OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD. THEIR SOUL IS MORE IMPORTANT TO ME THAN MY “RIGHTS.” I AM A SOLDIER IN THE ARMY OF THE LORD. MY “BIG GUN” IS FORGIVENESS. I USE MY WEAPON WELL! I ALWAYS FORGIVE! EVERY TIME!

Rom 12:17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

Rom 12:18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

Rom 12:19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

Rom 12:20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.

Rom 12:21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

I ALWAYS FORGIVE FROM THE HEART! THE “TORMENTERS” HAVE NO WAY TO ENTER MY LIFE. FORGIVENESS SLAMS THE DOOR SHUT AGAINST TORMENT. WHEN I FORGIVE, I “LOOSE” THOSE PEOPLE FROM THE TORMENTERS! WHEN I FORGIVE, I “LOOSE” MYSELF FROM THE TORMENTERS. I ALWAYS FORGIVE! I AM FREE!

Mat 18:34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

Mat 18:35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

FAITH WORKS BY LOVE. LOVE FORGIVES. I FORGIVE. MY FATHER FORGIVES ME. MY FAITH ALWAYS WORKS. MY PRAYERS ARE ALWAYS ANSWERED. I ALWAYS FORGIVE OTHERS EVERY DAY. MY FATHER FORGIVES ME EVERY DAY. MY FAITH WORKS.

Gal 5:6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

Mark 11:25 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.

Mark 11:26 But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

I “FORGIVE” MY BROTHER BEFORE I “GIVE” TO GOD! FORGIVING OTHERS IS IMPORTANT TO MY PROSPERITY IN GOD’S KINGDOM! I DESIRE THAT THE FATHER BE PLEASED WITH MY GIFTS TO HIM! I “FORGIVE” FIRST! I “GIVE” SECOND! I AM FREE TO RECEIVE BLESSING FROM MY FATHER! I AM A “FORGIVER” AND A “GIVER!” I RECEIVE EVERY BLESSING I CAN POSSIBLY USE! I AM BLESSED!

Mat 5:23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;

Mat 5:24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

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BBC-11-Endure Hardness As A Soldier

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2 Tim 2:3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

The Greek Word translated “endure hardness” is “kakopatheo” which means, “to undergo hardship, be afflicted, suffer trouble.” History tells us that this is the last letter the apostle Paul wrote before he was executed by Nero in Rome. He is writing from his prison cell and was fully aware that Timothy would never see his face, nor hear Paul’s voice again. Timothy was the pastor of the church at Ephesus. In Paul’s mind, it was imperative that this letter strengthen the resolve of Timothy in order for him to carry the banner of Jesus Christ to the next generation. Timothy was aware that Paul had been imprisoned and was going to be executed and a spirit of fear was trying to grip Timothy’s heart. That’s why Paul said to him, **2 Tim 1:7-8 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God.** You might say, “Gary, I am not a pastor of a church. I am not an apostle. I am just a sheep, a believer. I am not supposed to be a partaker of afflictions, am I?” In the same letter Paul says, **2 Tim 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.** ALL includes YOU! In the context of this entire letter, the kind of affliction and persecution that Paul is talking about is the kind that comes THROUGH PEOPLE! Especially the sort of people that resist the Word of Faith and are always more interested in arguing over foolish questions than they are in serving Christ. Now here is the HARD part: *To continue to speak the truth to them in love without arguing with them!* THAT IS HARD! **2 Tim 2:24-26 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; and that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.** When Paul says to “be gentle unto all men” he is saying to be gentle EVEN TO THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTING YOU. You are never going to help people by “beating them over the head” with the gospel.. Those that are persecuting you are already in the “snare of the devil” and your job is to help them see the truth so that they can repent and “recover themselves out of the devil’s snare.” People of the world [and religious people] EXPECT you to react just like they would if they were persecuted. It is when you DO NOT retaliate that you take them by surprise. They don’t understand that. It affects them, way down deep, whether they admit it or not at first. Paul told Timothy to remember his example, **2 Tim 3:10-11 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.** Think about this, we have not one record that Paul ever physically defended himself, retaliated in revenge or tried to “get even” with any of his persecutors...NOT EVEN THOSE WHO STONED HIM TO DEATH! Paul did not trust in his own strength nor his own ability to defend himself. Paul knew that he had One who defended him: “The LORD delivered me.” When you are slandered, ridiculed, or even threatened for your witness of Jesus Christ, NEVER DEFEND YOURSELF! Be like Paul and trust in the Lord to deliver you. He will deliver you...EVERY TIME!

2 Tim 2:3-7 Take your share of suffering as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, just as I do; and as Christ's soldier, do not let yourself become tied up in worldly affairs, for then you cannot satisfy the one who has enlisted you in his army. Follow the Lord's rules for doing his work, just as an athlete either follows the rules or is disqualified and wins no prize. Work hard like a farmer who gets paid well if he raises a large crop. Think over these three illustrations, and may the Lord help you to understand how they apply to you. (Living Bible)

BBC-11-Endure Hardness As A Soldier

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GOD HAS NOT GIVEN ME A SPIRIT OF FEAR! I HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT! I HAVE POWER! I HAVE LOVE! I HAVE A SOUND MIND!

