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FAITH

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1. **WHEN I GO, YOU FOLKS HAVE GOT TO REMEMBER**--Right now you're dependent on me and my channel--you must remember it's just as easy for you to get things from the Lord. You just have to have faith. When you ask the Lord for an answer, expect an answer, and take the first thing that comes. If you really believe and ask the Lord, and you want to hear or see, you won't be disappointed! And that thing you see or hear with the eyes or ears of your spirit, that's the Lord--and it will be such a comfort to you. Expect God to answer! Just open up your heart and let the sunshine in! This is the problem! What are we going to do about it? **IF YOU'RE REALLY DESPERATE AND CRYING WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART AND ARE ASKING HIM, HE'LL ANSWER!** A baby is such an illustration! When he's crying for his mother, you wouldn't think of refusing him. Hearing from the Lord is our spiritual nourishment--and you've got to be able to hear from the Lord! That little baby has more faith than you do sometimes, 'cause the baby when he cries, he expects someone to hear him. Because he knows--God put it in him to know--that if he calls, you'll answer. He expects the answer and he gets it! If he asks for milk, you're sure not going to give him a serpent or something else! You're going to give him what he needs. So you must expect that what you get is from the Lord.

2. **SHUTTING YOUR EYES HELPS YOU TO SEE IN THE SPIRIT** and to become unconscious of the things and people around you, and get your mind on the Lord, and in a relaxed position where nothing distracts you, and expect then, that whatever you hear or see is something from the Lord.

3. **NOW, HERE IS THE WAY GOD TESTS YOU ABOUT IT, WHEN YOU ARE ASKING HIM FOR SOMETHING.** You're crying just like a baby for the spiritual food you need to live on--to survive on. When you cry, you must expect the Lord to answer. When you pick up the child, what do you do? You have to pick him up, reveal yourself to him, and, when he's a tiny baby, you have to bring the nourishment to him, you have to show him where it is--you have to shove the nipple in his mouth. As he gets older, he automatically knows where to find the milk--he can reach out himself. The longer you practice receiving nourishment from God, the more you know where to grab it, and you just open your eyes and see it and reach for it. After the nipple is in the baby's mouth, he automatically starts nursing. When you cry out to God for something, He pushes it in your mouth, but if you don't start sucking, you'll never get it. You have to have the faith to begin to pull. You absolutely have to draw God's nourishment. God can show it to you, stick it in your mouth even, but if you don't suck, you won't get anything. The child sucks because God has put that automatic reaction in him to do it. A lot of times he has to suck for a couple of minutes before he gets something. The

sucking is the action of the faith! You have to put your faith into action!

4. WHEN I GOT THE GAP VISION THAT DAY, AND I WAS PRAYING, "LORD WHAT IS THE SOLUTION? What should I do?" And all of a sudden there it was! Just like the mother presents her breast to the child, all of a sudden I saw the picture, but that's all I saw, until I began to suck! The Lord said, start describing it by faith and you'll get more. I had to exercise my faith that that picture I was getting was of God, and I had to exercise my faith by opening my mouth and starting to suck. In other words, I began to absorb what the Lord was giving--to drink it in and absorb it. I was showing I was believing what I was seeing--so I started pulling!

5. FAITH IS A KIND OF DRAWING POWER! IT IS YOUR DRAWING POWER FROM GOD. It's kind of like a bank account: the money is there, and the Father has put it there in your name--in the Bank of Heaven, but you'll never get it--not one red cent--unless you're willing to go to the Bank and sign the check by faith, and draw on it! You've got to draw--or you won't get it! But you see, the faith draws it!

6. WHAT IS IT THAT BRINGS THAT MILK OUT OF THE BREAST? What is the actual physical--in physics--the principle of that suction? It's vacuum! You create a vacuum--a space--an emptiness. The baby deliberately, when he sucks, creates a vacuum inside his mouth. He creates a vacuum inside his mouth which pulls the milk out. You have to create a vacuum inside your heart: "Lord, here is this empty space--You fill it!" You reduced the pressure in a certain area--and in physics they call that a vacuum! And do you know what really fills that vacuum? It's not actually the child--all the child does is create the vacuum, thus reducing the pressure inside his mouth, which then becomes lower than the pressure inside the breast--and so the milk flows out from the mother's breast into the child's mouth.

7. WHEN YOU KISS, YOU ARE ACTUALLY LOWERING THE AIR PRESSURE INSIDE YOUR MOUTH. With a little explosion the air enters your mouth. That's what makes the noise when you kiss, causing a kind of vibration. In prayer, you create a vacuum--there's a space that needs filling--you seek the Lord's help. You create the vacuum and it is the Lord's pressure that fills it. The power really comes from outside, not from inside--all you did was create the vacuum--but that vacuum drew the power. It draws, and therefore the pressure from the Lord seeks the place where there is less pressure.

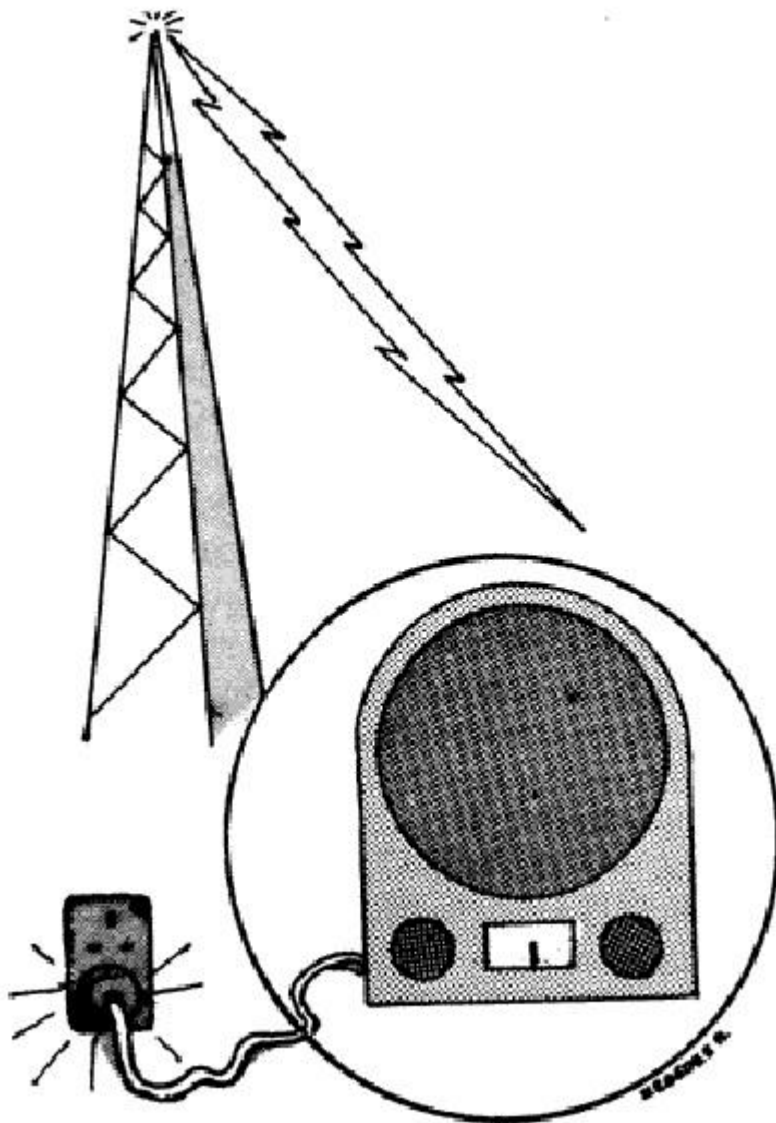
8. EVERY NIGHT YOU CAN SEE ON TV THE WEATHER. THEY'RE SHOWING THAT VERY PRINCIPLE--the high-pressure areas and the low-pressure areas. The high pressure areas rush into the low pressure areas from all directions, and when it meets--boom!--you've got a storm! There's an old saying, Nature abhors a vacuum--but God really likes a vacuum: He likes to fill every vacuum! He likes to fill every place that's made for Him--every place where you open up your heart, your spirit, a low-pressure area, His Spirit will flow in, in all His Power!

9. THE LORD WANTS YOU TO DRAW ON THE WORD--NOT ONLY THE RECORDED WORD, BUT THE LIVING WORD. But it is you drawing, and you must believe it, and start right from there. What if the baby took one big suck and got discouraged! Well, I didn't get anything, so I'll just quit. But sooner or later he gets so hungry, he has to start sucking again. When you start sucking for dear life, and really desire it with all your heart, you'll finally get it. You have to believe when you create that vacuum in your heart--you draw on the Lord--that sucking action of your faith--and that the first thing that comes into your mouth is the Lord--the first thing you see, you must believe that that is from the Lord, and you must go straight on from there! You must begin to speak those words He puts in your mouth, and speak that Scripture or phrase He gives you. He gives you a little, but then you've got to expect more!

10. IF THE BABY DIDN'T SWALLOW WHAT HE GOT, HE COULDN'T GET ANY MORE. Your mouth can only hold so much at once. So you get a mouthful and you swallow it! Then He gives you another mouthful. In this case, by giving it out, you're absorbing it--you're swallowing it! And incidentally, the word "believe" in the New Testament is that Greek word, "drinking in." "I believe" means "I drink in"--"I swallow." It's the word "pisteuo"--the word that's used throughout the New Testament for "I believe"; "I drink in."

11. AND THAT'S HOW YOU GET REVELATIONS FROM THE LORD. If it's a message in tongues and prophecy, you drink it into your own mouth, and then you show your belief, by giving it. But you only get one mouthful at a time. But if you don't give that mouthful, you won't get another! when you ask the Lord for a picture and you get it, start describing it. Describe what you see, and then the Lord will keep giving you more. What do you do when you see a movie? You go in there and have to keep drinking in scene by scene by scene by scene. You couldn't possibly get it all in one shot! You have to keep swallowing. So you have to exercise your faith. You have to create a vacuum in your spirit and then the Lord will fill it!

12. THE RADIO IS LIKE A VACUUM. IN THE AIR RIGHT NOW ALL AROUND US, JUST LIKE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD--there are everywhere around us radio waves. But until you turn on this little switch on the radio, and in a sense create a vacuum in this little receiver, you're not going to get anything. You have to open a channel, an electric circuit. You have to make contact by making a vacuum. (At this point he switches on the radio, and we hear "Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing My Great Redeemer's Praise!" We praise the Lord for His fitting illustration:~) You see, it doesn't matter if you do have a thousand tongues--if you didn't flip the switch, you'd never get the song!



13. THE FAITHFUL PEOPLE ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE FULL OF FAITH--full of a vacuum--and the Lord's high pressure fills the vacuum! But you've got to keep swallowing! In this case, the giving out is a swallowing. That's why the Lord is able to use me so when I'm with certain people, because the Lord knows it's going to be swallowed and digested and used to strengthen the Body. The Lord knows He can trust them, that when I give what He shows me, they will faithfully record it and it won't be wasted. The Lord's not going to squirt milk out into the thin air where it will be lost or into some baby who won't swallow it. He's got to swallow it and digest it and assimilate it, or he won't get it. You create that little spiritual vacuum, and that's faith which draws on the Lord, and His high pressure fills it.

14. THE POWER'S ALWAYS ON. THE MESSAGE IS ALWAYS THERE. GOD'S SPIRIT IS LIKE A BROADCASTING STATION BROADCASTING ALL THE TIME. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS THROW THE SWITCH AND TUNE IN. You have to have the vacuum and sincerely open your mouth, and He'll fill it. And that drawing draws the power of God. But you have to tell the vision, tell the dream, give the message, interpret the tongues. You've got to keep moving. If that baby stops sucking, he's not going to get anymore. But as long as you keep sucking you'll get more. I believe I could have gone on endlessly sometimes as long as our physical bodies were able to stand it. But see, the baby's capacity limits how much he can absorb.

UNLIKE THE MOTHER, GOD HAS UNLIMITED CAPACITY TO GIVE, AND WHAT YOU GET IS ONLY LIMITED BY YOUR OWN CAPACITY TO RECEIVE. Pretty soon you get so full, you can't stand it. And your vacuum is full, your tummy satisfied, and your spirit is content. That little saying: *Mi estomigo es Ileno; mi corazon es contenta!*--My stomach's full--my heart's content! In other words, the Lord will keep on feeding you until you're satisfied, until your spiritual vacuum is filled, and when you're satisfied, He might not even mind if you go to sleep for a while. It takes a little effort to nurse--to suck! It's a real spiritual effort of faith. Faith is like the Hand of the soul or the spirit.

FAITH IS THE HAND OF THE SPIRIT WHICH REACHES OUT AND RECEIVES. It is the part that you do--your spiritual effort. That sucking on the part of the baby is his effort, and the mother does all the rest. Faith is the spiritual hand of the spirit which reaches out and receives. You know, sometimes the prophets were actually sick afterwards--it was so hard on their flesh. It left them absolutely exhausted. Sometimes they fell down as one dead. It actually took some physical strength. There is that link between the spiritual and the physical that we

don't quite understand. I told you that in "Breakdown" (ML #66). They are inseparable except by death, unless the Lord separates them sometimes in the spirit and takes you on a spiritual trip. The physical affects the spiritual and the spiritual affects the physical.

15. IT'S SO SIMPLE: YOU JUST HAVE TO HAVE THE FAITH OF THAT LITTLE BABY. You just have to show him where it is, and after you've shown him, he knows where it is. And pretty soon you'll recognise it when the Lord begins to speak. Some people get things from the Lord, and don't even know it is from the Lord. I did that for years. I've been getting things like this all my life, and for a long time I thought it was just me--and all the time the Lord was speaking to me. And I used to go out by myself and walk in the woods and the fields. I was scared of people and liked to be alone--but God must have made me that way so I would stay by myself and commune with Him. The Lord showed me things about the birds and the bees, the sky and the clouds, the flowers and the trees, and the Lord showed me so many spiritual truths about them. "I learned alone. I learned to love. I listened to the still small voice of God." It just came like it was natural--I didn't realise what a supernatural thing it was--what a miracle. Just like the baby nursing--it seems so natural. Yet it's such a miracle. Everything is a miracle! Everything is supernatural because God made it all.

16. I STARTED READING BIBLE PROPHECY AND IT WAS SO CLEAR, and I got the idea I must be pretty smart.--May God forgive me! And all the time it was the Lord--I didn't know anything!--Just what God showed me! For the Lord later prophesied, "I have given unto this thy Daniel the wisdom and the knowledge to know the meaning, even the number of years." It was just the Lord! If you've got an open channel and tune in, the Lord will fill you--your mind, your heart, your ears, your eyes!

17. WHAT THE LORD IS TRYING TO SHOW YOU IS THAT YOU CAN GET IT YOURSELF!

18. WE WERE ALWAYS TRYING TO TURN GRANDMOTHER ON: We kept saying, "Let's have prayer--let's have a prayer meeting!" Grandmother would get so mad. She'd say, "You're just trying to have me get something from the Lord for you, when you could get it yourself."

19. THE ANSWER'S ALWAYS THERE IF YOU'RE WILLING TO RECEIVE IT, BUT IF YOU RESIST THE ANSWER HE GIVES, HE SHUTS UP BECAUSE YOU WON'T LISTEN. You can stick the tit in the baby's mouth, and

if he takes one swig and doesn't like it and quits swallowing, he's not going to get any more. And mother will just give up and put him back to bed. So you have to be willing to take what He gives, and give it!



