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Important Introduction
Please Read and make sure you are right with God

Do you feel like you are a good person? Most people do. They think to themselves “God wouldn't send me to hell.” Well, let's look at the Ten Commandments of God to see how good you are in the sight of God. Have you ever told a lie in your life? Have you ever stolen something? How about a white lie or stolen something small? Jesus said, If you look at someone with lust, you have already committed adultery in your heart with them. Have you done that? Jesus also said, if you hate someone, you have already murdered them in your heart. Have you ever hated someone? Have you ever used God's holy name in vain as a cuss word? That is blasphemy and very serious. Have you ever dishonored your parents or envied what someone else has? Have you ever had something in your life more important to you than God? That is an idol in your life. I could go on, but I think you get the picture.

If you and I were to go rob a bank, kill the tellers, and get caught on video doing it, how much mercy would a judge have on you? We could blame society, our parents, or even say "there are others doing it." Would the judge care? No. In the same way, we are guilty of sin before God who is the judge. We will die and stand before him guilty. What if we were in that courtroom after robbing the bank and a stranger came up to the judge and asked to pay our fine so that we could go free even though we are guilty? That would be amazing, wouldn't you agree? What if we were on death row, and a stranger came in to die in our place and we walked out a free man? That is exactly what Jesus did 2000 years ago. God became a man and died to pay the debt of sin we have all committed before God. We are guilty and need God's forgiveness. So we can humble ourselves and ask forgiveness for our sin, or we can be prideful and end up in hell. The choice is ours. Someone reading this may think, "Well this loving God wouldn't send me to hell." If you are thinking that, you just broke the second of the Ten Commandments which says not to create a god. You used your imagination to create a god that would not send you to hell even though you refuse to turn away from sin and get right with Jesus. This god you created is nothing more than a figment of your imagination.

Jesus' price he paid at the cross is the only way God will accept us on judgment day. There are maybe others out there that say, I don't believe in Jesus. I say to you, you have never met him. When you meet him, you will believe. You can look at a building, or a house, and know there had to be an architect. You can also look at a painting and know there had to be a painter. In the same way, you can look at creation, and know there had to be a creator.

You may be reading this and are a mystic, a Hindu, or into witchcraft. If you will be willing to turn from these things and turn to Jesus, God will forgive the sin in your life and give you a chance at eternal life in heaven. Others may be reading this and feel you have done too much to be forgiven. There is no such thing as doing too much to be forgiven. God will forgive you no matter what you have done if you come to him. Maybe you're a homosexual, a prostitute, a junkie, an adulterer, a witch, or addicted to porn? Jesus can set you free from that sin and give you what you need to live a holy life, if you turn to him. He literally changes us from the inside out and makes us new in him.

Now I want to speak to those that call themselves “Christians.” I have met many in the Bible belt that call themselves Christians, but are getting high, drunk, having sex outside of marriage, look at porn, have a foul mouth, or simply do things Jesus would never do. Let me assure you that you are not saved. Jesus calls you a hypocrite. You say one thing with your mouth, but you deny Christ with your life. Not only are you going to hell, but you are causing others to not want to accept Christ because they see a fake in front of them. If you turn from your sin and become a true follower of Christ, you can be forgiven. Don’t put this off. You are not promised tomorrow. The Apostle Paul said to the Corinthian Christians “Examine
yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test?” (2 Cor 13:5)

Now I want to talk to those that are religious. Christianity is not a religion, but it is a relationship with God. Adam and Eve lost the RELATIONSHIP they had with God and Jesus paid the price for that to be restored. You can go to hell with baptismal waters on your face, a communion wafer in your mouth, sitting in a church pew, and singing from a hymnal. Those things will not save you. Jesus said, in Matthew 7:21, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. 22. "Many will say to Me on that day, `Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' 23. "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'"

The two problems Jesus had with these religious people he cast into hell was that they: Did not know him, and they practiced lawlessness. In other words they had no relationship with Jesus and they lived in sin. So I ask you, if you claim to be a Christian, what has Jesus been speaking to you lately? If you claim to be a Christian, are you living holy according to what the Bible calls holy? If not friend, you need to get right with God. Many reading this know you need to get some things right with God.

Don’t put things off! You are not promised tomorrow. Get right with Jesus now! God is looking for humility and repentance. Repentance means turning away from and forsaking sin. Only the shed blood of Jesus from the cross can wash away your sin. Also, you must forgive others of what they have done to you, before you can be forgiven. Forgiveness is a choice.

Here is a prayer you can pray to get right with God:

Dear Jesus, I have sinned toward you, others, and even myself. I have not kept your commands. I ask for your forgiveness today. Wash me in your blood and make me holy before you. Your blood is like spiritual soap that can make me clean and wash all my sins away. Let me be born again and new in you. Give me a fresh start. Please fill and baptize me in your Holy Spirit so I can be used of you. Deliver me from all the works of satan so that I can be free to live a holy life. I give you my life and make you my God today. I renounce satan, all his kingdom, and his works. Let me be born again right now. Make me a new creation in you today. I am yours now Jesus. In your name I pray. Amen.

Now if you have prayed that prayer and meant it, you are forgiven. You need to get involved and faithfully attending a powerful on-fire church that is in revival. Don’t go somewhere that is spiritually dead. You need to pursue getting water baptized as soon as possible. Water baptism is powerful and important. Get a Bible and begin to read it. You can start with the book of John. Make sure and get all the sin out of your life. Burn any pornography, witchcraft or occult materials, and any false god materials. Flush illegal drugs down the toilet, dump alcohol down the drain, and throw away any tobacco products. Throw away the old ungodly music, movies, and quit watching T.V. shows or movies that are sinful and evil. If you live holy, you can maintain your walk with God. The only sex God will accept is between a man and wife in marriage. Any other sexual activity (including looking with lust or masturbation) needs to be removed from your life completely. If you are living with someone and having sex with them and you are not married, you need to either get married or separate until you do get married. You must love Jesus more than any sin. He must be the only God of your life. If you need to talk to someone or need any deliverance from past sins that control you (like addictions), demonic activity, witchcraft, satanism, or the occult activity, mental illness, physical illness, or you need any help, please contact us. www.fnirevival.com

Continued Introduction

I wanted to write this book for those that are radical and want to sell out for Christ. Do you eat, breathe, sleep, and dream about Jesus? Is he everything to you? If not, this book might be a little radical for you! Jesus is looking for those that love him with everything in them! This is a radical book for a radical group of revolutionaries!
I Surrender All  
**Day 1**

Philippians 3:8 "But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish that I may gain Christ, and be found in him."

The Apostle Paul was one that could speak this way. He was a very wise and well respected religious leader of his day, but he was willing to lose everything to have Jesus. This is the type of radical life Christ has called us all to. Many Christians will say to Jesus, "I will give up this, and I will give up that, but I draw a line in the sand, and will not give up this over here." These people that hold things back are the ones that have not truly made Jesus the ruler of all their lives yet. They have not given up everything to follow Christ. They have not surrendered it all. These are those that will eventually fall away from Jesus and become satan's again, if they don't change.

What is it that you haven't given to Jesus yet? Is it a friend that you know is a bad influence on you? The Bible says, "Bad company corrupts good character." 1Corinthians 15:33 (NIV) Many fall away from the Lord by disobeying the Bible and having friends that are "bad company." These people drag them away from Jesus and into sin. We must hang around on-fire Christians that live holy. Yes, we must witness to the lost, but that doesn't mean they are our best friends that we hang around.

Is it a romantic relationship that you shouldn't have? It would be better to not date at all, than to date and marry someone God never intended you to marry! How many divorces and split families could have been avoided? The Bible says, "Don't be teamed with those who do not love the Lord, for what do the people of God have in common with the people of sin? How can light live with darkness?" (2 Corinthians 6:14 Living Bible)

The Lord wants us to be very selective about who we date and marry. It would be best to pray and wait for the one God has for you, but if you do date, you must make sure they are on-fire Christians that live holy and obey the Bible. There must also be sexual purity in the relationship. In other words, wait until married to do anything sexual at all. The dating we see in America is not God's design. How many have fallen into temptation by being alone with the opposite sex? If you will be willing to do things God's way, you will wait and hear from God regarding marriage, then after hearing from God spend time with the person in more public settings as you get to know each other, then get married.

Some people have a hard time giving up their entertainment. They want their television shows, music, and movies filled with cussing, sex, violence, and witchcraft. These things will kill you spiritually. These things will act like a python snake that wraps around you suffocating you spiritually, and then ultimately killing you spiritually.

In the Bible God told Moses to have Israel make a tent called the Tabernacle. This Tabernacle was where God's presence dwelt. Before Jesus died, God's people had to kill animals to have their sins forgiven. This all pointed to Jesus as the one true sacrifice for our sins. The Jewish people believe that God sent fire from heaven, like a lightning bolt, and lit the fire of the altar that animals were burned on. God did this to start the fire. Then God told the priests (the Bible says Christians are now priests) in Leviticus 6:12-13 that they must keep the fire going all the time. It must burn day and night. At times God will touch our lives and set us on fire, but if we are not careful, we can let the fire burn out. Just like the priests had to keep putting wood on the fire to keep it going, we too must pray daily, read the Bible daily, and live holy to keep the fire of the Holy Spirit burning in us daily.

So I ask you, are you willing to give up everything to follow Jesus? What is it that you are holding back from him? I heard a story of a little girl with an ugly pearl necklace she was given that meant a lot to her. Her dad kept asking for it, but she refused to give it to him for a long period of time. Finally one day she gave up the ugly necklace. The dad smiled and gave her a box. When she opened it, it was a beautiful
new pearl necklace! This is how it is with the Lord. Many times we hold onto things and don't want to give them up, but when we do, God has much better things for us. Satan will give you what is ugly even though sometimes it looks like the best, but God has something much better for you than what satan can ever offer. Let's surrender all! Let's lay our lives on the altar, die to the old self, and let Jesus set us on fire and burn out all that needs to be burned out of our lives.

Those that are willing to give up all to serve Christ will be those that make it all the way. The days we live in are evil and difficult to be a Christian. People that hang onto their sin will eventually fall away from Christ altogether. Let's be radicals that give up everything to have Christ. I love hearing about people that get saved and on fire for God. They immediately break off wrong relationships, go through their homes and throw out anything that would offend Jesus, and start living holy! This is the radical life God is looking for in you.
Walking Dead
Day 2

Galatians 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

A baptism of fire and death to self

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is not just to be of the Holy Spirit alone, but with fire as well (Matthew 3:11). Fire cleans things. It is the way God commanded Israel to get rid of occult, false gods, and idol worship. They were to burn it with fire. It will be vital that with great humility we learn to literally get on our faces before God and ask for a baptism of fire. Let the Lord burn away all the junk in us. There is so much from the sinful nature, the world’s evil influence, and the devil. We don’t see it all. Only Christ does. We must ask him to do it. It will be painful to see faults in yourself, but the cleansing is beautiful and needed to be mightily used of God. Let us stay on our faces before a holy God in humility. I am so grieved by all the acceptance of sin in the body of Christ! I am even writing this with a heavy heart. If someone is gay, they don’t even have to look too far any more to find a church that will tell them it is okay. People sit in church pews in adultery, having sex outside of marriage, going to bars or clubs, drinking, or even using drugs and never feel convicted of their sin! If you are in sin please repent (which means turn away from it and quit doing it)! Get right with God so you can go to heaven. Only those that are right with Jesus will make it to heaven. I have determined if people go to Hell they will have to climb over me to do it. It sure won’t be because they didn’t hear the truth from me.

Martyr for Christ

The true path to life and resurrection power in Christ is through a baptism of death. There is a baptism of death to self that causes us to enter into a resurrection life in Christ of victory and power. The baptism of death to self is the crossing through the Jordan river, and moving into an incredible anointing and into the promised land! We read about this in the Bible when the children of Israel crossed the Jordan river into the promised land flowing with milk and honey. For you to move into your promised land as an individual, you will have to cross the Jordan of death to self.

Obviously a dead person does not care what others think of him. So we should also be dead in Christ. The Apostle Paul wrote "I am crucified with Christ." Paul went on to speak of how he is no longer alive, but Christ lives his life through him. This sounds crazy until we understand what it means. Everyone has things that are important to them in this life, the problem is, many times they are more important to them than God. This can be money, sex, dreams for the future, romance, relationships, friends, caring what others think, being popular, drugs, certain television shows, music, etc… How can you know what is more important to you than God is? Well, ask yourself what you would give up for Jesus, and what you would not. What you would not give up for the Lord is an idol in your heart, and more important to you than Jesus.

What would you give up?

Would you be willing to honestly pray to Jesus something like this: “Jesus, I will never marry or have a romantic relationship as long as I live, if that is your will?” Could you say to Jesus, “I am willing to be persecuted, made fun of, and the least popular person in my school for you, Jesus?” How about giving up entertainment? Could you say, “Jesus I will give up every television show, movie, video game, magazine, or anything that you want me to? I lay down my life for you.” This is the type of relationship Jesus wants. He wants our whole lives or nothing at all. This type of complete surrender and death to self paves a way for resurrection life and power. This is the truth that young people need to hear. Much of the entertainment and other things used to "give young people something to substitute for the world" is only putting a band aid on their problem. It is okay to have substitutes, but these issues of the heart must be dealt with. Young people should be willing to give up whatever the Lord asks them to, not just find
something to replace it. For example, if the Lord tells someone to give up listening to a certain music group, often someone will run to the Christian bookstore and try to find a group that sounds like them to replace it. I am not saying that is wrong, but satan can still try to fill that void one day if that void is only filled with a replacement instead of Jesus.

**Breaking Intimidation**

This is also how fear’s power is broken. We see in 2 Timothy 1:6 that God has not given us a spirit of timidity (intimidation or fear), but rather he has given us the Holy Spirit who brings power, love, and discipline to our lives. We must learn to be so dead to ourselves that we do not care what others think of us at all, but we only care what Jesus thinks of us. A person who has died to self, is a very bold witness for Christ, because he doesn’t care if he is rejected. A person who has died to self is so free in his worship because he doesn’t care if others are watching or what others think of his worship. A truly dead person will not care at all if he is popular in school, but will witness to his classmates at school, even if he becomes a loner. The fear or intimidation of what others think can be destroyed by a death to self.

This is not the most popular message in Christianity, but it is one of the most powerful. The first Christians understood this truth about dying to self and overcoming intimidation. In Acts 3-4 we read of Peter and John laying hands on a cripple who is healed. Peter was not intimidated, but he stood before a large crowd and preached Christ crucified and how God raised him from the dead. The rulers had Peter and John arrested. Peter and John stood boldly before the leaders and said they were the one's guilty of crucifying Jesus, but this was God’s will and God raised him from the dead. The leaders then threatened them to not speak about Jesus anymore. In other words, the leaders were making it against the law to preach about Jesus. Peter said to the leaders, judge for yourselves if it is right for us to obey you rather than God. After the two apostles were beaten, they went back home to their friends and family. There all the believers joined together in prayer. This is what they prayed:

"Now Lord, consider their (the leader’s) threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand and heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus. After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly." Acts 4:29-31

"With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all." Acts 4:33

The response to this threat and beating was not to run and hide, but rather to pray for boldness so they would not be intimidated. The leaders of that day had to take notice that these men had been with Jesus. When we spend time with Jesus in his presence, there is boldness! They wanted to preach the word without fear. The same Jesus that saw this kind of faith, and sees right now many being tortured and killed for their faith in other countries, is looking at these so-called “Christians” in America that sell him out everyday. They claim to be Christians but give in to peer pressure and compromise daily. They have not died to self and found the resurrection life yet. Satan still has the ability to cause them to fall because of not dying to self. The struggles some are having is that they have not truly been converted in Christ. Some have experienced false conversions. Make sure that you have truly been born of the Spirit, as they Bible clearly states the Holy Spirit will bear witness with our spirits that we are children of God if we are.

**A few more scriptures**

Romans 6:5 "If we have been united with him (Jesus) **like this in his death**, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection."

Philippians 3:10-11 "I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming **like him in his death**, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection of the dead."

There is no greater honor than suffering for Christ. The greatest honor would be to die for the one who has died for us, but not all are given this honor. Sometimes it is harder to live for Jesus, dying to self everyday, than to lay your life down and go to heaven.

**A Martyr’s Heart**
A person who lays down his/her life for the gospel has already done so in his/her heart. This is how the first apostles of Christ died. Those that have laid down their lives for the gospel inspire me! God is looking for those that want to glorify his son in the earth. The true message of the gospel will be accompanied by great power. The Lord confirms his word with signs (Mark 16:20). The Lord will raise up those that preach the cross and make room for the miraculous in their ministry. In other words, they will preach and then see healings, miracles, the dead raised, deliverances, and the power of God.

A martyr is first a martyr in his heart before he dies in the body. What will it be like for you, if one day you are in heaven and there is a young man is sitting next to you who is named Titus? You ask him to tell you his story and he says, “Sure, I had a difficult life. I grew up in Rome. My family all served Jesus. We heard of him through a man that was going door to door telling people about Jesus. One of my neighbors was healed of tuberculosis as this man prayed for him. It was a few years later that my mother was captured by the Roman guards. They poured oil on her and I watched her be burned alive on a wooden stake because Jesus was her God. When my father came back home from business, he heard the news and wept bitterly. The guards came and took him away as well. I was forced to watch him be put in a coliseum, and I watched as lions ate my dad. The guards then took me and beat me trying to get me to renounce Jesus, but I couldn’t do that! He was everything to me. I was then placed in that same coliseum the next day. I saw doors being opened on every side. Lions came out of every door. I was never so afraid in all my life. I died that day and was carried by angels to be with Jesus here. Now that I have told you my story, what is yours?” We need to have a story. Not all of us have the honor of dying for the gospel in the body as a martyr, but we must have a story of totally selling out to Jesus. As I said before, sometimes it is harder to live for Jesus than to die for him. What the Lord is looking for is obedience and death to self. We must be fully committed to him in obedience to the call even if it costs us our lives. I heard a Middle Eastern woman that is a pastor’s wife say, she was not afraid of the terrorists because they could only kill her once. I love that.

160,000 people were martyred in 1996 for the cause of Christ. Persecution is rising with each year. How ready are the American Christians to this kind of persecution? I would have to say many would abandon the faith if it came down to their life.

Jesus’ Apostles

The eleven Apostles all gave their lives for the gospel. Andrew was killed in Greece on an X shaped cross feeling unworthy to die in the same way as his Lord. Bartholomew died preaching in India. He died a martyrs’ death being flayed alive with knives. James the elder was martyred first. He was killed by Herod Agrippa having his head cut off. James the lesser was crucified in Egypt. His body was cut into pieces. John the revelator was spared from death by a chalice of poison someone gave him. He died of natural causes on the Isle of Patmos (which was prison). Jude was shot by arrows on Mt. Ararat. Matthew became a missionary and disappeared during his labors. Peter was killed crucified upside down, because he felt unworthy to die as his Lord had died. Philip died by hanging. He requested that his body be wrapped in papyrus and not fine linen, because he was not worthy for his body to be treated as the Lord’s body was. Simon the zealot died on the mission field as a martyr according to tradition. Also, according to tradition Thomas was commissioned to build a palace for the king of India. He was killed with a spear as a martyr.

Here is another story about Andrew. “When Andrew, through his diligent preaching had brought many to the faith of Christ, Aegaeas the governor asked permission of the Roman senate to force all Christians to sacrifice to and honor the Roman idols. Andrew thought he should resist Aegaeas and went to him, telling him that a judge of men should first know and worship his Judge in heaven. While worshipping the true God, Andrew said, he should banish all false gods and blind idols from his mind.”
Furious at Andrew, Aegeas demanded to know if he was the man who had recently overthrown the temple of the gods and persuaded men to become Christians - a 'superstitious sect' that had recently been declared illegal by the Romans.

Andrew replied that the rulers of Rome didn’t understand the truth. The Son of God, who came into the world for man’s sake, taught that the Roman gods were devils (demons), enemies of mankind, teaching men to offend God and causing Him to turn away from them. By serving the devil, men fall into all kinds of wickedness, Andrew said, and after they die, nothing but their evil deeds are remembered.

The proconsul ordered Andrew not to preach these things any more or he would face a speedy crucifixion. Whereupon Andrew replied, ‘I would not have preached the honor and glory of the cross if I feared the death of the cross.’ He was condemned to be crucified for teaching a new sect and taking away the religion of the Roman gods.

Andrew, going toward the place of execution and seeing the cross waiting for him, never changed his expression. Neither did he fail in his speech. His body fainted not, nor did his reason fail him, as often happens to men about to die. He said, ‘O cross, most welcomed and longed for! With a willing mind, joyfully and desirously, I come to you, being the scholar of Him which did hang on you, because I have always been your lover and yearned to embrace you.’ ” (Foxes book of Martyrs of the World pp. 6-7, Greensburg, Pa.: Barbour and Company Inc., 1991)

This man was ready to die before the time came. Jim Eliott once said, "When it comes time for you to die, make sure that is all you have to do." Andrew was a martyr in his heart long before he saw that cross in front of him. Here was a man that fled the night Jesus was arrested. What happened to him? He had received the baptism and infilling of the Holy Spirit. A holy boldness came into his life. Notice how the Bible always says something like Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, spoke boldly (Acts 4:8). We need a fresh baptism of fire and a boldness of the Holy Spirit in our lives to live this Christian life. This will come when we die to ourselves. We have got to become walking dead to ourselves, but Christ living his life through us.

We must be ready in our hearts even now. We should hate the world and all that is in it. The Bible says if we are friends with the world, we are enemies of God (James 4:4).

Overcoming weaknesses

Like everyone, there are weaknesses in your life. There are areas where you fall and struggle in sin. The first step to overcoming these things is by dying to them. You need to ask yourself if you are really ready to fully give these things up and never pick them up again. You need to lay everything down at the cross. I close with these two sayings: Religion is hanging around the cross and knowing who Jesus is. Christianity is getting on the cross and dying to self. The degree you are willing to die, will be the level you find true life in Christ. I highly recommend that you find time this next week to be by yourself and watch the Passion of the Christ movie. Ask the Lord to burn in your heart a love for the cross and to do a deep work in you as you watch it.

Here is a prayer to pray:

Father, give me the grace to totally die to self. Jesus, put me on like a glove and live your resurrected life through me. Give me a hatred for what you hate and a love for what you love. Take everything out of me by the roots and kill it that is not of you, and put in me what I need to have. I lay down my life. Help me bring you glory through my life and death to self. Come live a holy life through by the Holy Spirit living in me, and overcome my weaknesses. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.
Desensitized
Day 3

1 Timothy 4:1-2 “The Spirit clearly says that some people will pull away from the faith in later times. They will follow lying spirits and teachings of demons. Like hypocrites they will tell lies. Their consciences feel nothing, as though they have been branded with a hot iron.” (Simple English Version)

As I have discussed up to this point, Christianity is very radical. We are required to lay down our lives for Christ daily. This means we literally die to all our selfish desires daily, and we let Jesus live his life through us. This means we turn away from all sin, and we choose to live in a way that pleases Jesus. This means we learn the Bible so that we can live in total obedience to it. Those that are not willing to do this will fall away from Christ in the end times we live in, and they will eventually abandon the faith completely.

I want to discuss today one of the greatest works of satan in the earth today. I will call this desensitizing. I know when I picked up my guitar after not playing for a long time, my finger tips hurt so bad that I had to put it down after about thirty minutes of playing. My finger tips were sensitive. After playing it for weeks my fingers developed calluses and are very hard now. I can now play for hours and it not bother me at all. I want to use this as an illustration. God has made all of us with a conscience. Con means “with” and science means “knowledge.” We are “with knowledge” when it comes to what is right and wrong, because God has given us a conscience as a gift to tell us. It is within our spirit man that is made in the image of God. This is one reason everyone will be without excuse on judgment day. We all know on the inside it is wrong to lie, cheat, steal, murder, and do evil, because our consciences tell us so. The problem is when we ignore the voice of God in our conscience. Just like my fingers got less sensitive with each time of playing the guitar, every time someone ignores the voice of God telling them something is wrong in his/her conscience, and they do it anyway, their conscience becomes more and more hardened. It becomes less and less sensitive to God!

When I cook steaks on my grill outside, I sear the outside. What I do is turn up the grill to the highest level for about five to ten minutes. Then I throw the steaks on the grill. The outside of the steaks get a little hard and develop those black lines from the grill. After about a minute and a half, I turn them over to do the same on the other side. This “searing of the outside” traps in the moisture of the steaks inside, and makes delicious steaks. I want to also use this as an illustration as well. The Bible says in 1Timothy 4:1 that people's consciences can get to the place of feeling nothing as though they have been seared (or branded) as with a hot iron. Just like I sear the outside of my steaks, people can have a seared conscience before God. Have you ever wondered how people that have been made in God's image could murder in cold blood, rape little children, and do some of the most ungodly things? They have allowed their consciences to be seared and they are no longer sensitive to what is right and wrong. They no longer care if it hurts God or others. With each time we ignore the Holy Spirit in our conscience, or hearts, we can become less and less sensitive to his voice and conviction of sin.

Now let me begin to show you how satan has pulled this off in the world today. It is so important we have good solid relationships with our elders. They have seen things we can learn from. Let me show you. Around fifty years ago in America, even the ungodly sinners would have screamed and made such a fuss about what comes on television today that the stations would have had no choice but to remove it. When Elvis Presley would shake his hips in dancing, many television stations would not air it, and many people strongly protested it. Now one can even look on the Disney channel and see half dressed young ladies, and see young ladies dancing seductively. This is not only tolerated but widely accepted even among the Christians of our day. This is only one of many examples that I will talk more about later. How could society change so much that what the ungodly sinners would have rejected even fifty years ago, now be completely accepted by Christians of today (even watched in their homes as entertainment)?? Satan has desensitized society to evil so that what would have grieved even the conscience of a sinner, now the consciences of Christians do not even feel grieved!
There was a study within the scientific groups to see how a cold blooded animal would respond to temperature changes. The group put a frog into a small pot of water and lit a fire under the water. The water quickly changed from cold to hot, and the frog jumped out because it felt the water getting hot and knew it was in danger for its life. Then they put the same frog in water and put a very small flame under the water. This time the scientists very slowly turned up the heat. The frog never noticed the temperature changed and literally sat in the water until boiled alive. The frog could have easily jumped out, but the scientists turned up the water slowly enough the frog never felt threatened.

This is exactly what satan has done. He has very slowly increased evil in society so that even many Christians would accept it, and they have. Christian young ladies dress in a way that fifty years ago they would have been seen as a slut. Christian young people now use profanity just like the sinners. Sex outside of marriage is tolerated in many churches. Christians will sit in their homes and watch things that God literally hates. How could Christians become so hardened in their hearts that watching things with nudity, sex, using God's name in vain, foul cussing, bloody horrible violence, and even witchcraft be acceptable?! How could consciences become this seared?! This is one of satan's most deadly and effective weapons today. It is working.

Rick Joyner had a vision in the spirit realm of the great war between angels and demons. He saw Christians warring against satanic forces. He wrote about it in his book *The Final Quest*. I want to give you a small piece of what he saw:

"The demonic army was so large that it stretched as far as I could see. It separated into divisions, with each carrying a different banner. The weapons carried by this evil horde were also named. The swords were named Intimidation; the spears were named Treachery; and the arrows were named Accusation, Gossip, Slander, and Faultfinding. Scouts and smaller companies of demons with such names as Rejection, Bitterness, Impatience, Unforgiveness, and Lust were sent in advance of this army to prepare for the main attack.

