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Quality Time with the Lord In the Bed of Love

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Keeping Him in First Place

Faithful, consistent, quality time with Me is the key to everything else in life. It's the key to productivity. It's the key to wisdom. It's the key to having your works remain, rather than being destroyed by the first opposing storm (Mat.7:24-27). It's the key to My blessing. It's the key to leading a balanced life. It's the key to happiness. It's the key to loving and fruitful relationships with co-workers or loved ones. It's the key to everything good!

It's a law of the spirit that when you put Me in first place, everything else falls into line. It's a promise I've given over and over to My children throughout history: "They that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing," and, "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these other things will be added unto you" (Psa.34:10; Mat.6:33).

If you haven't yet made quality time with Me a habit in your life, start today! Make a commitment. Make it sacred. Set aside the time and follow through at all costs.

If you have made it a habit, then drink deeply from My Words now and let them encourage you that by putting Me first each day, you're doing the most important thing. You never lose by giving Me your best, My loves. Your Word time is the tithe of your time to Me, and just as tithing your money brings financial blessings because it's a principle of the spirit, so tithing your time by setting time aside daily for Me and My Word brings down My blessings on your entire life.

My Word cannot be overrated. It is THE secret! ⁽¹⁾

The ideal is to become addicted to getting a good dose of Me, so that even if you're not able to get it during your preferred time, you will still seek it out and go after it.

You have to want that time with Me; you have to crave it! I want you to try your hardest to build a good habit of spending time with Me at a regular time every day; but in the event that it isn't quality time, I want your spirit to still reach for Me, to be motivated to make it up later. And I want you to be prepared to move anything and everything else in your schedule around so that it can happen. ⁽²⁾

You can't let things slide, not even for a day. If this Word revolution is going to be real to you, it has to be the most important thing to you, always and every day, with no exceptions. One little exception leads to another. Remember that, and make it a personal motto to "make no exceptions!" Even if you're traveling, extremely busy, sick, or whatever the case may be, you can always find a way to have quality time with Me. Make no exceptions.

I want you to be fanatical about this! Make your time with Me your primary passion in life. Your time with Me is the proof of your dedication to Me and to being My disciple. I am your God and I will have no other gods before Me. When you make exceptions, you're saying that something else is more important than Me, and you're giving something else first place. That is nothing less than spiritual idolatry. From this time on, that's not acceptable to Me. It must stop.

I would naturally prefer that you spend time with Me because you really want to, because you hunger for it and desire it-and sometimes you will, and the more you make a habit of it, the more frequently that feeling of hunger and desire will occur. But you can't be led by your feelings, and you won't always have those feelings, even if you've made it a very good habit. So in times when you don't have the feelings of desire or need, I'd rather you do it even out of fear or duty than that you not do it at all.

I want your love, and I would rather that you are motivated to obey out of love. But even when you don't feel that motivation, I still want your time and your heart and your focus, and as long as you're giving Me that, I don't care so much how you "feel" about it.

If you're inspired about it and looking forward to it, if you're hungry for it and feel the need for it, that's great! But if you sometimes do it simply because you know that there will be consequences if you don't-or even if at times you do it dispassionately, or even somewhat begrudgingly out of a sense of duty-no matter what the case, no matter how you feel, I want you to do it. Just do it! Do it every day. Make no exceptions. Obey My commandment. ⁽³⁾

If you put anything in first place before Me and My Word, if you consistently--in fact, almost all the time--enjoy other things more than you enjoy Me, then that's a danger sign. You need to get back to the basics, back to the beginning, back to the beauties of loving Me and being on-fire for Me. That's what I'm talking about.

I'm talking about that revolutionary spirit, that do-or-die spirit! I'm talking about being drunk on the Spirit! Yes, I can allow you to watch movies or do whatever it is that you enjoy, but if you put that before Me or you always like it more than you like

spending time with Me, then that's the time to forsake it, at least for a while, and get back to your First Love.

If there comes a time when you realize that something in your life is more important to you than Me, then you should right away, without delay, forsake it. Only by putting Me first and keeping Me in first place above everything else--your desires, your ambitions, your work, your relationships, your fun and entertainment--will you keep that revolutionary spirit, that "I-could-lose-the-whole-world-cause-I-have-Jesus" heart, soul and spirit. ⁽⁴⁾

No matter how much there is to do, it's unacceptable to put Me in second place. I can't and won't stand for that. I always deserve first place, no matter how many items you have on your to-do list, no matter how burdened you feel with all the work there is to do, no matter how important other things might seem to you. And if you don't keep Me in first place, you are the one who will feel the loss.

When there's so much to do, you need My help and strength and anointing and power even more desperately than ever, not less than ever. When you have a myriad of details to take care of, and so many important work items on your plate, then you need My supernatural

empowerment and discernment more than ever, not less than ever. Everything you need during busy and stressful times is found during your times with Me, and your times of reading and absorbing My Word. There is no other source.

If you're ever tempted to skip or skimp on your Word, don't do it! There's no benefit whatsoever in doing so. You're not going to get more done if you neglect Me. You're not going to accomplish more if you forget Me. You're not going to make more progress if you overlook Me and decide to forsake your time with Me and go on to other things. You'll get less done, you'll feel more drained, and you won't have My supernatural anointing and strength that you so desperately need.

So remind yourself of these three words when you're considering excusing yourself from your most important appointment of the day: "Don't do it!" I bless those who keep Me in first place, and who consider Me and their time with Me more important than anything else. ⁽⁵⁾

(Dad speaking:) People's mindsets have got to change! They've got to realize that this is the number one priority! They've got to see that their number one, top-priority appointment every day needs to be their time with the Lord! Everyone ask themselves

what's more important than that. Who is more important than that? What are they doing that is more important than their audience with the King of kings?

Let this be the official sound of the trumpet here! There's nothing more important than your time with the Lord, and if you ignore that time, you're gonna be sorry! You're gonna find yourself in a real fix!

The Lord Himself made it a prerequisite for happy, healthy and fruitful living! It's His law of prosperity! Make it sacred! Make it untouchable! Make it sacrosanct [set apart as sacred; inviolable]! Make it indispensable! Make it imperative! Make it everyone's job! And by all means, at all costs, make it happen! Do it!

Do you think that Martin Luther's example of doubling his time with the Lord when the work doubled was just a clever anecdote, or something that sounded good to say or do? Was it just some story that would tickle everyone's ears down through history or inspire them with how holy Luther was? No, this was a down-to-earth example of someone who obeyed the Lord and got double done because he spent double time with the Lord! This is a story with skin on the bones! This is real, and it's not just a nice story.

When I say that the problems are just too big, the battles are too heavy, the war is getting hotter and hotter, and you folks need to take more time in the Word, I'm not exaggerating or just using pretty words, or getting hot under the collar about nothing! I mean what I say, and I'm very serious about this!

As you know, things are not getting easier. The End is drawing closer by the day, and don't you think that it stands to reason that we should increase our ammo too, since the Devil is pulling out his big guns? We need more strength and more power to win the battles and go from strength to strength. So doesn't it seem logical to you that an increased amount of Word time would be in order?

If you folks aren't willing to trust the Lord and to obey His command to take this time with Him and in His Word, then you're going to fall flat on your faces! You're not going to last long, because you won't have the strength to go on.

If you aren't willing to take this time out of your busy schedules for Word and prayer, then you're eventually going to die on the vine and fall off through lack of nourishment and sap. If you don't receive enough nutrition, minerals, and goodness through the sap, it's just a matter of time before you'll drop off the tree. It's a matter of science; it's a fact of life.

If you want to stand strong, if you want to make it, if you want to continue on for the Lord, if you want to be all that the Lord wants you to be, if you want to overcome your problems, if you want unity, if you want love, if you want inspiration, if you want

power, if you want stamina--then you're just going to have to take this time with the Lord, like it or not! ⁽⁶⁾

You are My Wife and Bride

(Jesus Speaking:) Your first duty is to Me, your Husband and Lover, as My wife and bride. Everything else is secondary to our relationship and time spent with Me. I am your primary responsibility; you should seek Me first and above all else, and then everything else will be added unto you. You might think that there is so much work to be done and so many other discipleship responsibilities, but in truth I am your primary duty. Spending time with Me as My bride comes first.

It's our marriage, and you must treat it as such. What husband would like his wife to always be running off first thing in the day without spending time together, always being busy with the other work that has to be done, the cooking, the cleaning, and everything else? This is the same thing that I told Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38-42). Spending time with Me is your primary responsibility, for how can you do the Master's work without the Master's power? And to get it, you must spend time with the Master, with your Husband and Lover-Me.

Your relationship with Me should be priority-number one. It might sound illogical that I would put our time together above even My work-your service for Me. But remember that I've spoken about this before: You cannot do My work unless you have My power. You've got to take time to rest in My temple before you can go out and face the day. And if you happen to miss that time with Me and you get into your day, then you've got to make it a priority to get to it as soon as you can.

And throughout the day, ask Me for a special linkup-a connection for the day. Let our minds become one, as you take on My mind and allow Me full possession. In fact, you should be striving to do this all the time, as much as you can. It doesn't have to take hours out of your day. It's a matter of simply staying in communication with Me, asking Me everything, and letting Me do the work through you.

Having intimate time of loving Me will help you to more easily take on My mind and make this connection. We'll have a stronger linkup and be more in sync with each other. So don't be afraid to call on the key of intimate love for your times with Me. It will boost you to new highs and thrills in the spirit, which you've never experienced before.

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Return to your First Love, and be strengthened in My Word. If you have strayed from loving Me fervently and desiring Me above everything else, ask Me to help you

return to your First Love. Ask Me to restore unto you the joy of your salvation. Make more time for Me. Fight to be close to Me. You must find that place of peace and perfect faith that you felt as a babe, when nothing else mattered but Me. Let Me lead you back there now.

Pray for a renewed hunger for My Word and a strong connection with it. The Words that I speak are spirit and life, but to fully receive this spirit and life, you must connect with these Words. When you only read My Word out of duty or for information, it will seem dull and lifeless to you. It will have an effect even then, but when you make a connection, it rings true in your heart, it thrills your soul, it spurs you to action, and you receive such an infilling of faith that nothing seems impossible, for nothing is! This is the secret of rising above power! ⁽⁸⁾

In the end, when all is said and done, those of you who put your time with Me first will have to trust that everything in your lives depends on My blessing--your fruitfulness, your finances, your health and provision, the happiness of your children, the growth of your outside members, your unity, and the list goes on and on. Every aspect of life can only go well with My blessing. And the only way to be sure you have My full blessing is by way of obedience--and that means putting Me and My Word first. That is the first step, the primary step of obedience, for if you do that, all the other steps will fall in line. ⁽⁹⁾

Making your time with Me a habit is something you need to really strive for. This is a point that I've been repeating for years. Your Father David often spoke of it, and all the men and women of God before him knew that it was the key to a godly life. They knew it was what would sustain them. I'm not going to give you all the reasons why it's good, as you can read about it in countless Letters from David and now Maria to you. You can also read about it in the testimonies of every truly great man or woman of God. The fact that it's necessary is not disputed. You know the need for it, so you ask yourselves why it's so hard to find the time to do it.

One of the reasons is that you're taking Me for granted, and taking advantage of My great love for you. You know that I'll understand if you miss our time together, and I do. But that doesn't change the fact that it hurts you every time you miss your time with Me. Because of that attitude you feel, "It's okay, I can fit in my time with the Lord any time." Well, that's true. I don't demand a certain time that you come to Me, and I'm available to you any time. But with that attitude, it's easy to let the time slip between your fingers, and then it's the wee hours of the night and you still haven't spent that essential time with Me.

At that point, you promise you'll spend time with Me the next day. But the problems just tumble about you and eat away at your time, to where before you know it, another day has gone by without your taking that vital time with Me. Whereas if you'd spent time with Me, I could have prevented the problems or given you advance warning of them. Instead it gets into a vicious cycle that's hard to break out of.

So what can you do to make it a habit? First you have to commit to it--you have to believe that it's the most important thing in your day and that if nothing else gets done, you will spend time with Me. Believe that it's your most important accomplishment of the day, so if you aren't able to do anything else, if you've had your time with Me you'll feel fulfilled and satisfied. Of course, if you're spending time with Me, then a whole lot of other things will get accomplished as well. ⁽¹⁰⁾

When there are things that are very important, that you know you can't afford to neglect--like your time with Me then you have to schedule it. Some people don't like the concept of scheduling things like their time with Me because they feel it should be more spontaneous. Well, spontaneous is good in its place, but for all you busy missionaries and disciples, it doesn't usually cut it in the long term, because you're too busy for that.

So what you must do is sit down and look at your time. You have 24 hours in every day. That doesn't change. What can and does change is what you do in those 24 hours. So you have to start with the most important things. Give the most important things the blocks of time that will ensure that these important things will happen. If the important things don't have a slot of time, they won't fit into your day. It's as simple as that.

And as you're making your schedule and realizing you're not going to fit everything in, here is where you have to remember a law of the spirit: If you seek first the Kingdom of God and My righteousness--in other words, the things I've told you to do, My priorities--then all these other things will be added unto you (Mat.6:33).

So as you're putting aside those precious blocks of time you can be claiming My promise that then "all these other things will be added unto you." Either I'll give you time to get to them, or I'll take care of them so that you don't have to worry about them. Either way, it's a win-win situation. ⁽¹¹⁾

Things aren't going to be perfect or smooth sailing. Things are going to be stressful and busy. You are going to be tired and spent. Things will come up that you're not expecting and that you have to deal with. But you have to maintain your stability despite it all. And you do this by being faithful with your Word time every day, and hearing from Me. You do it by filling your mind and heart continually, at every

opportunity, with faith-building thoughts and promises.

Even though there's so much to do, don't skimp on the things that are essential to your spiritual health and well-being-such as the Word, prayer, praise, and hearing from Me. If you're not faithful with these things, then you'll wear out and burn out fast, and then you won't be much good to anyone, let alone a key player in helping to win this war. Your Home won't be the key battalion I need you to be.

The Enemy loves to tempt you to jump right into work without stopping to take your time with Me, especially when there's so much to do. He loves to make you think you don't need Me, that you can do it without Me, that you can make it on your own. Well, maybe at times you can, but something will be lacking-you'll be lacking My full power. You will go through the day with less power, less inspiration, less anointing, and you will feel drained and spent when the work is done. But by taking time with Me, I give you more power, inspiration, anointing, and a special joy in your labors.

I love you depending on Me and coming to Me. Even when you feel you have your work mapped out for you, and it's almost automatic to do what I've given you to do, I love it even more when you take time with Me under these circumstances. I know the Enemy fights and tells you that it's not worth it, that you don't really need to take the time with Me, but it's so important. I doubly bless you for taking time in My Word when you do it even when you don't feel like you need to in the natural, or when you do it in spite of other work temptations.

I will help you, bless you, and pour down My anointing in full abundance every day that you put Me first. That's My unbreakable promise. It's a mystery of My Spirit, how I oil everything with My power when you are leaning and depending on Me, but it's the truth. Your day always goes better when you take your time with Me and My Word.

I will help you and anoint you and give you strength, and you won't wear out if you do your part. Always remember, every single burden, every single to-do, every single thing you put your hands to do is My work and My concern. Cast all of your cares upon Me, for I care for you and for the work that must be done. You must only do your part by putting Me first, and I will do the rest.

I will bless those who put Me first in very tangible and noticeable ways. Not only will your work go smoother and be more accurate, but I will also give you deeper joy and happiness throughout your day. I'll give you benefits in the form of giving you more strength-both physical and spiritual. I'll help you to feel more invigorated, even though there won't be physical contributors to this feeling of vitality. I'll even help you not to feel tired at times, overriding even the physical needs you might have when necessary, if you are putting Me first and loving Me and My Word more than anything.

As you supply My needs, I will supply yours-even through miraculous or

inexplicable means. I will bless you in the ways that mean the very most to you. I will reward you with treasures of the spirit that you are most desirous of. I will shower you with spiritual riches of the greatest value, and I will give you joy and satisfaction from the deepest wells of My Spirit.⁽¹²⁾

As the world grows darker, it is more important than ever for My children to be beacons of light, and the only way that you're going to be able to do this is if you shine with the light of My Spirit and truth and Word and love.

This is not something that can be generated from within yourselves. It has to come from My Spirit and be channeled through your spirits. Your spirits have to be fresh and clean, open, free from sin--not in the sense of being perfect, but in the sense of having regular cleansing in the spirit. You need a strong and healthy connection with Me in order to be the beacons of light that I have called you to be today, and even more so in the future.

You also need to be the warriors of the spirit that will be needed, and thus you need to be very adept in your use of the spiritual weapons. You need to tap into My power through praise, through proactive prayer, through intercessory prayer. So much is going to be required of you as you step into the future that I have ordained for you.⁽¹³⁾

Get away like I did--somehow, some way, some place--for quiet time with Me and Me alone. When it seems difficult and you find no place of refuge, ask of Me, and I will supply. Remember how I got up early and went out, up into the mountain to pray? I had to, otherwise I wouldn't have been able to carry on. But when I did, it was so wonderful! In those times I was able to fill up and be refreshed. I would breathe of the Heavenly air and receive power--such magnetic power from on high!

Please remember to take this time. You're going to need it even more than I did, because as I promised, you are going to do even greater works than I did. The world is even darker now in these Last Days, and you are going to need even more power than I did when I walked in the flesh. You are going to need it in order to be able to stem the tide of iniquity that has covered the Earth. But don't worry! You've got nothing to fear. I'm right by your side, and I'll pump you with My golden seeds of power as you come lie in our bed of love. It's going to be just fine. This mission is going to work just as I have planned.

So keep your eyes right Here on Heaven. Keep coming back to our little honeymoon cottage. This is one honeymoon that will never end! Keep coming, keep loving Me the way you have been, and know that I am with you always. I hold you in My everlasting arms.⁽¹⁴⁾

The Parallel of the Mountain And Restful Time With the Lord

Picture yourself crossing a rugged, icy range of mountains. This is no easy beginner's trail, but it's steep and rocky, and it's snowing. As you look around you, you see the fir trees laden with snow, their branches bent with the weight of it. Your path is not marked because of the snow, so you have to go by sight and by prayer, to be sure that you don't fall into a crevasse or gully. You look up at the sky and find it gray and bleak. In fact, there's such a cloud cover and so much snow falling, you can't see the sky.

You trudge onward, knowing that the hardest is yet to come. There will be more steep grades, less visibility. You'll come to the truly hard parts where you must use your climbing equipment to be able to even hold on to the mountain. You aren't to that part yet, but you know it's ahead. Even now it takes every ounce of your strength to press onward. Your muscles are aching and your face stings with the cold. Little beads of tears that have escaped the corners of your eyes freeze on your cheeks. Your hands feel numb, yet you forge onward.

You have great courage, great tenacity, great determination, so you don't let all these obstacles hold you back. You're determined to make it to your destination, and this desire and tremendous compulsion you feel inside eggs you on.

Still, your strength is waning. You have the advantage of the intense motivation you feel inside, but even so, your spirit and body and abilities are all stretched to the limit. You know that the hardest part is yet to come, and so deep inside, you wonder if you can make it.

And what's worse, you're alone. You're not traveling with a guide who has been that way before. Others are depending on you to forge the way, to scout out the difficulties, to find out how to get there so that they can follow. Once you've done that, you yourself can be the guide, but right now there's no one, no person to show you--only God.

Right at that point, through the trees you see a glimmer of light. Then as you proceed, the forest parts and there's an inn, a type of way station for travelers, a mountain lodge. It looks so warm, so inviting. Probably hot chocolate will be served inside, or tea with brandy, or some other warm and invigorating drink. It looks like a fire is burning in the fireplace, as its flicker and gleam appears through a break in the curtains at the window. You can hear people laughing inside, and see them eating and drinking. They don't even have their jackets on--they're so warm and cozy inside.

There's smoke coming from the chimney, and the building, built like a log cabin

with a steep overhang to the roof, is like an island of warmth, cheer, and encouragement in the middle of the snowstorm, the dark trees, and the forbidding mountain path.

You pause for a moment. You see those inside who are so warm and who are getting strengthened and rested for the rest of the journey, or maybe they're even finding out how to make it. Perhaps they, like you, haven't been there before. Maybe there are guides inside who have been that way and who will tell them the best way to go, the pitfalls and dangerous spots to avoid, the safest and most efficient route.

There's also food inside--good, hearty, nourishing food--something that you can hardly imagine, because you've been hungry for so long that you can hardly even remember what it feels like to have a warm meal. You've just been eating your trail snacks along the way because you didn't want to stop for long, and anyway, there wasn't a spot to do so.

But here it is--a nice, warm, inviting place that has been put there for travelers just like you. It looks like there are even small bedrooms at the back of the lodge, so that you could go in and rest if you needed to. The place has everything a traveler needs to continue the journey.

Yet as you survey this lovely lodge with all that it offers, you decide to keep going. You don't want to stop. You've got your momentum up, you feel, and you don't want to break your stride. Sure, you're aching with tiredness, your tummy is hurting for food, and your extremities are numb and stinging with cold. But stop? "That's for wimps," you think. You can make it. You don't need to have a stop for rest and nourishment and strengthening. You'd rather keep on going and see if you can find your way yourself. "Sure, there are guides in there, but wouldn't it be better if I find my own way? Wouldn't I get a little more glory that way, or a little more credit?"

A little voice inside says, "But what if you don't make it? What if you take the wrong path or you don't have the strength to continue?" But you ignore this voice, as well as the urge of almost everything that is in you to stop and get all your needs met in that lodge. You feel the pull of the companionship inside too--the chance to compare notes with fellow travelers, to draw encouragement from them and learn from them. You feel that they could give you tips and lessons and how-tos that they've learned. But instead of stopping, you press on into the murky snowstorm, the dark forest, through the bleak and menacing mountains. You feel it's better to go it alone with only the compulsion you have inside of you driving you. And that's the last you're seen or heard from.

That's what so many of you do when you don't stop for Word time, for strengthening time with Me. I'm giving you everything you need to make a difficult and

perilous journey, and the means by which I'm giving it to you is inviting, entertaining, and enjoyable. Yet so many of you prefer to make the journey without these refreshing and enjoyable stops along the way. If you made them, you'd find fellowship with Me in My Word and in prayer. You'd find spirit helpers who know the way and could help you with their advice. You'd find strength to your soul, rest to your spirit, and encouragement for your heart. You'd be able to make the journey with all the resources that I have for you.

But so many want to go it alone--partly out of pride, partly because they don't want to admit that they're not sufficient in themselves, that they need My help and the help of My Word, My helpers, My personal Words to them, My love that I can put in their hearts. So they trudge on, and oh, the way is so hard, so difficult!

I can't take away the difficulty of the path, but I can make your journey much easier. These enjoyable stops in My Word along the way will make the journey a joy, because you'll have the strength to meet each challenge. So stop in at My Word-Lodge, won't you? Won't you have a cup of comfort with Me? Won't you have a chat with a spirit helper who can give you some tips? Won't you have a rest in one of My big comfy beds with eiderdown covers and soft, squishy pillows? And won't you warm yourself by the fireplace of My Word?

Let all that I have be your help and comfort, and it will make your journey through life much easier. The challenges are there, but the wise man will do all he can to prepare for them, and avail himself of all the resources that will make the journey possible and successful.

Then you will complete your journey and reach the final mountaintop, and you and I together will rejoice at the beautiful view! We'll drink from the mountain streams, pick some of the flowers that only grow on the mountaintop, and return to tell others how they can get there too.

I love you! I'll see you at the Lodge! Love, your Mountain Guide, Jesus. ⁽¹⁵⁾

Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. For I call you out of the wings and into My bedchamber, that you may lay your head gently upon My bosom, that I may wrap My arms around you, that I may stroke you and whisper unto you. For by taking this time in rest and repose you are calmed, you are strengthened, your faith is renewed, your spirit is uplifted. For time in the bedchamber with Me is time in My temple, is time in My Love, and is time in My strength. You will be renewed and refreshed for the battles that you face. And when you come to these battles you will have a renewed strength, a renewed vigor, for you have had a time of rest in My arms.

So neglect Me not and fear not to take the time that is required. For I say unto you, seek first the Kingdom of God, the arms of your true Lover, and all of these other things will be added unto you, all the strength that you need, and the wisdom and the faith. For as you take time with Me I will answer you, I will guide you, I will speak to you, and I will give you strength that you know not of, that you will be able to perform My will with ease. For you will be fighting with My strength and My power and My anointing. So neglect Me not. Do you understand? Neglect Me not. For it is in the time and the love spent with Me that you will have that which you need.

Look not at what is not being done, but look at what is being done; that you are building up a reserve of strength, and of wisdom, and of love. And I will pour forth unto you all that you need to do the things that you must do. For now you must walk by faith and not by sight. As you seem to fall further and further behind, it becomes a test if you will still love Me and put Me first. And as you do this thing, your strength will grow, and your capacity for understanding, for wisdom, for receiving My answers, for knowing and understanding My direction will grow.

This will be a wellspring of new faith, of new strength, of new confidence in Me! For you will truly know what these words mean, that the battle is not yours, but Mine, saith the Lord. And not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit.

For as you set these things aside by faith, you are showing that you trust Me and that you trust the way that I am leading, and that you trust My Word; that if you will lie in the bed of love with Me, I will empower you with My seed and with My Spirit and with My anointing in a new and greater way.

So shed these things of Earth and set your affections upon things above! And as you let go of the things that you think you must do, I will pour forth unto you a new way and new things. I will speak and I will comfort. I will encourage and I will strengthen you. And you will find renewed faith in My ability and capacity to perform all that I have promised you. ⁽¹⁶⁾

Come Home

Come home, My dear one! If you are weary, come home. Where is home? Home is in My arms.

Sometimes your earthly home can get a little hectic and noisy. Sometimes there's no quiet place to go. Sometimes just being at home reminds you of all that you've still got to do before you crash into bed, utterly exhausted. But that's not the home I'm talking about when I say "come home."

All you've got to do is lie here in My arms, close your eyes, block out the thoughts

and cares of this world, and set aside all that you're thinking about doing. Rest completely, let all your cares go, take some deep breaths, and look at My loving face.

I'm not lecturing you or reminding you of the things that you've forgotten--unless you've forgotten about how much I love you. No matter what you've done or haven't done, I want you to know that you're special to Me. I don't want you to go on for another second without being firmly reminded of that love.

In order for you to know that I really mean it, as you rest in My arms and look into My face and relax and breathe deeply of the fresh, heavenly air, tell Me what you want Me to do for you. You don't need to tell Me why. Just think about what's weighing on you the most and let Me take care of it for you. It can be anything that you want. I'll do it for you, just to show you My love.

Make My arms your home, and rest there a little longer. Take a few more deep breaths as you wait on Me. I'm taking care of things for you in your absence, so there's no need for you to "catch up" when you go back; there's no reason for you to rush about as you did before.

Now that you've waited a bit and spent this time with Me, know that your whole day can be like this. You can be this peaceful. You can imagine the heavenly choirs playing slow, relaxing music for you all day and all night long--setting the pace for your work and the things that you need to do.

This isn't being lazy. This is operating on Heaven's time. When Heaven is on your mind, there's no need for rush or stress or strain on your part. I'm in control and I'll take care of everything, just as I have taken care of you thus far and will continue to do so until you come home to Heaven. ⁽¹⁷⁾

Do you feel the comfort and rest in My arms? Do you feel the rest that you find as I hold you, as you lay your head upon My breast after sweet lovemaking, and you feel at ease and at peace, and you feel filled with My Love and satisfied in Spirit? And thus with this strength and this peace and this calmness you can go about the duties of your day. For there is much noise outside the bedchamber. There is confusion there. There are many voices and many duties. But if you have spent time being filled with love and with peace before you enter your day, you will take this peace and this love with you, and you will be a bubble of peace and love in the sea of the confusion of the world.

They shall see you, and they shall come to you and say, "We can find peace and rest with you. We can feel in the Spirit your peace and your love, and we want to know how you can have such peace in the midst of our storm and in the midst of our confusion." And you can then tell them of Me, of your Lover Who gives you this peace and love, and will give it to them if they will know Me and love Me.

But if you go forth into your day without receiving My peace and love, then you are much more like them. You do not reflect this calmness of Spirit, and it is more difficult for them to see the difference between you and them. For as you spend time with Me receiving My seeds, and as they become part of you and we become one, then you become more like Me, and this is reflected upon you as you are out there in the sea of confusion, and this reflection is seen clearly.

Therefore spend that time with Me each day. Spend that time with Me before you face the cares and duties of this world. Just as you wrap your arms around your loved one to kiss and caress and speak of love in the morning, so you must wrap your arms around Me and we must kiss and caress. You must let Me whisper My Words into your ears, and you must drink My Words into your heart, and you must be filled and filled and filled with My Words! For as you eat them, they strengthen you! As you suck on them and suck them into your heart, so they become part of you. They become part of your being if you digest them. They become you, and you become Me, and we become one for all to see!

For when they looked upon Peter and James and John and saw that they were ignorant and unlearned men, they marveled, because they knew they had been with Me. It reflected upon them and we were one. So it is with you.

Suck My seeds, suck My seeds, suck My seeds! Swallow them and they become part of you. Eat them and they enter into you, and they strengthen you, and they become you, and you become Me, and we become one. And when they see you, they will see Me; and when they feel your love, they will feel My Love.

This will give you more power in your witness, for it will not just be words, but it will be deeds. They will not just hear My voice, but they will see Me, because you are so filled with Me. So do not neglect time with Me in the quietness of My bedchamber. Do not neglect our sweet lovemaking. And do not forget to suck the seeds, to absorb into your very being the seeds of My Word, the seeds of David, the seeds that I have implanted in My children. For the seeds of David are the seeds of My Word, and these are the most powerful seeds on Earth!

These seeds fill you, these seeds strengthen you, these seeds give you power, these seeds transform you, and these seeds give you new life, new love, and new anointing! For these seeds are Me, and these seeds are My Spirit, and as you suck these seeds, so you suck Me; and as you imbibe these seeds, so you imbibe Me; and as you become one with these seeds, so you become one with Me. I in you and you in Me, and we are made one. ⁽¹⁸⁾

In quietness and confidence shall be your strength. It is in the quietness of your bedchamber away from the noise, and away from the multitudes, and away from the business where I will speak to you and give you that which you need.

For it is I that see all things and know all things. It is I that see ahead to the future. It is I that have planned the destination and the route, for I know exactly where I want My children to go, and I know exactly the means by which they should get there. And you know nothing at all, for how can you know these things? You cannot see them. But I can reveal them to you. I can show them to you. I can lead you and guide you and direct you, if you will but listen.

Oh, the joy it brings Me when you wait to hear from Me and when you seek Me, and when you take this time together to stop to hear Me. For this is how I wish My children to be, that they would take time to stop and to hear from Me, to seek Me.

If you are willing to take this time with Me each day, seeking Me, crying out to Me for My guidance and My strength and for My wisdom, if you acknowledge that you are nothing and know nothing and need Me, so will I pour forth unto you all that you need. You must then just follow Me step by step. For I will show you this step and I will show you this place to go. I will lighten your path and make it plain and clear.

So follow faithfully by listening to Me, by seeking Me, by hearing My Word, by reading the Words of David, by praising Me and loving Me and by listening to the voice of My Spirit that I may help you, lead you and guide you. So will I inspire you and strengthen you and empower you!

For I know that you are but children and that you have not that great depth of understanding that My David had. But what you have is Me! What you have is the ability to seek Me and to hear My voice, to receive My Word, and thus you have the depth and the wisdom that you need.

For though you are weak, I am strong. For though you have no wisdom, I have given unto you wisdom through those that I have placed at your side to help guide you. For truly you are as children, but I am your Father and these are your counselors, and together we give you that which you need.

But never think that you can do this thing on your own or in your own strength and in your own wisdom. You have no strength and no wisdom, but you have Me and the things of My Spirit, and through this I will empower you. But you must hear from Me. You must seek Me. You must be strengthened by Me. You must seek My will, and you must move according to Me and My Spirit and My strength, that you may accomplish that which is My purpose. For without Me you can do nothing.

So hearken unto Me, seek Me, hear from Me, cry out unto Me and I will give you all that you need! ⁽¹⁹⁾

In the Bed of Love!

Don't run away too quickly from My bed of love, for I long to hold you a little longer. Be still and know that I am God. I am Love. I'm waiting for you to be still, so that you can feel Me move and work in you.

You're so anxious to get away from Me. Why, My love? Is it the work that calls you? But the work is Mine to take care of. I'm the breadwinner around here. Your work is to love Me, to be here for Me. Don't be as one who would come to My bed of love but is concerned about the time, looking at your watch secretly, feeling that you must go. Don't be as one who breaks the foreplay abruptly, feeling justified in saying that you must get back to work.

You must spend time with Me. My seeds are waiting to fill you, but they must be pumped by the heat and passion of your love. If you want My seeds, you must prove that you desire them by working for them. I don't mean working for them in the carnal, human way, but I mean the work of the spirit, the work of love. Your work is to love Me, to work on Me, to work on Me until I come and fill you with My seeds.

There are times when we may have those quickies, when I'm so excited by the fact that you come to Me on the spur of the moment, kissing Me and rubbing Me with your Words of love and praise. Those are exciting times of hot passion for Me, and we come quickly together.

But there are times when those brief encounters aren't enough. In those times, times when you're having a hard time concentrating on Me, a hard time giving Me your full attention, when you're having a hard time going, then I too am inhibited from filling you with My seeds. In those times, you must linger with Me. You must stay awhile with Me, My darling.

Let Me blow away your distractions, as I blow softly on your face. Let Me drive you wild with My touches until you forget about everything you thought you needed to do. Let Me hold you tight, pumping My seeds into you until you are truly Mine, conquered by My love, wanting nothing but more of My love.

Don't go away from My bed of love until we've climaxed together. You cannot think of going back and bearing fruit in your work unless you've been filled with My seeds first. Those are what conceive and bring forth life and love to others. It doesn't necessarily have to take a long time--just long enough for you to give Me your heart and your mind and your soul--all of it. I want it all. I want all of you! ⁽²⁰⁾

(Dad speaking:) You need to have more "bed of love" time. You really need it, and it's the most important thing you can work on because as you work on your time alone with Jesus, He'll speak to you, anoint you, strengthen you, and give you faith to apply the Word. That's the most important thing you can concentrate on. Other things are important too, and you need to have a good balance. But the thing that will give you the most inspiration, vision and faith will be your bed of love time.

You should study the GNs, and one way to make the Word come more alive in your personal life is to pray about things in the GNs. When you come across something that speaks to you personally, that convicts you, take the time to bring it to the Lord and ask Him to speak to you about it. That will really strengthen your bed of love time. It will give you an excitement about spending time with the Lord, more than just sexually--spiritually--and will be feeding, encouraging, and inspiring.

You must keep Jesus in first place all the time, before your work and before your friends. It takes faith to put your work aside and spend time with the Lord. You have to apply that faith and block out your work, not think about it, not let it pull on your spirit while you're in the bed of love. You really have to have faith to rest in Jesus' arms, but when you do, He rewards your faith with even more faith, rest in spirit, inspiration, grace, love, and all the good fruits of His Spirit.

His seeds are real, and as you suck for them, they become part of you, and go to work to bless your life. So you must have them every day. You must spend time alone with your Lover in order to let Him empower you. It'll be so wonderful and so good when you start seeking the Lord about the Word and applying it. It's really going to change your life. It'll work on your pride and selfishness and help you to have more of a spirit of humility and love and grace.

The more time you spend with Jesus in the bed of love, the more humble you become, because you're partaking of His humility, His love, His Spirit, which is so lowly and beautiful. The more you study the Word, really apply it, absorb it, and let it become part of your very being, the more humble and yielded and willing you become, because the Word is spirit and truth.

Reach out more to Jesus, and then reach out to others, and your life will change, your spirit will change, and the world around you will change. It takes humility to apply the Word, but as you do, everything will change. ⁽²¹⁾

Have you ever had a really good friend who you were super close to and you'd talk to a lot? Sometimes you'd stay up late at night and you'd talk and talk, and you felt like that person knew you better than anybody. You could tell them all your secrets and

you knew that they'd understand. They knew all about your battles and your trials, but they loved you anyway. And the closer you got, the more you felt you could confide in them, the more you trusted them. Well, you know, that's how it is with you and Me--the more time we spend together when you're pourin' out your heart to Me and I'm able to speak to you, the closer we get, and the more I can confide in you.

This is one of the coolest things that you can experience when we're close and we're really one in the Spirit, when we're best friends, when you're My Bride and I'm your Husband--and that is that I can whisper to you really cool things that you need to know. I can answer your questions. I can tell you what you should do. I can speak to you about what Word you should read. And if you come to Me in faith to hear from Me in prophecy, I can even give you special, personal words of encouragement and guidance. I can be your personal Shepherd, and I can help you through your rough days. When your heart is aching or you're real bummed 'cause something didn't work out like you'd hoped, you can come to Me. You can confide in Me, and I'll confide in you.

Not only will you be fed by your personal link with Me in the Spirit, but you'll also be more fed by the Words of David. (And when I say the Words of David I don't just mean the MO Letters that Dad wrote, but I also mean the Letters that Mama writes. Now she has the mantle of David and now she gives the Words of David.) The closer you draw to Me and the more faith you have, the more intimate we are, the more you're going to be able to be fed from those Words of David, from the new Letters and new revelations and the far-out prophecies and messages. Man, you have some very awesome stuff at your fingertips--mysteries and discoveries and answers that millions of people would love to be privy to. But I only give this very special meat of the Word to those I can confide in, to those I trust and to those who are close to Me, who I know will appreciate it.

So you see, it really pays to spend that time with Me. As you get close to Me, then I can get close to you. We can talk to each other. We can share our secrets. I'll lead and guide you and answer your questions. I'll bring the Word to life for you. See, when you're closer to Me and you spend more time praying or praising or reading the Word or seeking Me, of course it creates a bigger vacuum, and then I can pour out to you more. See, it's very easy to understand: The greater the vacuum, the more you get. The closer you are to Me, the more the vacuum you have for the things of the Spirit, and the more I can pour out to you. ⁽²²⁾

Living in joy

If you're overwhelmed by everything that there is to do and you're striving to get everything done, to accomplish as much as you can for Me; if you've lost the joy of living and the joy of your salvation; if you feel tired and worn at the end of the day, let Me help you uncover the gentle flame of joy and fan it into a raging fire that powers you forward and clearly lights the way.

The secret of joy is rooted in living in Me, not just living for Me. I know that you long to fulfill everything I've asked of you, but what I long for the most is to see you happy, living in joy, going to bed each night tired but with a feeling of fulfillment and happiness, and truly loving your life.

If that feeling eludes you, please spend more time with Me. Use the full length of your Word time tomorrow loving Me intimately, giving yourself to Me completely. Remember what it means to be My bride, to be doted on by Me, to feel the warmth of My Spirit near you. Rest in My arms and think about My love for you. Find that assurance and rock-solid faith in My love.

As you bring your service before Me and find My answers, you drink in My Spirit and are refilled with My love. My joy gives you reason to live, reason to serve Me. You will be driven by more than what there is to do. Instead you will be motivated by the joy of knowing Me deeply, intimately, and finding strength from My love.

We will tackle the work of the day together as partners and lovers, the work no longer a drain but a pleasure, the joy of the morning pumping through your veins, filling you with life and vigor, floating you along on the wings of the strength of My love. ⁽²³⁾

The First Thing in the Morning

I love them that love Me, and they that seek Me early shall find Me. That's the key, My loves--to seek Me early before your day begins. You must put Me first in your day before anything else, and this will be the secret of your success of making time with Me a part of your schedule, never to be missed.