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Ask Me Everything Part 1!

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My dear Family,

1. Over the years the Lord has been trying to teach us more and more how to hear from Him, how to acknowledge Him, and how to bring Him more into our daily lives. He's repeatedly emphasized that in the days to come, the days of Great Tribulation, our very lives and survival will be dependent upon hearing from Him in prophecy. And even now if we want to be fruitful and in His highest will, we have to ask Him about things and follow His leading, even when it looks so contrary to what we would have thought.

You might be thinking: "What about the other ways to hear from the Lord; don't they still work? Do we really have to hear from Him about everything specifically in prophecy? Isn't it sometimes good enough to simply demonstrate greater prayerfulness and openness to the checks of His Spirit, as we commit our ways to Him?"

10. (*Jesus speaking:*) Prophecy is not the same as receiving a check or remembering something. Though this is often the voice of My Spirit in your heart, some people hesitate to obey these checks as readily as they would a prophecy, wondering if it's their own mind or desires getting in the way. By asking you to hear from Me about everything in prophecy, I am relieving you of the burden of having to wonder if a check is from Me or not, for through My voice of prophecy, I will speak to you plainly. The definition of prophecy is when you specifically ask Me to speak to you in prophecy and you receive an answer.

11. So in order to be sure of what you need to do, when you receive a check, when you have a feeling, a hunch, a premonition, a suspicion that something is not quite right or that you should be going a different direction, or you get a "witness" to go in a certain direction, you should just shoot up a question to Me, ask Me to speak to you in prophecy and expect an answer, and that answer that you will receive is prophecy. ... The other ways to know My will are also good and I also use them to speak to you. But in these days of new and more advanced spiritual warfare, they are not enough on their own. So when you feel in your heart that I am leading you through one of the other ways to know My will, ... Ask Me to confirm My will through prophecy, and I will. Then you can be sure, without a doubt, that you are doing My highest will... (*End of message from Jesus.*)

The More You Practice, The Easier It Becomes!

18. (*Jesus speaking:*) My beloved children, I am your truest Friend! I'm the One that sticks closer than a brother...So it's to your advantage to use every opportunity you can to counsel with Me, to bring Me into every decision that needs to be made. ...

19. It can be the same as asking anyone else who's near you at the time if they have any ideas or any advice. It doesn't have to be a big ordeal or a long, drawn-out thing. ... Simply speak to Me as you would anyone else. Ask Me whatever you want to ask, whatever you have to make a decision about. ...Know that I'm always there. Expect My help, and I will not fail you. When you ask, the answers will come. The more you practice, the easier it becomes.

23. Hearing from Me in prophecy doesn't have to be something that you dread doing because it takes so long, because it doesn't have to take long. It should be something that you're comfortable with, and actually something that you are very uncomfortable without! You need to become dependent upon it. As things wax worse and worse in the future, you'll need to be able to hear My direct Words

in prophecy in an instant, and now is the time to practice... (*End of message from Jesus.*)

Just Like a Conversation

30. (*Jesus speaking:*) ...

31. Talking to Me is like talking to anyone else--you just talk. When you have a conversation with someone, you don't always make it so flowery; sometimes you just get to the point...

32. For example, when you're in the kitchen and you ask someone a question, they just reply--maybe even in only one or two sentences. They don't usually tell you how much they love and appreciate you and thank you for asking them that question; they simply give you the information.

... I'm willing to give you as much or as little information as you want. I don't always have to give you long prophecies...

34. There's an invisible person standing right there with you all the time Who can see the future and the past and knows the outcome of things and the full scope of how it will affect everyone else. This invisible person is just as real as someone who's visible, and can talk to you in the same way, and that invisible person is Me. I'm there to guide you and to talk to you at all times...

39. Time is short, so don't dawdle and take your time debating in your mind if hearing from Me in prophecy is necessary. It is! ... Here are a few tips on how you can accomplish this, but do not be bound to these alone:

- 1) Verbally remind each other;** check each other. Ask each other, "Did you ask the Lord?"
- 2) Talk about when you do hear from Me.** This not only gives Me the credit, but it also provokes those around you, reminding them to do the same.
- 3) When and where appropriate, share the things I give you in prophecy as often as you can.** It will not always be possible to share an entire prophecy, but try to read an excerpt when you can--share it with others, in devotions, at dinner, sometime during a united activity. This will work as positive peer pressure and provoke others to want to do the same. When others hear the beautiful things you're receiving, they will want some too!
- 4) When others see how smoothly your life and work is going, and you can attribute it to hearing from Me more in prophecy, others will want to do the same.** So testify often as to what I show you in prophecy and how it's making your life so much easier.
- 5) Set guidelines and standards as a Home.** For example, rather than saying

"you can do it if you want," make it a rule that trips do not go out unless they have heard from Me in prophecy and received My confirmation. Set these standards as a Home for as many things as you can, and do not depend on the individual to do it only when they "feel like it."

- 6) **Keep talking about it and doing it and testifying of the results**, and this will provoke others to want to do the same... *(End of message from Jesus.)*

Hear From Me First Thing in the Morning, and Throughout the Day!

42. (Jesus speaking:) My dear love, you're already accustomed to seeking Me in the morning and taking some time to hear My voice, but now I will take it a step further and ask you not only to hear from Me first thing, but all throughout the day.

... You think, "There's so much to get done, and if I don't do it, it won't get done. So I'd better hurry and start right away before it becomes too much to handle." That's where you're getting it wrong. You may be the only one in the physical who is there to do the job, but there are so many over Here in this dimension that are ready to help do what you consider the impossible, if you would only ask.

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46. Now, there are different ways that you can receive My instructions for you, and they don't all have to necessarily come in the same manner... If you're in a situation where you don't have the opportunity to write down, type out, or record My instructions to you, that shouldn't stop you from getting them. Just get quiet and receive them.

47. We're in a war, and when you can write out or otherwise record My instructions to you, you should. But if you can't write down or record the message, don't let that stop you from hearing from Me before everything you do.

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49. The things you must remember are, first of all, start your day off right by hearing from Me in prophecy first thing. .. Next, you can't just hear from Me once at the beginning of the day and then forget about Me the rest of the time; you've got to keep coming to Me every time something new comes up. And lastly, don't forget to spend some special personal time loving Me and communing with Me sometime during your day. I'm always here waiting for you; it's up to you to make the move. So please don't forget Me or be too busy for Me.

(End of message from Jesus.)

What If You Feel You Haven't Exercised Your Gift of Prophecy Enough?

50. (Dad speaking:) ...It's human nature to be lazy, and because of that you tend to justify it and tell yourself that you've made it this far without all this prayer and prophecy business, so it's not really that important and you'll be okay. And up until now, maybe you have been okay. But the reason the Lord is asking you to hear from Him more is because He knows in the days to come you're not going to be okay without it. Even now, before the days of Great Tribulation, you'll be so much more fruitful, happy, productive and fulfilled if you learn to ask Him about everything, because you'll be in His perfect will. The Lord loves you and He wants to make your service for Him as easy as possible. That's the whole point and the reason why hearing from Him in prophecy is such an important habit to form, because the more you hear from Him about things, the easier things will be. You might be tempted to think it's going to be too difficult, but it's really going to make things much easier.

... The Lord wants to talk to you, He wants you to be connected to Him, and He wants to give His input about things. It's not as hard, as time-consuming or as complicated as you might be tempted to think; ... **there are a lot of good reasons to pray and hear from the Lord before you do things, no matter how big or how small.** He'll be able to direct your paths and confirm His will and tell you exactly what He wants you to do. You'll avoid problems and mistakes along the way that were caused because you weren't in His perfect will at that time. You'll have more peace of mind. You'll have more faith for what you're doing. You'll form the habit of hearing from Him so that you'll be able to hear from Him anytime, anywhere, and it won't be a big deal. You'll strengthen your connection with Jesus so that in times of tests and trials it'll be much easier for you to get your encouragement and comfort directly from Him.

... It's really going to make a tremendous change in your life and the way you operate, because you'll be operating in His Spirit, under His anointing and power.

... *(End of message from Dad.)*

More Promises from Jesus That It Can Be Done!

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64. (*Jesus speaking:*) The Enemy really fights receiving prophecy, and that's the reason why it's difficult for you to receive prophecy. It's not because you can't, or I won't speak to you, or you won't receive the right things. I promise that I will speak and you'll receive something, even if it's just a few sentences. ...

67. I know it's difficult for you to step out by faith and receive something, but this will be your lifesaver if you can just get over the hump and take that step. ... You think, "Why would the Lord want to speak to me? I've made so many mistakes, I'm a mess! I've been pretty bad. I can't receive prophecy."

68. But this is not true, and I don't look at you this way! I love you and I don't look down on you, and I'm not mad at you for any mistakes you've made. I want to encourage you and help you through My voice of prophecy. ...

69. Often when people go through intense battles and are feeling really confused or emotional, they think they can't possibly hear from Me, but that's not true. That's the very time when hearing from Me will be the biggest encouragement. So you really have to fight to hear My voice in prophecy, especially when you're battling and feeling down, or when you're facing a big, life-changing decision. Even a few words from Heaven will be a huge encouragement to you and can lift the confusion and doubts of the Enemy.

70. Never belittle yourself and your channel, because I know what to say to you and how much to say, and all you have to do is have a little faith to open up and listen and receive... It only seems difficult at first, because you're not used to doing it, but the more you exercise your channel the easier it gets. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

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You'll start to see that life will seem easier. Things won't be so overwhelming, because you'll be receiving encouragement and counsel from Me. I'll bless it and make it easy for you as you step out by faith. (*End of message from Jesus.*)

If You Love Me, Keep My Commandments!

73. (*Jesus speaking:*) If you love Me, keep My commandments, and one of My commandments is to listen to My voice, to hear from Me, to stop, look, and listen. ... Commit yourself to Me in the way the bride commits herself to her husband. Give yourself to Me. Let Me pour into you, pour through you, and lead you. Yield to Me moment by moment, step by step. Things will be far easier when you learn this special trick, this way of doing things: stopping and yielding and

loving Me, praising Me, letting Me guide you and letting Me show you through prophecy.

Take Advantage of Those Little Moments Throughout the Day

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79. My voice can speak to you in many ways. If you feel Me checking you about something, or you have a burden or leading, stop and ask Me to speak to you about it. It might be My voice trying to give you a signal that I have something to tell you in prophecy--something which will save you a lot of time and difficulty if you'll just stop and listen to Me. ...

80. The secret is to stop and ask Me. Wait and get those words in prophecy from Me. Trust that I'm going to give you those words. Know that it's not in your strength that this work will be accomplished. ... As you give your work over to Me, as you give your life over to Me, I'll lead and guide you. ...

81. Ask Me even about the slightest little thing, ...

82. Lots of times you like to try to override this need for My counsel, for My confirmation, because you think, "Well, of course this is what we need to do. This is normal. This is what needs to happen next." But does it? Does it really need to happen that way? Will it work out best that way? Are there any other factors involved that you don't know about? There's so much that you don't know, but I know it all, and I will lead you and show you how it can affect you, what changes may need to be made. So just ask. ...

84. Lift up your heart, your eyes, your mind, your hands to Me, and give Me a moment to show you, to speak to you in prophecy...

86. Another area you can improve in is hearing My specific guidance as you follow your daily schedule. Don't just take things for granted, but ask Me about everything because I may have further details to show you that will make things run more smoothly. For example, say you know that you're scheduled to go out witnessing this morning after devotions. ...When you stop to ask Me about your witnessing team, maybe I'll remind you, "You forgot the tracts; be sure to get those." Or maybe I'll remind you, "Don't forget that you need to call so-and-so and stop in to see him if you can today." These little things will change your day, and may change the days of many other people...

90. As you work on developing the habit of hearing from Me on everything, there will be times when you'll catch yourself already in full gear--having gone ahead with some activity without My confirmation. When this happens, the moment you catch yourself, stop right then and acknowledge Me. Ask Me right then and there for a confirmation and whether you should continue. If you do this,

as time goes on, you will get more into the habit of checking in with Me and getting My confirmation before embarking on a new activity.

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97. There are many times of the day when you're doing little things when you're on your own, or doing things that don't require a lot of thought and concentration about what to do--things that come naturally--and in the meantime you can be asking Me to speak to you about your next move. Take those moments during those things you do throughout the day, like going to the bathroom, taking out the trash, nursing the baby, getting a drink of water, straightening up the living room, walking, exercising or waiting for someone, to stop and hear from Me. ... You could look to Me and ask Me your questions. ...Take advantage of those times with Me. (*End of message from Jesus.*)

Ask Me Everything! Part 2

How to Stop, Look, Listen and Receive!

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Another Secret to Success: Go Slow!

2. (*Spirit helper speaking:*) Everything up Here revolves around prayer, being in communication with the Lord, being in tune with where His Spirit is moving, with what He's doing, with where He's leading. It's a two-way street, where you have to ask, and the Lord will give you a specific answer. It may not always be specific in details; but it's specifically tailor-made to your particular situation. For you on Earth, it should be much the same.

3. As you know, little things are often big things in the Lord's eyes, and He likes to test our faithfulness in big things by seeing how we do with the little things. It's no different with learning to ask the Lord and wait for His answers. ...How can you trust yourself to hear clearly from Him on the big things if you haven't been looking to Him and practicing your channel by asking about the little things?

4. They may not seem important to you, but besides the point of using them to practice your gift of prophecy, you never know what could hinge on a seemingly small decision. But if you put it off, or constantly think, "Well, this is too small to ask the Lord about," you not only risk missing something important that He may have to tell you--some factor you haven't thought about, some angle or consequence you haven't considered--but you lose out on the sweet communication the Lord, as your Husband, would like to have with you.

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11. You say, "Okay, I want to ask and see what the Lord has to say in prophecy. Now how am I supposed to do that?"...

12. Well, the first thing to do is be open to the checks of the Spirit, to the voice of the Lord. In other words, be prayerful, go slow, acknowledge the Lord in all your ways so that He can direct your paths...**if you don't go slow, you'll miss all those little things**--those little situations and little tests that the Lord and your spirit helpers are engineering all around you. And they may not always be little ones. You never know what sort of life-changing effects a little decision can have.

... if you don't slow down and take that time to ask the Lord questions and wait for His answers now, if you don't heed the checks of the Spirit and the voice of the Lord when He's checking you to ask Him about the little things, you never know when it might be a big thing. But if you get in the habit of asking Him and waiting for His answers, as well as exercising all the other new spiritual weapons He's given you, then it'll be much easier for Him to punch through, no matter how drastic or ordinary the question or situation.

21. That's really the goal of all this getting closer to the Lord and working on our spiritual lives and walk with Him--so that He can live and move and

act and love through us. And if you're not making the effort to learn these things now, don't think you'll suddenly be endowed with all this amazing insight and earthshaking power the moment the Antichrist breaks the Covenant and starts hounding you.

... (*End of message from spirit helper.*)

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Tips from a Heavenly Communications Specialist!

28. (*Spirit helper speaking:*) Hi! My name's Amahl, and I'm one of the communications instructors Here in Heaven. First of all, you've got to realize that you have a hotline to Heaven, a direct link to Jesus...You, as the Lord's child, living in the Time of the End, have a ...a little headset that you can put over your ears that will be your salvation.