These smaller companies and scouts were much fewer in number, but they were not less powerful than some of the larger divisions that followed. They were smaller only for strategic reasons. Just as John the Baptist was a single man, but was given an extraordinary anointing for baptizing the masses to prepare them for the Lord, these smaller demonic companies were given extraordinary evil powers for 'baptizing the masses.' A single demon of Bitterness could sow his poison into multitudes of people, even entire races or cultures. A demon of Lust would attach himself to a single performer, movie, or even advertisement, and send what appeared to be bolts of electric slime that would hit and 'desensitize' great masses of people. All of this was to prepare for the great horde of evil which followed. This army was marching specifically against the church, but it was attacking everyone that it could." (The Final Quest pps 16-17)

Another thing that will harden hearts and sear consciences is lying!

This is the end time move of satan. We must be aware of this desensitizing. It has gotten so bad that ministers have to preach: "You cannot call yourself a Christian and be at some ungodly party with a beer in one hand, a joint in your mouth, and about to go have sex with your boyfriend or girlfriend! You can't call yourself a Christian steaming up the back seat of a car with your boyfriend or girlfriend!" How could it get to this point that this would even have to be preached! People have allowed their consciences to become seared and hearts to become hardened.

If you have allowed your heart to become hard and allowed a desensitizing of your conscience to take place you need to pray. Pray with me: Father, I ask your forgiveness for tolerating sin in my life. I am sorry I have allowed myself to be desensitized to your Holy Spirit and your voice. I ask you to soften my heart again to you. Let me be sensitive to your Spirit and the convicting of sin. Take everything out of my life that needs to go. Help me to live holy before you. Help me to die daily. In Jesus name I pray. Amen. I highly recommend that you go out and either rent or purchase a movie called *Time Changer*. I can be bought at almost every Christian bookstore. It will show how desensitized society has become. I believe it will speak to you.
Overcoming the antichrist spirit
Day 4

1John 4:3 "But every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus, is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world."

In the Bible Jesus' name actually is Yeshua or "Joshua" as translated from the Hebrew into English. We get Jesus from the Greek translators of the New Testament. The Old Testament was originally written in Hebrew and the New Testament in Greek. This is important because, Jesus' name Joshua actually means "salvation." Also the word Christ is not Jesus’ last name, but rather it is his title. Jesus is the Christ. Christ is the New Testament Greek word for "Messiah." So Jesus' name actually means: "The Messiah of salvation." Something else I would like to point out is that the actual meaning for Christ is "The holy and anointed one of God." This is what the Messiah is, he is the **holy and anointed** one of God.

I said all that to say that the antichrist spirit will oppose Christ in every way. Remember Christ means "the holy and anointed one of God." So the antichrist spirit is an anti-anointing and anti-holy spirit. The antichrist spirit is one spirit that could be referred to as "the spirit of the world." The first thing the antichrist spirit will oppose is the revelation that Jesus is the son of God, the Messiah, and savior of the world. This spirit is okay with saying Jesus was a prophet or a good man, but if you ever say "Jesus is God," this spirit will rise up in protest. The next thing this spirit will attack is holiness. Many people want to make their own rules about what is holy and what is not. The Bible is very clear on what God accepts and rejects, but this is not enough for people. This is becoming an ever-increasing fad right now. The mentality of "whatever you believe is okay for you, and whatever I believe is okay for me. All roads lead to God." This is an antichrist spirit's work. There is a strong work of satan to unite all religions in a so-called peace, but hate Christianity because it is a "Christ is the way, or you go to hell" message that people hate to hear. People want God to be whatever they desire him to be. That is why people say, "this loving God would never send me to hell." Oh yes he will, if you are not right with him. Right now there is a strong move to have all religions accept one another and pray together in peace. This of course will strongly exclude true Christianity, but I am sure there will be a counterfeit Christianity this group will accept. This uniting the world in religion will be a strong move of the antichrist when he does arise.

The stage is being set now for the rise of the antichrist. Of course the antichrist spirit (a demon) is at work to prepare for this. Look at some of the satanic works in the earth today:

**Entertainment** (Jezebel has a throne) pushes sex, witchcraft, violence, and rebellion; there's a promotion of satanic music and the occult; even children's cartoons now promote witchcraft and new age; **banking, big business, and the economy** are slowly setting stage for a cashless society which will one day become the mark of the antichrist which is 666; The **global military** is gearing up for world conflict to destroy Israel, kill Christians, and promote the rise of the antichrist. In the end it will play a major role in killing Jews and Christians, burning Bibles, and destroying churches. It will be used to martyr many believers; The **medical field** promotes abortion, occult healing, and atheism. The **judicial system** is full of worldliness, greed, and the love of money. There is an honoring of the man-made constitution over the Bible. The **government** makes laws that cause sin and promotes abortion, homosexuality, and satanism. It takes the Bible and prayer out of schools and replaces it with Harry Potter, Yoga, and Meditation- to name some things. **Schools and Colleges** promote a very ungodly agenda that is antichristian in the educational system. It will tolerate anything but what is of God. It is full of humanism and pride. The **Political arena** is setting stage through the United Nations and the European Union to promote a "One World Government" of false peace that will catapult the antichrist into position one day. There is a radical destabilizing of world economies and governments right now that will cause the people of the world to gladly accept a one-world government and economy one day.

The work of desensitizing has a lot to do with this all taking place. Another thing the antichrist spirit will oppose will be the anointing. Have you ever noticed how much anointed ministries like Benny Hinn, Rodney Howard-Browne, and others are persecuted? Most of the time the greatest persecution comes
from within the Christian circles. It is sad, but satan is able to use many Christians to further his purposes. Satan is called the "Accuser of the brethren" in Revelation 12:10. Many Christians are under the influence of satanic spirits like the antichrist spirit. Under demonic influence they begin to serve satan in the area of persecuting the anointing. If you are truly anointed, satan will use the antichrist spirit to oppose you. This happens a lot with slander and lies being spread about the individual and his ministry.

Here are some areas that satan has desensitized society. I was talking with an X-satanist that grew up in satanism in the highest way possible. The church of satan in California started by Anton LaVey is really only a shell of what true satanism is. They supposedly do not practice blood sacrifice, breed babies, or do anything illegal. My X-satanist friend said about the church of satan in California, "It is not really true satanism, but it serves a purpose. It makes satanism acceptable to society. It desensitizes society to worshipping satan just like satan has done with homosexuality and abortion." Think about that! She knew within satanism how satan desired to desensitize society to accept great evils.

Some of the areas satan has been very successful in desensitizing society has been in the areas of sex and seduction. Now Christian women think nothing of wearing clothes that expose their bodies. Sex outside of marriage, sex in entertainment, and nudity is totally acceptable. Witchcraft and the occult is widely becoming more and more acceptable to society; from Yoga, new age, mysticism, all the way to satanic rituals and sacrifices. Foul language and using God's holy name in vain fills the mouths of even so-called "Christians." The world sees no difference in Christians anymore.

When I moved to Dallas I was witnessing to some teenagers at Starbucks. We were sitting talking at a table outside. There was a girl next to me that had body piercings and just got some tattoos. She was showing everyone a new tattoo on her shoulder. I asked her if anyone had ever talked to her about Jesus before. She said this: "I go to High School with Christians. I am a better person than them. I don't use the language they do. They are worse than me. So why would I need Jesus to get to heaven? If they are going to heaven, surely I will." This is a true story! I explained to her they are not going to heaven! They are hypocrites, and only those that are really Christians will make it to heaven.

I know that some sincere Christians have some serious spiritual battles and bondages when the first come to Christ. They need to be set free and learn how to walk out a righteous life. The Lord is patient with those. In fact, there was a time I needed to be set free from some things myself. In fact, right after first getting saved I still struggled some with getting a beer, cigarette, or getting angry and cussing. I have gotten past those things now, and Jesus understands as babes we have to learn how to live right, resist temptation, and get free from things that used to bind us. Jesus is so much more loving and incredible than we could ever imagine. He will never justify any sin, but he will pick us up when we fall, and he will hold us up and walk us through how to live in victory over our sin. He is patient, forgiving, and gracious.

BUT what I am concerned about is people accepting sin as normal Christianity and justifying their sin instead of truly repenting. Let me give you a few scriptures about this:

Hebrews 10:26 "If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, 27 But only a fearful expectation of judgment and raging fire that will consume the enemies of God."

1 John 3:7 "Dear children do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he (Jesus) is righteous. 8 The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. 9 No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God. 10 This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are; Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother or sister."

A true Christian will surrender to the Lord. A true Christian will pray and fast until victory is won. A true Christian will not give up and accept sin, but will press through until they learn to live holy, not because of religious duty, but because they love the Lord. The Bible says friendship with the world is hatred toward God. Those that choose to be a friend of the world become enemies of God in James 4:4. I always wonder about those that are accepted by the world but call themselves Christians. Jesus said, if the world hated me, it will hate you too because you are followers of me in John 15:18 and 17:14. Those that live holy and separate from the world will be hated by the world. I look at some of the entertainers that grew up in church, were trained to sing in church, and now are loved by the world in their music or movies.
They call themselves Christians, but the reason the world does not hate them is because they aren’t. Mel Gibson created the movie the Passion of the Christ. He was so hated and persecuted for making that movie, he received threatening phone calls from people that threatened to harm him and his family. He has been so rejected by Hollywood. In fact, Mel told the actors when hiring them they may not ever have a job with Hollywood again if they take the role. Why did Hollywood turn to hate him so much?

We are moving into difficult times to be a Christian. Does the world hate you? There was someone I knew that had a job for a while and was surrounded by fake Christians. These people would cuss, drink, and sleep around to name some things. This person tried to witness to them, but ended up having to become a loner because they didn’t like him. They didn’t like him because he was real and they weren’t. That is the truth. Are you popular in school? I would have to question your salvation really. I mean, I know what it costs to be popular and you do too. Are you accepted by the world? If so, why does the world love you as its own? Shouldn’t it hate you along with Jesus, if you are his?

Entertainment is becoming so evil, I believe we are moving into days that true Christians cut way back on the amount of television and movies they watch. It will become increasingly harder for girls to dress in style without compromising their walk with Christ. It is in style to be seductive in the way girls dress. I believe even Christian girls will be persecuted for simply not dressing like the world in days to come. You have to make up your mind what God you will serve. Jesus said, “No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other.” Matthew 6:24

In reading this, don’t get puffed up with spiritual pride! We are nothing! It is only by the grace of God that we are not in sin right now. If you have read this and you are living right, you should weep in humility for those that need to get right! If you are honest with yourself, you will have to admit you were once there yourself. Also, if you have read this and you feel you need to repent of some things, take a moment to find a quite place and seek God.
Wear it or bare it?

Day 5

1 Timothy 2:9-14 "I also want women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God. A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent. For Adam was formed first, then Eve. And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner."

1 Peter 3:1-7 "Wives, in the same way be submissive to your husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to make themselves beautiful. They were submissive to their own husbands, like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear. Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers."

Ephesians 5:22-27; 6:1-4 "Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother'- which is the first commandment with a promise- 'that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.' Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."

Ephesians 5:33 "Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see to it that she respects [reverences and shows respect] her husband.

I put all these scriptures of the Bible in this study today to show some areas the church has greatly neglected and is suffering because of it. To those that are feminist, worldly, carnal, and under the influence of a Jezebel demon spirit, these scriptures will seem so oppressive and will actually make them angry when they hear them. But to those that have renewed minds, and are godly women, these scriptures bring great protection, security, and one can see a loving heavenly father that is trying to protect his daughters.

I will not cover very much of this at all today, but I do want to talk about what submission is and what it is not. The word submission in the Greek is the word hupotasso which is literally translated "submit, subordinate, or to obey." How many women are honoring these scriptures today?! There is deadly end-time fallen angel the Bible calls Jezebel that is at work now literally destroying women! When the Bible says women are to submit to their husbands it means to: "Ask permission and then obey the decision made with a good attitude." Women are to do this in everything even if the husband is not a Christian. Of course, if a husband asks you to sin, you must obey God over him. God has put order in the home for a reason. Husbands will give an account one day on how they oversaw their family. Did they lead them into the things of God and into their destinies? Children are to obey their parents and honor them. The word obedience in the Greek is hupakouo and it means "to listen and obey a command." It implies that parents should demand obedience from their children with punishment if there is disobedience. The wives are commanded by the Bible to submit without being forced to, but parents are to punish their children for any disobedience. When a home is in order there is peace. Look at all the divorce today and rebellion in teenagers. This is a sign of the great evil the Bible speaks of in the end times when it says a day will come when children will be "disobedient to their parents." 2Timothy 3:1-5
The main thing I want to talk about today is modesty in dress. This is an area people have been desensitized and totally disobedient to the Bible. It is even in the church. I know a young lady that is reading a book on this subject now. The author shows pictures of women's swim suits years ago that looked like a loose fitting tank top combined with loose long fitting shorts. Now women will brazenly walk around in bikinis and think nothing of it. Young ladies will wear to youth groups clothes that expose their bodies right in church! In the Bible the word for modesty is the Greek is aidos and literally means "bashfulness towards men." This means being bashful or shy in the area of exposing your body to men. Women have been desensitized to being nude in front of men. Taking off clothes in front of men no longer bothers their conscience. A youth pastor confessed "it is hard to speak to your hearts, when all I see is your parts."

In the book of Genesis God speaks of creating Adam and Eve. They were nude from the beginning, but created in God's image. In Psalms 104:2 we see God covers himself in light as a garment. This light is God's glory. Seeing that Adam and Eve were created in the image of God, they did in fact have a covering of light. That is why after sinning they saw themselves nude and hid. In Genesis 2:25 the Bible says, "The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame." The word for naked in the Hebrew is erom and means "partially naked." After Adam and Eve sinned by eating the forbidden fruit, the Bible says, "Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves." The word for naked here in chapter 3 verse 7 is the Hebrew word erom and means "completely nude." So what changed? The glory of God lifted off them the moment they sinned. That is why the Bible says that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God in Romans 3:23. God hates nudity because it reminds him of the fall of man. When God made the priesthood of Aaron in the Bible, he required the priests that entered his presence to not be nude. He went so far as to say the priests had to even have their undergarments on while walking up the altar so their nakedness would not be exposed. If their nakedness was exposed before God, they would have died in God's presence. That is in Exodus 20:26.

I want to point out one more scripture and then I will give you some descriptions of godly and ungodly women. Listen men of God, be careful who you marry. Just because someone looks good doesn't mean they are good wife material. Don't let lust dictate who you marry. Hear from God. Jesus said, "if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea" in Matthew 18:6. Some women are stumbling blocks that cause Jesus' little ones, or baby Christians, to stumble into lust. They do this by not dressing modestly like the Bible commands. I want to give some descriptions now of ungodly evil women and also those that are godly. If you have fallen under the category of not being very godly, ask Jesus to forgive you, and then change the things that need to change. Here are the descriptions.

An ungodly woman

Proverbs 7:26-27  "For she has been the ruin of multitudes--a vast host of men have been her victims. If you want to find the road to hell, look for her house." (Living Bible)

1. She tries to catch a man's eye by dressing seductively, carefully exposing parts of her body with low-cut blouses showing her stomach or cleavage, and short skirts or short shorts. She will wear tight clothes that show her curves and figure. She walks and moves in ways that are sexual, and she tries to get as much attention from men as she can by the way she dresses and carries herself.
2. She will shock a man by talking about sexual things without feeling a bit shy or guilty. She is loud and brazen. She will cuss and talk in a way that is perverted.
3. An ungodly woman will try to lure men into sex with her by saying things like, "God has put us together" when in fact it is satan. She will talk about how great it would be to make love to her, and she will talk in vivid detail about making love to her. She will talk about how sexy her bed looks and how her room smells and how good she is in bed. She may even say that she knows the man would be good in bed to flatter him.
4. An ungodly woman will try to get a man sexually aroused talking to him, flirting with him, or acting sexual toward him.
5. An ungodly woman will finally tell a man, "we won't get caught, my husband is out of town."
6. If she is a witch, she will turn to powerful spells, incantations, rituals, and sacrifices to release demonic spirits that release power that will fall upon a man and bring them under her mind control and seduction. The purpose of this is to cause them to fall into sexual sin with her.

A Godly woman
1. Dresses very modestly making sure her body is properly covered. She doesn’t want any sexual attention drawn to herself from the way she dresses or acts. She is careful that even when she bends over or sits, that she is properly covered.
2. She will be very innocent about sexual things. She feels very uncomfortable talking about sexual things with men. She wants a man’s pure love, and has no desire to trap him into having sex with her.
3. She will never try to "turn a man on" by the way she dresses, talks, or acts. She desires true beauty from Jesus which comes from the being beautiful on the inside. She talks about pure things.
4. She is very faithful to the Lord and to her husband.

An evil woman views sex as a game of power and control. She is driven by demonic spirits to hunt for unsuspecting men of power and prestige and bend them to her will by seducing them into sex. She is especially attracted to men of great visibility, such as preachers, politicians, and well-known businessmen. She is not so much driven by sexual desire as by a desire for power over men or to control them. Such a woman will actually plot and strategize ways to seduce the man into sex with her. She says to herself, "I bet he will be mine if I build him up and flatter him just right. He will notice me in this short skirt and tight shirt that shows my cleavage. He doesn't look like he's too happy at home with his wife."

It is time to line up our lives with the word of God. If you are not right with God in this area, there needs to be repentance.
SEX
Day 6

1 Corinthians 6:13-20  "The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, 'The two will become one flesh.' But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit. Flee sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body."

According to the Bible any sex other than a man and his wife in marriage is considered sexual immorality. Things like sex outside marriage, looking with lust, adultery, masturbation, bisexuality, and homosexuality are all sins in the eyes of God. Also, when moving into other sexual perversions that are usually connected with satanic rituals there would be sex with animals, sex with demons, incest, child molestation, astral or spiritual sex, rape, or orgies. All of these things are an abomination to God—meaning God hates and despises them. They are detestable to him. And they destroy the individuals involved in them.

Let me explain to you why these things are so forbidden to God. We see first that God does hate these sins, but he loves the people sinning and died for them. All can be forgiven, but there are consequences to these actions. We see in the natural sexually transmitted diseases, AIDS, unwanted pregnancies, and sometimes the murder of abortions. But there are also spiritual consequences to disobeying God.

In Genesis chapters 18-19 we read about the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah for its sexual perversions. God sent fire from heaven and wiped out the two cities making them nothing more than ashes. We know homosexuality was rampant, but I am sure all forms of sexual perversions were there. In Genesis 6 we read that fallen angels (referred to as 'sons of God' sometimes in the Bible) pierced through into the natural realm to have sex with women and produced a race of beings called 'nephilim.' These nephilim were a mixture of mankind and demonic seed. God destroyed the nephilim with a flood but spared Noah and his family. In both instances God brought swift judgment that destroyed these people. Why? The reason is actually out of love. These people were in a self-destruct mode, and these perversions were spreading so rapidly that God had to act quickly before many others had fallen into these sins and many more ended up in hell. Let me say here that sexual sins will certainly send someone to hell. Let's look at 1 Corinthians 6:9 "Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexuals nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God."

The motive of God in judging sexual perversions so strongly is love. Many people don't see that, but his motive is love. God created sex to be enjoyed by a man and his wife. It is a powerful, wonderful, and a fulfilling thing in a marriage bed, but it is a lustful perversion otherwise. As I have been saying all along, there are spiritual things that happen in sex you need to understand.

First off, the Bible says the two become one. We obviously know the bodies literally connect as one flesh in a very intimate way, but also, there is a soul tie that forms. Our souls are like computers with a personality. Our souls are made up of our mind, will (decision maker), emotions, memory, and imagination. This part of us is very unique to each person like a fingerprint is. Our personalities are all very different. In sex (including any form of sex— even oral, homosexual, etc...) the soul of the people involved knit together. There is a literal losing part of one's self into the other. Part of our souls are lost into the person we have sex with. This is meant for marriage because you gain back the part of you that was lost in your spouse through the relationship you have with them. This is part of the two becoming one. The problem is when people go outside the protective barriers God made about sex, and start forming these soul ties with other people.

Many people out there have generational curses and satanic bondage in their lives. I will talk more about these things in later chapters. But for now I want to make a point. When you have sex with someone, you
link yourself to all they have. Generational curses, satanic bondages, and demons can enter your life through that union. Now are you starting to see why satan loves sexual sins so much, and why God so strictly forbids them. Demons can walk right into a person through sexual sins. Homes that have sins like adultery, lust, pornography, etc...have demons in them. Sex can be very fulfilling and wonderful God's way, but it can also be very destructive satan's way. We are all body, soul, and spirit. I talked about what happens to our bodies and souls in sex, but even the human spirits of individuals open up to each other in sex- especially during climaxes. This can literally defile your human spirit. I know I am getting personal, but I think you need to know. God's motive for sexual purity is to keep you spiritually clean, holy, and protected. That is why God has moved so sternly to snuff out sexual perversions from the earth so quickly in the past.

If you are in any sexual sin, first you need to repent which means stop sinning, turn away from it, and give yourself fully to Jesus in that area. Get forgiveness from the Lord. I will deal with deliverance later in this book, but for now I want you to pray to get all the sin under the blood. God is coming as the great deliverer of his people in these end times. He knows we have opened ourselves up to satan's influence. Many people know there is a driving force behind their sexual sins. They know something is pushing them, even though they may just now be realizing it is demonic.

Over these next couple of chapters I will be dealing with deliverance. So don't be afraid. If you have any bondage to satan, you can, and will be free.
How Demons Enter
The daily battle
Day 7

Hebrews 12:1 “Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.”

When I am speaking of demons, I am talking about actual evil spirits that exist and torment people's lives. I am not just talking about bad habits. Many Christians struggle so much with sins and live a tormented life that God never intended them to live in, because of the influence of demons. So how do demons enter people's lives? Let's examine that question.

If I put some disgusting trash in my living room and let it sit over time, flies, rats, and roaches would gather. If I took out the trash and cleaned house they would disappear. This is the same way to begin dealing with demons. When we get the sin out of our lives and homes, the demons begin disappearing. Over the next several days I am going to deal with the controversial issue of satan, demons, deliverance, and spiritual warfare. I will talk about witchcraft, satanism, false god worship, the occult, sexual perversions, suicidal tendencies, abortions, generational curses, and other ways demons can enter people's lives. Today I want to mainly give an introduction to all of this and give you some things to think about.

In a book called Journal of an Unknown Prophet, a prophetic woman has several encounters with Jesus as Jesus tells her about things that are currently going on spiritually and things to come. I want to point out some plans of satan right now. Each individual reading this has been involved with different sins, a lot of hurt, inherited spiritual things, and has an individual unique past. One of the most deadly attacks of satan is this: satan will target people based on the weak areas of their lives. He doesn’t waste his time targeting your strengths. Just like if I was fighting for my life, and I knew my opponent had a bad left knee. I would do everything I could to kick that left knee as many times as I could in the course of our fight. In the same way, some people have great weaknesses with lust, unhealed wounds of rejection, inherited spiritual problems, pride, fear, issues of anger, etc…so satan will send specific demons - with specific functions - to attack those specific areas of weakness in each individual.

It concerns me how passive many Christians are. First off we must always win the battle in ourselves first. I believe when Jesus died on the hill of the “skull” there was something prophetic about that. Many Christians still battle the forces within themselves. Before you go destroying satan's kingdom in other people, you better win the battle inside yourself. Do you still struggle with lust, alcohol, drugs, past sins, generational tendencies toward certain sins, unhealed emotional wounds, unforgiveness, or sexual sins of any kind, etc…? We face a battle with the desires of the sinful nature within us, the world and its evil influences, and satan and his demons. Many Christians have not yet truly risen above their own battles. We must pray about past sinful activity and inheritance and make sure we are truly free. Just like the "skull" Jesus died upon, most of the battle will be in our minds and soul area. Also, there will have to be death to self to truly see the victory.

Then after we ourselves have conquered, we can begin to assist others in getting delivered and obtain victory in their lives. This is the realm of the church. God can begin to use us to help see unity, maturity, and victory in other Christians.

Then once we conquer on this level of helping God's people come to maturity, the Lord will begin to call and lead us into battle in our cities and in the heavenlies. I want to give you some important keys to entering this battle.

A vision

A vision from an unknown prophet: "And suddenly it was as though a heavy, heavenly veil was drawn back in the Spirit realm, and I saw the satanic princes in their battle dress standing in their chariots, directing the great mass of hellish battalions and powers and principalities- and they were standing as a great and seemingly fearsome mass in a line that stretched to eternity, waiting. And then a great shofar was sounded, and the fallen satanic princes and generals took their places in front of the battalions, as the
great rumbling of satan's chariots thundered. And all as one, they bowed their heads- as the prince of darkness made his entrance.

And as he stood there- all terrible in his damnable arrogance and rebellion- he lifted his sword high to the heavenlies, and again, as one man, I saw the princes and their battalions follow suit, and I heard Lucifer's spine-chilling cry: 'It is TIME!' And the hordes of hell resounded with a great and terrible cry: 'It is TIME.' And as Lucifer turned to his fallen princes, I could hear his malicious hiss: 'IT IS TIME TO TARGET THE CHAMPIONS.'

Jesus speaks: "The targeting of the champions- My Father's champions here on Earth. The hosts of hell have been assigned for the past decades waiting for this hellish moment in the spirit realm, listening for the release of My End-Time move from Heaven. They have heard the mighty rush of My holy Angels, and so in turn they have unleashed the most violent satanic assault the Earth has seen since the days of My birth when satan's wrath was unleashed through Herod against the babes in arms in a huge murderous onslaught. The Father knows that these are the ones who will lean their minds and hearts unquestionably on His being- those who limp with the scars of his chastening and of their own inadequacy- those who know that within themselves there is no good thing except their hope in Him. These are His champions-" "these are the prime targets for the onslaught of the enemy that you have just seen. The major End-Time assaults are divided into several camps. They are all ruthless strategies of Jezebel, the ultimate seducer and releaser of the End-Time seducing spirits. The first major seduction of my children will be in the area of morality- the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes, but seduction is not just confined to My children's morality. Satan's primary goal is to seduce My children away from the Father. One of satan's most lethal weapons against My ministers is another of Jezebel's strongholds- the pride of life, pride and self-righteousness. Jezebel's third great onslaught will be in the area of discouragement. This is the same weapon used against my servant Elijah, and indeed, many of My servants throughout the ages. Great discouragement, in turn, leading to strong delusion and finally, that of the great blinding. In this last generation many came to Us from the greatest enslavements and bondages. Once they saw Our great love for them, they became Our greatest champions and bondservants, for their gratitude for receiving such a redemption was unfathomable. These are the ones who have become close and tender with Me- who would follow Me unto death."

The prophet speaks: "But if they would follow you unto death, Lord Jesus and they hear your voice- then how could they fall to seducing spirits?"

Jesus replies: "Every weakness that these ones experienced in their lives..." His expression was so grave, "...Every fissure, each wound, each broken place that lies unhealed- these satanic powers and principalities and demons shall now target. Many, many of my children did not receive healing of their minds, emotions and souls in this last generation. And because they have lived in the household of God for years, many do not even realize that these scarred places exist.

These last days' assignments have been meticulously strategized, and that is the very strength of their evil- they have been tailor-made to each of my champions. They (satanic forces) know the urgent, driving, unmet needs of the soul: the generational bondages of each individual called by Me to impact this generation; the lack of nurturing; the deep unhealed rejections and hurts of the emotions; the fatherlessness; the need for affirmation; the desire to belong; the deep isolations- all of which when not met in Me- now have laid the perfect snare for the assignments of the enemy. Some of My champions have experienced a violent, satanic assailing against their minds. Any thought not taken captive shall be a thought that can take violent root in their soul to lead to enslavement. Anything from their past that has been dealt with by their own strength and not by My Spirit shall become a snare to them and can leave them vulnerable to the enemy of their souls. Any habit not ruthlessly dealt with and put to the cross, when assigned with the searing heat of temptation, will breed and rapidly multiply."