2 Tim 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

I AM A GOOD SOLDIER OF JESUS CHRIST! I ENDURE HARDNESS!

2 Tim 2:3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

I AM THE LORD'S SERVANT! I DO NOT ARGUE WITH PEOPLE! I AM GENTLE TO ALL PEOPLE AS I TEACH THEM THE TRUTH! I AM ALWAYS THE SAME! IN MEEKNESS I INSTRUCT THOSE THAT OPPOSE THEMSELVES! MY GOAL IS THAT THEY WILL SEE THE TRUTH AND REPENT! MY GOAL IS TO HELP THEM BE FREE FROM THE SNARE OF THE DEVIL! THAT IS WHY I ENDURE THEIR PERSECUTIONS TO ME!

2 Tim 2:24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,

2 Tim 2:25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

2 Tim 2:26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

I LIVE GODLY IN CHRIST JESUS! I AM HIS WITNESS TO THE WORLD! I AM NOT SURPRISED WHEN I AM PERSECUTED!

2 Tim 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

I AM BLESSED WHEN PEOPLE PERSECUTE ME FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE! I AM BLESSED WHEN THEY SPEAK EVIL AGAINST ME FALSELY! I REJOICE! I AM EXCEEDING GLAD! I AM THE SALT OF THE EARTH! BY MY WITNESS OF JESUS MANY WILL BE PRESERVED ALIVE! I AM A WITNESS THAT JESUS CHRIST LIVES IN ME! MY WITNESS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD! MANY WILL FOLLOW ME TO THE LIGHT OF CHRIST! MANY WILL COME OUT OF DARKNESS BECAUSE THEY SEE CHRIST IN ME! MY WITNESS IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN GETTING EVEN! MY WITNESS IS WHAT MUST BE SET ON A HILL FOR THEM TO SEE!

Mat 5:11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Mat 5:12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Mat 5:13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

Mat 5:14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

I NEVER DEFEND MYSELF! THE LORD DELIVERS ME OUT OF ALL AFFLICTIONS! ALL OF THEM! EVERY TIME! I NEVER FEAR! THE LORD IS WITH ME! THE LORD IS MY HELPER! I HAVE NO FEAR OF MAN AT ALL! I TRUST THE LORD!

Psa 34:19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

Heb 13:6 The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

BBC-11-Endure Hardness As A Soldier

BBC-12-Overcoming Fear

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One thing is certain...an army will never be successful if it lives in fear that it will be abandoned by its own General. An army must not only be fearless in the face of its enemy, but it must also have supreme confidence in its Commander In Chief! Christians are continually exhorted to resist the devil, to hold fast to their confession, and when they have done all to stand, to stand therefore against all the wiles of the devil. Yet when it comes right down to it, most Christians are still more convinced of their enemy's hatred for them than they are of God's love for them. The result is that fear not only assaults them from the front by the enemy's threats but they are also attacked by fear from behind because they have not yet matured in their confidence and assurance of God's love for them. How can an army win if it not only fears the enemy's attacks but also fears attacks by its own Commander? What is the secret to overcoming ALL FEAR? **1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.** This verse is even more clear in the Living Bible: *1 John 4:18 We need have no fear of someone who loves us perfectly; his perfect love for us eliminates all dread of what he might do to us. If we are afraid, it is for fear of what he might do to us and shows that we are not fully convinced that he really loves us.* YOU MUST BELIEVE THAT GOD LOVES YOU! **1 John 4:15-16 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. And WE HAVE KNOWN AND BELIEVED THE LOVE THAT GOD HATH TO US.** God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. "Known and believed!" You must not only have the knowledge of Christ's love for you, you must also believe it. Jesus wants to develop a "heart union" with you, not just a "head knowledge" relationship. **Eph 3:17-19 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know [for yourself] the love of Christ [how much He loves you], which passeth knowledge [a heart union with Him, not just head knowledge], that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.** In one sense of the word, the "Promised Land" that we are to possess is "The Love Of Christ." Remember that the word "Christ" means "The Anointed One And His Anointing." Notice how Paul described the love of Christ as being a huge thing...with breadth, and length, and depth, and height. Most Christians have possessed enough of His love to believe that He will save them from hell. Thank God they have possessed that much of His love...but there is more. Some Christians have possessed enough of His love to believe that He will use His anointing on their behalf to heal their bodies. Thank God, but there is more. Some Christians have gone on to possess enough of His love to believe that He will use His anointing to prosper them financially. Thank God, but there is more. On and on I could go describing things to be possessed because of the love of Christ...peace, joy, righteousness, patience, temperance, etc..**Eph 3:8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.** YOU WILL NEVER COME TO THE END OF CHRIST'S LOVE FOR YOU! THE MORE OF IT YOU "KNOW", AND "BELIEVE", AND "POSSESS", THE MORE OF HIS LOVE YOU WILL STILL SEE IN FRONT OF YOU...FOR ETERNITY! Not only that, but you must know that God the Father loves you as much as Jesus loves you: **John 3:16 For God so loved the world [that means you], that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever [that means you] believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. KNOWING AND BELIEVING THE LOVE THAT GOD HAS FOR YOU IS HOW YOU OVERCOME ALL FEAR!** **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? Rom 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? Heb 13:6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.**