You know that if you don't do this, it's rare that you will stop again later in the day to take quality time with Me. Of course, you do check in with Me throughout the day, but I'm talking about quality time--loving Me, hearing My plan for your day, taking in My Words and sucking My seeds, communing with Me in the bed of love.

In most cases, in order to make this work, you must do this first, before you do anything else. Each of you should come to Me and ask Me for specifics on how to implement this counsel in your life and situation.

For example, in some cases I might tell you that one way to accomplish this is to make it an inviolable rule not to turn on your computer before you've had your time

with Me. Once the computer is on and the mail rolls in, for some people there's too much temptation to be dragged into this business or that, and then it's difficult for you to stop and be with Me. You know that's true.

In that case, the solution is simple--you must take your time with Me before you turn on your computer. Let Me turn you on first, and you turn Me on, and let's have our love feast in the morning, in the quiet, before the day begins. Once we're satisfied, and you've poured out your heart to Me, and I've poured My love and words into you, then it will be time to enter into the wings and go about your duties of the Kingdom.

I know you love Me and seek to please Me in all that you do. And this will be the thing that will please Me the most and thrill Me the most, and make the biggest change for good in your life--to put Me first in your day.

Rise up early in the day, as I did, when I walked upon the Earth with My disciples. I had to have time alone with My Father to receive the strength I needed for My mission, and the same is true of you. You need My strength to accomplish all that is before you, and you can receive this strength in the morning hours, when the dew is still upon the roses, when you walk with Me and talk with Me in the garden of My love.

My solutions are simple, and I will give them to each of you as you seek Me. What works for one person may not work for another, but I have a solution for each of you, because I love My time with you and I will not go without it. I will take care of everything else while you're spending time loving Me. That's a promise.

I love you, and I look forward to having more time than ever with you in the garden of our love. ⁽²⁴⁾

Begin your day with praise and prayer, Word and time with Me, and then carry Me with you into the day. You cannot do My work without My power, and to do it you must spend time with Me--and continue to spend time with Me if you are to continue to have the power you need and not get run down or run over by all the cares and duties of your busy life.

Abide in Me, and let Me abide in you continually. Talk to Me, sing to Me, converse with Me, listen to Me, commune with Me. You can't make it without Me. We have a little time together in the morning before the day begins, but that's not enough. We need time together throughout the day as well.

Some of you may be thinking that this sounds good, but that you don't know if you can do it, that it's a bit too spiritual, and you're not really that spiritual. In reality, it's a very practical matter, and you can do it once you establish the habit of doing so. After all, you think all day long, don't you? Don't you always have thoughts going on in your mind, considering how to do this or that, when or where to go, considering what

to say, and so on? You talk to yourself continually. Well, talk to Me instead. After all, why talk to yourself when you can talk to Me and share your heart and thoughts and desires and questions with Me?

As we talk, I can give you the right perspective on your work, your relations with others, or even your attitude toward yourself. As you allow Me more entrance, then you take on more of My mind, My attitudes, My thoughts, My possession. I can get through to you easier, you can hear My voice clearer, and I can guide your actions better. I can remind you of things to do, give you new ideas or new ways of doing things, and provide the answers you need. Come to Me in quietness and in confidence and you will find the strength and power you need. Draw nigh to Me and I will draw nigh to you. Those are My promises to you.

Start the day off right with praise and prayer and Word and communion with Me, and continue praising and praying and communing with Me throughout the day. You can do it; you can pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks, and commune more frequently. If you do your part, I will do Mine, and will meet you more than halfway. Faithful is He who calls you, Who also will do it.

I long to be a more constant presence in your life every day. Won't you let Me? Won't you talk to Me more and talk things over with Me more as you go about your day, sharing your heart and thoughts and desires with Me? I long to share My heart and thoughts and desires with you, to develop a sweetness and a love and a bond and a fellowship with you that you can't even imagine--to be a constant companion to you, My dear wife, because I love you. ⁽²⁵⁾

Rising a great while before day, I went out into a solitary place, and there prayed. I needed that time alone. I needed that time between Me and My Father--for refreshing, for clarity of thought, heart and spirit, for those were busy days. I was surrounded by My team, who needed so much care, love and training. There was always so much to teach them.

It was a great learning experience for Me, as well as a time of My biggest ministry while on Earth in the flesh. But in order to endure and to perform the role that I was called to play during that time, it was imperative that I had those little times away, those little breaks where I could get strengthened, where I could look down the road. I needed times when I could step back from the face-to-face, hands-on care of those around Me and the immediate situations that I had to deal with continually throughout the day while in action with My team, traveling around witnessing, laying the groundwork for all that was to come in the future.

So must you take time, that I may also inspire, lead, and strengthen you; that you may behold My face; that you may be a better minister; that you may reflect more of My light and My peace with real vision and clarity of heart and mind during these busy times, during this ministry that I have called you to. And as you do, you will continue to grow step by step, day by day, just as I did.

You may not see down the road as much as you would like, but the important thing is that you stay with Me, that you keep your face turned toward Me. Having done that, as you look back you'll see how I led step by step. You'll see the continuity, the progress, and the way that I led through the walk of My will and My perfect plan and all that was accomplished because you looked to Me step by step, and because you took time with Me so that you could see clearly to know where I was leading at each turn of the road. ⁽²⁶⁾

(Dad speaking:) Spending time with the Lord should be the main thing that matters to you. When you wake up in the morning, the only thing that should be on your mind and your to-do list is your time with the Lord. Until you get the Word in and get that time with Him, there should be nothing else on your to-do list for that day. ⁽²⁷⁾

Start every day off right, loving Me, praising Me, feasting on My Word, and letting Me speak to you. This will put you solidly on My channel so that you can hear from Me and soak up My Spirit all day long, in everything you do. If you can just get on My channel and stay there, all your time will be quality time with Me. Of course, you can't spend all your day with your head in the clouds, so to speak, but the more you practice getting in tune with Me in the morning, the closer you will be to Me all day long, and the easier it will be for you to reconnect with Me after being called back "into the wings*" to attend to earthly matters. ⁽²⁸⁾

The most important thing you can do is to get your time with Me first thing in the morning, in the early hours, if possible. Once you've done that, everything else will fall into place and be clearer. When your burdens have been lifted and your cares have been cast upon Me, your vision will be clearer and you will know where to direct your attention, your time, and your energies.

Through this time of our communion, first thing every day, you'll also grow in faith and in strength. You'll have greater willpower. You'll have greater conviction to deal with things according to their priorities rather than according to your desires. It all comes back to our time together first thing in the morning. Once this is in place and in order, all the rest will fall into place and be clear. ⁽²⁹⁾

How true it is that your time with Me in the morning is not lost that morning, but the night before. The timewasters happen mostly at night. People get in the habit of going to bed late, and that's how the Devil steals their time with Me the next day, so that before people even wake up, the Devil has already made off with their quiet time--he's spirited it away the night before, as they chatted, played, watched TV, surfed the Internet, etc. All those lesser activities, whatever they are, that keep people chained to a late schedule, and therefore needing to sleep later, are what steal those quiet hours in the morning that they could otherwise spend with Me. ⁽³⁰⁾

The idea of taking time with Me in the morning is throughout My Word, in the Bible as well as in the Letters of your David. There are verses like, "Thy voice will I hear in the morning," and "Cause me to hear Thy lovingkindness in the morning." The ideal, if possible, is first thing in the morning. It would be good to do a study on how the morning time is wonderful for hearing from Me, for getting yourself on the right channel, for tuning your spirit into My Spirit, for letting Me direct your thoughts, actions, energies and concentration first thing.

This is a wonderful time, when the soul is just beginning to stir, fresh and clean and new, and not yet imprinted with the business and glare of the day. It's a time when the soul of man is like that of a new baby--without the harsh realities of the physical world having yet made their mark on it. The soul or spirit of man comes out of sleep; it's fresh from communion with Me during the night, having loved Me with another or alone before sleeping, and having communed with Me in the night seasons. It's ready to receive My Word and My thoughts in a much easier way than if it were to try to do so during the day.

There's a readiness to receive My Word and My Spirit at that time. There's a fresh and untouched quality about the spirit of man at that time that allows Me to mold and guide it further.

Of course, some people enjoy their communion with Me at night when no one else is around, when the house is quiet and when there's not the static of daily activity. So this is also a good time to tune into Me and My Spirit. ⁽³¹⁾

Beyond Duty

Time with Me is supposed to do something for you and do something to you. It should charge you up spiritually, and make you more willing and able to do My will in your life. After being in the Word and in My presence, you should be spiritually

strengthened, and motivated to live in a more heavenly way and work with more power and diligence.

Something that will help you to have the right attitude and perspective toward your spiritual requirements and time with Me is if you give more focus to the results--and that you chase after those results by almost any means necessary.

The same things don't work for everyone. What feeds and strengthens one person will not do the same for another. The same time slots may not work for everyone, nor the same approach to using the spiritual weapons. So your focus shouldn't be on having a certain kind of time with Me for a certain length of time or in a certain way; instead, remind yourself of what you're after: connecting to Me, hearing My words to you deep in your heart, partaking of My Spirit, letting Me change you and love you. If you go into your Word time with that as the goal, you'll have a much easier time figuring out what works for you.

If you go into your time with Me thinking, "I need to take my 1½ hours of Word time," then chances are you're mainly focusing on what you can do to fill the time scheduled for Word time. Getting your Word time and being able to tick it off your to-do list becomes its own goal--rather than your goal being to fight for quality, intimate, strengthening time with Me. While it is sometimes necessary to take your 1½ hours of Word time out of obedience, even if you don't feel super fed by it, it's not good enough if that's your general mindset, because you won't be getting what you need from your times with Me.

To change, think about the result that should come from it.--Not, "I need to fill the time requirement," but, "I need to connect with Jesus. I need to be spiritually strengthened. I need to align my mind with His. I need more faith. I need to renew my heavenly vision. I want to show Him that I love Him by putting Him first. I need to express my love to Him, and I need to be filled with His love." That's approaching your spiritual requirements with the result in mind, and then being flexible with the methods to produce the results you're after.

Maybe you're already using the right methods. After thinking and praying about this, you may wind up doing things exactly the way you have been doing them. Or I might lead you to some new and different ways and approaches. But whatever you do and whatever I show you, as long as you're pursuing the spiritual results that you need in your life, you will find them and you will be the disciple you need to be. Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness will be filled (Mat.5:6).

I'm challenging you to move past fulfilling the requirement for the requirement's sake, and to instead grasp and understand the goal of it. That's what you need in the busy days that are ahead. You need awareness of your spiritual needs. You need to

become a doctor of your own soul, so that you can sense what you need and make sure that those needs are filled by whatever means are necessary. Sometimes the demands of your life will mean that you need a shorter but more concentrated time in My presence, and other times you will need a very long, relaxing, drawn-out time. Your time with Me can be so many things. The needs of your spirit will sometimes require that you go beyond the amount of time which is required of you.

Have you ever had a long time in My Word, but you felt you could have kept going for longer? Maybe you should have! The fact that your 1½ hours were up limited your spiritual man from truly filling its needs. Or have you ever felt that it was difficult for your spirit to receive the feeding that you needed because you were trying to force yourself to have time with Me at a time when it was extremely difficult to focus because of other pressing needs? Maybe you were exceptionally tired or there was noise and confusion and it just wasn't conducive to Word time, but you went ahead anyway, with fairly poor results, because that's what your schedule or routine dictated. Maybe in that case it would have been better to go out for a walk and some quiet meditation with Me, rather than staying and trying to concentrate in the middle of the noise and confusion.

Obviously, I always bless obedience, and I am pleased that you do your best to meet the guidelines of the spiritual requirements. I bless your efforts even when you're tired and the results you get aren't always the best or optimum. It's better to have some time with Me than none at all.

For the purpose of training, you sometimes need hourly requirements and a strict set of standards of what does and doesn't constitute quality time with Me. In some ways this limits and binds your spirit, while at the same time acting as a safeguard to ensure that you don't dip below acceptable levels of spiritual feeding.

But as you learn and mature, I want to release you more and more from adhering solely to a written code or standard, and I encourage you to find the spiritual ways, the spiritual avenues of fulfilling that law--which are often far more compelling than the physical application of the requirement.

In Heaven the great men and women aren't bound by any law except that of love, and their times of the spirit aren't ever defined as such, because My Spirit is everywhere here, and praise and love and intimacy with Us is something that permeates their entire being--it is their very existence.

To mirror the heavenly culture as much as possible is a unique calling of the Family. That is why I give you rules and guidelines, but then as much as possible I try to turn your attention to the spirit of the law rather than the letter of the law. I challenge you to go after the results, the intent, the fruit, rather than being so black and white about exactly what you have to do to get there.

The heavenly way is harder, just as fulfilling the Law of Love is harder and more challenging than simply following the Ten Commandments. If you live under the Mosaic Law, then if there is no law against something, you can do it, and if the law says you can't, you can't. It's inflexible, yes, but it also doesn't require much thought or soul-searching or sacrificing to live it. To truly live the Law of Love you have to examine your heart and your motives, you have to study the cause and effect of your actions, you have to have a lot of love, and you can't hide behind the excuse that, "Well, the law doesn't say I can't," because the spirit of the Law of Love is about looking at the effects that your actions have, not about absolute rule one way or the other.

You'll find it quite the same with this new perspective I'm giving you regarding your spiritual requirements. If you look only at the requirements, you are fulfilling your duty if you spend the required time in My Word doing the things that constitute your spiritual requirements and quality feeding. But now as you mature and I broaden some of the guidelines, you will find that you have not met the spirit of the requirement, or the intent of time with Me, unless you have achieved the result of spiritual strengthening, spiritual nourishment, and a time for our spirits to touch and become one.

An amount of time spent on spiritual matters will no longer be the only measuring stick, but rather how your spirit is faring and whether you are progressing in spirit, growing in love, growing in faith, and becoming a better disciple day by day. If you're getting those results, then you're doing it right, even if your methods are unusual or more personally tailored to your schedule and needs. But if you're not getting those results, even if you're spending the required time, then something is wrong with your methods, because they aren't producing the desired fruit.

It will take more effort to find what your spirit needs in order to grow, and then to do your best to fill those needs. Yet at the same time the greater flexibility will free you to be more adaptable in the busy lives you lead, and more able to approach time with Me as a joyous thing, a happy time of meeting a true and desperate spiritual need rather than only doing it out of necessity. ⁽³²⁾

The Enemy Will Try to Attack Your Taking Time with the Lord

If you neglect your daily appointments with Me, you cannot be assured of My presence with you, overshadowing the influences of the world with which you are constantly faced. That's what our appointments are for--to help you disconnect from the world and realize that I am the only One Who really matters, that My Spirit is the only world that really counts in the big picture of things.

Of course the Enemy is going to seek to distract you from approaching the portal of My world and realm of the Spirit--the portal of My Word, and My Words to you. You must fight! You must see these infractions of your Word time not as a personal failure, but as an attack of the Enemy. This way, you will see the need to fight rather than ascribing it to your own inherent weaknesses all the time.

It is an attack of the Enemy when you're persuaded to forgo a little Word time for something else. There are many devices of the Enemy or of your own flesh that would work to separate us: the late nights that leave you too tired to read My Word; your projects that keep you from getting to quiet time with Me; the evening activities that keep you up; the desire to keep working just a little longer rather than stopping to take time with Me.

The Enemy uses these things against you as snares and attacks, but you don't even recognize them anymore. You think it's just part of the way things are, part of your personality. The Enemy has convinced you to accept and believe that these things are your own fault, so that you don't see that they proceed from him.

But I'm here to tell you that you can change. You can make it. You can do it, through My Spirit working in you, through accepting the things I'm telling you, through studying and obeying My Word and My Words to you. That is the secret, the openly divulged but oft-forgotten secret. You cannot do without Me. You are only the branch; I am the vine. Only if you abide in Me and My Spirit can you bring forth the fruit of the Spirit that I expect of you, as well as the fruits of the Spirit in love, joy, peace, longsuffering, and all those things that help you to emulate and partake of My holy realm.

But when you lose sight of those things, you automatically find yourself sliding back into the things of this world, the influences of Satan and his kind, and further from Me, to where you find it harder to hear My voice, more difficult to see the need for My Word, until finally you totally fade from the sphere of usefulness I had so carefully prepared you for--all because you lost sight of the Word, of the goal, of the vision.

So that's what I'm here to tell you, and that is My message to you--an important and vital message that's not just for today but for your life, for your future. Because whether you realize it or not, your entire future depends on this message, on your realization of it, on your taking it seriously, on your believing what I have said, and following through on My Word--seeking My Word desperately, being desperate for Me, being dependent on Me in your heart.

The dependence is there. It is the turning to Me with all your heart, mind and soul that I am still waiting for. And when that comes, when you allow Me to fully enter your life like this, leading and guiding it from within a vessel that has no will of its own, then I

will be able to fully use you.

But the only way to get there and to stay there, the only way to reap the full benefits of what My Spirit is working and trying to accomplish in your life, is to keep your spirit attuned to the things of the Spirit, My Spirit. And that, My friend, is what the Word is for. So read it, remember it, receive it, study it, review it and do it! ⁽³³⁾

One of the Devil's main tactics in these days of the End is to send the world hell-bent to destruction. Thus it takes guts, uncompromising faith, and real conviction to stand strong against the pull of this current of the world. It whirls about you, but as those who are “in the world but not of it,” I urge you to come out from them and be ye separate.

Look back to the original days when your Father David was starting this wonderful Family. Examine how much time he set aside for quiet time, time alone for contemplation and relaxation. With many cares of this world, and many to attend to, priorities get so easily swamped. You can hardly resist the urge to fill each moment with action.

Fear not, My loves, for I see your desire to be of service. I understand your wish to be of help. But if you're to be different from those around you, make time to be alone--quiet in My creation, contemplating, and receiving from Me. It is in this quietness of spirit that you will be refilled and refreshed.

I've called you to busy places where the lost are thronging around you. I've called you to places rich in fruit and where the harvest is ripe wherever you turn. Yet take a lesson from the farmer. He steps back when the day is done to reflect, to be quiet, without the sounds and sights of the Enemy, so that I can give him new strength and direction for the next day. So it should be with you, My dear ones. I long to re-strengthen you. I long for you to be rested and refreshed in the arms of My love.

Stand back and ask Me to help you sort between that which you must do and that which can wait. That which is committed to Me in prayer, will it not be tended to far better than if you'd taken it upon yourselves to do? Seek Me for the balance. Come to Me constantly with your burdens. I am meek and lowly in heart; therefore learn of Me, and you will find rest unto your souls.

A rested soul is a soul which is able to pour out and to give from the abundance of its fullness. Take time to rest, to drink in of Me. Use those moments in the evening to be quiet, to step outside, to listen to My wind and My whispers. In these moments alone, you will find the strength to live as My bride, as one wife, in unity.

The Enemy uses tiredness to cause a lack of spiritual strength and a lack of vision. Those who start to feel that it's too much and that the battle looms too hard, often

simply need a time alone of refreshment, a few days without the normal pressures, to come into My arms and be loved to the full.

Fear not to take that time of quiet. In fact, fear if you don't take it. The Enemy of your soul would crowd out every moment I would prepare and set aside for you. See, therefore, that you seek Me for how each moment is filled. No situation is so busy that there is no way to take time with Me.

Call unto Me! Cry out to Me! I will not fail to show you ways to pull back, to arrange things, so that we can have time to rest together. If you can have the conviction and faith to pull out and make that time, you will find treasures of youth, of strength, and of vision that you hardly imagined you could have before! ⁽³⁴⁾

(Dad speaking:) My God, look at history! Look at some of our own folks who tried to keep up such a strenuous schedule. They were good people. They had many talents. They loved the Lord and were dedicated, serving the Family faithfully. They did well at their work. They put in long hours and tended to the flocks of God. They appeared to be strong shepherds and leaders who were able to handle a lot of strain. But in the end, look what happened!--Because they forgot the most important thing.

They forgot to take that vital, essential time with the Lord and with me every day, until finally it caught up with'm. They appeared to be strong and they were talented people, but inside they were dying spiritually. Their light went out. They lost the fire and the vision and the strength they needed, until they were alienated from the very life of God itself.

If our folks are not spending time getting in touch with headquarters every day, they're not gonna last. It's as simple as that! If they're not gonna spend time listening to God and listening to God's prophet, they're not gonna get far! If our folks insist on missing their most important appointment of the day, that spells disaster--it's proven by history! ⁽³⁵⁾

The Enemy goes about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Just as you can imagine would happen if you were to walk through an area populated by lions, you would walk in fear and trembling that one of those big cats would be lying in wait for you, stalking you, hunting you, seeking his next meal. This is the picture that I have portrayed in this verse, and the picture is accurate. The Enemy of your soul and of My Kingdom stalks and hunts and seeks to destroy. He seeks his next meal, his next prey. Lions seek the weak, for the weak are an easier target. They are worth the hunt, for the weaker the prey, the easier the hunt. Similarly, Satan seeks out the weak or those who've been strong but are experiencing a weak period in their life.

The weak periods are times when you have to be careful to not push yourself or further weaken yourself. When you have been through a time of battle or a time of pouring out, a time when you haven't been able to get the amount of Word or time with Me that you know you need in order to stay strong, then you need to be careful that you don't put yourself in harm's way. You need to be mindful that you get the time of strengthening that you need, for these are times when those who are usually strong can also become prey. This is why some who have been strong in Me and very used of Me have also succumbed to the Enemy's attacks--because during a time when they were a little weakened they didn't take it as seriously as they should have. They got overconfident. They looked at themselves as being strong and thereby underestimated the danger and overestimated their strengths.

If you don't stay close to Me, you'll get weaker. You'll experience discouragement and frustration. You'll make mistakes that you could easily have avoided. You'll wear thin in your ability to tolerate problems; you'll react with impatience when confronted with problems. You'll snap at people; you'll deal with others self-righteously. People will seek to distance themselves from you, as they will be discouraged and experience battles when around you. You won't be happy; you'll know something is wrong, but you won't have the strength to make the changes you need to make to overcome. You'll gradually get weaker and be less effective in your shepherding and your ability to inspire and lift up others. You'll experience periods of anxiety, of being distraught and confused about life and what you're doing with yours. The world and what it has to offer will look more attractive. You'll look at things more in the flesh and less in the Spirit. You'll be tired and downcast. You'll be sad.

I don't tell you these things to scare you or intimidate you, My love. I tell you this because I don't want you to have to experience any of this, even in the slightest degree. I want you to live a life that is full of My love and My Spirit; that's what I died for! I died to save you for eternity, yes, but I also died to give you a better life while you're alive--that no matter what your physical condition, whatever problems life brings your way, My Spirit in you will cause you to overcome, because you'll have your eyes on Heavenly things and your heart more full of My love.

Love is the greatest force in the world! Love is My Spirit! It is powerful, motivating, captivating! It is the power that overcomes all difficulty, heals the broken heart, lifts the discouraged spirit. The Enemy seeks to snuff out true love, to obscure it with things that smother it and asphyxiate it. He seeks to cut off the air of My Spirit to your heart, to get your eyes on things that upset you, that worry you, that discourage you, that bother you. He seeks to get you to walk in the flesh and not walk in faith. He knows that faith is contagious, that love is contagious. So he seeks to drown it in a flood of worldly

thoughts and impressions. Resist him, resist the world, resist the flesh, and My Spirit in you will cause you to overcome! My love will lift you high and you'll not only accomplish what I want you to, which gives the greatest sense of satisfaction, but you'll walk in love, contentment and greater happiness. ⁽³⁶⁾

Slow It Down!

Tic toc, tic toc tickin'! Tic toc, tic toc tickin'! Time is just ticking away, passing by so quickly. Hurry, stress, pressure, tension, all these things are of the Enemy. Hurry is a lack of faith. Hurry, pressure and tension come when you're thinking you have to do it in your own strength, your own power, your own ways, and with your own hard work.

It is the Enemy who speeds everything up, but I say, slow it down. Take time to come out of the wings, into My temple. Take time in bed with Me, resting, relaxing, making love to Me, hearing My still, small voice, receiving My seeds, letting Me fuck you. Take time to allow Me to whisper My answers, My solutions, My wonder working Words in your ear in times of quietness and confidence and peace and rest.

When you're hurrying and running around in your own strength, how can you hear My voice or find My strength? Take time to rest in Me. Take time to lie in My arms, to hear My Words, to find My solutions, because they're there for you in great abundance.

For I am not just your King and your Savior and your Shepherd, but I am your Lover, your Husband, the One Who longs to supply all your needs and care for you in every way, both great and small. I want you to see My Love, to feel it. I want it to be manifest in your everyday lives, through solutions and great supply and peace and fruitfulness. But you can only find this as you spend time with Me--loving Me, listening to Me, becoming one with Me. Through those times of intimacy you will find the power and anointing and solutions that you so desperately need.

So don't let the Enemy speed things up and push you and rush you and cause you to hurry and run around in your own strength. Recognize that this is a tactic, a ploy of the Enemy. Slow things down. Take time to relax. Take time with Me. For I am your Answer Man. I am the One with the solutions. I am your Husband, your Lover, and I will never fail you! ⁽³⁷⁾

Rest, My loves, and enjoy that which I have freely given you ... time! For of all things the Enemy would love to try to steal, it is your time! His purpose in using the Internet, television, entertainment, video games and movies is to fill the world with action and eat up time, deceiving man to think he's using it well. As the days grow worse

and worse, so does the Enemy use these avenues more effectively--to distract, to hypnotize, and to cause life to be a passive thing.

I give each soul years, days, and hours to be spent in caring for others, being of assistance, showing love. Yet the Enemy seeks to sap each potential moment of renewal by eating up the moments with garbage, pollutants, and waste.

Thus is your struggle in these days of the End--in many ways, far more difficult than in My day. Thus will it be said of you that "greater things shall ye do," because it will take greater conviction to stand against the pull of the Enemy on your time. It will take greater guts to resist the urge to do that which seems to be interesting to the neglect of that which is best--a quiet moment of renewal with Me.

The time robber is lurking about, seeking whom he may destroy. Be not his next meal, My loved ones!

Listen to Me, My children, and be not afraid of making times of rest. Fight against that which would clutter your lives with obligations to the point of exhaustion. I often walked in the hills above the town to drink in of My Father's creation, of His love for Me, and to pour out My soul to Him.

Find your hills! Seek for those moments! Call out to Me to show you that which has to be done and that which can be committed to Me. For if you can become conquerors in this matter of using your time, if you can resist the Enemy's entrapments and ambushes to fill what could be precious moments of renewal, then you will be more than conquerors! You will be some of the few able to rise above the most effective wiles of the Devil in these Last Days. ⁽³⁸⁾

Just as Satan attacks the citizens of the world on their quality of life, trying to destroy their physical bodies through anxiety, depression, mental and social problems, through a multitude of physical ailments and maladies, so his drive against you, My brides, is to launch even greater attacks on the quality of your spiritual lives--your time with Me, your time in the Word, your time in meditation and prayer.

He knows that the quality of your spiritual lives is far more important than the physical. He seeks to attack your absorption of the Word and your application of the Word to your lives and Homes. There is absolutely nothing that he fights like the Word, for this is the only thing that can defeat him! ⁽³⁹⁾

You're probably wondering exactly what it means to be "separate from the world" and how to do that. I will tell you. While it's not easy, I promise that for every step you take for Me, I will take two for you. You start with spending time reading and studying My Word, and taking time for prayer, praise, and hearing from Me. When you do those

things, you fill up on My Spirit and power, which automatically separates and shields you from the evils of this world.

The time you spend with Me then translates into being a witness for Me through your sample of happiness, peace, love, patience, giving, understanding, forgiving, listening, and more. Those are all fruits of My Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) that become a part of you when you have spent time with Me. Your life becomes a testimony to My power, because those around you are going to see that you have something special, and they will also want those benefits. That opens the door for you to lead them to Me, the source of your peace and strength of spirit.

So while it may seem as if you live much like everyone else, in reality you are bringing a sample of Heaven's love and ways to brighten up your corner of the world. It's My will for you to stay separate from the evils of the world, and at the same time use your physical presence to bring My love to others who are trapped in the evils of the world, helping to free them by leading them to Me and showing them the heavenly way.

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While there is a fine line between being separate from the world, "not touching the unclean thing" and at the same time being "in the world," it's really not complicated at all. It's like swimming underwater. You are not a fish and you have to hold your breath to be able to go underwater; if you just stayed underwater, you'd drown. You have to keep coming up for air, and so it is with your interaction with the world.

You are called to "dive down" into "the world" whenever you have to witness or do business or pass through it for one reason or other, but your lifeline is outside the "water"--outside the world. You do your spiritual breathing in Heaven. As long as you are being faithful to tank up on the Word and spend personal time with Me, you'll be able to stay separate no matter where you need to go in the world. If your spirit is well nourished, you will not be of the world and the distinction will be clear, both in your own mind and also in the eyes of those you come in contact with. (41)

Any one of you, no matter how strong you may seem in the spirit, can fall by the wayside if you do not continue to seek My face, stay close to Me, and tap in to the power that I have. The pressures, the cares of this world, the strains of it all, the attacks of the Enemy from every side will get to you after a while if you don't spend the time with Me that you need--the daily washing of regeneration and renewing of My Holy Ghost.

Never think that you can do it in the arm of your flesh, for you will fall and miss the highest calling that I have for you if you do not learn these lessons. Learn that just

like in the oil lamp, the wick must be immersed in the oil. If it is not, the wick will burn, and it will burn black, and it will soon burn out. I wish for you to burn bright and beautiful, but I do not wish for you, the wick, to burn. I wish for you to burn the oil of My Spirit, and that's what I want people to see.

You can't do it of your own self, your own power; it's just not enough. It won't cut it, especially not in this time. The power that you have must come from Me. I wish for you to die to your own self so that you will not live anymore, but that it will be Me living and working through you. That's how you will be most effective, and that's how you will stay alive spiritually and be able to help others as well. ⁽⁴²⁾

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The Importance of the Word

The fact of the matter is that many of you, My brides, have not yet realized how vital and how much of a matter of life and death it is if you do not make My Word your number-one priority. ⁽¹⁾

If I do not come first, if My Word doesn't come first, then how will I be able to bless you? How can I guarantee your success? How can I lead you to your promised future if you do not follow on the path of My Word?

My Word has all the direction. My Word holds all the secrets. My Word will give you the strength. My Word will make the impossible possible for you. You will not be able to do this on your own, and this is even truer from this new era on. The more you walk into the future, the greater your need for this lifeline with Me. Your spiritual eyes will need to open more fully if you are to see the promises that I have waiting for you. You cannot expect to just glide right into the future on your own strength, your own wisdom, and your own resolution.

You can liken the seriousness of it to the need for the sun in your lives. If this world didn't receive the energy, heat, light, and all the benefits that it provides, you would die. Imagine if the sun only produced half of its light or even three-quarters of its light; you would not be able to survive. So it is if you cut the Word out of your life even a little. You must let the Word reign supreme. You need to let it dominate. You need to let it bring you the light, energy, and heat that your spirit requires, otherwise your spirit will not have the strength that it needs to face the future.

Things will not remain as they are. The battles are intensifying. The demands will be greater. There are and will be higher expectations. And the one and only thing that will bring you through it and help you to make it is My Word. I am the vine and you are the branches. Without Me you will bear no fruit. ⁽²⁾

Continue to lean upon Me and My strength. Continue to spend time with Me, drinking of My Word and sucking My seeds, for in them is the strength, the power, the inspiration, the desired energy, the enthusiasm and the help that you desperately seek. For no matter what role you play, and no matter where My voice may call you today or tomorrow, you can do it with the power of My Word upholding and sustaining you.

And when you feel you cannot walk one more step, turn to My Word. Hold it before your eyes, absorb it, think about it, meditate on it and let it fill your very being. For in the days to come, the dark days ahead, so shall it be for all of My children. It shall be My Word and My Spirit that sustains them. ⁽³⁾

In the days to come those who are not strong in the area of feeding on My Word will find themselves in serious trouble when the winds of adversity blow. The days continue to grow dark and the night will soon be upon you. Without the power and light of My Word to lead the way, you will fall by the wayside and perish.

I say this not to frighten you, My children, but to warn you that you need to develop good Word habits now while you have time. Ask Me to ingrain them into the very fiber of your being, so that when the time comes and the storms blow, your house will be well built and firmly anchored to the rock of My Word, and not poorly built, with little foundation or firmness. ⁽⁴⁾

My dearest brides, you need to get it firmly fixed in your minds, hearts and spirits that you will not accomplish, not succeed, not overcome, and not grow stronger if you do not put My Word first. If you do not spend the time in the temple that is needed, then there isn't much I can do to give you the strength, power, vision, endurance, anointing, and change that you are looking for. You wonder how you can fit time with Me into your busy schedules, into your daily lives? You wonder how you can find time to rest in Me as individuals and as a Home? The question should be, how can you fit what you need to do in the day around the time you have to spend with Me? That should be the question!

First things first - My Word. You work out time spent in My temple, time spent in My Word, time spent hearing from Me, and then you can think about going about your day to take care of My business. I am greatly saddened that this is still a question and that people are still wondering about this and how it can be done.

Haven't I made it clear enough? What more can I say? I am patient. I am gentle. I will try to drive this point home. But if you, My brides, do not take the time for the Word and recognize this vital need in your lives, then My hands are tied. You will meet with failure, and you will find it very difficult to face the future that I am bringing you into.

I understand that it's not easy. I know how difficult it is to find the time you need to tune in to your spiritual lives when all around you there are physical matters to take care of. The physical will always "scream" louder than the spiritual, hence it will seem more important to you, but that's why I was banking on getting the point across in the messages I gave in "What Is Jesus Worth to You?" - that while it may seem to you that

the physical is more important, since there will always be pressing matters and physical emergencies, the spiritual is always more important! ⁽⁵⁾

It's not a matter of only needing the Word for your encouragement or for your spiritual health. Haven't you yet learned that it will be your very survival? You, My children, are not children of this world. You are children of My Word. If the Word were taken out of your lives, you would die spiritually. You would become lifeless. I am bringing you to greater dependence on Me, and when you walk this road you will find that your very survival, your very life, depends on just that - Me and My Word. ⁽⁶⁾

It is My Word that is most important, not My work. My work is very important, yes, but it is My Word that I have exalted even above My Name. It is My Word that shall never pass away. It is My Word of which I spoke when I said every jot and tittle of it will be fulfilled. I am My Word, and My Word will endure forever, and its presence in you is vitally important if you are to do My work as you desire (Psalms 138:2; Matthew 24:35; 5:18; John 1:14).

So make this daily time in My Word a sacred and holy matter which even My work cannot interfere with. Tell yourself that you must have it if you are to do My work properly, and then be faithful to take it without fail. Consider it part of your work if you must. Put it on your to-do list; consider it a project with a deadline that must be met on a daily basis. ⁽⁷⁾

Spiritual strength comes from Me--from abiding in Me, abiding in My Spirit. It is Mine to give, and I give it to those who feed heartily upon My Word, who cherish it, who draw their nourishment from it. For these are My true soldiers--those who desire true strength, those who have the faith to put other things aside and to feast upon My strengthening Spirit that comes from My Word.

Your faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. You have an abundance of Word. Use that weapon. Use that tool. Perfect your use of it. Develop your skills in using it, and it will profit you much! ⁽⁸⁾

When I'm in first place, I help all the other details of your day to fall into their proper places. Everything always works out better and more smoothly when you give Me the prime time that I deserve. It moves Me to strengthen your Home as a whole. It literally forces Me to do more miracles for you, because I'm so pleased that you trust Me enough to keep your time with Me and My Word untouchable. ⁽⁹⁾

Your Word time is building up your love relationship with Me, loving Me and desiring Me more than anything else. Other things will have their place too and will come in time, but I and My Word come first. ⁽¹⁰⁾

The real, down-to-earth meaning of making Word time sacred and making it a priority means making it time that won't be disrupted. ⁽¹¹⁾

It's being lazy in spirit to not want to stir yourself up as much as you should to get fed from My Word--and that's something you need to change. Change your mindset and ideas about it, realizing that I want you to put it first and foremost in your life, and if you get nothing else done but spending your time with Me, then it's worth it. ⁽¹²⁾

You're lethargic in spirit because you don't see the dire importance of a regular intake of good, feeding Word and daily times with Me. This is spiritual lethargy--to think that you can do without it, or to think that you will survive without it, or to not exert the spiritual energy necessary to make this a part of your daily life that you never miss. It should be as sacred as your sleep at night--if not more so. You can't imagine a day that would go by without you taking at least a few hours of sleep at night; it's an integral part of life. So it should be with your Word time and your time with Me. It should be automatic. It should be something that you should never go without. ⁽¹³⁾

Anything that would take the place of a good solid daily feeding in My Word should not be allowed in your life. ⁽¹⁴⁾

When you allow your Word time to be crowded out, it's like exchanging your gold for some plastic trinkets--the little daily jobs and cares of life. Put your Word time first. Be most faithful with that, and then with all the other little things. Everything works better that way! ⁽¹⁵⁾

This Family Was Built on the Word and Thrives on the Word!

(Dad speaking:) Good night! If they have half-an-hour of devotions, 15 minutes of praise time, half-an-hour of personal reading, and 15 minutes of hearing from the Lord, that's an hour-and-a-half daily! I think they'll see very quickly that an hour-and-a-half is not too much to ask. I'll bet you anything that the Homes that are already doing this are the Homes that are not only surviving but thriving, and that the Lord is blessing and they have fruitful ministries!

This Family was born on the Word--reading the Word, memorizing the Word, teaching the Word! It was a constant part of our diet. But it was alive and it was fresh and it was new, and that's what it has to be. It can't be boring meetings or long classes--it's gotta be inspired teaching, inspired reading, inspired absorbing, and inspired living of the Word if it's gonna work! Otherwise, it'll just become a ritual, and this law of God will become of no effect if it's not applied and done in the spirit.

So, Honey, I get fired up about things, I get hot under the collar, but if I hadn't laid down the law and been a tough commanding officer, we never would have gotten anything done! There's always an excuse why people can't witness, there's always an excuse why they can't go to the mission field, and there's always an excuse why they can't get in the Word, but I get tired of excuses! So that's why I say, just do it! (16)

Spiritual Nutrition Lesson!

You, My Family, are learning, and you're growing in taking more time to hear from Me, to listen to My voice in prophecy, and to receive My counsel and direction on what to do. But I call on you now to look and see what I've put in your hands. I put the help, the manpower and enough hours in the day. I provide the time, the means and the tools. Yet it is given to you to put to proper use all that I supply--to not lean too far to one in an improper balance, and thus leave the other undone.

I give you a picture of the master chef who knows all his ingredients well and is able to skillfully blend the herbs and spices in exact proportion, in order to turn out a savory dish. Diversity of spices provides for diversity of cuisine. You may add oregano to tonight's meal, yet the following night you omit the Italian spice and add the Oriental spice to your dish; therefore you have the difference between Italian Bolognese sauce and curried beef. Both are made with the same meat, yet the spices and preparation and the sauce you prepare vary the dish.

For all your meals you must have enough protein on a daily basis in order to stay strong and healthy and properly nourished. Likewise you must have enough of My Word and communion with Me on a daily basis, in order to stay nourished and strengthened in spirit. Spices change according to the recipe, but the protein is essential for proper functioning of the body, proper growth, and for repair of damaged tissues.