Jesus continued, "In this past age Jezebel has translated itself into many different forms, but one of her primary rules in this present age is her amalgamation with Babylon, the spirit of the world and lust. Lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and the pride of life. Jezebel rules electronic media- film, television, advertising- she is the epitome of seduction in this last age."  Taken directly from A Journal of an unknown prophet pgs 257, 258, 262, 263, 274, 275
This is a chilling look into satan's last day plans. Please take time to pray and fast and make sure there are no open doors for the enemy to exploit in your life. Is there generational bondages, bondages from past sins, lust, unhealed emotional wounds from rejection or hurt, unforgiveness, problems with anger, pride, or any unfulfilled areas like needing a spouse, father, loneliness, major struggles with sin, fears etc... We must die to these things and let Jesus heal us, and we must find our every need met IN HIM. If we don't satan will try to meet that need for us. The main area I want to deal with today is the strong struggle with certain sins. Specifically, many struggle with lust. This is the influence of a demon spirit of lust and must be dealt with through deliverance and not just self control alone. If there is a stubborn area of struggling with sin that you have prayed about and do not want to keep doing, but yet you find yourself still doing it, there is probably an evil spirit involved. Tommorow I will go deeper in all of this. If you feel you need to look into this issue more deeply, I have written a book on this subject entitled Walking in the Freedom, Victory, and Dominion of the Cross. You can read it on our website. www.fnirevival.com
How demons Enter 2

*We are not unaware of satan's schemes*

Day 8

2 Corinthians 2:11 "in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not ignorant of his schemes."

Hosea 4:6 "my people are destroyed from a lack of knowledge."

So how do demons get into someone's life? Well, let's take some time to look into that. The people of God go through much destruction because of lacking knowledge about things I have been discussing and will be discussing on spiritual warfare and deliverance. God's people must be aware of satan's plans (schemes), so that he will not be able to out thinks us.

**Generational Curses**

I don't like the words "demon possessed", which implies ownership, in describing Christians with demons in the life. When you used the word possessed the first thing people imagine is someone’s head spinning around them spitting pea soup. In regards to the word “possess,” I own a silver ring. I can destroy it because it belongs to me and is my property. As Christians we are Jesus’ property, therefore satan cannot just do whatever they want to us, but I do believe that Christians can be demonized (under the influence of demons).

Unfortunately many Christians have legal ground for demons to bring destruction into their lives. I have personally cast demons out of many Christian's lives. I have had Christians I prayed for that demons spoke through their vocal cords, their face contorted to look like a snake or cat, or thrashed about on the ground screaming as demons came out of them. This may not fit into your theology, but maybe we need to reevaluate some of our teaching. When Jesus came, he came to God’s people. These were the Jewish people of his time. He drove demons out of God’s covenant people. Secondly, God’s people can have open doors for demons to enter their lives and steal, kill, and destroy.

This leads me to the fact that most of us have to deal with generational curses unless we have come from a powerful Christian lineage going back several generations. How many of us can say that? We all have around 30 people that directly affect our bloodline going back four generations. Can we safely say all of them never were involved in the occult or sinned in a way that released a curse on the family? Exodus 20:3-6 shows a curse released to the third or fourth generation of those that worship other gods and a generational blessing to a thousand generation of those that worship only the Lord. A generational curse works like this. If an ancestor was involved in the occult, idolatry, a false god or religion, freemasonry, etc... That sin caused a curse. The curse has released demons that are now at work in the family line. This will cause either poverty and major financial difficulties, mental illness in the family line (including depression or nervous breakdowns), physical illnesses that travels down the family bloodline (inherited sickness), or family fighting, divorce, and families separating to never have anything to do with each other. Do you see these things in your family? I had American Indian (they operate in witchcraft) on one side of the family and Freemasonry (masons also use witchcraft and occult practices) on the other! I had two curses to break. When they were broken the family’s finances dramatically improved, health improved, and a love and closeness came in relationships. Derek Prince gives seven indications there is a curse in a family line in his book *Blessings or Curses, you can choose*. Here they are:

1. History of mental or physical breakdown (physical sickness or mental illness)
2. Repeated chronic sickness (from one sickness to the next-never staying healthy)
3. Barrenness or a tendency to miscarry (can't have children)
4. Divorce or family separation (family can't get along)
Continual financial stress or poverty
6. Accident prone - repeated unexplained accidents
7. History of suicide or early deaths in the family

Do you see any of these, or a combination of these, in your family? If you say yes, then you could need generational curses broken off your life. Satan will try to cause people to feel uncomfortable or angry during these kinds of teaching. The reason is to keep them from ever getting truly free from satan's hold.

**Sin, Transgression, or Iniquity**

Sin means "missing the mark." It implies something done that was wrong, but not with planning it ahead of doing it. Transgression, on the other hand, means "rebellion." It implies a premeditated rebellion against God. In other words, someone knows the act is wrong but does it anyway. Iniquity is altogether different. It means "bent, crooked, or perverted." Iniquity is something that is within someone passed down the family line that produces a weakness toward a certain sin. For example, there could be a tendency toward alcoholism, drawing (fascination) with the occult, anger or abuse, or strong sexual perversions. These weaknesses travel down the family line and even though someone does not want to do these things there seems to be a weakness toward them and they end up becoming just like their father, for example. This cycle of iniquity can be broken by asking God to forgive and remove it. Jesus was bruised (bleeding on the inside) on the cross for your iniquity to be taken away! You can be free.

**Inheritance**

Now dealing with the entrance of demons and satanic bondage. First, **inheritance** is a big area. If your ancestors have been involved in any kind of false god worship (other religions like Islam, Hinduism, Freemasonry, etc...), occult practices (divination, witchcraft, psychics, fortune telling, seances, etc...), shedding innocent blood (murther, abortions, etc...), death (wanting to die, suicide attempts, etc...), or substance abuse (alcohol, drugs, tobacco, etc...) there is going to be iniquity, a curse, and demons at work. I will deal with freedom at the end of this chapter.

**Personal sins**

Second is your own personal involvement in these things. Even if you simply went to a fortune teller as a joke, had your palm read once, played a ouija board one time, or touched another area of the occult- that is enough. When we play with the occult at all it brings a curse on us, our descendants to the fourth generation, and allows demons to enter us and our lives. I know this sounds crazy, but satan's kingdom is just looking for a crack to slither through. I know that may strike fear into some, but it is so true. If you are a Christian, you can be free and protected, so don't fear. I can't tell you how many people I have cast demons out of that have allowed them in through the occult. Things like substance abuse, wanting to die, etc... Have these things been in your life? I have also seen body piercings and tattoos open people up to demons. The Bible says to not mark on your body in Leviticus 19:28. There is a reason this is in the Bible! I wouldn't disobey the Bible and expect everything to be okay if I were you. Sexual sins or false religions are areas of major open doors to demons. Also, if you have unforgiveness in your life, that will allow demons to enter and remain until forgiveness has taken place.

**So the main open doors to demons are:** Inheritance, Occult involvement, Unforgiveness, Sexual sins, Murder, Substance abuse, Violence, Criminal Activity, Marks on the body, Wanting to die, or suicide attempts.

**Your home**

The last thing I would point out is to take a look at what is in your home. If any of these things are in your home, or have been at one time, there will be evil spirits that need to be kicked out. You would be shocked if you really took notice of how much on television is occult, dark, or has to do with witchcraft in some way. When we let things come across our televisions or internet like the occult, porn, or evil, it opens up a door (also called a gate of hell), and demons can literally walk right through the screen into your home. Their feet land on your carpet and in they come! This is true for things you buy and bring in, music, or anything else in the home. Anything connected to witchcraft or other religions will bring in demons to your home if you have it in your home like pentagrams or statues of Buddha. I will deal with the home tomorrow in more depth. You may ask, "So how do I get free from these things?"
Scriptural curses and blessings

Blessings for obeying the Bible and curses for disobeying it are found in Deuteronomy 28-29 and Leviticus 26.

The nine curses for disobeying the Bible are: humiliation, barrenness or unfruitfulness (not able to have kids), mental or physical breakdown (illness or mental illness), family breakdown (divorce-people can't get along), poverty or famine, defeat, oppression, failure, and God's disfavor.

The seven blessings for obeying the Bible are: exaltation (being exalted or promoted), health, reproductiveness (ability to have kids), prosperity (financially doing very well), abundance (having more than enough), God's favor, and victory over enemies.

One of the things listed in the Bible as a curse is that parents would not be able to enjoy their children. Oh, how many is that true for today! Another curse states that a woman would be pledged to be married and given to another. It reminds me of all the teenagers that are sleeping around today. God already knows who they are to marry, but they are being given to others. Also in Deuteronomy 23:2 there is a curse that goes down to the tenth generation of the children that are conceived out of wedlock (illegitimacy). How many kids are getting pregnant to someone they are not married too today!? It states those kids would not enter the assembly of the Lord. I have seen this curse hinder people from getting right with God and attending church. It is oppressive, but all of these curses can be broken by the power of the blood of Jesus. People must realize there are consequences for their sin.

Jesus paid for our total freedom by shedding his blood. The power of the cross is enough for total freedom!

Here are some possible signs that someone has demons at work in his/her life: Fits of rage, constant headaches, insomnia (not able to sleep), incurable diseases, fears, mental illness, seizures, suicidal thoughts, female problems, depression, addictions, fascination with the occult, lust, nightmares, hearing voices, seeing scary visions, stubborn arrogance, compulsive lying, stealing, or dishonesty, marital problems, dizziness or fainting, or sharp unexplained pains in various parts of the body.

Do you think there might be satanic bondage in your life? Do you think demons might be at work in your life? The good news is, you can be free. Jesus paid for complete freedom on the cross for you.

FREEDOM

The first thing to do is to ask forgiveness for the sin, transgressions, and iniquity of your life and that of your ancestors. If you know specifics, you should list them and confess them out loud. You represent yourself and your ancestors before God. So you could say for example, "Father, I ask forgiveness for playing ouija boards I know I did it, and I ask forgiveness for my mom that went to a fortune teller for information. Please forgive us Lord, in Jesus' name, Amen." You need to anoint any marks on your body from suicide attempts, self mutilation, tattoos, or body piercings. Ask God to consecrate them as holy unto God and off limits to satan's kingdom. Commit to the Lord that you will not do these things anymore. Second, you can renounce your ties to these things. The way you do that is by saying out loud, "I renounce attending seances and the occult in general, etc..." The third thing to do is make a list of people you need to forgive. Forgiveness begins as a choice. So you choose to forgive them even if you don't want to and still feel hurt by what they have done. God will honor that. Example: You need to say out loud "I forgive my uncle Mike for what he did to me." You need to say it out loud and use the persons name. The next thing is repentance. Repentance means turning away from these sins. The reason many people still need deliverance is that they haven't turned away from the sin. Give the sin over to the Lord and get it out of your life forever. God will strengthen you to overcome the sin if you ask him.
You have just canceled the legal ground satan has had in your life if you did what I said above. Now pray this prayer out loud like you mean it: “satan your legal ground is canceled to my life, family, home, and bloodline. I break every curse off my life, family, home, or bloodline! I destroy every work of satan in my body, soul, or spirit! I destroy every bondage to satan affecting my life or family in any way now in Jesus name!” Now you just destroyed the bondage satan had you in.

Now you can kick out the demons. Say this out loud like you mean it...... "Every evil spirit that has been in my life, home, bloodline, or life in any area, I command you in the name of Jesus to go, NOW! Your legal ground is canceled by the blood of Jesus! The Bible says in James 4:7 ‘submit yourselves then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you!’ I command you to go and never return in Jesus’ name! I ask you Jesus soak the areas where these evil beings have been with your blood and fill them with your Holy Spirit, in Jesus’ name. AMEN!” If these evil spirits try to return and you feel a pull to the old ways, lift up your voice and take command over them as you just did. They have to go. You may not feel different, but you are. Stand in faith that it is done by the blood of Jesus.

Prayer

Let me pray for your now. I want you to read this prayer out loud as I pray for you.

Satan! In the name of Jesus I command you to listen to me. You evil spirits, I command you to hear me. Over this individual that has asked God’s forgiveness, THEY ARE FORGIVEN! Your legal ground is canceled to them, their bloodline, their home, and family. I destroy every work that you have had in their lives in any area, and I cancel your right to them. Now I command you evil spirits to leave them and every person or thing connected to them in every way. YOU GO NOW in Jesus’ name! Father, I ask you to anoint and fill the areas the enemy has once had. Send forth the angels of the Lord to drive the enemy out. Consecrate them, their families, and all they own as holy unto you. In Jesus’ name I pray. AMEN!

Final things

Go through your life and get the sin out. Go through your home and have a house cleaning. Anoint your home as holy unto God and take the Lord's Supper. Ask God to cleanse you and your home and make it holy unto him. Ask him to fill the areas the enemy has had with his Holy Spirit.

Understanding the topics I am discussing will become increasingly important in the years to come. Satan is on an all out attack against God’s people like never before. We will need to be free and set others free!
Your Home
Day 9

What is allowed in your home?

Deuteronomy 7:26 “Do not bring a detestable thing into your house or you, like it, will be set apart for destruction. Utterly abhor and detest it, for it is set apart for destruction.”

Christians must realize some things regarding this. As I have said before, where there is garbage, rats and flies will gather. The Bible says where there is death, vultures will gather (Matt 24:28). The vultures speak of demons. The flies are like the wickedness in the heavenlies and rats like the demons on earth. If you get rid of the garbage, the rats and flies will leave. Light will always dispel darkness and water will make a dry land become fruitful. Demons gather where there is garbage, death, darkness, and it is spiritually dry. When we disobey the Bible it gives legal right for satan to bring destruction and allow demons access to our lives. God never states in the scripture above that his people were exempt from demons or destruction, in fact he was talking to his people when Moses wrote this!

The Children of Israel left Egypt with great signs and wonders. Egypt was the most powerful nation of that time and when other nations heard of the great victory over Egypt they were afraid. So many Bible scholars believe that the people that lived in Canaan heard about how God destroyed Egypt, and they were terrified. So the Canaanites took their gold and silver and beat them into little demon-god idols. Then as a superstitious act, they took these and buried them under their houses, or embedded them into their walls for protection from the God of Israel. It was a pagan and occult act. So when the children of Israel took the land of Canaan and lived in their homes (without knowledge of the idols in their walls or in their foundation), God would at times send a leprosy (or mildew) into the home that would appear as red and green streaks down the walls of their home. They would go to the priests concerning this problem. God speaks of this in Leviticus 14:33-57. The reason God caused a mildew to form on the walls of homes is because he did not want demons in the homes of his people.

The idols, in or under the home, gave access for demons. The Lord knew the demons would corrupt them. The priests were instructed how and what to remove from the home and how to cleanse it as holy unto God.

I want to give a very humbling lesson the Lord taught me. I have been preaching against the occult for years and seeing many delivered, but I was a little careless in some areas that God has since taught me about. My church and I went on a 21-day Daniel fast. At the end of this fast, God spoke to me that there were occult objects in my home and the homes of the church that needed to be removed. I was somewhat surprised. I look back now and realize I shouldn’t have been all that surprised, but I was being blinded from these things by the enemy.

See I had accumulated a few occult books and other things for research so that I could write the books I was writing. I was done with the materials, but I had not destroyed and removed them from my property. I had a vision of satan accusing me to God about this and literally quoting the Bible against me using Deuteronomy 7:26. He was stating he had a right to bring destruction into my life because I had allowed cursed objects in my home. Now for a time God protected me as I felt led of the Spirit to research, and I had a good reason for having these materials, but now it seemed I no longer had a good reason and it was becoming an open door for satanic attack. Of course I destroyed and removed these objects and nothing came of it. Let me say that satan accuses us to God. We see it in Job chapter one and also in Revelation as he is called the Accuser of the brethren. Now if someone has a good reason to have an object in their possession, and God has led to them to for something like research, they are protected as I was. BUT if it is not for a good reason led by the clear leading of the Holy Spirit, it is a door for the enemy to come in and steal, kill, and destroy. I strongly urge you to go through your house and throw out anything satanic you have in your home. It can affect the atmosphere of your home in a major way. I have heard terrible stories of people experiences frightening paranormal experiences, major health problems, major financials loss, and horrible family strife because cursed objects were in their homes. As they repented and removed the objects there lives quickly turned around.

That really leads me into spiritual atmosphere.
Anointed eyes to see

The spiritual atmosphere, or climate of your home, is extremely important. The spiritual atmosphere of your home will affect your nights rest, your health, your personal prayer life, how your food digests, how you get along with your family, and your finances. You can see how important this is. If the glory of God’s manifest presence fills your home and property you will experience sweet rest at night. It will be easy to pray and grow spiritually. It is easy to get along with people around you. It is an atmosphere of health and healing. Also, your finances seem to flow without hindrance.

If there is a sterile atmosphere without God’s presence and an oppression of the enemy has come because of cursed object in your home the property will lack peace. People will toss and turn at night. Sickness will prevail. People will find it hard to not fight. It is extremely difficult to pray and read the Bible in that atmosphere. Finances seem locked up and hindered.

Seeing that this is so vitally important I will deal more with how to get the atmosphere of heaven in our homes in later lessons. Let me give you a few things to think about.

What about profanity?

Blessings being spoken in your home will change the atmosphere into the atmosphere of heaven in an awesome way. The Bible says “life and death are in the tongue” in Proverbs 18:21. So that is one of the reasons it is vital to guard against profanity in your home. For example, I can see how having movies that speak the F word over and over would release an atmosphere of lust your home. Also profanity and using God’s name as a cuss word grieve the Holy Spirit, and he will lift his presence from a home that allows these things. It will become increasingly important to have the glory in our homes in the days to come as we are living in the last days and the glory causes supernatural protection and prosperity.

The Lord spoke to me one time while watching Monsters Inc movie to not show it to a kid. I always liked that movie and it made me laugh. But as he spoke to me I realized why this is important. See children don’t know how to process in their minds what adults do. After years of counseling and leading deliverance in the ministry, I have seen how satan has attacked children. It would surprise you to know how many people admit while they were children that it seemed something tried to appear to them, or touch them, or reveal itself to them as a child. Whether the writer’s of Monster Inc had evil intentions or not I can only guess, but I know that movie teaches kids to accept scary beings that come to them at night as a friend to hang out with. That is not a good message to give children.

You can deal with the invasion of demons by making your home a holy place for the presence of God, and by sealing it off with the blood of Jesus. Also, if you have children, teach them how to bind and drive out demons in Jesus’ name. My daughter as a little girl would take authority for herself at night. You can look in the Appendix for more on cleansing homes and making them a place of revival for you and your family. I have seen dozens of people all over the ground in my home under the power of God. It is a place of continual prophetic dreams and visions. It is a place of the fruit and gifts of the Spirit. It is a place people are getting right with God, healed of disease and sickness, delivered of demons, and baptized in the Holy Spirit. I have been so amazed at the anointing in our home, but it is because of the things I am sharing with you now that the anointing is this strong in our home.

Another time I was watching another children’s movie that had a lot of mythical pagan influence (sandman, tooth fairy, father time, mother earth, etc). Let me explain this because it is important for you to understand. I had someone argue with me one time there was no difference between something like Superman and Harry Potter because it is both “make believe” and just imaginative. Well I can understand this line of thinking, and that leads me to the point I want to make. While watching this children’s movie I just mentioned the Lord spoke to me this could be a “stepping stone toward the occult.” Now this is interesting. Even though the children’s movie in and of itself was not blatant occult (spell casting, witchcraft, talking to the dead, etc...) it had content that could cause people to go toward the occult. I can honestly see how the make believe Sci Fi, or magic, or mythical creatures etc….could be a stepping stone to those that don’t understand the Bible to move toward the occult. So we need to use wisdom with this with children and baby Christians.

You see Superman is truly just a make believe figure and there is nothing satanic about him. He is “make believe” and seen as being from another planet. But the reality is witchcraft is not make believe, it is extremely dangerous and powerful, and it can destroy your life. So we can see the difference between
science fiction and the occult. Now let's also consider that we must love others enough to not let our personal convictions hurt them. If you have freedom with certain things, don't allow your freedom to hurt another person that might be led down the wrong path by what you are doing.

**Touching the unclean**

One of the interesting scriptures in the new testament is to not touch the unclean.

2 Corinthians 6:17 “Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you.”

As Christians I would recommend that you not go around touching satanic things. I mean you will have to in destroying them and throwing them out, but God is really wanting us to be separate. See defilement is different than sin. Sin is something you actually do, but being defiled can happen when you have not sinned at all. A woman can be defiled because of a rape, but she did not sin. A woman can be defiled by a perverted man with his foul mouth at work. The Bible says to not be too hasty about laying hands on others and “share in their sins” in 1 Timothy 5:22. Even though you haven't sinned, the sin of others can bring defilement as you lay hands on them. So be wise about what you are touching and what you are around. Also, if you feel defiled as the Lord to wash you in the blood of Jesus. Many homes and land have been defiled. You can cleanse you home and land, and I have given you some tools to do that in the appendix of this book.

As I began to go throughout my house and do a deep cleansing spiritually I was surprised at the things that really needed to go overall. Something I could keep but I was very aware that even though I could watch it, maybe a child didn't need to. Also just be wise and careful with baby Christians and those that are looking at you as an example. Let's set a good example and use wisdom. If I thought for one minute a movie God would permit me to watch would hurt someone else spiritually, I would never watch it. I love God and people enough to not only live holy myself, but also to make sure my freedom doesn't hurt someone else.

The world may say all Christians are hypocrites, but you be that one person that they have to admit is the real deal.

If this lesson has spoken to you, you need to respond and clean house. Go through your home and car and let the Holy Spirit put things on your heart that need to go. You can go to the appendix and cleanse you property then dedicate and bless it. I pray God will lead you.
What is in your home?

Kicking satan our of your home

Day 10

Deuteronomy 7:26 "Do not bring a detestable thing into your house or you, like it, will be set apart for destruction. Utterly abhor and detest it, for it is set apart for destruction."

I have already written on these lines in my other books on warfare and deliverance, but I want to cover some things here as in other books. Many Christians unwittingly allow paganism and occult things into their home. The more obvious things would fall under the category of anything connected to false gods, divination, sorcery, or witchcraft in any way.

Here are some more subtle things to watch out for. Are there things like this on your property or in your vehicle: statues of Virgin Mary or Catholic paraphernalia, Kwan Yin, anything tied to Buddha, Shiva, carvings of tiki gods (or anything tied to the Hawaiian religion), books on the occult, fortune telling, stones and rocks from heathen temples, paintings of Roman Greek or other gods, tarot cards, I-Ching books, Fung Sue teachings, Chinese healing foods or books on the subject, ceramic and macrame depictions of frogs, owls, dragons, and other demonic objects.

What about Rock-and-roll records, Dungeon and Dragons or other role playing games, gook-luck or superstitious objects, oriental dolls, samurai swords, martial arts paraphernalia, altars to other gods, incense, oils, or salts connected with other gods or wiccan rituals, Aztec carvings, and souvenirs from Hare Krishna followers. Are there any good-luck charms, occult crystals, occult wind chimes (be careful because many are), dream catchers from American Indians culture or anything tied to that culture.

Some Christians allow water witching or Pow Wow magic into their lives from the Indians. This is witchcraft and must be repented of. What about jewelry that is turquoise made by Pueblo Indians, Hindu copper bracelets, or jewelry with occult symbols. Christians have reported demonic invasion by Japanese dolls and rock-and-roll records. I heard a story of a black dog demon jumping out of a rock group's poster on a ten-agers wall. It so shook him, his mother said he was shaking, crying, and had screamed in absolute terror when it happened. Another report I heard of someone struggling with masturbation until the rock records were removed from underneath his bed.

These things need to be quickly destroyed and their ashes removed from your property. Also, that alone will not be enough. You will need to confess as sin and renounce these things as satanic. Then you will need to take authority and break the curses and works of satan that have come into your life by having them. Last, you will need to make a forceful command to the demons to go in Jesus’ name that came in with these things. To help in this battle that will without a doubt occur, a partial fasting of something like a meal a day (or fasting sweets, etc...) until complete victory is obtained will certainly help. It will help to have others praying for you at this time as well. Please remember to eat lots of protein during times of warfare, and my suggestion would be (if you are going to do a partial fast) fast all junk food and eat healthy.

As I have stated earlier children’s materials are filled with the occult and that is no accident. You can see this with Harry Potter, Pokemon, and Magic the Gathering Cards. If you have kids, or desire to have kids, I recommend Cindy Jacob’s book entitled Deliver Us From Evil. Satan putting the occult in children’s materials has provided fertile soil for satanic spirits to enter the lives of children and satanic mind control in their lives. From smurfs, He-man, monsters, demons, snakes, having powers within, supernatural abilities, death, skulls, magic, and many other things we see the influence of the occult beginning to be seen. If you really pray about what I am saying God will help you see how these subtle attacks against children are very diabolical and powerful.

It is very concerning to see how much of the occult and New Age has moved into the local church. This may surprise some, but things such as chanting, meditation, sitting in the lotus position (crossed legged position in Yoga), and even things like crystal ball reading and praying to the dead have been in Christian churches! Be very careful! You better know the Bible for yourself and have a relationship with the Holy Spirit for yourself so that you will be able to discern when things are wrong! This is one reason why it is so important to have teachings like this. It teaches people what to avoid.
If you will go all the way with God to rid your life of anything occult, you will find his blessing. After King Solomon died, a king by the name of Jeroboam took reign in Samaria of Israel. Samaria was a big city and the capital of Israel. This story is recorded in 1Kings 11-14. Jeroboam built demonic altars and golden calves in the city of Dan (farthest area north) and in Bethel (farthest area south) so that Israel would not have to obey God and come all the way to Jerusalem to worship the one true God. Also, the worship that took place at these places were not to God, but rather they burned incense and killed sacrifices to other gods (other gods are always demons). All the kings after Jeroboam continued to follow this idolatry in Dan and Bethel. Even many kings that followed God still allowed these things to remain, and God was not pleased with it. The only kings to go so far as to remove all the occult was Hezekiah and Josiah. They removed all the idolatry and occult from the land. They were very righteous men and God was pleased with them for being that radical in their faith. Are you willing to be that radical? Are you willing to go all the way with God? God loves radical faith and radical obedience to him. We must be different than the world and willing to fully obey God.

Pagan and occult influence

Halloween is a satanic occult holiday that celebrates death and should not be celebrated in any form by Christians. It is not a Christian holiday, but it is celebrated by occultists as their new year. It was originally the witches’ response to All Saints Day of England years ago which was observed yearly by the Christian church at the first of November. Occultists and witches retaliated by having their day on the eve of All Saints Day. Now Christians and churches help celebrate the witches’ holiday! I believe celebrating Halloween is the same as participating in the occult on some level. This is my opinion, and my family does not celebrate it. We have prayer meetings to combat the evil that is circulating during this time. Many babies are sacrificed to satan on Halloween. It is a time of great sacrifice to satan and satanists worshipping the devil.

Richard Ing records an incident of a very realistic Halloween wolf mask causing a wolf demon to enter the person wearing the mask. I had an incident while working driving a school bus for a time. These things that have to do with death, fear, and darkness are directly from satan! I have written about Halloween and superstition in the appendix of The Deliverance ministry. So you can look in it for more information.