BBC-12-Overcoming Fear

Overcoming Fear **Confession Page**

I SAY THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD! GOD LIVES IN ME! I LIVE IN GOD!

1 John 4:15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

I KNOW THAT GOD LOVES ME! I BELIEVE THAT GOD LOVES ME! GOD IS LOVE! I LIVE A LIFE OF LOVE! I LIVE IN GOD! GOD LIVES IN ME!

1 John 4:16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

GOD LOVES ME PERFECTLY! I AM NOT AFRAID THAT HE WILL DO SOMETHING BAD TO ME! I AM CONVINCED THAT GOD REALLY DOES LOVE ME! HE LOVES ME TOO MUCH TO LEAVE ME LIKE I AM! HIS LOVE IS PERFECT! HE IS PERFECTING ME! I TRUST HIM COMPLETELY! I LOVE HIM BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED ME!

1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

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? I DON'T FEAR THE DEVIL! I DON'T FEAR MAN! I HAVE NO FEAR! I AM BOLD AS A LION!

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?

GOD IS FOR ME! WHO CAN BE AGAINST ME AND WIN? NOBODY! I ALWAYS WIN!

Rom 8:31b If God be for us, who can be against us?

GOD HAS ALREADY GIVEN ME HIS BEST! HE GAVE ME JESUS! HE WILL ALSO GIVE ME EVERYTHING ELSE THAT I NEED! I DO NOT FEAR LACK! I HAVE ABUNDANCE!

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?

I HAVE COME TO JESUS! HE WILL NEVER CAST ME OUT! HE WILL NEVER LEAVE ME! HE WILL NEVER FORSAKE ME! I HAVE COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN HIM! JESUS IS MY PROVIDER! I NEVER WORRY ABOUT HAVING ENOUGH! I ALWAYS HAVE PLENTY!

John 6:37b Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

Heb 13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

I BELIEVE THAT CHRIST LIVES IN ME! I AM ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN LOVE! I UNDERSTAND AND POSSESS THE LOVE OF CHRIST! I KNOW FOR MYSELF THAT THE ANOINTED ONE LOVES ME! I AM FULL OF THE LOVE OF GOD! GOD LIVES IN ME!

Eph 3:17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

Eph 3:18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

Eph 3:19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

BBC-12-Overcoming Fear

BBC-13-Tell What You Have Seen & Heard

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Acts 4:20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard. People are interested in “reality,” not “theory.” Most people who try to “witness” for the Lord do not really understand what being a “witness” is. Listen to the instructions given to the apostle Paul immediately after his conversion, **Acts 22:15** **For thou shalt be HIS WITNESS unto all men of what thou hast SEEN AND HEARD.** A big part of “witnessing” is telling “what you have seen and heard” YOURSELF! What has the Lord done for you and through you? YOUR TESTIMONY IS A BIG PART OF BEING A WITNESS! Has the Lord saved you? Tell people about that. Has the Lord healed you? Tell people about that. Has the Lord prospered you financially? Tell people about that. Has the Lord delivered your children? Tell people about that. Has the Lord healed somebody through your prayers or your laying hands on them? Tell people about that. The apostle John was certainly a “witness” of everything that happened during Jesus’ earthly ministry. Listen to what John says,

1 John 1:3 That which we have SEEN AND HEARD declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. Even in the Old Testament, it was important for each generation of Israelites to “witness” to the younger generation of all the things which they had SEEN AND HEARD! For example,

Psa 78:1 Maschil of Asaph. Give ear, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

Psa 78:2 I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old:

Psa 78:3 Which we have HEARD AND KNOWN, and our fathers have told us.

Psa 78:4 We will not hide them from their children, showing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and his strength, and HIS WONDERFUL WORKS THAT HE HATH DONE.

Psa 78:5 For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children:

Psa 78:6 That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children:

Psa 78:7 That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.

Examples:

Psa 78:13 He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through; and he made the waters to stand as an heap.

Psa 78:14 In the daytime also he led them with a cloud, and all the night with a light of fire.

Psa 78:15 He clave the rocks in the wilderness, and gave them drink as out of the great depths.

Psa 78:16 He brought streams also out of the rock, and caused waters to run down like rivers.