Your Word time, prayer time, and praise time is like the protein of My Spirit. When you ask Me how, in practical terms, you are to do all that I put before you, I say that daily protein intake is imperative.

When you wonder how you can cut corners, you must not consider cutting down that vital time with Me each day! You must not try to cut down too much on your

protein intake. If you try to cut corners on this too much, you'll find that you'll soon run out of strength to continue on; you'll soon weaken your muscle tone and run the risk of greater injury and sickness due to impaired health.

The secret is in the balance. Just as proper preparation and how you choose to eat your physical food will either help preserve or destroy the nutrients, so the way you choose to feed on My Word, under what conditions and circumstances you read and feed and spend time in the bed of love with Me, will determine how much you are able to really drink in, absorb, and benefit from the good nutrition that I supply.

Ideally, I would that My children eat and feast from My elegant banquet table on a daily basis--sitting down to relax and enjoy a nice, hot, full-course meal. There will be times, though, when this is not possible, due to pressing affairs of the Kingdom that you must tend to.

If you are going to be able to cope with a busy schedule and the stress and strain of your jobs, it is imperative that your diet is well-planned so that you will have strength to fight the battles at hand. The danger here is in skipping meals altogether. Once you start down this road, you'll find before long that your performance will be seriously hindered.

Another temptation is to fill your diet with junk food, compromising good nutritional value for a diet filled with empty calories and harmful additives, like weak Christian music, doctrines or theories, or the worldly wisdom of man--books, games, movies, music, the Internet. You must take great care to chart a good diet and meal plan that will enable you to get the proper nutrition that is so vital to top performance in your tasks.

Relaxing and sitting down to eat a good, well-balanced meal will provide good nourishment, and I delight to see you eating these good meals as often as possible. But should there be times when more formal dining is not possible, I would that you plan on taking in a quicker, yet good, nourishing meal rather than skipping out on a meal altogether or filling up on junk food. You don't necessarily have to forfeit good nutrition for lack of time to eat the full-course meal. This is where careful meal planning is imperative if you are to stay strong and healthy and not get run down, tired and sickly due to poor eating habits.

The more relaxing sit-down dinner is likened to one and a half hours, occasionally more, of time in the bed of love, praising, reading and absorbing My Word, topped with a dessert of hearing My direct counsel in the form of prophecy as I whisper in your ear.

The packed lunch is likened to a shorter, yet concentrated time with Me, either filling up on some power-packed, concentrated Word, in the form of DB Letters and/or choice Letters and prophecies and such, or a time of praise and prayer and hearing My direct,

personal counsel for the day--one of these, or a combination of all, but in a shorter amount of time.

You must not live on packed lunches day after day, nor will you always be able to afford to sit down on a daily basis to enjoy the more appetizing full-course meal. But I would that you find the proper balance. Balance in your diet is imperative to good health.

The secret is in the organization and planning so that you're able to stop frequently for those full-course meals when and where necessary, even if you have to invite others to dine along with you. This will teach others the importance of getting a good, balanced meal.

Many of My children are in need of a health revolution in spirit! Many are famished and undernourished for lack of proper meal planning, for lack of properly charting out their menus, and for lack of sitting down to relax and enjoy a good, well-balanced meal, forfeiting this necessity for eating on the run.

You ask, "But Lord, in practical terms, how can we afford this time to enjoy sit-down dinners, when we have so much to do? Eating on the run is so much more convenient and enables us to get out the door and be about our business."

On occasion I wink at this, but as a habit, you must keep in mind that it's not how much you're able to stuff down your throat that provides for good nutrition, but how much you're able to properly digest, assimilate, and absorb into your system that will do you good. Relaxed eating is imperative to good digestion and proper distribution of vitamins, minerals, and essential amino acids that all contribute to good health.

Be not deceived, thinking you're saving time and energy by eating on the run. In the long run, you may be tearing down your resistance and doing damage to yourself that will show up in the future in a far more grave way than what you think you might be failing to accomplish today in your work. Would you be penny-wise and pound-foolish? For bad eating habits and lack of good nutrition today, you may well have to pay the price tomorrow.

I give you this physical illustration as a picture of the importance of your spiritual feeding and the daily food intake of feasting on My Word. Good health is a way of life that comes from building good, strong, faithful habits. I would that My shepherds be a sample of this in their daily living--not only for their own benefit and good health, but also because this is what My children need to see.

My children are tired, even to the point of exhaustion. Many are on a go, go, go, do, do, do merry-go-round, and they're finding it difficult--nearly impossible--to get off. But I don't put this pressure on My children, nor on My shepherds. It's because you've acquired bad eating habits and are eating on the run most of the time. Therefore you're

not able to absorb your food properly, which all too often results in indigestion of the spirit.

The practical solution you seek lies in striking a proper balance in all that I have instructed you to do. There's a time and a place for everything, and it's up to each Home, each teamwork, and each individual to find what works best, according to their particular needs.

The ideal is for all My children to have at least one nourishing, well-balanced meal a day. Many cultures around the world accomplish this in various ways. There are those who major on a good hearty breakfast; others eat their main full-course meal at midday; and yet in many countries, people take in a nice full-course dinner in the evening. This does not mean that you do not also eat at other times of the day. Growing bodies and spirits, especially young ones, need nourishment throughout the day.

Although breakfast is one of your most important meals, especially for those whose jobs require great physical activity, dealing with outsiders, deadlines and so forth, such as My front-line soldiers, if you're not able to take in a good solid chunk of Word time and feasting in the morning, lest you miss your other appointments, then you might consider having your main meal later in the day, either at midday or in the evening. You can still eat a hearty, convenient breakfast, fortified with extra-strength nutrients in the form of condensed Word, powerful heartfelt prayers, and singing and praise to Me.

Some might want to consider a mixed schedule and diet, alternating more elaborate breakfasts some days with more elaborate dinners on other days. Whatever you do, however you organize, don't skip meals!

There are infinite ways to plan and organize your daily meal plan. You have only to pray and ask Me, and I'll make it clear in each case what plan suits you best. Busy Homes with busy schedules might consider rotation of personnel within the Home on a regular basis, where all can take turns getting those nice relaxing full-course meals, if it is not always possible to eat them at the same time on a daily basis. If someone has been eating a packed lunch for three days straight, it might be time to alternate duties, so that he or she can partake of a nice sit-down meal. Take shifts, if you must; rotate. But whatever you do, make sure that everyone is getting a good, nutritious diet!

Through lack of unity and proper organization in My Homes, many times the diet is found lacking. For lack of pulling together and bearing the burdens of another, being mindful of the need, and making it possible for each one to have the good, nutritious diet that they so desperately need, the diet is found lacking.

As My Family becomes more united and strives to live together in unity, each will then become more mindful and respectful of others' needs and diet. And as you walk

more hand in hand, you will all be able to get on the health-diet bandwagon together.

Many are tired and weak unnecessarily, simply for a lack of proper organization in their personal lives, and the discipline of maintaining a good healthful diet. For though the days be busy and there is much work to be done in the fields, I do not leave My children comfortless, nor without the means to carry out My work--but proper utilization of time is of the essence.

If you will not neglect this vital time with Me, if you will not neglect the proper diet that I put at your disposal, you will find in the long run that I am able to help you be more efficient in the tasks I call you to do. You'll make fewer mistakes, be able to avoid pitfalls, and things will run far more smoothly as you put first things first.

There is yet much junk food in the diets of My children in the form of other input--be it unnecessary vain babble, unfruitful conversations full of idle talk, unfruitful times on the Information Highway [Internet], or other things and activities of lesser importance that rob them of their time with Me. Some are often tempted to get caught up with a little here and a little there, to where the hours dwindle away in trivia--involvement in unedifying games and movies that fill up the hours, rather than spending time with Me in the bed of love, or in prayer and praise.

I allow these within reason, and I give My children many liberties and options. I allow you to read information necessary to your ministries, so that you can stay in tune and abreast of the times. I also allow times of fun and relaxation, even times where you may have periods "away from thinking," for I am not a God that forgets that your frame is but dust. But the practical solution to the answers you seek lies in keeping a proper balance.

Don't be discouraged, thinking it can't be done, for I say it can be done! I give you the simple solution--it's in the balance, it's in the planning, it's in the careful charting of your nutritional needs and diet. It's in trusting Me that if I put you on a certain diet or suggest that you eat a certain food simply because it's good for you, you will go ahead and eat it and ask Me to help you acquire a taste for good, healthful food.

You must develop good long-term habits and stick to them as much as possible, to where indulging in the less nutritious foods is the exception and not the rule. Only then will you begin to see and reap the results of regular good healthful living in your body--that of a rosy complexion, soft skin, a strong healthy heart, good blood pressure, a hearty pulse rate, a clear mind, and good strong muscles, supple and ready to perform the most difficult tasks with the utmost of grace and skill.

The secret is in letting Me plan your schedule to the nth degree--every part, holding nothing back. The secret is in continuing to seek Me to know how to fully utilize what I've given you. This is done by seeking the balance, by spending that vital time with

Me, by keeping your focus and concentration so that you can get My signals and cues.

As you begin to make Me a part of every area of your lives, as I have instructed, this will greatly help to strengthen you. And then as you each begin to stay faithful and true to good healthful eating habits, by taking this vital time to eat a well-balanced diet on a daily basis, you'll see that it will reap lasting results in your overall health and well-being. (17)

Absorbing the Word and Letting the Word Live in You

Nothing is more important than absorbing My Word and applying it to your lives. Whatever your ministry is, whatever work you do for Me, it's not more important than getting My Words in, than living in My Words and letting My Words live in you. This is your most important task--the most important thing you have to do! Without this, all else will crumble, and without this, you won't last to do your job! Without this, you will not have the strength, stamina, and power to fulfill your destiny.

My Words are Me! My desire is to see you use to the full this most priceless possession in all existence. I beg of you, I plead with you--take heed to these words, and let Me live in you more fully. My heart is heavy, for I know you will not survive in the future without living more fully in My Word. You have been given more wealth of My Words than all the prophets of all time, and should you reject them or slide into slothfulness and not fight to guard these great possessions, having known the truth, yet allowing it to slip out of your grasp to where you do not use it to the full, it will be worse than if you had never known the truth at all. (18)

I know that your spirit is willing, yet the flesh is weak. I understand this. It is precisely because I understand this so well that I ask you to stop, to evaluate, to take a long, hard look into your hearts, to search your souls, and to seek Me as to what can be done to safeguard your time with Me, as well as your absorption and application of My Word in your lives. I ask this because I know you can't make it through the future without Me living more fully in you, without a lasting revolution in your Word habits, without getting your priorities straight.

You've got Me. You have not only a portion of My Words, but you hold the keys to My storehouses that contain the full counsel of God. I've given more of Myself to you than to any others in the entire world, in any given time in history. But the question is, will you make full use of what you possess? Your life depends on it, and not only your survival, but the lives and survival of many, many others.

Only as you live in My Word more fully will you be able to utilize the gifts I have

given you. Only then will I be able to fully possess you. Only then will you be able to fully focus on the power. Only then will you be able to fully use your gift of heavenly thought power. Only then will you be the living sample of My Words that will win others to Me, that will win lasting fruit, solid disciples, sold-out citizens of the world to come. Only then will you walk through the storm of the most terrible iniquity of all time, unscathed and triumphant. ⁽¹⁹⁾

I am the Word, and through showing you how to connect more intimately with Me during your Word times, how to experience Me and do those things that will feed your spirit more deeply, I am showing you how to become more one with the Word.

Reading and focused study of My Word should still be an important part of our times together. I want you to crave My Word, to apply it, to ask Me about it, and to store it in your heart. But in addition to this, I also want you to branch out and learn to explore the deeper chambers of the cave of your time with Me. I want you to grow in the area of experiencing the living presence of My Word--Me. I want you to learn to experience Me more while you read and while you spend time nourishing your spirit.

I want you to take more time thinking about what you personally need, and how you connect with Me best, and then do it. In this way you will come to know Me more intimately, more deeply, more personally, and in this way you will become one with Me and one with My Word even more.

I want to make our times together more rewarding than they have been. I want to teach you how to further experience the ecstasies and thrills of My Spirit. I want to show you how to come deeper into the cave of our times together, and there find sweeter nourishment, greater strength, and more beautiful realities. ⁽²⁰⁾

When you get fired up about something in the Word, it catapults you into My Spirit and snowballs, until everything you read comes alive to you by My Spirit. But it takes effort to strike the first spark or get the snowball started. It takes work. As My Apostle Paul said, you must labor to enter into My rest (Hebrews 4:11). ⁽²¹⁾

The Word has to speak to you like the whispers of a lover--words that you cherish, that you remember, that you dream about, that you repeat to yourself over and over, that you let become a part of you and that take on a life of their own inside of you. I want them to be a part of you--not filed away in your mind, nor even only accepted and believed. I want them to touch you, to move you, to stir you to action, to fill you, to lift you to new heights!

Pray for an insatiable hunger for the Word. I want you to crave it. I want you to

feel it in the depths of your soul. I want the Word to be such a part of you that you miss it if you don't get it, that you feel the loss.

My Word is Me, and I want to be so much a part of you that you can't wait until the next time you can be with Me. I would so love it if you treated My Word, and thus Me, as you do the one you love--giving Me your 100 percent focus; being willing to drop anything when I call; anticipating your time with the Word; putting your mind, body, and soul into your time; making sure that nothing will distract you during your important time with Me and My Word; thinking about it long after it's over; letting a part of your mind be consecrated to it--always on call, always thinking about ways you can make your time in My Word more quality. ⁽²²⁾

Your love for Me will be manifested in your desire to seek Me deeply through My Word. I want to bless you even more. I want My Word to dwell in you more richly. You can become much richer than you already are by receiving My New Wine. Get ambitious! Ask, pursue, linger with Me and never tire, but earnestly and desperately desire My Word. Go after it with all you've got!

Your love for My Word will help you to know Me in depth and in all the secret ways which you haven't explored yet. There is much for you to discover. You have yet to discover all these riches. You have married a rich Husband! As you continue in My Words you will be rich. This richness is faith! And faith comes by hearing the Word of God. Faith will also give you the trust to know, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that all things that you go through are but a moment in time--a testing ground as well as a steppingstone to greater heights, greater love and fruitfulness for Me and others. Rejoice in that, because you will go from strength to strength. When everything else and everyone is gone, My Word still abides, for it's the only truth and the only reality. ⁽²³⁾

Every time you read My Words, or hear from Me in prophecy, it's the same as a personal audience with Me, the King of all kings, and I am presenting you with special Words of wisdom, My counsel, instruction, guidance-words that you need desperately in order to do the job that I have asked you to do. Although I love you as a Husband and a Lover, a Friend and your Comforter, I am also your King, the King of the Universe, and it hurts and saddens Me when you don't treat My Words with the respect, admiration, attention, and reverence due Me.

Your Word time is a personal audience with Me in which I pour out My Words and instruction to you and I expect you to act upon them and obey them. I don't give it just for the sake of giving it, but I give it because I know that you need it and that your life, your happiness, your success and progress in your life, your ministry, your everything

depends on it! ⁽²⁴⁾

You need to ask Me and call on the keys to give you a deep and unswerving reverence for the Word. No matter how long you have known Me through My Word, I can still more than adequately surprise you. There's always something new that I have to tell you. ⁽²⁵⁾

My Word is always new and priceless, like jewels and diamonds that never lose their sparkle and shine. There is so much in the Word that you can read over and over again, and every time you will find new truths. It's like a deep ocean: Just as one person could never hope to explore all of the ocean, so you will never have explored all of the Word. There will always be new little truths for you, as well as massive breakthroughs and discoveries, as you diligently and in all faith dive into the waters of the Word. ⁽²⁶⁾

Delve deep into My Word and spend more time there. You need to become not just a deep swimmer, but a deep-sea diver in terms of time spent in My Word.

Think of it as not just Word time, but your calling, your responsibility to know the Word, to be filled with the Word, to be an expert in the Word. The more you get into it, the easier it will be. The more you study, the more you will desire to study, and the more you will retain and absorb. ⁽²⁷⁾

The Word is spirit. The natural man can't just sit down and start reading and expect it to fully become a part of him. It's a transformation that needs to take place in the spirit. So you need to make sure to open all times of reading with good prayer. It needs to be a quality prayer if you want to have quality time in the Word. It needs to be heartfelt, truly expressing your desire for key power to assist you as you read, so that you will understand the Word, that it will come alive to you, that it will become a part of you.

Without the spirit they're just dead words on a page. But with the spirit, they are Me--they are the embodiment of My very Person. That's the object of the opening prayer--to help those words become more than ink on a page, more than little toner spots on paper; to help them transform into the spirit and life of the God of the Universe! ⁽²⁸⁾

The keys are important and play a major role in quality Word time becoming a long-term reality in your life. Claim the power of the keys to help you to keep My Word first in importance in your life and not falter in your commitments in any way.

You need to feel compelled to be putting the spirit of the revolution into practice in your life--that spirit of wanting to be closer to Me, of wanting to put Me first, of wanting Me and the things of My Spirit above anything else in your life. ⁽²⁹⁾

If you'll come to Me on a regular basis, make it a priority to spend time with Me, both in the bed of love and in reading and imbibing My Words, then those Words will do the work in you. You won't have to worry, fear or wonder, "Am I doing okay? Am I being a good sample, a good influence?" All you have to do is take that time with Me and read My Words, and they'll do the work in you. It's not a work of the flesh; it's a work of My Spirit. So let those golden seeds of My Word fill you, and let them go to work.

It's like when you take a vitamin. You don't put the vitamin in your mouth, swallow it, and then run around trying to make it do something to help your body. You simply let it go to work. You forget about it, and you let it do its job within your body. It's the same with My Word. If you'll value it, if you'll value your time with Me, and if you'll not neglect your Word time, you'll find that those seeds will do tremendous good within you. They will overflow onto others and you'll be the sample of love, joy, happiness, and understanding that you so long to be. ⁽³⁰⁾

Just Do It

I expect you to do the things that I've asked of you for your own spiritual survival and usefulness to Me. ⁽³¹⁾

Love for the Word comes by living in the Word. The more you live it, the more you'll love it. ⁽³²⁾

Ask yourself how you plan to practice what you've just read-not just in the future or as a good thing to implement someday, when it's convenient, but this very day-today!

Is there some area of your life where you've been lacking a little conviction or haven't been fully obedient? Change it today! Do it now! Just do it, and you'll get the most wonderful feeling of spiritual satisfaction, even if it is tough at first! That's part of My reward to you for obedience. ⁽³³⁾

Let the motto "just do it" be yours. When it comes to obedience and implementing My Word, just do something, anything, no matter how it doesn't seem to be hitting the mark or how simple it might seem. Doing something, however simple, is much better than delaying until you feel you can get it together to "do it right." Doing it

at all is doing it right.

The Word revolution is about quality Word time, meditation, and application. Application is another word for obedience. Obedience is your greatest protection against Obstacon's attacks. As long as you're obeying, he will be defeated, but if you're not obeying, while he might be shooed away for a while, he'll keep coming back, in another costume, with another approach. So obedience is crucial.

Pick one thing, and do that; then pick another one thing, and do that. Little by little, you will build new habits. But if you try to do too much, you'll give up. Don't focus on the details and the overall picture, which is huge, but take one step at a time. That's easy, that's doable, and that will lead to faith, encouragement, and lasting progress. ⁽³⁴⁾

Seek Me after you read something to see if you really got the point--My point. I don't want you to sit and read something just for the sake of reading. I want it to cause a change in your life. Ask Me how you can go out and live it and practice it. Ask Me what I am expecting you to do about what you read. After you read anything, you have a responsibility. You are accountable to make those words a part of your life and a part of you. Open your channel to Me and let Me speak any words that I have for you. ⁽³⁵⁾

Tips for Getting the Most Out of Your Time in the Word

* Pray that your outlook on the Word changes, that you truly realize its importance and that you value it more highly. Pray for a hunger and desperation for the Word. Pray for a greater interest in the Word and My counsel and viewpoints.

* Remind yourself constantly that the Word is what the Family is all about. It's not about your job, your service, or your ministry, but the Word. If your Word times aren't good, then everything else will be amiss. If you're not happy with your Word times, then you need to ask yourself why and change something. Continually go back to the Word.

* Hold yourself accountable to get quality time in the Word daily. Don't let a day go by in which you don't get quality Word time. Bump other things off your to-do list when necessary. Always take your Word time.

* Plan and prepare your Word time more. Make a list of the many things that you're going to read, and work through that list.

* Make a file on your computer or keep a notebook where you can accumulate key quotes that speak to you, and share them with others. This will keep the Word flowing through your mind.

* Don't let Word that "jumps out at you" die the death when you turn the page. Make note of it, mark it as a point to ask Me about, and highlight it and reread it.

Rereading highlights is a key that many people overlook, because they feel that if they've just finished reading something, they've gotten the point; whereas rereading crystallizes the point and helps you to absorb it better. The first time you're just assimilating the concept, whereas the second time it can sink in much more. Help Me out by rereading your highlights.

* Take more time to pray and connect with Me before you begin reading. Memorize some of your favorite key promises on connecting with Me and the Word. Claim them every time before you start having Word time. If you find your thoughts wandering or losing focus, stop and claim the keys again. Pray. Don't let your Word time lose quality. Your time is valuable. You need to be fed during your Word time, and My Word deserves the respect of your full attention.

* Enact safeguards that will check and convict you when you slip. Have someone that you're responsible to tell if you've shirked on your Word time, or if you didn't get quality Word time. Don't just let it slide by. Pray and ask for My forgiveness, so that there is some accountability. Hear from Me about it. Let Me correct you and motivate you to do better. ⁽³⁶⁾

(Dad speaking:) You can do better to spend time with Him, and to obey His counsel. Here are some ways how:

* Pray desperately before and after each of your Word times, calling on the power of the keys, asking the Lord to open your heart and mind, and to help you to suck. Pray that the Word will sink deep into your heart and mind; that it will grow in your life, change you, and bear fruit. Ask the Lord to open your eyes that you might behold wondrous things out of His Law.

* Lay everything else aside during your times with the Lord and give Him your full attention. If you find your mind wandering, stop right there and pray desperately, asking for help to tune in and to suck.

* Don't just read, but study. Take note of and mark parts that especially speak to you. Then go back and review them at the end.

* Pray at the end of each Word time and ask the Lord if there's anything more that He wants to show you.

* Follow through on the counsel given; make goals for yourself. ⁽³⁷⁾

Memorization and review is an important part of absorbing the Word. It helps to take a key paragraph, verse, or key promise and "chew on it," so you get all the juices from it and let it dissolve and absorb well into your spiritual body.

You simply need to obey and get back in the groove of memorizing. As you practice, it will become easier. The more you memorize, the easier it will get, till you will be able to easily commit things to memory. ⁽³⁸⁾

Something that you will need to do is come back to Me from time to time for an evaluation of how you're doing in your Word-time habits, so that I can speak to you about areas you're slacking off in, give you new ideas to revitalize your Word time, show you what type of studies you need to work on next, etc. You might not always follow a particular plan to the T, and mid-month or mid-week I will often bring something to your mind to read up on that wasn't in the plan. But it's still always good to have a more long-term plan. ⁽³⁹⁾

1. Getting Stronger, Part 4 #3544:45
2. Getting Stronger, Part 4 #3544:56-59
3. Problems and Solutions! Part 1 #3069:35, 36
4. Leadership Lessons, Part 1 #3347:138, 139
5. Getting Stronger, Part 4 #3544:47-50
6. Getting Stronger, Part 4 #3544:54
7. Quality Word Time, Part 2 #3563:4, 5
8. Quiet Time--Your Lifesaver! #3183:65, 71
9. Training Winning Teams, Part 1 #3551:41
10. Quality Word Time, Part 1 #3549:33
11. Quality Word Time, Part 2 #3563:26
12. What the Hell is Lethargy? #3482:48
13. What the Hell is Lethargy? #3482:42
14. Quality Word Time, Part 2 #3563:57
15. Quality Word Time, Part 2 #3563:11
16. The Spiritual Health Revolution! #3184:157-159
17. The Spiritual Health Revolution! #3184:3-38
18. What Is Jesus Worth to You? #3433:324, 325
19. What Is Jesus Worth to You? #3433:334-336
20. Beyond Duty, Part 1 #3749:141-144
21. Quality Word Time, Part 3 #3568:38
22. Quality Word Time, Part 3 #3568:29-31
23. Quality Word Time, Part 4 #3582:82-84
24. Quality Word Time, Part 1 #3549:36, 38
25. Quality Word Time, Part 4 #3582:49
26. Quality Word Time, Part 4 #3582:35, 36
27. Quality Word Time, Part 3 #3568:21, 22
28. Quality Word Time, Part 3 #3568:10, 11
29. Quality Word Time, Part 4 #3582:3, 4
30. Being Re-created! #3346:64, 65
31. Spiritual Attacks Intensified! #3255:144
32. Quality Word Time, Part 1 #3549:52
33. Quality Word Time, Part 1 #3549:50, 51
34. Quality Word Time, Part 1 #3549:66-68
35. Quality Word Time, Part 3 #3568:36
36. Quality Word Time, Part 1 #3549:69-76
37. What the Hell is Lethargy? #3482:136
38. Quality Word Time, Part 4 #3582:21, 23
39. Quality Word Time, Part 4 #3582:7

Taking Quality Time with the Lord in Meditation



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Introduction by Dad

We just can't go on without hearing Thy voice and breathing the fragrance of that wonderful incense and seeing the beautiful starry sky and getting inspired by the Upward look!

Have you been in the temple today? Are you taking a look upward? Have you breathed deeply of that Heavenly elixir? Have you heard those beautiful notes of Heavenly music--marveled at God's starry sky, His great creation, His universe, to know that all is well, and find rest and peace to your souls before you go back to work in the wings? Hallelujah! (Tongues) Thank you Jesus! "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how oft would I have gathered thee under My wings that thou mayest hear My voice and be comforted by My Words and breathe of My Spirit!"

I think that means you wouldn't worry and fret so and be so upset if you spent more time with the lord looking Up through that starry dome and breathing that Heavenly air and hearing that beautiful music! You'd find peace and rest unto your souls. Amen? You just cannot go on if you only hurry around all the time in the wings and you never step into the rotunda and look up through the dome, spending quiet time, seeing Heavenly visions and breathing Heavenly air and hearing Heavenly music and voices! It just totally renews you and completely refreshes you and gives you new vision and fresh inspiration, new strength, rest and peace and joy!

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What is Meditation?

Meditation and what it means has become somewhat muddled over the years, especially nowadays when it's practiced in varying forms the world over. Its therapeutic benefits--whether physical, medicinal, or spiritual--are widely confirmed. Originally, meditation was related to the act of "curing" or healing, and I confirm that meditation in any form is a healing agent for both the body and the spirit.

Meditation by definition is the act of emptying your mind of any thoughts, and concentrating on just one thing in order to reach that point of total relaxation and rest of spirit. The objective is peace--peace of mind and peace of spirit. Even this act

in itself-divorcing your mind and self from the busyness and hustle and bustle of the world around you is rejuvenating to the human spirit. Many of the world find a measure of tranquility of mind and spirit through the elementary steps of meditation, simply because they are exercising basic spiritual principles and laws. ⁽²⁾

Many people of the world or followers of false religions who meditate even benefit from the experience. Of course, they also open themselves up to the wrong side of the spirit world, which is extremely dangerous, but the concept of meditating is still very sound and is certainly safe for you, My children. It's all about getting quiet and tuning in to the spirit world; clearing your mind, relaxing, and getting away from the hubbub of the wings.

That means you need at least a little time every day where you're completely quiet in voice and mind. A time where you're not even getting direct answers from Me about your work, or pouring your heart out in prayer, or confessing your sins to Me. A time of absolute peace and quiet in body and spirit. ⁽³⁾

Many of the world who meditate find their peace and rest of spirit through looking within or toward nature. Nature is a reflection of Me and contains many healing elements; for example, the healing power of green, and the peace and slowing of the heart rate that looking up at the blue sky gives you. In My love and wisdom I created these colors in large measure as healing agents and elements for My children when I knew their need would be great. I gave you My creation as a symbol and reflection of the peace and beauty I can give your spirit. That's why tucking yourself away in a quiet, secluded place surrounded by My creation almost immediately puts your spirit and body in a position of rest and quiet.

But finding peace and rest of spirit through meditating on nature or a focal point within themselves is where many lost of the world stop short of My true meditation. They have not found or tapped into the highest form of energy and power and regeneration, which is found only in Me. I am the center of true meditation. To look for that center in anything other than Me can only take you to certain levels. My power-when you are focused and meditating on Me-can lift you above the heavenlies, transcending all other levels. This is the power and tranquility and rest of spirit I can give you, My intimate brides and lovers, if you avail yourself of My highest and purest form of meditation and its benefits.

The basic foundation truths of true meditation can be found in the message I gave to David many years ago in "Morning Prayer," where he reiterated the fundamental truth that the main job of a shepherd is to keep in touch with Me, beginning each day with sweet music, praise, and fellowship with Me (ML #98, Vol.1).

Each of you must learn how to enter into that rest and meditation, so that you too can play sweet music to your flock. This is why I encourage you to labor to enter into that rest (Heb.4:9-11). That means you have to work at entering that rest. That may seem like a contradiction, but there is effort and a certain amount of willpower you must exercise in order to enter into that rest and into My courts.

Each of you will need to work at learning how to enter into that state of quiet, contemplative meditation, however it works best for you-claiming the keys of meditation. Just as each of My brides must personally search out the keys that will activate the weapon of intercessory prayer in their lives, so too must you ask Me how you can enter into that place of meditation.

If you haven't formed a habit of taking this time every day, it may mean simply scheduling that time and making it so that it cannot be brushed aside for anything else. I look at this time of meditation and communion as I look at your Word time.- It's sacred.

You'll never have the rest of spirit, nor the peace and faith you'll need, without that time. Without that rest of spirit-found only in quiet meditation and communion with Me-the busyness, the responsibilities, the cares, the concerns and the burdens of the work will eventually extinguish your spirit. It will certainly extinguish your spiritual strength, endurance, faith, trust, and peace. And pretty soon, as David expressed, the flock will pick up on your spirit, because you won't be piping them My music, but your own. Your flame will flicker, burn low, and pretty soon your wick will begin to smoke, because you won't be running on My oil anymore.

Without first entering into that state of meditation and rest of spirit, it's difficult for Me to even pour into you. Even My Word will not enter and penetrate or move you unless you are still first. You must cease from all activity; you must be still in spirit and find a state of quietness, rest of spirit, and emptiness of yourself. And when you have entered that state, this is when I can pour into you in ways beyond your comprehension-ways that will supernaturally and inexplicably sustain you.

All of you must have that time. For some it will mean tucking yourself away in a secluded place; for others that's not an option or choice. Whatever your situation, you must find somewhere as quiet as possible, where you will not be disturbed; you must find a way to link up with Me and connect in the spirit, in the quiet, in the stillness, without distractions. For each of you, finding the right circumstances and conditions and what works best for you to secure this time will be something different, just as finding how to enter into this state of meditation will be something different for each of you. Just as the essence of your prayer life and walk with Me is very personal and individual, varying from person to person, so too will be the formula for entering into meditation.

What is meditating upon Me? It's ceasing from all activity, it's emptying your

mind of all thoughts, and it's concentrating and focusing on Me. It's laying yourself and your mind naked before Me, your Husband. It's stripping yourself of anything that would come between us and allowing Me full access to your being.

People often equate meditation with reflection, but reflection has more to do with careful thought on past happenings, decisions, and events in your lives, or even something you've read. Meditation is emptying yourself of everything-any thoughts-and letting Me fill you. It's harnessing your mind and giving it to Me, and allowing Me the freedom to connect with you in whatever way I want to.

You, My brides and lovers, have immediate access to My inner chambers through loving Me intimately, through your intimate words of love and arousal, and through your words of praise. Loving Me and praising Me in full and total abandon and surrender will clear your mind of all other thoughts and will help you enter the place of meditation. So praise and loving Me intimately is the doorway, or the threshold, to meditation.

If you can learn to truly meditate, meditate on Me and My Word and open yourself up to receive Me and My seeds, then you will be a completely different person. You will be spending sufficient time with Me, with the flower, with the rose of Sharon, and you will go away smelling like the rose.

This meditation can be quiet time when you open yourself up to Me, when you are not thinking about much, you're just opening your mind and your heart to Me so I can fill you. I want you to have a mind that is open to Me with no preconceived ideas or mindsets; a mind that is waiting and willing to receive My seeds-open, not knowing what it will be filled with.

This is time when I can pour into you, and then when I give you an idea, you can think about that, you can mull it over and pore over it in your mind and heart-an idea that you need in order to personally strengthen your own spiritual fitness or an idea for your field or for your Home or for those that you're training. I can give you whatever particular idea I want to give you, but you must stop and go slow enough to receive My seeds and My Words, even My ideas. ⁽⁴⁾

You need this time every single day, and if you're not already used to getting quiet before Me, it might take self-discipline for you to learn to relax and let Me take over your mind and spirit. It's a temporary possession where I control your mind, and you do not. With all the business and problems that flood your mind, it's probably going to take practice-maybe even multiple tries-to learn to truly rest in Me for a time.

Whether you feel like it that day or not, you're going to have to find a time-preferably the same time every day-when you not only pray and praise and receive prophecies from Me, but when you are absolutely quiet and thinking of nothing but

My loving, peaceful face, or meditating on a simple scriptural truth.

It will probably help you to have something small and simple to concentrate on. Pick a key promise you've memorized or a verse like, "I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you," then close your eyes and say it slowly and peacefully in your mind. Or picture My face and concentrate on it quietly and in a relaxed manner. I may then speak to you directly, or I may simply want to lie with you for a while in silence and rest. In fact, the busier you are, the more of a chance there is that I won't say a thing, or will simply whisper a few words to your heart and then be very quiet.

As I have said, all these other forms of time with Me are important: prayer, praise, prophecy, and reading My Word. Without them you cannot function properly as a leader or even as a disciple. But sometimes you're in such a busy spirit that even these forms of communion with Me carry a spirit of business, where you might feel you have to be constantly coming up with unique ways to praise, or pray passionate prayers for as many requests as humanly possible, or that you must receive prophecies regarding how to work most effectively. But please, I beg of you, take some time every day to be quiet and restful. Please don't neglect quiet, peaceful meditation-because you cannot survive without it. ⁽⁵⁾

Meditation was an important part of My life on earth. My ministry only lasted three years, yet collectively I spent years of My adult life before My ministry communing with My Father in the quietness and solitude of a mountain or the wilderness. But even once My primary ministry had begun, I spent hours in close communion and meditation with My Father. What exactly did I do during these times of meditation? I spent a whole lot of time just being quiet and listening. ⁽⁶⁾

Yes, there were times when My prayers were desperate and emotional, such as My prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. That desperate prayer and the emotional outpouring of My heart with tears were necessary. However, do you think I did that all night? No, not even under the extreme circumstances of impending death did I neglect to get quiet and still for a good portion of the evening; and this was an important part of My preparation for the battle ahead.

It wasn't easy to get quiet under those circumstances, but I knew about the "stop, look, listen" concept long before your Father David. And because I obeyed and meditated, My Father was able to give Me the supernatural peace I needed to endure the pain and death that was before Me.

Think of what these three words mean: "Stop, look, listen."

Stop: That means exactly what you think-you must stop whatever you're doing or wherever you're going. But it's not just physical; you also have to discipline

your mind to stop thinking of the worries of the past, or the business of the day, or the fear of the future. This might take practice.

Look: This doesn't always mean frantically looking to Me for answers to your daily business. In the context of meditation it means picturing My face, or looking for a simple, relaxing spiritual truth to concentrate on, such as a memorized verse, key promise, or prophecy excerpt. Once you've found what you're looking for, then the trick is to keep looking at that and not to let your mind wander toward your problems or business or the pressures of your responsibilities.

Listen: Just be quiet. Relax. Listen to My whispers. Even if I say nothing at all, keep listening to that peace, quiet, and stillness in the spirit. It might take a lot of faith for some of you to be so quiet and still, but it's an important part of meditation.

Take it from Me, you'll be much happier and a much more effective leader if you take regular time in quiet meditation. Find that quiet place where you know you can't be disturbed and get completely quiet in body, mind, and spirit. Do it every single day. It might come easy to you, or it might take some practice. And if it does take practice, then keep trying until the "meditation of your heart is acceptable in My sight," and I will be "your strength and your redeemer" (Psa.19:14). ⁽⁷⁾

Meditation and listening for My still small voice is important, because you're allowing your mind to be unfocused on everything except Me, which gives Me a chance to do just about anything for you. This kind of communication or time spent with Me is good for you because of the reasons listed in the Word, and the reasons you already know. It also gives Me a chance to punch through with feelings, thoughts, and ideas that might never have come through any other way.

When your Father David was leading the Family, I often spoke to him and guided him in dreams. This was the time when he was open for Me to punch through, and that's when he received many far-out yet down-to-earth revelations and ideas that helped shape the Family into what I wanted it to be. He had to be in that blank state, not thinking about or doing anything, in order to be ready for whatever I had to give.

Meditation and deep communion with Me, when you get quiet before Me without a question or thought on your heart, allows you that same channel and opportunity for Me to punch through with things that you wouldn't have been expecting or wouldn't have even known to ask for. It's not that you're going to come before Me expecting a revelation--because that would defeat the purpose of emptying your mind and just coming to commune with Me. But it's good for Me to know that you're there in case I do need to tell you anything, or put a feeling on your heart that wasn't there before.

It's not that this is a superior way to get My answers now; prophecy is still the

method of choice for getting My mind on situations and receiving My words. But quiet meditation and clearing your mind of all else but Me does fill a special role. And it is through this practice that I'd like to start introducing thoughts and ideas to your minds that wouldn't have come through other means, or that would have been much more difficult for Me to get through to you any other way.

Sometimes when hearing from Me in prophecy, some of you have had experience with this, where you came before Me to ask a question or just to hear My words in general, and I punched through with something completely different from what you originally had in mind. I showed you something completely new and far removed from the things that had been on your mind up to that point.

But when seeking Me in prophecy, normally you have a question on your heart, or are coming before Me with specific feelings from the day, your work, or your personal life. You don't bother to repress these too much because when you come before Me with these feelings, it gives Me a chance to talk about them, comment on them, and show you what to do, which is very good and an important aspect of the gift of prophecy.

However, when you do have thoughts and feelings and needs on your heart, it makes it harder for you to truly be blank and ready to receive anything I may have to give--no matter how unusual, far-out, or unrelated to your current state of affairs and thoughts and needs.

But, My loves, I am sometimes going to need to show you things that don't have anything to do with the thoughts and questions currently on your heart, and don't have anything to do with plans you've been mulling over, whether short- or long-term.

These are the "great and mighty things that thou knowest not" (Jeremiah 33:3). I can give you keys to your own life and personal situation, miraculous answers out of the blue that make problems melt away, or dissolve a long-lasting tangle in some area. Or maybe I'll highlight a problem area that you never even dreamed was a problem, but since I am able to show you, you're able to take steps to rectify the situation before it becomes a mess. Or maybe I'll just put a feeling of encouragement in your heart--that of being loved and secure in Me--when perhaps you weren't feeling that way before.