Many Orientals get saved but still will observe Buddhist or Taoist holidays, take food to graves on certain days, burn incense to ancestors, meditate, or set food before idols. These will bring a curse.

Celebrating Easter is certainly a Christian holiday, but have you ever wondered where the stupid bunny, eggs, and hot cross buns come from? Satanists in the middle-ages worshipped a demon god named Ishtar. These things are her signs and are connected to worshipping her.

Hawaiian cultural ties are being revived today. The Hawaiian culture is steeped in demon worship. The Kahunas are nothing more than witchdoctors. Hula hoops, tiki torches, the Hawaiian dancing, and wearing leis (flower necklaces) are all tied to that religion of demons worship. Just be aware about these things and let the Holy Spirit lead you.

Boy scouts will sometimes engage in American Indian occult activities by assigning an Indian guide or warrior (which are demons) to the children. Be aware of what your children are doing!

Yule logs and mistletoe also come from Druid and Tammuz worship practices. You can see how satan tries to blend paganism into Christian holidays.

In schools some teachers will have their kids look into other religions and various new age practices. Be aware of what is going on in the lives of your children. Satan is after them.

Let’s be radical in our faith and obedience to God. Let’s clean out our lives to please him.
What is in Your Home Part 2
Day 11

Romans 3:23 "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"

Moving into revival

The main revelation of the Tabernacle is the fact that it is a dwelling place for the manifest presence of God. What an incredible awesome opportunity we have to be able to come into the manifest presence of God! One time I was mentioning revival to a man that was not from a Pentecostal background. He stated, "Well, isn't God everywhere?" He was responding to the fact that I was referring to God coming into a church in a powerful way. I knew that he did not understand what I was saying. He had never experienced God in this way. I believe this is the ultimate message of the Tabernacle. It is a place of meeting with God. It is a place of basking in his presence.

The prescribed way to come

Just like in the natural, there is a prescribed way to welcome and entertain royalty. This is a powerful concept to grasp for some with an American mentality. If I were going to have a president or king over to my house, I would clean up and put my best china out. I would not have a messy house and eat off paper plates! Just like we need to have a healthy respect for royalty coming to our house, we need this healthy respect for the presence of God. The Jews understand the holiness of God, and how much he hates sin. There is a tremendous disrespect for the holiness of God among most American churches. There is a message of "abused grace." The God they present is so accepting of sin and understands hypocrisy! This is simply not true. Hebrews 10:28-29 states "Anyone who rejected the Law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified him and who has insulted the Spirit of grace?" I am ready for men and women of God to arise that actually have backbone. I am ready for people to quit preaching this wimpy gospel and focusing on minor issues like prosperity. When will the true men and women of God rise up who will actually preach the whole word of God? When will men arise and preach against sin again like the great men of God did in history?

The Jewish people had a heritage of understanding God's holiness with great respect. Therefore they were given the glory of God. The glory is God's manifest presence. It is heavy, strong, and awesome. This is what many churches are lacking today. Oh, they have the anointing, some spiritual gifts, and a little power, but they don't have the glory. The main reason why they don't have the glory is because of sin and compromise in the lives of the church members today. Yet most pulpits are silent when it comes to preaching against sin. There was a well known minister of a huge church that told my pastor with tears that he knew many in his church were going to hell. He knew their lives outside church did not match their lives in church! Friend, if ministers would begin to preach with fire like a John Wesley or a Charles Finney against sin, people would repent. When I was in Finland, I had the opportunity to preach to thousands of young people. Hundreds filled the altar with tears in their eyes. There was true repentance because of the preaching against sin. Weekly there are people coming to church lifting their filthy hands that have just fondled a woman that is not their wife! There are others that can sit through a service and worship God just to go home and watch a movie with people taking their clothes off and having sex right there on the screen! I marvel at Christians that can sit through a movie that has G_D this and F that! Others will watch witchcraft and occult themes like Harry Potter fascinated with pure darkness, or listen to music that spews violence and perverted lyrics! What has happened to the American church? We have fallen from the Christ who has called us. There is little wonder the glory is far from these people. The Bible
warns that all have sinned and fallen short of the GLORY! Not that they have fallen short of the anointing. When God gives gifts (like the gift of healing), he does not take it back. This is why many will say to Jesus on that day we prophesied, freed people from demons, and performed miracles. Jesus will respond I never knew you! You practiced lawlessness (Matt 7:21-23). Then he will cast them into hell. How could such a thing happen? People took lightly the holiness of God. They still had gifts and operated in them, but they were living in sin and refused to turn away from it.

I know I have been repeating myself over these last couple of days, but I want to make sure everyone is fully getting what is said and is applying it. Many times we need to hear things over and over for it to really take root. I want my home to be a dwelling place for God. I want his glory in my home. I am willing to pay whatever price to get that. I have given up a lot of television and movies to get the glory in my home. We are very careful to guard the glory. Do you want God's presence enough to do whatever it takes to get it in your life and home? Your marriage, children, finances, health, and many other things are affected by the spiritual atmosphere of your home. This is why I am spending so much time on your home. I will talk about bringing in the glory tomorrow.
How to get the glory in your home

Day 12

Isaiah 4:4-6 "The Lord will wash away the filth of the women of Zion; he will cleanse the bloodstains from Jerusalem by a spirit of judgment and a spirit of fire. Then the Lord will create over all of Mount Zion and over those who assemble there a cloud of smoke by day and a glow of flaming fire by night; over all the glory will be a canopy. It will be a shelter and shade from the heat of the day, and a refuge and hiding place from the storm and rain."

Why is the glory not in our lives?

God’s glory was physically seen as a pillar of fire and a cloud of smoke by the Israelites. God will not allow his glory to be where sin and compromise are. It would be hypocritical for God’s glory to dwell in the home of someone who allows things across their television or computer that grieves the Holy Spirit. The glory is supposed to be coming to the end-time church, but many will miss it. Why? The reason is because many do not want to give up the world.

What does the glory mean to us?

The Bible says that the glory will be an armor of light to God’s people in Romans 13:12. The glory can be a canopy of protection to Christian homes as seen in Isaiah 4:4-6. This is like a spiritual fire that arms us as individuals and surrounds our homes to keep demonic forces away. It is a protection from evil in these end-times. Also, just like in the natural, when we had a wound inflicted on us, we will apply pressure to it to ease the pain. The weight of the glory can be that pressure that brings comfort in these difficult end-times that we live in. The glory can also be in our churches drawing many to a deeper more meaningful relationship with the Lord. But just like I tell my church, God will not have a double standard. He will not put his glory in a church full of people that go home to sin and compromise.

So what is in your home?

Not only can worldly, sinful, or demonic things in a home cause the glory to leave, but they can also allow demons in! Do you allow occult materials in your home? Anything linked to the occult, false gods, or idolatry will bring a powerful curse with it and allow demons access to your home in a major way. Is there order in your home? Does the wife submit to the husband and children obey their parents. To submit means to ask permission and obey the decision with a good attitude. If this is not going on, it is blatant rebellion against God's holy word and will cause the glory to lift and can allow a Jezebel spirit to enter the home. Do you go to bed angry with unresolved issues? This can open a doorway for evil spirits of strife, anger, unforgiveness, and divorce right into the home. Any doorway for the enemy to gain access Jesus called a "gate of hell." (Matthew 16:16-19)

Do you tolerate dishonesty or disrespect in your home? Parent, we deserve what we tolerate. All you have to do is take your belt off, and administer some corporal punishment in love. Do you allow negative, hurtful, or destructive things to be spoken in the home? Negative words are curses and can release oppression in the home, while positive words are blessings that can release angels to be at work. Do you have things in your home that put you into bondage and control you? This could be things like illegal drugs, beer, whiskey, or tobacco products. Do you allow pornography in your home? If you want demons in your home, watch playboy in your home. They will come right through the television screen (or internet monitor screen), their feet will hit your carpet, and in they come. When these perverse spirits come, they
come to stay. It is easy to let evil in, but it can be a challenge to get it back out. If they are in your home, you will notice it very hard to not meditate on sexually perverted thoughts. Do you allow demonic, perverted, or evil music of any kind to be played in your home? Do you allow R or X rated movies? Is there television or movies that have foul language, sexual content, excessive violence, or occult themes? Friend, just common sense here, can you picture Jesus with a bowl of popcorn watching that filth? I don't think so!

Just remember the Bible says to guard your heart with all diligence for from it flows the rivers of life. And the eyes seem to really be the window to the soul. What you watch and listen to gets in your soul. It can muddy the waters of your soul quickly. It can also act like a leach that sucks the anointing right out of you. Is there racism allowed in your home? Is there gossip, backbiting, or slander in your home? These things offend the Spirit of God. They will certainly cause the glory to leave. With this in mind, I hope you are beginning to see why the glory is not much in the American church. But our Jewish roots as Christians help to bring this truth to us today. So the first truth to revival is to clean out your home and life. This will make room for a move of God. Prepare your life for the glory to come.

After I clean out my home what can I do to welcome the glory?

The blood of Jesus was what took the priest from the outer court all the way to the Holy of Holies. The first step is applying the blood. I take the Lord's Supper daily in the morning before I pray. You don't have to. The Bible says, as often as you will, concerning communion. So I choose daily. Some scholars believe that many in the early church took communion daily. We know from scriptures that the early church took the Lord's Supper corporately on a weekly basis for certain. This is mentioned in Acts 20:7. We can see this because you eat a literal meal daily not weekly. So this must have been the Lord's Supper. Smith Wigglesworth took communion daily throughout his life and ministry. I don't want to get into too much teaching on the Lord's Supper right now. When we take the Lord's Supper in our homes it is an incredible thing. We see that it applies the blood over our lives and our homes. This was seen in the Passover of the Old Testament, which was a shadow of what we know as communion today. I have also heard of people taking the fruit of the vine on the tip of their finger and placing it on the doorposts of the rooms of their homes applying the blood by faith. This is very powerful and will definitely bring the glory quicker than anything else we can do. Remember, when the priest would place the blood on the lid of the Ark of the Covenant (called the Mercy Seat) in the Holy of Holies, the glory would come down to rest on that blood. I have also heard of communion being buried on the property to dedicate it unto God and make it holy ground. This is also very powerful and will bring the glory on that land. The blood of Jesus is applied by faith. Sometimes I use a substance, like the fruit of the vine, and other times I simply speak that the blood be applied to someone or something. The act is not as important as the faith behind it.

The next thing we can do is anointing with oil. The blood is like a "No Trespassing" sign. It makes something holy unto God. The blood will cause land, a home, or a person to now be God's property, but the anointing oil sets something apart to be used by God. That is the difference- even though they work together. The anointing sets someone apart to be used by God. So you can also go throughout your home or land rubbing oil on the doorpost of your home or pouring it out on land to dedicate it to God. Many people that are actually doing something for God undergo satanic attack. If you are facing satanic warfare, that is a very good sign! You are a threat to the enemy. I heard from God while facing major warfare about cleansing and dedicating my land and home to God. I walked the property line and on the four corners of the property I buried communion, poured out anointing oil, and drove a wooden stake in the ground with specific scriptures on them marking the boundaries lines. Last, I went through my home applying the blood and oil throughout the house. I have since that time had prophecies of evil spirits trying to get on my property, but not being able to.

Another thing that will bring the glory is blessings. Blessings are all through scripture and incredibly powerful. A blessing is positive words you want to see happen in the future that can be spoken over a
person, home, land, or a situation. You can anoint a bedroom lift your hands like a priest and speak over it. 
"The Lord bless you that the presence of God be in you and those that sleep in you find sweet rest and sweet dreams. I bless you in Jesus name." Prayer and prophecy are powerful, but blessings are altogether different and very powerful. I will also discuss blessings in great detail later. Blessing your dwelling, family, and life will help bring the glory and revival.

How many of you have heard the Lord inhabits (or dwells in) the praise of his people? How true that is! Having anointed worship playing, and making your home a place of prayer and Bible study, will help bring the glory very quickly. Remember to look in the Appendix for a check list for cleansing homes.
Three Steps in Deliverance

Day 13

Galatians 5:1 "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."

A yoke is what links horses or oxen together so they can work side by side. Many of your have seen this with a horse and buggy. Have you ever taken a ride on a horse and carriage? If there were two horses, you saw a yoke around their necks linking them together in service. God does not want his people yoked to satan, or in bondage to him. He wants us to be free.

There are basically three major steps in all deliverance, and they are:
1. Canceling any legal ground for satan in our lives.
2. Destroying any works of satan.
3.Commanding evil spirits to leave in the name of Jesus.

Canceling Legal Ground

I own a house. No one can legally come in and kick me out of it because, since I own it, I have a right to be there. Even cops or the government have to honor the fact that I own my home and have a right to be there. In the same way, demons have a right to be where sin is. If there has been sin in your life that is not washed away by the blood of Jesus, demons have a right to be where that sin is. That is what I mean when I say legal ground. That is why I had you ask forgiveness for your sins, ask forgiveness for the sins of your ancestors, forgive others of the sin they have done against you, and renounce satan and the occult. This cancels the legal right for demons in your life. This is step number one in all deliverances and the most important step really. Jesus did this when he would say to people, "Your sins are forgiven" like we see in Matthew 9:2. This made satan furious when Jesus did this, because it canceled the legal right satan had to that person! That is why the Pharisees would get so angry at Jesus when he did this. The devil was using them to try to stop Jesus when he was canceling legal ground to satan's kingdom!

Destroying satan's works

The Bible says about Jesus "The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. (1John 3:8)." Also, the Bible goes on to say "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him (Acts 10:38)." If satan has legal ground because of sin to someone's life, he will establish works in their lives. For example, it could be sickness in the body, mental illness, mental strongholds of fear and nightmares, strife in a family, curses, bondages to lust, pornography, ungodly anger, or sexual sins. It could also be poverty and financial problems, or addictions to drugs, alcohol, or tobacco. God does not want us in bondage to sin. I gave you in an earlier teaching that the occult, false gods, idols, sexual sins, unforgiveness, generational sins, and substance abuse (like drugs, alcohol, or tobacco) can cause bondages to satan. When sin comes in, satan has a legal right to steal, kill, and destroy people's lives (John 10:10). Many people don't want to give up their sin. This is why they can never be delivered. They need to fully quit what they have been doing that is sinful, clean out their home, and turn fully away from sin forever. That is what true repentance is. After you cancel satan's legal right by confessing sins unto God and asking Jesus to wash them away, and also by turning away from the sin (not doing them anymore), then you can take authority over the works of satan and destroy them.

Jesus said in Matthew 16:19 "I give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." The word bind literally means "tie up." When we say, "Demons I bind you in the name of Jesus," I see angels with chains wrapping the demons up. They can no longer keep doing what they were doing before! The word loose literally means "to untie, break, or destroy." We have the right to untie or destroy satans works. If there is a curse, after we cancel the legal ground for that curse, we can say "satan I break this curse now in Jesus' name!" It is broken. If there is sickness we can say, "satan I break this bondage to sickness, I command you evil spirits of sickness to go from me now in Jesus' name!" We have this authority over others as well. After they cancel any legal ground in their lives, we can pray for them and say, "satan I break your works of ______ in their lives! You evil spirit causing this, GO NOW in Jesus' name!" We have this authority in
Jesus to do so. The Bible says so "He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness (Matthew 10:1)." We have authority over satan's kingdom to destroy his works. Jesus did this over and over as he cast out evil spirits and caused people to be healed or in their right mind. We see in Luke 11:14 “Jesus was driving out a demon that was mute. When the demon left, the man who had been mute spoke, and the crowd was amazed.”

**Driving out demons!**

As Christians we have authority over evil spirits as well. They have to obey us when we take authority over them in Jesus' name. We need to have faith and boldness when confronting them. If you need faith or boldness, ask the Lord for it! He will give it to you. "And these signs will accompany them that believe: In my name they will drive out demons (Mark 16:17)." It is time to start using our authority and not let satan keep tormenting our lives and the lives of others. Jesus did this in Mark 5, when he cast a legion of evil spirits out of a man.

**Final words**

When you follow these steps of deliverance, it is done. You may not feel different at all, but do not go by feelings, go by faith. The Bible is true and satan has to go from your life, and the lives of others that follow these steps for freedom. Let's start following Jesus' example and destroy satan's kingdom. We are called to do so! The reason Jesus came was to destroy satan's kingdom!
What is the occult?  
Keeping satan out of your life  
Day 14

Deuteronomy 18:10 "Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the Lord, and because of these detestable practices the Lord your God will drive out those nations before you. You must be blameless before the Lord your God."

I am putting this into a chapter to help you know what to stay away from. These things will bring a curse on you, your family, and descendants to at least the fourth generation! These evil activities will bring in powerful demons in your life that will travel down the your bloodline. God hates the occult with a passion, but many don't even know what it is. So what is the occult? There are basically three major branches to the occult. Here they are.

Divination

This is the information branch of the occult. Demons of divination and familiar spirits work in this arena. Divination spirits read. For example they can read tarot cards, palms, tea leaves, or crystal balls to make predictions. Familiar spirits are "family" demons that have hung around a family or a person and so they are very familiar with them and their lives. That is why some psychics can know intimate things about families that no one would normally know. Psychics, clairvoyants, necromancers, or mediums all consult with and allow demons to possess them and speak through them to gain information from the demons. In other words, the demons that are familiar with a person will tell the psychic what she wants to know. The word "divine" really implies to get information from the sky (stars, Zodiac, planet alignment). Here are some things that could fall under this category or a similar category:

1. Fortune telling, psychics, clairvoyance
2. Consulting the dead "séances" (necromancy)
3. Astrology, horoscopes, astronomy, or the Zodiac
4. Meditation, Yoga, chanting mantras, or astral projection
5. Psychic healings, acupuncture, or hypnosis
6. Reading tea leaves, palms, tarot cards, automatic handwriting, reading lumps on the head, crystal balls, or Ouija boards
7. Interpreting omens (things that happen like a sign. ex. a picture falls and the glass cracks over a family member. An omen or sign could be that person with the crack over them could get sick or die. This is only superstitious and stupid and the Bible forbids it.)
8. ESP, mind reading, mind control, prognostication, or water witching

A little more about familiar spirits and spirits of divination

I personally believe that when a baby is born, God assigns an angel to watch over the individual throughout his life. Also, satan assigns a demon to be with the individual to lead them into sin, away from God, into destruction, and ultimately to hell. This demon is known as a familiar spirit. It follows the child as it grows up. It is very familiar with the individual. It knows the child's weaknesses and strengths. When someone visits a fortune teller, this spirit communicates with the fortune teller to tell her what she needs to know about the person. This is how divination works. Also, spirits of divination work with occultists to read things like tarot cards and bring predictions that are usually negative. The predictions may be a future broken arm or death in the family. Demons can be released to cause these things to happen. Because the
individual went to an occultist, the curse on them is legal ground to make some of these negative predictions actually come to pass that otherwise would have never happened.

**Sorcery**

Sorcery is the *material branch of the occult*. Many occultists wear certain things to bring good luck, protection, wealth, or power. Burning certain kinds of incense, using "blessed oils" from an occult store, or "blessed salts" can summon demons. Certain objects, like occult candles or idols, can have a satanic anointing on it that will cause demons to attach to it and produce a desired effect. Here are some things that fall under this category:

1. Charms that bring good fortune or protection (luck or superstition)
2. Crystals with magic powers of some kind
3. Various jewelry that has occult symbols on it
4. Marks on the body (tattoos, body piercings, or scars from suicide attempts or self mutilation- Leviticus 19:27-28)
5. Magic wands, daggers (athames), chalices (ritual drinking cups), altar cloths, pentagrams, or staffs of some kind
6. The occult through the media (occult T.V. shows, movies, or music cd's)
7. Use of drugs to alter state of consciousness (make more open to communication to demons), potions, certain incense, salts, oils, herbs for wiccan or occult rituals
8. Aprons, hats, books, rings, or any material connected with Freemasonry or the occult
9. Things connected to martial arts, role playing games (like dungeons and dragons)
10. Statues of other gods like Buddha or books like the Koran of Islam.
11. Things that have occult symbols on them....look up this link for occult symbols: http://www.crossroad.to/Books/symbols1.html

Objects can have a satanic "anointing" on them, if I can use that word this way. This consecration toward evil causes the objects to act like a lightning rod or magnet that draws demons out of the atmosphere, or hell, right into people's homes! These demons are also drawn to these objects as people wear them. The demons have legal right to these objects because they belong to satan. The objects cannot be cleansed, but they must be completely destroyed. If you have objects that need to be destroyed, burn them. If you cannot burn the objects, take a hammer and smash them until they are completely destroyed. After they are destroyed, removed the remains from your property. I just prayed with a young man a few days ago that said he felt an evil presence following him around. He was a Christian, but he was wearing a wristband with a satanic symbol on it. He did have spirits around him because of the wristband. Objects like idols, dragons, African masks, or any other objects connected with false religions will draw demons just like occult objects will. They must also be destroyed. Be very careful what you buy while in other countries! Many things tied to the culture are occult.

Someone that has a tattoo or mark on the body doesn't realize what they have opened themselves up to. Witchdoctors have various tattoos for certain demons to posses them and give them certain powers. Even if the tattoo or mark on the body is not directly occult in nature, it can still be legal ground for demons to oppress someone. If you have a tattoo or mark on the body (like listed in number four above), simply ask forgiveness for getting it, then anoint it with oil and break any work of satan associated with it. After that command any spirit that has oppressed your life to go. Applying the blood of Jesus is very powerful in cases like this. Just be led by the Spirit.

**Witchcraft**

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Witchcraft is the **power branch of the occult**. It can take many forms but will usually will have a **priesthood** (high priest, witch doctor, shaman, or medicine man), **rituals** (performed to gain information, power, or answered prayers of participants), **sacrifices** (animal, human, or sexual), **some form of music** (often incantations from drumbeats), and **some god** that is worshiped and feared.

The four main purposes of witchcraft according to Derek Prince (4) are:

1. To worship a higher spiritual being, often regarded as dangerous or malevolent (malevolent would be defined as mean and angry)
2. To control the forces of nature, such as rain or good weather for harvest
3. To ward off sickness and infertility, as in Africa, where almost every barren woman will go to a witch doctor for a potion or charm (so they can get pregnant)
4. To control other human beings - to terrify enemies in battle or to produce sexual desire in one person toward another

**Three levels of witchcraft**

There seems to be three basic levels of witchcraft. The first would be white witchcraft. These people will call themselves white witches, wiccans, pagans, or new agers. The second level is getting into black magick. These people are those that practice blood sacrifices and rituals to call up demons to harm others. Some of these practices are voodoo, macumba, santeria, or umbanda. The last stage is hard core satanism. These people worship satan like we worship Jesus. They are violent and dangerous people. They try to present all Christians as hypocrites and say things like: "People actually believe we kill humans and breed babies!"  Friend this is exactly what they do.  They say things like that to make people believe they don't. Most of America doesn't even believe in anything I have written in this chapter as any more than a fairy tale! How naive they are.

**Sex can be an open door**

Another open doors is sex outside of marriage. Sex causes two to become one. There is a losing part of oneself into the partner in sex. This is all intended for marriage, because you gain back what you lost through the relationship, and God intends for the two to become one. But whether or not marriage is involved, sex will still bring the same effect. We are body, soul, and spirit. The spirits of the two engaged in intercourse open up to one another, the souls form a tie, and the bodies connect. Anything the other has in their life such as demons or satanic bondage can be transferred through sex. Can you imagine the demons at work in a prostitute's bed? A soul tie will cause someone to still fantasize about their partner at times, lust for them, dream about them, or have a feeling of being incomplete without them. This is why a married man or woman will sometimes be intimate with their spouse but fantasize about another while having sex. It is sin to lust after someone, and this can cause guilt and shame. The soul tie makes it hard to not lust for the other, but you can take authority over these soul ties and break them in the name of Jesus.

**Addictions**

Obviously addictions to drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products will need to be broken. There are ministers out there that have been in ministry for years that still feel drawn so strong to these things and feel guilt and shame because of it. They are forgiven from past sin, but the power of that bondage has to be broken!

**More open doors to satan**
The love of money, unforgiveness, rebellion to authority, pornography, oppressing the weak or defenseless, abortions, hate, prejudice toward Jews, or any prejudice can open you up to the works of satan and demons. Some of our dear African American’s friends out there truly hate white, but still go to church and act like nothing is wrong. The Bible says you cannot be saved if you hate your brother or sister in Christ. (1 John 3:7-10)

A young man in a teen challenge admitted while watching a horror movie as a child he felt something enter him. He was afraid of the dark and had nightmares as a result. Fear can open us up to demons. As a Christian, and minister, I went through a betrayal that hurt me so bad I went into a deep dark depression. I was also suicidal. After forgiving and allowing some healing, one of my spiritual fathers prayed over me. He commanded demons of suicide (death), deep sorrow, grief, and rejection to leave me. They left with violent coughing. The release was tremendous. I have learned that very traumatic experiences can open us up to demonic oppression. Satan takes advantage of any avenue he can. What an evil enemy we have.

Lust leading to pornography is a big one among men of God. Generational iniquity or past sins can cause a strong weakness here. You can break this. Jesus said whatever we bind and loose on the earth it will be done in heaven also. Loosing means “destroy or untie.” We have the authority in the name of Jesus to break (destroy or untie) all satanic works that are in our lives. Faith is the key.

Curiosity

Most people are sucked into the occult through curiosity. I have put this in a chapter to help answer any questions you have about the occult from the Bible. You do not have to go anywhere near the occult now. You know what it is and that God hates it with a passion. So stay far away from the occult and teach your children to do the same. I very highly recommend that you go out and rent or buy a Christian movie called Tribulation with Gary Busey in it. It can be bought at almost all Christian bookstores. The movie shows just how much the occult, satanism, and false religions will play a role in the end-times. Let it speak to you.
The Power of a Blessing

Day 15

Deuteronomy 30: 19 "This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him."

This is one of the most life changing teachings the Lord has ever brought down my path. I have seen such a dramatic change in every aspect of my life and ministry by applying the truths I am about to teach on concerning blessings. Looking at the Tabernacle of Moses, after entering the gate which represents the pure gospel with power, one would go into the outer court of the Tabernacle. The main emphasis of the outer court was blood and water. This was because animals were sacrificed here for sins. So what was it that flowed from Jesus’ side? It was blood and water. A daily activity in the outer court where animals were sacrificed for the sins of people was the spoken blessing from a Priest over a family leader would take place. The Bible records in Numbers 6:22-27 the Priest would lift his hands toward the head of the household and speak this blessing over God’s people: "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." The priests would not pray this or prophecy this, but he would lift up his hands and speak it over the person. He placed those words on him. That is what a blessing is, we place positive words on people by faith. Just a curse would blanket someone, follow them, and keep causing negative in their life; a blessing will rest on someone, follow them, and keep causing good to happen in their life.

What is a blessing?

A blessing is a word, or series of words that are positive, and are the good you want to see come to pass in someone’s life. The word “bless” in scripture implies to cause someone to excel, prosper, abound, or do well. You can look over the course of someone’s life and see if they were blessed or cursed. Someone that is under a curse will have something working against them their whole life. Someone that is blessed will appear to have a golden touch. Everything they touch will turn to gold, and everything they do will be successful. I don’t know about you, but I want to be blessed.