... The success of your ministry, of your fruitfulness, of your happiness, and of your life for the Lord hinges on the decisions you make. All of life is made up of little decisions--many, many decisions, each and every day. If your life is to be what the Lord wants it to be, if you want to get things right, if you want to be in the center of His will, then you're going to have to put on your spiritual headset and tune in.

34. It's not enough to simply go by your instincts or your gut feelings. It's not even enough to go by how you did things before, or what you think is the logical way to do them. It's vitally important that you get things right, and the only way to do that is to ask the Lord. He's the only One Who has the answers. He's the only One Who knows all of the reasons for everything. He's the only One Who has a bird's-eye view of your life. He's the only One Who can see all the hidden factors in the equation.

35. The secret to hearing from the Lord in prophecy every step of the way, for every decision, for every little thing, is to make it a habit. You're going to have to will yourself to do it at first and really make a conscious effort. I'm not talking about stopping before everything you do for a big, long prophecy session. I'm talking about on-the-spot direction, quick instruction. ...

38. Anytime, anywhere, you can get an answer from the Lord. It only takes a minute, and He'll shoot back the answer you need that moment. Whether you're out witnessing, doing follow-up, or on an outing for fun, whether you're home with the children, cooking and taking care of house duties, or tending to other ministries, you can ask the Lord about everything and He'll always give you important advice, tips, counsel, or fill you in on amazing details that will make your life so much easier!...

42. There's nothing that's too small to ask the Lord about. If you're driving and there are two routes that you can take, instead of making the decision on your own, why not ask the Lord? He'll give you quick direction and tell you which way is best. He may not always tell you the reasons why, but you can be sure that He knows best. Perhaps taking the other route would have made you arrive late to your appointment, or perhaps the traffic would have been worse, or maybe there would have been an accident.

43. You don't always have to know all of the reasons why, but you can be sure that if you're following the Lord's leading and you officially take the time to hear what He has to say, even if it's just a few words or a couple of sentences, you'll be doing the right thing. ...what you've got to realize is that it doesn't take any longer to say a little prayer and ask the Lord than it does to take the time to reason it out in your mind, and it's a whole lot more reliable and dependable. ...

Most of you have gotten used to hearing from the Lord in prophecy on big matters, but it's imperative that we learn to follow the Lord's leading each step of the way, with every decision and every move that we make.

... Keep your hotline to Jesus active every day, every hour, every minute, every second, and you can't go wrong! (*End of message from spirit helper.*)

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How to Form the Habit

53. (*Message from Jesus continues:*) I can help you make the best out of your day if you'll only include Me in each decision. I can help you form this good habit; I really can. It's not as difficult as you think, and it really is a great habit to have. ...

56. I don't ask that you make hearing from Me a complicated, involved procedure where you feel that before you do anything you must pull out a notebook or dictaphone or sit down at a computer and work long and hard to receive. All I ask of you is that you make it a habit to pause, even if just for a moment, to hear My Words in your heart before you proceed with things as usual, so that I may lead and guide you in every path that you should take, so that your steps will not slide but be more pleasant and within My highest will.

57. The more you make that effort to come to Me to hear My voice in prophecy for each and every thing you do throughout each and every day, the more I will bless you with a greater habit of doing this, and even a great desire to do so. I will never fail to give you checks to stop and listen to what I have to tell you, even if it's just to encourage you that I'm with you in what you're doing. ... (*End of message from Jesus.*)

When Is It Necessary to Record The Lord's Answer

62. (*Jesus speaking:*) I understand that My children are not going to be able to take lots of time to sit down with pen and paper and write down every single confirmation I give them in prophecy about their daily routine activities. ...The important thing is that you ask Me and wait for My answer, even if you don't record what I tell you.

63. If it's a simple, "Yes, it's fine for you to go for a walk right now," or "No, don't go right now; go after dinner" answer, then it's not necessary for you to write it down, because you'll remember what I've told you. Most of the replies I give in answer to simple questions will be easy and simple for you to understand and remember, so you don't need to have a record of them. But sometimes when I speak to you with more details, or give you some instructions that you weren't expecting, then this would be good to have a written record of, either so you can refer back to it later for some reason, or for your encouragement.

... (End of message from Jesus.)

To Record or Not to Record?

67. (*Jesus speaking:*) As you establish this habit of hearing from Me on everything, at first you may not know the balance between when to record or write down My Words and when it is okay to just hear them without keeping a record.

... I wish to make it as easy as possible for you, and I will give you a simple solution to keep track of the Words that I speak to you: When you bring your questions to Me, simply ask Me first whether I want you to keep a record of the Words I'm giving you at that moment. Simply say, "Lord, do I need to write this down or record it?"

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I'll tell you, "Yes, get this down, or no, it's not necessary to take dictation. Just listen and I'll help you remember what you need to retain." Or, I will give you a sound bite--a short and easy line to remember that will make your day! (*End of message from Jesus.*)

How to Live Each Day to the Full!

74. (*Jesus speaking:*) ...

75. There are times when you need to come before Me and get quiet and listen to My instruction in full, but there are other times when you can pray as you go. Not just a "Lord bless and keep us as we do such-and-such," but "Lord, what do You want us to do?" "Is this what You want us to do?" I can give specific answers to you right there and then if you'll only turn on and tune in. ...

76. It doesn't have to take a long time if you're in the habit of praying and constantly communing with Me in your thoughts. If you're on My wavelength, then you just have to listen for My signal. ...

79. If you need immediate, on-the-spot direction, then tune in and ask Me, and watch Me punch through with what you need.

...You might not have time to stop everything while you ask Me, but you know you have focused your heart and your mind on Me, even in the midst of what you're doing, and still ask, and clearly receive My answer. It doesn't take long to receive an answer from Me, and even in the midst of things I am able to speak to you clearly if you ask in faith, and really desire to hear from Me.

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Whenever you face a decision, a crossroads, that's the time to ask Me. ... if you face a decision, ask Me! ...

83. Practice hearing from Me in prophecy throughout the day for little things as they come up, and then you'll be well-practiced and in the habit when I have to tell you something. That's one way you can be sure you're living every day to the full and really making it count. (*End of message from Jesus.*)

84. (Mama:) ...

88. With the Lord asking us to use prophecy now for everything, literally, we wanted to know what things He considers important to record, and which things don't need to be recorded, or, for the sake of practicality, which He will overlook if we don't record them. In the preceding messages, He has already given us some tips along these lines, but here He gives us more good counsel.

89. (Jesus speaking:) My Words are spirit and they are life! They are your spiritual food, a treasure, a valuable commodity, something to be valued and preserved, not wasted. I understand that it would be too difficult for you to record My answers every time I speak to you--because many times it will be "on the go" or in a situation when you wouldn't be able to stop and record it. But the more often you can stop and record it, when it is possible, the better it is. When I see that you are creating a vacuum for Me--through having a receptacle to receive and preserve My Words in--then I am moved to pour out in greater abundance, more specific counsel, more that I know would help you along the way. So it is to your benefit to have a dictaphone or pen and paper handy whenever possible when asking Me a question, as I may lead you to record My Words so that I can give you a fuller and more complete message, whatever I have for you.

90. There will be times when I pour out a more lengthy message when you

don't have anything on hand to record it. In those cases it would be good for you to come back to Me later when you are able to record it and ask Me to repeat the message, or at least a summary of the main points that you will need to keep and remember. I know it seems that this would take twice as much time, but you will see in the long run that it will save you time, because the counsel that I give will keep you from going down the wrong road and having to retrace your steps, or falling into some other kind of time-consuming trouble.

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92. So don't take My Words for granted by letting them be wasted when I have intended for them to be kept. I don't mind when there's no way that you can stop and record them--... I would much rather that you hear from Me, even if you can't record it, than to not hear from Me because you can't record it. ... *(End of message from Jesus.)*

What If You Don't Have the Gift Of Prophecy?

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101. (Jesus speaking:) My precious ones, you are all My children, My brides, My lovers, those for whom I care deeply and dearly--those for whom I died. You of the children of David have been given great truths and wine of the Spirit, above all those on the face of the Earth, because of your vacuum that you've created for Me. ...

102. I have also given each of you the gift of knowing that you can hear from Me personally, directly. At any time, day or night, I have placed a channel between us which will never be broken, through which I can pour My love, My Words, My kisses, My seeds, to each of you. Some of you have tapped into this channel and others of you are still waiting, not having yet taken the plunge to prove that this channel really does exist for you personally. But I promise you again that it does, My loves. Each of you who are serving Me have the honor of being able to hear from Me whenever you like.

... No matter how bad or unworthy you think you are, no matter how little faith you feel you have, if you really desire the gift of hearing My Words, I am here to give it to you! Here are steps that you can take, if you do not yet hear My voice in prophecy but you desire to:

1) Read up on it in My Word--not just "when you have the time," but right now, today. Dedicate your Word time over the next days to reading what I have put forth on the subject to increase your faith. [See Letters such as "Faith," ML #73; "Mama's Surprise," ML #3133-34, 3139, Lifelines 24; "Endtime Prophecy Power," ML #3140, Lifelines 24, etc.]

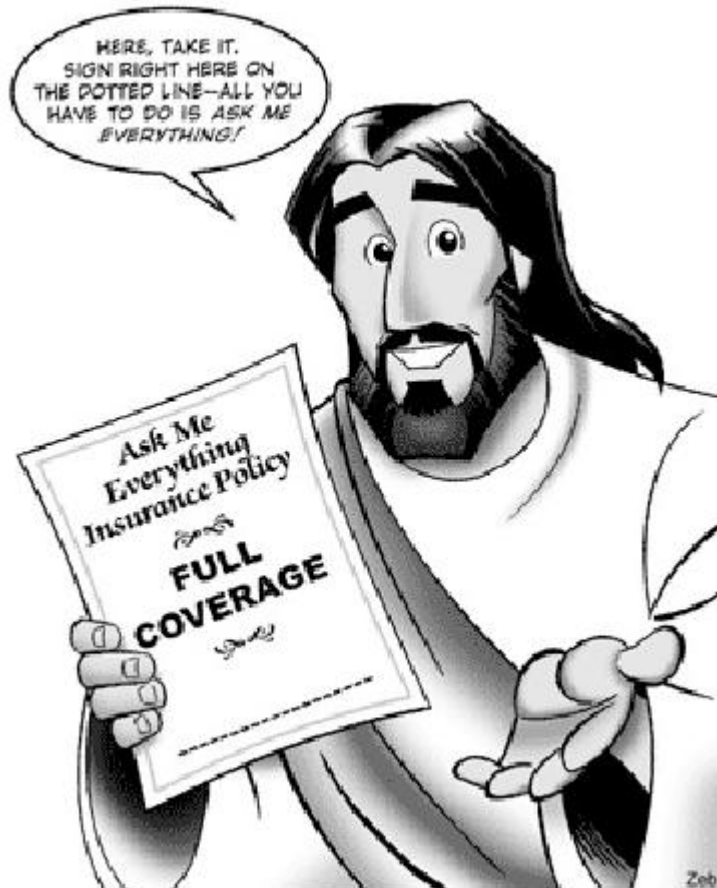
- 2) **Make your heart right with Me**--not because I require perfection, or because the gift of prophecy is a works trip, but because unconfessed sin, unyieldedness, or oughts against your brothers and sisters will hinder you from having full faith. Once your heart is right with Me, you can rest completely on My promises.
- 3) **Ask for prayer from the body, with laying on of hands, and claim My promises**--that the gift is there for you, that I want to give it to each Family member, and that I will give it to you!
- 4) **Now believe it!** I have given it to you!
- 5) **Go into your closet (a quiet place) and spend some time loving Me**, telling Me of your love and thanking Me for the gift by faith, priming the pump and entering My courts through your praise and thanksgiving. Then get quiet before Me, relax your mind, ask Me to speak to you, and take the first thing that comes as from Me. Record it or write it down, and praise Me for My Words to you! It doesn't have to be long in order to be a prophecy. ...
- 6) **Practice daily without fail!** Any time when you're alone, lift up your thoughts and your heart to Me, praising Me and asking Me to speak to you, and I will!
- 7) **Stay full of My Words and don't let the Enemy steal your joy in this wonderful gift that I've given you.** The Enemy will fight you hard. If he can't hinder your faith to ask for it and receive it, he'll try to hinder you from using it, and he'll try to convince you that you don't really have it, that it's just your own mind, and a bunch of other old tricks. ...

107. It's as simple as that, My darling ones. I have promised it to you and I will give it to you. I love you! (*End of message from Jesus.*)

Ask Me Everything! Part 3

How to Stop, Look, Listen and Receive!

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The Beautiful Place of Resting in Him!

2. (Jesus speaking:) ... From this point on, hear from Me on everything... Let Me be your Counselor. Let Me be the One Who thoroughly applies the Word in your life. Let Me take your hand from the moment the day begins and lead you through each day.

4. As a mother takes the hand of her child and leads him, so do I wish to take your hand and guide you throughout the day, in every path you take. I will lead you continually to green pastures where you may rest in safety under the protection of My love and perfect will. To get to these green pastures in the surest and simplest way, you must merely hold My hand. The means for this close

connection is so simple--the gift of prophecy.

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6. As you journey through the day, you must stop at each point of choice and request My guidance. At times it's a simple asking if it's yes or no, turn right or left, go up or down. At other times it's asking Me for instruction and guidance. But you'll always find further joys, fruitfulness and satisfaction once you've learned to lean on Me totally, listening to My voice at every turn and at every step.

7. It may seem odd and burdensome to My children to hear from Me about every little detail of their lives, but this is what I request. Why do I ask this of you? It's because I wish to offer you My gift of prophecy in its most complete form. It may be hard for you to see it like this at first, but do not be as little children who refuse a new food because they've never had it before. ...

8. Once you try it, like trying out a new food, you'll be amazed and discover that you like it. And if you keep on eating it, before long you'll see you've really acquired quite a taste for it and you'll want more and more; you won't be able to get enough!

...I have designed it this way, so that I can carry your burdens. I long to carry your load and make life easier for you because I love you. It's for your benefit--to improve your overall quality of life! When you don't stop and check in with Me and don't get My instructions at every step, you miss out on so many things I have waiting for you. You miss out on many blessings and invaluable instruction I long to give you. It's like living life halfway, instead of living life to the full!

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17. Why not try it? Try tuning in to Me as you go throughout your day! See if I will not give you tailor-made counsel exactly fitted to your needs. I promise I will, because I love you so very much and find great joy in carrying your load every step and in every way. I love you!

18. I honor you now with this beautiful place of resting in Me, My beautiful brides, My lovely ones. (*End of message from Jesus.*)

Learning to Work In Teamwork with Him!

26. (Spirit helper speaking:) One thing that hinders people from asking the Lord about everything is that they wonder what common sense is for if they have to get a prophecy about every situation that comes up. "What about the gifts of the Spirit? What about wisdom, discernment, and all the rest? What about the rest of the ways to know God's will? Do we just dump all of those things now because we're supposed to ask the Lord about our every move? And if so, what's all our training for, if in the end we just ask the Lord about everything anyway?"