Whatever I give, I need that forum to speak to you about things that you're not necessarily asking for or sucking for, but that are the extras, the far-out, the things you wouldn't have thought to ask about, because maybe you don't even know the questions. And meditation is one way that I can give you those answers.

Meditation isn't only about hearing My answers, nor is it the only way to receive those unexpected truths. But that is part of it, and it's an important part that I wanted to touch on. Having that time where you're just thinking on Me, listening to

Me, and focusing on Me gives Me a very special forum to speak, guide, and inspire, and it's something you shouldn't go without.

Maybe you thought meditation was just about relaxation and resting in Me, or an exercise in spiritual concentration and learning to block out other thoughts. Or maybe you thought it was a variation of loving Me intimately, where you're not thinking about anything else but Me and how much you love Me; or maybe one of the aspects of heavenly thought power or full possession. (See ML #3376, and #3377) Well, it's all of those things to a degree, but it's also a time when your antenna is up, even though you're not specifically sucking for anything.

That's the way it should be when you're communing privately with Me and meditating on Me. You're on My channel and tuning in to Me, but not specifically asking for anything. You're just spending time with Me. Don't expect Me to start speaking a gush of words right away as I do when you're receiving My words in prophecy. Rather, just keep your mind stayed on Me, thinking about Me, focusing on Me or something that helps you to think about Me, clearing your mind of all other thoughts and just trying to be open to Me and receptive--empty and ready for Me to fill.

Work on learning to come into My presence and getting to a place where you can either feel Me closer, or at least know that your spirit is able to feel Me and has entered into My presence because you've shut out everything else. Not everyone has the touch of "feelings," but most of you will find that you will know when you've entered into this rest and into a special communion with Me.

Then, once you're there, stay awhile. Rest and have patience for whatever I'll send your way. Perhaps I'll say nothing and will let you benefit from the quietness and blankness of spirit. Or maybe I'll fill your heart and life with a refreshed feeling, a blast of the heavenly air from the dome. Or maybe I'll whisper one of those revelations or new ideas that I talked about. Or maybe I'll even strike up a conversation with you, which is something I love to do with My brides when they let Me.

Learning to converse with Me is a skill and gift you have to hone--that of being able to chat back and forth with Me without losing concentration or thinking that it's just in your mind. When you're receiving prophecy you usually don't do much talking--outside of your prayers and questions--and you're trying hard to block out anything else but the words that I'm giving you. But if we're having a conversation in the stillness of your heart and mind, it's not intended to be just a one-way affair, thus you need to be able to respond to Me, commune with Me, and hear My responses.

The things I give you in your times of deep communion with Me--whether casual conversation, meditation, or simply resting in My arms--may not always be

big, heavy points; in fact, they may rarely be. But at least I'll know the opportunity is there should I need to get your attention about something vital that you wouldn't ever have hit upon otherwise.

It's important to come to our time together without expectations, except to get still and quiet before Me, because your mind and spirit needs this time. Don't come looking for anything; just come to Me empty and quiet and know that if I need to give you something, I will.

Being able to enter into that state of stillness more and more quickly is a goal that is good to shoot for as you practice your meditation times with Me. I want you to gain the ability to push your own thoughts away more quickly, and to be able to focus on Me faster and more effectively. It's a great way to purge away the thoughts of the day and the carnal before hearing from Me in prophecy, or before starting your Word time, or even before going to sleep. It's going to be a vital skill in the days to come--both the days immediately ahead of you, and those that are in the future.

It's just a good all-around practice both for your spiritual man and for your physical mind and body. It's not the most important of your links with Me or the most vital of your spiritual weapons, but it is something that will be a benefit to you and something that you shouldn't skip. The more regular and practiced at this you become, the more you'll find yourself benefiting from these times. Once I know that this is a time in which I can get your attention or refresh you, I'll start to take advantage of it to enrich and guide your life.

Of course, I'll try to give you some special things even if it's just your first few tries. But the real benefits start to come with practice as you regularly enter into My presence in this way. ⁽⁸⁾

You must look at your heart to understand if what you are doing is meditating. The key to meditation is that you have set everything else aside.

Think about the principle of forsaking all. If you give something to Me and I give it back to you to use for My glory, do you refuse to take it up again, or become worried that you haven't actually forsaken it? Or is forsaking all a matter of the heart? You've laid it at My feet and you aren't going to try to take it back. You don't forsake it expecting to get it back, or it isn't forsaking it. But if I choose to give it back to you, it's because I intend for you to use it for My glory.

The same principle is true when you enter a time of meditation. You lay everything down in your heart and mind. You aren't expecting to get answers to questions. You aren't setting any limits or guidelines on what comes next. You are simply surrendering your will to Me. Your fully open heart and spirit are laid bare before Me. You place yourself in My arms in complete, unconditional trust. You aren't hoping for an answer to this or that question, or expecting Me to do this or

that. You've removed all limitations and conditions. You have literally set your own will and every other thing aside, and you are ready to accept and drink in whatever I know is best.

What comes next is of My choosing, according to what I know you need and what I want to give you. It might be complete stillness and a sensing of the security of My arms around you. It might be words of comfort about some deep heartache or a key to unlock the victory in some area. It might be something so otherworldly that your mind can't even express it. But the point is that you are not directing things, I am. If I give you My words, then you receive them. If I give you something else, you receive that.

You will know that You have meditated on Me because, even though the things of life will still be there when you finish, there will also be that peace that passes understanding surrounding you. A calm will fill your heart that will help you to see Me superimposed on everything and everyone else. The difference between meditation and coming into My presence to pray or to receive answers in prophecy is your abandonment of your own questions or thoughts or leading our conversation, so to speak. When you come before Me to hear from Me, even when you ask Me to speak to you about anything I want to say about your day, there is still the element of your directing the limits on what I can say and do.

Meditation is in essence a time of complete abandonment of your programs, plans, needs, desires--everything except engulfing yourself in Me. Some describe it as "losing yourself in Me," and that is a fairly good illustration, because you are no longer trying to direct or control. You have stopped all else.

Then, whatever form or plan I want our time to take, I have complete control and all else becomes unimportant. Whether I choose to speak to you or not doesn't matter. It's the position of the heart that creates the state of meditation. ⁽⁹⁾

(Dad speaking:) The best cure for a hurried spirit and the pressures of the work is changing gears, and meditation will do that for you. Conditions and circumstances can be obstacles, but they don't have to be. You can let them help you by driving you to the Lord, where He will wash away all your cares. You can have peace in the midst of turmoil, right in the middle of the physical conditions, by focusing on His Spirit.

Personality doesn't have anything to do with your ability to be close to God. Anyone, any type of personality, can have a personal connection with the Lord and can meditate on Him.

It's not like going into a trance or being hypnotized. You can't just will yourself at some command to go into a state of meditation. I think the reason the Lord

doesn't let that happen is because He wants you to do your part of coming to Him, of getting quiet in reverence and love for Him.

He wants you to do the wanting of taking the time, of coming apart, of getting quiet. He blesses that. You can't take time, come apart and get quiet on the spur of the moment. You can have moments of reflection or meditation in the middle of your work, but it's not like full quality meditation time when you give the Lord your attention and let Him minister to your spirit. It takes time to get to that state with Him. ⁽¹⁰⁾

I love it when you take time to just sit back in My arms and commune with Me. There don't always have to be words, prayers, or even praises involved. Our souls can commune in spirit if you turn your thoughts toward Me and let your mind and spirit dwell there.

We can be like two lovers who are happy at the thought of just being in each other's presence, no words passing between them. Holding each other and gazing into the other's eyes is communication enough. It's like their hearts are getting on the same wavelength. They don't even need to communicate verbally because the touches, the looks, the smiles, that closeness, lets them know what the other person is thinking, or at least helps them to be in the same frame of mind as their lover.

It can be the same with Me and you. You start out by praising Me or thinking about Me, turning your heart toward Me and meditating on My goodness to you, and as you do, we start to connect in the spirit. Then you can stay there and rest a while in My arms.

This communion of heart with heart is not something that can be worked up. It takes a real peace and contentment in spirit to create this link with Me. Often the connection won't happen if you are worked up in the flesh or worried about things, or if you are in desperate need of My answers on timely matters. In that case, too much of the flesh can stand in the way. The pressing urgency of all that you have to do will not allow you to enter into My presence empty, ready to be filled, if you bring it with you. So try this type of meditation when you feel rested and have been soaking in My Words, have already primed the pump of praise, and poured your heart out to Me in prayer.

This time of communion is a time for you to let Me guide your thoughts. It's not even time for you to make supplication of Me, but to just let your mind dwell on Me, and let My Spirit interweave with yours till we have a free flow of communication between us.

Think of this type of meditation as learning to float in water. It takes that amount of relaxation--not just in spirit but in flesh too (you need to be physically comfortable and rested)--in order to let My Spirit give you the buoyancy you need. If

you struggle and try to poke your head up to see what's happening around you, the balance will be upset and you'll break the connection with Me. Whereas if you just lie back and focus on relaxing every muscle in your body, shutting out the noise of the world, you'll find that the water holds you up perfectly, and it's such a wonderful feeling.

I want you to learn how to enter that state of full relaxation of mind and body, your thoughts filled entirely with Me. That is where I can minister to your spirit more directly, guide you in important matters in your life, and give you major breakthrough solutions to problems that have been nagging you, because you're becoming one with My mind.

I want to give you a better understanding of how things correlate between the flesh and the spirit when you enter into intimate meditation and communion with Me--and what good I can help it to achieve. In many ways it's similar to the state you're in when you're almost sleeping, or just waking up. That time of relaxation when you're just drifting in or out of sleep, when your body loosens its grip on your mind and lets it travel upward to a spiritual heavenly dimension, is very similar to what I can do for your mind during this type of restful communion with Me.

It's as if your mind has a door that I can have complete access to if you let Me. During these moments when our minds are communing as one, I can give you so many answers, reveal to you deep spiritual truths, and take you farther in spirit than you have ever gone before. This time will also fill you with My power, strength, and energy like you've never imagined.

You might wonder, "How do I get to this point of intimate communion with the Lord? It sounds deep and complicated." I understand why you might feel that way, but the truth is that the beauty of meditation lies in its simplicity. You don't need props, activities, reading material, or anything of that sort. All you need is to place your mind on My mind. All you need is to relax and set down the weights that are burdening you--however you best do that--through praise, committing them to Me in prayer, singing to Me, reading My Word, or loving Me intimately, so that you can come into My presence empty, free, and ready to be filled.

Do whatever works for you and helps you to get into a restful state. Everyone has different needs, so ask Me what will work best for you. If you find it easiest to meditate a few moments when you first wake up, try that. Or if you can focus best right after or during your time in the Word, do that. You might find that while on a walk, or just before going to bed, or while lying down for a rest during the day, is ideal for you, and that's great too. Whatever works for you is fine for Me. I'm here all the time, ready and waiting for you to come to Me.

I love you so much, and can't wait to fill you with My thoughts, My solutions, and My heavenly perspective, which will really get you high in the spirit and take

you places! ⁽¹¹⁾

The Meadow of Meditation and Reflection

Come, My darling. Come, My precious one. Take My hand. Let Me love you. Let Me give you rest. Let Me comfort you. Let Me take you away from all of this--from your work, from the burdens that weigh heavily upon you as you look about you and see work, and more work, and more work. You know that the business and the affairs of the Kingdom are timely and important, so you struggle and you push and you strive with so much work. But I say to you, My precious one, it is enough. Come, take My hand. Let Me lead you to a quiet place where you will find rest and comfort and peace to your weary soul.

You've poured forth without end, without measure, and still you say, "It is not enough! I must pour forth more and more, for people are hungry and thirsty." You hear their cries and you're moved with compassion and you give of yourself even to your own hurt. But now I will take you on a journey of rest, relaxation, and renewal.

Let Me take you away, My darling. I sweep you up in My arms and you feel My strength. You're able to let go of all that you're holding onto and holding up, and all the weight that you feel. You simply let it go as you rest and relax in My arms. You find reassurance that I am in control, that I do all things well, that I will cause all things to work together for good. You're again reminded that it isn't you who protects the children, it isn't you who feeds the sheep or wins the victories that are needed, but it's Me. And in this reminder you find relaxation and rest and peace of mind.

As I pick you up, I carry you away from your work and all that presses on you from every side. I take you to a quiet place, a beautiful meadow, and I lay you down on the soft grass, My arm as your pillow. You feel the warm sun upon your face. You feel the soft breeze blow through your hair. You smell the scent of lilacs, jasmine, roses, sweet peas and many heavenly flowers that you've never smelled before! And there you rest.

All about you is calm. There's only the sound of birds, the sound of the wind rustling the trees, the sound of the water in the brook, and the sound of My sweet words of love in your ear. You know that all is well, that I'm in complete control. You know that as you rest in Me and give your burdens to Me, I carry them. You cast all your cares upon Me and I carry them, for I care for you. I love you.

I know your deepest needs. I know your most intimate secrets. I know your every thought and desire. I know that your greatest wish is to please Me. But I also know that you must take time away from the battle, away from the pouring forth,

away from the work which presses heavily upon you.

You must take time to rest in My meadow of reflection where you can smell the scent of My sweetness, you can feel the warmth of My love, you can feel the strength of My protection. You can hear the sounds of My Kingdom, of events that move slowly, peacefully, and rhythmically along--never too fast, never too slow, but always marching along in perfect order, perfect calm, perfect rest.

As you rest and relax in My arms, I touch you and caress you ever so softly. I kiss your eyes, I touch your cheeks, I kiss your gentle lips. My hands roam freely and gently over your entire body, and with My soft touches flow out all the tension, all the worries, all the stress, all the pressure, and you find complete relaxation, for you are able to trust Me. You're sensing My presence, My power, My strength.

As you commit all your cares, your thoughts, your plans and your programs to Me, I am able to take them and sort them out and bring out of all of this My plan, My understanding, My order, My priorities. As you seek Me and call on the keys during this time of rest and reflection and quiet prayer and total relaxation, I clarify your priorities and help you to more clearly sort those things which need your attention from those that you don't have to worry about.

Oh, My darling, take your rest. Let go of all of your burdens, all of your concerns, the nagging questions and worries that sap your strength and distract you and drain you. Let go of all of this and rest completely in My arms. Concentrate on the sunshine on your face, the elixir of Heaven that I'm pouring across your mind, your eyes, your heart, your spirit, your entire body, bringing rest and strength and renewal. Breathe deeply of My heavenly power, through which you find rest and peace and quietness.

You find strength, you find the answers to your questions, and you let go of your burdens, as you look deeply and intently into My eyes and you hear Me say, "Take your rest, My darling; you have done what you could, and I will do the rest. Now take your rest, My precious one. Rest from your labors, from your ardent lovemaking, from your much pouring forth, from your giving. Take your rest. Lie in My arms, feel My strength and warmth about you. Rest your head upon My shoulder and feel My caresses, My touches and My gentle kisses, as I kiss you to sleep ever so gently so as not to wake you or disturb your dreams."

You have nothing to worry about. You have no need to be in a hurry. You have no need to set any alarms or worry about the time that passes as you rest in My arms, for in this resting, you find the strength and peace and renewal that you desperately need. This, My darling, is time well spent. Whether it be an hour or two or ten, it is time well spent in My arms.

After you have drunk deeply of the rest and refreshing at My hand, I will wake you ever so gently with a morning kiss--a kiss of sunshine, a kiss of beauty, a kiss of

refreshing, a kiss of anointing, a kiss of power, a kiss of My presence. These kisses will go with you as you return to the battle and to your much pouring forth. It is in these kisses that you will find the key to the many treasures of My Kingdom.

So fear not, My dear one, My precious bride and lover. Fear not to steal away with Me into the meadow of meditation and reflection where you can rest in My arms, free from worry, free from burdens, free from pressures, and you can feel My warmth and strength and gentle kisses. I will sing you a lullaby and beckon you ever so gently into sweet sleep, and you will find such relaxation and peace as you sense the perfect order of the universe. You will sense My power. You will know that I am in control, and you will be able to cast all your burdens upon Me, knowing that I love you, I care for you, and I care for My children.

So take your rest, My precious lover, My ardent bride. Rest from your labors and from your loving. Rest from your giving and from your pouring forth. Rest, My darling. Rest in My arms and find sweet sleep. Know that while you are resting, I am a faithful watchman and I care for everything. ⁽¹²⁾

Meditation Experiences of Missionaries and Evangelists

(Adoniram Judson speaking:) It was hard for me at first to want to meditate or even see the need for it. I was young and had a lot more physical energy. So it was a real sacrifice to make the time for meditation, because I felt so capable. But as I grew older, and after many bouts of poor health, I was in a slower state physically. This helped me take advantage of the power of meditation. ⁽¹³⁾

(George Mueller speaking:) At first it was a real battle to get to that place of complete calm and meditation. Some days I felt like I couldn't even meditate, and the more I tried, the more frustrated I became, because I was trying to do it in the flesh and to turn it on like a light switch. The problem is, it is a spiritual switch you have to turn on, and the flesh just can't hit that button; it's something that has to be done in the spirit.

You do have to do some things in the physical to set the stage for meditating, but once that's been done, then the spirit has to take over and carry you away.

As I felt my spirit switching on and entering that place of rest, I would relax and let the Lord's Spirit fill me. It's a very special time and a special feeling. It feels like time has no meaning for you. Sometimes I would get some amazing things from the Lord, and other times I would just get refreshed and replenished.

After some practice, I could begin meditating pretty quickly, and it wouldn't take longer than a few minutes. Of course, even then I had times when it would take

a little longer, and the secret is patience and faith. You can't get hurried about it or bothered, because if you do so, it will work against you. ⁽¹⁴⁾

(David Livingstone speaking:) Meditating was a big part of my life. I never let a single day pass for most of my life, if I could possibly help it, when I didn't take at least a little time to meditate. My life and survival, not to mention my sanity, depended on it.

When I first started taking quiet time with the Lord and meditating on Him, I really had to work hard at focusing and putting other thoughts out of my mind. It took a lot of work and preparation to get my heart ready to focus solely on the Lord. However, as the years passed, my connection with the Lord grew stronger, and because I had made it a habit to meditate every single day, it became easier to do so. ⁽¹⁵⁾

(David Livingstone speaking:) The Enemy fought my times of meditating tooth and nail. He hated that time when I would get close to the Lord because he knew it was my strength and support, and he knew that without it, I wouldn't make it. It was a constant battle between us, and I was determined to win.

He tried sickness, extreme fatigue, insect bites, heavy rain--just about anything. It was almost amusing sometimes to see what trick he would try next and also to see how the Lord would help me through it. But the secret was in not giving up, in being more determined to do it than the Enemy was to have me not do it, and as a result, the Enemy would back down and I would be strengthened and fed from our Lord.

It's amazing what comes to mind when you're trying to tap into Heaven, what the Enemy uses to get you distracted, even for a moment, trying to disrupt what you're doing in the hopes of getting you to give up and call it a day. But you must never give up!

The closer you get to victory, to regular, daily communion, no matter what you've got on your to-do list or what's going on around you, the more he's going to try to pull you down and trip you up, making you feel like you're just no good at it and quitting is your only option. To hell with what that disgusting punk says! He tried it on me long ago and he's still using it today. But it's only as effective as you let it be. ⁽¹⁶⁾

(Hudson Taylor speaking:) I knew that my being in China was His highest will for me, of that I had no doubt. I knew that He would take care of me and prosper His work. My doubts were in my own ability to be what I knew He needed me to be, so that I could be a fit tool in His hand, and this is what made me turn to Him.

I would stand outside the hut that I lived in, looking at the fields and the people, and I would feel so humbled at all that I was faced with. And in my heart I would cry out to Him to hear me, to make me into whatever He needed me to be in order that I might reach this great land. And after I had poured out my heart to Him, after I had given Him every thought and intent of my heart, I would be quiet. And within my heart would return a strength that was not of me; it would steal into my soul and lift my heart with renewed courage and vigor.

There would be whispers in my ear and mind that only my spirit could understand. My carnal mind was gone, and although at times I did not know what was transmitted to my spirit, I knew that I was strengthened. And throughout the day as I worked, I would find the answers to problems that had been perplexing me, the solutions to difficulties, and I knew that this wisdom was not mine; it was given to me during those times of meditation on the work that I had been called to do. ⁽¹⁷⁾

(George Mueller speaking:) The Enemy always tries to get in no matter what. He would always attack me before I even set out to meditate. If I was planning on taking some meditation time, he would hit me with everything you can think of--emergencies, things I had to take care of, worries, or whatever. And it would sometimes be a real fight to even try to get around to meditating.

But when the Enemy fights you, you realize what he's doing and why. He knows how powerful meditation is, and so you can bet he will hit you with whatever he can to prevent you from even starting to do it. Like David says, the Enemy only starts shooting once you go over the top, and that's what he's trying to do--prevent you from even getting time in to meditate.

That's when I would see how important my times of meditation were, because the Enemy would always fight so hard against it. But I was determined that he would not defeat me, so I would attack right back and still be sure to get in my meditation time.

Once I started my pre-meditating procedure, it was a lot harder for the Enemy to fight me, because there was less room for him to enter in. That's not to say it wasn't a fight, but once you have slammed the door in his face from the beginning, it tends to get easier. ⁽¹⁸⁾

(Hudson Taylor speaking:) There is a secret place of refuge in our Heavenly Father's arms that is the source of all strength, fortitude, and courage. This is a truth that I had to learn over and over during my time on Earth.

Many a time when I was striving in my own flesh to get a thing done, or to minister to this person or family, so anxious to serve the Lord that I would rely on my strength, He, ever faithful, would press me to His chest through a seeming

calamity, difficulty, or hardship. But it was only through this pressing that I was able to receive strength from His arms.

It was at such times that He would strengthen my resolve and my faith in Him.
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(Hudson Taylor speaking:) At times my passion for souls would cause me to try to push in my own strength. I would be filled with a self-righteous fervor to accomplish what was on my heart, and it was at such times that I would fall, I would disappoint others and myself. And in this disappointment I found myself turning to Jesus.

I learned that this passion was necessary, but that spending time with Him was even more necessary, so that I could be more like Him in every way. That way it wouldn't just be my preaching that people heard, but they might see Him through me; I knew that this would be the only way for my endeavors to be successful.

So I learned to be quiet. I learned to let Him take control, because without Him, I was nothing. The force of my nature would only get me so far, and I knew that I needed to have His divine nature within me. And in meditation, I found a key to letting Him flow freely through me. (20)

(Adoniram Judson speaking:) When I realized how incapable I was, how unhealthy I was, how much work there was to be done, and what conditions I labored under, the desperation as a result made me cherish and value those times of meditation all the more. It was like my lifesaver, my rescue.

I would think of my Savior, how He was so great, so awesome, so amazing. I would adore Him in my mind and heart, praising Him in my thoughts for everything He was and had done for me and with me in my life. It was a boost in the spirit to do this, because then my heart and spirit were already in that mode, and it just naturally flowed to meditating. (21)

(Adoniram Judson speaking:) Each afternoon, as the sun was setting, I would go out on my little porch and commune with my Lord. As I would watch the sun set, I would reflect on the events of the day, commit different things to Him in prayer, and ask for His guidance for the morrow.

This is what kept me going. The things that I received then were my bread and butter, so to speak. They were what I depended on, and the answers the Lord sometimes gave were truly amazing.

One time, as I gazed out at the setting sun, the Lord showed me a vision of the future of Burma, and how, as my life ended, a new day would dawn, and the seeds I'd sown in my time would blossom into much fruit. This vision gave me the faith

and courage to keep on day by day, even though I could not see much fruit or reward for all my labors.

(When Judson began his mission in Burma, he set a goal of translating the Bible and founding a church of 100 members before his death. When he died, he left the Bible, 100 churches instead of just one, and over 8,000 believers. 100 years after his death, there were over 200,000 Christians in Burma as a result of his faithfulness to begin preaching the Gospel there.)

I loved those times of quiet communion with my Lord, and we were able to draw very close. How true the saying, He is closer than a brother, and more than a friend. He was everything to me, and the times we spent in sweet communion were my life and strength to keep going for Him each day. ⁽²²⁾

(Adoniram Judson speaking:) Meditating on the love and beauty of My Lord and Savior gave me the strength to do His bidding; it gave me the power to persist in the face of obstacles and prison and threats; it enabled me to walk through the valley of the shadow of death and fear no evil, for He was with me, His rod and His staff comforting me in ways that allowed me to escape the bonds of prison and the press of pain and sickness.

I had a continual spiritual feast because of the strength I received from meditating on and savoring the Words of our Lord. His thoughts to me were the joy and rejoicing of my heart, and this joy was my strength. ⁽²³⁾

(Hudson Taylor speaking:) As I looked at the people, as I walked along the winding rivers and streams, as I gazed across the rice fields, I could feel my Lord whispering to me. He came to me and whispered into my ears the secrets that helped me go on for Him. He refreshed my mind, and it is only through this refreshing of mind and spirit that I was able to continue. The more I opened myself up, the more He was able to punch through during the times when my whole spirit was lifted up toward Him, not with words, but simply through the feelings of my heart. ⁽²⁴⁾

Comments on Meditation from Missionaries and Evangelists

(Smith Wigglesworth speaking:) Just let your deep love for Jesus flood your mind and heart, and you will experience a depth of meditation that far surpasses anything that those who strive for perfection through meditation could ever dream of. ⁽²⁵⁾

(A.B. Simpson speaking:) When you tell Jesus of your love for Him, your need of Him, the windows of Heaven will open and the window of your spirit will open, and His Spirit of comfort and strength and peace and everything that you need will enter your heart.

Meditation is your spiritual retreat, your spiritual vacation, your spiritual feeding and strengthening; it's a beautiful part of your personal relationship with Jesus, so that you can carry on your work for Him. ⁽²⁶⁾

(Andrew Murray speaking:) Meditation is a beautiful place in the spirit, and once you get used to going there, you anticipate the blessing, so it becomes easy to enter that place quickly. ⁽²⁷⁾

(Hudson Taylor speaking:) It's true that for each person, discovering what helps you to meditate will be different. But you can't underestimate the power of desire, the power of faith, and the power of your will on the Lord's side. Once you have put your will on His side and truly desire to leave this world, letting go of all other thoughts, then you won't be disappointed by the results!

When you touch God and fully come into His presence, there is no evil or desire of this world that can go with you into that place. When you have entered His courts, you will know that the answers and wisdom you come back with are pure and accurate, regardless of whether it makes sense to the world. ⁽²⁸⁾

(Dwight L. Moody speaking:) When you spend time with the Lord, it's obvious. If you spend a lot of time with the Lord, everyone knows, and that is said with all humility. I am far from perfect, but just as every mirror reflects what is shone into it, the Lord shone down on me and I was simply His mirror. ⁽²⁹⁾

(George Mueller speaking:) Now, with the gift of the keys, you can be lifted out of the earthly realm. You can be set in quiet places even when in the midst of the hubbub. I dare say that if I had lived in your world, it would have been nearly impossible to meditate without the keys.

You can be lifted out of this earthly plane and into the heavenly plane. And the meditation you can enter into is far beyond what I experienced. In other words, with the keys, you should be able to meditate on a regular daily basis with more far-reaching positive implications in your life than I experienced from my times of meditation. But without the keys, just relying on natural forces around you, it would be very difficult.

You have to rely on the keys for that solitude needed for meditation--the keys of heavenly thought power to connect you to Heaven's realm, so you are in a sense

positioned in Heaven instead of on Earth. Otherwise, I don't see how you could fully use this powerful avenue of meditation. And powerful it is; it's one you really need. ⁽³⁰⁾

(Dwight L. Moody speaking:) Sometimes you don't feel any different right away, or like anything really happened, but something happens to your spirit every time, and the more you take time for meditation, the more you perfect the skill of meditating on the Lord, the more you will feel the change. You'll get more out of your time with Him, and it will take less time to "get into the groove" of letting the Lord take over your being. ⁽³¹⁾

(James Gilmour speaking:) The primary points of focusing your full attention on Jesus and shutting out distractions that would divide that focus are essential conditions needed to meditate.

To do this, you must want to meditate. It can't be done out of duty or mechanically. It can at times be drawn out of you through desperation, but the deepest and most fruitful times of meditation are those born of a sincere love for His Spirit and wanting to be completely engulfed in it to where you are content to let everything else go to find that place of complete rest in Him. ⁽³²⁾

(James Gilmour speaking:) It's much harder to meditate if your heart is full of cares. There's not much room left for the Lord to fill. But, as you give them to Him and let them go, then He can pour in so much more peace and comfort and everything else that is needed. ⁽³³⁾

(Hudson Taylor speaking:) You must have a reason for meditating, whether it's to cleanse your spirit or to step out of this world in order to let your spirit breathe. Whatever works for you, this is what will help you to develop the habit. ⁽³⁴⁾

(Andrew Murray speaking:) Your relationship with Him is up to you and the time that you choose to spend with Him. Even the difficulties in life will work together for the good of your walk with Him. The Enemy fights meditation, so it won't matter whether your life is fast-paced or slow, he'll still fight it. It's up to you to make time for God.

You need to fight for your quality time with the Lord, and you do need to make it a habit in your life. But meditation isn't fighting; it's yielding. Whether you have afflictions or difficulties or not, it still takes yielding and letting go of the things that keep you from Jesus. You must shut the door on the cares of life, even if it's only temporarily. ⁽³⁵⁾

(Andrew Murray speaking:) Meditation will definitely enhance your life. The time that you take in quietness with God will make it more difficult for your pride to get in the way; it will make it more difficult for the Enemy of your soul to discourage you; and it will enhance the Spirit of God in your life. ⁽³⁶⁾

(Adoniram Judson speaking:) A Christian who has no inner life of prayer and meditation is like a body without a skeleton, a leaf with no sap running through it, giving it life and sustenance. It would wither and die and fall from the tree, and the boneless body would fall to the ground, unable to take a single step or lift one finger to help another. ⁽³⁷⁾

(Adoniram Judson speaking:) A lot of older folks have slowed down physically, so they know they need help, and they are usually able to project and focus on the power that is available from the other side, because they don't have much themselves.

That's not to excuse those of the younger generation from meditating. It's a good habit and a valuable one. And if you have practiced meditating and focusing on the power, then as you are forced to slow down physically because of age or ill health, you will find it easier and adjust better and will not become less fruitful in any way.

It's also a real bonus and plus for those who have serious afflictions or bouts with their health, because this is one way they can rise above. Not only through strength in weakness, but in the slower pace that puts them more in line with the way the Lord works--prayerfully, deliberately, and with all the bases covered. It's the nature of man to do as much as he can in as little time as he can, but the Lord often likes to go at a different pace. ⁽³⁸⁾

(Hudson Taylor speaking:) Meditation, at least by my definition, is bringing the Lord into your thoughts. The mind is like a strainer that is getting a lot poured through it at once. Sometimes you have to let it sit a while for the liquid to pass through in sufficient quantity before you can add more; that is meditation. It is letting the Word, whether read or heard, get below the surface of your mind and seep into your heart, and there water the seeds of change and growth. Otherwise, a lot of the water of the Word being poured in will just overflow the side of the strainer--or your spirit, in other words--and have no effect. ⁽³⁹⁾

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Time with the Lord should Include Intercessory Prayer

Without plugging personally into Me each morning, you're denying yourself the full power, which means you're being self-righteous and depending on your power, or at least partly on your own power. You have a tendency to want to move forward with the work and be efficient, but this becomes a weakness when you move ahead of Me. The only way for you to guard yourself against this weakness is to have a set time each day for Word, hearing from Me, and intercessory prayer. If you will do these things, you will have great success, no matter what comes your way each day. ⁽¹⁾

Many times you feel you must "do something," and indeed there are times you must. But don't neglect the power that is available to you--My power to work in hearts and change and improve situations because of your prayers. Heartfelt intercessory prayer is something worth putting into your schedule and devoting time to it every day. Your prayer time doesn't have to be all in one chunk; you can use those quiet, in-between moments to intercede in prayer, as well as during your Word time, quiet time and united prayer times. Pour out your hearts in prayer, claim My promises, and send My angels and spirit helpers into action to work for you. ⁽²⁾

Do you want to really make a difference today? Spend time before My throne interceding for others. Intercessory prayer goes further than anything else you could ever accomplish today, because intercessory prayer releases the powers of Heaven. If you have 15 minutes and aren't sure how to spend those minutes, spend them in prayer. You'll accomplish more in the spirit in those few minutes than a week's worth of struggle in the arm of the flesh could bring about. You will lighten loads and send relief to those who are struggling. ⁽³⁾

The Best Thing You Can Do For Others

(Dad speaking:) The Lord allows problems in life--difficult situations, spiritual battles--and one of the main reasons is to teach people to pray. He wants you to come to the end of your rope, to come to the end of all your ideas of what you can do to solve the situation, and realize that He's the One Who's going to do it and pray for His power to work.

He leaves a lot up to you, and if there's something you can do and something He shows you to do to help the situation, that's good and you need to do that. You need to talk with people, counsel with people, receive messages from the Lord, study the Word on the subject, encourage people to ask for united prayer--you need to do all that you can. But in the end, the thing that will help more than anything, and without which all your labors are incomplete, is prayer. Pray for Him to work. Pray for Him to move and do the work in the spirit.

He's the only One Who can change hearts and minds, and He's the only One Who can bring people to the point where they're ready to make spiritual changes. The best thing you can do to help people and help situations is to pray for them. Really pray for them. You can't do the miracle, but the Lord can, and your prayers move His hand and make things happen in the spirit. It not only helps to set things up for the miracle to happen, but gives you peace of mind that you've done the best thing you could possibly do. When you commit things to the Lord in prayer, then you can just trust that whatever happens is in His hands and under His control.

People don't fully realize how important prayer is, and especially if they're very work-oriented people, accomplishment-oriented people, it's all the harder for them to just pray and not always be doing something in the physical. You have to understand that only God can work in the spirit to change things, to change people, change situations, and the best thing you can do to help God and help others is to pray for them. He expects you to pray, and if you're not praying, often He has to wait before He can do the big miracles, because He wants you to pray and keep on praying.

Prayer is a very mysterious spiritual phenomenon and it's impossible to fully understand how the Lord chooses to work, how He chooses to answer prayer, why some prayers are answered quicker than others, why He does an obvious miracle in one situation and not in another. You can't expect to know everything about God's business, but you can trust that your prayers have an effect, and a very big one. Just the fact that you obey and pray brings down His blessings. ⁽⁴⁾

Praying for other people is what love is all about--it's putting your love in action in

the spirit. You're not only thinking of them and desiring to help, but you're doing something about it.

Intercessory prayer requires you to give from your heart. It stretches your love for the person for whom you're praying. Your love for them obliges you to call on Me for their help.

One of the most beautiful results of praying for other people is that your vision becomes less selfish. It fills your heart with more love for the person, because your love for them makes you want to help them in any way possible, and prayer is the key. When you pray for someone you add more power to the victory. The backing is stronger, thus the answer more forthcoming. It keeps you desperate for someone else, so your life doesn't just revolve around you alone; you're reaching out and asking Me to help others as well.

Prayer like this is an example of selflessness, of esteeming others above yourself. It's love in action--reaching beyond your own needs and filling the vacancy within someone else's life. It's making Me the core, the focus, the central figure and center spread. And because you're going out of your way to help others, I reward your sacrifice and love by using the prayers to change and improve your life as well. Also, if someone knows you're faithful to pray for them, in your time of need they will be the prayer support you need as well.

Prayer is a form of giving unselfishly without expecting anything in return, but there are dividends. Try it and you'll experience them.

As you pour out, I will pour in. Give, and it shall be given unto you. As you pour out your heart to Me in prayer for others and their situations, I will look at your heart and your situation and care for you. As you give all you have to Me in prayer and concern for others, I will answer in ways greater than you can imagine. I will pour out an hundredfold unto you and shower your life with blessings.

That's My rule in giving--the more you give, the more you will receive. That's how you receive joy in your life--Jesus, Others, and You!

As you take time and beseech Me for others, I will even answer prayers that you haven't yet been able to formulate or put into words. Sometimes you may not know what to pray specifically, but as you beseech Me for others, as you acknowledge Me and commit people and situations to Me, I will honor that time you've taken for others, because it's My job as your Husband to see that you are well cared for. It is your dependency on Me and your acknowledgment that you need My help and your coming to Me for others that I honor.

As you care for others and are concerned about them and their needs and are taking time to pray for them, you become less worried about yourself and your own

needs. You become less self-centered and will be forming good habits of thinking more of others than yourself. You will become more Christlike and full of Me, so that people will see more of Me and less of you. It will have a positive effect on you in every way and your blessings will be numerous. ⁽⁵⁾

Intercessory prayer is an act of love and sacrifice. It's not easy to pray focused prayers over a long period of time when you don't see results. It takes faith and perseverance. Intercessory prayer can be hard work, but it is the most productive kind of work, because you are enabling Me to work for you. Just think how much more I can do than you. You're just one person, but I am all-powerful, and I have all of My angels and spirit beings on call as well. Prayer is not just a "better way" to get My will accomplished. It's "the way!" It's the ultimate tool in facilitating My plan.

Think of prayer power versus your power as the difference between a newspaper publisher having a state-of-the-art printing press available to print the daily paper, or having to write out each line of each newspaper by hand. Even if he hired 100 copy writers, he couldn't churn out more than a handful of newspapers, not to mention the hundreds or thousands that he probably needs for his subscribers. It's a ridiculous comparison, but that's how much more effective My power through prayer is, compared to your own thought and strength. Prayer is the best investment of your time. Please use it. ⁽⁶⁾

Changing the Course

I place in your hands the tide of the battle. Upon you I bestow this high privilege of intercessory prayer for the furthering of My Kingdom come on Earth. It is a high privilege, a high honor, one that is greatly prized in all the Heavens. For My mighty bulwarks of faith and prayer, My vanguard prayer warriors are among the most respected and highly looked-up-to in all the Heavens. For these to whom I entrust the high privilege of wielding the weapon of intercessory prayer are those who win the battle. There is no battle, no victory that can be won that does not come by way of the mighty prayers of My faithful vanguard corps of prayer warriors--My highly trained and skilled, My most trusted prayer guard. This is the privilege I bestow upon you, My faithful ones. I trust you with the high position and honor to be My prayer guard, My strong warriors of faith and prayer in this mighty battle to establish My Kingdom come on Earth.

Do not tire in prayer, nor be weary at the sound of the trumpet, but lift up your arms in praise. Fix your eyes upward and call on the power of Heaven!

As you, My beloved brides, pray and seek Me in all these matters, know that I will pour out in great abundance. I will open the treasure houses of the Heavens and pour out to overflowing. The effectual fervent prayers of My vanguard prayer corps will avail much. Great and mighty victories will be wrought. You will reap the good of the land; not one prayer will return unto you void. ⁽⁷⁾

The Beauty of Intercession

Do you know the beauty of intercession? I have said, "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." My loves, now I tell you that greater beauty does not exist than this, that one pour out his heart and soul in intercessory prayer.

This is the beauty of intercession: to plead for another, to petition Me on behalf of one who doesn't have strength or courage to pray for himself; to intervene for one in need; to approach My throne on behalf of one who has no understanding, or may not know what to ask for himself; to work miracles for one who is in need of healing; to make requests for those who are in need of protection and safekeeping; to provide for another, to supply one's needs through your prayers; to solicit help from the spirit world; to release power; to deliver strength and courage; to lift burdens and liberate captives; to give comfort and spread peace; to prevent disaster; to ward off evil; to build strong walls; to raise force fields; to win battles and claim victories; to stand victorious and triumphant. This is the beauty of intercessory prayer.