It is important to be a witness of the things which you have SEEN AND HEARD! Everybody can do that. You don’t have to be educated, nor a scholar, nor some kind of great speaker to simply TELL WHAT YOU HAVE SEEN AND HEARD! GIVE YOUR TESTIMONY! BE A WITNESS! People need to hear about the True and Living God, not some kind of “theoretical” pie in the sky, maybe, hope so, kind of religion. Always remember, THE MAN WITH AN EXPERIENCE IS NEVER AT THE MERCY OF A MAN WITH A THEORY! For example, you came too late to tell me that God will not provide all of your needs according to His riches in glory. I know better. I have experienced it for myself. I TELL everybody who will listen. I TELL what I have SEEN AND HEARD! You came too late to tell me that tongues are not for today! I have experienced it for myself. I have heard the Holy Spirit teach me hundreds of bible lessons. I TELL everybody who will listen. Do the same. TELL WHAT YOU HAVE SEEN AND HEARD! BE HIS WITNESS!

BBC-13-Tell What You Have Seen & Heard

BBC-14-Power To Witness

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In the previous lessons we have discussed “Enduring hardness as a soldier,” “Overcoming Fear,” and being witnesses unto the Lord by “Telling what we have seen and heard.” All of those are steps to becoming ever more effective weapons in the hand of the Lord. Our goal, however, is to arrive at the place where “Christ Himself is able to do the works of the Father through us.” Now we are talking about “doing the works of the Father” by the anointing of Jesus Christ who lives in us. Jesus said,

John 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

John 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

John 14:14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

The TRUTH of the gospel is this, CHRIST, THE ANOINTED ONE, IS IN YOU! He is there for the same purpose that He was manifested in the beginning:

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.

He is still in the business of doing the very same thing! The only difference now is that He lives in our bodies on earth (by the Spirit) instead of his own. God the Father believes that Christ is in us! Jesus Christ believes that He is in us! The Holy Spirit believes that Jesus Christ is in us! Our born again spirit man believes that Jesus Christ lives in us! The part of us that has trouble believing the gospel is

OUR OWN SOULS! Our soul tends to believe “physical” evidence instead of the Word of God. The soul of man has to be “renewed, on purpose, with effort, to believe the Word of God.” Every time there was a faith failure in the gospels, the reason was always the same: “Because of your unbelief.” In fact, Jesus Himself said that the only real “work of God” that amounts to anything is:

John 6:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

If we are presently in a state of “unbelief”, what can we do to change? We have several tools such as fasting, prayer, praying in the spirit, meditation, worship, and so forth, but the one I want to emphasize in this lesson is this: **YOU WILL NEVER RISE ABOVE YOUR CONFESSION!**

Rom 10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Even if you come to the place where you “believe” it completely, you will still never have the manifestation of it in your life until you begin **CONFESSING IT WITH YOUR MOUTH! CONFESSION IS MADE UNTO.....! YOU HAVE WHAT YOU SAY! BELIEVING WITHOUT SAYING WILL NEVER PRODUCE ANY RESULTS!** If you will continue to SAY what the bible declares as being truth, you will eventually believe the gospel **SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY!** Even your body will conform to the Word of God. Eventually, however, you must progress from believing, to saying, to **ACTING!** Begin laying hands on the sick and expect them to recover! Why? Because Jesus said so! That is all the evidence you need!

Mark 16:18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; THEY SHALL LAY HANDS ON THE SICK, AND THEY SHALL RECOVER.

Begin saying “Everybody I lay my hands on in Jesus name recovers.” **EVEN IF THEY ALL DIE! FAITH IS BASED ON THE WORD, NOT PHYSICAL EVIDENCE!** We do it because Jesus said to do it, that’s all! One caution, be careful to listen for the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Remember, the devil came to Jesus to tempt Him to do “spiritual” things that were not of God. He told Him to jump off the roof of the temple to “prove” that He was the son of God. Example, don’t pick up hitchhikers to witness to them unless the Holy Spirit says to.

BBC-14-Power To Witness

Power To Witness

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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! As I sow this seed by saying, the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus makes me free from the Law of Sin & Death!

Power

I AM CLOTHED WITH POWER FROM ON HIGH BECAUSE JESUS HAS SENT THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER UPON ME.

Luke 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued [clothed] with power from on high.

I AM A WITNESS THAT JESUS CHRIST IS ALIVE AND THAT HE IS LORD OF ALL.

I RECEIVED POWER TO DEMONSTRATE THOSE FACTS WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME UPON ME.

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

I AM A WORKMAN IN MY FATHER'S KINGDOM. THE WORKS THAT JESUS DID, I DO ALSO, AND EVEN GREATER WORKS I DO BECAUSE JESUS IS NOW WITH THE FATHER. WHATEVER I ASK IN HIS NAME, JESUS HIMSELF DOES IT THAT THE FATHER MAY BE GLORIFIED IN THE SON. JESUS CANNOT LIE. HE DOES WHATEVER I ASK IN HIS NAME.