27. These are common questions ... So what's the answer?

28. The answer is that hearing from the Lord isn't a replacement for all those other things, but is an additional tool to help you make sure that you got things right. The Lord still expects you to do your part and to exercise wisdom, discernment, understanding, and all the rest. He still expects you to study the Word He's already given for the answers, as well as to use common sense and discuss things together, exploring the different ways to know His will. If you do all that, you're likely to come up with the correct answer most of the time. That's what you've been doing for years, and it's been working pretty well.

29. But now the Lord is taking things to a higher level. The questions are going to get more difficult in the future, and it'll be more imperative that you get them right. You may have had a 90% success rate so far using common sense, prayer, and the other gifts of the Spirit, but a 10% or even a 5% margin of error could cost you your life or the lives of others during the Great Tribulation, for example. Or it could cost you your ministry. The stakes are higher, therefore the Lord is introducing new measures to get your success rate in decision-making as close as possible to 100%!

30. He's not asking you to throw out everything that you've been doing so far, nor is He discounting all that's been said before, or all that David has taught. He's just adding another step--what you could call the ultimate accuracy test--to make sure that your decisions are right on.

31. So when you're faced with a decision, you should still use common sense, teamworking, counseling together, wisdom, and all the rest--but you should also ask the Lord.

... It's just an additional step, a check and balance to make sure you're on the right track, and a way for the Lord to establish a stronger link with you. Every time you hear from Him, your link with Him gets a little bit stronger. And the more you do it, the easier it gets, until He can punch through at any time because you get so sensitive in the Spirit.

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37. And remember, it doesn't have to be a big ordeal, either. ... for most decisions that you encounter on a daily basis, it's more just a matter of checking in with the Lord.

... Just imagine that the Lord is your Boss, and you have a cell phone with you at all times. Before you go ahead with something, you simply dial His number and say, "Boss, we were thinking of going ahead with this. Is that okay?" The Boss might say, "Sure, that's fine." Or maybe He'll say, "Yes, but don't forget about such-and-such." Either way, He won't usually go on and on about it--you just get the answer and go on your way. Of course, at times when He says no, He might give a longer explanation so that you'll understand why; but in cases where He's

just agreeing with the reasoning and conclusion you've already come to, He doesn't need to repeat it all again. All that to say, it doesn't have to be a big deal--just like a short phone call to your earthly boss wouldn't be either.

... (End of message from spirit helper.)

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Learning to Let the Lord Shepherd You!

44. (Dad speaking:) You're going to save yourself a lot of problems and wondering about things if you just ask the Lord what you should do, and you're going to save your shepherds a lot of time. Of course, you still need your shepherds and you need each other ... It's not like you can do without the help, counsel and prayers of your co-workers and family--but most of all, you need to hear from the Lord.

...when you need prayer, counsel, instruction or direction, instead of running to your mate or shepherd first and asking them what you should do, ask the Lord and get His counsel ... you can always go to your shepherds for counsel and help; that's what they're there for, to guide and support and help you do the Lord's will. But before you go to your shepherds you should be asking the Lord what you're going to talk about, how you're going to present it, when to go to them, and for any other direction He might want to give you.

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50. What the Lord tells you will be very helpful and encouraging not only to you, but to the person who you go to for prayer, because the Lord will show you what to say. He'll clarify things in your mind enough so that you can present your prayer request. He'll give you the encouragement you need to ask for prayer and help to dispel the Enemy's lies and doubts.

51. You can give your shepherd the message the Lord gave you about the battle you're having, and it'll make it so much easier for your shepherd to understand what you're going through, how the Lord sees it at the moment, and what counsel the Lord gave you. It will help your shepherd to know how to pray for you, how to seek the Lord for you, how to encourage you and guide you. ...

53. It's really a teamwork--the Lord, you, and your shepherds. You need to be hearing from the Lord together about battles and trials. You can't expect your shepherds to have all the answers, and you also can't make it on your own without their help and support. You all need the Lord's help, and if you seek Him, He'll speak to you and give you clear counsel and direction.

... (End of message from Dad.)

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What About Those Decisions That Are Pretty Obvious?

63. (*Jesus speaking:*) How many times in a day do you make decisions, big or small, without involving Me? There are some things that I know you think you're capable of deciding, and you ask, "Lord, do we really have to ask You about that? Shouldn't we be able to think for ourselves at all?" Well, yes, you can and should be able to think, ponder, evaluate, and counsel about matters. Yet still, with every decision, both big and small, you should first of all pray and ask Me for guidance as you deliberate, and second, ask for My confirmation before proceeding.

... **When you're on the go, on the move, I'll work according to the need by giving you short, concise, and to-the-point answers.** When you're in need of more descriptive, detailed, or feeding messages from Me, I speak flowingly, abundantly, generously. When you need a quick answer, I speak generously and willingly, but also concisely.

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68. Some of you have somewhat of a mental block against praying about each of these "littler" decisions, because you think of "prophecy" or "hearing from the Lord" as something that must take a lot of time. .. That's why I'm helping you see how that's not the case. The goal, the vision, is to be asking Me about everything--whether it seems big or small to you--and I can speak to you on the spot, on the go!

...**When you're hearing from Me about everything, there's no such thing as "just another day."** Life will not be boring, dull, or routine when you're checking every plan and decision with Me--even those that seem routine. I always have special things to show you, special things to arrange for you, special people to bring across your path. Yet only by checking in with Me step by step and making sure you're doing what I want you to be doing at that moment can you ensure that every piece of My plan and all the things I want to use you for that day will be fulfilled.

... I love to talk to you and to hear from you, to interact with you whenever possible. By asking you to bring Me into these little decisions, to get My confirmations at every turn, even on the go, I'm opening countless opportunities for us to touch, to kiss, to communicate throughout the day. This not only pleases Me, but I know it will make your life so much richer, so much happier.

...**Even if you don't ask Me about every single thing, I often work behind the scenes to fulfill My purpose--...** However, when you're asking Me about things

and getting My leadings and confirmations, you'll not only be fulfilling My plan and purpose, but you yourself will see and know how I'm working. You'll see more miracles every day, and you'll better understand the workings of My Spirit.

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75. It will bring the whole spiritual realm closer to you, and help you be more firmly connected to Me. This will keep developing and developing, until hearing from Me and communicating with Me will be as natural as breathing. It'll be something that you do constantly, automatically, without having to remind yourself and prod yourself into doing it.

76. It takes time to form these good habits, but once you do, you'll never regret it. You'll see its fruits, and you'll realize that My way is the best way. You might be able to muddle through, or even do fairly well in some decisions, by using your common sense. If you're prayerful and pray at each step, you'll do even better. But by tuning in to Me and getting My guidance or confirmation in prophecy on every plan or decision, little or big, you're bringing the full power of My Spirit into your life, and it will change you and others around you. (*End of message from Jesus.*)

Your Full Insurance Policy Of the Spirit!

77. (*Jesus speaking:*) Let Me show you what happens in the spirit when you stop to take time to hear from Me ...

78. When you stop to hear My Words and My voice, I'm bound by My Word to go with you, to surround you, to control the situation. Unlike when you go in your own strength or with your own ideas--in which case I try to protect you, but am not able to fully surround you with My protection--when you listen to My voice and go forth to obey it, you're automatically fully covered under My insurance. That's not to say that nothing will ever happen to you--accidents or troubles of any kind--but when they do happen, you don't have to worry in the slightest, because I've gone before and am working out My perfect will.

79. That's the beauty of hearing from Me at every step. You not only save yourself a lot of time and trouble in missing the mark and having to go back and do things again, but you also automatically are fully insured with My Heavenly power and protection, and are assured that any loss would be fully covered. ...

80. Even when you don't stop at every step to hear from Me, I have the ability to always work things together for good to those who know and love Me. But that doesn't mean that there will be no loss to you. I can teach you a lesson through it, I can use it as a testimony or a witness, but at times there is a loss. Things could have worked out better if you'd not made the mistake, if you'd been

more prayerful, and most importantly, if you'd checked in with Me.

81. But how different it is when you're asking Me about each move, each step! You can be assured that you'll suffer no loss--that anything that happens is what I've allowed to happen within the boundaries of My perfect will.

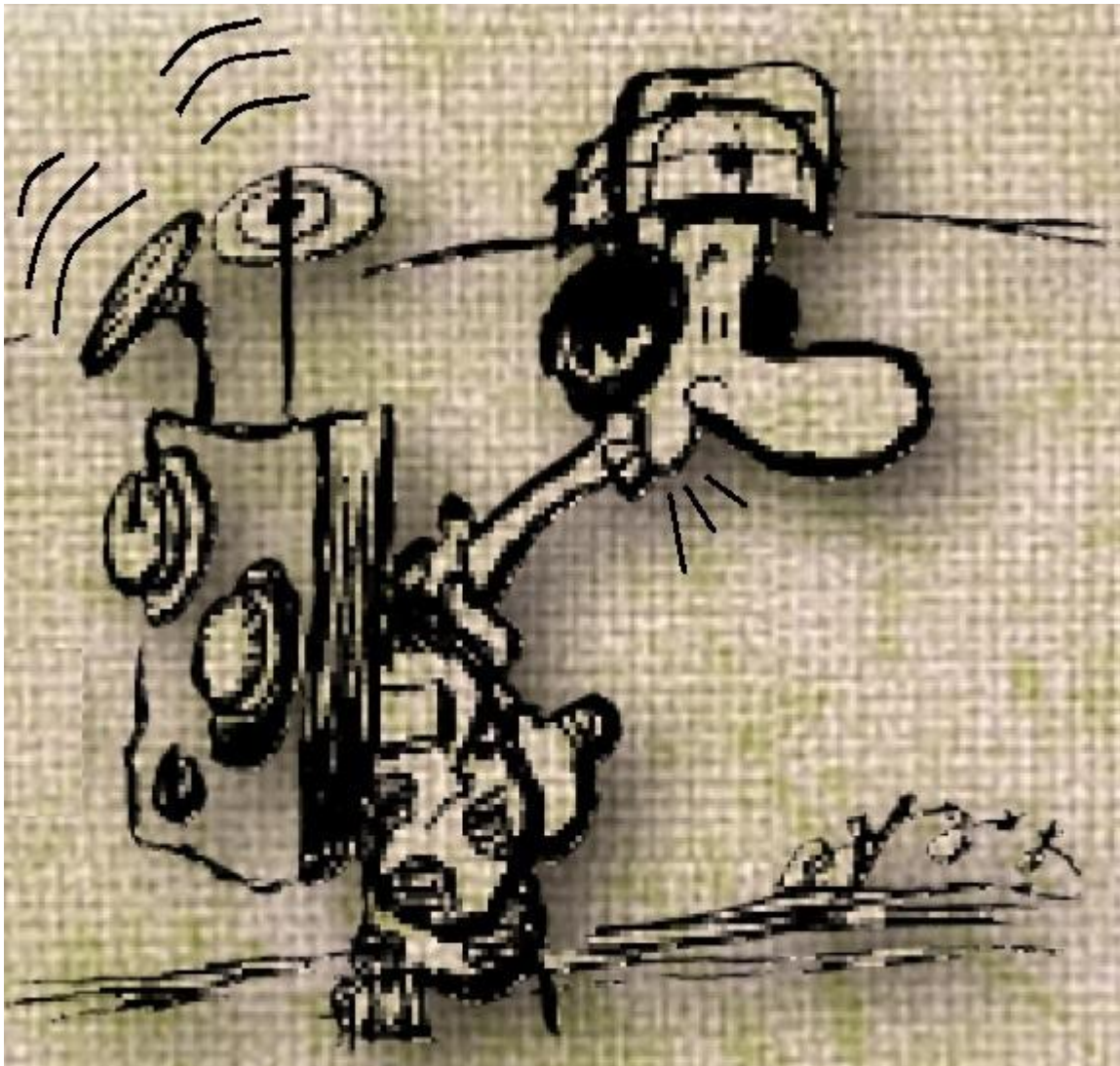
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83. So, My children, enter into My full coverage by learning to check with Me about everything. In so doing you commit your ways to Me and allow Me perfect control over the situation. Why go into danger zones with minimum liability insurance when you can have full coverage? Once you make the switch, you'll see how great the dividends are in comparison to the small cost to you! (*End of message from Jesus.*)

The X Factor! : Prophecy

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Using the Spiritual Weapon of Prophecy Professionally in Our Witnessing and Winning!



"The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds" (2 Corinthians 10:4).

What?

1. The weapon of prophecy, aka hearing from the Lord, is one of the main ways in which He communicates with us, and is a very important means of knowing His will. Through prophecy we can receive direction, instruction, encouragement, counsel, battle plans for fighting the Enemy, revelations, predictions, and much more. Prophecy is a powerful weapon in the hands of a skilled user.

Why?

2. The battlefield of the witnesser is a fluid place. Circumstances and conditions are complex and constantly changing, and that's why you have to be tuned in to Headquarters, to get your instructions and orders. Witnessing and winning isn't a simple 1-2-3-step plan that always works out as you intend. There are a lot of variables and things are regularly changing. So you need to be flexible and adaptable. But in order to know how to proceed at every turn, you need prophecy--to be able to get clear, specific direction whenever you need it.

3. Prophecy is an asset when it comes to witnessing and winning. By using prophecy, you're going about things the easy way instead of the hard way. Your percentage of success will be higher, because you'll have secret intelligence. You'll be open to the Lord's checks, you'll be asking Him everything, you'll be communicating with Him about where to go, who to talk to, what to talk about, how to present yourself, what the key to someone's heart will be, and all kinds of other specifics, and He will guide you wisely.

4. Using prophecy is smart and it's efficient. You're all busy people, so you don't want to spend the limited time you have on outreach just knocking on closed doors or talking with people who don't want what you have to offer. Of course, there's always some element of that--there will

always be some closed doors and some people who aren't interested, and it's not even good for everything to come to you so easily. But your aim is to spend as much time as possible going through the open doors and talking with the interested and potential people--the ones who are worth the investment of your time--and as little time as possible with those who are not worth your while.

5. So if you want your outreach to be more targeted and effective, and if you want to avoid timewasters, then use prophecy. The Lord can do all kinds of favors for you as you use this weapon. He'll guide you. He might speak to you in specifics--about someone you're going to meet, or something that's going to happen that day. He'll let you know if your plans for the day are spot on. He'll show you where to go, or tell you if you're going to the wrong place. He'll set up miraculous meetings and open doors for you, if He knows He'll be able to guide you to them when you check in with Him.

6. Prophecy is a versatile spiritual weapon, and can be used anywhere and anytime in the process of building a flock or reaching the rich. You can use it when you go out to meet new potential sheep or kings, and you can continue using it throughout the whole process--as you feed and teach and train them, and as you draw them closer to the Family and challenge them to become supporters or disciples. You can and should use prophecy each step of the way as you bring those you're ministering to along; it's a valuable disciple-winning tool, and will also give you enhanced wisdom, discernment, insight, and direction when reaching the rich.

7. You can use prophecy as a mind-reading tool by asking the Lord what's going on in people's hearts and minds, so that you can better help them and train them and be an effective teacher. Prophecy is also a great tool for planning classes, seminars, and mapping out the plan for moving your sheep along in their spiritual progress. It can be used as a means of encouraging and feeding your sheep, when you receive messages for them through your channel, or when you teach them how to receive and use their own gifts.