I call you, My loves, to be My intercessors. A higher calling than this cannot be had, for those who intercede in prayer change the course of history. They hold the future in their hands. These who answer the call, I will crown with great honor and glory. There is no greater beauty than to pour out your heart and soul, to lay down your life in prayer for another. ⁽⁸⁾

Why Is Prayer So Important?

Prayer shows your faith in Me, your faith that I will work and do the impossible, bring the solutions, show you the way, and work in people's lives. When you operate in the realm of faith, you're operating in the spirit world where miracles are born, where the impossible takes place. Just little old you praying and beseeching Me about something is a very powerful tool. You don't have to feel that power or feel like you're doing anything great--it's not any sort of feeling that matters--it's the spirit of prayer that is powerful, supernatural.

You don't really understand how important your prayers are, but the fact that you pray about something or for someone is not only important for your spiritual walk with Me and your connection with Me, but it creates a vacuum for Me to fill. Just like your words are real things, your prayers are real things and they cause an effect. They always cause an effect; every single prayer has power and it affects something. They're real, and when you pray, things happen in the spirit world, and because of that, things happen on Earth.

I work through your prayers, both the unspoken prayers of your heart and your spoken prayers. But when you utter your prayer to Me, putting it into your own words, this is an even greater manifestation of your faith in My power. It gives Me all the glory and acknowledges that I am your Lord and God, the One Who performs miracles, the One Who supplies, protects, leads and guides you. It's a testimony to others, it's a witness to your friends and sheep, and it's the means by which I give you My blessings.

I work immediately when you pray. Even if you don't see what I'm doing in the spirit, I promise you that I am working on your behalf. I respect your prayers and I've committed Myself to answer every one. You might not always know what I'm doing and how I'm answering, but I promise that I work, and I answer, and am faithful to keep My promise to you.

It's very important to Me that you pray. The minute you pray we connect in the spirit and I begin to do the work that only I can do for you. It's not that I will always give you the answer that you want or think is right, but I promise to work and answer according to My will and what is best. You can count on your prayers having an effect. You can count on My Spirit moving the minute you pray, because this is the way it works in the spirit world. Prayer is a law of the spirit, and when you pray you begin the spiritual process and a chain of events happen. But if you don't pray, those things can't happen.

You must trust that your prayers are very important, that they're your spiritual weapon which moves Me to do things on your behalf. You must put your full faith in the power of prayer, for there is great, great power in your prayers. The more you pray about things, the more I can work for you; that's why it's so important to acknowledge Me and pray about everything, to pray without ceasing. When you pray, you're asking Me to work for you, showing that you need Me and that you're depending on Me. This faith in Me and love for Me pleases Me and I'm faithful to work on your behalf.

The Enemy belittles prayer and tries to cause you to doubt the power and effect of prayer, but I say that it's very powerful and one of your strongest spiritual weapons. Never let down your guard and consider that it doesn't matter if you pray or not, because it matters very much. When you pray, things happen, whether you see them

with your eyes or not. So always keep this spiritual weapon ready, always use it and wield it, because it's your greatest protection against the attacks of the Enemy and your greatest key to victory and the blessings of My Spirit. ⁽⁹⁾

Intercessory prayer for others, as well as prayer in general, is like a muscle that needs exercise. No matter what you exercise it in, or to whose benefit, your strength in this area will grow and your reflexes will also change because you'll become more conditioned to seeking Me for problems and situations that arise.

Intercessory prayer also rewards the one who is sacrificially praying for others. When you pour out your heart and pray for those around you, I reward you for your giving and loyalty. When you come before Me for others, I will reward your sacrifice. Though a few words in a prayer may seem small, and the giving of your time in a prayer hardly feels like a physical effort, if you would open your eyes more to the realm of My Spirit and the way I operate, you would see that it is the best kind of help you can offer in any situation--even more than taking action in the physical. Putting Me first shows that you have faith in My care for you and those you are praying for, and this faith is rewarded. ⁽¹⁰⁾

Allow Me to open your eyes of the spirit to the magnitude of the power of your prayers. You can't see it with the eyes of the flesh. You only catch glimpses here and there. You experience My healing touch; you see Me change hearts on your behalf; you watch Me move obstacles out of your path, making a way for you to walk in and claim the goods, victories of varied kinds. But I tell you, My loves, now you only see through a dim glass.

This is why you must put on the eyeglasses of faith, that you might find courage to walk in and claim the land. Let this comfort your hearts, for I am here to work wonders on your behalf.

Your prayers move My hand to work on your behalf. Therefore do not hold back; leave not one stone uncovered. Pour out your hearts to Me, bringing all your requests before Me, and I will answer. Only I can supply your needs and bring the desired results, but you must ask in faith, believing, nothing wavering. Ask and you will receive. Bring your petitions before Me; remind Me of My promises and hold on to your faith, believing that I am able to do what you cannot do yourself.

Your prayers are answered in direct proportion to the intensity with which you pray. I will move every obstacle out of your way. You are the push, I am the brawn.

So keep your prayers coming up in full force! Keep stirring yourselves up! Your prayers are powerful, and they cause Me to do awesome and mighty things.

I long to move mountains on your behalf! Therefore do not hold back, My loves, for though your needs are great, they are not too great for Me. I stand waiting and ready to fill every one. Let loose your prayers, and stand back and watch Me work. Your prayers move My hand; together we are an unbeatable force. Nothing in this world, nor in the world to come, can stand against us. I lay all My might and power and force at your feet. It is yours for the asking. ⁽¹¹⁾

Take a Taxi

One of the greatest tasks of Heaven is to help those who are living on Earth. Those in Heaven, whether they're angels, spirit beings, ministering spirits, or those who have lived on Earth and passed on, have many responsibilities, but one of the greatest responsibilities of Heaven is helping those on Earth.

Sometimes guardian angels will help someone on Earth and protect them even if they don't ask, because that's their job--such as protecting a child from getting hit in the head by a swing, for example. But the majority of the help from Heaven comes through people asking--either by praying for themselves or by praying for others. Many things don't happen just because people don't ask. But as soon as they ask, things happen!--Because that's their job--to answer your prayers.

To give an illustration, it's a little bit like a taxi station. The angels are like taxis, lined up in a queue waiting their turn to help you. All you have to do is signal for one or call on one. It's as easy as that. They're at your service. That's their job, what they're designed for, their ministry, their reason for existence.

Prayer is like hailing a taxi and saying, "I need to go here," and you just give them the address. You can tell them to go slow, or fast, or that it's an emergency and to step on the gas, and they'll do it, because that's what they're there for. If you don't pray, it's like having a long line of taxis just waiting to take you anywhere you want to go and make your job a lot easier, but instead of hopping in the car and letting them transport you, you prefer to go on foot--like trying to do it in the flesh.

Taxi drivers will also help you with your luggage if it's heavy. They'll open the trunk and put it in for you. They're there to serve you and help you and make your job as easy as possible if you'll just use them and take advantage of them. It's as plain and simple as that.

The more you take taxis, the quicker you get there, and the more that gets done faster and easier. Just call for a taxi and leave the driving to us. It's safer, cheaper, easier and faster. We know the address and right where to go and the best road to take. To use them, all you have to do is whistle or phone for one to come and get you wherever

you are, or flag them down, or go to a taxi station, whatever! But they're there for you, thousands of them waiting--in fact, backed up and lined up--just for you. ⁽¹²⁾

What is Prayer?

Prayer is when you beseech Me with actual words, and you express the need and ask for My help and intervention either aloud or in your mind. Even in the times when you don't know what to pray for or what to specifically ask Me, you can still call on Me and ask Me to intervene. As I have promised, if you pray by My Spirit, My Spirit will make intercession for you. The important part of intercessory prayer is that you have to specifically call on Me, formulate your prayer and make your petition known to Me. You need to make a positive declaration that you need My help. Intercessory prayer is more than a vague mental state. It is explicitly calling on Me for help and asking Me to do something about a situation or need.

You must actively intervene for the person or situation in need. Intercessory prayer is communicating your request in one of these ways--verbalize your prayer, put it into words, say it either out loud or in your mind, asking Me specifically to help. Even when you don't know what specifics to pray for, you can still acknowledge Me and ask Me for help, then let My Spirit pray through you so that I can intervene and help in the situation.

Only when that happens, when you take your prayerful spirit a step further and actually call on Me and your spirit helpers, can we come to your aid. Of course, when you don't put your prayers into words, I still do what I can--but it's pitifully little compared to when you call on Me and others and thereby allow Me to fully release My power on your behalf.

Even seeking My voice of prophecy and hearing from Me for guidance and instruction about what you should do to help a situation is not enough without intercessory prayer. The two work hand in hand. I will gladly speak to you and give My words of comfort and encouragement and instruction for others through your channel, as well as show you how you can help them. Yet without entrusting the situation to My hands through fervent intercessory prayer, even coming to Me for guidance and asking what "you" can do to help can turn out to be leaning too much on your own arm of flesh and your own works. You can hear from Me and I'll tell you what you can do, and though you follow through and do what you are able to do in the physical, if this is all you're doing, it's leaning to your own arm. I am pleased that you follow through, but you must take this a step further than only doing what you can do. If this is not also accompanied by intercessory prayer, if you are not committing the situation to Me, if

you are not praying and interceding for the situation, asking Me to work the miracle and do the things which you cannot do, then you're leaning too much on your own arm of the flesh. ⁽¹³⁾

Prayer is the flow of the Spirit. It's the transformation of hearts, the beginning of life, the start of miracles, the completion of the impossible, the "on" switch of My power. Prayer is all this, and so much more.

You've had prayer described to you as sweet perfume rising to My nostrils, and as I breathe in the fragrance I stretch forth My hand and commence to do all that you have asked. But take that concept a little further. An incense stick, unless it's lit, does not produce the fragrant smell. If it remains without fire, it produces no perfume. Your prayers are like that incense stick--unless they're lit, they cannot rise to Me. You must light the match of your desperation and ignite the incense stick, thus sending its fragrance up to Me. As I breathe deeply of that sweet perfume, My desire to answer all that you have asked rises, and I set My work in motion.

The perfume of your prayers is like a man smelling the fragrant perfume of his lover. The perfume wafts through the air and it excites him because he knows his lover is near. I am the same way with your prayers. I smell the perfume, it entices Me, and I do as you ask. I send the legions of Heaven to do as you ask. I would send fire from Heaven because of your prayers. I would open the floodgates for you. I would vanquish all foes simply because you uttered a simple prayer. But you have not because you ask not. ⁽¹⁴⁾

What Prayers Do!

Prayers go out among the people. They touch, they heal, they mend. They give strength and might and courage. They lift up those who are down. They touch and heal hearts and bodies and minds. They give a warm embrace, a tender hug, and a sweet caress. They wash away doubts and fears and worries. They cleanse secret faults. They clear away rubble. They wash away bitterness, envy, jealousy and strife. They kiss away heartache and misunderstandings. They soothe hurts, heal wounds, and remove scars.

Prayers guard and protect and hide away in safekeeping. They comfort and soothe and bring peace and calm. They feed, they clothe, and bring abundant supply. They inspire, they bring cheer, they bring laughter and good fortune. They encourage, they lift up, they motivate, they enrapture. They energize, they empower, they invigorate, they spark life. They shed light, give hope. They stabilize and they make wise, they make firm and sound and steady.

Prayer invokes change and alters situations more than anything else.

Prayer looses My hands to do mighty things for you. It lets the Heavenly genies out of the bottle and sends help to your side. It gives you all that you need and many to work alongside you in the spirit to open the doors for you to walk through.

As you seek My face and bring your hearts before Me, even so will I speedily work for you and do the things that you cannot do. I will work the miracles. You must just do what you can, and that is to seek Me with your whole heart and to love Me with your whole heart and mind. Leave any distractions or burdens in My capable hands and I will care for them.

Your prayers never return void. They go out and accomplish that which you send them to do, and afterward I cause them to return to you twofold. For I bless each prayer, not only in granting that which you ask, but also in an extra special bonus for the one who prayed. When you pray, not only will things happen and things be different, but you will receive a specific blessing from My hand. This is My promise and this is one way your prayers are multiplied many times over.

The ability that you possess--through the power of prayer--to do, to change, to alter, to help, to heal, to win, to conquer in the name of love--soars beyond the horizon. Through prayer, your influence reaches the ends of the Earth and beyond. Through your prayers, you, My loves, become as bionic men and women of strength and power and might. Through your prayers, you become extraordinary, capable of great feats and amazing possibilities. Through your prayers, you become superhuman!

This is what happens when you're strong in prayer. Science fiction has nothing compared to the great power and strength and amazing force I'm able to put in your hands through prayer power.

Your prayers sustain lives. They influence decisions. They provide, they protect and they house. They feed and they clothe. They blow the breath of life into those who were nigh death. They shower others with the might and power of Heaven that will move them to mighty works. They guide, they instruct and they give counsel. They surround those who are weary and worn, waiting for the precise moment when they might infuse them with a dose of My Spirit that will charge them with light and life and fire and fervor to carry on. ⁽¹⁵⁾

The most important thing is the desperation with which you petition Me, the direction of your heart and your fervency, no matter how you pray or where you are.

Prayer is your greatest means of communicating with Me, so make it that. Stop thinking the setting has to be perfect before you can get desperate with Me. Prayer should be spontaneous, the natural thing for you to do. Prayer provides all the power

you need and so much more, because faith opens up the Heavens. It pours out My blessing, promises and leading. It's the only way you can get the desired results.

Short prayers, long prayers, it doesn't really matter, because I'm looking at your heart. ⁽¹⁶⁾

You've got to think of prayer as work, because it is! It's not just something you do "on the side" or if you have time. It should be part of your daily routine, and be considered work just as much as your other work. Effective intercessory prayer takes focus, concentration, and desperation. It's spiritually taxing, and sometimes physically taxing too.

Do not belittle your ministry of prayer, because while it might seem like "just another chore," it's laying the foundation of your work for the rest of the day. And every minute you spend in proactive intercessory prayer, it's laying another brick in place for the solid foundation of your future.

Make prayer your main goal every day. At the end of your day, when you are tallying up what you have done with your life, prayer should be at the top of this list. Did you pray for your work, your children, your friends and loved ones, the world around you, and those in power? If so, you have done your best for Me, and have put Me in control.

Fill your weaponry with all the power at your disposal. Fill that gun with praise, the keys, My promises, the spirit helpers I've given you, and exactly what you desire. Then aim and fire. That is a professional prayer!

Be a professional prayer warrior. A professional is someone who sees what they do as their vocation, their career. They believe it's important, and they put their heart into it--not only the execution and delivery, but also the training and preparation. They are always looking for ways to grow and progress in their professional skills, and then putting those skills to use to achieve results. Take that same approach to your prayer life.

Your prayer life is your profession. It's not your only profession, but it's one of the very most important ones. Are you acting like a professional when in prayer? Do you give it the same care, attention, precision, determination and focus as you do your other professions? Are you a professional? ⁽¹⁷⁾

Intercessory Prayer Jewels

To you is given the most important job in history, the closing act of the most important mission there ever will be, which I and millions of My children throughout the ages have given our lives for. It's your turn to give your lives now--not by losing them, but by setting aside everything but your desire to be professionals, to win this battle, to do whatever it takes, and to take out your Enemy right here and now, before you even see him, through intercessory prayer. You're snipers, not machine-gunners. Make every shot count, and you'll get there much more quickly and easily. ⁽¹⁸⁾

The repercussions of your prayers will be felt around the world, for it is I Who will fight for you. I will intercede on each and every count that you bring to My attention. I build a mighty force field around every person, every situation, every need which you bring before Me. I will conquer all on your behalf, and you will gain much ground. ⁽¹⁹⁾

Through intercessory prayer you will take hold and avail yourself of the greatest action there is--the action in the spirit world performed by Me, the One Who holds the power of life and death in My hands.

I appreciate your efforts and works, and they are necessary, but when compared to Mine, they are minute. You are doing us both a disservice if you have an imbalance in your life with too much emphasis on your own work, which is synonymous with your own power, and not enough emphasis on My power, which is tapped into through intercessory prayer. ⁽²⁰⁾

Prayer is the most you can do. Prayer is the best you can do. Prayer is the answer. Nothing is impossible to the man or woman of prayer. There is no barrier that strong prayer and the power of the keys cannot break through; there is no enemy that prayer and the keys cannot conquer. There is so much more you can do through prayer than by any other means available to you. Laboring prayer, prevailing prayer, intercessory prayer, unfailing prayer is the answer. ⁽²¹⁾

The hours spent in intercessory prayer and prophecy are your most productive hours of your whole week--more is done, more is accomplished than at any other time, and great things are happening in the spirit realm that will affect your lives and the lives of others for whom you pray. ⁽²²⁾

I depend on you, and that is why I continue to place such great importance on times of intercessory prayer--because they bring such great results in the spirit. ⁽²³⁾

You can have no action without prayer, because prayer is action. Without it you go nowhere, and My hands are tied. ⁽²⁴⁾

Pray earnestly, faithfully, daily, desperately, vigorously, and know that I will answer each prayer. I will work on your behalf to do that which you cannot do. I will make the mountains melt away before you, one by one. ⁽²⁵⁾

No matter what else you do, it could never begin to measure up to what I can do if and when you call on Me in intercessory prayer. ⁽²⁶⁾

Remembering is the hardest part of praying. It takes a while for it to become a habit, but it's a habit that is essential to develop if you want to achieve anything for Me. It's a requisite to becoming an accomplished part of My work. ⁽²⁷⁾

The truest love does not stop at concern; it drives the concern to Me through intercessory prayer and supplication for the ones you love and who have a great need. That is the greatest help that you can be. ⁽²⁸⁾

Wholehearted prayers are heard and answered; they move Me to action! I love to see My believing and trusting children cry out to Me like helpless, incapable babes so that I can answer without having to worry about them taking the glory to themselves. ⁽²⁹⁾

Prayer is one of the great undeveloped weapons of most Christians. Only a few have used it sufficiently, and those who have are those who have become great. ⁽³⁰⁾

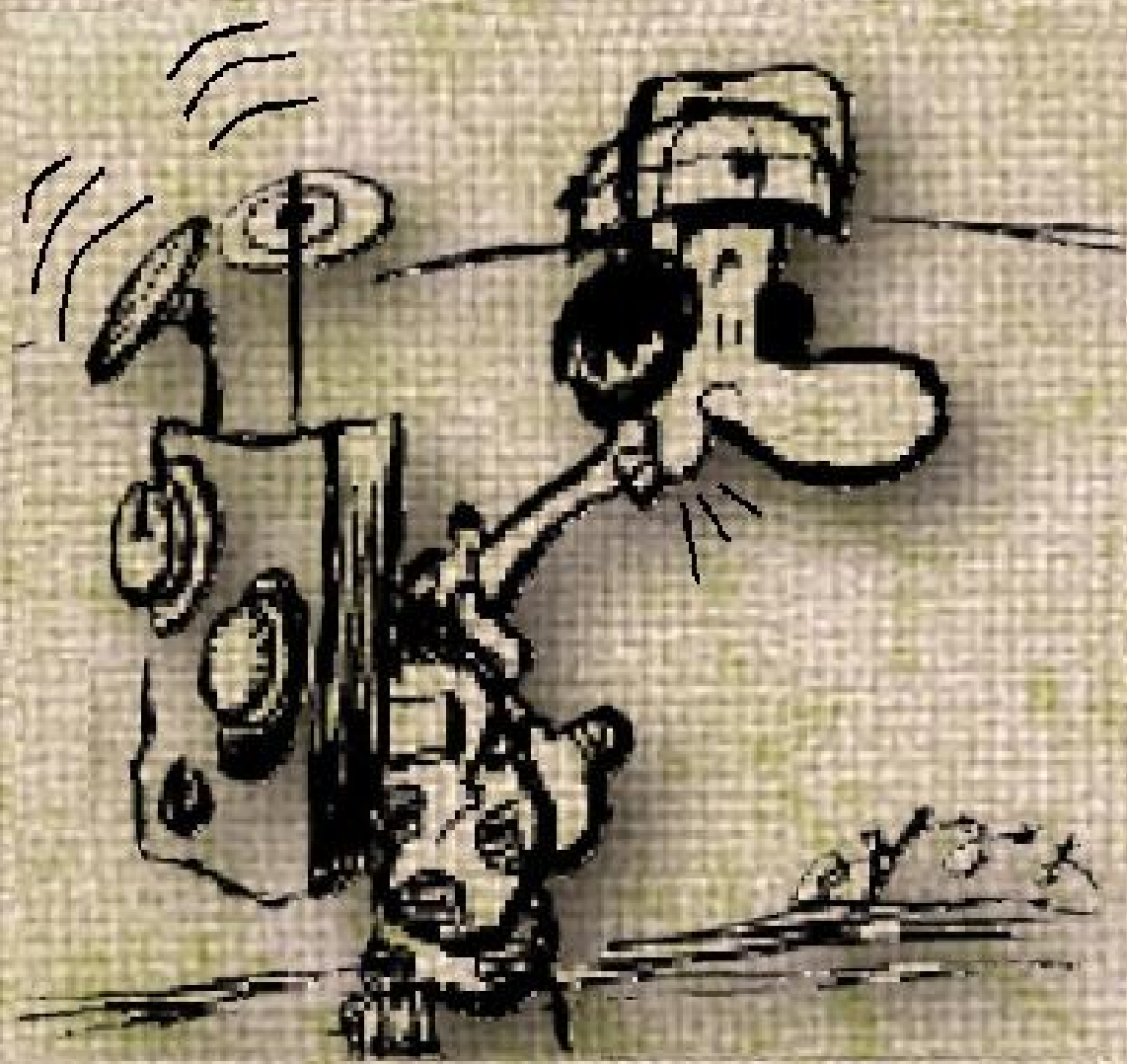
Intercessory prayer is an ongoing lesson for most on-fire Christians who greatly desire to serve Me. They see so much that needs to be done, and their reaction is to get in there and do something. But without coming to Me in prayer first and asking Me to do the works and miracles needed, they often accomplish less than they could have. Even though they sometimes ask Me in prophecy for needed direction, if they do not intercede in prayer for the situation they do not avail themselves of My full power. ⁽³¹⁾

Intercessory prayer is largely a sacrificial service, for it is prayer for others. It is taking your time and giving it to someone else by seeking Me for their needs. In a sense, you are giving your life to someone else in intercessory prayer because you are giving

them your time, strength, and attention. You're saying they're more important than you are, so you're willing to drop everything else to make sure they have what they need by seeking Me for them. ⁽³²⁾

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25. Action Through Prayer--Part 4 #3340:103
26. Action Through Prayer--Part 1 #3319:34
27. Action Through Prayer--Part 1 #3319:34
28. Jewels on Junior Teens, Part 3 #3441:37
29. Action Through Prayer--Part 1 #3319:47
30. Action Through Prayer--Part 4 #3340:103
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Taking Quality Time with the Lord Using Prophecy



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All May Prophecy

In these Last Days, I will give the gift of prophecy to anyone who asks Me and has the faith to step out and receive it. This is My gift to My Endtime prophets, that all may prophesy, that all may be channels. It's a special dispensation of grace that I have given unto the children of David because they have proven themselves so faithful with the Words that I have given. ⁽¹⁾

There is a great moving of the Spirit in the Heavens! The winds of My Spirit blow, for it is the Last Days, and as I have promised, I will pour down My Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy. This is the day of the moving of My Spirit! This is the day that I pour forth My gifts upon My children, upon those who will open their eyes and look up toward Me, upon those who will open their mouths that I may fill them.

Those who wish may come! Come, ask of Me! Ask for My Spirit! Ask for My gifts! For those who come to Me with a hungry heart, I will not send away empty. I will fill you with good things. I wish to give each who desires, a direct link of communication with Me. I wish to give you direct and specific guidance, instruction and counsel, and My personal Words of love and comfort. You will need these in the days ahead. ⁽²⁾

I do not give the gift of prophecy selectively to one here, and one there, and another one over there, but I give to all, according to your faith. If you read and believe these Words, they will give you faith. The gift is there for you today, for the asking. Reach out and receive.

As you come to Me to exercise this gift, know that in love I am making it as easy as possible for you so that you can relax and not worry and not feel that receiving My Words is a fearful thing, for it is a joyful thing. It is a tremendous privilege and a wonderful blessing, and it is one of the most excellent tokens of My love to you, My precious brides. What more could I do to show you My love than to give you My seeds, and put My Words in your mouth to give you strength, direction, encouragement, and all that you need on a day-to-day basis. ⁽³⁾

I want you to be My channels. I want to put My Words in your mouth. I want to make it easy for you. I want each and every one of you to enjoy this intimate communication with Me, and this availability of My answers. All Heaven is at your disposal. I, your Father David, the departed spirits, and your Heavenly helpers are your servants. We are your love slaves, and it brings us pleasure to give you what you need in the form of help from Heaven, answers, encouragement, and direction. For we know how desperately you need this. You may not see it, but take My word for it, you need it. (4)

The key is to simply believe the promises that I have given. For I have promised that if you call unto Me, I will answer you. I have said this to you many times--that what you hear and what you speak when you open your heart and your mind and your spirit, and when you yield your tongue to Me, is My voice, and so it is. It is a test of your faith, whether you will believe and trust that I have truly given you what you need, and that you have received it. (5)

When you come to Me to hear My voice, always remind yourself that I am eager to speak to you. I want to speak to you. I want to make it easy for you to receive prophecies and to hear from Me, your Father David, and the departed spirits that help you. I am doing everything I can to help your faith to grow, and to make it easy for you to exercise your gift. (6)

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! (7)

If you love Me you will spend time with Me, and if you spend time with Me you will speak to Me, and if you speak to Me you will listen, and I will speak unto you and show you the way. And thus you can follow closely, ever so closely. (8)

I will continue to answer each question that you bring before Me, and give you the Words of guidance that you need, whenever you come to ask Me for them. For I love you, and I will hold nothing back from you, My beloved bride! (9)

You can hear from Me anytime, day or night. Be constantly ready, constantly available. Always keep your channel open and clean and strong by having your faithful Word time, prayer time, praise time, and time spent with Me in intimate lovemaking. Then you'll always be ready, like an athlete or a soldier is always ready because he or she has trained and toned and practiced each day. ⁽¹⁰⁾

Hearing from Me for your work, for your priorities and regarding any questions you have is a habit, and you have to develop this good habit just as you have to develop any other good habit. It takes work, it takes reminders, it takes putting forth the effort, but pretty soon it becomes second nature--a whole lot easier. Then you hardly have to think about it anymore. ⁽¹¹⁾

My precious children of David, you have been given a great gift in this new weapon of prophecy. It's exactly what you need for the days ahead, and it will ensure your survival if you know how to use it correctly. But learning to use it takes time, faith, and practice. It takes being willing to use what you know in order to learn more. ⁽¹²⁾

Everyone who wants to learn can learn. All those who stick with it will eventually become skillful and knowledgeable and able to defeat the Enemy in combat with this powerful weapon. And just as learning to wield your weapon is essential before going into combat, so is learning to become skilled and exercised in using your gift of prophecy in order to survive the days ahead. Just as someone wouldn't think of skipping that course before heading off to war, so you shouldn't even consider skipping the prophecy course, or think it's too complicated, if you're planning on being one of David's mighty men in the days to come! It's essential! Remember that, let it stick with you, and let it give you faith and encourage you that you're just learning--so stay open! Don't let the Enemy discourage you! You'll eventually graduate with honors if you stay humble and yielded and don't quit! ⁽¹³⁾

These days are now the days of the voice of the Lord, the voice of My whispers, the strength of quietness and the power of weakness. No more will I allow the strength of the strong or the wisdom of the wise or the power of the mighty to rule, for those are the ways of defeat. But now the strength and power of My Word and the strength and the power of your weakness rules, and the strength and the power of My voice instructs, and the strength and the power of My Love empowers. These are the things that must rule in these days. ⁽¹⁴⁾

Go Slow and Be Prayerful!

(Dad speaking:) Hardly anything can be enjoyed in a hurry or accomplished in a hurry, and you'll not get very far if you're in a hurry. You've got to slow things down, and take time to listen to the Lord most of all. Anyone can run around a hundred miles an hour doing this and doing that, and never really get anywhere. But it takes mighty men and women of God to really stop, look, listen and go slow.

Look at all of the great men throughout history. Most of the ones who accomplished anything great or have gone down in the annals of history were those who spent time with the Lord and didn't run ahead of God. If you look in the Bible, you'll find that most of the great men of God were plodders, listeners and receivers. As a result, they really went places, did wonderful things, worked miracles, and were greatly used of the Lord!

The Lord's seldom ever in a hurry, except when He's dealing out His judgments to those who've been going so fast for so long that they've become totally deaf to His voice. It takes God time to make a butterfly, a sunset, a baby, a tree, a woman, a man, or a pretty flower. He's hardly ever in a hurry, so why should we be in a hurry? Why should we be too busy to take time to stop and ask the Lord about how we're doing things and the direction we're going? How come we're too busy to take the time to be prayerful and go slow?

If the great God of the universe takes His time to make a creature as small as a bumblebee, for example, then don't you think we should take a lesson from Him? If you go slow, beloved, you'll get there quicker. At least you'll get there, and you'll have time and energy to spare!

If you go slow, the Lord has time to show you things that you would have otherwise missed. If you're going slow, the Lord has time to speak to your heart and you have the time to listen.

So many folks think that the faster they go, the more they'll accomplish and the more efficient they'll be. What a joke! If you're going so fast and aren't taking the time with the Lord--little moments here and there to get His direction--you're bound to make mistakes and blow it! It's a fact! There's so much that the Lord can help you with, so many ideas that He can pass on to inspire you and make your work run more smoothly and efficiently, if you'll just take the time and go slow enough to listen.

You don't have to have major prophecy sessions about every little decision you make. They have their time and place, but it's just not physically possible to be stopping for half an hour or an hour every five minutes. All you have to do is take a moment to

shoot up a quick prayer to the Lord and ask Him if there's anything that He has to tell you about what you're doing or working on.

Or if you're faced with a little decision, just ask Him! He'll always give you something--a verse, a phrase, a song, or a short message of instruction. It's not difficult at all. It's not hard to do. You just have to go a little slower and be a little more prayerful, a little more in tune with the Lord and His whispers from beyond.

If you take time to go slow and be prayerful and careful in everything you do, then the Lord will miraculously speed up all of your work and help you to get your tasks completed in record time. If you're seeking Him and acknowledging Him each step of the way, it's almost impossible to make a mistake, and you'll end up getting the job done much quicker. Whereas if you try to speed things up in the flesh and are zooming around like a chicken with your head cut off, the Lord's going to have to do some things to slow you down and show you Who's Boss! He'll have to do some things to show you that you can't do it on your own, and that you need His help, inspiration, ideas and strength.

It's a funny thing, this "go slow" versus "go fast" business. The Enemy makes you think that you have to go as fast as you can if you want to get everything done that needs to be done. But the Lord says to go slow and be prayerful, because that's the only way you'll be accurate and in line with Him. If you're going too fast, the Lord will often allow you to make mistakes, lose things, or make a big blow-it, so that you'll slow down and hold your horses.

He doesn't like yelling, and if you're not going slow and taking the time to acknowledge Him and hear from Him each step of the way, then you're not going to hear what He has to say. He's not going to yell above the hubbub and confusion all around you. His voice is quiet and meek and is drawn to those who are taking time to listen to His guidance and direction. He is nigh unto those who are humble, those who are meek, those of a broken heart and a contrite spirit, those who are being prayerful and going slow.

Sure, you may get some things done in the arm of the flesh. You may accomplish some tasks on your own without the help of the Lord. But you'll never know what a relief it is to have His help, His instruction, His peace and His solutions until you slow things down and give Him time.

In the long run you'll end up saving time by being more prayerful and taking a minute here and a minute there to check in with your Boss. He'll save you from having to backtrack and redo your work. He'll save you from having to go and pick up the broken pieces, the mistakes that you would have made if you hadn't been going slow and listening to Him most of all.

It's so important to stay prayerful and acknowledge the Lord in all your ways, and you can't really be prayerful unless you're going a little slower. If you're running around like a maniac, then it's impossible to be prayerful. You have to be both prayerful and careful, otherwise mistakes will be made and you'll end up wearing yourself out. If you're continually living in the fast lane, you're going to wear out fast and you're certainly not going to be able to be in tune with the Lord or get His directions.

It's like running a marathon versus sprinting. If you exert a massive amount of energy in one spurt, you won't be able to last long. Those sprinters can only keep up a certain speed for a certain amount of time, whereas the marathon runners pace themselves and can run for miles and miles, hours and hours, and really get somewhere. So you would do well to take a little tip from the marathon runners.

If in your life for the Lord you pace yourself more prayerfully, and do the jobs and tasks that He's given you more prayerfully and slowly, then you're not going to get tired out nearly as fast. You'll end up making so much more progress in the long run.

The Lord's more than willing to give you the help, direction, answers, tips and guidance that you need--even in the very smallest details, tasks, and jobs. He's able to help you if you're going slow enough and being prayerful enough to listen to what He has to say.

He's more concerned about His work than you are, and He's interested in getting the greatest return on His investments. That's why it's so important that you take the time to listen to the Boss and be aware of Him. He's the best Trainer and Boss in the world, and He knows how to run His business. He knows what He wants done and He knows the most efficient way to do it, so listen to Him and be prayerful and careful all the time! That's the best timesaving efficiency tip I could ever give you.

Go slow and be prayerful in all things, both great and small, and you're bound to get a raise. You'll get a raise in the spirit! Your spirit will be raised, because you'll find yourself less frazzled and drained! You'll find yourself having to retrace your steps less and less. You'll find yourself having to pick up the broken pieces less and less.

You'll find yourself getting more and more things right than wrong as you follow the Lord's leadings. You'll be accomplishing more. You'll be saving more time and energy than ever before--with some to spare! So are you with me on this one? Go slow! You'll get there quicker! Amen? ⁽¹⁵⁾

Take Time to Hear from the Lord Each Day

Start your day off right by hearing from Me in prophecy first thing. The first chance you get at the beginning of the day, hear from Me and allow Me to set the order of your day. Remember, how you do it isn't what matters as much as actually doing it. It's doing it that counts. 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. I'm waiting for you! ⁽¹⁶⁾

You can't afford not to get up early and get that time with Me. Otherwise, you'll be operating in the realm of your own wisdom, your own experience and your own spirit, rather than My wisdom, and the experience I can give through My direct voice. With the gift of prophecy, I and your spirit helpers are working for you while you're taking time with Me in the early morning before the day starts. ⁽¹⁷⁾

When you hear from Me each day you'll find that it renews your spirit, strengthens your resolve, and clarifies your vision. It helps you to know what your priorities are, and then you don't have to worry or wonder if you are doing the right thing. You'll know that you are doing the right thing, because you've asked and you've received by faith, and you're just obeying. ⁽¹⁸⁾

It's very, very important that you find the time to hear from Me and from My messengers. It's imperative that you take time at My feet daily. It's of utmost importance that you lay aside your plans for the day, and that you sit and hear from Me for the morning. Don't be afraid that others will think that you're slacking off or not getting your job done, because you're doing what's most important, and hearing from Me is part of your work. Hearing My Words from Heaven is a part of your service to Me, so don't neglect this time. ⁽¹⁹⁾

You must be more militant about having this vital time with Me each day, to sit down and receive My personal words for you. You must be more militant to receive the personal things I want to tell you, for in so doing, in taking proper care of your own walk with Me, you will be able to better serve others. It all works hand in hand.

I know your heart and that you desire to do that which pleases Me, but Lethargy

seeks to trip you up by telling you that you don't have enough time for personal time with Me. It will require a daily, consistent effort to make sure you have this time. You must fight for this time. You must make it a priority to seek enough of My answers and direction for you personally. You must take a militant stand, call on the keys, and create this habit without fail. Start today to have renewed commitment in this area. Don't let these opportunities pass you by, and you will see definite positive results. ⁽²⁰⁾

Take time every day to hear from Me, to get the general counsel and the specific answers I have. Make it a habit to have daily counseling time with Me, daily conversations, daily teamwork meetings--and things will go a lot more smoothly, but especially a lot more quickly.

You can hear from Me anytime, day or night. Be constantly ready, constantly available. Always keep your channel open and clean and strong by having your faithful Word time, prayer time, praise time, and time spent with Me in intimate lovemaking. Then you'll always be ready, like an athlete or a soldier is always ready because he or she has trained and toned and practiced each day. ⁽²¹⁾

I love to speak to you. I love to whisper words of love in your ears, as well as words of counsel and guidance that help the problems around you melt away. I know it takes time and effort and a lot of faith to hear from Me, but it's so worth it. Not only do you benefit from My answers and counsel and instruction, but I also benefit through your spending time with Me. It makes Me so happy; it's these times with you that I treasure. ⁽²²⁾

(Dad speaking:) Taking the time to pray more and seek the Lord about things will help to alleviate a lot of the pressure in people's lives, because it sort of opens up that pressure valve as you pour out your heart and your questions to the Lord and seek Him for the answers. But if you don't take the time to talk to the Lord, to pray and hear from Him in prophecy and get His answers to your needs, then you continue to carry all that pressure and stress inside, and it becomes a real burden in your life.

So whatever you do, don't cut back on your quiet time with the Lord and your personal Word time, because that's the main thing that will keep you sane and help you to avoid the much greater feeling of stress and pressure that the Enemy would love to pile on you. You just have to keep coming to the Lord daily, regularly, unburdening your heart and casting all your cares upon Him and listening to His voice. ⁽²³⁾

You cannot do it in your own strength, you cannot figure it out in your own reasoning. For it is not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit speaking to you and through you, telling you what you shall do. If you shall take this time with Me, I will speak to you and you shall hear a voice behind you saying, 'This is the way, walk ye in it. Do this. Go here and do that.' I long to tell you the answers if you'll just stop and listen. And if you will do this, your way shall be prosperous and you shall have great success. ⁽²⁴⁾

As the dark days ahead come upon the Earth as a strong storm, so must you at that time know how to communicate with Me, how to hear My voice. You must learn and know how to hear the whispers of My Spirit in your ears. The way for you to learn this is to spend time with Me in the bed of love listening to Me.

And you must let Me kiss you with My Words, even the Words of David. For within the Words is great power and great strength. For within them is My voice, and within them is My Love, and within them is My strength and My power. But you must take time to let Me love you through these Words, to let me strengthen you through these Words.

You must let Me whisper unto you Words for these days. You must hear from Me fresh day by day. You must learn to rejoice at My voice as you would rejoice at the voice of your lover, and you must take time for My caresses and My Love. ⁽²⁵⁾

As the days ahead grow darker and darker and more evil, so must you have the light of God to lead you in the way. As the world becomes more complicated, so must You have Me to get you through the maze of these complications; and you must seek Me and seek My guidance and My direction and My help. Seek My light, for I can show you things that you cannot see with your eye because of the darkness. But with My light I can show you many things that you know not. And the world will marvel at your wisdom, at your knowledge, at your understanding, if you will but seek Me and hear from Me. ⁽²⁶⁾

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**TAKING QUALITY
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Taking Quality Time Praising the Lord!

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(Dad speaking:) I wrote plenty about praising the Lord, because I knew it was important. My mother was always faithful to praise, and to impart to me the need to praise. I tried to impart that need to you, too, and I tried to praise the Lord all through my life because I knew it was important, I knew it was uplifting. I knew it did me good, and I was sure the Lord appreciated it and loved me for it. But being on this side I see much more how important it is and how much it means to the Lord and how pleased He is with it!