God’s blessing

There is something in scripture called “The Blessing.” We see this in Psalm 133:3 when it says God “bestows his blessing” or “commands” his blessing as in other translations. This commanded blessing is a blessing straight from God. People that have God’s blessing are those that obey his word. When we walk in obedience to the Bible, he will command his blessing over us. This commanded blessing traveled from Abraham, to Isaac, to Jacob, and we can see it pass over the other brothers and land on Joseph. I want God’s blessing.

In scripture we see there are basically nine curses for disobedience to the Bible and seven blessings for obedience to the word of God. These curses and blessings are seen in Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28. These curses would rest on someone that disobeyed the Bible, and they are:

- humiliation
- barrenness or unfruitfulness (not able to have kids)
- mental or physical breakdown (mental or physical illness)
- family breakdown (divorce, strife, family separation, family can't get along at all)
- poverty or famine
- defeat, oppression, failure
- God’s disfavor

These are from God directly and are related to disobeying his word. Nine is the number for judgment in the Bible.
The seven blessings are: exaltation (promotion), health, reproductiveness (able to have children), prosperity (doing well financially), abundance (having more than enough), God’s favor, and victory over enemy’s. The reason God allows curses for those that disobey the Bible is because of his great love for them. He knows if something doesn’t wake them up, they will follow the road to Hell. So God allows curses to bring negative things into someone’s life, hoping they will turn to him for answers.

Blessing from authority figures

In the scriptures, an authority figure had the power to bless those under his authority. It was a very powerful thing when they did. This is still true today. A natural authority figure would be someone like a father, uncle, or granddad. A spiritual authority figure would be someone like a pastor. In scripture, the blessing of a father was the most powerful and envied of all blessings in regard to the family. We see this among the patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob). The most famous story of the patriarchs concerning a blessing was when Jacob stole his dad’s blessing from his older brother named Esau. Even though Jacob was in sin by lying to his dad, the blessing was such a powerful thing, it rested on Jacob’s life from that day forward.

God has a destiny for all of us, but most people’s feet stray from that path. Satan makes sure of this, but if an authority figure would bless his children from their youth, the feet of that child would be pointed and guided into their destiny. Even now it is not too late. You can bless a child, nephew, or grandchild. Even if their feet are far from their destiny in Christ, it will begin to turn their feet. It may take some time, but it will happen. Just like a speed boat turns quick, an answered prayer can be very quick. In contrast, an ocean liner may take miles to turn which is like a blessing which can take some time to turn things around. Give it some time, and you will see the power of a blessing to turn situations around. The same principal is true for pastors. If you want to see positive change, don’t complain, but speak blessings over your congregation, ministry, finances, and future. Now let’s talk about turning difficult situations around.

The power to see change

Negative people will live in frustration, because they speak curses over everything surrounding their lives. In 1Peter 3:9 we read “Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.” We will inherit, or receive, a blessing when we begin speaking blessings. For example, you may have a boss that is very difficult. If you will begin to lift your hands in prayer, while in your personal prayer time, and begin to bless him, you will see positive change. You could speak something like this: “I bless you Bob. I speak over you that I will find favor with you, and we will enjoy working together. You will not continue to micromanage me. I speak favor on our relationship in Jesus’ name.” Don’t be surprised when change begins to happen. Remember the principal that blessings take some time to see the effect. When you first begin to bless it is kind of like rain falling on dry ground. The ground will soak it up quickly. If you begin to saturate your life with blessings, it will become like standing water.

Also, this will work for difficult situations. Lift your hands while in prayer and speak over situations the change you would like to see. I do believe in being a positive person that speaks positively about the circumstances around our lives. There is a protection in that, but what I am speaking of is more than just being a positive person that focuses on the good. When I say blessings, I mean speak out words over someone or something, that are positive and you would like see come to pass, and PUT THOSE WORDS on that person or thing by faith. When you truly bless, you are stamping those words on a person, place, or thing. These words spoken by faith will bring change. In other words, after you speak it, believe those words have power to rest on that person or thing to bring change over time. Begin to do this in all things: your money, jobs, throughout your home in different rooms, over children, spouse, etc...Then watch the
change over time. Again, I don't mean for you to pray and ask God to bless them. No, you speak the words over them by faith. God will back you up.
Matthew 12:36 “But I tell you that men will have to give an account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.”

Our homes

One of the things that totally changed my life was speaking blessings over my home, land, vehicle, and family. Another thing that radically changed my life was asking my dad to speak a blessing over me. The husband should bless his wife and children. After this he should bless his home, land, and vehicle. I have gone into every room and anointed it with oil then I would lift my hands as a priest and speak the positive words that I wanted to see happen. Over bedrooms you can speak sweet rest and pleasant dreams. Over kitchens one could speak blessings of health and healthy food and drink. Over restrooms one could speak a blessing of health. Over dining and living rooms, one could speak blessings of pleasant fellowship and talking about the goodness of God. I have a blessing I speak over the home and land in general. I will say “The Lord bless you to be a sanctuary of rest and renewal, a haven of peace, and may sounds of joy and laughter grace your walls in Jesus’ name.” Someone could bless a vehicle with protection and the interior with pleasant fellowship and God’s presence. These are simply suggestions. You can use whatever blessings you want. As you do this, don’t be surprised when your life becomes much more warm, loving, and the presence of God increase in your life.

Blessings connected with revival

John Kilpatrick (the pastor over the Pensacola revival) was given a great revelation about blessings that he says transformed his life and ministry. I have heard him say that speaking blessings helped prepare for the great revival that changed millions of lives. He started in his home with his family, and revival broke out in his home before it did in his church. He then began to take the Lord's Supper weekly with his church and speak a blessing over the congregation from the pulpit. I will include some blessings in the appendix of this book. What we must understand is that negative words are curses. When we speak them it can release demons to be at work to help bring to pass what was spoken. When we bless, it releases angels and the power of God to bring the good to pass we would like to see. Some people will truly want to see positive change, but they will constantly speak curses and prevent the positive change from coming. I have seen a fast move of God with my church I pastor. The reason is because I speak blessings in my prayer time over the church, ministry, finances, and I weekly bless the congregation from the pulpit. This has released swift victories and major positive change.

There are times to pray, times to prophesy, and times to bless. We must learn the difference and be led by the Spirit. Our words are like bubble blowers you see kids play with. When we speak words they release into the atmosphere and burst. When they do, they either release life and blessings or death and curses. It is really that simple. If a parent said to their daughter, “you will amount to nothing. You are a shame to the family. You will end up pregnant and in jail!” What a curse to put on someone. Don’t be surprised if that all actually happens one day. Why don’t we speak over our children things like, “You will do well in life. I bless you to marry a godly spouse and have a wonderful marriage. You will have healthy children you love and enjoy. You will be strong in the Lord and live a holy life that brings honor to our family.” When we say things like that, it will cause the good to happen one day.
The protection of blessings

If we saturate and cover our lives with blessings, it will block the will of satan from coming to pass. The Bible shows us in Numbers 22-24 satan cannot curse what God has blessed. Blessings are so powerful that they can cancel out a curses and also block them from coming upon us. If someone had a curse that was over their finances, a man of God could bless their finances and see things turn around for them. If your family, home, land, vehicle, job, finances, and ministry are blessed, how is satan going to curse you!? There is already a blanket of blessing he is up against.

Areas to bless

I have mentioned parents blessing children and pastors blessing congregations. I also would like you to notice that names have meaning. God changed Abraham’s name from Abram to Abraham. Abram means, "high exalted father." Abraham means, "high exalted father of many nations." Every time someone simply said his name, they were blessing him into his destiny. Jacob’s name was changed to Israel. Jacob means "deceiver." You can see how him being called Jacob turned his life that direction. We see proof of this when he deceived his father. God changed his name to Israel. Israel means, "to reign like God." He went from a deceiver to reigning with God! I would be very careful about what I name my children. My wife’s name Sandy means “defender of men.” She has really been that to me. My names put together mean “painted warrior of peace.” That is a pretty good picture of what God has called me to do. He has called me to be a warrior that helps people move into a life of peace and victory.

When children move out from home, they need their parents to bless them on their way. We see this in Genesis 24:60. Rebekah was leaving home to marry Isaac. Her brother and mother came out to bless her on her way. They spoke over her “Our sister, may you increase to thousands upon thousands; may your offspring possess the gates of their enemies.” You know to this day the people of Israel have increased to thousands upon thousands, and they still posses the gates of their enemies! This is the power of a generational blessing. Any time we start something new in life we need a blessing spoken over it.

When spouses begin their lives together, they need to begin with blessings. It is hard enough today in marriage as it is. It would be so powerful to see the two fathers get up and speak a blessing over the couple during a wedding. We see this in the book of Ruth chapter 4:11-12. It reads “Then the elders and all those at the gate said, "We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman who is coming into your home like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you have standing in Ephrathah and be famous in Bethlehem. Through the offspring the Lord gives you by this young woman, may your family be like that of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah.” I italicized “be famous in Bethlehem” because Jesus the Christ was a direct descendant to Boaz and Ruth. He was famous in Bethlehem! Can you see the power of a blessing here. I heard John Kilpatrick say he will not perform a wedding anymore unless the fathers agree to bless their children in the ceremony.

As a blessing has this much power to travel down family lines, a curse also has that kind of power. Noah, in his anger, curses his son Ham in Genesis 9:18-29. Exactly what he spoke came to pass. As a matter of fact, the descendants of Ham became the Canaanites that Israel conquered and subdued. Friend we must be careful what comes out of our mouths!

Changing our mouths

The Bible says in Matthew 12:36 we will give an account on judgment day for every careless word we have let slip out of our lips. That means every negative word we have spoken over our children. That is for every pastor that has spoken curses over God’s people. We will answer for it one day. The good news is that we can erase these words, be forgiven, and start fresh. You can say out loud, "I renounce every careless,
negative, destructive, or hurtful word that has ever come out of my mouth. I cancel its power. I destroy it now in Jesus’ name. I ask you heavenly father to forgive me for these words. Wash them away in Jesus’ blood. I also bind the demons that have been at work because of them. I bind you and cast you into the pit where you belong in Jesus’ name!” I have led people in a prayer like this, and I have heard so many reports of changed lives! I encourage you to guard your mouth from being negative, and also to begin to deliberately speak blessings. This will truly bring major change to your life. Also, you can take authority and break all the negative words that have been spoken over you by others. God will honor that and protect you. If you want my advice, look up your father and ask him to bless you. You can take him the blessings in this Appendix to use if you want. Also, you bless others. Look in the Appendix for different blessings you can speak over others or have others speak over you. We all need to be blessed.
Forbidden Fruit
Day 17

Genesis 3:1 "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'" 4 "You will not surely die,' the serpent said to the woman. 'For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil. When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened,"

Satan has been using this same method for centuries to make people fall into sin. Basically what satan did was tell Eve "God is withholding something good from you. You need to take things into your own hands, be your own god, and make your own decisions in life. You really are the one that knows what is best for you. God is only trying to keep things from you that you really want." How many of us have felt that way at some time in our lives.

But the Bible is clear when it says, "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. (James 1:17)" God will withhold no good thing from them that love him and live right before them. Sometimes the things we feel are "good" for us are actually poisonous fruit God is trying to protect us from.

Many times people will fall to this same lie satan gave Eve. Satan will make people feel they are missing out on something that is not in their lives. Think with me for a moment. Just like the original paradise God put Adam and Eve in. There was no sickness, disease, pain, sorrow, violence, or evil. They never aged or even got tired. It was a perfect place that Jesus will come soon to restore the earth back to. In this place God had to put at least one thing that gave Adam and Eve a choice to sin, or they would have been forced to love and obey God. God didn't want them to be forced to love him, just like you don't want someone to be forced to marry you one day. You want them to love you and choose you because they want to. God wanted Adam and Eve to be free to enjoy creation and eat of all the trees, but one. God also didn't worry about satan being around because he was very powerless over Adam and Eve at that time, but Eve was tricked into rejecting God by a lie that God was withholding something good from her.

Have you ever felt because you are not married yet, that you don't have all the things you want in life yet, or wish things were different in your life, that God is keeping good things from you. Be careful! That is exactly the beginning of satan tricking you. Many people really don't realize the paradise God really has them in. They focus on the one tree they are not supposed to eat from in life, and feel they are being ripped off instead of focusing on the abundant blessings and provision of God that is already in their lives. We have literally thousands of things to be thankful for every day. The first thing to be thankful every day is that we are saved and not dead and in hell right now.

If you are not careful, you could become a complainer and think God is keeping good things from you. You could begin to think that satan's way is best. That maybe you do need to run your own life, and be your own god. Maybe you think God is taking too long bringing a wife to you, so you go out and find one as some have done as they rush into things. It would be so sad to see that marriage end in two years in divorce, because of your foolishness in not trusting God and his timing. This actually could cause you to be delayed getting married to the right person for two years! Think about that! Now you have been through a painful divorce and have kids grow up in a split home. Don't let that be your story. Satan's way is not best. Learn to be content and thankful for the way God is running your life. God has the best plan for you. Trust your loving heavenly father. Many times we don't get things when we want them because THAT IS NOT THE BEST TIME FOR US TO HAVE THEM AND GOD KNOWS THAT. He wants the best for us. Sometimes that means we have to wait or not have something at all. God knows what is best. Let's trust him. He will always give us an opportunity to reject him. Just like the tree in the garden. He doesn't want people forced to love and obey him. He wants us to do it because we really do love him and want to obey him. So there will always be temptation, trials, sufferings, and difficulties in this life, but God promises to see us through them and be with us in them. So when these things are around you, thank God for them. As you choose to love and obey God, even when it is hard, great will be your reward in heaven one day.
Getting out of the Desert

Stop complaining and start thanking

Day 18

Deuteronomy 1:26-28 "But you were unwilling to go up; you rebelled against the command of the Lord your God. You grumbled in your tents and said, 'The Lord hates us; so he brought us out of Egypt to deliver us into the hands of the Amorites to destroy us. Where can we go? Our brothers have made us lose heart. They say, 'The people are stronger and taller than we are; the cities are large, with walls up to the sky. We even saw the Anakites there.'"

This was the passage in the Bible that Moses was getting on to the people of Israel for not taking the Promised Land God told them He would give them. Fear and unbelief were some of the things that kept Israel from taking the land, but one of the major things that kept Israel out of the promises of God for their lives was grumbling and complaining.

I wanted to do a teaching on this, but the Lord wants me to go ahead and give you a teaching by Rick Joyner on this today. It comes directly from his book 50 Days for a Soaring Vision pps. 25-27. There is so much wisdom in this teaching. I pray it will be a blessing to you.

Getting Out of the Wilderness by: Rick Joyner

"A couple of years ago I was complaining in my heart about the obstacles that we had encountered in several areas of our ministry that were slowing down our progress. As I was sitting in my chair thinking about what I could do to get these things moving faster, the phone rang. It was my prophetic friend, Bob Jones, and he started talking as if he had been listening to my thoughts.

Bob began with, 'You're sitting there impatient, wondering what you can do to get things going, but the Lord is the One who slowed you down.' He went on to encourage me that we are on time, and we will accomplish what He has called us to do. He also said that we still do not have the complete plan, or God's timing on everything, so we needed to keep seeking Him.

Almost ten years ago Bob had given me a word that we were to assemble a certain number of people in Charlotte. When these were assembled, the Lord would add a zero to our number, quickly multiplying our number by ten times. He also said that the key word here is 'assembled,' which means much more than just gathering people for meetings. It means to be put together, like one would assemble a puzzle.

Presently we have several times the number of people meeting in Charlotte than the original number we were given, but probably less than half of that number even know their place in the body, and even less than that have begun to function in their place. Though progress is being made, we still do not have the required number 'assembled.'

I was told that another reason why the Lord had slowed us down was because there was grumbling and complaining in the camp. What shocked me was that I was one of the guilty ones, as I was actually complaining in my heart when Bob called. We are told in the book of Hebrews that grumbling and complaining was a primary reason why the first generation of Israel was not allowed to enter the Promised Land. Complaining will keep us from the promises of God. This is also one of the reasons why many have not yet been released into their callings.

In whatever we are complaining about, we are really complaining about the Lord. If we complain about the leadership over us at our jobs, we are complaining about the Lord's leadership in our lives, because He obviously put them there (see Romans 13). If we are complaining about our spouse, parents, children, or any other circumstances, we are complaining about the way the Lord is ordering our lives. It takes faith to please God, and to move Him, but complaining is the opposite of faith. Complaining does not start things moving- it stops them. Complaining can be one of the most powerful enemies keeping us from walking in His purpose for our lives.

I was also told that during this time of being put in the Lord's holding pattern, we were going to be tried by depression. For someone like me to wait is one of the most depressing things there is. I also know that
many in our congregation have already spent years waiting on God, and just the mention of having to wait longer will be understandably difficult. Even so, if we give into depression or doubt it will cause us to stay in the wilderness even longer. Depression is sin because whatever is not of faith is sin, and depression does not embrace faith. It takes faith to inherit the promises of God.

There are some chemical and biological problems that can cause depression, but most of the depression that we suffer from has a spiritual root. A victory over every spiritual stronghold was gained for us at the cross. We must not be satisfied with anything less than a complete victory over depression, and determine that we are going to view every situation with faith, not doubt. If we are getting tired of the wilderness, it is time to review the promises of God, and encourage ourselves in His faithfulness.

Depression basically comes from seeing our situation from the dark side. This happens whenever we stop looking through the eyes of faith. It was depression that caused ten of the twelve spies who were sent to look over the Promised Land to come back with an 'evil report' (Numbers 13:32 KJV). It is interesting that their report of the land was true, and was basically the same report given by the two faithful spies, Joshua and Caleb. However, the ten saw the obstacles as being too great for them to overcome, while Joshua and Caleb believed they could overcome since God was on their side. In both cases it was not what they saw that differed, but how they saw them.

Like the first generation of Israel to come out of Egypt, many Christians never walk in the promises of God to which they are called because they fall into grumbling and complaining. Sadly, many succumb to this just before they are about to be released from the wilderness. Having been there so long, the temptation to doubt was the greatest then. The greatest way out of the wilderness is to be thankful, even for the wilderness. We enter the Lord's gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise. Let's determine that we are going to abide in Him in every area of our lives, and we can do that by being thankful for everything.

I was told by the word that came through Bob that our unbelief and complaining had put us in a holding pattern for one year. This was a couple of years ago, and now it seems that everything is moving at a pace that is hard to keep up with. It is now hard for me to not long for the time we were in the holding pattern! The apostle Paul said that he learned the secret of being content regardless of whether he was abased or abounding. We must do the same. Let's determine to grow in faith, not doubt. The demonstration of faith is faithfulness. Let's war against any tendency to complain about anyone or anything, but rather in all things give thanks. Let's enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise, and stay there."

As Rick has pointed out, we may have many promises God has made us, but we may never see them if we don't learn to stop complaining and be thankful. The difficult things in our lives are there to make us better people. Some know they are supposed to be married. If you are complaining about being single, it could delay you meeting your spouse. If you are complaining about your job, or lack of money, it could delay you moving into a promotion God has for you! God wants you to learn to be thankful in all things— even the bad. When you are, character has been developed in you, and now you can be trusted with the promises of God. The wilderness (or desert) prepares us to have the Promised Land, but still be humble and Christlike. The blessings of God will not make someone prideful that has been through the wilderness.
Faith and Patience to Take Your Land
Day 19

Hebrews 6:11-12 "We want each one of you to continue doing your best until the very end. Then you can make sure of your hope. We don't want you to become lazy. Be like people who will receive promises through faith and patience." (Simple English Version)

Each of us are called to do something for the Lord. It could be missionary, pastor, worship leader, artist, working with youth and children, or being a housewife that raises her kids in the ways of God (which is a very high calling that deserves a great deal of honor). If we are called into ministry we will either be gifted as apostles, prophets, pastors, evangelists, teachers, or a combination of these. But we are all called to do something. Also, God has a destiny for us. We all have a promised land of living in the fullness of all the blessings of God we are promised to have in our life. Many people never really find out what they are supposed to be doing for the Lord, what giftings they have, what their destiny is, and never really take their promised land. So I want this lesson to be today on how to take your promised land. Your “promised land” can be seen as living in the fullness of all God has for you. This is certainly not just money, good job, wife, and kids! No! This is seeing souls saved, healings, miracles, the dead raised, deliverances, and revival. God wants you to see his kingdom advance. Yes, if we obey the Bible, God will bless our lives, but my pursuit is after Jesus and bringing him glory in the earth. So the first question I want to ask you is what is your destiny and purpose in life? How can you bring glory to Jesus in the earth? What are you gifted to do? If you know, are you doing it? How can we take our promised land? I feel compelled by the Lord to add a second teaching by Rick Joyner today. This has changed my life and I hope it does yours. It comes from his book 50 Days for a Soaring Vision pps. 105-106.

Possessing the Promises by: Rick Joyner

"I am thankful for the great emphasis that many ministries have put on faith over the last few decades. However, as the text above declares, it will take faith and patience to inherit the promises. Isn’t it strange that we have this huge 'faith movement,' but why have we never heard of a ‘patience movement?’ It takes two wings for an eagle to fly. If an eagle were to try to fly with just one wing he would only spin around in circles on the ground. The same is true of many people who are trying to soar spiritually on the faith, but have not added patience. These just keep going around in circles, getting more and more frustrated and kicking up a lot of dust. Any truth that we teach without the counter-balancing truth will lead us to frustration, not fulfillment. As we read of Abraham, who is called the ‘father of faith:’"

18. When there was no hope, Abraham believed with hope that he would become an ancestor of many nations, just as God said: ‘Your descendants will be like this.’
19. He understood that his body was practically dead (He was about 100 years old.) and that Sarah couldn’t have children, either. But Abraham’s faith didn’t weaken.
20. He did not doubt God’s promise. He believed. His faith made him even stronger. He gave glory to God.
21. He was convinced that God was able to do what He had promised.
22. So, because, ‘God declared Abraham a righteous man.’
   (Romans 4:18-22 Simple English Version)

"True faith does not waver over time, but becomes stronger. Therefore, patience is the proof of whether one's faith is real or not. I meet many discouraged Christians who feel that God gave them promises that have not been fulfilled. If any promise of God is not fulfilled, we can be sure that the entire fault is on our side, not his. He is always true to His word.

So what is it that we could be doing wrong? In most cases it seems that we are confusing faith with an emotion, and not joining it with patience. There are conditions with every promise of God. If we are not seeing His promises fulfilled it is because we are not meeting the conditions. Having faith is one condition-having patience is another. If we get discouraged with the passage of time while waiting for a promise to come to pass, then we do not have the true faith of God. True faith always gets stronger with the passage of time, not weaker.
Between the place where the children of Israel were given the promise of a Promised Land, and the Promised Land itself, there was a wilderness that was the exact opposite of what they were promised. The wilderness proved whether they would trust God, or doubt Him. The same is almost always true when we are given a promise. There is often a wilderness to go through to get to the fulfillment of the promise that is the opposite of what we have been promised. It is in this place that we must choose either to believe God, or give in to discouragement and self-pity.

Self-pity is one of the primary destroyers assigned to keep God’s people from walking in their purposes. If we allow self-pity, or discouragement into our lives, we will wander in useless circles just as the first generation of Israelites did who left Egypt. If we believe God, we will in due time attain the promise. If we believe God we will even rejoice in the wilderness, being thankful to have been called by God."

2 Corinthians 2:14. “Thank God! He always gives us the victory in Christ. God uses us to spread to all places the sweet smell of knowing Him. (Simple English Version)"

We must find out our purpose and destiny. We must begin to operate in that not spinning our wheels trying to do things we have never been called, gifted, or anointed to do. Find your purpose and begin to operate in it.
Jesus' Sheep Hear his Voice

Day 20

John 10:1-5 "I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice."

John 14:15 "If you love me, you will obey what I command." 1John 2:3-6 "We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands. The man who says, 'I know him,' but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did."

It grieves me so much that a large group of people that call themselves Christians in America, and other parts of the western world like England, are living in ways that are opposite of what you just read in the Bible. Because of this I have to ask the question, "are they really saved?" Let's look at another portion of scripture together.

Matthew 7:21-23 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

According to this passage of scripture and the other Bible verses you read above, it seems to me that Jesus is looking for two things in his people. He is first looking for a relationship. That is what Adam and Eve lost for themselves and caused us to lose today. Sin separates us from God. When our sins are washed away by the blood of Jesus, the separation that was between us and God is removed. Jesus' blood is like spiritual soap that washes us clean before God. But the Lord doesn't want us to stop there. How would you like it if you met your husband or wife, then they gave you a book about them and you never really saw or spoke to them again! You were only able to read about them some in the book they gave you! God doesn't want that. He wants to talk to you now. He is looking for a relationship with his people. That is why Jesus said his sheep hear and know his voice. I can recognize my wife's voice quickly because I know her so well. Those that have no relationship with Jesus are in great danger of being deceived or falling away in these end-times we live in. It is so vital that we have a strong prayer life, know the Bible very well for ourselves, and know the Holy Spirit very well. We must be familiar with the presence and voice of the Holy Spirit of God so that when another spirit comes, we can know it is not the Spirit of God. That is why John said in 1John 4:1 to put spirits to the test to see if they are of God. Satan comes as an angel of light to deceive people. He is really dark and evil, but will appear good. Satan can appear as if he is from God or come in a way that seems innocent and good. Paul said, in 2 Corinthians 13:14 may the "fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." The word for fellowship here in the Greek is koinonia and means: "presence, fellowship, sharing together, participate with, intimacy, friendship, and comradeship (as in battle)." This is what the Holy Spirit is to be to us. We are to have a deep, meaningful, and intimate relationship with him. Jesus said about him, "But the counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you (John 14:26)." Jesus said he would lead us into all truth.

The Holy Spirit is also the one that convicts us of sin. Just like we stand before a judge in court and the judge slams down the gavel and says, "guilty!" The Holy Spirit makes us feel guilty and grieved in our hearts when we have sinned against God. Because of this guilty feeling, we will pray and ask God to forgive us. The Holy Spirit will help teach us the ways of God and lead us into truth. He does this because he is God. If you think about it, the Father is in heaven, and the Son is sitting on a throne at his right hand right now. So who is the one here with us? It is the Holy Spirit.

The last thing I want to say is that we must obey the commands of God. Jesus said, "But unless you repent, you too will all perish (Luke 13:3)." Jesus didn't pull punches in his sermons. He told it the way it is. Repent means to fully turn away from sin once and for all. If you have sin in your life and call yourself a Christian, you are not ready to die and go to heaven. The sin is separating you from God. As I showed
at the beginning of this teaching, if you truly love Jesus, you will turn away from sin and obey Jesus’ commands. There are some Christians out there that get high, drunk, have sex outside of marriage, masturbate, go to evil parties, look at porn, look with lust on people, are playing with occult things, dress seductively, use profanity, lie, cheat, steal (like borrowing things and never return them), have idols in their hearts of things that are more important to them than God, and continually grieve the Holy Spirit by entertaining evil perverted thoughts in their minds, just to name some things. The Bible says we are to even renew our minds. (Romans 12:1-2) That means throw away evil thoughts like a piece of trash and make ourselves think on something good! If you do not obey the Bible (the commandments of Jesus), you are not truly saved. Don’t be one of those that stand before Jesus on judgment day and start listing all the things you have done for him as though you are saved by your works or good deeds. That is self-righteousness. People tell me all the time when I am witnessing, “I am a good person, or I go to church all the time.” I guess they think works will save them. It is time to “work out your salvation with fear and trembling (Philippians 2:12).”