John 14:12-14 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

I AM ALWAYS ABUNDANTLY SUPPLIED. MY FATHER GIVES ME WHATEVER I ASK FOR IN THE NAME OF JESUS. I AM NEVER IN LACK.

John 16:23b ...Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.

Christ In Me

I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHICH STRENGTHENS ME! (Phil 4:13)

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.

THE ANOINTED ONE LOVES ME. (Gal 2:20)

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I AM STRENGTHENED WITH MIGHT BY MY FATHER'S SPIRIT IN MY INNER MAN. CHRIST DWELLS IN MY HEART BY FAITH. I AM ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN LOVE. I EAGERLY SEIZE AND POSSESS THE BREADTH, AND LENGTH, AND DEPTH, AND HEIGHT OF CHRIST'S LOVE. I KNOW FOR MYSELF HOW MUCH CHRIST LOVES ME, BEYOND MERE HEAD KNOWLEDGE. I AM FILLED WITH ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD. MY BODY IS FILLED AND FLOODED WITH GOD HIMSELF. THE RICHEST MEASURE OF HIS PRESENCE IS ALWAYS WITH ME. (Eph 3:16-19 Amp)

MY BODY IS FULL OF LIGHT HAVING NO PART DARK. GOD IS LIGHT. MY BODY IS FULL OF GOD HIMSELF. (Luke 11:36, 1 John 1:5).

I AM FULL OF THE GODHEAD BODILY. THE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT LIVES WITHIN MY BODY BECAUSE CHRIST LIVES IN MY BODY. (Col 2:10)

CHRIST IS IN ME. CHRIST IS MY HOPE OF GLORY. CHRIST IS MY EXPECTATION OF MANIFESTED GLORY. (Col 1:27)

I AM A SON OF GOD. BECAUSE I AM A SON, GOD HAS SENT FORTH THE SPIRIT OF HIS SON INTO MY HEART CRYING, ABBA! FATHER! CHRIST IN ME IS PRAYING, "ABBA, FATHER, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE UNTO THEE. THY WILL BE DONE." (Gal 4:6, Mark 14:36)

I HAVE THE SAME GLORY THAT THE FATHER GAVE JESUS! THAT GLORY IS:
"I AND MY FATHER ARE ONE." I AM ONE WITH GOD! (John 10:30)

John 17:22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

CHRIST IS IN ME. THE FATHER IS IN HIM. I AND CHRIST ARE ONE. I AND MY FATHER ARE ONE. (John 10:30)

John 17:23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

MY FATHER DOES THE WORKS THROUGH CHRIST IN ME. BY THIS THE WORLD KNOWS THAT THE FATHER HAS SENT CHRIST TO LIVE IN ME. BY THIS THE WORLD KNOWS THAT THE FATHER HAS LOVED ME AS MUCH AS HE LOVED JESUS.

John 17:23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

CHRIST, THE ANOINTED ONE, LIVES WITHIN MY FLESH! THE FATHER LIVES WITHIN HIM! I AND MY FATHER ARE ONE! (John 10:30)

1 John 4:2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God.

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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. The Lord said to me, "*The Holy Spirit will not act on the unspoken Word...not even for God the Father Himself! The Holy Spirit would still be brooding over the face of the waters today had He not heard, 'Let there be light.'*"

Mat 8:5-13 And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, and saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but **SPEAK THE WORD ONLY**, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so **great faith**, no, not in Israel. And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. And Jesus said unto the centurion, **Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.** It is important to notice that there was physical distance between Jesus and this Centurion's house. The fact that the servant was healed without Jesus physically being present lets us know for sure that it was the Holy Spirit who moved on the servant's body to cause him to be healed. Meditate it this way, before the Centurion sent messengers to Jesus, did the servant desire to be healed? Yes! Did the Centurion desire for the servant to be healed? Yes! Did God the Father desire that the servant be healed? Yes! (God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. 1 John 1:5). Did the Holy Spirit desire for the servant to be healed? Yes! But notice that the Holy Spirit did not do ANYTHING about this servant's sickness until HE HEARD THE WORD OF GOD SPOKEN!

I will keep saying this until Jesus returns: **GOD WORKS IN THE EARTH ONE WAY, NOT TWO: HE WORKS WITH WORDS!** The Holy Spirit is the "Performer." He "Performs" the **WORD OF GOD THAT HE HEARS COMING OUT OF YOUR MOUTH!** He never "Performs" good intentions. He never "Performs" unspoken desires. He never "Performs" whims, emotions, day dreams, wishful thinking, and so forth. **HE ONLY PERFORMS THE SPOKEN WORD! PERIOD!** In the Centurion's day, he had to send messengers to the geographical location where Christ was bodily. The Centurion understood that Christ had authority over sickness. He understood that **AUTHORITY IS RELEASED THROUGH THE SPOKEN WORD!** At that time, Christ had only one body, the one He Himself was wearing. But today, the entire Church is the "body of Christ!" The Anointed One is wearing many bodies today, including yours. The Word is emphatic when it says,