8. Prophecy can also be used proactively. It's not just a weapon to use to guide you through your immediate witnessing urgencies and emergencies. The Lord's counsel through the gift of prophecy can keep you a step ahead of the present, giving you a tremendous edge in the spirit. The Lord can save you time and trouble by informing you of new factors

and surprises in advance. He can prepare you for what's to come. He can give you valuable overall direction, insight, information, and revelations on the big picture of your witnessing and winning, which will help you to keep your goals in focus and ensure that you're always moving in the right direction.

9. Another great benefit to using prophecy in your witnessing, winning, and building your flock, is that it helps to keep you a new bottle--flexible and not stuck in a rut. It's impossible to be stuck in a rut if you're asking the Lord for up-to-the-minute instruction and you're obeying it. Using prophecy helps you to "follow God" and to continue to flow with His nudges throughout the day, through every witnessing and training experience.

10. (Jesus:) Prophecy is the guidance mechanism in the spiritual attack weapon that will zero in on the needy souls and potential disciples, and guide you directly to them. It will make your outreach more effective, more directed, more conclusive, and more fruitful.

11. (Jesus:) I've asked you to do some pretty amazing and challenging things for Me, and I've said that you must succeed. So of course I intend to give you My full support, backing, and help. If I didn't, what kind of manager or commander would I be? I am more interested in seeing the job get done effectively, efficiently, and right than you ever could be. After all, this is My plan, these are My orders, and I'm the One Who wants to see them carried out.

12. I don't want you going out there in the war zone haphazardly feeling for mines in the spirit. Instead, I want to give you a roadmap and a three-dimensional view of the battlefield, as well as X-ray vision to see through obstacles, so that you can avoid the dangers that the Enemy has set up to derail you--and so that you can find what you're looking for.

13. You're in urban warfare, the most deadly and difficult form of warfare there is. You won't know what window a sniper is hiding behind, what houses are booby-trapped, or where the Enemy is waiting in ambush--**unless** you hook up with My advanced warrior systems, which can watch over you and help you to plan and attack with pinpoint accuracy, and survive to fight another day.

14. Going into any witnessing endeavor with your channel switched off is like walking down the center of a battlefield with a neon target on your head. You cannot--and I repeat, cannot--be fully successful in the Offensive and do all that I want you to do, nor will you see all of the supernatural answers to prayer and lives changed, without using the weapon of prophecy. There's no way around it, and no way to win without it.

15. I have made you into the most elite and effective strike force ever known to mankind. Every one of you can do more damage to the Enemy than 10,000 untrained recruits in the regular army. You are the sort of whom it is said, "one can chase a thousand," and "two can put ten thousand to flight." But in order to do that, you must use your training; you must use your specialized communications equipment, including prophecy.

16. Decisive victory is all about precision attacks at the points that do the most damage to the Enemy. It's not about brute force; it's about doing the most damage in the shortest amount of time, which causes the opposing force to be overwhelmed and collapse on itself. If you want to win decisive victories, you must avail yourself of prophecy, because it's through prophecy that I will tell you when to strike, what to strike, and how to strike.

17. (Jesus:) Prophecy is a heavenly communicator implanted in your mind that acts as a two-way communications device between you and all of the answers that you'll ever need. It is the link between you and scoring 100% on your test. It makes a vital difference in your service for Me.

How?

18. * When you're out witnessing, don't try to reason out who to talk to next or what shop to go to next, etc. Ask the Lord. If you're with a partner, take turns asking the Lord who to approach next, or where to go next, and how to get there.

19. * Watch for a change of circumstances; be flexible, and pray as you go. A wise warrior not only prays and plans before the battle, but during it too. Although the general plan should be implemented, through prayer, stay open to the checks of the Lord's Spirit and how to adapt to battlefield conditions. Radio in every so often and check with the Lord and

determine if any on-the-spot changes in the plan need to be made, and then follow through accordingly.

20. * Before talking to someone--whether it's someone that you've never met before, or someone that you are already acquainted with and are following up on--ask the Lord if there's something specific He wants you to say to them, or if He has something to tell you that will help you to reach them better. Ask the Lord for the key to their heart. Ideally it would be best to hear from the Lord before you leave home, but if you didn't get a chance, doing so on the spot is better than not at all.

21. * Don't limit yourself to communicating with the Lord only **before** speaking to people. **During** any witnessing opportunity, make a point of asking the Lord about it in your mind--where to steer the conversation; if the current topic or direction is effective; if the person is worth your time; if you should move on, etc.

22. *(Jesus:)* **I didn't just create the weapon of prophecy so that we could chat on your day off and feel good and happy.** That's a pleasant use of it, but the primary purpose of the weapon of prophecy is to make it possible for you to defeat the Devil on this Earth in the battles you face. If you don't use it, you're giving him an advantage over you in the spiritual warfare.

23. * Every so often, at the end of a witnessing day, ask the Lord to talk to you about your use of prophecy--to **assess** your performance, and to show you ways that you can improve in your use of it. It doesn't have to be a serious, sit-down prophecy session. You can communicate with the Lord in your mind as you ride home, when you're in the shower, or before bed. Ask Him, "How am I doing with my gift of prophecy in my outreach? Am I using it enough? How can I improve in my use of it?"

24. You can do the same thing with your witnessing, asking the Lord to speak to you, assess your performance, and to show you ways you can improve.

25. * Strike out and try something new. Instead of answering a sheep's question with your own words, offer to hear from the Lord on it right then and there with the sheep or the person you're ministering to. This can be a short prophecy or a longer one, depending on the situation and circumstances.

26. * Before you go out witnessing, ask the Lord if your choice of clothing is appropriate for the plans He has for you that day. It could be very important to be dressed a certain way on a given day, in order to be able to walk through an open door that the Lord may present to you.

27. * Ask the Lord about specific details before you go out witnessing, such as what Family products or tracts to take with you, what transportation you should take to your witnessing location, if and when you should take a break during the day, where you should stop for lunch, and other such specifics.

28. * Use prophecy before each witnessing or follow-up appointment or class. Ask the Lord specifically what you should talk about, what topic would be feeding for the sheep, and how to make the appointment or class as feeding as possible. If you are going to be presenting a need or an appeal, ask Him how to best present it.

29. * Ask the Lord regularly about your sheep and what to feed them next, what their current needs are, what challenges they need for their growth, what battles they're facing, and how to motivate them to go further in their relationship and walk with the Lord.

Follow-up meetings and prophecy

30. (*From a witnesser:*) In our Home we have a scheduled weekly "Building a Flock" follow-up meeting with a follow-up team of three people who meet about our church growth and Active members. We also have another team that meets about the "Reach the Rich" follow-up. We focus on two or three of our sheep each week, and ask the Lord for some counsel and direction for their next couple of months of growth. Then in our next weekly meeting, we hear from the Lord about three other sheep. With this plan, we are able to hear from the Lord specifically about 12 sheep in a month. So if you have 24 sheep on the line, you can hear from the Lord regarding them at least once during a two-month period. We have more counsel from the Lord than we are able to implement, and are never short on His direction. Of course, when a particular sheep is going through something, we are open to giving them more time, and they get extra shepherding and focus. But the other sheep also need attention and focus, and having this plan has worked well for us.

31. * Develop a habit of receiving prophecies for those you minister to,

such as prophecies of encouragement or instruction. Many witnesses have testified that most people love to receive a personal message from the Lord, and it has proven to spark an interest in the spirit and a hunger to learn and experience more. Some sheep who have a very traditional and distant concept of God have immediately grown to recognize Him as a friend and have developed a personal relationship with Him, through being influenced by the prophecies that were received for them. Prophecy can be used as early as a second meeting with a sheep, or at times even the first.

32. * Use your gift of prophecy to help your sheep and supporters when they are making important decisions--such as medical, financial, or business decisions. They may often ask you to ask the Lord for His counsel to them on these matters, and it's an important part of using the weapon of prophecy in your witnessing and winning. However, it's good to include them in the prophecy session, if possible, and it's important to explain that the final decision rests in their hands and is according to their faith. If you are the one hearing from the Lord for them, often the Lord might not tell them through that prophecy exactly what to do, but He can give them important input or factors for them to consider, as well as promises and counsel once they make a final decision.

33. * Practice asking the Lord specifics in other realms of your life and work, so that when your sheep ask you to hear from the Lord about something specific, you're practiced in doing so, and you have the faith to receive an answer. One sheep, right off the bat, brought out three pens and three pieces of paper and asked an outreach team to hear from the Lord with him about some important business decision. Thank the Lord, He came through with His counsel, and that man has been drawn very close as a result of it.

34. * Use prophecy to help you to remain flexible and to "follow God" while you're on outreach. There will be days when you have everything well planned, and then everything falls through, or your appointments get cancelled, or the Lord wants to change plans as you go. So remain flexible and constantly ask the Lord at each step.

35. * Be faithful not just to receive prophecies, but to follow through on what the Lord tells you to do in those prophecies.

36. * Give prophecies to the members of your flock during special times in their lives, such as when someone has a new baby, or on their

birthday, or on their wedding day, or on other special occasions.

37. * Receive prophecies to share with your flock during your meetings, retreats, or classes with them, either as a keynote or closing message, or as a supplement to other material you'll be sharing with them.

38. * Teach your sheep to hear from the Lord themselves. Helpful aids: *"Hearing from Heaven"* (*Get Activated* book); the Letters on prayer and prophecy in *God Online*.

39. * Once the members of your flock have received the gift of prophecy, work on helping them to receive things from the Lord as regularly as possible via their own channels, and encourage consistent use of this gift in their lives--such as by asking them to share with you the things that the Lord has spoken to them about, etc.

40. * When someone you're ministering to asks you a question, decide whether it's something you'd need to research in the Word or to ask the Lord about. If it's something the Lord can answer in prophecy, tell them that you'll get back to them. Then ask Him about it as soon as you get a chance, and pass on the message or counsel to your sheep. When it comes to something major that could have big consequences in the other person's life, ask a fellow witnesser or shepherd to get a confirmation from the Lord. Make sure that the counsel you pass on is accurate and complete, and seek the Lord about how to present it.

41. * Hear from the Lord together with the members of your flock, as a group, whenever possible.

42. * If there's a problem or issue that one of your sheep faces, help them to research the Word on the topic, and encourage them to ask the Lord about it and receive an "official" prophecy (one that they actually write down or record somehow). You could start by offering to receive something for them through your channel, but the goal should be to get them to receive answers through their own channel, to become comfortable with personally receiving counsel directly from the Lord.

43. * Encourage and promote the use of prophecy with your flock by sharing one or more messages that you personally received from the Lord regarding an area of your life that you're progressing in, or a decision that you prayed about, etc. This can help to encourage those you're ministering to to want to try to exercise their gift more, so that they can likewise receive

practical counsel from the Lord for their everyday lives.

44. * If one of the members of your flock shares a message with you that they received from the Lord, be as enthusiastic and commending as possible. Even if their gift is at the "baby" stage, encourage them for their faith to exercise it, to take steps to use it, and this will help to build their confidence in their channel.

45. * Your sheep should see you suggest, "Let's ask the Lord," whenever you or they need to make a decision.

46. * Setting an example is the best way to teach others the value of the gift of prophecy. Make an effort to strengthen this weapon in your life to the point that using it becomes very natural for you, a part of your everyday life and actions. Form a habit of receiving daily prophecies and using this weapon faithfully in order to become more skilled in using it, and you will be better prepared to teach others.

47. * Study the CGO Handbook for more information and helps on the use of prophecy in your witnessing and winning. (*See CGO Handbook 4.b.v: Hearing from the Lord for or with those you minister to. For you who are PMA students, you'll find more on this topic in class 7.7 of the "Cultivating Supporters" course and class 7.1 of the "Building a Flock" course.*) (**Note:** For more on this, please see Link #2, an excerpt of a PMA class, on page 11.)

The Treasure Hunt

48. (*From a witnesser:*) Our Home has a music ministry where we play weekly for a cross section of the top class in our city and business people from abroad. Some months ago we met the family and relatives of the leadership of another country. We got quite close to them, and this gentleman came to our Home for a visit with some ambassadors from his country and gave us a large donation. This happened only after hearing from the Lord and following each step He showed us. It wasn't easy and took quite a bit of time, prayer, and planning. The Lord had even shown us in prophecy not to ask him for anything but to let him offer a donation, and He had also shown us the exact amount this man would give. Amazing! Since then we have been in touch with him through e-mail and the phone, and our communication with him has been very fruitful.

49. When praying about what to approach this gentleman with at this time, as well as how to prepare for his next visit, the Lord chided us a bit. He reminded us that He had already shown us six months ago that He would bring Mr. M. back for a visit as soon as we were ready, and had shown us to get the children's performing team prepared, as well as have our band learn some local language songs. (Every time we would call Mr. M., he would say that he would visit, but that he wasn't sure when.) The Lord showed us again that Mr. M. would come when we fulfilled what He had already shown us--sort of an "if you build it, he will come" or "Noah's ark phenomenon." Needless to say, we have begun the preparations needed and this man has promised to help us with some of our projects this year. Praise the Lord!

50. We are learning that in reaching the rich, we can very quickly lose opportunities the Lord sends our way if we are not sharp in the spirit and desperate to obey what He says instantly. It is sobering to realize that many important sheep may have come and gone and golden opportunities may have flown by without our even realizing it. The Lord's timing is everything, as only He really knows what He is doing, and we are just playing along in the "treasure hunt"--hunting for clues, obeying where they tell us to go, and searching for the prize.

51. (Jesus:) Once you get hooked on hearing from Me specifically about your outreach, and as you are open to My checks, asking Me frequently what to do, where to go, or what to tell those that you meet and minister to, you'll never go back to doing things without the on-the-go assistance of such a powerful weapon.

Heeding the Lord's Checks

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Being In Tune with His Spirit

(Jesus speaking:) I am asking you, My children, to hear My voice directly. I'm asking you to hear from Me about everything in prophecy. Prophecy is not the same as receiving a check or remembering something. Though this is often the voice of My Spirit in your heart, some people hesitate to obey these checks as readily as they would a prophecy, wondering if it's their own mind or desires getting in the way. By asking you to hear from Me about everything in prophecy, I am relieving you of the burden of having to wonder if a check is from Me or not, for through My voice of prophecy, I will speak to you plainly. The definition of prophecy is when you specifically ask Me to speak to you in prophecy and you receive an answer.

So in order to be sure of what you need to do, when you receive a check, when you have a feeling, a hunch, a premonition, a suspicion that something is not quite right or that you should be going a different direction, or you get a "witness" to go in a certain direction, you should just shoot up a question to Me, ask Me to speak to you in prophecy and expect an answer, and that answer that you will receive is prophecy. That's what I am asking of you in hearing from Me about everything—that you ask Me your questions and receive My direct answers. (End of excerpt)

(Jesus speaking:) I've promised that I can overcome even your very nature if you tune in to Me and the checks of My Spirit. This means NWOs can be overcome and personality traits can change for My glory. The shy person can become bold with My help, and the bold person can be less outspoken if this will glorify Me.

You might feel that there are certain characteristics of your personality that are part of you and therefore cannot change; it's just the way you are, the way that I've made you. Although it's true that I have created you with certain traits, certain strengths and weaknesses, this doesn't mean that you can never change according to the moves of My Spirit, according to the need, according to the task or mission that I might call you to perform. There are times when I allow My children to

be able to change some aspect of their nature when it means that they will be better equipped to perform My will.