It's very important Here in Heaven, for we praise the Lord all the time! It's very natural. It's part of being Here, it's what we do. When you see it from this side, you see how important it is and how much you want to do it. It's beautiful to hear the praises of the Lord that people give. It's beautiful to hear the many ways to praise the Lord Here, and to see that all things praise the Lord. It's beautiful! It's wonderful! I can't even explain it.

And as you praise, you partake of this heavenly atmosphere, the atmosphere of praise that we have Here! You partake of it and you participate in it. It's a link between you there and us Here.

So though I said in my time there that praise was important, I say now it is even much more important than I told you then! I had a glimpse of it, I knew the need, but now I see much more the strength and the power that lies in praise.--Not only the power to give you victory and to uplift your heart, but the power that it has to draw power from the heavenly realm. It's as if praise opens the channel to the heavenlies that allows the heavenly blessings to pour down, so that you don't just praise your way to victory, you also praise down the blessings of God!

The Beggar Prophecy!

The fathers of old understood these things better because of the times that they lived in. But if you were to walk down the street and on the side there was a beggar just sitting, looking down, you might notice, but you might just pass by. But then you come upon another beggar whose arms are outstretched. She is sitting below and you are walking above, so her hands are raised, and she is saying, 'Oh, please, give! I need! Supply for me! Help me!' She is vocal and animated and has her hands stretched

upwards, and you would notice and you would give, for you would see her desperation and her need, and you would hear of it. Her hands would be there and you could not miss seeing her. So are ye when ye raise your hands unto Me. For ye are seeking and ye are asking and ye are begging.

Moses had to hold his hands up because he was seeking and begging Me for the victory. As Solomon in the presence of all Israel knelt down and raised his hands unto Me, he was saying to all, 'I am but a beggar. I am nothing. (See 1Kings 8:54.) I am desperately seeking the help of the Lord our God.' It is a sign of submission unto Me. It is a sign that ye are but beggars, and I am as a rich man that can give you all that ye ask for, all that ye need.

But it is also a sign of your love. For as you spread forth your arms, ye are also saying, 'Come to me! I want You! I want to wrap my arms around You and hold You!' Ye stretch out your arms and ye beg for Me to come, and I will come unto you. Ye stretch out your arms and ye beg for the things that ye need, and I will pour forth unto you. For I look at it as a sign of your humility, your obeisance, of your honor unto Me, of your acknowledgment that ye are nothing and I am everything. It is a sign of your desire for Me, that ye want Me.

It is also a sign of your joy when ye see Me and know that I am coming, as a little child who sees his father coming and stretches out his arms and runs and says, 'Daddy! Daddy!' and holds him and hugs him as the father grasps him in his arms. It is the sign of a lover who lieth on the bed of love and calleth to her loved one and sayeth, 'Oh, come, let me hold you! Let me ravish you, for I want you!'

In each of these, it shows a sign of need: The lover on the bed with arms outstretched saying, 'Come to me, I need thee!'; the little child running to the father saying, 'Daddy, I need you! I need you to hold me. I need to feel your hug, your embrace, your strength!'; and the beggar on the street saying, 'I need your help, for I am desperate!'

So lift up your arms and hands in praise unto Me, and lift up your arms and your hands in need unto Me, and lift up your arms and your hands in love unto Me! I will always come unto you and answer you. For I love you and I need you and I want you, but I like to know that you need and want and desire Me.

I love your signs of humility, because not only do ye humble yourself in My sight, but ye humble yourself in the sight of others, and he that humbleth himself, I will exalt.-
-With My answers and with My Love and with My strength and with My power!

For ye all are as children, and it is difficult for you to understand the things of the Spirit without the things of the flesh. So I give you these little tokens, these little gestures, these little movements and motions to better help you to understand and to

partake and enter in. For if your mind and your heart and your body partake, all three, it is much easier to be enveloped in the things of the Spirit. The actions take on meaning and they help you to enter in more and to give yourself--heart and mind, body and soul and strength--unto Me.

For if your heart praises but your mind wanders, it is more difficult for Me to hear your cries. But when your heart praises and your mind is focused and your body participates with arms raised, as the beggar on the street, I notice and I hear and I come!

So be not ashamed to humble yourself in My sight. Be not ashamed to do these little motions, just like little children are not ashamed when they learn a song and you give them motions, as it helps them focus on the song and keep their mind on it, and helps them enter in more. It helps them to be in unison with others, and they like it. So it is with you.

Just be humble and raise your hands unto Me. As I pass by the beggar on the street and see the hands outstretched, I will reach down and take the hands and pull and lift the beggar up into My arms, and she shall become a beautiful woman, and I will hold her and I will love her and I will ravish her with My Love! This is a transformation from beggar to beauty, from rags to riches, from death to life!

For this is the story of My Love--love that renews, love that regenerates, love that recreates! And this is what I wish to do with My children, to lift them from the rags of beggards to the riches of bridedom!

Those that seem in themselves to be rich and increased with goods will look in wonderment and say, 'How can this beggar woman be transformed into a queen? How could He choose this one, this offal of society, when we are beautiful and jewel-studded, and when we are held in esteem and in honor?'

Ah, but that is the mystery! Ye are raising your hands unto Me and begging, and they are rich and increased with goods. Ye will call Me with arms and legs outstretched on the bed of love, and they are just gathering together and ignoring Me. As I said, love begets love. So does the beggar love dearly the hand who feeds and the hand who gives. So does it draw My love, and we two become one. ⁽¹⁾

Jesus Loves our Praise

My dear brides, My faithful, most intimate loves, thank you for being Mine! Thank you for giving Me your praise! How I love your praise! I thrive on it and live in it! When you love and praise Me like you do, I would do anything for you. When you lift up your hands in praise, when you kneel before Me in humility, when you sing Me songs of thanksgiving, when you tell Me how much you love and need Me, when you call on the

power of the keys, when you love one another, when you tell the world about Me, when you call on Me in prayer, when you ask Me everything, when you express your dependence on Me, when you stop in the middle of a busy day to take a few moments to love Me--when you praise and adore Me like you do--you make all that I have done for you and sacrificed for you worthwhile. ⁽²⁾

When you praise Me it shows Me you love Me. When praise comes from the heart, it expresses your love. Praise gives Me the reverence and honor that is My due. Praising Me is worshipping Me. Praise is something that all the angels and beasts and saints in Heaven do constantly; they praise, love, and adore Me. Praise fills the halls of Heaven! My throne is filled with praise. ⁽³⁾

I love praise!--Not because I just want to feel better, or because I need encouragement that I am the King of the universe, but it's just the way things are set up. It's the way My Father has ordained it. He said, "I, the Lord, dwell in the praises of My people." When someone has this attitude of praise, they fit together with Me. Their will is perfectly aligned with My will and the will of My Father, because they are resting in happiness and joy. As they express it, they become more and more one with Me.

The more a person spends time with Me, the more praise becomes a natural part of their being. The more they spend time with Me, and the more Love they receive from Me, the happier they are. And then praise is as easy to them as breathing. It comes as naturally and as easily and as freely as breathing or walking or anything else.

Your father David was continually praising. Every good thing in life that he saw, he praised Me for. He even praised Me in advance for the good that he knew I would bring out of the bad things that happened.

Praise fits together with My nature, so that when a person praises Me, it is like he or she is enticing Me and wooing Me and drawing Me. It draws My Love and My Spirit and My blessings. ⁽⁴⁾

Your praises call Me! Your praises beckon Me! Your praises are like the love call. When I hear your praises, it is then that I come. Your praises move Me! Your praises arouse My Love and My passions! I cannot resist coming to you when I hear your praises. When I hear your praises I become excited! I want to kiss you and hold you when I hear your praises. I cannot resist loving you!

It is a love potion and I cannot resist! When I hear your praises I want to fill you with My seeds! I cannot resist filling you with My Love and giving you all of Me. I need

your praises. I want your praises, because your praises tell Me you want Me, you need Me. Your praises are your love.

Give Me your best! Give Me your praises first thing, and last thing, and throughout the day, to let Me know you love Me, you want Me, and you need Me. For I am King and I am worthy to be praised and to be loved above all else--your needy and grateful Lover, King of loves, King of praise, the King of the universe, King of creation, your King, your Lover, Jesus. ⁽⁵⁾

Today, let's have fun, shall we? Shall we enjoy each other? Shall we enjoy all that I've done in your life? Shall we enjoy the blessing of loving one another? I love your praises and I love to praise you in return, so let's start the day by loving each other in words, and I'll continue through the day loving you back in any way I can. ⁽⁶⁾

I truly wish for you to enjoy your times of praise. Though it's true that you must sometimes praise Me when you don't feel like it, it's even better if you really do feel like it. I want you to look forward to praying, because you know you'll have the opportunity to praise Me very specifically beforehand. It can be fun, spiritually uplifting, and even a bit challenging to take the time to tell Me how thankful you are for Me and exactly why.

Specific praise makes Me so happy, just like it makes a wife or husband happy to receive specific compliments from their spouse. It's good for our marriage and brings happiness to both you and Me. ⁽⁷⁾

Each praise is like a kiss that tells Me you love Me and appreciate Me. Just as a husband and wife love to receive compliments from one another, so it is with you and Me as we exchange compliments and love words with one another. ⁽⁸⁾

I love all words of love and praise that are spoken to Me. I love to hear My brides express their love for Me, their thankfulness, their gratitude, and their devotion. I just love to hear from you about these things. It turns Me on. It bonds us together as Husband and wife. It makes us one. ⁽⁹⁾

I love the way you praise Me and are grateful to Me. Seeing your heart filled with thankfulness, and your desire to praise Me for everything and anything that comes your way--even those things that are difficult--and hearing you put that appreciation for Me and My blessings into words, thrills My heart every single time I see and hear it--and I mean that. ⁽¹⁰⁾

Lift up your hearts in praise and jubilation to Me, as King David of old did in the Psalms. His love was great and his praises were powerful, and he didn't hold back. He even got so excited that he danced before Me in abandon; this proved how joyful and praiseful he was. When you are happy, praiseful, and excited in prayer, it touches My heart in a very deep way. I dwell in the praises of My people. Praise draws down My power and answers without restraint, and I can't help but come to your rescue when you delight Me in this way. ⁽¹¹⁾

I greatly enjoy our times of fellowship and communion. Even if you only have time to stop for a few moments and offer up a short prayer or a praise of thanksgiving, those times are special to Me and I cherish them, because it is time spent with you. ⁽¹²⁾

Oh, how I dwell in the praise of My people! As David danced wildly before the ark, so I dance wildly through the heavens to the sound of your praise. What terrific music! What a beat! There is nothing that inspires such action and motion in Me as your intimate praises, the thanks of your grateful hearts. I love it! ⁽¹³⁾

(Dad speaking:) Don't look back, look forward, and be thankful and praise, praise, praise. Amen? Boy oh boy, I can't tell you how much the Lord loves praise. Come into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise. Praise Him for all of His marvelous works. Praise Him for all that He has done and is going to do. ⁽¹⁴⁾

Oh how I love it when you stop, when you praise Me, when you sing to Me! What true joy it brings Me! ⁽¹⁵⁾

I get so moved, as you know, when you love Me like you do, and praise Me and sing to Me and cuddle up close by My side. Thanks, you guys! It's been wonderful! And do I love to see you praise Me together! Keep it up! I love all the glory you give Me as you sing and dance unto Me! ⁽¹⁶⁾

It's wonderful to see your joy and your praise of Me. I can't live without it, and it means so much to Me. I can never get enough. Thank you for loving Me--you will never regret it, because I will give you back many more blessings than you can even contain, I promise. ⁽¹⁷⁾

A Desire to Praise Needs to Be Awakened

Praise is an underused weapon because you don't avail yourself of its true power and you don't fully understand how it works. In truth on this earth you will never grasp the immensity of how wonderful it is and how it moves My hand, but as you step out to use it more, I'll show you more. I know you feel you're weak in praise, and while that is true, the real issue is that you simply need to activate it inside of you more.

I have put in each man a desire to praise that needs to be awakened. Just as I have put a need for Me in every man, so I have also put in him the need to give reverence and show gratitude and praise. Those who do are blessed, and those who do so daily and frequently are blessed even more. So let your inner praises spring forth! You wonder how to do this?

One way is by tongues. The Family has moved away from speaking to Me in tongues, and while it's not an essential gift, it nevertheless expresses your heart's praise, and so it's important that when praising Me you don't leave out that very important part. When you speak in tongues, your heart is expressing all the things you want to say to Me but don't know how to say. Your spirit brings to remembrance the wonderful things that I've done for you, things you might have forgotten to praise Me for consciously, but your spirit remembers and gives thanks. It also exercises your humility, because it is humbling to speak in tongues.⁽¹⁸⁾

Way-Out Ways to Praise

Yes, My love, your praise is very pleasing to Me. Sock it to Me with your words of love and your praises! I love to hear each one, and it inspires Me and excites Me in the same way that My Words excite you. Your praises are your love kisses to Me. Just as My Words kiss you and comfort you and encourage you, your beautiful words of praise and your pledges of love give Me encouragement and comfort and happiness.

I never tire of hearing your words of praise. Thank you for telling Me that I'm beautiful, lovely, inspiring, adorable, fabulous, irresistible, fascinating, dazzling, magical and encouraging, and for telling Me how wonderful My Words are. You can never say enough words to Me. I'm always eager for more. My ears are always listening for your praises.

I am everything, everything to you. Thank you for asking Me what new words to use. I will tell you. You can use any words to praise Me. There are none too small or too big. Stretch your vocabulary, let your heart overflow to Me. Don't be shy. Don't be embarrassed. Use those words. Tell Me I'm incredible, magnificent, electrifying, grand,

stupendous, far-out, wild, cool, groovy, "in the house,"* "out of this world," way up, on the ball, the best, the greatest, the neatest, the most! Tell Me I really "send you!" Anything you want, I love it! I'm yours and I'm here for you. (* "In the house" is American slang meaning great, really cool, very together, etc.)

So lay it on Me! I love it and I need it and I want it! Love Me with your words of praise, let go and really love Me! Tell Me that I'm easy to be with, simple, unassuming, comfy-cozy, a homey Hubby. I love to be your Hubby! You can give Me any name of endearment that's in your heart--any pet name that will be real special between you and Me--and I might give you one!

Sweet kisses of love are your praises to Me. Wonderful, warm, affectionate kisses and caresses that touch Me and thrill Me and fill Me. Your words of praise that come from your lips, from your heart and from your spirit to My heart and My Spirit, are the joy of My life. Send them forth at all times! Send out your words. Speak them any time to Me. Never be ashamed or embarrassed or afraid to express how thankful you are for Me and for My Love.

I love your words, each and every one of them! No matter what you say, I understand. Even though you feel your words are inadequate, I understand, and they mean a lot. All the words that you say to Me mean a lot to Me. Every expression of praise and thanksgiving thrills Me and satisfies Me beyond your wildest dreams!

You can talk to Me in many ways, as your Lord, God and Savior, and praise Me for My wisdom, for being a genius, mastermind, mega-brain! Just use your own words that come from your heart. Tell Me I'm smart, wonderful, clever, witty, super-mind, power-packed brain, wonder-worder! I understand and appreciate and love your praises that pour forth from your heart.

Praise Me for My power! Tell Me I'm marvelous, awesome, terrific, strong, mighty, grand, super-human, earthshaking, powerful, the greatest! Praise Me for being your God and King. Tell Me that I'm mysterious, scary, wonderful, elegant, marvelous, beautiful, dumbfounding, remarkable!

Praise Me for being your Friend and Husband and Lover. Tell Me that I am sweet, your darling, gentle, kind, thoughtful, loving, considerate, sympathetic, understanding, encouraging, funny, humorous, sexy, handsome, attractive, appealing, a turn-on, gorgeous, appetizing, lovely, beautiful, pretty, sensuous, muscular, "off the charts!"

Tell Me anything you want! I understand and I know your heart, I know your feelings and I know what you mean. Every word thrills Me. I love to hear the words that come from your heart and out of your lips. Tell Me I'm warm, cuddly, close. Tell Me that I feel good, that I look good, that I smell good.

Praise Me for My protection and care of My children around the world. Say, "Thank You for taking care of us." "Thank You for always looking out for us and watching over us and keeping us from harm or trouble." "Thank You for how You never get tired of loving us and taking care of us."

And when your words fail you, you can praise Me with your tears and with tongues of joy and happiness of praise and thanksgiving. ⁽¹⁹⁾

Our Praises Need to Burst from Our Hearts

(Natalia speaking:) The ways of praise are as myriad as the sands of the sea, as the stars of the heavens! They are as varied as the hearts of each soul that our Husband has fashioned. Praise to our King, Lover and Creator explodes from the very stones of the earth, and all creation is filled with praises that cannot be translated except by their Maker.

So our praises need to emerge from our hearts, as if they cannot be held in or else our hearts will burst with the force and power of our praise and thanks to our Husband! They must come from our hearts as the song from the throat of the songbird, almost with pain, but yet with such beauty and sweetness.

So, how do you translate these things into your everyday lives of prayer and praise, you ask? Praise is a way of life for us here in our Husband's realm, so I want to share with you some of what we've learned that will help you to make it a way of life, too. Here's a little list of some ideas for you:

* Our Husband loves music and song, and we praise Him continually with heavenly music and song which resounds everywhere here. You can praise Him with your singing, either out loud or silently singing in your heart to Him. He loves it either way.

* You can praise Him with beautiful, godly instrumental music, which inspires and lifts your soul and spirit to Him, praising Him through the music, with sentiments that are beyond words to express, but which the music expresses from your heart to His. (Jesus: For those who are in tune with Me and My Spirit, I give license to use System hymn music or other beautiful and praiseful instrumental music, and include it in this category of "godly." There is Family instrumental music, and My brides can use this as well. As they do with everything else, they should first ask Me what My will is for them, and I will direct them to music that will both inspire their spirit and galvanize their praise.)

* You can praise Him by thanking Him for the very specific ways He has blessed you personally that very day or hour or moment, whatever you happen to be doing.

* Praise Him by giving a sincere praise or compliment to the person with whom you're working or relaxing at that moment, thanking Him for that person.

* Praise Him by thanking Him for the way He has made you, even if it's difficult for you to accept some things about yourself.

* Praise Him for the way His beauty and light shines through so much of creation--a rose or the smile of your child or the radiance of the sunset. Praising Him for the beautiful things that surround you will help you to search for them, even if they haven't been obvious to you before.

These are just a start, but a good start! The ways of praise are many, as I said, and the more you practice praising, the more ways will open up to you, as you praise!

(Jesus:) If you don't feel praises bursting from your heart, start praising anyway out of obedience. But really think about what you're saying. Really think about your blessings, about all that I've given you and done for you. If nothing else, think about all that could be going wrong that isn't, and praise Me for that. Soon you'll start to feel the praise bursting from your heart, as you sincerely think about all the good I have done for you. That's what Natalia is talking about. She wants you to stir up those feelings of thankfulness to Me. If you don't have them to begin with, that's okay. It's human nature to take good things for granted, and sometimes it's a bit of work to remember the good; you almost have to force yourself. But once you start remembering the good and praising Me for it, then the feelings of thankfulness will well up within you. The more you praise, the more you'll find to praise Me about, until it becomes a way of life, a lifestyle change, which changes everything for you in the spirit, and also in the physical. You will feel the results of this, I promise. ⁽²⁰⁾

Put Your All into Praising

Whatever is necessary in order for Me and your praises to Me to have your full focus and concentration, that's what I mean by "all"! If you have a hard time concentrating on praise time, you might want to try doing something physically to help you focus on what you're doing spiritually, and thus be more effective. Why waste the time? If you're going to spend it, make it count! Find what works for you--and you'll probably find that each situation is different. But whatever you do, be effective!

* Raise your arms in praise, either sitting or standing.

* Praise out loud, even if you're alone.

* Sing a praise song, or sing your praise and ask Me to help you put it to music right then and there.

* Praise in tongues, and ask My Spirit to speak through you. Think about what you're thankful for, and then let it well up in your heart and come out in the language of the spirit as you praise in tongues. Or sing in tongues, to a tune you know, or one that comes to you right then.

I would that My brides be willing to praise Me in a language of the spirit even if they don't consider it a gift of tongues. Sometimes the gift of tongues is simply the gift of humility, to open your mouth and praise Me in what sounds to you like babble from a baby. Even if My brides don't know if they have the gift of tongues, it's a tremendous benefit to their spirit to humble themselves and start praising Me in another language--whether they feel they know the language or not--and then My Spirit falls and they truly do begin to speak with a heavenly tongue.

* Dance to music.

* Hug someone while you praise Me.

The options are limitless, but the point is to concentrate on what you're doing and really make it count! Put your "all" into it! ⁽²¹⁾

Continually Praise Me in order to Be Humble

Praising Me brings down many blessings, and one of these blessings is humility. As I've said before, it's a day of the weak, and in order to stay weak and realize that you are weak, you have to be humble; and in order to be humble, you have to continually praise Me and give Me all the glory for everything--everything that you do, everything that you accomplish, everything that you enjoy. Everything! ⁽²²⁾

Practice Praise Throughout the Day

Once you actually get down to praying, you can praise Me for the things that relate more to your prayers. Make praising Me a primary part of prayer vigil, and you'll find those times are fruitful and thoroughly enjoyable.

But don't stop there. Praising doesn't always have to be a part of prayer--it can be something practiced throughout the day while you're working, talking, playing, or whatever. You should be integrating it into your conversations so that it just comes naturally--even when you find yourself discussing negative issues. In fact, praise is often the missing ingredient in such conversations that would bring the balance and solutions and wisdom you seek.

Try to bring the power of positive praise into everything you do, and you'll find that it really does make a difference.

When you're actually praising Me for something specific, it's so much more edifying for you, so much more effective against the Enemy, and makes Me so much happier. It might take a bit of getting used to for some of you, but it's so worth it.

Now, what if...everyone was also praising Me simultaneously and specifically...One person could be saying, "Thank You, Jesus, for the vehicle." Someone else might say, "You're the greatest, Lord!" Then, perhaps another person decides to praise Me for something I supplied the day before. On and on the list goes. Now that's what I call using prayer time wisely!

The Enemy can't stand up to the power of praise--especially when it's used in conjunction with the other weapons of the spirit and the keys of the Kingdom.

Really, [praise] should be a part of your life in general--your conversations, your thoughts, your habits. When it becomes part of your thoughts, part of your conversations, when your first reaction (or closely thereafter) becomes pulling out the weapon of praise to sock the Enemy a good one, then you'll know you're becoming one of My heroes of the spirit and really doing damage to the Enemy! And I'll guarantee you that by that time, your personal quality of life and that of your Home will have improved as well. Praise is the all-around undefeatable weapon! Use it! ⁽²³⁾

Sing Your Praises

Oh, the love that I have for you, and how it soars when you sing praise to Me! ⁽²⁴⁾

It's been said that singing is one of the highest forms of praise, and I would love to listen to the beautiful praises from your heart in the form of song. You can sing with others, or you can sing alone. You can sing with your lips, or you can sing with your heart. However you want to package this gift and offer it to Me, I promise to love it.

Singing is such a beautiful way to express yourself. The heavens are alive with song and singing and music and dance. Whether you have a beautiful voice or not, or can sing on key or not, matters little to Me. I love the joyful sound of your heart! ⁽²⁵⁾

Pulling out a guitar and singing to Me, either with others or alone, is a beautiful form of praise and relaxation which will benefit you and bring sweet rest to your spirit. ⁽²⁶⁾

I love it when you love Me through your music! I love it when you praise Me, when you make love to Me with your words put to music. Songs with even the simplest words of love to Me are beautiful. ⁽²⁷⁾

Come into My courts with praise and into My gates with thanksgiving. I love it when you sing to Me! These are times of wonderful fellowship, and they are feeding for you as well as for Me. I love to sing and praise. Sing with Me and praise with Me. Singing to Me is loving Me. Singing to Me gives Me great joy and excitement. ⁽²⁸⁾

Our Praise Fills Us with His Spirit

(Natalia speaking:) He wants your joyous, exuberant, happy praise. Do you know why? Yes, He derives great pleasure and satisfaction when He hears your praise. Yet greater than this, your praises open the door for our strong Defender to fill you with His power. This is His greatest pleasure--to fill you with His Spirit. This is what He longs for. He wants to flow, flow, flow through your veins. He wants to pump His energy throughout you. Grant Him this pleasure, dear ones, in giving Him thanks for all He has done for you.

This is what pleases our King more than anything--to fill you with His Spirit, for He knows this is what brings true happiness--when you are filled with His strength and power! Through your praises you create a vacuum that He can fill, and when He does, you benefit in ways beyond compare. Through your praise your spirit is set free, and this is what pleases your Love. Through your praise, you raise shields of protection around you that guard you from the Enemy's attacks.

Through your praise you receive the blessings of God; you open the door to receive the riches of Heaven through your praise, and this is what He wants. He wants to heap on you His great treasure. He wants to give and give and give to you again--more than you can possibly conceive of. This is why He loves your praise; through your praises you make it possible for the King to love you like He wants to.

He glories in your praise. He dwells in your praise. He comes to you when you praise. His desire is to meet your desire, to fill you and thrill you and make you happy, to strengthen and empower you to move forward. ⁽²⁹⁾

Praise Me, praise Me, all My little children, for in your praises dwells My life, My Spirit, My joy and My love! I do not say that you have to praise Me, just as I do not say that you have to receive My Salvation; I present it to you as My gift of love because I love you. Just as I want you to be saved, so that you may live by My side all the days of

your life and be with Me forever in Heaven, so I want to receive your praises, so that I may receive your love, your affection, your appreciation and your gratitude, to fill My heart and My need, so I may give you the blessings of My Spirit. These blessings of My Spirit are greater than you understand, and they far outweigh any sacrifice on your part.

I understand that you have much to do, and it is because you have so much to do that I teach you and train you in the importance of keeping your eyes turned upward, focused on Me, keeping your heart lifted in praise unto Me, and living your life in subjection to My loving Spirit. Otherwise all that you have to do will drag you down until you have no spirit and no life left in your good works and your service unto Me.

Receive My love, My peace, My inspiration, My faith and My blessing. So suck and draw on My power and receive the gifts of My Spirit, that you may be strengthened and led into the new days ahead. So turn your eyes and your heart and your lips toward Me, that we may remain one and be strengthened and bonded together by love! ⁽³⁰⁾

Your praises unlock spiritual power and answers and energy--which not only flood through your physical and spiritual body, but also through the situations you will face that day. Those praises release My blessings in the form of answered prayers, solutions, supply, miracles, victories, prayerful decisions, miraculous progress, and more.

As you praise Me, you invite My Spirit into yours. With My Spirit working in you, I am able to give you the grace and power to tackle the project on your to-do list that I know are important and that are My will for you to do that day. I am able to give you My spiritual strength, which translates into physical strength for your mind and body. This enables you to fulfill My priorities for that day as I keep feelings of pressure or worry far from you. ⁽³¹⁾

Praise opens the channel between us in the spirit and creates a vacuum that I cannot resist filling. Love Me with your words and lift your hands to praise Me. Tell Me that you want Me, that you want to put on My mind, that you want Me to activate heavenly thought power within you. Singing in tongues is often very helpful, for it sets you free in the spirit; it sets your mind free to receive new things, and it shows your desperation and humility before Me. ⁽³²⁾

Praise Me at every opportunity. Let My praises be on your lips at all times. You do not yet realize how powerful praise is in the spirit. The Devil and his evil ones cannot fight against praise. They cannot resist it. It is overwhelming for them; it overpowers them. When you praise Me, it opens our link and strengthens it. It enhances our connection and enables Me to speak to you more clearly. It puts things in perspective. It

washes away the things of the world and prepares you to meld with Me. It opens a vacuum in the spirit for Me to pour out My blessings upon you. It is a powerful witness and testimony to others of your faith and trust in Me. Once you start praising Me more, you'll realize how much there is to praise Me about. ⁽³³⁾

The closer you get to Me and the Word and prayer and praise, the more you realize that this is what really counts in life. You start to see that loving Me and hearing from Me is pretty cool, pretty awesome, and by comparison, the things of the world seem pretty shallow, pretty boring, pretty empty. ⁽³⁴⁾

If there's anything the ol' Devil fears, it's your having a closer walk with Me, a more intimate, personal relationship with Me. He hates the thought of you being closer to Me and being able to hear My Words more clearly and have more faith in My love for you. It freaks him out completely!

When he sees that you're obeying and you're spending more time in the Word, and you're praying sincerely, and you're praising Me during the daily praise times, and you're singing songs of love to Me, and you're raising your arms in praise, and you're doing all you can to try to be close to Me, even if all this doesn't make you feel much different, he just starts shakin' in his boots! Because he knows that your doing all those things will bring My blessings into your life, and you'll get to know Me better and feel My love more strongly and have more of My power and My Spirit. He freaks out to see that happening because he knows you'll be a much stronger and a more powerful disciple and a much greater threat to his kingdom. So he does everything he can to stop you! He fights tenaciously to try to get you to give up! ⁽³⁵⁾

The Potent Weapon of Praise

(Jesus:) Your prayers and your praises have the power to do great and mighty things. And by the same token, when there is a lack of prayer and praise, the battle can be much more difficult for you, and for those assigned to help you and protect you, because they too are limited by the laws of the spirit.

(Channel:) [In my vision] the angels were already "gaining" in a way, by moving the [harmful] helmet further away, but then I saw a force lift it up till the [harmful] helmet and the demons were out of the way completely. Looking closer, I saw that this force emanated from your heart, which was glowing bright and red like a ruby. There were spirals of energy rising, and with them little sparkles like fireflies.

Then I heard the words "the key of praise" as you raised your arms and channeled this energy that your heart was producing upward. It was a very beautiful picture, and I felt so encouraged by this confirmation of not only the power of our prayers, but also the power of praise, and how together they turn the tide in the battle.

(Jesus:) I give to you, My brides, who know how to love Me intimately, this valuable and potent weapon of praise. Be not deceived by its radiant and beautiful appearance, for to the Enemy it is as if a thousand samurai swords had been unleashed upon him at once, cutting him to his very heart and severing any hold he might have on your heart or health, or any situation that concerns you. The very act of praising is not only beneficial to your spirit and uplifting to your heart, but it actually rejuvenates your body and causes great strength to flow through you. When you begin to praise, it's as if your uplifted arms channel My power back down toward you, and your body receives energy that is not of this world.

Many times has this story been told, this "Battle of Uplifted Hands" (2 Chronicles 20:1-29). But if those involved could have seen in the spirit what was occurring, they would have known they had the advantage from the beginning. As soon as the singing and praising began, the spiritual realm began to rumble. As their hands were raised to Me, it was as if a circuit had been tripped, and power, like lightning, shot down to each one whose heart was full of praise toward Me. At that instant, the panic the opposing armies felt was caused by the demons and spiritual enemies of My children freaking out, for they were familiar with the power unleashed by the obedience and praise of My children, and they knew that they had no defense against this great power.

History recorded the rest, yet even now history is being written by you and your prayers and praises to Me. Let not your eyes be limited by the mere physical outcomes and manifestations of these acts, but look unto Me and lift your eyes to the heavenlies where I can show more fully the nature of these spiritual weapons and how they wreak death and destruction upon the Enemy's empire like nothing you've ever seen! (End of message from Jesus.)⁽³⁶⁾

Receiving Prophecy Starts and Ends with Praise

I can speak to you any time and tell you all the things you want Me to talk to you about. Try taking praise time first. That reminds you how wonderful I am, and how much I love you. When your heart is filled with praise and you remember the things I've done and all that I am, this gets your heart in a more receptive mood to clearly hear My words to you. ⁽³⁷⁾

Your weapon of praise will keep you on My channel and can clear the surrounding area of demons and spirits given over to the Enemy. ⁽³⁸⁾

Praise is very important and very needed to keep your channel well lubricated and free-flowing. Praise lifts your spirit and fills you with faith. It helps to pull down My seeds, because I love to rush through an open, thankful channel, one who is loving My seeds, rejoicing over their entrance and happy for them. So the more you praise and thank Me for it all, the more I pump them into you and the more effortless it becomes.

Having a praiseful spirit is what counts. It's not that you must spend X number of minutes praising Me before a prophecy, but that you are genuinely thankful and express your thanks before, during and after the message is given. It's not the length of time you spend praising Me that I look at during a prayer and prophecy session, it's the sincerity of heart. Praise counteracts the fears and worries of the Enemy. That's why it's important to praise when receiving a prophecy. And since many people are tempted to worry about what they received from Me after they're done, praise is important afterwards, too. ⁽³⁹⁾

Praise is Linked with Prayer

So much "ahead of time" work in prayer is done specifically through praise. It is a weapon that is very closely linked with prayer and that commands great results. The heart that is filled with jubilation and praise is the heart through which prayer flows most naturally and most powerfully. When you are praising Me, dwelling on My goodness and the results and answers I have given, your faith is "automatically" strengthened for prayer, and your authority in the spirit grows stronger because you have the confidence that I can do again what I've done before, that there's more where that came from.

Praise is also one of the ultimate manifestations of trust, which is one of the ultimate manifestations of faith. Praise is proving that you believe that I will work, and work right; and that is the kind of faith you need when you pray. So bring all the jubilation and praise you can into your prayers, and into every aspect of your life, and you can rest assured that you are taking aggressive positive prayer action, and letting the spirit work through you and for you to answer your prayers. ⁽⁴⁰⁾

Praise is not just for My benefit. It also brings you many benefits. As you praise, you prompt yourself to remember all the things that I do and have done, and that gives

you the faith when you pray to really get the answers. Your faith can move a mountain, but before you lift anything so heavy, you must warm up, like any athlete who is preparing to run. To prepare, he goes through the different warm-up routines he has learned, the stretching or limbering up. The same goes for you and moving mountains in the spirit--the routines you have learned are the miracles you have witnessed Me accomplish in your life, and as you praise and acknowledge Me for those, it builds your faith and helps you to believe and understand what I am about to do for you. It's one of the ways you can focus your prayers more as well, and all of this helps you to have more faith and gets you in the habit of praising more. In this way you can "look back down that rugged mountain road and see you are really getting somewhere," as your David said. Praise builds your faith. ⁽⁴¹⁾

Praise helps you to get in the spirit. It primes the pump. As you're praising, it helps you to put all other thoughts and distractions aside; it brings you into My presence. ⁽⁴²⁾

It's always good to start out (your prayers) with praise, but don't be shy about incorporating more praise and thankfulness throughout, and at the end of your prayers as well, as My Spirit leads. ⁽⁴³⁾

Praising for What I will Do

Then there is praise that is used as a weapon of faith, that of claiming My promises before you have seen them fulfilled. That aspect is very different from the "gratitude-based" uses of the weapon. Praises of faith are almost always used in connection with intercessory prayer, and are one of the most powerful uses of the weapon of praise. Those praises acknowledge My ability to do anything and everything that you request, and do it in the best way possible, and you pump up your faith and stand on it through your praises.

The old quote says, "Faith knows that God will do it, and He does!" and now your arsenal has been expanded to include the ability to praise Me for performing your request before you have even seen it in the physical. This is one of the highest levels of appropriating faith. You're taking the action of thanking Me for answering your prayer even before I have done so, which shows that you have the kind of faith that will get the needed results.

Praising Me for answers before you see them also helps your prayers to be more focused, direct, and specific, because praising Me for the answer forces you to visualize the answer coming to pass, which helps you to target your prayers and even to target

your faith and what you expect of Me. There's a big difference between just praying that someone will be healed, and thanking Me that that person is healed and able to walk normally again, or eat normally again, or resume their normal duties with full strength, or whatever it is they need. Seeing them in your mind's eye being able to do those things again, and seeing them being able to utilize the results of your prayer gives you the right kind of force in prayer that moves My power on your behalf, and brings the direct specific answers you need.

Don't forget too that you should not only praise Me for the ways you would like to see Me fulfill the answer to your request, but that you should also praise Me that no matter what happens, I'm taking care of the situation in the best way possible, and I'm in control. Praise Me for the good fruit of the trial or affliction. Praise Me for the opportunities to witness that some difficulties bring you. Praise Me for the strengthening of your spirits. Praise Me for always answering. As you start praising Me for the good that I can and will bring out of any situation according to your faith, you will begin to see My hand at work. You will begin to understand and know what to claim in prayer. You'll have a sense in your heart of what things I might want to see accomplished, and you'll gain the faith to ask Me for the full answer, the full blessing, the very best that I want to give you.

You need to see praise prayers as not only a gesture of goodwill and thanks to Me, but as an essential part of your being able to pray the right kind of prayers and have the right kind of faith. The more you incorporate praises into your prayers, the more specific answers you'll see. Praise makes Me happy and it moves My hand, but part of the reason is that praise also motivates you, encourages you, and causes you to stretch your faith beyond the supplication and toward the fulfillment, which is a very important aspect of receiving My answers. ⁽⁴⁴⁾

For your praise, prayer, and prophecy time today, think power! The power of your praise will bring you into My presence, where the power of your prayers will result in a tremendous surge of power as the keys rush to your assistance. ⁽⁴⁵⁾

Have extra praise time before delving into the Word, which makes you more desirous of it. Praise creates more of a vacuum in your heart. ⁽⁴⁶⁾

Praise Me at all times--as part of your prayer, as part of your Word time, as part of your hearing from Me, as part of your work, as part of your relationships with others, as part of your very life. Just as breathing air is essential to your physical life, breathing praise is essential to your spiritual life, to your victory. ⁽⁴⁷⁾

(Natalia speaking:) According to your praise you will receive strength. According to your praise you will be established and settled. According to your praise you will be filled with the hot gold magic power of the keys! According to your praise your channels will be opened wide to liberally receive power and revelation in the days ahead. Open wide and receive! Let it begin with your praise, for it is through your praise that you will be made ready. ⁽⁴⁸⁾

(Natalia speaking:) Let your praise be known to all the worlds! Be not as those who repeat the words in vain repetition, but immerse yourselves in the joyful sound of praise and glory in its power! Praise with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your soul, and let your praise lift you to the Heavenlies!

This is the kind of praise our dear Love wants. This is the kind of praise that empowers you. This is the kind of praise that brings fruit in your lives. This is the kind of praise that rises above. This is the kind of praise that turns the keys to the Kingdom, which you hold in your hands. This is the kind of praise that transcends the impossible!

So cut loose, dear ones! Lose yourselves in praise to our King! Be enraptured in His glory, and thrill to His magnificence! Lift your eyes upward! Set your heart and affections on that which is above. Never mind the trivia, the nagging details in the world around you--only think on Heavenly things in this moment.

Lose yourselves in praise to the King of Kings! Sing for joy and be filled! ⁽⁴⁹⁾

As You Praise Me So will I Open the Windows of Heaven

Praise is the victory! Praise brings hope and strength! Praise brings light and life! Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord! Lift up your hands and praise the Lord! Lift up your voices and ring out songs of praise, words of praise, tongues of praise!

Oh, that My children would be children of praise! Oh, that they would constantly have a word and a song of praise in their hearts and on their lips! For when you are praising, then I can envelop you in My Spirit. It helps to ward off the attacks of doubts and fears and worries put on your mind by the Evil One. Praise brings great strength, because praise helps you to keep your mind stayed on Me. My people ought always to praise and not to faint, and not to become weary in well doing.

All of this works together, don't you see?--Loving Me more, hearing from Me more, and praising Me more. ...