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.** Christ, the Anointed One, He Who has all authority in heaven and earth, **LIVES IN YOU!** The Holy Spirit is "hovering over the face of your circumstances" just waiting to hear the **WORD OF GOD SPOKEN WITH AUTHORITY!** Let me ask you, if you don't speak the Word of God how do you expect Christ within you to speak it? How is the Holy Spirit ever going to "Perform" the Word of God in your life if He never hears the Word of God **SPOKEN** out of your mouth? Remember, the Holy Spirit will not perform the "unspoken" Word of God for anybody...not even God the Father! He will not make an exception in your case. Have the "same spirit of faith" as the apostle Paul. **SPEAK THE WORD ONLY** and the Holy Spirit will **PERFORM WHAT HE HEARS!** **FAITH HAS A VOICE!** **IF YOU ARE NOT SPEAKING THE WORD OF GOD, YOU ARE NOT "IN FAITH!"**

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I HAVE THE SPIRIT OF FAITH! I BELIEVE THE WORD OF GOD! I SPEAK THE WORD OF GOD! THE HOLY SPIRIT PERFORMS THE WORD OF GOD THAT HE HEARS ME SPEAK!

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.

I BELIEVE THAT WHAT I SAY COMES TO PASS! IN THE NAME OF JESUS, I SPEAK TO PROBLEMS AND COMMAND THEM TO GO! I HAVE AUTHORITY OVER ALL PROBLEMS! I REFUSE TO DOUBT! I BELIEVE THE WORD OF GOD! I HAVE WHAT I SAY! I DON'T TALK TO GOD ABOUT MY PROBLEMS! I TALK TO MY PROBLEMS ABOUT GOD!

Mark 11:23 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.

I HAVE FAITH AS A SEED! I PLANT MY FAITH BY SAYING THE WORD OF GOD! IN THE NAME OF JESUS, I SPEAK TO EVERY PROBLEM AND COMMAND IT TO DIE AT THE ROOT! ALL PROBLEMS OBEY ME! EVERY TIME! I HAVE AUTHORITY OVER ALL PROBLEMS!

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.

I SPEAK TO THE MOUNTAIN! I TELL IT TO REMOVE AND IT REMOVES! NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE UNTO ME! NO PROBLEM IS ABOVE MY AUTHORITY IN CHRIST! ALL PROBLEMS OBEY ME! PROBLEMS ARE UNDER MY FEET! I HAVE AUTHORITY OVER ALL PROBLEMS!

Mat 17:20 For verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

I HAVE THE WORD OF GOD IN ABUNDANCE IN MY HEART! THE WORD OF GOD IN ME IS BIGGER THAN ALL PROBLEMS! I SPEAK THE WORD, NOT THE PROBLEM! GOD'S WORD SPOKEN FROM THE TREASURE OF MY HEART PRODUCES GOOD THINGS IN THE EARTH! I SPEAK GOD'S WORD! GOD'S SPOKEN WORD BRINGS FORTH GOOD THINGS! THE HOLY SPIRIT MANIFESTS GOOD THINGS WHEN I SPEAK GOD'S WORD!

Mat 12:34b For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

Mat 12:35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

I RETURN THE WORD OF GOD TO HIM BY SPEAKING IT! GOD'S WORD NEVER RETURNS TO HIM VOID, BUT ACCOMPLISHES HIS PERFECT WILL IN MY LIFE! I PROSPER BY SPEAKING THE WORD OF GOD! I LIVE BY THE WORD OF GOD!

Isa 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

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BBC-17-The Son Revealed In You

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What is the purpose of every soldier? To be so trained and qualified that the “will” of his country can be enforced upon the enemy through him. For example, in World War II, the “will” of the United States of America was to defeat Germany and Japan. Every soldier went to Boot Camp to be trained and qualified to be able to accomplish his individual assignment in the military. There were many assignments, from foot soldier all the way up to being a General. But all of them had one purpose, the defeat of their common enemy. All of these millions of soldiers put together made “one” military force. It is much the same with the body of Christ. We all have one common purpose. Jesus told us what that was in the Lord’s prayer: **Mat 6:10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.** All of us have different assignments, different calls, different functions in the body of Christ, but we all have one common purpose...”Father, Thy will be done!” We have a common enemy who is not made out of flesh and blood, but is spiritual: **Eph 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.** Since our enemy is not made of flesh...weapons of the flesh have no impact upon him! Programs created by man’s mind and man’s efforts do not enforce the defeat of our enemy. The will of the Father is that we “enforce” defeat upon this spiritual enemy. IT CAN ONLY BE ACCOMPLISHED BY THE ANOINTING! **Isa 10:27 And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.** THERE IS ONLY ONE ANOINTED ONE...JESUS THE CHRIST (The Anointed One). That is why, at the new birth, the Holy Spirit births “The Anointed One” into every new believer. That is THE mystery of the gospel: **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.** It is the anointing upon the life of Christ Himself within you that enforces the defeat of the enemy! Notice something about the life and ministry of the apostle Paul. When Jesus showed up in a great light while Paul was on his way to Damascus, Paul did not know who it was. **Acts 9:5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.** This is the event where the Son was revealed TO Paul! But Paul was not really trained and equipped at that point to be a soldier in the army of God. Paul had to go to the Boot Camp of the Holy Spirit. Paul tells us what was required for him to be trained and equipped to accomplish his assignment in the army of God; **Gal 1:15-16a But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, to reveal his Son IN ME, that I might preach him among the heathen.** It was not enough to have the Son revealed “to” him. To be qualified to preach Him among the heathen, it was necessary for the Son to be revealed “in” him. Why? BECAUSE IT IS THE ANOINTED ONE IN US WHO DESTROYS THE YOKE OF BONDAGE! **CHRIST IN YOU!**