You might wonder how this can be, how you can change what you feel is a long-standing habit, an almost ingrained characteristic, and turn it into something different. All things are possible and there's nothing too hard for Me. It just takes a yielded spirit, a desire to receive My help and the anointing of your new spirit helper, a determination to follow through with the nudges they will give you from the spirit.

But you must fight for it! You must believe that this is My promise to you and that I will perform the work in the spirit. You must be willing to yield, to listen to your spirit helper, to heed the checks—little and big—to tune in to the nudges that you will feel and to follow through.

So just trust, for the things of the flesh which seem to be don't have to be. I can and will change all things to perfect My will. Although you might feel it's impossible and that you can't overcome in this area, even that feeling of incapability in yourself is My will, so that you will give Me all the glory and all the credit.

The solution is not in pulling back and slipping into the background completely, but in tuning in to the checks of your spirit helper who will be faithful to check you and remind you and guide you. It's already taking place in the spirit if you just reach out and believe and receive. The anointing and gift of change is already yours; it's already part of My will, and it only remains for you to believe and receive. As soon as you put faith into action and put feet to your prayers and receive this new anointing and have faith for it, you will begin to see the rewards of your faith and obedience. (End of message from Jesus.) (ML# 3292)

(Spirit helper speaking:) Everything up Here revolves around prayer, being in communication with the Lord, being in tune with where His Spirit is moving, with what He's doing, with where He's leading. It's a two-way street, where you have to ask, and the Lord will give you a specific answer. It may not always be specific in details; it could be a general answer, but it's specifically tailor-made to your particular situation. For you on Earth, it should be much the same.

As you know, little things are often big things in the Lord's eyes, and He likes to test our faithfulness in big things by seeing how we do with the little things. It's no different with learning to ask the Lord and wait for His answers. "Yes," you may say to yourself, "when I begin praying about bigger matters, like deciding on a mate or a move, then I'll ask the Lord." But how can you trust yourself to hear clearly from Him on the big things if you haven't been looking to Him and practicing your channel by asking about the little things?

They may not seem important to you, but besides the point of using them to practice your gift of prophecy, you never know what could hinge on a seemingly small decision. But if you put it off, or constantly think, "Well, this is too small to ask the Lord about," you not only risk missing something important that He may have to tell you—some factor you haven't thought about, some angle or consequence you haven't considered—but you lose out on the sweet communication the Lord, as your Husband, would like to have with you.

He may not have anything to say about whether to eat a banana or an orange for snack, but He may want to tell you to bring that busy single mom a nice glass of juice like she enjoys, so that He can show His love to her through you. That's what learning to receive the Lord's answers on the spot is all about. It's not always about what you can or need to do for yourself, but often it's seeing what you can do for others around you. Remember, inasmuch as you do it unto the least of His brethren, you are doing it unto Him.

But if you don't ask and listen, you won't hear. The Lord's Spirit is always on, and it's always broadcasting. There's always something He could tell you. He's not the strong, silent type. Oh, He's strong, but He's not silent. He loves to talk, and it's so wonderful to listen to Him, because He's always full of surprises. You never quite know what He's going to talk about next, but you can be sure that it's something fascinating, uplifting, inspiring, encouraging, challenging, and loving.

If you receive a verse or a quote at some other time, when you haven't been specifically asking the Lord a question and expecting to hear from

Him, then it's good to ask Him for a confirmation on that verse or quote. Even though you weren't specifically asking Him a question, He may be trying to get through to you and speak to your heart about a certain subject or situation. And if you get something from the Lord and you're not sure exactly what to do, don't be afraid to ask a second question, "Lord, does that mean I should do such-and-such?" Again, the Lord's voice will be right there to direct and guide and answer you.

The point is, if you don't slow down and take that time to ask the Lord questions and wait for His answers now, if you don't heed the checks of the Spirit and the voice of the Lord when He's checking you to ask Him about the little things, you never know when it might be a big thing. But if you get in the habit of asking Him and waiting for His answers, as well as exercising all the other new spiritual weapons He's given you, then it'll be much easier for Him to punch through, no matter how drastic or ordinary the question or situation.

That's really the goal of all this getting closer to the Lord and working on our spiritual lives and walk with Him—so that He can live and move and act and love through us. And if you're not making the effort to learn these things now, don't think you'll suddenly be endowed with all this amazing insight and earthshaking power the moment the Antichrist breaks the Covenant and starts hounding you.

These are the days of preparation! These are the days of arming yourselves, of practicing with your new weapons. These are the days of training. Even now the Enemy lurks about, seeking to do harm where he can. But by staying on your toes and using every situation that you can as an opportunity to test your spiritual reactions, to discover your weaknesses and work on strengthening them, you're learning to be the crack shots and elite troops that the Lord will need you to be when the final decisive battle for the hearts and souls and lives of men begins.

But if you're like the soldier on the battlefield who decides he doesn't need to listen to the commands from headquarters, and who switches off his radio receiver because he thinks it's obvious what he needs to do, you may find yourself in more trouble than you bargained for. So all you have

to do is turn on and tune in; stop, look, and listen to the King. Put your headsets back on, and don't think for a moment that you can make it without looking to the Lord.

The Lord wants to do all He can to make it easy for you. He's your Coach. He's your Trainer. He's your Battle Instructor. He's placing you in these situations daily to test your skills, to see how you're progressing, to see how much you'll look to Him instead of following your own impulses, to see how seriously you're employing the new weapons of loving and praising and listening to Him. If you want to pass His tests, make real progress and get the right answers to your questions, then you know the way to go: Take your questions to the Lord! Take your questions right back to the Lord and ask Him what the answer is, what the solution is, what the best course of action for that situation is. He knows, and you don't—it's that simple.

He's more than eager to share the answer with you so that you can start looking at things more through His eyes and seeing things the way He sees them, getting the hang of the fact that His ways are above our ways, and His thoughts above our thoughts, so that we get the idea down pat that in order to get His answers, we're gonna have to go to Him to get 'em, and not try to figure things out for ourselves, no matter how menial or insignificant they may seem to us.

The Lord's the only One with the big picture. He knows what's going on everywhere at the same time, and He's the only One Who's got enough wisdom and insight to know the answers to everything. So the wisest thing you can say, and the best answer you can have to every question is simply, "I don't know—I'll have to ask the Lord!" So why don't we all just get smart and say, "I don't know—let's ask Jesus!" (End of message from spirit helper.) (ML# 3271)

(Peter:) This does not mean, of course, that you need to pray to confirm everything the Lord gives you in prophecy. For example, if you pray about whether you should go out witnessing or stay home and work on your mail ministry and the Lord indicates that you should go witnessing, you wouldn't usually need to pray again for a confirmation

on that decision. But if something comes up that really changes the circumstances—like a huge unexpected storm, or you learn some new information that you couldn't take into account earlier, like perhaps one of your supporters is coming over to visit—then you might want to pray and ask the Lord again, just as a double-check to see if He wants to adjust your direction a little, or maybe He will lead you in a new path. The point is that we need to stay prayerful and open to the Lord's checks, and be ready to hear from Him in prophecy not only to receive His initial instruction and leading, but also, if necessary, to get a confirmation on the instruction we received previously.

I can think of one time recently when I didn't go to the Lord to hear from Him in prophecy regarding a course of action I planned to take, and I'm afraid it's going to cost me. I prayed about a matter using my normal mode of operation that I've used for as long as I've been in the Family—that of praying and getting a leading of the Spirit or a feeling or a verse and then putting it into action without actually hearing clearly in prophecy about the matter. There were some business decisions I had to make, and after praying I felt led to do a certain thing. But I didn't really stop and ask the Lord for a prophecy about it. After I did it, things didn't seem to work out so well, and I still don't know if they are going to work out favorably.

A few days after I did this, I got some further information in the mail that would have led me to do things differently if I'd had this information earlier. I believe that if I would have stopped to confirm my decision with the Lord, if I would have gotten into "official" mode with my tape recorder, formally asking, "Lord, how do You want me to handle this matter. Is now the time You want me to do it?" I believe the Lord would have told me to wait a while. Had I waited, then things would have worked out much better. I'm still praying that they will work out, but if they don't, then it's not going to be so good. I feel pretty bad about that, but if it teaches me this lesson, then I would have to say it's worth it. (Note: Things worked out just fine. Thank the Lord for His mercy!)

The Lord is teaching us all something new. He's taking us to the next step. He's gotten most of us to be at least fairly comfortable with the

basic principle of using prophecy and knowing that He wants to speak to us fresh every day. Now it seems that He is trying to show us that He wants to be even more involved, that He wants us to be even more dependent on Him. (ML# 3149)

(Jesus speaking:) If you feel uneasy about something or get a check from Me that there's more that I want to say, then take a few minutes to come back to Me. I will make the need to hear further from Me known by giving you or others feelings or checks, or making the circumstances such that you know you need more counsel or details or further instruction or promises.

As I'm teaching you about asking Me about everything, you should become more and more frequent with your requests, so that you will not wonder whether you've asked Me enough about something. Communing with Me will be so natural to you that any time you receive a check about something, or you come across something which is not clear, or you wonder why something came up, you'll ask Me about it—and thus we will have a constant line of open communication, and I'll be able to tell you when I have further instructions to give you, or a change of plans. (End of message from Jesus.)

(Jesus speaking:) Pray without ceasing. If you will pray at every turn, at each step, and if you will stay sensitive and close to Me, then I can give you the checks and the direction you need. I can warn you if there's been a change of plans, or if circumstances and conditions have changed and you need to refigure.

you're desperately seeking Me and I give My answer, but circumstances and conditions change later, then I can still get My directions to you. I can use others, I can give you a check, I can cause situations to come up which force you to pray again. There are all kinds of ways that I can work to lead and guide you to perform My will.

The key is to pray and ask without ceasing. The key is to be diligent to seek Me in all things and to only want to do My will and to follow My leading. If you'll do that, then I will do the rest.

So pray each step of the way. For the most part, when you seek Me for answers and I give My response, you should then continue to ask questions if there are things you don't understand. And usually when you come to the end of your questions and you're satisfied with the answers, then it's okay to follow through with the counsel I've given.

When things do come up or when things change and I need to give you new direction, I will intervene and guide you. But stay in prayer. Pray without ceasing and stay sensitive to the checks and the moving of My Spirit. (End of message from Jesus.) (ML# 3310)

Hindrances to hearing and heeding the Lord's checks

(Jesus speaking:) When you're **bitter**, I can't offer you full protection. When you're bitter, you can't fully raise a standard against the Enemy and his attacks. When you're bitter, you become hardened to My voice and to the checks of My Spirit, because bitterness is the result of pride and unyieldedness and lack of forgiveness. The longer you entertain bitterness, the more influence it has over your heart and mind and spirit. Those who are bitter are those who have not heard and received and acted upon My still, small voice when I said to them, "Forgive. Forgive and forget." (ML# 3170)

(Jesus speaking:) Watch the garden of your heart; never let the evil start. You must watch diligently and faithfully the garden of your heart and mind, for anything that is not yielded to Me becomes a potential opening for the influences and thoughts and evil seeds of the Devil. When you are bitter, I cannot offer you full protection. When you are bitter, you cannot fully raise a standard against the Enemy and his attacks. When you are bitter, you become hardened to My voice and to the checks of My Spirit, because bitterness is the result of pride and unyieldedness and lack of forgiveness. (ML# 3090)

(Jesus:) In the spirit, good sensitivity is being finely attuned to both Me and the spirits of My heavenly realm. This enables you to catch

checks, receive fuller counsel from Me, and be more finely attuned to the needs of others around you. It breaks your heart for the lost in a more personal way as you feel their pain. It spurs you to action and causes you to strive to do the loving thing and to please Me above all. (ML# 3497b)

(Jesus:) The antidote to **self-righteousness** is to strive to walk the humble road—and a good place to start is by acknowledging Me in all your ways. When you have to stop and acknowledge Me before making a move, this shows your dependence on Me. It brings a hush to your spirit and allows Me the opportunity to get through to you on the right way to go about things. It helps to remind you that you can do nothing on your own, and thus checks you on your humility level.

Those who have a tendency toward self-righteousness must make an extra-special, all-out effort to always give Me the praise and the glory and the credit for everything, as well as to stop and acknowledge Me before making a move. By doing this, they will be making a positive statement of their dependence on Me, and this likewise serves to proclaim that they, in themselves, have no righteousness of their own. If they will praise Me and give Me the glory always in their heart, and as much as possible out loud to others, this will help to keep them in a humble spirit and acting out of humility and love, not out of pride and self-righteousness.

Almost everyone is tempted with self-righteousness at one time or another. No one is above it. The minute you think you're above it, you're deep in it! Here is a list of tips that are helpful in overcoming this serious spiritual affliction.

Pray and ask Me to give you checks when you're falling into self-righteousness. If you ask Me with a sincere and open heart to check you, I will do so. Recognizing you need My checks of the spirit helps to keep you humble. Reminding yourself that you must lean on Me if you're to succeed will serve as a system of checks and balances to you. (ML# 3293)

Insensitivity to [the Lord's] checks is also born of **pride**, because we're not seeking [His] help as we should be, often because we assume we can handle it ourselves. (ML# 3344)

(Jesus:) You must see, My dear ones, ...that it has a very strong root in pride. Pride of your accomplishments. Pride manifested in wanting to have the glory or the credit for your ministries, your fruitfulness, and thus you don't want to share with others. Pride manifested in your unyieldedness to each other, not wanting to yield to another's word or suggestion, for you feel yours is better. Pride in not wanting to share, feeling that you deserve something more than another. Pride which holds you back from using the new weapons as I would have you, and thus you are weakened in fighting these other battles. Pride, making you think you know better than Me, and thus you're not yielded to My checks and suggestions when I ask you to reach out and love, to apologize, to take the humble seat.

You ask how you can learn humility, for you've been proud for so long. The victory comes through simply obeying Me. I'm always there, ready to help you and check you about the humble thing to do. You just have to be willing to follow My checks. I warn you that it will not be easy. It will even be painful, for when your pride dies, it hurts you and makes you feel like a part of you is dying. But, oh, the beautiful resurrection of humility, love and grace which follows is well worth it!

I'm giving a clear sound of the trumpet, and I call you to come and cast off your dirty garments of pride, that you might receive My beautiful, clean, strengthening garments of humility. Do it now, My loves! Heed My checks. Ask Me what I would have you do personally—for there's a key to victory for each of you, a first step that I will require of you, that you might begin down the road to victory. Ask Me what it is for you personally, and then take it! Don't try to compromise or get out of it, for My Spirit is moving now and will not wait for those who choose to lag behind. (ML# 3251)

(Dad:) When an attitude is brought up that you know from the Word and from the checks the Lord gives you is wrong, you need to speak up! Where are your convictions? Do you really believe these things? If you really believe the Word is right and you want to live it and obey it, how come you back down so quickly when someone challenges you on it? Isn't it about time you stood up for what you know is right?

You really need to, because it's not just your spiritual life that's at stake, it's theirs too. Any time the Lord checks you about something and you don't do something about it, you're compromising. Do you want to be responsible for them failing the Lord? Do you want to be responsible for giving way to the Enemy in their lives? If not, then you'd better start doing something about it.

Are you going to fail the Lord and fail me and the Family and even fail your friends because you're not willing to tell them the truth when they need it? Are you going to get up Here and have to say, "I'm so sorry I compromised, but I couldn't afford to lose their friendship"?