Praise is so important! Praise is precious! Praise is valuable! Praise is the way of the Kingdom! Praise is the opposite of the way of the world. The Devil brings his people

into bondage through fear and worry and contention and bitterness and murmuring. But I long to bring My children into freedom through praise and thanksgiving! ...

I find great pleasure in the praise of My children. Just as you find great pleasure in the compliments and praise of your lover, so do I find great joy in the praise of My Bride. As you praise Me for My blessings, for My supply, for My protection, for My words of love, for My guidance and instruction, so will I open the windows of Heaven and pour forth all these things in greater abundance!⁽⁵⁰⁾

Our Praise Angels

Each of you has a spirit helper that guides you in praise. They help you to praise and remind you to praise, but the way they work can be likened to a battery. The more you praise, the more they are charged, and the longer they can run without recharging, and the more output they can have. You need to increase your praise output in order to increase their output back to you.

Your praise angels take you where you're at. They try to help you no matter what stage you're at in learning to praise. But the more you want to praise and are open to praising, the more they can help you remember and even give you the words to say to help you feel more eloquent and expressive in your praise. They will help give you ideas to make it more interesting and effective. So in that sense, they are like a battery that you charge with your desire and your obedience to step out and try. And the more you do that, the more power they have to help you make even more progress and remember and be more effective in your praises, and even enjoy your times of praise more.

Praise is so much like electricity. When the batteries are charged or the generators are running, then there's a plentiful supply of power. But weak batteries or faulty generators cause the lights to go out. If you don't actively praise and focus, then not enough spiritual oomph will be generated to push your prayers through to answers... you can get more and better answers by praising.

You must seek out your praise angel or angels. You must ask them how you can help them to help you, so that your praises are activated and your prayers are pushed along to answers. Claim a refilling of the Holy Ghost, not just today, but whenever you need it and are feeling a bit dry. According to your praise be it unto you! (End of message from Jesus.)⁽⁵¹⁾

Some Key Promises on Praise

Claim the keys and you will have the courage to praise Me and acknowledge Me before others, to love Me and honor Me with your lips.

I will take away self-consciousness and embarrassment as you claim the keys of personal abandonment, so you can sing and praise and lift your arms to Me in humility.

You possess freedom over discontentment and depression as you hold up the keys turned to swords and strike the Enemy back with praise and positiveness.

The keys can change your mindset, giving you a totally positive and praiseful mindset.

Praise is a key that unleashes an ocean of My spiritual power, which can engulf and wash away any of the Enemy's obstacles.

Praise is one of the keys to victory. This key can not only draw you closer to Me, but it can be turned into a sword to cut the Devil to the heart!

According to your praise you will be filled with the hot gold magic power of the keys!

Call on the keys of praise to help you see the good even when you don't feel like it, and you will be making use of one of the most important spiritual weapons in your arsenal.

Use the powerful, dynamic approach of praise and calling on the keys, which the Devil hates and cannot resist, and you will see mighty miracles.

When the Enemy holds up a list of your lacks, failings, and weaknesses, slam the door in his face by praising Me and claiming the power of the keys, and he will be forced to flee.

When you feel too weak and discouraged to praise, call on the power of the keys to give you the strength, and as you praise, you will gain the victory.

While you're praising Me and claiming the power of the keys, you won't be able to think about anything negative and the Devil won't be able to lie to you.

When you're having problems, sing, shout, praise Me, and claim the keys of rising above! The Devil will have to flee, because you're resisting him with the power of praise and actively fighting against him with a force that he can't beat!

Praise, prayer, the Word and the keys will sustain not only your spiritual life, but also your physical life.

Keep your eyes off yourself and your situation, and on Me and the keys. Praise Me even when you don't feel like it, and I will take care of the situation and bring about "Romans 8:28" even from the most trying circumstances.

Call on the keys for power and victory in every situation, and then praise Me for answering.

Claiming the keys and praising Me is just what you need to lift you out of the pit which the Devil is trying to cast you into!

Praise Me with your whole heart, and by the power of the keys I will work miracles on your behalf.

The keys of praise and rising above are connected, and when activated, create a powerful combination to defeat the Enemy.

Praise, call on the keys, and then watch Me perform! It's a winning combination that never fails!

You will feel the power of the keys--steady and confident, strong and unbeatable--as you praise Me and let your voice glorify Me. Whenever you feel discouraged or worried, bring on the power of the keys through your words of faith and praise. The keys rush to those who honor Me and glorify My Name.

When you praise Me, thank Me, and actively show your gratitude and thanks, I am compelled out of love to turn the keys of My supply and open to you the vaults of heavenly riches.⁽⁵²⁾

What will your Keys of Praise Do?

When you use your demon-defeating weapons of the keys of praise, they will:

A

Answer your call.
Accomplish each task on your to-do list.
Achieve your goals.
Activate stronger faith.
Always win the battle.
Attack Arakan.

B

Boost your natural abilities.
Build on your strengths and anointing.
Blast every negative thought to Hell where it belongs.
Beat up the Devil's imps.
Bounce you into the joy of the Lord.
Bash Bacchus.
Blast Baal to bits.

C

Conquer Satan in every battle.
Carry out your work with excellence.
Create a force field of protection around you.
Complete your thoughts and help you remember things.
Constrain Oplexicon.
Change your mindsets.
Cut the Devil to the heart.
Crush the imps that pester you.

D

Do whatever you ask of Me.

Damn the deactivation demons.
Demolish the impossibilities and make room for My miracles.
Devastate your enemies.
Drown out Satan's voice.
Dissipate discouragement.
Defy the impossible.
Detonate the demons.

E
Escort you into My presence.
Execute My highest will.
Ensure victory no matter what the obstacles.
Energize your body, mind, and spirit.
Eliminate every iota of the Devil's influence.
Eradicate doubts.

F
Fight for you and win the battle.
Fix the problems.
Figure out the answers.
Find things you lost.
Fry the Enemy's circuitry.
Force the fiends of Hell to retreat.
Foil your foes.

G
Guard you from feelings of discouragement, frustration, and negative thoughts.
Generate a feeling of well-being.
Give you unexpected strength.
Gather spiritual forces to come to your rescue.
Gain the upper hand.
Glorify Me.
Gas the ghouls of gloom and despair.

H
Help you overcome in spite of everything.
Hold back premature persecution.

Hinder the Hinderer.
Hurt and wound the Imp.
Hallow you about with My angels.
Hammer down the hordes of evil.
Handcuff the Hairy One.

I

Inoculate you from the Enemy's venom.
Improve any situation.
Increase your productivity.
Infuse you with the positive medicine of My Spirit.
Invigorate you from head to toe.
Illuminate your mind with My thoughts.

J

Juggle your work and help you multitask.
Join your mind with My mind.
Jump to encourage you when you feel down.
Junk the Punk.
Jerk you out of depression's pit.
Jam the Enemy's communication system.

K

Keep you on the cutting edge of the new moves of My Spirit.
Keep you on a positive track.
Knock the Devil for a loop.
Kick you in the pants and remind you to look on the positive.
Knit your thoughts with your spirit helpers.
Knock the Enemy out of commission.

L

Lift your spirit.
Look after all your needs.
Lead you in the ways of My Spirit.
Launch happy thoughts into your atmosphere.
Let you in on My secrets.

Lethally wound Lethargy.

M

Make molehills out of mountains.

Make sure your priorities are balanced.

Marshal My forces to fight for you.

Morph into a praisemobile to get you to your destination faster.

Minimize ungodly and negative influences.

Move the hand of God to fight for you.

Mortally wound every foe.

N

Never fail.

Nurse you when you're sick or discouraged.

Neutralize the Enemy's poisonous darts.

Nuke Satan's strongholds.

Not desert you.

Nullify condemnation.

O

Open the door to My Spirit.

Organize your schedule.

Obtain whatever you need.

Obliterate Obstacon.

Overcome fear and shyness.

Outsmart even the most outrageous opposition.

P

Protect your thoughts.

Pep-talk you through any difficulty and on to the victory.

Prepare your destiny.

Preempt the Enemy's strikes against you.

Push Lucifer over the edge.

Put down pride.

Prevail over all the evil plans of Pan.

Q

Quiet the voice of the Enemy.
Quell all your fears.
Quicken to you your memory work.
Quench thoughts of self-pity.
Quash Hell's puny army.

R

Rush to your side.
Resolve issues.
Require the forces of darkness to flee.
Rip the Ol' Boy apart.
Resist and reflect the Enemy's attacks back at him.
Restore peace to your spirit.

S

Slam the door in the Devil's face.
Safeguard you from falling prey to the Devil's devices.
Start new circuitry to rewire your way of thinking.
Strengthen your defenses.
Sock it to the Selvegion.
Shatter Satan's lies to smithereens.
Slash sensitivity.
Shred Satan to ribbons.
Subvert the strongholds of the Slimy Snake.
Smash the delusions of the Devil.

T

Trigger victory.
Thrash every demon that tries to hinder you.
Transport you into the realm of the spirit.
Torture the Devil.
Transform your nature.
Torment the demons of depression.
Thwart the Enemy's plans.
Turn the demons away, shrieking in pain and fear.
Trash the mean Monster.

U

Unlock the door to greater faith.

Utilize the full power of Heaven in conjunction with the other weapons of the spirit.

Upgrade your faith.

Unravel the secrets of Heaven.

Undo the Devil's damage.

Unveil the truth in any situation.

Undermine every effort of the Enemy.

V

Voice My blessings.

Verify My Word to your satisfaction.

Vaporize the vile Viper.

Validate the truth.

Vastly multiply your prayer power.

Vanquish the Vandari.

Vault you over any hurdle.

W

Win, and not lose.

Wipe out any negative habits and replace them with positive ones.

Write all your communications through you.

Whack the Ol' Creep right where it hurts.

Weave beautiful blessings into the tapestry of your life.

Wallop Apotheon.

Wipe out the demons who oppose you.

Wash away every trace of evil.

X

X off anything negative.

X-tend a helping hand in your time of need.

X-pand your horizons.

X-tol My virtues.

X-pedite your spiritual progress.

X-ceed your every expectation.

X-onerate you and set you free.

Y

Yield wonderful results.

Yell victory in the face of the Enemy.

Yearn for and attract My Spirit.

Yank the rug from under your enemies.

Yoke you to My love as never before.

Z

Zap every lie of the Enemy.

Zip up the foul mouth of the Devil and his imps.

Zero in on and enhance My happy thoughts.

Zonk your Adversary.

Zealously fight for you in the spirit.

Zoom in and destroy every design of the Evil One.

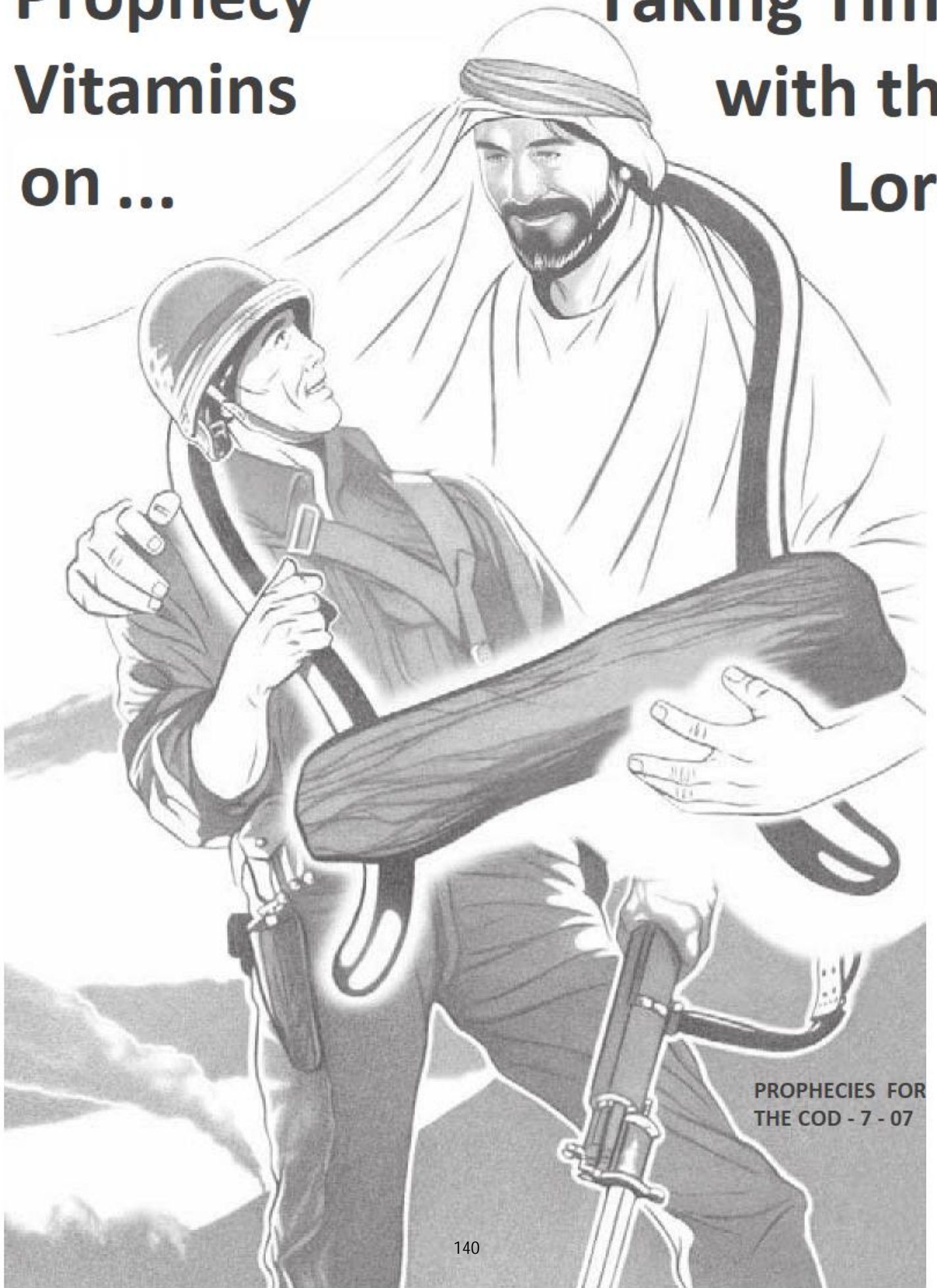
Yes, the keys of praise can do what I'm advertising. The keys of praise are your all-around undefeatable weapon. You can use them in any battle and they will help to bring the victory. They can enhance any prayer; they can augment any other specific key you claim. The keys of praise enhance the power of all of the other specific keys. For example, if you're praying for supply, claim the keys of supply and the keys of praise. Adding the ingredient of the keys of praise to any prayer you pray will not go to waste. It will make your prayer more powerful, not less powerful.

The keys of praise are effective in every battle, and multiply the power of your prayer a thousand times. The keys of praise will add a unique boost of power to your prayer. The keys of praise are an important addition to any prayer. Praise is the voice of faith, and using the keys of praise is an expression of your faith that I will answer you, no matter what you are requesting of Me. ⁽⁵³⁾

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1. I expect you to spend time with Me.
2. If you want to be more like Me, spend more time with Me.
3. First comes your time with Me; this must always be in first place.
4. As you spend sweet time with Me, I will give you strength that you know not of.
5. I ask your affection, your giving of your love and your time to Me, your Lord and Husband.
6. In the days to come as you spend time with Me in the morning, I will reveal many wondrous things to you.
7. If you spend time with Me, it will be obvious to others.
8. No one can go on without My power, My Spirit working through them, and the only way to get that power is by taking time with Me.
9. (Dad speaking:) 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.
10. It's the dynamics of the spirit world that My work must be done first and foremost in the spirit--through spending time with Me in the Word and prayer.
11. I need your attention and love. As I have said, this is manifested to Me by you spending time hearing from Me, communing with Me, reading My Word, meditating on it, praying, praising, and so on.
12. It all comes back to taking that time with Me that you need every day, and time to seriously study and review the Words I have given you and continue to give you.
13. I want you to spend time loving Me as My bride, receiving My seeds-seeds of life and power and happiness and fruitfulness, which will give you what you need to keep going.
14. Cherish this time with Me as we lie in the bed of love together, for you are My precious one, and I long to whisper strengthening Words in your ear.

15. Step out on the water and spend time with Me, time in My arms, time in My Words, and you will see the results. I have so much in store for you if you will just step out by faith.
16. The Enemy is always fighting your time with Me. He tries his damndest to get you to push this time aside, because he knows how important it is.
17. Call on the power of the keys of imprisonment to keep the Enemy from disturbing your time with Me.
18. If you neglect your time with Me and neglect to work on strengthening the areas that you are weak in, then even your successful work, as well-intentioned as it might be, will fall short of being all that it could be.
19. Remember that by doing whatever is necessary as a Home to ensure that everyone is able to take good, solid time with Me, you're knocking the Devil for a loop in the spirit. You're overcoming! You're winning!
20. If you want to last and not wear out, if you want to have the strength to make it to the end, you must have that time with Me, and slow down and do only what you're capable of physically, mentally, and spiritually without getting stressed.
21. It's a simple spiritual law that when your priorities are right--that is, when you're putting your personal time with Me first above all other people and things --everything else falls into place.
22. Put Me first each day. Fight for your temple time with Me. Fight for quality spiritual feeding. Fight for undistracted time in My arms. This is the most effective way to be renewed with My vision and to stay reminded of My heavenly vision.
23. I love when My children listen to Me. I love when My children spend time with Me. I love when My children love Me. And I love when My children speak My Words.
24. I will rejoice with you as you rejoice. I would also commune with you, as you commune with Me and spend time with Me, feeding from My Word and listening to My voice.
25. If you take a moment with Me you'll find that your heart can enter into My secret place where you can be refilled and refreshed by My power. Don't miss it.
26. Your time with Me is always the first step. None of your other plans will be nearly as blessed, nor will they fulfill your desires if you don't put Me first and search for your relaxation in the temple with Me before anything else.

27. I must be your First Love. What does that mean? Does it mean you spend time with Me? Yes. Does it mean that you draw help and strength from Me? Yes.

28. Spend time with Me in strengthening and renewal, that you may learn to listen to My voice, that you may get your directions fresh from Me every day, each step of the way, for in this you will find strength to carry on.

29. This is what I'm asking of you, that you daily, without fail, spend time with Me in the Word and prayer; that you hear from Me personally in prophecy each day; that you love Me in the bed of love each day.

30. Knowing the author opens a new level of understanding of their book. Spend time with Me, and My Word will open up to you and become alive and refreshing, life-sustaining!

31. Loving Me intimately is one of the keys to humility, and as you spend more time with Me in the bed of love, this will be reflected on those you come in contact with.

32. Call on the key of intimate love to open your heart to Me, and I will be able to show you things of Heaven and of My Spirit that you have never seen before. Activating this key and spending time with Me will enhance our relationship and take it to new heights.

33. See it as a blessing when I give you time alone--for it is a sign that I love you and miss you, and that it is your special time with Me. I love all My children equally, and desire to have special time with each of them. times alone with Me are a gift from My hand; they are a gift to be cherished.

34. 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.

35. Your spirit and attitude has to be, "My time with the Lord and His Word is so important that I've just got to have it," and not, "There's so much to do that I just can't take time with the Lord."

36. Trust Me that you will be able to get the other things done even more efficiently, that you will be more inspired about those tedious jobs that you have to do every single day, if you are getting your quality time with Me.

37. What blessed peace can be found in the silent moments when you and I commune together, just the two of us. Here is where you find your strength. Don't neglect this private time with Me--it is your strength.

38. I'm just asking you to put first things first. If you'll have to cut out some activities which are less meaningful in order to give more time to Me, I'll bless you beyond measure for that sacrifice.

39. (Dad speaking:) Pray, listen to the whispers, get that sweet communion time with the Lord. When you get His answers, when you receive this direct, personal shepherding from the Lord and from me too, you will find that everything is going to work out A-OK!

40. If you keep fighting to make time with Me, and if you keep earnestly hungering for and desiring My seeds of life and truth, you will continue to grow and change and revolute with the times.

41. (Dad speaking:) You must have the Word if you want to have the Lord's perspective, if you want to have faith and hope and courage to face the problems. How do you think you're going to get it unless you spend time with the Lord and let Him speak to your heart and mind?

42. The more of My Spirit you take on, the more of My love you have inside of you, and the more you will see your co-workers and mates through My eyes. It's a special blessing that is an automatic result of spending more time with Me. I love you!

43. Call on the power of the keys to do away with any of the Enemy's static when you are spending time with Me, and I will restore and renew the connection between us.

44. Your top priority is your time with Me and your fellowship with Me, and sometimes you might even need to forgo desired fellowship with others if you haven't yet fulfilled My desires by spending enough time with Me.

45. (Dad speaking:) If you're running yourselves into the ground and letting the pressures and the burdens and the weights build up, without getting away to have a little time with the Lord--and I mean on a regular basis--how do you expect to last for long? It's just not possible!

46. Busyness is the biggest enemy of time with Me; don't let it get ahold of you. Remember that your time with Me is the most important thing. How will you have the answers unless you consult the Answer Man?

47. The first and most important key is to love Me more and spend more intimate time with Me. For it is in those times with Me that I will pour out My blessings and I will speak words of love and comfort and encouragement that will lift your spirit. You will be as a rose that carries the sweet fragrance of My Spirit throughout the day, and those around you will know that you have been with Me.

48. (Dad speaking:) Remember, you have to live in the Word these days more than ever. As things grow darker and the battles get more intense, you need more ammunition to fight the Enemy, and you need even greater spiritual reserves. So don't neglect that time with the Lord, because your spiritual life depends on it!

49. There are some things that I've told you cannot be neglected. The first and foremost of these is your time with Me. So please don't brush that off as a goal which is nice to shoot for, but that I don't expect you to hit. In the case of your time with Me, it is something sacred. I do expect it of you and I know that it is possible, because I will make a way if you ask Me to do so.

50. If you're taking your time with Me every day, if you're praying, reading, and hearing from Me, then you are on the attack against spiritual lethargy. You're stirred up, because you're obeying. You don't have to feel "on fire" and be "thrilled" about everything you read to be fighting spiritual lethargy.

51. Focus on spending time with Me and taking in My words in order to have the strength to stand strong, and to have the connection with Me that will guide you in the specific situations you'll be faced with.

52. The key is My Word, My voice, My Spirit, for these are one, and they are Me. The more these things abide in you, the more I abide in you. And the more I abide in you, the more you will abide in Me, and so shall you bring forth much fruit! For without Me, you can do nothing.

53. Those who spend time with Me in the bed of love, receiving and sucking My seeds, are strengthened, and the seeds that they absorb are manifested again through prophecy. The strength and beauty that comes from loving Me is made manifest through a clear and yielded channel, which I give you when you love Me intimately.

54. Without My Word you will perish. You will not be able to function, to do the job I have called you to do. It's vitally important that we have our time together every day. Take time with Me and we'll get a lot done to further My message to this lost and lonely world.

55. Your priority, first and foremost, should always be Me. I am your number one. I am your priority. Your priority should always be the things of the spirit first; love should always be your priority. Making sure you've spent quality time with Me in the Word each day.

56. As you spend more time with Me in prayer, in My Word, and in My bed of love, you'll take on more of My humble nature. The change will automatically take place as you abide in Me and allow Me to abide in you. It's not a work of the flesh, but simply a letting go of yourself. The more you have of Me, the less there will be of you.

57. You need to spend more time with the Master, to sit at My feet and learn of Me, that I may teach you the doors to go through. For in your own efforts, you shall fail. You shall knock, but it shall not be opened; you shall ask, but you shall not receive if you ask at the wrong doors and knock at the wrong doors. You must spend more time with Me.

58. It is healthy to break out of molds and ruts and to think 'out-of-the-box.' But, there are also some routines that are good and necessary. Habits of regular time with Me and My Word are good and fruitful and will enhance your spiritual life and strengthen your relationship with Me. Being routine about taking time to be with Me is good."

59. I have much fulfillment and happiness for you when you spend more time with Me. I can show you many things and fill you with My love during those times. I thrill in your personal, intimate, passionate love--not just your love through your works. I'd rather have you, and have you completely!

60. If you will not neglect this vital time with Me, if you will not neglect the proper diet that I put at your disposal, you will find in the long run that I am able to help you be more efficient in the tasks I call you to do. You'll make fewer mistakes, be able to avoid pitfalls, and things will run far more smoothly as you put first things first.

61. Be open as you take time with Me. This is time to be moved by My Spirit and to make sure that this time is making a difference in your life. I am a living God and a moving God! I want to live and move and work in your life. I want you to make a difference in the world today!

62. The simple act of taking a little more time with Me, above the minimum, will in itself cause great spiritual strides of progress, and will shine the light of My Word into your heart and soul and help you to see, evaluate, and grow in those areas of your faith and discipleship that are weak and need strengthening.

63. Thank you for being My forever love. I am so thankful for brides like you who keep their oil burning, who are faithful to fight to come spend time with Me, even when it's difficult. You have strength that you know not of, because I am your strength, and I never run out.

64. When you think that other things are more important than My Word or spending time with Me, this is Pan influencing you. He is playing with your mind, making you think that whatever else you think you need to do is more important than swimming in the waters of My Word.

65. Above all, I require that you take the time with Me that is necessary, I require that you learn to operate more in the spirit. If you fail in this one area, you are failing in many areas. I want you to see how much responsibility and accountability rests on this one point. I want you to see how important I consider this one aspect of your life.

66. How often I have told you that you should be as Martin Luther, who, when he had so much to do, took even more time in prayer and in communion with Me. Seek not to excuse yourselves from this time with Me, but prove Me and My Word by putting Me to the test and seeing if I will not do all that I have promised.

67. The Martin Luther principle is that when you head into busy times, you need even more time with Me. Tapping into My Spirit is vital and a "must-do." You must have the necessary power, strength, and My Spirit flowing within your veins--and the way you get that is from taking time with Me. Without My Spirit strong within you, you won't survive, you won't be productive, you won't have the power of My Spirit that you need.

68. If you are work-oriented and accomplishment-oriented you must know that it's more important that you get Word time and time with Me, even if the work is set back a little bit or delayed. In the long run, a better job will come of it, and you'll be able to continue working and not experience the tremendous setback and crisis of a burnout.

69. Please take the time with Me, so that I can shower you with My love and so that we can be one--I and My precious, wonderful brides, the loves of My life, My eternal loves. I love all of you so much, and long to be with you, and look forward with great joy and anticipation to the time we have before us together in the spirit.

70. The only way to stay ahead is to actively, passionately, and desperately pursue Me. Fight for your time with Me, and let nothing become more important than speaking with Me, hearing from Me, loving Me and praising Me. For it is through Me that you will receive the strength, the wisdom, and the answers that you will need during this busy time.

71. Don't minimize the importance of taking time with Me to pull down from Heaven the resources that I have to offer you--the world of helpers, those who are knowledgeable, those who are intelligent, those who are under My authority to serve you. You must ask, repeatedly and specifically, and you will receive.

72. I have given you the blessing of the great need and longing and desire that you have in your heart to spend time with Me. I have planted this great love in your heart that makes you yearn for Me and reach out for Me and desire and crave times of loving and intimacy and special fellowship with Me.

73. You'll find that as you dedicate yourself more to Me, as you develop a hunger and thirst for My Spirit and pray for that hunger and thirst and desperation, that My Spirit is completely satisfying and that I am able to fill the empty spaces in your life and heart. I'm able to fill your time with good and satisfying things of My Spirit.

74. The essence of humility is being so submitted to My Spirit that you have no will of your own, and you become a living, moving, breathing sample of Me and My heavenly ways. This is humility. And you will receive this humility by being faithful to spend time with Me in the bed of love, and in My Words, and using the new weapons.

75. I want you to take some special time with Me today. It doesn't have to be a big, extra chunk of time. Take advantage of those little moments when you are in between things, or doing something that doesn't take a lot of thinking, to talk to Me and commune with Me, and we can have little "quickies" throughout the day.

76. You must continue to further hone your habit of waiting upon Me, of doing My bidding and following Me closely. And the fine-tuning of these qualities comes in giving Me honor over all else in your life. And the way you give Me honor is by spending sufficient time giving Me your undivided attention.

77. I went to weddings; I went to funerals; I went to people's houses for meals when they invited Me. I walked the same roads, drank from the same wells, slept on the same ground. I liked to be around people; I liked to talk with them, teach them, help them, heal them. I liked kids. I had time for people. That's the way I was and that's the way I still am, and that's how you're going to be as we spend more and more time together and My influence rubs off on you.

78. (Dad wrote:) Think of the years Abraham spent out in the fields watching flocks! No wonder he heard from the Lord: He had time to listen! Lord forgive us! We get so busy! If you're too busy to pray, you're too busy! If you're too busy to get alone with God and pray, you're too busy! What if the servant said to the King, "I'm sorry, I can't come and listen to your orders today, I'm too busy out serving you!!"

The most important job you have is listening to the king: to stop, look and listen!-- or you're going to get run over!

79. (Dad wrote:) You don't hear much about John the beloved--a little about him being with the Lord, etc. John wrote the Gospel of John--it must have taken some time with the Lord to do it! But his greatest masterpiece was written by the Lord in exile on an island. His biggest work was just letting God do all the directing and all the showing and the whole shebang! Let's slow it down! Stop! ... Look! ... Listen!, or you're going to get run over.

80. (Dad wrote:) If you don't have some quiet time with the Lord, I don't know how you can operate! I get most of my information from the Lord, alone in the quiet of the night when everything is absolutely still and it's completely without distraction. If I wake up in the night and can't go back to sleep, I usually figure that's what it's for. But if you can't sleep, maybe God wants you to pray! As soon as I get prayed up I go right back to sleep!

81. Without Me you can do nothing, and there's no other way to get Me in your life than to spend time with Me daily, soaking up My words new and old. You have to partake of My Spirit if you want power for anything--spiritual or physical--so don't let anything come between you and your lifeline. Make your stand and guard your channel to Me with your life--because it is your life!

82. The temptation is to lean to your own understanding, to lean on the arm of the flesh, but this is not what will save you. It is your spiritual preparation which will build your faith and keep you, knowing that I will protect you. I will supply your needs, for you are My children. Your faith in Me and your time with Me are the greatest preparations and the ones you must place the most importance on.

83. You need a spirit of quietness before Me--a spirit of reverence and getting quiet before your Maker. You need to be able to put aside the world, the day, and your own thoughts and mindsets, and have a spirit of calm--not the speedy, tense, and uptight spirit that you so often have. You need to pray for a spirit of peace first of all before you begin your time with Me.

84. You must spend time with Me in the bed of love--to lay aside all of your burdens and all of your cares and all of your worries, to turn off your computer, to turn off your intercom, to shut the doors of your closet and to come and be a love slave to Me, in the bed of love, to be at My beck and call, to come and spend time with Me, to come and make love to Me, to hear from Me, and to get quiet and to hear what I have to say to you.

85. It is important that you draw near to Me. When you experience battles or difficulties, come to Me and commune with your heart upon your bed with Me in heart-to-heart communion. Draw on My strength, My grace and My understanding. I promise I will not fail you! Take time with Me. Spend more time with Me, and your love for Me will grow even stronger, and your reassurance of My love will not falter.

86. (Dad speaking:) As part of the Lord's special forces you have to not only do the regular training, but you have to take even more time with the Lord so that you're highly trained. Knowing how to use the weapons isn't enough--you have to be a crack shot, a marksman! So train, because the Endtime Olympics are happening and you want to be at your peak performance!

87. In your patience possess ye your soul." Learning patience is an important part of your growth. Even though you often get upset when things don't work out the way you think they should, by taking time with Me, I can defuse your temper and frustrations. I can help you see that if things don't work out the way you think they're supposed to, then you simply need to bring the situation to Me and we can refigure together.

88. There's so much to do--so much work and so many details--but please don't neglect Me. When you don't have as much time to spend with Me as you're used to, you can take advantage of all the little moments throughout the day to love Me and be loved by Me. When you're brushing your hair, making your bed, brushing your teeth, walking from place to place, or eating a meal, spend time with Me.

89. I know what I want the most from the ones I love, and it is something that most people long for above all else--and that is, your time and attention. I know that you love Me when you take time with Me, when you sacrifice other things to have that talk with Me, to have that time in My bed of love, to enjoy Me, to rest with Me, to hold Me. Those are proofs of your love for Me and those around you.

90. Your Word time schedule can't be just for when you're feeling great and things are going well, because then the Enemy will do his darnedest to make sure that things don't go well so that he can keep you from your Word and time with Me. You need to prove to him that you're going to get your time with Me no matter what he tries to do to hinder you, and then he'll give up.

91. You've got a big job to do, and the only way you're going to be able to do this monumental job is by spending time with Me. You may not feel that your job is as important as the jobs of others on the team, and could be tempted to feel that it won't harm you much to skimp on your time with Me. But I tell you that this time is of vital importance, and I need and desire you close to Me every single day. That's how we'll make it through this marathon, My darling.

92. The cure for familiarity is intimacy. Spend intimate time with Me and you will be so in love with Me, so full of My Spirit, and so in tune with Me, that everything you read in the Word will be fresh and alive and speak to you. All the practical suggestions of how you can jump-start your spirit are good, but nothing will do that quicker than taking a moment to praise and love Me intimately.

93. It's not only you anymore that is living there in your body, but I am also living there with you. If you've been faithful to spend time with Me, it will show, even in what might to you seem like normal, ordinary things. In fact, your testimony and sample during those normal everyday things can often be the most powerful--when it's obvious that you are not "you" anymore.

94. Pressure is a great enemy of My will and My plan, because when you have a feeling of pressure, what's the first thing to be pushed out of your schedule?--Your time with Me, your quiet time, your time loving others with My love, your time resting and refilling at My feet. You switch to high gear, and in so doing, if you do it consistently enough, you also unwittingly switch to auto-destruct, because you cannot do the Master's work without the Master's power!

95. As you fight to put priority on Me and My Word, this will cause your victory to blossom into its fullest state and you'll progress and move forward in spirit like never before. But if you do the least possible, the minimum that you feel you can get away with, you'll only walk in partial victory. It'll be victorious enough to keep you relatively happy and able to do your ministry, but you won't be growing, challenged and moving with the power of My Spirit.

96. As you love Me, as you spend time loving Me and becoming filled with Me, thus will I be able to fill you with My love, My seeds, My truths, My thoughts, My views, and thus will you be able to see things as I see them. When you can see things the way that I see them, then although your natural man may struggle and buck against it, you'll be able to fight, knowing that you're doing the right thing, and knowing that I will give you the strength for it.

97. Take time with Me each day. If things aren't going well or you're having troubles, stop and ask yourself if you've spent enough time with Me recently, if you've been asking Me about things enough. If not, it's never too late to stop and ask for My help and forgiveness. I will then pour out My anointing in double measure. Prove Me! Spend time with Me, and see if I won't save you time by helping you to solve the problems in half the time!

98. How I long to pour My love upon thee! How I long to draw thee to My bosom! If thou wouldst take this time with Me in prayer, and listen to My voice in thy heart, and through My Word, I would show thee of My great, great love for thee.--Love which is greater than the ocean, which stretches further than the horizon, which the whole universe with all its stars and galaxies cannot contain, which reaches out of understanding into infinity and eternity. This love thou wouldst know if thou wouldst draw close to Me.

99. You have to take Word time and quiet time to receive inspiration on a daily basis, to inspire you daily so your mind doesn't faint. You have to take it whether you feel like it or not. Even if you already feel inspired, you still need to take it to keep you protected and shielded from the fiery darts. You can't neglect your time with Me, hearing from Me, resting in My arms and being fed, because it's your protection, your strength, your joy, your nourishment, your daily bread, your salvation, and it's a matter of life and death.

100. You can't work up success in your work. You can't work up success in your personal life. You can't even work up getting a message from Me through your channel. But all these things, and much more, you can "pray down." Sometimes you don't even have to pray them down-- you just spend time with Me, you rest in My arms, you obey My Word, and I pour on good things.

101. So don't rush through life putting aside your time with Me or you will miss the whole point, and all that you accomplish and go through will be for naught. Make the most of your journey by spending time with Me, loving Me, seeking Me, and discovering Me. Before you know it, you'll have arrived at your final stop, and I'll be there waiting for you.

102. How beautiful in My sight are each of the hearts of My precious children! How intimately I know each of them! How tenderly I look upon each of them. How I delight in their love, and rejoice in their happiness! How My heart is thrilled when they come before Me and spend time with Me, loving Me, pouring out their hearts before Me, presenting Me with their praises and their words of love and adoration!

103. When I tell you over and over and over again to take time with Me, many of you think it's too much, that it's a bit ridiculous. Not many of you will admit this, but many of you think it. You don't like to be treated as if you're simple children, and My continual admonitions and reminders to take time with Me, to go slow, to depend on Me, to ask Me everything are perceived as instructions for babes and not "veteran soldiers," as you see yourselves.

104. Without the true foundation of having Me and the Word in first place, you will eventually run into a dead end, a brick wall, and once again let your enthusiasm die. Only you who put My Word first, who make it your number-one priority to spend time with Me, who continue to cause the Word revolution to revolute your lives will receive the faith, trust, obedience, and vision needed to see you through to the end.

105. It's not just because I need you to do a job for Me that I want you close to Me. Of course, I do need you very desperately, but when it comes down to it, it's the joy of having you near Me, and being able to be with you, love you, and enjoy life with you that really means the most to Me. That's what I want, that is My desire, My wish, and My dream—a dream that you make come true every time you spend time with Me.

106. If you've been doing your best to love Me, if you want to be close to Me, if you've been trying to read the Word and obey, if you've been taking time to praise Me and pray and spend time with Me, then of course I'm going to bless you and reward you! I love you, and what I want more than anything else is to be close to you. That's the most important thing to Me—to have your love, to spend time with you, to hear your words and songs of praise.

107. For those of you who have young children that wake up early in the morning, or whose schedule doesn't permit taking your time with Me first thing in the morning, I can give you personalized counsel and instruction on when it's best and most convenient to take time with Me. As you step out by faith and take this time with Me, you will indeed reap the rewards of a fresh, inspired, and fully-connected-to-Me individual.

108. You can't fake the presence of My love in your life; it's either there or it isn't. When it's there, people stop and take notice. They're attracted by the light in your eyes, the humility of your spirit, the compassion of your actions, and the visible display of My attributes in you—all of which comes from Me, from spending time with Me, and striving to be like Me through your obedience to My precepts. They'll want what you have, because they see that it's supernatural,

it's uncommon, it's what they're yearning for.

109. The most important thing--today and always--is your relationship with Me. If there's anything standing in the way of our communication, today is the day to sort it out and make it right. If there's anything hindering your receptivity to My Word, today is the day to resolve it. If there's anything keeping you from having the time with Me that you need, today is the day to be rid of it. Today is the day! There's no tomorrow when it comes to spending time with Me and receiving the power, instruction, blessings, spiritual progress and anointing that come with it.

110. (Dad speaking:) The Devil is fighting, and he's fighting hard--tooth and toenail! Right now he's doing his best to trip up anybody and everybody he can. That's why it's so important to get quality time with the Lord and get down to serious business with Him and hear fresh from Him every day. The Devil is working hard spreading his propaganda, and the only way to avoid it is to stay on God's clear channel and get your signals from Him. But the Lord will do it. There is nothing to fear, because the Devil is no match for Jesus! These are exciting times you are living in.