The main problem people have is a lack of fear of God. In Proverbs 1:7 we see the fear of God is the “beginning of knowledge” or beginning of wisdom. Many people quote the Bible in 1John 4:18 which says, “perfect love drives out fear.” How true this is, but let’s look at this for a moment. Today’s evangelism is seeing over 90% of people that make a commitment to Christ fall away. We are losing people. Why? I believe because many have changed the gospel altogether. Many churches preach, “Jesus will make you happy, make your life full of joy, peace, love, fill a void in your heart. There is a God-shaped hole in your heart that only God can fill. Jesus will make your life better.” Well the truth is, when we get saved we begin facing temptation like never before, trials, being made fun of, satanic attack, and things get harder. So not only is this a false gospel, but it is causing people to turn away from Christianity after the lies they were told are proven to be only lies.

The true gospel is that we have sinned before a holy God. We have all lied, stolen, looked with lust (adultery), hated people in our hearts (murder), used God’s holy name in vain (blasphemy), dishonored our parents, and committed many other sins. We are sinners and will stand before God on judgment day guilty of breaking his laws. We are on our way to hell. We are sinners that need a savior. When this is preached, people have a healthy fear of God. This fear is the foundation that must be laid. Jesus said, “Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell (Matthew 10:28).” Jesus commands us to have a healthy fear of God. These false gospels take away the fear of God. A healthy fear of God is a solid foundation for salvation. That is why Paul said to work out our salvation with “fear and trembling.” As we have a healthy fear of God, it produces repentance. We begin to turn fully away from sin because we are afraid of hell. We begin to obey the Bible and live holy. This is the foundation. After this foundation is laid, then we begin to fall in love with Jesus and get to know the Holy Spirit. This produces a relationship with God. As that relationship develops, our love is being perfected toward God in our hearts, and this perfected love begins to drive out fear. What I mean is, we no longer live holy out of fear, but rather, we live holy because we love the Lord too much to sin against him anymore. So our love perfected drives out fear. True Christians will always have a healthy fear of God in this life, but will also grow in their deep love for him.

We must get back to preaching the truth. We must get back to a healthy fear of God. We must pursue living holy out of a healthy fear and reverence of God. We must develop a relationship with the Lord. We must be his sheep that hear his voice and obey him. We must examine ourselves and make sure we are really Christians ready to die and go to heaven.
Addiction to Entertainment

Dealing with ties that bind

Day 21

2 Timothy 2:22 "Run away from the evil desires which some young people have. Follow righteousness, faith, love, and peace. Do this with people who trust in the Lord with a pure heart." (Simple English Version)

What does the word righteousness actually mean? It means "right with God." That means your life is right before God in every way. We all make mistakes and sin at times, and that is when we can quickly ask forgiveness and get the sin washed away in the blood of Jesus. The problem is when people don't want to turn away from sin, but they want to live in it and justify it. They will say things like, "I can still go to heaven doing this," or "Jesus doesn't care about this." Let me tell you plainly that Jesus does hate sin. Also, living in sin, without turning away from it, is unrighteousness and will send you to hell one day. If we love Jesus we will obey his commands and live righteous before him.

That leads me to what I want to talk about today. Take a look at entertainment for a moment. I will never forget wanting to buy a Third Day cd a few years back. I tried to find it in my town and did, but the Holy Spirit wanted me to travel all the way to another city to buy it at a secular store! I couldn't understand why, but I have learned to simply obey the Lord. So I went. After I found the cd, I asked the Lord why I was there. Usually it would have been to witness to someone so I was ready for that, but this time was a little different. The Lord spoke to me this, "I want you to look at what my young people are reading." This store I was in was huge and had everything from movies, music, video games, magazines, books for all ages, and any form of entertainment that is out there. I proceeded to an area that said "Teen Age Books," or something like that. I stood there in awe as I saw almost all of it having to do with witchcraft, death, violence, sex, or horror of some kind. All of it was filth and ungodly to put it mildly. It was as though hell itself vomited this up and it landed on this shelf. I knew the Lord was showing me some things.

I then went over to the music and passed by the magazines on the way. The magazines were almost all sex, rock'n'roll, and witchcraft. I ended up in the music section and it was worse than the magazines or books! It was hard to believe. Then the video games were very satanic with occult, witchcraft, and sex as the main themes. There were role-playing games, like Dungeons and Dragons, that were created originally as an introduction and basic training in witchcraft. Harry Potter was everywhere, and the movies were just as filthy as anything else I had seen. During this time of my life, I had been alone with the Lord for around two to three years of my life, and I was a little out of touch when it came to these things. It was a shock because most of this was geared to reach the younger generation with its filth.

No area of the world has been as successful in world history at polluting the whole planet with filth as much has Hollywood has. I stand in amazement at the incredible patience of our God. Hollywood deserves fire from heaven like Sodom and Gomorrah, but God has waited because his people have been praying, but one day if there is no repentance in Hollywood, that area of America will be judged as other places have been. It is obvious that rock music has strong roots in witchcraft. The band members don't deny it. In fact some of them give altar calls in their concerts to ask people to give their souls to satan.

Also, rap music is musical porn, full of violence, and is filled with rebellion. There is no way that young people can feed on this filth long before they become totally dead spiritually. These things act like a python snake that wraps around someone spiritually and takes their spiritual life away. Many Christians will allow it to flow like a river of sewer into their living rooms through television, music, and movies. Demons are swimming in this river of filth right into the lives of Christians.

Participating in much of today's media is not righteousness before God. Jesus would never have these things in his life if he was walking the earth today. He does not want his people feeding on this filth. It is just like the prodigal son in the Bible that ran away from home and spent all his money on prostitutes and partying. He lost everything and ended up having to feed pigs for a living. He became so desperate that he also ended up eating the same scraps the pigs were eating. How many Christians out there are so desperate for revival and God's presence, but they don't even know it. They are spiritually dragging themselves across desert sands looking for a spiritual oasis of some kind, but they are finding more sand
in the church they attend. Much of the church has become only a social club and not a good one at that. Where is the life, power, anointing, signs, wonders, and miracles of the Bible? God hasn't changed, but churches have become content without the power of God.

Young person, listen to me. You have to get the filth of the world out of your life or it will spiritually kill you. It is that simple, but you also need revival. You need to go somewhere that believes in tongues and the power of God. You need to have that oasis in your life. Many Christian young people would gladly give up what satan offers if they experienced true revival for themselves, but they don't have revival in their church and are turning to what satan offers to fill that void. No matter how spiritually dry you may be, turning over to what satan offers will only cause more death, pain, and will drag you to hell one day.

There seems to be an addiction to entertainment that concerns me. It is as though people are addicted to being able to "veg" out while watching a movie. There is an addiction to the escape of life. There is an addiction to the two-hour thrill that is offered. I can just see satan holding a forbidden fruit before many saying "come to me and I will give you rest and an escape." What a lie! With every addiction, the way to break it is through fasting and prayer. If you are in bondage to entertainment, and you know this chapter pertains to you, I would strongly advise fasting entertainment for a significant amount of time. I would suggest a minimum of 40 days. It may seem hard at first, but give it some time, and it will liberate you from the addiction. Many of God's people have stopped going to a lot of movies, getting rid of the television shows they used to watch, internet that has a grip on them, or whatever they need to get rid of to live holy. It is time to get rid of the filth. Many young people don't realize that watching or listening to the entertainment of the world is similar to eating spiritual dung for food. It is filth to God and has no nutritional value to give you the strength you need. If you want to be a revolutionary, there will have to be things that you give up! The Bible says, there is a way that seems right to man, but it only leads to death. Much of the Christian world would accept entertainment and say, "Well, I'm not doing what I am watching." I would say to you, it is killing you spiritually and you don't even realize it. It is desensitizing you. It is polluting you. It is satan's territory you are allowing in your life. It seems right to man, but it is only leading to death. Make up your mind who you are going to serve. You cannot serve the god of the world's entertainment (satan), and also serve Jesus. You must only have one Lord and master.

My wife and I have become very selective and careful about what we watch and listen too. It has been such a blessing to us to have a sustained presence of God in our lives and home. I know you can also find the glory of God's presence if you seek the Lord with all your heart. Spend some time praying about this chapter and let the Lord speak to you. In a practical sense, my wife and I purchased a couple of TV Guardians to help block profanity. It makes a huge difference and is a blessing. Here is a link for that: www.tvguardian.com/
Faithfulness with little

Becoming a Ruler over Much

Day 22

2 Timothy 1:6-7 "For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (fear, being intimidated), but a spirit of power of love and of self-discipline (sound or disciplined mind)." (New International Version...in parenthesis is mine)

I quote this scripture to show the incredible importance of a sound or disciplined mind. In the day we live, people have become so addicted to entertainment, that they have very weak undisciplined minds, which is a great hindrance to them spiritually. First off, people with an addiction to entertainment have a very difficult time staying concentrated in prayer for more than a few minutes before their mind starts wandering. Reading the Bible is now a chore that few want to do. They would rather sit in front of a movie or television show. It takes discipline to pray and read the Bible, and we must if we want to be spiritually strong. I remember simply giving up all entertainment years ago and spending hours in prayer and reading the Bible. I am now spiritually benefiting from all of that. We must take the time of fasting needed to break that powerful addiction to entertainment. It is a powerful stronghold that is preventing people from growing spiritually. Most young people spend several hours a week either listening to music, playing video games, looking at magazines, watching television, or movies. These are all a waste of time. Really your time could be used to be prepared for your destiny in Christ. You could give up that time of entertainment and give it to the Lord in prayer and Bible study. By prayer and Bible study is how the fire is fanned into flame daily. Many will go somewhere and get set on fire by God. Just like the Tabernacle had the original fire in the bronze altar started by God by fire from heaven. But in the Tabernacle it was the job of the priests to keep the fire going that God started. In the same way, once God sets you on fire, it is your job to fan that flame daily by staying in prayer and Bible study. I believe you should mature to the place that you can pray at least an hour a day. Leonard Ravenhill said if someone called into the ministry doesn't at least pray two hours a day, they are worthless to God. This will take discipline.

Another important area to look at is having a renewed mind. In Romans 12:1-2 we see that we can be transformed by the renewing of our minds. The picture here is a worm being transformed into a butterfly. I heard an interesting story about a fisherman that saw a caterpillar struggling to work its way out of the cocoon after it had been in there being transformed into a butterfly. He felt sorry for it and helped cut the hole at the top to make the struggle easier. When the butterfly made it out of the cocoon it was very fat and had small wings. It could not fly and was deformed. The little boy didn't realize it, but it destroyed that butterfly by making its' struggle easier! See the butterfly squeezes through that hole at the top of the cocoon and the pressure forces the blood into the wings and is part of the worm becoming a butterfly. This is a powerful story for you and me. God allows this process of disciplining the soul (mind, will, emotions, memory, imagination) to be difficult for a reason. It is part of our spiritual growth. Just like lifting weights. If they weren't heavy, they would not benefit us. So disciplining the mind, thought life, emotions, etc...is a lot of work, but it is one of the most rewarding battles you can ever win. It will literally change your life so much the Bible calls it transforming! A passive mind and soul is breeding ground for satan. People never learn to really be all God has called them to be until they learn to renew their minds and discipline their souls. Let me explain.

Our soul is like a computer with a personality. It is something unique to each of us. It is simply what is in our heads to make it really simple. Your mind is the part that is most like a computer. It stores images and information. If we are going to obey the Bible, we must throw out sinful thoughts and images like a piece of trash and force our minds to think on what is holy before God. If you have never done this, it will be very hard at first. It will be like working out very hard after not do any exercises for years. It will seem painful. Our emotions help make up our personality as well. What makes you laugh and cry, etc... We must learn to have complete control of our emotions just like our minds. Someone that is in control of their emotions will not lose their temper or say things they don't mean. This will take great discipline. Our will is our decision maker. How many people will say they will do something one minute and change their mind before the day is over? How many out there are double-minded and unstable? How many don't stick to commitments and covenants? If you have a strong holy WILL before God, you will make a decision based on the leading of the Holy Spirit and obedience to God's word and you will stick to it to the end. Our memories can haunt us with pain if we are not careful. To truly forgive someone we must choose to
forgive, but then we are to imitate the Lord and forget what they have done to us. This will take discipline. God wants us then to go as far as to pray for them until the point that we love them! We must choose to forget all the pain and negative things of the past. This will also take discipline. Our imagination is like a movie or snap shots of images. It can be holy or filthy. It can see images of revival or pornography. The choice is ours. We must discipline our imaginations to please God as well. I want my memory and imagination disciplined and holy before God. I want to remember the victories God has given me in the past instead of the hurt I have been through. Then I want to imagine God giving me victories in my future. I want to meditate on what pleases God and treat people with love. This will only happen with great discipline in our souls. See our bodies are flesh and blood that will die. They communicate through the five senses of sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch. Our spirits are almost exactly like our physical bodies, but they are spiritual bodies instead of flesh. The soul is what links the two together and gives us a personality. We will shed this body one day when we die, but our spirits will go to heaven and our souls (personality) will go with our spirits as well.

Our spirits are what feels God's presence the most and has the most spiritual sensitivity. Our souls are more for reasoning and making decisions. Our bodies are simply for eating, sleeping, and communicating while on the earth. God demands that we live dead to the flesh because this is where our sinful nature is, but we live alive to our spirits because this is where Christ's nature is as Christians. We are born again and God puts his nature in our spirits. So if our souls are disciplined and holy, it will cause us to make godly choices and live holy lives. An adulterous affair is seldom just spontaneous, but it takes place in someone's mind first. A murder is thought of before it happens. See, if we throw these evil thoughts out like the trash they are and meditate on holy things, we will live holy lives.

This leads me to these final thoughts. God wants us faithful in all things. He wants us to talk holy not using profanity, his name in vain, or hurting others with our words. He wants us faithful to our church attendance. He wants us faithful to tithe the full ten percent of what we make before taxes are taken out. He wants us faithful to witness to our families, friends, neighbors, and coworkers. He wants us faithful in submitting to authority, living holy lives, and doing our best for him in all we do. All of this will take discipline and self-control. It will take getting up out of bed early in the morning when you don't feel like it to start your day with an hour (or more) of prayer. It will take turning off the television (or changing the channel) when something is on that shouldn't be watched. It will take turning off a movie and not finishing it if it is not right. It will take finding time to study the Bible. It will take time to memorize scripture. It will take great discipline to please the Lord in this life. People want the easy way out, but remember the butterfly. The easy way out can make you worthless to the Lord spiritually.

Discipline is the key to being great for God. One of the greatest hindrances to discipline is the addiction to entertainment today. Let's fast entertainment and break that addiction. Pray for discipline to be faithful in all things. If we are faithful in little things, Christ will make us a ruler over big things (Matthew 25:21).
No Fear of Man
Day 23

Galatians 1:10 "Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ."

Each of us has a "Promised Land" that God has for us. How many of you still struggle with your past sins? How many of your see negative things in your life like is in your family bloodline? Do you still lose your temper? Do you have an anger problem, lust problem, unforgiveness issue, suicidal tendencies, or struggle with alcohol or drugs as a temptation? All of these things are deadly sins, but it is not always easy to truly get free from them. In Hebrews 12:1 the Bible talks about throwing off things that entangle our legs and keep us from being able to run the race God has marked out for us. We are all called to do great things for Christ. We are called to war! We are called to win souls and destroy satan's kingdom, but what is it that is holding you back or tangling up your legs spiritually. Whatever you do, don't give up until you are free. Sometimes you need others to help you get free. Sandy and I have met with people like this. They have struggled for years and not given up. They came to us for help, and then they were freed.

The first step to boldness and not fearing man or satan, is to get beyond our struggles with sin. Don't ever give up or get to a place of accepting defeat. Do you still have a sickness or disease even though you have prayed about it? Don't give up! Be like the persistent widow in Luke 18 that kept asking until she got it. An elderly lady once told me that she has never needed anything from the Lord that she didn't get through prayer and fasting. I have also found that to be true. Sometimes it comes with a battle and takes time (even years), but we will win one day. If you are married, do you have strife in your marriage? If you have kids, are they on fire for God? Don't give up! Keep praying and fasting until victory is won!

Satan targets God's champions in the area of their weakness. If satan is targeting you in areas of weakness toward sin, you must be a champion for Christ. I know a pastor that fell into stealing money from the church. Now that I look back on it, I can see that was a weakness in his life that satan targeted. This pastor always talked about prosperity and having money etc...in his preaching. He was stubborn in a so-called "faith" that this is the way it is supposed to be. Satan saw this weakness with the love of money, and sent demons of greed to him to entice him. Next thing you know, he fell. The same thing is true with those that have fallen into sexual sins, many divorces, etc... these were targets of satan. Don't settle for less than walking in victory in every area of your life. If you won't give up, but endure, the weaknesses in your life will become a strength in Christ. Then satan cannot cause you to fall in those areas anymore. Do you tithe but still struggle financially? If there are weak spots, pray and fast until they are strong in the Lord. God will give you the victory. Prayer and fasting breaks satan's power! Blessings overpower and cancel curses! And the anointing gives strength to the weary!

So this priest named Joshua was standing before satan in a vision Zechariah had in chapter three of his book. Joshua was wearing filthy rags that were disgusting and satan began to accuse him before God. See this is where many Christians are. They know they are struggling with something and satan is accusing them, so they lose their boldness to witness, pray, worship, stay in church, or move forward with God. They feel weak and defeated even though they are warriors of Christ. They are simply diamonds in the rough. When you get cleaned up and free, true boldness will come. That is why the Bible says, "The righteous are as bold as a lion." When we are living holy, there is a boldness. Satan knows that and tries to target people in their weaknesses.

This is one area I feel called to the body of Christ about. Generational bondages, struggles with past sins, sickness, emotional wounds, etc... are entangling the legs of God's people and keeping them in shame and defeat. Satan knows they are warriors in the rough. He knows they are dangerous when they get free. That is why he is attacking them so hard. Whatever you do, don't give up or stop pressing toward victory.

God wants us living holy so that we can be bold witnesses for him. Someone who gets to a place where they no longer live to please men, they will be as bold as lions in their witnessing, worship, prayers, and preaching. God is looking for people that will die to caring what man thinks of them, but they will live to please Christ. God wants champions that will die to sin, but live a holy life. We will stand before the judgment seat of Christ one day to give an account for our lives. What would it be like if we would live each day to witness like it is the last chance we have, preach like it is our last sermon, pray like we won't have the chance tomorrow, and live as though we will die and stand before the Lord tonight? I know one
thing, we would see revival that would shake the world! Let's press through the baptism of death to self, sin, and past bad habits into a resurrection life of victory and righteous living before God. With this comes great boldness. With boldness, faith, and anointing comes crushing satan's kingdom!

Shake off the fear of men. Take authority and bind that spirit of fear that tries to intimidate you to witness or preach with fire. Lift up your voice and say, "Listen to me satan! I bind you spirit of fear that is trying to keep me from witnessing. Go from me now in Jesus' name, for it is written, 'submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.'" Man, the word of God is a sword. When I quote it like that at the enemy, I see like a sword leave my mouth and drive into the heart of the enemy. We are warriors. Let's not fear satan or men, but let's run with fire and boldness. Don't ever settle for less, press into all Jesus has for you. You will have to fight and take it from satan many times, but it will be worth the fight when you have won the battle. Let's each press into the Promised Land of victory God has for us. Let's learn to put on our armor daily. It is real. If we don't have it on, we can get hurt. The shield of faith is real. I always picture with my mind, a real helmet guarding my mind helping me to renew it, a real breastplate guarding my heart helping me to know I am right with God, a real shield of faith between me and the enemy, a real belt of truth holding everything in place, and real boots of peace as I walk in peace. Remember the God of peace will crush satan under our feet (Romans 16:20). We must learn to walk in peace, not fear.

Look at where the enemy is attacking. For example, kids in rebellion, marriage going through strife, finances being hindered, or falling into temptations. Let's learn to take authority over satan's kingdom and say "Satan back off! I bind you! I command you to get out of the way and let my promises from God come! Go now!" Let's be warriors! It is time for the warriors to arise!

Spend some time seeking God about your calling and purpose. Pray and fast about getting totally free from anything that is holding you back. Seek God about being the warrior he has called you to be!
How to Pray
Day 24

Luke 11:1-4  "Father, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. 3 ‘Give us each day our daily bread. 4 ‘And forgive us our sins, For we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation."

The first thing I would emphasize is to let prayer be a relationship, not looking to God as a big “Santa Clause” in the sky that gives you what you want all the time. The Lord is looking for those that love him, love his presence, and will want to spend time with him. Prayer is one of the most important aspects of your Christian life. The Bible says to “die daily.” How does one die to the flesh and walk in the Spirit (Rom 8:1)? It is by waking up early and starting your day with prayer. This will take discipline, and we need the discipline to pray daily. Prayer causes you to die to the flesh and have your spirit ignited with the fire of God daily. Your life of prayer will give you strength you need to overcome temptation, help you understand the Bible, and be an effective witness for Christ. So let's talk about how to pray effectively. Jesus teaches us in Luke 11 how to pray. He says pray like this. "Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come. Your will be done [held holy and revered] on earth as it is in heaven. Give us our bread [food for the morrow]. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us [who has offended us or done us wrong]. And bring us not into temptation." (Amplified Bible)

I begin my prayer time by coming through the blood of Jesus. I confess any sin and make sure I am washed in the blood of Jesus and holy before God. The blood is what gives us access to God's manifest presence. I usually take communion at this time. It is powerful to do so. The blood has bought us, and that is why we are God’s children. This is why Jesus said to start with "Our Father." We are his children by the blood. This is our first step in prayer. We must be holy coming into God's presence. We must be washed in the blood of Jesus. Jesus' blood is like spiritual soap that washes all sin and filth away. I usually ask God to put the full armor of God on me during this beginning time of prayer.

I then enter the Lord's gates with thanksgiving (Psalm 100:4)). I spend some time thanking the Lord for all he has done for me and all I have. There is so much to be thankful for. This moves me into praise and worship. I usually simply lift my hands and sing to the Lord something like "I bless you Lord. I love you. You are holy and worthy of my praise." I also worship in tongues. Praise and worship is what Jesus was speaking of when he said "hallowed be your name." I also ask the Holy Spirit to come and for us to have fellowship. It is so important to know the Holy Spirit. His presence brings the life, anointing, and fellowship with God. He will anoint you fresh for the day. He will set your heart on fire for the day. Remember that worship is what brings God's presence. You can use worship cd's to worship along with, or simply sing to the Lord. Worship is the second step in our journey of prayer.

I then move into prayer. I spend most of this time speaking in tongues. The Holy Spirit knows what I need to pray and does so through me in tongues over various issues. Tongues help tune us into the Holy Spirit, strengthen us within, and gives an avenue for the Holy Spirit to pray through us the perfect will of God. As I am praying in tongues I will move to English quite a bit as I begin to pray for our nation, President, Israel, the Body of Christ, my neighborhood, coworkers, lost loved ones, fellow church members, and so on. I am praying the will of God to be done on earth as it is in heaven. I am praying God's kingdom to advance. Sometimes I bind the enemy or enter warfare during this time. This time of praying God's will into the realm of the earth is our third step in prayer.

I will then begin to pray for myself and the needs (daily bread) of my family both spiritual and natural. Be specific. If you need to have finances, ask exactly how much you need. If you need a shirt...what kind, color, and size. There are many out there! What are your specific needs? And please remember, the spiritual needs are always more important than the natural. Pray for your family to be on fire for God and live holy. Praying for your specific needs is the fourth step in our prayer journey. This is what Jesus was talking about when he said, "Give us the food we need each day."

Then one can pray concerning forgiveness. It is so vital we check our hearts for unforgiveness and forgive others quickly before bitterness sets in. I also make it a point to not only forgive others, but I pray that I will walk in forgiveness throughout the day. I pray that God will make me more like Jesus today, the fruit of the
Spirit more evident in my life, I walk in more humility, and walk in greater love throughout the day. I pray people see Jesus when they see me, and the Lord put me on like a glove and live his life through me...seeing through my eyes, hearing with my ears, and giving me his heart and mind. I want to even do the right things for the right reasons. For example doing service for the Lord in unconditional love, pure true humility, and to bring the Lord all the glory and take no glory for myself. This is the fifth step in our prayer journey.

Then I pray for God to not lead me, my family, or church into temptation. I pray for the grace throughout the day to live a very holy blameless life above reproach. I pray God will help us even avoid the appearance of evil. I pray God’s grace would be upon me to walk in humility and not be deceived. I ask for his grace for the day. I want to live holy and not fall into temptation, because a life of holiness brings the Lord glory. Praying this is the sixth step in our journey.

Last it is time to pray for supernatural protection. I have had so many close calls. With a ministry that is in revival, ministers on warfare and deliverance, and is winning souls, there is going to be intense warfare. I usually speak Psalm 91 out loud over myself, my family, and my church. I ask the Lord for his angels to surround us and bring protection and ministry as we need it. I also ask for the armor of God (Eph 6), and armor of light (Rom 16) to be put on me, my family, and my church every day. This is the seventh and last step in our prayer journey, but it is a very important one to not neglect.

Sealing the answered prayers

I close my prayer time with thanking the Lord for hearing and answering my prayers. I thank him for our time together. This time of thanksgiving seems to give "rocket boosters" to your prayers. It also seems to seal the answer and seal the time together. After leaving this kind of prayer time, you should begin to notice a spiritual strength in your walk with God you have never had before. I recommend at least spending an hour in prayer like this a day. If you are called into the ministry, learn to pray two to three hours a day. The Holy Spirit will guide you on how to pray. He will lead you on when to change from worship to prayer and from point to point. He needs to be in charge. You can learn to be led by the Spirit and move in the anointing from your own time with him. You may want to only start praying around 15 to 30 minutes at first and then work your way into an hour. Two books I highly recommend you buy and read on prayer is Could You Not Tarry One Hour by Larry Lea and Prayer That Brings Revival by Dr. Cho.

A Secret Place

There can be a stage eight in prayer that is very powerful. It is a time of intimacy with the Lord. What I mean is this. You can lay back in silence and simply rest in the Lord's presence. We are like spiritual sponges that can soak up and then carry the manifest presence of God. We can literally marinate in the anointing. Those that find this place will truly walk in the anointing and power. They will begin to know the secrets of the Lord. Their life in Christ will be deep. For those called into the ministry in any way, you better learn this place and also know how to pray for two to three hours every morning if you want to do great things for God. You better also learn the Bible for yourself.

The last thing I would say is be careful to not let prayer become a dead ritual. What you have read above can easily become a daily dead routine. Prayer is supposed to be fellowship with the Lord. We should love to pray, because it is our time with the Lord. Our prayer time should be like a river of life that flows in and with the Holy Spirit. Each day in prayer will be different and special. There is life in prayer if you will have fellowship with the Holy Spirit and seek the Lord's presence. Let your prayer life be new and fresh daily. A praying Christian is a powerful weapon in the hands of God. A prayerless Christian is spiritually dead and will limp through their Christian walk. I have a video teaching on our website on how to pray effectively. I believe it will be a blessing to you if you watch it. I pray you go deep in your personal prayer life!
How to Read the Bible

Day 25

Acts 17:11 "But the people of Berea were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, and gladly listened to the message. They searched the Scriptures day by day to check up on Paul and Silas' statements to see if they were really so." (Living Bible)

The first thing I want to say is this, the Bible is the perfect word from God that was inspired by the Holy Spirit and is without any contradictions or mistakes at all. Men of old wrote as they were under the influence of the Holy Spirit. God has preserved what we have today as the Bible. There are supposed to be sixty six books in the Bible, and God protected the writings over the years so that it has not been altered. Do not fall into the trap of reading other supposed "lost books of the Bible." They are not. There are no lost books of the Bible. This is a deception. God oversaw the compiling of what we know as the Bible, and you simply have to trust God that it is the way it is supposed to be. This will require faith.