The Lord is ultimately the One Who brings friends together and keeps friends together. He's the glue that holds you together, and He's the One Who makes a friendship fruitful and prosperous. Without Him, things go wrong, problems occur, and a friendship can be more of a hindrance than a blessing. That's why you have to keep the Lord in first place at all times, and not only keep Him first, but allow Him to work in your lives—which may even mean sharing certain things with your shepherds about your friends, or standing up for something that you know is right from the Word, simply because you love them and you want to help them.

The key is humility. You'll have to ask the Lord for that every time. Whenever He checks you about something, you'll need to mention it meekly and humbly. That's the only right spirit. It doesn't matter who's right; it's what's right that counts! So be a faithful messenger. Okay? I love you! (End of message from Dad.) (ML# 3294)

(Jesus:) When you give way to the Enemy through doubting, not humbling yourself as you should, not yielding to My checks and instruction, not taking the time to hear from Me, not receiving or believing My Word, not asking for prayer when you feel weary, then he's allowed to weaken your testimony and your victory. And the longer you continue in this state, the more territory he's allowed to regain. That doesn't mean that you've lost your victory permanently, but you have temporarily given it up to the Enemy to some degree.

This explains why some people have prayer and they truly are delivered from the chains of the Enemy regarding a serious, long-standing weakness, but the manifestation of that victory is very slight, very dim. They go forward and backward, forward and backward—so much so that they're basically staying in the same place. The key is the amount of time you spend going forward—which means entertaining the right kind of thoughts, doing the right things, being desperate and yielding completely—versus the amount of time you spend going backward—which means entertaining the Enemy's lies, doubting, refusing to listen, believe and accept the Word, resisting My checks to humble yourself, etc.

So the lesson is this: Even if you fall once, twice, or hundreds of times, get up right away and fight on! You will fall, you will make wrong choices, you will be tempted—because you're weak and imperfect. The number of times you fall is not the deciding factor, but it's the rapidity with which you get back on the attack and turn your thoughts around. If you fall and get right back up, you've hardly missed a beat, hardly lost any ground, and you can continue almost uninterrupted down the road of greater victories, greater overcoming, greater rewiring of your mind, and greater renewal. (ML# 3171)

(Jesus:) **False humility** causes you to be stunted in your growth, because you suppress the checks of My Spirit which I give you. You don't act upon them because you're trying to please others, rather than pleasing Me. By not speaking up, by not letting Me flow through you, either by offering an opinion, a suggestion, a comment, or even expressing a thought that covers another angle or can appear outwardly contrary to others' opinions, you're not being honest. You're covering up. That is false humility, which is also pride.

You're asking Me what the difference is between this false humility and real humility? Well, real humility is being able to let My Spirit move in you and cause you to do My good pleasure—to speak when spoken through, and even to speak when you're not spoken through, and then be willing to admit your mistakes when you make them.

True humility yields to the whispers of My Spirit and has perfect peace because of her obedience and yieldedness. When you're trying in yourself to uphold a false front, you can't have this perfect peace and happiness.

My Spirit is simple. My Spirit is humble. My Spirit yields. My Spirit gives. As you let My Spirit flow through you and don't hold back, I will cause you to be born again and to be a new creature, to have faith and to have trust and to feel secure in My love; to know that honesty pays, sharing your true feelings, stripping off the garments of pride and false humility.

So let go and be set free of this trap of the Enemy to hold you back and suppress My Spirit. Let My Spirit flow in you, and pray for My true humility—which means obeying My checks even when it hurts your pride to do so. My love, My truth, and yielding to My whispers will set you free! (End of message from Jesus.)

(Mama:) The Lord has shown us several ways to fight to stay humble, which include praying for the Lord to keep us humble, obeying Him when He checks us about "doing the humble thing," and yielding and appreciating it when He works in our lives and the circumstances around us to keep us humble! (ML# 3235)

(Jesus:) But those who are accustomed to **leaning on the arm of the flesh**, their own strength and their own ways; those who are independent and stubborn, who are not used to working in teamwork and showing themselves weak and in need of others; those who have not formed the good habit of going to My Word daily, lose their sensitivity to My Spirit and My voice. They do not hear My whispers nor the checks that I would give them to lead and guide them and protect them. So when they are attacked by the doubts of the Enemy, they are not able to recognize his evil wiles.

They are not able to discern so easily that it is a trick and stumbling block of the Enemy. Therefore they accept his thoughts and they consider them and look at them from all sides. They weigh them in the balance of their carnal mind, seeking for value. They toy with them until

these doubts become part of them —part of their way of thinking and looking at things. The doubts look valid and feasible, and because they are not measured against the yardstick of My Word, the doubts can even take on a false value, to where they begin to look like light instead of darkness. They begin to look like goodness instead of evil. They begin to look like the path to progress instead of destruction.

So you see, all My children are attacked by doubts, by the vicious attacks of the Enemy on the foundation of their faith, but the effect of these attacks varies with the individual. Those who have stayed close to Me through consistent study of My Word, yieldedness, confession of sin, and the desperation to follow closely no matter what the cost, those who possess a yieldedness of will, who are willing to go anywhere and do anything and be anybody for My cause, whether great or small, leader or follower, these are they who are well prepared and well fit for the battle with the Enemy's doubts. Their yieldedness, humility and desperation make them fit for the battle. They are well able to hear My voice and recognize the difference between truth and lies, and they are able to resist the Enemy and raise a standard against him.

But those who follow afar off, those who are skeptical, those who have not a hunger for My Word, those who do not humble themselves before Me and others, those who are not willing to show themselves weak, those who refuse to become as children in My sight, those who long for strength in themselves, and honor and praise before the people, those who worry about the opinions of men, those who entertain bitternesses, those who blame others and refuse to take responsibility for their own actions, those who lack love for Me and My Word and others, those who do not pity the weak nor consider the plight of the underdog, but instead look upon others with disdain and contempt—these are they who are open to the attacks of the Enemy. They have not the shield of My Spirit about their heart and mind, which is raised through humility, desperation, and yieldedness. These are they whose sins have blinded them to the truth, and their hearts and minds are insulated so they do not see My ways clearly. They are not wise judges of that which is true and that which is false. (ML# 3089)

(Jesus:) Serious attacks of the Enemy are rarely allowed to come out of the blue. I always give you warning. My Spirit is faithful to whisper to your heart and check you concerning any areas of your life that are vulnerable to attack. If you've been faithful to stay close to Me with your quality Word time and hearing from Me in prophecy, if you've been obedient to the things I've told you, if you're working to minimize your pride and stay open to the godly counsel and checks of My Spirit and of others, then I have an open channel to speak to you and counsel you about any weak areas that you need to strengthen. Every one of My brides has weak areas, and if you know you're weak in a certain area, then it behooves you to stay close to Me and take the steps you must in order to never allow that weak area to be used by the Enemy.

The Enemy knows your weak areas too and is able to use them against you if you don't keep your spiritual guard up. The Enemy can attack, but he can't win or make any progress in your life if you have your spiritual shield up. If you have a tendency to be jealous, for example, then you also know you have to fight against those seeds of the Enemy and keep your guard up.

If you let things slide and you don't stay obedient and very close to My Word, and continually cleanse your mind and heart from the attacks of the Enemy, you could set yourself up for a major attack of the Enemy. You can't take it for granted that when the big battles come you'll have the strength and anointing to fight them if you haven't been fighting the little battles along the way. You fight those little battles with My Word and claiming the keys and staying close to Me in the spirit.

Once Joe made the first little wrong decision and then continued to make "little decisions" to not correct things along the way, to not confess and get help, to not get things out in the open—all these "little decisions" added up, and have gotten him into the state he's in. I do not expect perfection, but I do want you to lean on Me, confess when you've made a mistake, get help, and make progress. Joe didn't think these little things were important. He was more concerned with looking good on the outside and preserving his pride. And look where it got him.

I did not cause this breach in the spirit with Joe. Joe brought it on himself through his consistent ignoring of My little checks—checks to give Me praise, to do the humble thing, to not entertain proud or negative thoughts; checks to not give in to condemnation; checks to reach out to others, even the difficult to love; checks to give, to pray, to obey in all things; checks to be honest about his battles and get prayer; checks to give Me all the glory.

You say, "Can't something like this only happen to someone if they make a definite decision to yield to it?" Yes, but in Joe's case, the definite decision in his life to not yield to Me in the little things is what led to his present state, and gradually took him further and further away from My protection and further and further away from Me. A conscious choice to not yield to Me is a choice to yield to the Enemy.

You can give the appearance of following closely in the majors, of obeying in the things that seem to count the most, such as dedicating enough time to the Word each day, but if your actions in following through in the little things I tell you to do don't match up, it'll all catch up with you sooner or later. There are no little things in My sight. (End of message from Jesus.) (ML# 3484)

(Jesus:) Are you going to keep your spirit in check, even when drinking alcohol? Or are you going to use drinking as an excuse to become a city totally broken down and without spiritual walls?

You can drink and still be on guard. But sometimes, although you can still hear My voice and My checks, you choose to ignore them. It doesn't always depend on the amount you drink, but more on the position of your spirit, whether you're using the drinking as an excuse to shut off My checks and your own conscience.

Beware of shutting out My voice. Listen to Me at **all** times, and stay on the right channel. Have fun! Do things that are fun and crazy, but don't break My spiritual laws. There's no happiness in that, only sadness and regret. (ML# 3466)

Safe Guards

(Jesus speaking:) Hearing from Me in prophecy is an integral part of prayerfulness. Even when you've communed with Me and prayed about something and made your plans in communication with Me, still, a key is to take this a step further and hear from Me in prophecy about those plans. It's usually best to hear from Me before you finalize your plans, but if you don't do that, then you should at least hear from Me as a final check, to get My "okay," My "nod" of approval.

You would do well to apply the "ask Me everything" policy to your free-time activities as well as your work and ministry, for then you will have My full blessing and will learn lessons along the way and avoid problems and mishaps. For example, if you're going out on parent day, you are wise to seek My counsel and approval. Along with giving you My blessing and My permission to go on an outing, I can also caution you about prayerfulness, carefulness, security, and the need to keep your eyes stayed on Me. Hearing from Me in prophecy beforehand also serves to slow you down so that you're more inclined to hear My checks. I am teaching you more and more about prayerfulness—the full scope of prayerfulness. It's not enough to just hear My general checks, or to acknowledge Me by praying as you go about your day. If you wish to be a prayerful person, you must also build a consistent habit of asking Me everything and hearing My voice in prophecy.

Some of My dear brides are not in the habit of seeking Me or being as in touch with Me in matters that are not related to their work, and especially in matters of recreation and so-called "off hours." Some have a bad habit or attitude of "checking out," not wanting to be boxed in or hassled when they're in relax mode. This can become an attitude of resistance to or even rebellion against being too "spiritual" during free time or rest time. In some cases this is a remnant of your rebellious youthful habits; you don't want to be bothered or restricted.

There are times when I have to allow little mistakes and mishaps to get your attention, because during your free time you're not overseen so

closely, and as a result, many are not as open to others' reminders, nor do you want people "cramping your style" when you're relaxing. Not that you willfully resist counsel or that you're purposely trying to not be prayerful or to be out of tune or foolish, but you need to let go of the independence that makes you want to take little "vacations" from your responsibilities and the need for prayerfulness, constant vigilance, and utter dependence on Me.

It's not just a good practical lesson to hear from Me each time you go out, but it's also crucial to the positive outcome of your activity or outing. Even if you're sure that what you're doing is My will, if you don't seek My voice in confirmation, you can miss important instructions, reminders, or fine-tuning that can make or break your plan. When you hear from Me in prophecy, you will receive My promises of protection. Then if you continue to be prayerful and go slow and counsel with others and listen to your spirit helpers, I'm more able to punch through with needed reminders, checks, and instruction that will help keep you in a spirit of prayerfulness and caution that can help you avoid mishaps, danger, accidents, and problems of many sorts. (End of message from Jesus.) (ML# 3310)

(Jesus speaking:) Because you felt you were doing the right thing, you missed the warning signs that were flashing before your eyes, for your vision was clouded. But, Sweetheart, the warning signs were there all along the way, and in the future you must watch for them. Here are some of those signs:

- You ceased to counsel with your shepherds.
- You ceased to have others confirm what your leading was (others who were not directly involved in your circumstances).
- Your ears became dull to the checks of others.
- Your eyes were not clearly searching for things other than what you personally felt.
- Your spirit became dulled to those around you.
- You became more deeply engrossed in pleasing yourself and those you wanted to please.

I say these things not to discourage you, but so that you might be forewarned, so this doesn't occur again. These are signs to you that you need help, and in the future when you see them arising, you can quickly and easily receive help, so that you don't end up on the wrong road.

You became dulled in your spiritual senses, but I also saw that you tried at times to do the right thing. The problem was that your will was not strong enough to follow through when I gave you checks. You wanted to do right; you wanted to do the selfless thing, but you eventually yielded to the other and went your own way. I'm not saying that you never tried; I know you did. But, My love, you weren't strong enough to fight these things on your own and you didn't seek Me to help you, but rather flowed with the easy way, the lazy way, the way of the flesh.

You missed several important factors: counseling with your shepherds, having others confirm your leadings, and truly doing it in My Spirit. I know you tried, and you tried to hear from Me, but, My love, your ears were dull and your heart was full of your ways and what you felt was the best. Because of this, I couldn't clearly reveal to you that you were not heading in the right direction. It's as when someone speaks to you; if you don't listen clearly with an open mind and with the desire to follow fully, then you won't hear what they say to you. Instead, you only hear either what you want them to say or what you think they've said, and their message to you is misinterpreted.

This is a simple way for Me to explain to you why you could get so far astray, when you thought you were hearing from Me. My love, had you gotten more counsel from others, had you double-checked some of your leadings, you would have found a better balance and you would have headed in the right direction. But because you've been operating independently, feeling like you only needed to talk to Me and get Me to give My stamp of approval on all you were doing, I couldn't get through to you. You didn't give Me the leeway to give you the clear sound of the trumpet, because the volume of your own thoughts and ways was much too loud.

The case here was that you didn't give Me the full opening in your heart and spirit to give you My full counsel, so I simply had to give you some allowance to do that which you were intent upon doing already. I love you as both a Father and as a Husband, and it pains Me to deny you what you so desperately want; but in allowing you to indulge in whatever your heart desired, I also allowed you to experience the leanness to your soul that it brought. I do not hammer you on the head, denying you everything that I know is not the best for you, but sometimes, if you persist in things, I allow it, just to allow you to find out for yourself what you should have done.

My love, I tried to show you signposts along the way, but time after time you walked in your own way and I wasn't able to fully get through. I know you received many of My checks, but you just didn't follow through on them. You allowed the Enemy to snatch them away with excuses and reasons why you didn't have to do things, and you deluded yourself to the point where you felt that what you were doing was more important than the checks you were receiving.

I'm sorry to spell it out for you so clearly, but I don't do it in punishment. I do it so you might see clearly how you got off track, so you might be forewarned and more easily stay on track in the future.

My love, you do well to seek Me, but My caution to you is to be open to the counsel of others, your shepherds, so that they might help to check you and that you might then receive their checks and be willing to obey them. This is the key to staying on track.