111. Though you are in the world, I do not want you to be of the world. This you do by taking time with Me and My Word to cleanse yourself when you've been exposed to the things of the world. I am asking you to filter all things through Me, to measure everything against the yardstick of My Word, to take time regularly to be cleansed through prayer, communion with Me, and seeking Me about specifics that stick in your mind when you've had to delve into worldly matters. I want you to persevere to more fully live in the world of the spirit, so you can experience the things of the spirit, the joys and the satisfactions I long to give you, so I can accomplish My purpose in these Last Days.

112. You are all busy people, but someone who is taking sufficient quality time with Me will have My perspective, will notice the needs of others, and will have the conviction and the sensitivity in the spirit to do his or her part to meet them. A byproduct of spending time with Me is that you will have more love, you will want to do more things for others, to help them, pray for them, and be concerned about them. It's simple, really: I am love, so if you've spent the time with Me that you need, that love--the essence of who I am--should be reflected in your spirit.

113. Discovering that I am enough is an experience that each person must go through for themselves. Receiving the passion and desire to find this out comes from loving and cherishing My Word, from spending time with Me, and going through all of life's experiences together. Then, like someone who has fallen in love, you will want more of Me. You will want to know how I think, how I feel, how I would like for you to go about something. You then discover how wise, how resourceful, and how wonderful I am. I will become everything to you.

114. Stopping to hear from Me more will make changes in the rest of your life as well. The more you are praising Me, turning your thoughts into prayers, and faithfully taking your quiet time with Me, the easier it will be for you when you stop for a moment to hear My voice. When you are very busy with other things and neglecting your time with Me, that is when it is harder to enter into My Spirit, for you have to travel farther. The distance between your busyness of the world and the quiet peace of My Spirit is far, and when you are not stopping regularly for My Spirit, it can become a great labor to enter into My Spirit so do it regularly.

115. What hinders you from being able to rise above? It's simple, My love. The only thing that hinders you is that you don't spend enough time with Me each day--real quality time in which you pour out your heart to Me in prayer, and listen for My answers on every topic that seeks to drag you down. You must give yourself to Me more wholeheartedly--your time, your attention, your love, your praise. I know you give a lot to Me already, but I desire even more from you, for I love you so and crave more of your love and attention. So will you do that for Me? I love you, My little lovebird.

116. Find the eye of the hurricane, that special spot where there is perfect calm and quiet. Find that place with Me where, even though the world around you is being tossed about and turned upside-down, you still have peace in the midst of the storm. It takes practice to find the eye of the hurricane, but if you are faithful with your times with Me, resting in Me, dwelling in Me, loving Me, praising Me, and thinking of Me, you will always be able to find that "secret place," where nothing will be able to touch you.

117. Pray for faithfulness and obedience and a spirit of willingness to sacrifice in order to make the Word revolution a reality in each life and Home worldwide. Pray for yourself and the entire Family, that you will have a renewed hunger for My Spirit, a desperation to be fed and strengthened and have quality time with Me. Pray against familiarity in regards to the Word, prayer and prophecy. Pray for a lasting change in your personal Word-time habits, and that you will consistently persevere and fight to keep Me and My Word in first place in your life. Pray to become doers of the Word. Pray for faithfulness and obedience in implementing My Word in your lives and Homes. Pray against Obstacon and his attempts to prevent you from reading, absorbing, applying, and living My Words.

118. (Dad speaking:) He's purposely limited Himself to your faith and to your obedience--your obedience in taking time with the Lord, your obedience in doing what the Word says, your obedience in preaching the Gospel. So it's not all up to the Lord; it's also up to you and your faith and your willingness to obey. But that's the easy part! That's all the Lord expects you to do, and then He'll take it from there.

So step out by faith! Step out in obedience to the Word. Take time with the Lord. Take time to listen. Take time to pray. Take time to hear from God. Make sure your priorities are straight. Make sure you're hearing from the Lord. Make sure you're fulfilling the commission to preach the Gospel, and the Lord will take care of the rest. He has to! He can't fail!

119. Why do you distance yourself from Me when I can help you and make things easier? You still have the subconscious mindset that coming to Me will take too much time or will be a drain, even a weariness. This is the opposite of the truth. Taking time with Me will refresh you. You must form the habit of coming to Me about everything. It takes effort and time to do this, but it saves time in every area of your life, as you don't have to walk through it wondering if you're in the right place or doing the right thing.

120. I want to remind you clearly of what I look at-it's your heart, your love for Me, and your obedience out of love. Whenever you start trying too hard in your own strength, something is wrong. Whenever you get discouraged, you're seeing things differently than I do. My yoke is easy and My burden is light. And a great secret to learning to bear My yoke is found in the first part of the verse, "Come unto Me" (Mat.11:28).

So if you are heavy laden and under too much strain and pressure, maybe you need to step back and evaluate whether you're spending enough time with Me, committing enough to Me in prayer, letting Me solve enough of the problems, or whether you're trying to do too much too quickly.

121. Beware of too much news on the Net. This can also be a device of the Enemy to block out your time with Me. This is a tool the Enemy often uses: He gets My children so busy reading other material that they have no time to hear My voice or read My love letters. Don't let him get ahold of your time. Do what you have to do and get off-line.

Knowledge puffeth up, but love edifieth. So don't stuff your head with knowledge and stop your heart from loving. Love, that you may gain the knowledge of My Kingdom. Give, that you may be given to by My hand. Sacrificial giving will also ensure that you are staying in tune with Me, because you will have to ask Me for the strength to make the sacrifice.

122. Most of My children are on My channel most of the time. They're thinking My thoughts and seeing things as I see them, and in turn, I give them faith, which engenders peace and trust. Sure, they are sometimes tempted to slip onto the Enemy's channel when they're feeling a bit discouraged or are a bit down physically, or when they neglect their time with Me. But when they are faithful to take time with Me and My Word, they are able to get back on My channel, hearing My thoughts, seeing My visions, and are inspired and fruitful for Me.

123. Look at the great men and women of God of the past. Did they have rules about how much time they had to spend with Me? No, they did great things for Me because they spent time with Me whether or not they had rules or safeguards or support from others that helped them to do so. They spent time with Me--and sacrificed greatly to do it--because they knew it was their source of strength, because I was more important to them than anything else, because they knew that without Me, they were nothing. And so, through their diligence in seeking Me, finding Me, and partaking of My Spirit, they were empowered to do great things for Me.

124. I have given so much counsel about the need to let Me carry the load. I've chided, I've scolded, I've pleaded. I need each and every one, and it makes Me so sad to see My brides push themselves too hard to the point that they lose My joy--for then they lose their focus, things become a blur, out of perspective. The bottom line is, if you're too busy to stop and take good, regular, feeding, restful time with Me, if you're too busy to stop and enjoy these things, then something's wrong. You're too busy. And when you're too busy, you lose My joy in it all. It becomes a weight, a heaviness, because you're not allowing Me to carry the load for you.

125. Spend time with Me, loving and praising Me, loving Me in tongues and praises, and I will give you sweet praises to say to Me--praises of love, kisses of your love, expressions of your heart to Mine from your beautiful spigot, words from My Spirit, seeds from My lovemaking, precious seeds that you can keep to remember our lovemaking by, seeds that can love you over and over and over again as you read them and review them, so that I can love you and strengthen you not just once, but over and over again!

Go slow and let Me do the work. Just relax and enjoy My lovemaking with you, and I will begin to put so many seeds within your heart that when it is time, they will overflow on their own. You will not have to push them out or squeeze them out or wring them out. Just let Me fill you as you spend time with Me, loving Me and expressing your love and desire for Me.

126. Giving love to others and being a good example of Me will come naturally to you if you spend time with Me--reading My Word, listening to Me, talking with Me and fellowshiping with Me, so that I have the time I need to fill your heart and spirit to overflowing with My love. Remember this picture: You're My pitcher, and I need you to pour My magical golden elixir of heavenly love on the people around you--your family, your friends, your classmates, your colleagues. But you won't have any of that elixir to give unless you've been still long enough for Me to fill you up first. That's why I need you to spend at least a little time with Me at the beginning of your day, so that I can fill you up. Then you'll have something to give to others during the day.

127. As soon as you feel there's way too much to do, to the point that you're hardly making a dent in your work, you should stop everything and take a little time with Me in our bed of love. Come to Me and tell Me exactly how you feel; let Me know it all, from A to Z. For even though I already know your heart, you'll feel so much better after you've articulated it. Then don't worry about the problems; just lie back and love Me for a while. When I see you manifest such faith, I will provide you with the answers you need to get things done, or will even take care of some of the tasks before you put your hands to them.

128. My goal is to move My children more and more to the realm of the spirit, to being more in My Spirit, and to enjoying the things of My Spirit even above those things of the flesh, to include Me more in their times of relaxation and enjoyment. But there's a very fine balance,

and this change is not something that can be forced or required; it must be a working of My Spirit. When My children begin to give My Word the priority it deserves, when they are more faithful to spend quality time with Me, then all of this will spill over into every other area of their life--their work, their interactions with others, their fun, their pleasure, and so much more.

129. Whatever matters to you, you spend time on. Fight to take more time with Me, to take good quality feeding, refreshing, renewing time every single day reading My Words, hearing from Me, praising Me, loving Me, communing with Me in prayer. Do each of these things every day. Maybe sometimes you'll take a half hour for each, maybe sometimes just a few minutes, but if you are striving to at least touch on each of these facets of your spiritual life, and seeking Me for Whatever matters to you, you spend time on. Fight to take more time with Me, to take good quality feeding, refreshing, renewing time every single day reading My Words, hearing from Me, praising Me, loving Me, communing with Me in prayer. Do each of these things every day. Maybe sometimes you'll take a half hour for each, maybe sometimes just a few minutes, but if you are striving to at least touch on each of these facets of your spiritual life, and seeking Me for how to make these times we have together really count, then I assure you that you will be so much better off. You will be happier, you will be more efficient and effective--and above all, you will be pleasing Me, you will be serving Me wholeheartedly as a true disciple, and thus your witness and power and effectiveness will be so much greater.

130. You're lethargic in spirit because you don't see the dire importance of a regular intake of good, feeding Word and daily times with Me. This is spiritual lethargy--to think that you can do without it, or to think that you will survive without it, or to not exert the spiritual energy necessary to make this a part of your daily life that you never miss. It should be as sacred as your sleep at night--if not more so. You can't imagine a day that would go by without you taking at least a few hours of sleep at night; it's an integral part of life. So it should be with your Word time and your time with Me. It should be automatic. It should be something that you should never go without.

131. How many times have I shown you and told you that by spending time with Me, I will help your work to progress even more quickly, and give you the solutions and answers? When you're taking your time with Me faithfully, I'm able to help you keep things in perspective, and you're not as easily pressured and tempted to overextend yourself. I'm also able to bring the solutions through prayer, much quicker than you could ever bring them about, if you could bring them about at all. I will do the work for you if you'll let Me. So if you really want to accomplish a lot and make a lot of progress and avoid the pit of overextending yourself, the secret is to take the necessary time with Me. The dynamics of the spirit are such that you can accomplish much, much more if you spend time with Me.

132. I love to talk about Word time and about time with Me, because I can see the great joy and happiness and easing of the load that it will bring to My children when they take this time.

I love My children, and love to spend time with them. So when I think that these instructions will cause them to spend more time with Me, I rejoice and look forward to these sweet, precious, priceless hours ahead with My dear ones. I love them so, so much, and cry over My love for them. I weep with joy for how much I love them. I take the heart of each one in My hands and kiss it, and cherish it, and handle it with such gentleness and tenderness. I so look forward to a time when I can tell each one how I love them, how I honor them, how I'm pleased with their faithfulness, and how I can help them in their tasks.

133. You can liken your regular time with Me to having a daily shower. It gets you all fresh and cleaned up, so that you can keep serving Me. It washes away the grime of the System and the dirt that the Enemy has thrown on you. These daily showers keep you clean. But every so often, if you can afford the time, it's wonderfully refreshing to take extra time with Me, which I liken to a nice warm bath. You're able to take more time with Me; you allow Me to pamper you. You are able to soak in the water of My Spirit and be even more refreshed. You may not be able to slot much time, but if you make that time count and really connect with Me in the spirit, it will be worth it. If you lay down the weights of life, take time to be cleansed in the spirit, and to be personally strengthened and filled up with My Spirit, faith, and positive input, you will feel the difference.

134. Do you remember the anecdote about the vase which had spent time with the rose? Because the vase had been with the rose, it acquired the smell of the rose. This is like you: You may feel as though you are a vase that is cast aside and broken and ugly. But you spend more time with Me now than you did before. In your weakness and in your times of not being able to sleep, you draw close to Me, you cling to Me, and you receive the sweet fragrance of the Rose that permeates your entire body. Then every cell of your being emanates and exudes this warmth and this tenderness and this closeness to Me, when you go out and when you are with others.

Another example is how Moses' face shone after he had been with Me. Do you remember that example from the Bible? Do you not know that you also shine when you have spent time with Me?

135. Each time you use the keys you become more heavenly minded, more dependent on the spirit. The byproduct of this is that you become more in love with Me, more closely joined to Me, more in tune with Me. Then, when you go to make love to Me, to include Me in your times of fellowship or to have special intimate time with Me alone, the passion of the spirit will be within you from the many times you have reached out to the realm of the spirit. Our love together will be increased, your sensitivity to My Spirit will be increased, your passion for Me will be increased, and I will be able to more easily bestow upon you all the love I wish to give you. Your love for Me will flow easily, and it will be easier for you to make the transition to the realm of the spirit, leaving your earthly existence behind and joining Me in My bedchamber for times of passionate, renewing, thrilling lovemaking.

136. The one thing that you must realize is that except the Lord build the city, they that build it do so in vain. It's better to do a little with My Spirit than much in the arm of the flesh; it's quality and not quantity. You must realize that your time with Me in the Word and the bed of love is as important as your physical rest and eating to strengthen your body. Just as you need to have the right amount of food and rest in the physical, so do you in the spiritual. There's always more to do than can possibly be done in any given day, but I ask you again, is it better to do a few things well, or many things in a half-baked fashion? The answer is obvious. At times you might have to skimp some on your Word time or prayer time in unusual circumstances, but this should be the exception rather than the rule. If you feel that you don't have the time to be with Me, if you feel that tending to the affairs of the Kingdom is more important than spending your time with Me, then this is a sure sign that you're starting to overextend yourself, losing a sense of your priorities, and you are beginning to operate in the flesh.

137. The kinds of things that hinder you from rising above are the things that make you hunger after this world, or look at life from a carnal point of view. They are the things that put you in man's realm of impossibilities, instead of My realm of no impossibilities. These things can be different for every person, and what affects one a great deal might not affect another at all. It all depends on how much of My Spirit you're taking in to counter the effects of the world's input that is all around you. If you don't take time in the Word, listening to Me in prophecy, pouring out your soul in supplication for the needs of others in prayer, praising Me for the good I bring into your life, thanking Me for My spirits who are constantly watching over you and ministering to you, and loving Me with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind, then you will not be able to rise above. You can't have one without the other, so the things that keep you from rising above are any things or activities that keep you from spending that much-needed time with Me and in My Spirit.

138. Depression is an attack of the Enemy. He cannot get in when your defenses are up, when your spiritual strength is strong. But he's there looking for a weakness, looking for a way in. When your spiritual strength is depleted, when your Word time is too short or not feeding enough, when you aren't spending as much time with Me as you should, when you begin to get very busy and stressed and aren't taking the burdens to Me as much as you should, these lacks weaken your spiritual defenses so that the Enemy can come in with an attack of depression.

Depression is caused by a general weakening of your spirit. This weakening can happen in a week, a month, or it can take a few months. It can be very gradual, so you don't see it, you aren't tuning in to the health of your spirit. A little neglect here and there, a little lack of Word here and there, a little putting off hearing from Me, and over time, it weakens you and your spirit to where you become susceptible to the Enemy's attack of depression.

139. Every day I prepare new gifts for you. I carefully wrap each one with My tender hands, and each gift is perfectly suited to you for each day. As My Word says, each day My mercies

are renewed toward you. Each day I prepare new presents for you. Each day is new, fresh, and a chance to make things right. Come to Me, even if you've missed some days of spending intimate time with Me, because you can pick up where you left off. You may have missed some past gifts, but you can ensure that you don't miss today's gifts and blessings that I have for you-and all the others that I will prepare for you in the days to come.

I hope that little message will help you to remember to come to Me for deep lovemaking, for our personal gift-giving session in the spirit no matter how busy you are. Looking at it in this way and knowing what you might miss out on if you don't take the time, should help you guard it all the more vigilantly.

140. Rising above for you is to not allow your worries, fears and anxieties to overcome you, but rather to keep your heart and mind on Me. It means for you to be more Heavenly minded and not so earthly minded. It means you giving Me all the burdens of your heart and not trying to carry them. It means you looking to Me more for your peace and serenity. It means when you start to worry or fret, that you stop right then and take time with Me, giving Me your cares.

I love you so deeply that I want to take these burdens off of you and carry them for you. In rising above you are coming to Me and letting Me carry your burdens, and I'm giving you peace and tranquility, as well as love, understanding, wisdom, discernment, fortitude, strength and all that you need. That's quite a tradeoff, isn't it? So you see, it's worth rising above!

141. I love you, My darlings, even when you walk astray. I'm always ready to take you back with open arms. I never allow your mistakes or negligence to erect a wall between us. I'm always ready to take you back, and My heart is always filled with love for you. Today it is just as strong as ever.

When you neglect Me and My Word, I feel sad for you-sad that you missed out on receiving more of My love, sad that you weren't able to feel My love as strongly and experience My blessings as fully. When you neglect Me, I miss our times together, but the overwhelming feeling in My heart is knowing that you have lost out, that you missed the blessings that come from our special times together, and that I can't reward you as fully.

It's sad for Me when you forget Me or do other things in place of your time in My Word, because there's so much I want to give you, so much I want to bless you with, so much I want to fill your lives and Homes with. But when you don't come to Me, I can't give you all that I want to give you. When you don't come to Me, you don't open up the chute for My blessings to be channeled to you.

142. People are very mistaken when they feel it's wrong to have gotten dirtied with the Enemy's lies or temptations, whatever they might be. They feel guilty and as though it is through some fault of their own that they feel weak, or doubting, or worried, or fearful, or whatever the case may be. And then because they feel ashamed, they hide these doubts and weaknesses, and because they hide them they try to pretend--even to themselves--that they don't exist. And because they're pretending they're not there, they don't take the proper time

to tend to and take care of them, to get them rooted out and cleansed with the scrub brush of My Word and pure voice of prophecy. And because these little things are not tended to, they then fester and infect and pollute in a greater way than was ever necessary had they been gotten rid of when they were just a clump of dirt on the skin.

So, knowing this common device of the Evil One, let My Spirit wash you. Let your own spirit rest from the fight and let Me minister to you. Spend time loving Me. Let Me show you how much I love you. Let Me whisper in your ears of the sweet glories to come, of all that I want to do for and with and through you. There is so much more ahead, far beyond your wildest dreams! So take My hand and let Me lead you there, hand in hand together, you and I. I love you, and I will never leave you. You are Mine forever.

143. When I say the Enemy goes about as a roaring lion, that the battles are hotter, the blows more devastating, the need for prayerfulness and yieldedness greater, these are not just pretty, poetic, inspiring, challenging words, but this is a true description of what's going on in spirit!

So you must walk soberly and in the fear of Me, knowing that something you may have gotten away with in the past could today bring dire results. When I say that I want to be in first place, that you must have your quiet time and time with Me to sit at My feet and to receive My instruction, when I say that the spiritual health revolution is your lifesaver--this is exactly what I mean.

My children have heard these admonitions for years. Way back when your Father David gave the "Stop, Look, and Listen" talk, he was trying to impress upon you the need for quietness, prayer and meditation, but it's so easy to become familiar with this principle.

144. Though this may seem a sacrifice unto you, to come unto Me and to take a few minutes in praise, in thanksgiving, in adoration, in worship and in affection of the Spirit, I will be well pleased. And it will be My pleasure to give unto you the blessings of My Spirit.

For I am trying to teach you, My children, the importance of your relationship with Me. For I know ye have given your lives unto Me, and now I am asking that ye would give unto Me your love, your will, your spirit. As you give these unto Me, I will bestow upon you that which ye seek, the power and the anointing to become the vessels of God that I wish for you to be. I am asking for your love, I am asking for your time. I am asking that besides time spent with Me in the bed of love, in earnest communion with Me, that ye spend time with Me in periods of loving affection as a testimony of your love unto Me, and as a testimony of the blessings of God poured out upon those that take the time with Me.

145. Remember that your anointing is not as durable as you think. It's not like it used to be in days past when you very much depended on the verse, "The gifts and calling of God are without repentance." Now your anointing is not as necessary to the overall running of the Kingdom because you have the much more powerful gift of prophecy, and through that gift and through your spending time with the Lord, you nurture your anointing.

The Lord has also made it very clear that if you do not nurture that anointing, it doesn't stick

around as long or as firmly as it used to. It flees away, much more like a dove that has to be wooed to stay with you. And you do that through your daily feeding from the Word, your inspiration and praise time with the Lord, your loving Him through your words of love, your spending time in prophecy hearing His voice.

All these things strengthen your anointing and your relationship with the Lord. But things that tear it down are working in your own strength, going ahead with your work without spending that solid time in the Word, prayer and prophecy, hearing from Him and loving Him. That's why these times in the Word and prayer are so vitally important.

146. Come to Me daily. Open up your heart and life to Me--your innermost being--and I will fill you. For the way you'll be a blessing, both to Me and to others, is through taking time with Me. This is how I can orchestrate all the many details of your day, by your coming into My temple, laying your all on the altar, and letting Me pick up your burden and lead and guide you. As you give Me your heart, so will I take it and melt it and mold it into that which I want it to be. This is how you'll grow--by spending time with Me, loving Me, and putting Me first. It doesn't have to be long; it can be any time, but cultivate it and make it a habit. I have so much to give you--so many gifts, treasures, fresh inspiration from Heaven! But the only way to get it is to spend time with Me. So won't you come before Me each day?

Then I can lead you in your life with others, and you'll know how to interact, how to love others, how to relate. This is the secret. The answers are there for you in the temple of My love. Don't miss any opportunity! As you strive to find a moment with Me, so will I make the time and show you the opportunities. You can't live without it! Together we will win victories and climb higher mountains. Just look to Me and be filled! I love you more than you know, and long for you to take this precious time. Come to Me! I'm waiting for you!

147. For all your meals you must have enough protein on a daily basis in order to stay strong and healthy and properly nourished. Likewise you must have enough of My Word and communion with Me on a daily basis, in order to stay nourished and strengthened in spirit. Spices change according to the recipe, but the protein is essential for proper functioning of the body, proper growth, and for repair of damaged tissues.

Your Word time, prayer time, and praise time is like the protein of My Spirit. When you ask Me how, in practical terms, you are to do all that I put before you, I say that daily protein intake is imperative.

When you wonder how you can cut corners, you must not consider cutting down that vital time with Me each day! You must not try to cut down too much on your protein intake. If you try to cut corners on this too much, you'll find that you'll soon run out of strength to continue on; you'll soon weaken your muscle tone and run the risk of greater injury and sickness due to impaired health.

148. Make a list of everything you're concerned about--whether it's things you need to do, problems your children or those you shepherd are having, finances, a big event coming up that you don't feel prepared for, an aspect of your spiritual life you need to make progress in, or

whatever the case may be.

Ask yourself if you truly believe that My power is powerful enough to solve the problems and to bring the solutions and supply your needs. Think of, or look up, some promises--these can be key promises, Bible promises, promises from the GNs, or personal promises I've given you. If you truly believe in My power and promises, which you do, then you can commit your concerns and burdens to Me, claim My promises, and leave your cares in My hands.

Picture yourself coming up to My throne and laying your burdens down at My feet. Then, as you climb up onto My lap to enjoy your time with Me, I have summoned My spirit helpers to take those burdens away and take care of them for you while you're spending time with Me, so that when you go back to your work, you'll find answers, solutions, and miracles lined up, ready and waiting for you.

149. I'm attracted to those who yearn for Me, who desire Me, who are desperate for Me, who can't live without Me. I'm more willing to show Myself strong on the behalf of one who is completely dependent on Me than to one who is dependent on himself--his own strength, his own wisdom, his own arm of the flesh. This attitude of self-confidence may not be a spoken one, but is made manifest by your actions. If you do not come to Me for your strength, wisdom or help, are you not striving in your own strength?

So if you want My strength, My help, My power, My miracles and My anointing, then stay in a constant state of desperation--constantly wanting Me, needing Me, loving Me, acknowledging Me, and spending time with Me--and I will be drawn closer to you and will show Myself strong on your behalf. If I know you're depending solely upon Me, then I'm moved to work on your behalf and give you all that you desire.

150. I want to show you a picture story, My love. It's a simple picture story, but a very important one. Each picture represents a day in your life for Me. In each picture you're sitting at My feet and I am handing you these beautiful gifts and treasures and you're overjoyed, happy and smiling. Each day there are new and precious gifts, jewels you haven't received before, more beautiful than ever. These are the days when you take time with Me and receive all that I have for you that day.

But then there are some other pictures, where I am just about to hand you some gorgeous gifts, but you slip quickly out of My presence and walk away to the cares of this life. You leave Me standing with the gifts that I have for you in My hands, looking at you longingly and calling your name, but you're already absorbed in the business of the day and you can't hear My voice anymore. Those are the days when you cut your time short with Me, and those gifts are left undiscovered and unused. These are the things that you are missing when you don't take the time with Me that's needed.

Will you please let Me give you the gifts that I wish to give you daily? These gifts have power and love and will help you to make it through the day. They are precious jewels that are alive, not just pretty to look at. They will become a part of you and start shining through you in the most beautiful colors and light. They will invigorate you and help you to get your job done better.

151. Some pressures are of Me and some aren't. The ones that aren't are merely unreasonable expectations that you've allowed yourself to take on. And sometimes, even if the pressures are something I've allowed in your life for a reason, you don't handle them the right way. You don't rest in Me enough; you don't spend enough time with Me or let Me help you carry the burdens that I know you can carry--but only with My help. Something unexpected comes your way, or you get hit with a trial of some kind, and instead of going about things the way I've asked you to, you automatically slip into "self-works" mode--really, "self-destruction" mode. You roll up your sleeves and start pushing and pulling and struggling to pick up that burden and put it on your own shoulders and try to trudge your way through, all on your own. Instead of immediately coming to Me from the start to get My perspective on things, you let the Enemy fool you into feeling so pressured, so "personally" responsible, that you feel you don't have the time to go about things as prayerfully as you know you should. And because you're not taking the time to cast your cares upon Me and get sufficiently filled up with My faith-building Word and promises, those little pressures gradually begin to grow and become magnified and exaggerated in your mind, until they become a source of frustration and trial, and you begin to feel drained and discouraged, and ultimately overwhelmed. That's not very good strategy. That's not My idea of how to win the battle. That's more like a suicide mission. When you operate like that--when you don't come to Me and hear from Me and you don't take the time to turn your burdens and cares over to Me--the Enemy takes advantage of the situation and quickly begins mucking things up. He starts blowing things out of proportion and exaggerating them in your mind, until before you know it, the work and problems seem almost unbearable. Everything, even the tiniest molehill, starts looking like a huge mountain--so much bigger and more difficult to climb than it really is. You soon start feeling like you're struggling through quicksand and not getting anywhere, just sinking deeper and deeper in the mire. It's the Devil's trap, the Green Door!

152. There are many hindrances to love. But because you have committed yourself, I will show you how to break down the hindrances. I will show you how to remove the obstacles, and I will help you to be vessels of My Love. But first you must let Me fill you up! A vessel that is moving cannot be filled; you must be still. You must provide the time for Me to fill you. You must be as hungry, empty vessels with open mouths, still and waiting for Me to fill you up. You must take this time with Me for refilling. For you cannot pour out of an empty vessel. And do you think you will pour of yourselves? You will find very soon that your own love will be found wanting. As you rub one against another, the idiosyncrasies and the quirks of another will frustrate you, and you will say, 'Where is this great love that I am supposed to have?' You cannot do it by yourself, for even the little things will irk you. But you can do it in My power! As you fill up on Me and My glorious Love, you will have more than enough, and this love will pour out on everyone you meet!

As you spend time with Me, you will go forth from your chamber with My Love shining on your face! And those that see you will know that it is not of you, but it is of Me. For this does not come from your own might or your own power or your own habits or your own knowing how

to love. As you retire into your chamber and spend time with Me, I will teach you to love.

153. I love praise!--Not because I just want to feel better, or because I need encouragement that I am the King of the universe, but it's just the way things are set up. It's the way My Father has ordained it. He said, "I, the Lord, dwell in the praises of My people." When someone has this attitude of praise, they fit together with Me. Their will is perfectly aligned with My will and the will of My Father, because they are resting in happiness and joy. As they express it, they become more and more one with Me.

The more a person spends time with Me, the more praise becomes a natural part of their being. The more they spend time with Me, and the more Love they receive from Me, the happier they are. And then praise is as easy to them as breathing. It comes as naturally and as easily and as freely as breathing or walking or anything else.

Your father David was continually praising. Every good thing in life that he saw, he praised Me for. He even praised Me in advance for the good that he knew I would bring out of the bad things that happened.

Praise fits together with My nature, so that when a person praises Me, it is like he or she is enticing Me and wooing Me and drawing Me. It draws My Love and My Spirit and My blessings.

154. Like that song says, "Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face. And the things of Earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace." If you continue to keep your eyes fixed on Me, then all the things of this life will diminish. All the pressures that you feel, all the problems that surround you, all the attacks of the Enemy, things that the Devil tries to throw at you to hinder you will grow dim. And eventually they won't even be an issue because you know you can look to Me for the answers. You can look to Me for the strength that you need, the courage, the patience, or whatever you need to overcome these different obstacles. It will all be right there for you, and you'll know it. You won't worry and feel under pressure, because you know that you can take those burdens and pressures to Me and I will sustain you and give you the strength that you need.

155. I challenge you to draw nigh to Me, to draw closer to My heart through My Words, and through seeking and desiring Me. In order to do this, you must discipline yourself and not allow yourself to become so busy with the business at hand, with a little here and a little there, and then the day passes and you look back and realize that you spent little time with Me. Start off by spending time with Me, and allow My Words to sink deep into your heart, causing you to bear fruit, helping your faith to grow, and drawing you close to Me.

You know not what the future holds, but I do. You'll not have the spiritual strength for what is ahead unless you spiritually build yourself up now and discipline yourself and are faithful to exercise, so that you'll be in shape and be ready to be called upon when you're needed. Don't allow yourself to become spiritually flabby and out of shape, for then you'll not be able to fulfill the role; you'll not have the strength to do the job. You must be spiritually fit, and the only way to be that way is to work on it daily, to spiritually exercise daily so that you may be a vessel fit and ready for the Master's use.

Stir yourself up! Take one day at a time and look at each new day as a fresh, new challenge. Look forward with eager anticipation to what I have for you that day. For My Spirit is a moving Spirit; it's never dull or stagnant. Don't look on each new day as business as usual, but look at it as a new challenge, with new horizons and new things to do--and they will be if you will move with Me and My Spirit.

156. Spiritual lethargy can be like a disease. It's not easily recognized. It creeps up on you slowly. Little by little, it eats away at you and causes you harm. The Enemy uses it greatly, for this is how he can hide his attacks. It's not a big visible attack, but it's done in secret--just a few minutes lost here and there. It's all time wasted if it's not counted toward spending time with Me.

The Enemy even makes you tired. At the end of the day he'll tell you that you're too tired to take time with Me, even a few moments before you go to bed. He tells you it's okay to take it tomorrow. Then tomorrow comes and there are other things to take care of right away. He'll tell you, "That's okay, later is fine." But, My love, those moments lost are moments of power that I can give you, strength-giving moments that will make a difference in your life.

When you fall into a rut of putting Me aside, and not putting Me first with your time and life, you run the risk more and more of becoming a System Christian and not a revolutionary Christian. I'm warning you that those moments that were lost and could have been spent with Me add up, and have a detrimental effect in the long run.

It takes an effort to stir yourself up. But when you do, the rewards are high, and you'll never regret putting Me first in your life. You will wonder why you ever allowed yourself to lose any time spent with Me.

157. Burnout is very dangerous. Most people don't realize how dangerous it is. They relate burnout to feeling tired at the end of the day or not wanting to take on one more task. Although that's part of it, burnout is deeper than that, and often creeps up unexpectedly. It's a spiritual thing--the Enemy is constantly fighting, and when you run only on "spiritual adrenaline," the high of accomplishments or the fulfillment of being in My service, the inspiration of your brethren or even just the pressing needs which you help to fill which spur you on, you put yourself in grave danger of burning out. For though you do not notice it, little by little you are becoming spiritually exhausted, because you are not taking time to refill and refuel. You are running on a "high," but when you hit a low, you have no reserves, no strength, and you basically crash.

It can be triggered by anything--but when it happens, you have no strength to get up and try again. You even lose the desire to read My Word or hear from Me, and so you often get more and more run-down and battle-weary. When you are in this weakened state, the cure is the Word--time with Me and time resting and seeing My perspective on things. If you don't take it, you begin to see things as the Enemy would have you see them. You become vulnerable to his doubts and negative thoughts, and thus he is able to destroy your service for Me.

The important thing to remember about burnout is that it often creeps up very suddenly. You can be feeling fine, then all of a sudden hit bottom when the inspiration gives way, because

you've been using up your spiritual stores and not replenishing them. The way to prevent it is on a daily basis, taking time with Me and letting Me give you the spiritual cushion of faith that you need.

158. If you stay filled with Me, you can't be filled with yourself. You must fight and strive harder to spend the time that you need with Me. Though you do take some time with Me and you see the need for it, you're not as fully dependent on Me as you ought to be--as I would have you to be and as I need you to be--in order for Me to use you in all that I have for you. Pray for a greater hunger and a greater desire for My Spirit and the things of My Spirit. For though you do embrace the New Wine and have taken up the new weapons of loving Me intimately, praising Me, and hearing My Words in prophecy, I would that these things become a greater part of your life and more prominent in your activities and actions.

Ask for prayer from those you work with and live with, to help and strengthen and propel you forward in this area, and then fight to take the time. Fight to not only accept these things and accept that they are truly the ways of My Spirit, but go beyond that and actively bring them into your life.

If it would help you, you could even make a schedule, that every day you will take some time with Me. You can even divide it up, to have times when you just speak words of love to Me, other times when you read My written Words, and other times when you hear from Me in prophecy personally. Set yourself goals and then make that your priority.

159. (Dad speaking:) You know, it worries people when they look at their shepherds and see them so burdened. But it inspires them when they see you looking to Jesus and trusting Him and having faith. It's like kids and their parents. If they see their parents worried all the time and struggling or fighting or having a rough time, it really worries them. But if they see their parents are in love and joyful and happy and full of faith, it inspires them. And if they see you have faith for them to do something, then it gives them more faith to do it.

But you're only going to have that kind of peace and joy and happiness and faith if you'll stop, if you'll pull back a bit, if you'll spend more time with the Lord, if you'll spend more time with those commissioned to help you, and you get those directions that are the right directions and that will inspire others.

But you don't get those answers in the midst of the muddle, folks, but when you pull back and spend time together fellowshiping and loving the Lord, singing unto Him and praising Him and seeking Him. Folks, that's where the strength lies. That's where the power is. Don't forget it, because you just can't do it any other way.

160. It's not impossible to find that perfect peace and rest that My Word talks about. "I will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Me, because he trusteth in Me." What is perfect peace? Perfect peace is when little things don't disrupt your focus on Me; when problems, dilemmas, setbacks, and interferences don't even jolt your connection of faith and trust in Me.

Perfect peace is when you find yourself in the midst of great confusion, persecution, perilous

times, hectic schedules, or frantic circumstances, and yet you are stable and calm in your assurance of My protection, My perfect control, and My hand in your life and situation. Perfect peace is when nothing can come between your faith and Me. Perfect peace is when your mind is locked on My channel and cannot be moved.

How do you get that perfect peace? It says it very clearly right there in the verse: "...because he trusteth in Me." Start trusting Me. Show your trust in Me through your praises to Me. Show your trust in Me through spending time with Me and casting your cares on Me. And as you do, I will keep you in perfect peace, and you too will gain this spirit of perfect peace within you.

161. The danger with long-term service for many Christians is that their life goes into remote control--getting up and doing the same things every day out of habit and losing touch with Me. But if you hear from Me every day and put into practice My fresh daily instructions, then you'll be connected, on-fire, following Me, burning with new life and desire, like the burning bush--it's the same principle.

Just like David wrote in "Old Bottles," the danger is in going to sleep and going through the motions. But if you're tapped in, hearing from Me and following My instructions, believing Me, you'll never fall asleep or get in a rut, because I'm always changing, moving, and electric. You can be in the same place and doing the same work, but it's exciting and thrilling and it's changing the world. Your outlook is alive, your attitudes are fresh and alive and filled with faith, and your spirit and heart are turned on because you're tuned in to Me. It makes all the difference in the world. It makes the difference between a dead Christian and a live one. For a Christian it's not where you are or what your job is. You can burn out or become prey to lethargy or settling down or cooling off whether you're on the frontlines as a witnesser or provisioner, or on the backlines as a pubs worker or editor, if you're not connected and obeying. The secret is not where you are, but your relationship with Me. The important thing is your intimacy with Me. As long as you seek Me and obey, your heart will be continually cleansed and purged of wrong attitudes, dross, and the lethargy that the Enemy tries to get long-term Christians to succumb to.

Lethargy is one of the long-term weapons that the Enemy tries to use on Christians to wear them down and cool off their lifelong service for Me.--To get them to settle down, lose the urgency and the fire of their service, to become comfortable and laid-back. But My Spirit never grows old. Though your flesh may grow old, My Spirit never ages; it's always the same. When you have My Spirit in you, then the things I inspire and empower you to do are as exciting and fresh and alive and electric as the day you got saved!

The secret is to stay plugged in and moving with the heat and fire of My Spirit! If you do, you will never cool off or give in or succumb to the hazards of long-term service, whether it's lethargy or tiredness or burnout or cooling off. If you're plugged in to Me, you'll feel My current just the same as if you were to stick your finger into an electric socket! There's no two ways about it.

162. Sure, if you work furiously without pause, you'll get things done. You may even notice some of the good fruit of your labors and feel it's worth the sacrifice. But if you're not getting

enough Word and time with Me, and you're rarely taking time to love others and spend time in their fellowship, then I'm sorry to say that you're failing. I know that can be difficult to see, because the results of your labors don't look like failure. But you have to stop looking at the short-term results and realize that it's the long-term results that really matter. If you keep running on empty, you're eventually going to stop altogether by either getting sick or having a nervous breakdown.

Also, what you might not realize is that a workaholic attitude can be a horrible example to others in the Home and your sheep as well. Workaholics tend to be curt and unfriendly, self-righteous and lacking in understanding, unprayerful and unpraiseful. So no matter how much work you've accomplished, you're failing miserably, because love is far more important than works.

Look at Cain of old: He was the epitome of a workaholic, but his great works came to nothing. He may have made great strides in agriculture, but he was curt, unfriendly, self-righteous, lacking in understanding, unprayerful, unpraiseful, and a murderer in the end.

So if you're the workaholic type and you truly love Me and love your brethren, you'll make some serious progress in this area. If that means having to drop certain projects completely or pass them on to others, then so be it. There's simply no reason for anyone in the Family to be too busy for the things of the spirit and too busy to enjoy life.

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