Satan will challenge the Bible in these end-times. There will be many lies concerning the Bible to turn people away from it. Don't believe them. The Da Vinci Code was a deception, yet it turned some from the faith. This is only the beginning. Keep a simple pure faith in the Bible. God has given it to us as a gift. God did not have a problem writing the Bible, but sometimes we have a problem reading it and understanding it. That is why some claim contradictions are in the Bible. This is foolish. While one writer of the Bible was focusing on one thing, another put his emphasis on another. That does not mean it contradicts, but rather, it compliments each other! The Bible interprets the Bible. Each book compliments one another. It is an amazing book that is literally alive. Lean on the Holy Spirit's help in understanding the Bible. This is practical, since he is the one that wrote it.

Notice in the scriptures above the Bereans studied the Bible for themselves to make sure that Paul was leading them into truth and not deceiving them. Not only were they honored for this, but Paul had no problem at all with it. This is how we are supposed to be as Christians. The Bible tells us plainly that in the end-times there will be a great amount of deception. The only true way to avoid deception is by knowing the Bible for ourselves, having a strong prayer life, and knowing the Holy Spirit very well for ourselves. These are safe guards. If you know the Bible for yourself and also check it to see if someone is leading into truth or not, you will be quick to know if something does not line up with scripture. If you have a strong prayer life, God can speak to you about things being wrong if they are.

Also, if you know the Holy Spirit for yourself, you will know if there is another spirit at work that is not him. I am familiar with the presence of the Holy Spirit, so when another spirit is present, it just doesn't feel right. I am familiar with the Holy Spirit's voice, so when I am being told something from another spirit I can usually tell pretty quickly.

The last thing I would say is this. To avoid deception, be careful who you are following. Do you see Jesus in them? Do they live holy according to the Bible? Do you see the fruit of the Spirit in their lives? These are very important questions to ask. If you have to say no about these things, I would say quit following them spiritually! Even satanists can pretend to be Christians and some even pretend to be Christian pastors. Satan can give them power. For example they can speak in false tongues by demons, tell you information they shouldn't know about you because demons told them, and could make someone fall down on the ground under the power of demons. They can also heal the sick or cause signs and wonders to take place by the power of satan. We see the Bible predicted these days would come when it says the antichrist will have a spirit of deception that will empower him to be able to perform counterfeit miracles even calling down fire from heaven in full view of men! That is in Revelation chapter 13.

Sadly the day will come when Hindus, Buddhists, and Islamic clerics can lay hands and see healings by demons. Satan is wanting to deceive the whole world into following him. But also, I am looking for God's people to see what Moses saw. In Exodus chapter seven we read that Moses threw his rod on the ground before Pharaoh and it became a serpent. Satan counterfeited the miracle by having the satanic warlocks do the same, but Moses' serpent ate their serpents! God is wanting to cause his true signs, miracles, and wonders to swallow up satan's, so the whole world will know who the true God is. Be careful to prepare yourself for the days ahead. 1John 4:1 tells us we must test the spirits to see if they are of God or not.
It is important to have a Bible that is easy to read. You don't want to have to sit and read something over and over just to understand the wording of it. I know when I have worked with teenagers, they felt reading the King James is like trying to read and understand Shakespeare. I use these versions of the Bible: New International Version, New American Standard, and the Amplified Bible. I also like the New Century Version especially for young people as being probably the most easy to understand for them. These Bibles are accurate in their translations from the original Greek, Aramaic, and Hebrew. In this book I have also used the Living Bible and Simple English Bible so that a baby Christian could understand what they are reading. If you are a teenager or new to Christianity, I would recommend the New Century Version Bible for you. There is a very strong religious spirit that is King James only.

I would say learn to have a relationship with the Holy Spirit in prayer that he can lead you what to be studying and when. This will take time to develop in prayer. Then the Holy Spirit can also teach you what he wants you to know in the proper timing he wants you to know it. This is abiding in the vine that Jesus spoke of in John 15.

It is better to read a small portion and really get what you are reading, rather than reading chapters to not even remember what was read. Make sure and read everything in context of the paragraph it is in. Don't take a little scripture out of context and make it say what you want it to say. If anything ever contradicts scripture we must throw it out. Also, memorizing scripture is so important. We are to hide God's word in our hearts (Psalm 119:11) and that means memorize scriptures. You could make a list of scriptures you feel would be good to memorize and then do so. There is a list at the end of the Appendix of this book. You can turn there now to look them over. You can memorize them in the version of Bible that you use.

There is a lot of Bible study literature out there to take you deep in your studies and give you understanding of the history and culture surrounding the writings of the Bible. You can purchase some inexpensively. I bought a $20 Bible computer program that has everything I need. It has maps, 20 different versions of the Bible, original Greek and Hebrew, etc... It has been a wonderful tool for me to learn the Bible. I found it at Best Buy.

I will give you two more suggestions. Please remember that the Bible says knowledge puffs up with pride. Be careful to not get knowledge and then become prideful about what you have learned. Second, always remember it is very important to know the book of the Lord, but it is even more important to know the Lord of the book. There is really not a lot more to say about reading the scriptures. It is important to simply do it and not just talk about doing it. Prayer and Bible study take discipline to do. Those Christians that have the discipline to actually do it, are those that will find strength and victory in their walk with God. Many Christians that have formed an addiction to entertainment are having a very difficult time with prayer and Bible study. They simply have a passive mind that is not disciplined. This is a great hindrance to their Christian walk. Let's determine we will discipline ourselves in these areas.
A Renewed Mind
Day 26

Ephesians 4:17. "I am telling the truth in the Lord: Live no longer as the people of the world live. Their thinking is worthless. 18. Their minds have become dark. The life of God is foreign to them. They don't know about it, because their hearts are stubborn. 19. When they lost all feeling of shame, they gave themselves over to sensuality, so that they could try every kind of unclean sex, wanting more and more of such things. 20. However, this is not the way you learned about Christ. 21. You heard about him. Then you were taught in him. (The truth is in Jesus.) 22. You were taught to put away your old way of living. It will destroy you. Those evil desires can fool you. 23. You were taught to develop a new way of thinking. 24. You were taught to be clothed with a new personality like that of God. It was created with true righteousness and holiness. 25. Therefore, put away lying. Let each one speak the truth to the other person. We are all parts of each other. 26. You are allowed to become angry, but don't sin. And don't let any day end without getting rid of your angry feelings. 27. Don't give the Devil a chance. 28. The person who steals must not steal anymore. Instead, he must work hard, using his own hands to do good, so that he may have something to share with someone who needs it. 29. Don't let any rotten word come out of your mouth. Instead, say something good to build up what is missing. Then it will be a blessing to those who hear it. 30. Don't make God's Holy Spirit sad. You were sealed with the Spirit for the Day of freedom. 31. May all bitterness, anger, grudges, yelling, and cursing--every kind of evil be taken away from you. 32. Have tender feelings and be kind to one another. Forgive one another just as God, in Christ, forgave you." (Simple English Version)

The apostle Paul was teaching the church in Ephesus how to live in a way that pleases God. The main battle is always in the mind. An adulterous affair is seldom ever spontaneous, but someone thinks about it for a while and then decides to act on it. A murder is seldom spontaneous either. Someone will think of how much they hate another and then plot to kill them. We must learn to take evil thoughts captive, treat them like a piece of trash, then throw them out of our minds. After we throw them out, we must force ourselves to think on something else that is holy and would please God. This will change your life, help you live holy, and will protect you from satan's attacks. The fact is that demons will put thoughts in your head. The first thoughts demons usually put in people's heads are lies like this: "You are not really saved." Or after a deliverance they will tell someone, "You are not really delivered." Or "You have blasphemed the Holy Spirit and cannot be forgiven." I have heard of so many people hearing these things from the enemy. If we believe them and agree with them, it can really be oppressive. Sometimes under strong satanic attack, it will feel like a black cloud of depression or different kinds of lies are hanging over our heads and pushing us down. That is called oppression.

Second, we must learn to take authority over the enemy. First, we renew our minds by throwing out the bad and making ourselves think of the good. That is most of the battle. But after that, we must deal with the source of the evil thoughts...demons. When an evil spirit is putting lies into someone's head, that person (if they are a Christian), must take authority. Here is what I mean. You can rebuke the demons directly like this: "In the name of Jesus, you spirits from satan that are putting thoughts in my head and playing with my emotions, I bind you! I command you to take your evil influence and go from me now! For it is written, 'Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.'" This will send them running. Don't ever go by feelings. Feelings are deceptive. You may feel they haven't gone, but the fact is, they have no choice. This is why faith is so important. As a Christian you have authority over satan and his evil spirits.

Evil spirits can play on emotions as well. They can cause people to feel lustful, sad, depressed, lonely, fearful, angry, or sexually aroused. We must be aware of these things. When it is happening understand you must take authority. Don't just sit there and do nothing! If you do, the demons will keep hammering you until you fall into sin. Many Christians get saved and never walk through deliverance fully. This can result in evil spirits staying at work in someone's life hindering them from praying, reading the Bible, and growing spiritually. It can cause them health problems, problems in marriage, rebellion in their children, and struggles with sin. We must be aware this is satanic spirits at work. The fact that we know what the problem is will help so much. Since you are aware that it is not just you, you can now stop feeling so guilty and attack the real problem.
Demons will many times also jump on the back of Christians and tempt them over and over until a fall of some kind happens. If these Christians would renew their minds and then take authority, most of this would stop, but my point is this. After the demons causes someone to fall into sin, the next thing it will do is put a guilt trip on them like putting these thoughts into their heads: "You are not saved. Look at you! You can never do anything for God. You are worthless." How many of us have had that happen? Shake off the guilt and take authority and make the thing leave. Putting a guilt trip on ourselves doesn't really do much to fix the problem. It is good we feel sad when we sin, we should, but we must move past that to a resolve to see it never happen again. We must learn to have so much faith the cross and the blood that we see ourselves as the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. Once we confess our sins, he is faithful to forgive us right then and cleanse us from ALL unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

If we stay in prayer, reading the Bible regularly, faithful in church attendance, and living holy, these truths in this chapter will help you overcome many things. If we renew our minds and take authority over the enemy, many of our spiritual struggles will end as we learn to walk in victory OVER them.

Take a few minutes to pray about these issues in your life. We need to learn to renew our thinking and rebuke the enemy when he is messing with our minds!
True Discernment
Day 27

She saw this man in church and was concerned. Having been around witchcraft in her past she had a
weird feeling around this man. He seemed spiritual and blended in the church. Even though this was true,
she felt something wasn’t right with this man. She sensed something evil about him. She had walked by
him and his face seemed to contort into the image of a snake around the eyes. It was as though something
was leaping out at her. During a service this man would participate in the gifts of the Spirit, or so it
seemed. One Sunday during morning worship the power of the Holy Spirit came in very strong. She was
sitting in the back watching this man the whole time. He began to squirm and was obviously very
uncomfortable. A message in tongues was given and the interpretation said something like, “There is a
snake among the sheep”. She watched as this man lowered himself all the way to the ground. He was
literally lying on the floor on his stomach. She was shocked as he slithered like a snake to the back of the
church. He then jumped up and ran out of the building and never returned.

This story is true and happened in a church near the Dallas area. The woman in the story that witnessed
this is a friend of mine. It is very common for high ranking satanists to attend churches—especially
churches that are powerful. They attend to destroy them. It is also not that uncommon for satanists to
pastor churches pretending to be Christian pastors. This requires tremendous discernment. Right now I
want to discuss discernment. Just remember not everyone is who they say they are. Don’t take people at
face value. Look at the fruit in their lives. Do you see the fruit of the Holy Spirit? Do they live holy?

The word discernment means "understanding." We use this term to mean "spiritual understanding." It is
when an individual spiritually perceives what is going on in the realm of the spirit. They are able to look
past the natural and perceive what is really going on, so to speak. Hebrews 5:14 "But solid food is for
the mature, who by constant use have trained their senses to distinguish good from evil." The
word distinguish can be translated "discern."

Let me now say what discernment is not. It is not suspicion, criticism, or unrighteous judgment. These
seem to be very apparent in the body of Christ right now. It never fails to irritate me to hear people credit
satan with his little bit of power, but when it comes time to give glory to God for his power through his
servants, they can’t do that. Obviously, most of this is pride, but a lot is a lack of discernment. I have
heard many of my fellow teachers on deliverance and spiritual warfare give satan all kinds of credit for
miraculous powers and strong attacks. This is very true. In fact, satan is also brilliant. These are all true
facts, but he is nothing compared to God!

When a man or woman of God rises up and God uses them to raise the dead or heal the sick, the same
people will say the individual is doing that by the power of satan! Or they will question it! This is amazing.
The Pharisees of Jesus’ day did the same thing. Matthew 12:1-26 "Then they brought Jesus a demon
possessed man who was blind and mute, and Jesus healed him so that he could both see and speak. All
the people were astonished and said, ‘could this be the son of David?’ But when the Pharisees heard this,
they said, ‘It is only by Beelzebub, the prince of demons, that this fellow drives out demons.’ Jesus knew
their thoughts and said to them, ‘Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or
household divided against itself will not stand. If satan drives out satan, he is divided against himself. How
then can his kingdom stand?’"

It is amazing how history repeats itself. I have read many books by Christian authors about spiritual
warfare and deliverance. I have actually read one in which the author accused Benny Hinn of operating in
witchcraft. How foolish. I usually don’t read any more after that. If that individual has that little amount of
discernment, why would I listen to him expound on spiritual things? I have heard others accuse Rodney Howard Browne of the same type of thing. Again, how foolish! Usually these people have never sat down and talked to them to hear their hearts, and they have never been to one of their meetings. I want to say right now, those that are saying these things are modern day Pharisees and do not need to be followed or listened to. These false teachers may have a form of godliness, but are denying God’s power. These false teachers are suspicious. **Being suspicious of everything that moves is not true discernment!** Many of them have given themselves over to demons of criticism, pride, and unrighteous judgment. Unrighteous judgment is when we call something wrong or evil, but Jesus is saying it is good. John Kilpatrick pastored one of the greatest moves of God in church history. His church hosted the Pensacola Revival. He tells a story of watching Christian television and being so critical of all that was on. He was driving his car before revival broke out, and the Lord spoke to him saying, "If you don’t change, I will have to pass you by!" Being the man of God he is, he pulled over and repented of being critical of God’s people. If you are critical of God’s people, God will pass you by. This is not discernment! It causes division in the body of Christ and is very evil.

**What about manifestations?**

Some people don’t like manifestations of the Holy Spirit. For example, falling down, shaking, speaking in tongues, etc… These type of things are all throughout scripture and all through church history. When we come into contact with the most awesome being in the universe, there will be manifestations. Something is going to happen! You don’t put your finger into a light socket and nothing happen. Usually if someone is critical and not open, they won’t receive truth no matter what you say. Here are some examples in scripture of manifestations of the Holy Spirit powerfully moving on someone:

- **Falling on the floor** Ezekiel 1:28, 3:23; Daniel 10:9; Revelation 1:17; John 18:6; and 2Chronicals 5:14
- **Shaking, jerking, or trembling** Daniel 10:7; Habakkuk 3:16; Jeremiah 23:9
- **Groaning and travailing** Romans 8:26, Galatians 4:19
- **Deep bowing** Ezra 10:1; Psalm 35:13-14
- **Heavy weeping and crying** Nehemiah 1:4; Ezra 10:1; Joel 2:12
- **Laughing** Proverbs 17:22b; Psalm 126:1-3; Isaiah 61:3
- **Dancing** Psalm 149:3; 2Samuel 6:16
- **Being still and solemn** Psalm 25:5; 27:14; 37:7; 131:2
- **Being drunk in the Spirit** Acts 2:13; Ephesians 5:18
- **Having dreams and visions** Acts 10:9-17; Joel 2:28 (Feast of Fire Kilpatrick pps 100-104)

Pastor Kilpatrick was always a man of God that protected his sheep. He was open to God moving, but has the wisdom to test the spirits to see if they are of God or not (1John 4:4). There is a ditch on both sides of this. One can be so open to anything that they allow the demonic in, or one can be closed and hinder the Holy Spirit. I am wide open to whatever God has. It may be different than the norm, but that is ok with me. The current condition of the church scares me in this. People are so closed to God doing anything powerful and especially new, while accepting demons of criticism, pride, and unrighteous judgment that cause a lot of division in the church. Pastor Kilpatrick tells a story that before revival broke out in his church a man that had a strange spirit came to preach. The story goes like this.

“The year before revival came to Brownsville, an evangelist had called me. ‘There’s a move of the Holy Spirit when I preach,’ he announced. I had already received reports from other churches where he held meetings. All reports seemed positive; people spoke of the Spirit’s flow when he ministered. Hungry for revival, I had asked him to speak in a Sunday evening service. I am a cautious man. Before we went to the
platform that night, I clearly stated, ‘Since I don’t know you personally, I ask that when you are finished preaching, turn the service back to me. I can then lead the ministry time.’ The evangelist soon started to preach on revival. His sermon was sound and Biblically based. Yet all was not well; a group of nearly 50 people had come with him, including the evangelist's teacher, and many who had sat under his ministry in other churches. Several sat on the front pew, with arms folded, staring at me while they punctuated the evangelist's sermon with shrieks of questionable laughter. Some stood up, only to fall to the floor. Their facial expressions and laughter troubled me. Now I have seen and heard people 'laughing in the Spirit' and 'falling in the Spirit' all my life. When it is from God, these expressions of the Holy Spirit are sweet and orderly. But this was different. I quickly sensed a 'strange' spirit in some of these people, manufacturing fleshly manifestations. I was hungry for a genuine revival, not a carnal imitation. During several points of his sermon, I considered stopping the evangelist from continuing. However, in honor of God’s word being preached, I kept silent. Then the evangelist reached the end of his sermon. Instead of turning the service to me, he proclaimed, 'Quick! If you want prayer, quickly come to the altar in front! Quick! I also need my catchers to come quick!' Before I could even get to the pulpit, he had already prayed for one woman who had come to the front, popping her on the head before she fell to the floor. I grabbed the microphone in hand and announced, ‘Ladies and gentlemen, this meeting is over. There’s a strange spirit here tonight. I feel that the Holy Spirit has been grieved. This service is over.'(Feast of Fire Kilpatrick pps 88-89)

Pastor Kilpatrick had the ushers sweep the aisles and take the group of fifty outside. When the group was escorted outside, some spoke of throwing rocks at the church revealing what spirit they were of. When Steve Hill came on Father's Day of 1995 a true move of the Holy Spirit came that affected millions all over the world. Pastor Kilpatrick had discernment in all of this. He knew in his spirit what was of God and what wasn’t. He had true discernment in that situation. He wasn't being critical or suspicious, but he knew in his spirit that something was off with the counterfeit revival, but he knew God was moving when Steve Hill came.

**History repeats itself**

The great Azusa Street revival 1906 had a similar impact in the earth. People would come from all over the world to be touched by the power of God and take the fire home with them. All Pentecostal and Charismatic moves of our time can be traced back to this one. But while William Seymour, who was the leader of the Asuza Street Revival, was going after God with all his heart, there were critics of his day. Have you ever heard of G. Campbell Morgan? He was a great Bible teacher of that time. He was a well known man of God. He stood back and said, "That is nothing more than the last vomit of satan!" How could a man of God say something like that! How could his discernment be so far off? He missed God. We know that now, but he used his influence to turn many from this great move of God. He caused millions to end up in hell. Let me tell you how. Those that would have gone to Azusa would have been baptized in the Holy Spirit and gotten on fire for God. They would have led millions to Christ. People thought this well-known man of God must have known what he was talking about. He must have had discernment. No, he didn’t have a clue! He was a Pharisee of his day opposed to the revival of his time. It scares me how history is repeating itself today.

H.A. Ironside saw the manifestations of the Spirit at Azusa Street and said “Insanities, worthy of a mad house!” You better be careful. One day you could be in their shoes on judgment day. Let me say this because I know that some people out there have a problem with going somewhere to receive from God. How many times in the Bible did people go somewhere from their current location to receive from God? I heard my pastor say, "I talked to a minister one time that had such a hard time with going somewhere to receive from God. I asked him if he had a sign in front of his church. He said yes. So I told him he better take it down, because he is asking people to leave where they are and come into his church to receive from God!" You see how ridiculous being opposed to going somewhere to receive from God really is! I personally believe that the only reason someone would have a problem going somewhere to receive from
God is pride. Let me give you some guidelines to help you properly discern who and what is of God apart from what is of satan.

It will not contradict scripture

Most people truly don't know the word of God. This is from laziness. The Bible is full of the supernatural. God is supernatural. Obviously what he does will be as well. Read about life in the early church in the book of Acts. It was full of signs, wonders, miracles, healings, angelic visitations, dreams, visions, thousands getting saved in one day, and strange happenings. I am convinced that if Jesus showed up in most churches, he would be kicked out. If I were to spit on the ground and make mud that I put on a blind person's eyes, and I told them to wash in the bathroom sink, I would be persecuted by many- even though this is exactly what Jesus did in John 9:6. If I were to blow on someone during an altar service and say "receive the Spirit", I would be criticized like Benny Hinn has been, even though Jesus did this in John 20:21-22. This shows the condition of the church today. It is scary.

Notice, I said it will not contradict scripture. What if God wants to do something new? Are you opposed to that? People would laugh during and after Rodney Howard Browne's meetings. He was criticized. I suppose those critics would have been happier if people left the meetings depressed. The problem was that it was new and didn't fit into their traditions. They are modern day Pharisees - opposers to a move of God. They are critics of revival. Even though Jesus and Elijah ascended into the air, I am sure if this sign happened in someone's meeting people would cry witchcraft. What if a minister had tens of thousands in front of him and knew he had to lay hands on someone in the back? Then God lifted him up and moved him to the back so he could lay hands on that person. What if an Evangelist was translated from Texas to Washington like Phillip the Evangelist in scripture? Well, I am open to God. How about you?

The fruit of the Holy Spirit will be evident

David Yongii Cho gives a story that happened in his church. He pastors thousands. So it is not always that easy to discern everything that is going on at first. There was a woman that was prophesying. Dr. Cho does not have a problem with prophecy. In fact, he prophesied the Pensacola Revival would happen. He said, "A move of God will take place in Pensacola that will spread like fire across all of America." That is exactly what happened years later. This woman who was prophesying in his church had a line of people she was praying for during an altar time. He felt a check in his spirit about her. He noticed that she was somewhat rude when giving the prophetic words and that the words seemed negative. They came to pass, but something was not right. He went home to ask the Holy Spirit about her. The Holy Spirit spoke to Dr. Cho and said, "she is operating with a familiar spirit". A familiar spirit is an occult demon that gives information to people. So Dr. Cho told her she will not prophesy in his church anymore. Dr. Cho was not suspicious or critical, but he noticed a check in his spirit (true discernment) and that the fruit of the Spirit was not evident in this woman's life. A true man or woman of God will be loving, peaceful, full of joy, self controlled in their lifestyle- living holy, good, patient, kind, gentle, and faithful. If these are absent something is very wrong. Satan can give someone power, and accurate information, but he can never give anyone the fruit of the Spirit. This comes from the Holy Spirit alone. So don't let power or accurate predictions impress you, look at the fruit in someone's life.

They will have Christ's fruit in their ministry

Jesus says, "He that does not gather with me scatters (Luke 11:23)." He also said, "You will know a tree by its fruit (Matthew 7:15-23)." Some tried to cry wolf, so-to-speak, against the Pensacola Revival when it first broke out. People called the leaders of the revival false prophets, etc…Pretty soon people realized the fruit. Thousands were getting right with God, healings were taking place, and a Bible school started that is
sending people all over the world. The fruit of ministry began to be seen. Are the works of satan being destroyed and the works of Christ being manifested? This is a sign God is at work.

**Does your spirit bear witness it is of God?**

Romans 8:16 says our spirit bears witness with God's Spirit we are children of God. Also, Colossians 3:15 says, "Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart." Rule there literally means be an umpire. Above, I gave a story of an evangelist that came to Brownsville Assembly of God with a "strange spirit" and John Kilpatrick shut down the service. There is a part of the story I left out. Some of the members of his church left during the sermon and were in the foyer because their spirits were grieved at what they felt. Let me ask you, is there peace in your spirit about it? That is an umpire to whether it is God or not. If you ever feel a strong lack of peace in your heart about something, that may be a strong sign it is not of God. The next things to do would be see if it contradicts scripture, do you see the fruit of the Spirit, and most of all pray and hear from God about it.

**What does the Holy Spirit say about it?**

In the story above with Dr. Cho, the Holy Spirit said, "It was a familiar spirit." The early church knew to consult with the Holy Spirit about matters. In Acts 15:28 they wrote "It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us." Benny Hinn has some incredible teaching on the Holy Spirit in his books *Good Morning, Holy Spirit* and *The Anointing*. If you know the Bible, you will know when something is contrary. If you have an intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit, you will know when it is not him that is present or at work. Paul wrote in 2Corinthians 13:14 "The fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." That word for fellowship implies intimacy. It is important to get to know the Holy Spirit intimately. It is vital in these last days. Develop a relationship with the Holy Spirit, then ask him what he thinks.

**Seek wise council**

The Bible says there is safety in a multitude of council (Proverbs 11:14; 15:22; 24:6;). If you have concerns and need other opinions, seek out tested and true men and women of God and ask them. I would use wisdom about who I ask in these matters. Especially if there are serious issues involved. Just as godly council brings safety, bad council could be deadly in some cases.

**Listen to true prophets**

The Bible records that there are true prophets. These individuals have great vision and perception into spiritual matters. Many times they will see past the veil of deception the enemy has erected. They will see the heart of someone, and discern the spirit they have that is not of God. I have heard stories and seen times when ministers ignored the true prophets to listen to the false, and the church greatly suffered because of it. Don't despise prophecy (1Thessalonians 5:20).
Not Being Deceived  
Day 28

2 Timothy 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth. (NAS)

You will need to know what you believe and why you believe it in the days to come. Sound doctrine will not last with many people. The Bible predicts this in 2 Timothy 4:3 “For there is going to come a time when people won't listen to the truth, but will go around looking for teachers who will tell them just what they want to hear. (Living Bible)” You will have to be firmly rooted in doctrine to make it through the days ahead. I have put some basic doctrine here so that you can spend time looking up scriptures and studying this doctrine for yourself. If you feel you need to, please spend several days looking into this and memorizing what you believe. Don't let satan or false teachers lead you astray. Remember to stay close to the Lord in prayer for yourself, know the Holy Spirit for yourself like a best friend, and read the Bible continually so that you will not be deceived. I don't want to hear that you were on fire for God, in revival, and then some smooth talking cult got to you. Watch out that no one deceives you in any way.