You've been a rather independent little sheep in the last months, and this has not borne the best fruit. You're a sheep that needs shepherding, and you know this, and this is your safeguard. You must stay in touch and pass on what I'm showing you with an openness to know whether it's clearly from Me, or whether you've slipped through allowing your own spirit to interfere with My signals. This is a simple thing that all must do. All who hear from Me must be willing to be open to the counsel and shepherding of others.

186. It has been your own carnal mind, your own independent spirit that has put the debris in your channel, but it is easily cleared away, washed away. You can remain a clear channel without fear of being "off" if you follow My safeguards. You feel you've failed in using My weapon of prophecy, but you've only used it improperly, and now I've instructed you in the proper usage and you can once again shoot away. Your aim is still great and you're a sharpshooter, once you have your weapon all cleaned up and your vision cleared. This is not a permanent handicap; it just needs a clean-up, and will be fit for My use as soon as you get things straightened out a bit. (End of message from Jesus.)(ML# 3343)

When you recognize something that is not according to My Word, shun it immediately. Don't stop to analyze it on your own or decide whether or not it can fit in. Learn to trust the checks I give you, ask Me about them, and then obey instantly. When I've given you a check and have spoken, act on what I tell you without hesitation or further analyzing. Analyzing kills this gift, because it is a gift of the spirit, not something that can be picked apart and explained. Analyzing and trying to figure things out yourself, without looking to Me, is of the carnal mind. This gift requires putting on the mind of the spirit. The carnal mind and the mind of the spirit cannot coexist.

Practice instant obedience in sticking to your convictions regarding what's right and wrong. Obey Me rather than your own personal desires when they differ from what I show you to do, whether through My checks, the things I tell you to do through prophecy, or through something I convict you about through My Word. Follow the guidelines I have given in My Word when it's necessary to seek further confirmation and the counsel of your teamwork and others. Once you have followed this process, do not hesitate to obey when I reveal My will to you.

Hear from Me frequently in prophecy. Practice "ask Me everything" at every opportunity, under every circumstance. Never wait for a more "ideal" time to hear from Me. Learn to hear from Me, to focus and tune your channel even under difficult conditions when there is noise and distraction. Of course, if it's noise or distraction that you can resolve, then by all means do so, or "enter into your closet" to escape it. But never

put off hearing from Me just because the conditions are not ideal. Hearing from Me on the spot, under any conditions, is part of this gift. You must exercise it. (ML# 3377)

Quotes from Dad

(Dad:) Someday when you get to Heaven the Lord will ask you to account to Him for what you did with the checks He gave you, the little things He asked you to do, and whether or not you obeyed. (ML# 3240)

(Dad:) Help them to keep these rules, help them to keep these laws, help them to be led of Thy Spirit every moment & to heed & mind the checks of Thy Spirit even on things that perhaps we haven't had time or a chance yet to tell them about, things that they must be very prayerful & careful about. (ML# 1827)

(Dad:) Ease those in pain, Lord, like that boy that Mama saw the other day as we were traveling who was crippled & was in such agony. And I told her, "Pray for him, Honey! The Lord can heal him because of your prayers." Just like that little waitress I saw the other day that looked so tired, who, when I prayed for her, immediately brightened up & started to look more cheerful & refreshed & went about her duties with much more energy & strength.

You hear & answer us, Lord, & we need to be faithful to heed those checks of Thy Spirit to ask You to help those in need. You can help not only to ease their pain, but You can bring them close to You. Draw them close to You through it, Jesus, help them to look to You for their help & their comfort. In Jesus' name. (ML# 2436)

(Dad:) The Lord is merciful, & you usually get a little warning of some kind, the Lord gives you a check of His Spirit to warn you that something is happening or about to happen or may happen. The Lord always gives a warning, always! (Amos 3:7) So make sure you're watching & praying &

staying in tune with the Lord so you'll be able to receive & heed His checks! (ML# 2591)

(Dad:) Even if at first you're sort of fumbling and stumbling along, just keep acknowledging the Lord and asking Him for His input, and He'll give you the checks you need to remember to stop and hear from Him. He's not upset at you because you haven't been hearing from Him enough, but He really does want you to make it a habit in your life. He knows that if you do, everything will become much easier for you and He'll be able to direct your path more clearly. (ML# 3270)

(Dad:) It's so wonderful how you hear the Lord's voice, how you're so attuned to His whispers and His slightest bidding. You're so sensitive to His nudges and to His checks and to the witness of the Spirit. It's wonderful! It's beautiful! What a woman! I love you, Honey! (ML# 3050)

(Dad:) Be desperate with the Lord for His wisdom and leading. There are plenty of evil spirits trying to distract, hinder, delay, and outright destroy your work. In order to stay one step ahead of them you'll need to stay in constant communication with the Lord, and be open to the leadings and checks of your co-workers as well. You won't be able to make a move without prayer and hearing from Him! (ML# 3217)

(Dad:) If you don't get into a situation where you can spend quality time with the Lord every single day without fail, you will fail. The Lord has allowed you to have a taste of how easy it is to get off track and tripped off working in the arm of the flesh, instead of working in the Lord's strength, through prayer and allowing yourself to be open to His voice and checks.

You're constantly busy-busy, doing-doing, going-going, producing-producing, trying to be effective, trying to be efficient. But what you don't realize is that the most important kind of effectiveness is through prayer and through making sure that you go slow enough to really get the Lord's mind. (ML# 3433)

Pullquotes

(Jesus:) There are many factors involved that determine the decisions that a person makes in life. One factor is their own link and closeness with Me, which determines how open they will be to the checks of My Spirit and the voices of My Heavenly helpers who are speaking in their ears and trying to get them to make the right choices. (ML# 3166)

(Jesus:) They are also instrumental in instructing you and teaching you how to receive as they work personally with you. So all you have to do is obey those whispers and checks and leadings that you feel in the spirit, for that may be their voice trying to direct you which way to go, what to say and how to say it. Do not worry if it does not come out the way you think is best, for many times, after it has been transcribed and you hear it later or read it again, you will be surprised at how wonderful it is. So just give it as you get it! Feel free, open your channels, burst out and let all Heaven pour through you! Don't let anything stop you! What have you got to lose?! (ML# 3119)

(Jesus:) If you ask Me to give you the gift of praying for others, I will give it to you, just like any other gift that's available for the asking. It's the gift of being moved to pray for others as My Spirit stirs you. It's the gift of remembering, of letting Me bring to your mind those who need help. It's the gift of having an open channel as I direct your thoughts and give you checks about those who need help. (ML# 3173)

(Mama:) Thank You, our sweet Husband, wonderful Lover, faithful protector, for Your Words of love and Your promises of limitless help. We really do want to be in Your perfect will. We want to be "fully insured" as the most fruitful we can possibly be for You. You've shown us clearly through these messages that the only way for us to do that is to begin learning to hear from You in prophecy at every step—so that's what we want. Even if right now it seems to us that it will be a whole lot more work, and we're not even sure if our channels are clear enough or exercised enough to get answers on the spot like that, we're going to step

out to obey You, and we're going to trust that You'll do the rest, as You've promised.

Help us to start right away. Please do give us checks in the spirit, and help us to heed those checks and stop and listen to You, ask for Your counsel and direction. Help us to do our part throughout the day to praise You, to obey You, to be yielded and keep our hearts right with You, knowing that as we do our part, You're right there to answer us and always will! Amen. (ML# 3272)

(Mama:) We call on the power of the keys and ask that You will help us to take greater advantage of the help You have provided for us. Help us to work in closer sync with our helpers in the spiritual realm. Help us, dear Husband, to tune in to their voices, to heed their checks, to work closely with our personal helpers each day.

In the power of the keys, we commit ourselves to getting to know and learning to work with our spirit helpers more frequently. Help us to make it a priority in our lives, to make full use of their help. We call on the keys of resolve, of strength and of power to help us to work hand in hand with them, to acknowledge them, to listen to them and to follow their checks. We call on the key of understanding to help us learn all we can from our heavenly helpers. (ML# 3429)

(Jesus:) The toughest part is going to be remembering to get quiet and calm. Then your helper will be able to enter into your heart and help you, give you checks, even guide you to think of things that you otherwise would not have thought of.

The key is that you have to remember to use him. Put up notes by your bed, or on your computer monitor, on your door, and wherever you feel a need to be shielded against getting hurried or stretched. You'll see things you never noticed before. You'll catch the things that you would otherwise forget about. Yes, it takes more time. But it means you'll be walking circumspectly in the spirit, praying as you go, and remaining calm and attentive so that you are open to My checks. (ML# 3571b)

(Jesus speaking to Mama and Peter:) My Family, My children, are progressing more now than ever before! The progress that I talk about is deep spiritual progress.

Many are learning to seek Me more, to operate more in accordance with My plan and My direct leading and guidance. Many are linking up more to the things of the Spirit and are learning to be more attuned to the checks of their spirit helpers, those that I send to help, to lead, and to guide. And there are outward manifestations of this growth; as people hear My voice and follow My leadings, it brings forth fruit both in their lives and in the lives of others. Those who grow in this manner receive more of My blessings than ever before. (ML# 3218)

(Jesus:) I know that you see yourself as having many weaknesses and lacks, but you also know, for it is obvious enough, that I have gifted you in certain areas. I've given you a quick mind and sharp intellect, and various talents. Therefore you must not get confident in any of these things, or think that because you're good at this or that, it means you don't have to pray as you do it, or seek Me before doing it, or stop, look and listen to receive My checks or confirmations on what you're doing.

Even though much of your work is mechanical, and in most cases you know what to do, still you must remember that even these gifts, and even the wisdom you do have, you would not have and do not have without Me and without staying in tune with Me. (ML# 3219)

(Jesus:) Oh, the benefits you are going to reap! If you could only see, if you could only fathom the great and awesome explosion that is about to take place and the tremendous fruit that will result! I ask you, dear ones, to brace yourselves! You must get ready for the repercussions, for so great will be the fallout, so widespread will be the explosion that you have never seen anything like it. Never in all of history has there been so great a moving of My Spirit as you are about to witness!

This is why you must keep your eyes fully focused on Me, for Satan seeks to discourage you. He seeks to hinder, to delay, to thwart, to waylay, to slow you down, to stop you altogether if it were possible. This is what I wish to tell you today: You must not be wise in your own eyes,

but be alert, aware, and on your highest guard, ever attentive to the checks of My Spirit and My voice whispering in your ear.

You must keep your focus fully on Me, that I might guide you through the minefields ahead. Yes, minefields, for in his fury Satan seeks to lay traps in order to stop you, hinder, delay, and scare you. The Evil One is terribly roused, for he too peers out on the horizon and beholds the bright future that awaits you, My Activated warriors. He seeks to throw you off course, for he fears. He is furious, ranting, raging, seething, fuming at what he beholds. (ML#3395)

(Jesus:) Your spirit helpers can give you checks in the spirit to direct your path; dreams of counsel and advice, of warning, strategy, and escape. They can anoint you to be bold in battle. (ML# 3574)

(Jesus:) If you will listen, if you will tune in, if you will acknowledge the keys in all your ways, they will lead you. They will chime in your ear, warning you of danger spots, signaling you which direction to take, giving you checks of My Spirit. These chimes will serve as both a warning—signaling you, revealing to you the Enemy's schemes and evil devices so that you can avoid his traps and pitfalls—and at the same time they will soothe you and give you comfort. They will uphold you as you stand in faith, knowing as you put your trust fully in Me, as you use the power I put in your hands, as you call on the keys and exert their power, you have nothing to fear—for no harm can befall the users of the keys. When you hear the key chimes, you will know you are not alone, and this will infuse you with peace as well as strength to carry out your mission.

I show you a demonstration of this key craft's power. When you call on the keys, you rev up its engines, setting it spinning, releasing in great force its energy to destroy all evil and all who oppose My Words of truth. At your call, the craft reacts. At your call, the key power ignites and spins into action quicker than the speed of thought.

Believe these words, for those who believe will hear the chimes clearly in their spirits, in their hearts, in their thoughts; even audibly you will hear, when the time warrants. Believe and listen and follow the signal of the keys. I will hold back nothing from those who call on the keys of the

Kingdom of Heaven and tune in to their chimes. Let them be your protection. Let them guide you. Let them comfort you. Hear the chimes and be strong, knowing you are never alone. (ML# 3435)

(Jesus:) Often I use small afflictions in the lives of My children to give them a spiritual tune-up. Stop for a moment and consider what it does to you when you face a little affliction like this.

Right away, it slows you down. You're not able to keep going along, business as usual.

It checks you in the spirit. You check your heart. You examine your life and see whether you're doing those things which you know please Me. You take stock of whether you've been getting your Word time. You're reminded to reevaluate your priorities.

It humbles you, because it reminds you how weak you are, and it often humbles you because you realize there's something I want to teach you through it. You become more open to My Spirit, and you ask Me if there's anything I want to show you. (ML# 3417)

(Jesus:) You can rise above this seeming impossibility. I know that you feel that this is impossible, but it isn't with Me! With Me, all things are possible. You just need to keep yourself stirred up in mind, heart, body, and spirit. Remember that you must stay surrendered, yielded, and desperate for Me at all times. You could lose the victory if you don't stay desperate. You could lose your vision if you don't keep stirring yourself up. I will always put little stops along the way for you. I'll send you checks. I'll help others to be able to warn you, correct you, and keep you. I won't let you fall if you keep praying for the victory. (ML# 3391)

(Jesus:) A key to making it happen is praying and checking in with Me about what you read so that you are reading the things that I know contain the answers that you need. Sometimes you think you're reading something for one reason, but I also have another reason in mind, in that I want to lead you to something special and unexpected for you in that Letter or topic.

So it's important to be asking Me about what to read, for several reasons. Maybe you do check in monthly or weekly and I give you a plan of what to read that week. Maybe you need to do it each day. Or maybe you need a monthly plan, but then need to be open to My checks to read something different that day if I put it on your heart. (ML# 3602)

(Jesus:) Listen for My voice, obey Me and My checks, and you will continue to be safe and well cared for. You are very precious to Me, My brides, because I have so few of you, and I treasure your love for Me and your service for Me and all that you do for My children. Be at peace about the future. Strengthen your faith with My Word and My promises of protection. (ML# 3528)

(Jesus speaking:) As you spend time in My temple, I refresh your spirit. As you kiss Me, I fill your mouth with good things. As you lie in My arms like a little child, I comfort you and refill your love cup. As you take time to hear My voice, I renew you and give you clarity of vision.

As you take time in My Word, I strengthen you for the battle. As you take time to love others, I pour into you and renew your happiness and satisfaction. As you obey My checks to do the humble thing, I fill you with peace and sweet contentment. As you work to get out My Words to the hungry, I reward you and give you all that you need. As you pray for others, I pour down My blessings upon them and upon you. As you praise Me, I help you to see things more as I see them.

You see? You give to Me, and I give back to you much more in return—those things which money cannot buy, which works cannot gain, which striving cannot bring. These are gifts of My love and My Spirit which are only received through giving—giving of yourself to Me, obedience to My Spirit, and doing that which I ask of you. (ML# 3457)

(Jesus:) The keys of yieldedness and spiritual communication will keep you tuned to Me. They open up a channel that allows Me to bring things to your mind, direct your thoughts, and give you checks about those who are in desperate need. (ML# 3567)