1 John 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. The Church at large has almost no revelation of Christ IN every believer! But He is! The question could be asked, “Brother Gary, if it is true that Christ, the Anointed One, is in me, then why doesn’t He seem to do the same works that He did when He was on the earth in His own body?” Notice Paul said that the Son had to be “revealed” in him. The Greek word translated “revealed” is “apokalupto” and means “to take off the cover, i.e. disclose:--reveal.” IT IS A MYSTERY THAT CAN ONLY BE “REVEALED” BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. The Holy Spirit is actually the only true “Boot Camp Trainer.” The Son is never going to be revealed IN YOU until you submit yourself to the One Who has been sent to “reveal” Him...the Holy Spirit! As you spend time with Him via meditation of the Word, prayer, and fasting, He will “take off the cover” and reveal “Christ in you, your hope [your only hope] of glory!” SPEND TIME WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT!

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The “revealing” of Christ, the Anointed One, in us is progressive. Paul himself, even after all of the miracles and healings the Lord had done through him did not consider that he had “arrived” at the fullness of “knowing Him.” **Phil 3:10-14 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;**

If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. There is no formula I can give you to accomplish this. The best I can do is point you to the Holy Spirit Who has been sent for the express purpose of “revealing Christ in you.” The goal is to “know” Christ HIMSELF and to “know” that HE HIMSELF LIVES IN YOU! We must become more “Christ inside minded.” We all tend to think of Jesus only being in heaven. He is in heaven, but He is also IN US! Your born again spirit is the HOLY OF HOLIES where the living Christ dwells. Christ HIMSELF lives in you. It is not enough to know “about” Him. We must come to where we “know HIM...HIMSELF” IN US! He is not a principle. He is not a force. He is not a religion. He is not a code of conduct. He is not a formula. HE IS HIM! He is the I AM within you! He is real. He is alive. He has personality. He has a voice. He will talk with you. He will lead you. He will work through your earthen vessel once the Holy Spirit “reveals” HIM IN YOU! He will so fill you with Himself, spirit, soul and body until His anointing literally flows from within you out through your flesh to destroy the yokes of bondage that the enemy has enslaved humanity with. He will “reveal” [MANIFEST] Himself IN YOU! That is the goal of your true trainer, the Holy Spirit. The only thing required of you is to yield yourself to the training ministry of the Holy Spirit. The problems for most people is, however, that requires TIME! Most people simply “love their lives” too much to spend long hours praying in other tongues so this “mystery” can be revealed in them. Most people are not willing to “lay down their lives” to spend long hours in worship until they are actually “in His presence.” Most people have not yet read through the New Testament once, much less give long hours to meditation by reading whole books of the bible fifty times until their spirit is equipped for meditation “day and night.” So most people wind up living their own “un-anointed lives” instead of ever coming to the place where Christ can live His “Anointed Life” through them. When Smith Wigglesworth was at the peak of his anointed ministry one of his common phrases was, “I live by the power of Another.” AMEN! That is the goal for each and every one of us. “We must decrease. He must increase.” I cannot give you a formula for this. In the same way that you come to “know” any other “living person,” you are going to have to develop a relationship with the Living Christ yourself. Relationships are never developed without spending TIME with each other. The Holy Spirit is here for the express purpose of “revealing Christ in you.” Spend TIME with Him! Use the tools that have been given to us such as 1) Meditate the Word of God. 2) Pray much in other tongues. 3) Worship the Lord HIMSELF daily. 4) Confess as being present tense truth everything that the Word of God says about you. Concerning item 4), a good place to start is to use the Confession Pages that came with lesson C196-Power To Witness. You can begin your fellowship with Christ by agreeing with Him. Begin saying what the Word of God says about “Him in you.” You will never have much of a relationship with Him if you are continually speaking the opposite of what He says about you. You are developing a relationship with a living person, the Lord Jesus Christ HIMSELF! The more you come to know Him, the more you come to know the Father Who sent Him. That IS eternal life:

John 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

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John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

1 John 1:6-7 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

How do we walk in the light as He [Jesus] is in the light? Does that mean keeping all of the commandments? Does it mean perfect church attendance? Does it mean getting rid of all of your bad habits? What does it mean? The key to understanding what Jesus was talking about is in this phrase, "he that followeth me." The Greek word translated "followeth" is "akoloutheo" and means, "to be in the same way with, to accompany." In plain talk, it means you and Jesus walking side by side going down the same path together. That's what Jesus meant when He said, "I am the way." Well, what path is Jesus on? What does that mean? Remember the laws of bible meditation: you never lift a verse out of its context. What had just happened? He had forgiven the woman who was caught in the act of adultery. So you could certainly say that part of "walking on the same path" with Jesus is to "forgive every man their trespasses." [Mark 11:25-26]. But there is more to it than that. The religious leaders were outraged at Jesus because He forgave the woman and they began to slander Him as being a "false witness" of God. Let us look to the conclusion of this discussion and you will see Jesus' own definition of what it means to "walk in the light."

John 8:28-29 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I DO NOTHING OF MYSELF; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; FOR I DO ALWAYS THOSE THINGS THAT PLEASE HIM.

"I DO NOTHING OF MYSELF!" Jesus "died" to His own life at His baptism in the Jordan river. He was saying, "I have no agenda of my own. Father, my life belongs to you. I am here to do your will, not my own, even unto death." That's what Jesus meant when He said, "If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father." He was allowing the Father's LIFE to be lived through Him. God is LIGHT [1 John 1:5]. God living through you is the LIGHT OF LIFE! When we walk with Jesus on that same path, we will be able to say with Him, "I DO ALWAYS THOSE THINGS THAT PLEASE HIM!" We walk in darkness when we are still trying to live our "own" life instead of letting Christ live "the life of the Father" through us.

1 John 2:11 But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.

Why does anyone "hate his brother?" Because of something you perceive that they "did to YOU!" YOU and YOUR LIFE is still very much alive if that is the case. In a nutshell, it is the PRIDE OF LIFE that causes all strife, contention and hatred between men. The darkness that blinds us from the path of light that Jesus walks is when we are still LIVING UNTO OURSELVES instead of LIVING UNTO GOD! Only as we yield our lives to Him and "see" things from His perspective [which always has eternity in mind] can we "see" to walk in the light as He is in the light. His mind becomes our mind. His heart becomes our heart. His love becomes our love. His motives become our motives.

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Luke 22:42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.

I WALK ON THE SAME PATH WITH JESUS! JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD! CHRIST IN ME IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. I WALK IN THE LIGHT WITH JESUS! I DO NOT WALK IN DARKNESS! I SEE WHERE I AM GOING! I HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE! THE LIGHT OF LIFE IS TO DO THE WILL OF MY FATHER!

John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth [walks with] me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

I HAVE NO AGENDA OF MY OWN! I MAKE NO DECISIONS ON MY OWN! I SAY AND DO THOSE THINGS WHICH THE FATHER HAS TAUGHT ME. GOD THE FATHER, GOD THE SON, AND GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT ARE ALWAYS WITH ME! THEY WILL NEVER FORSAKE ME! I ALWAYS DO THOSE THINGS THAT PLEASE THE FATHER!

John 8:28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

John 8:29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

THE FATHER SENT JESUS INTO THE WORLD! JESUS HAS SENT ME INTO THE WORLD! THE STRENGTH OF MY LIFE IS TO DO THE WILL OF HIM THAT SENT ME, AND TO FINISH HIS WORK! MY PART OF THE WORK IS TO BELIEVE ON CHRIST WHO LIVES IN ME! HE IS STILL DOING THE WORK OF THE FATHER THROUGH ME! FOR ME TO LIVE IS CHRIST! CHRIST LIVES IN ME!

John 17:18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

John 4:34 Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

Phil 1:21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

I LIVE TO DO THY WILL, O GOD! I DIE DAILY TO MY OWN WILL! MY LIFE BELONGS TO YOU, JESUS! HAVE YOUR WAY IN MY LIFE, JESUS! I BELONG TO YOU! LIVE YOUR LIFE THROUGH ME!

Heb 10:7 Then said I, Lo, I come ... to do thy will, O God.

1 Cor 15:31b ...I die daily.

LORD JESUS, I ONLY DESIRE YOUR WILL FOR MY LIFE! I WILL LIVE WHERE YOU WANT ME TO LIVE! I WILL DO WHAT YOU WANT ME TO DO! MY LIFE BELONGS TO YOU COMPLETELY! WHETHER IN LIFE, OR IN DEATH, I AM YOURS! CHRIST SHALL BE MAGNIFIED IN MY BODY, WHETHER IT BE BY LIFE, OR BY DEATH!

James 4:15 For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that.

Phil 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.

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