- The Bible is the only perfect word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit, that is without any mistakes (2 Timothy 3:16).
- There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit (Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19).
- Jesus is God in the flesh, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His death for others, in His resurrection from the dead, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, in His personal future return to this earth in power and glory. (John 3:16; Acts 1:9-11; Romans 1:3-6).
- In promise of the rapture of the Church at Christ's coming (Titus 2:13).
- The only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Jesus Christ (John 14:6).
- Being born again by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation (Titus 3:5).
- In water baptism by immersion (completely going under the water...not sprinkling) in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19).
- The work of Christ on the cross provides healing of the human body in answer to believing prayer (1 Peter 2:24).
- Jesus' work on the cross has delivering power to destroy the works of satan and set people free from demonic influence (Gal 3:13-14, Acts 10:38, Mark 16:17-18).
- The baptism in the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4, is given to believers who ask for it.
- We believe in the gifts of ministry as listed in Ephesians 4:11 (which are: apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers), the gifts at work in believers as listed in Romans 12:6-8, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit as listed in 1Corinthians 12:7-11.
- In the cleansing power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy life also called a sanctified life (Galatians 5:16-25).
- In the end the resurrection of both the saved and the lost, the one to everlasting life in heaven and the other to everlasting damnation in the lake of fire (Revelation 20:11-15).
- Christ's eternal kingdom to come (Revelation 20-22)

I recommend that you go rent the movie called The Visitation that has been put out based on the book by Frank Peretti. You could also read the book if you are more of a reader. It shows the power of deception and counterfeit signs and wonders by satan's servants. These things are happening already in various places, and it will continue to happen more and more. People like David Blaine and Criss Angel are just some that are walking in this type of satanic power to deceive many. They are like a modern day “Simon the Sorcerer” as seen the book of Acts 8:4-24.
Seven scriptural steps to defeating satan's kingdom

Day 29

I will give you some keys I have learned in spiritual warfare. I was spending some time with a very dear minister friend of mine. He is a missionary to America. We were discussing reading different writings offered on these subjects. It is such an awesome thing to read three or four different takes on the same subject all from different authors. This is why I encourage other writings. I believe this brings a blossoming of truth. Anyway, these are simply some things I have learned dealing with satanic spirits and satanic warfare. Believe me when I say, I have had a few encounters with the enemy.

1. **Confession and repentance**
   It is vital that we check our own hearts for any form of sin, worldliness, lusts, rebellion, or controlling others. Job 22:30 "He will deliver even one who is not innocent, who will be delivered through the **cleanliness of your hands.**" You will not be able to deliver someone else until you are free yourself. I must say that as ministers we must live above reproach. I am amazed at the number of so called Christians who can sit through ungodly television or movies. Things that have nudity, sex, witchcraft, excessive gory violence, or foul language. Can you picture Jesus with a bag of popcorn watching this filth! I don’t think so! Some ministers wonder why there is no real anointing on their lives. Make sure and live holy! Guard what goes in your eyes and ears. It is so important. Keep you heart so pure. For out of it flows the streams of life (Proverbs 4:23). Revelation 18:4 “come out of her my people, so that you will not share in her sins, so that you will not receive any of her plagues.” If you want to be victorious in warfare, you must live holy. Another thing to look at is the 10 Commandments and see our lives and how we fall short and repent. I have compiled a list I use that consists of this: pride, ungodly fear, rebellion, lust, idolatry, gossip, greed, strife, unforgiveness, hate, ungodly anger, ungodly control, or dead religion.

2. **Fasting**
   In 1Kings 19:15-16 the Lord spoke to Elijah after confronting Jezebel and said, "Go anoint Hazael king over Aram. Also anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet." I believe there are three very powerful revelations here. Before this, Elijah had gone on a forty-day fast. Of course that length of time in fasting is probably not going to be necessary. I believe fasting plays a powerful role in all spiritual warfare. In Luke 11:21-22 Jesus teaches us "when a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe. But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armor in which the man trusted and divides up the spoils." Fasting causes satanic spirits to be weakened by removing their armor in which they trust. After the armor is removed through fasting, the enemy is vulnerable for someone stronger to come in and destroy his works and replace them with the works of Jesus. Fasting and prayer will bind the strongman. Also, remember you also need nourishment and lots of protein in warfare. So be led by the Holy Spirit in your fasting unto the Lord. Even fasting a meal a day or a certain type of food (like junk food) can be very powerful over a certain period of time.

3. **Allied force**
Going back to the scripture in 1Kings 19 Hazael, King over Aram, was the first person Elijah was commanded to anoint. The country of Aram was an allied force to Israel. Their armies fought with Israel. I would like to point out here that it is so important to not try to take on the enemy alone. Remember how Elijah was afraid and ran from Jezebel. In 1Kings 18:3-5 we see he went alone into the wilderness. He became so depressed that he was suicidal. This was more than just having a bad day. The power of witchcraft was strongly coming against this man of God. He needed to be around the people of God to agree with him in prayer and encourage him. Jezebel will try to isolate you and then pick you off like a sniper. Build an allied prayer force when under attack. Stay around the people of God for encouragement. Stay in church! This is a major key to victory.

4. **Stand in authority**
   In this scripture we go on to read that Elijah was to anoint Jehu as king over Israel. This man of God was the type of leader that will conquer satan's kingdom. He was very strong and authoritative. He meant business in warfare. He wasn't playing around at all. In 2 Kings 9-10 we read of how he destroyed the whole house of Ahab. He showed no mercy and left no stones unturned. He knew he was king and that God was with him. So he stood in his office and took care of business. We must be very strong in our dealing with this spirit. I also need to add, please remember that we are fighting demons, not people. We are tenacious toward demons, but **firm and loving** toward people.

5. **A fresh anointing**
   Last in this scripture we read that Elisha was to be anointed to succeed Elijah. Elisha's ministry was marked by the great anointing on his life. When dealing with Jezebel we need a fresh touch from heaven. This is the time to get hands laid on you for a touch from the Lord. This extra boost from heaven will help carry you through the battle that is ahead. In 2Timothy 1:6 we read "God did not give us a spirit of timidity (intimidation or fear), but of power, love, and a sound mind (disciplined mind)." This is what we need to overcome an attack from the enemy. We need a boost of power. 1Corinthians 4:20 Paul writes "the kingdom of God is not about talk, but power." We need to continually walk in a fresh touch from heaven. This comes by having a strong prayer life and by being in places where God is moving in a powerful way. There are some places that God is depositing his presence in these last days in a powerful way. I encourage you to go and receive prayer. There is an anointing in this. I know that my life and so many others have been totally transformed by receiving prayer at places like Airport Christian Fellowship in Toronto or Brownsville Assembly of God in Pensacola, Florida. There are other places as well. I know about the awesome power of God in the Benny Hinn meetings or Rodney Howard Brown meetings. I am not a Pharisee. You will always hear me encouraging people to go after God. Stay hungry, humble, and on fire.

6. **Love**
   The next thing Paul mentioned that we need is love. We need to love God more than our reputations or what man thinks of us. We are to live crucified with Christ. A dead man does not care what people think of him. Ministers, above all, have to lose this care of what man thinks. This is the quickest way to be intimidated. If we truly love the Lord, the fear of man will disappear. Paul also says that if he was living to please men he could not be a true servant of the Lord. In dealing firmly with people, it is important to not be in fear of what man's opinion is about you. This leads me to the next and last point.

7. **Sound mind**
   Our minds are at peace when we know that we have the mind of Christ in a certain situation. The Bible says "we" have the mind of Christ. We are all the body of Christ together. Therefore no individual has the full mind of Christ alone. We need each other. It would be wise to seek council from wise leaders and get their opinion. This can
ensure that your ideas are lining up with the will of Jesus perfectly. When you know that you have Christ's mind in a situation there is tremendous boldness and confidence.

**Personal example**

There was a time when the Lord spoke to me to confront someone in a leadership position of a "ministry" that was in obvious hypocrisy. God had me ministering to some young people under their care for over two years. There was a move of God of healings, deliverances, and revival. This gave me a platform to speak into the lives of leadership. The leader happened to be a woman and this was a girls home for teen-agers.

A Jezebel spirit can be in a man as well, but it seems to target women much more. I first went into the office of this person to ask why people under her leadership were drinking, using drugs, living worldly, and sleeping around on weekends (to name some things). The leader said she had been doing this “ministry” for 16 years and that I didn’t understand her ministry. Then a time later I noticed the way she wanted everyone to submit to her but could not bring herself to submit to her husband at all. She would publically disrespect her husband in a way that was very unChristlike, to say the least. So I asked her about this, giving specific detailed examples. She was obviously backed into a corner because of the specifics I gave. She knew she had no defense because I was right and lining up with God's word, so she shed false tears to make everyone feel sorry for her and manipulate the conversation so that she was back in control. I had watched her gather her leaders in her office and try to intimidate all of them so she could control them.

After I confronted her in love, she lied about me behind my back and persecuted me greatly for my stance. I had gone to her in private with only a few other people she wanted in there present. I was so concerned that I was on a fast for that so-called ministry. I came in deep love and humility. And I left quietly. I figure the Lord will deal with them. I still love and care about them deeply. The Lord had told me that she was operating in a Jezebel spirit and to confront her about this. I felt by the Holy Spirit's prompting that it would not be received. But I knew I had heard from God about confronting. I consulted with my spiritual fathers who felt the same way I did. After I knew that I had the mind of Christ in the situation, I had boldness to speak up. Even though I was persecuted, God used me to shed some light into the darkness. If you know that you have the mind of Christ in a situation, it brings boldness to speak up.

These are some basic steps I have learned in dealing with a Jezebel spirit and satan's kingdom overall. I have seen people use threats and fear tactics to control others. I have seen others use seduction and manipulation to get their way. These are all classic profiles of someone under the influence of a Jezebel spirit. This spirit is sly and crafty. It knows how to make leaders look like the bad guy while making the person controlled by Jezebel look like the victim. Remember this, witchcraft operates by making the bad guy look like a little victim and the victim look like the bad guy.

I want to close this section with this. Matthew 18:15-20 Jesus teaches on how to deal with problems in the church. I want you to notice verses 18-19. "I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you." Notice that Jesus shows the problems in the church are connected with spiritual warfare. That is why he mentioned binding, loosing, and prayer in this passage. Satan is behind all division in the body of Christ. We should seek to see anyone that is truly repentant of their sin restored gently back into the church. We should seek unity. I want to see walls of racism, denominations, generations, and between male and female come down. Jesus desires us to be in unity. I know in the city in which God has placed me there is so much competition and division between churches. Satan sits back and laughs at the foolishness of Christians. If we can come together, satan knows he doesn’t have a chance. That is why satan works so hard to keep us divided. John 17:20-21
Jesus prays that his people would be one as he and the father are one. We are far from that! Psalm 133 shows how unity brings the flow of the anointing. Let’s seek unity in the body. There are times for confrontation and church discipline, but it all must be done in love and for the spiritual growth of the body of Christ in the earth. It doesn’t need to be done out of revenge, anger, hate, or to hurt others. In Matthew 18:15-20 Jesus teaches that if someone is causing problems in the church like gossip or division, or they are in sin and refuse to repent, someone is to go to them in private. If they do not listen, there are to be witnesses that come the next time. If they still refuse to repent, it is to be taken before the whole church. If they do not repent then, they are to be kicked out of the church and no longer is the church to have anything to do with them. If churches would simply obey the Bible about discipline, there would be less church problems. The Bible goes as far as to say to have nothing to do with people that cause division among churches (Romans 16:17), don’t even eat a meal with someone that calls themselves a Christian, but is living in sin and won’t change (1Corinthians 5:1-13 ), and the Bible strongly questions if trouble-makers and fault-finders in churches are even saved (Jude 16). We need to obey the Bible and quit hanging around and being friends with people the Bible says have nothing to do with. If we would obey the Bible in these areas, many church problems would be solved!
An Open Heaven
Living in the Blessings of God
Day 30

Deuteronomy 28:1-2 "If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God.....vs 12 The Lord will open the heavens the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands......vs 15 However, if you do not obey the Lord your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come upon you and overtake you: vs 23 The sky over your head will be bronze, the ground beneath you iron."

John 1:51 "I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

An open heaven is a personal and powerful thing. The Bible is full of commands. If we are careful to study the Bible and obey God's commandments, there will be an open heaven over us individually and God's blessings will shower down upon us. I don't know about you, but I want an open heaven over my life and I want God's blessing.

So what exactly is an open heaven? Well, God is seated in the third heaven (2 Corinthians 12:2) in the furthest place of the north (Isaiah 14:13) the Bible says. This is what we know as heaven. This is God's dwelling and where we will go now if we should die as Christians. Jesus is seated at the Father's right hand in the third heaven now.

Below this highest heaven called the "third heaven," is the second heaven where we have the stars and our skies. Satan always attempts to do what he sees God doing, but only in a perverted and evil way. Satan has set up a rival kingdom of rebellion in this second heaven area. That is why satan is called the prince of the air (Ephesians 2:2), and his kingdom referred to having wickedness in the heavenlies (Ephesians 6:12). Satan places world ruling evil fallen angels in this area called "world rulers." They have enough authority and power with satan to blanket the whole earth with their evil influence. For example, the spirit of rebellion is a world ruler known as the Jezebel spirit and covers the whole earth with its influence of witchcraft, defiance, and control. Leviathan is a world ruler that blankets the earth with its' damnable pride and confusion. It has a throne in the second heaven, but has enough power and authority to blanket the whole earth with its influence.

Under the authority of world ruling spirits, satan places principalities over certain areas. These are evil fallen angels that have thrones over places like America, England, and smaller geographic areas like Washington DC and your city, etc... These evil beings strategize how to defeat God's people in their area, and make sure as many go to hell as possible. They are intelligent and powerful beings. Under the authority of principalities is power spirits. Power spirits operate like radio airwaves. They are unseen, but they fill the air of an area with their presence. For example, power spirits have influence in places like Las Vegas that has a strong spirit of partying, drinking, gambling, and prostitution. Principalities are the brains, but the power spirits are the “muscle” that carry out their plans. Much of their influence is in the realm of the minds and thoughts of men.

These satanic influences that rule from the second heaven have a right to do so because satan stole Adam's authority in the garden of Eden. Adam had authority over the human race. So now satan has it, but Christ defeated him at the cross and whoever accepts Christ defeats satan and becomes Jesus' property.

Also, these evil forces in the second heaven have a right to be there because of sin. The sin in certain areas gives a very strong legal right for satan to set up his kingdom in the skies above them. This is what the Bible calls a bronze heaven. The second heaven is closed up, and the presence of God in the third heaven is blocked from being able to be on the earth. It is the job of the church to pray and see the skies open over our area and see revival. The Lord promises in 2 Chronicles 7:14 "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will
I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” As the church we can pray on behalf of our land and ask God's forgiveness for the sins of the land. Then the heavens can begin to open over our land, satan's kingdom begins to be removed, souls begin to get saved, and revival comes.

What I want to talk about is a personal open heaven over you and your home. God wants that for you. He doesn't want you to feel a bronze heaven over your head where it is hard to pray, difficult to feel God's presence, and living without God's blessings. If we will obey the Bible in every area and live holy, satan's kingdom has no right to make a throne over us or our homes. If they try it, we can pray and take authority to pierce a hole in the sky straight to God. Let's make an effort to have an open heaven over our lives in every way. Some say revival is simply getting an open heaven. This is true.

So the first heaven would be heaven on earth. This is where there is an open heaven and God's presence dwells. This can be in our homes, vehicles, and lives. I want my prayer life filled with the atmosphere of heaven...God's presence! When heaven and earth collide, there is an open heaven. Sometimes it will take warfare to get the heavens open, but if we are obeying the Bible, we can claim God's promises of an open heaven over our lives where there is no hindrance between us and God. There is nothing to block our prayers from reaching God's throne. There is nothing to block God's presence and blessings. Let's go after living under an open heaven.
Living in a Personal Revival
Day 31

Revelation 3:15-18 "I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm- neither hot nor cold- I am about to spit (vomit) you out of my mouth. You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see."

We must be on fire! We should wake up thinking of Jesus, live our day loving on him, and go to bed with him on our hearts. Jesus must be everything to us. Our love for him needs to grow daily. The fire needs to increase daily. The days we are living in, and moving quickly into, will require us to be white hot flames of fire spiritually. Those that have been baptized in fire, that live under an open heaven, that dwell in God's presence, that know the Lord and his word, these will be the ones that will crush satan and be used in this end-time revival.

Much of the church today is lukewarm, if not cold. They feel they are rich because they have nice buildings and savings. They feel they do not need a thing, but they don't realize before the Lord and satan, they are wretched, pitiful, poor, spiritually blind, and spiritually naked. They lack the anointing to see miracles. They do not see the book of Acts today. They live in a spiritual desert, but they take great pride in their new suits and fancy cars. They are powerless to destroy satan's kingdom. They are in danger of being spit (or it can be translated "vomited") out of the Lord's mouth.

We need to get on our faces and seek God for a true baptism of fire. We need the fire of God to burn away all the flesh, the world, and the devil out of us. We need to become like gold that has been refined in the fire. We also need white spiritual clothes of righteousness to be put on us. These spiritual garments we wear are real and can be seen in the spiritual realm. They are called the "garments of salvation" and the "robes of righteousness." They must be kept unstained by the filth of the world, unwrinkled by the sinful flesh, and unsoiled by satanic influence. They must be gleaming white with purity like a beautiful bride on her wedding day. For the Lord himself will return for his people without warning. The church is also called the "bride of Christ." What will it be like on that day for Jesus to see some that have wrinkled, soiled, and smelly garments. Last, we need the eye salve of the anointing to help us see. We need spiritual vision from the Lord. We need to begin to see with the eyes of Jesus the way he sees us. We must also have his eyes to see this lost world and weep for souls. When again will travail be heard in Zion?

I remember growing up around Pentecost and hearing intercessors wailing, groaning, and travailing in prayer for souls and revival. Those groans, the wails, the tears.....these are the sounds of revival, and will have to be heard again in church. When travail is in prayer, just like a pregnant woman giving birth, it will birth things in the earth. We want new births of people getting saved, but we lack the travailing in prayer to see it happen. What has the church become? It is only a shell of what it should and could be. People are stirred by emotion and don't know the real power of God. People are swayed by politics, by money, by popularity, and anything but the anointing and real leading of God. I know God is about to clean house. Those that are money hungry and pursuit of wealth will be cut down in God's judgment. Those that are not obeying the Bible will suffer in the days to come. The prideful will be humbled. The Lord is about the clean out his temple again, so that revival can come. Let this cleansing come in your life today. Get on your face and ask God to clean house so revival can come to you. Don't be afraid of this. If you humble yourself and ask, it will be far better for you than God having to bring it to you through judgment.

The fire will be in our lives as we stay close to the Lord in prayer. Remember, we must keep the fire burning in us. We must stay close in fellowship with the Holy Spirit. Jesus says, "I stand at the door and knock, if anyone will hear and answer, I will spend time with him." Jesus is waiting for you to spend time with him. This time in the Lord's presence will be a wind that will fan the white hot flame within you. So let's pursue God's presence and fellowship. What good is it to go to church unless we meet with God? So also, what good is it to be a Christian if we don't walk and talk with God? What good is it to pray, if you don't fellowship with God? Won't all of it be shallow and a pathetic excuse of what it could be? Let's go
after God will all our hearts like never before. Let's chase after God's presence. As we search for God with all our hearts, he promises to let us find him (Jeremiah 29:13).
Getting Married
Day 32

Genesis 1:24 "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh."

Malachi 2:16 "I hate divorce, says the Lord God is Israel"

The Bible says the two in marriage become one. God created marriage, and the governments of the world honor it, but it seems that more and more people are throwing away marriage to just live together and have sex. Having sex outside of marriage is called fornication in the Bible and will surely send you to hell (Matthew 15:19; Acts 15:20; 1Corinthians 6:9,18; Galatians 5:19). God wants us to honor what he has created as holy.

Secondly, this dating business has got to stop. God did not create what we know today as dating, the Bible does not honor it at all, and it is leading to fornication. It is unwise, and well, simply stupid to allow young people filled with raging hormones to be alone like many parents do out on dates. Let me say, you cannot call yourself a Christian and be steaming up the back seat of some car somewhere with your girlfriend. You cannot call yourself a Christian and be sleeping with your boyfriend or girlfriend. That is not the way it works. We should be praying for a godly spouse one day, praying specifically that God will get them ready for us and get us ready for them, and then wait on God to bring them to us (or us to them). Pray about it and then wait on God to speak to you. Young men, don't expect God to bring you one of his precious daughters if you are sleeping around or a pervert. You could miss God's will for your life and end up in a marriage that you chose out of lust. Flee fornication and lust!

Second, not every woman out there is good wife material. Here are some things young men should look for. Does she know how to cook? Does she understand what submission is? Was she raised with order in the home? Does she know how to raise kids? Does she believe the way you do? Is there witchcraft, occult, or false gods in her family or bloodline? Does she live holy? Is she on fire for God? Is she more than just a pretty face? I mean, does she have godliness and an inner beauty from the Lord? Does she dress modest or flaunt her body? Does she have a personality that you can live with? These are things to look for.

Many young men look at the body of a young woman (that will certainly change with age and having kids) and say "She's the one!" How stupid. This is one of the reasons for so many divorces today. Remember, God hates divorce. Most divorces are not right with God and therefore those that have left their spouses are in adultery. The Bible says, adulterers will not go to heaven when they die (1 Corinthians 6:9). You better make sure divorces are out of marital unfaithfulness and that you are doing everything within your power to not divorce outside the will of God. There are only three ways to get out of marriage Biblically and remain right with God: death of a spouse, spouse commits adultery (Mt 19:9), or a spouse is an unbeliever that leaves and divorces the victim (1 Cor 7:12-15). In those cases you can move on with your life. The Bible is clear that God hates that and if you remarry without a proper divorce before God, you are in adultery. Many are not honoring marriage today. They don't care at all about God's word.

Women, let me give you some things to look for in men. Is he too physical and touchy toward you sexually? Is he prideful and have an ego? Does he always have to be right about everything? Is the relationship all about him? Is he only after sex? Is he willing to compromise God's word to gratify his sexual desires? Do you see Jesus in him? Is he on fire for God? Is he a leader into the things of God? Is the fruit of the Spirit in his life? Is he faithful to go to church, pray, read the Bible, and living holy? Will he lead your family into the things of God...taking them to church faithfully, tithing, teaching them the Bible, praying daily for them, and living a Christlike example for them to follow? Is he a man of God? Are with him for his looks? They will change with time. If you are with him because you don't want to be alone, he may leave one day. You better make sure he is a godly man.

I also want to mention dealing with spiritual bondage. Many have generational bondage of satan, bondage to past sins, and areas that need to be delivered. These need to be dealt with before marriage. Whatever you do, do not sleep together before marriage. This gives legal ground for everything of the devil in both of your lives to set up a stronghold in your marriage and family. Stay pure!
Last, get blessed. Ask your parents to bless you individually and bless your marriage. I would strongly suggest getting both parents to speak a blessing over you at your wedding. These blessings will set the course of your lives together in a powerful way.

Final advice: Be quick to say I'm sorry when you are wrong. Put the other person first. Have a holy home where God's presence dwells. Keep order in the home of the husband leading and wives submitting. Strongly discipline your children so they don't end up in hell. Stay faithful in church and in tithing. Stay close to the Lord in prayer and reading the Bible. It is hard to live holy in these end-times, but we must if we want to end up in heaven. It is hard to stay married in these end-times, but we must take authority over spirits of strife, division, and divorce! We will not let them have our families and destroy them. We must bind them! We will fight for our children. If necessary (and it probably will be in the days to come) we will homeschool them to help them live holy! We must bind the spirit of rebellion that wants them! We must fight for our families. Don't let satan have them.
How to Witness

Day 33

Luke 19:10 "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

Jesus' heart is for the lost. That is the main reason he died! All great soul winners have had a great burden for the lost. They have prayed "give me souls, or I die!" The first step to being a powerful witness for the Lord is to have a deep burden and tears for the lost. If you don't care if others go to hell, you won't be a good soul-winner. Only Jesus can give you his love and heart for the lost. Ask for that. Ask him to let you feel how he does for souls. Just like if you are not spiritually hungry for more of God like you should be, ask Jesus for it. He will do it.

Second, you must learn to be a prayer warrior. Souls will be saved if we pray them into the kingdom of God. We must learn to pray for the lost. Prayer is the heart beat of every great move of God in world history. Ask the Lord to teach you about travelling prayers and deep intercession. These are prayers with groans, tears, tongues, and deep intercession as the Holy Spirit prays through you. The Lord will teach you if you ask him. These travelling prayers birth souls into the kingdom of God spiritually, then you will see the answers to these prayers as many get saved that you have prayed for.

Third, you must learn to war for the lost. Satan has them blinded to the truth (2 Corinthians 4:4). It will take us taking authority on their behalf and commanding satan to be bound, stop blinding them, and release them to be saved. We must war for them. We can speak to the enemy like this: "In Jesus name you satanic spirits that are blinding the minds of my mom and sister, I bind you. I command you to stop deceiving them and hindering them from getting right with Jesus. I break your power over their lives. Now satan release them to be saved NOW!" You can speak to the blinding of the mind like this: "In the name of Jesus I command the blinding from satan over my father's life to fall off his mind like scales off of a blind persons eyes! I break your power satan over his life. Release him to be saved. I bind you!"

Fourth, we must help people see they are sinners that need a savior. I really don't have time to teach on this in a short little chapter like this. I use the method you read at the beginning of this book under the heading "Important Introduction." If you would like, you could read and study that. That is pretty much how I witness. Also, I recommend the book Hell's Best Kept Secret by Ray Comfort. You could go to Ray's website at www.wayofthemaster.com and purchase some dvd's that teach you how to witness. They actually have live footage on the streets of witnessing. Ray does an incredible job witnessing. There are false gospels of "Jesus will make your life better", "there is a hole in your heart only Jesus can fill", and "Jesus will make you happy." Where did that stuff come from? We must witness using the true gospel, which is what is in the introduction to this book.

The last thing I would say is this. There are certain things that are simply obedience. We are commanded to have prayer lives, read the Bible, witness, have seasons of fasting, faithfully attend church, obey the Bible, and tithe. These are foundational truths. So witnessing is not something that is radical. We are all to witness in our lives on a regular basis. Step out and begin to do it. It is really not as hard as people think. Our youth group is going out to the streets to witness now, and they love it.
The Blood, Water, and the Spirit
Day 34

1 John 5:6 "Jesus Christ is the one who came. He came with water and with blood. Jesus did not come by water only. No, Jesus came by both water and blood. The Spirit tells us this is true. The Spirit is the truth. 7. So, there are three witnesses which tell us: 8. the Spirit, the water, and the blood. These three witnesses agree." (Simple English)

Malachi 3:8. "Will a man rob God? Surely not! And yet you have robbed me. "What do you mean? When did we ever rob you?" You have robbed me of the tithes and offerings due to me. 9. And so the awesome curse of God is cursing you, for your whole nation has been robbing me. 10. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so that there will be food enough in my Temple; if you do, I will open up the windows of heaven for you and pour out a blessing so great you won't have room enough to take it in! "Try it! Let me prove it to you! 11. Your crops will be large, for I will guard them from insects and plagues. Your grapes won't shrivel away before they ripen," says the Lord Almighty. 12. "And all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land sparkling with happiness. These are the promises of the Lord Almighty." (Living Bible)

These are some basic truths that I want to teach about on this last day. The first is in 1 John 5:6 when it says that the water testifies of Christ. When Jesus died on the cross, water and blood came from his side. When Adam needed a wife, God took Eve from his side in the form of a rib, and God made woman out of Adam's rib. Jesus was also purchasing a bride for himself with blood and water out of his side. Also, during a birth of a baby, there is a lot of blood and water. So Jesus also was purchasing many to be "born again" through the blood and water he shed. And last, the outer court of the Tabernacle of Moses where animals were killed, had both blood and water in it. So before we can enter into the fullness of revival in our lives individually, we must come through the blood and water. Before we can enter the Holy of Holies, we must come through the outer court of blood and water. This is a pattern from God.

We have to come through the blood of Jesus to be born again and saved. Jesus' blood pays for our salvation and washes us clean from sin. His blood is like a spiritual soap that washes us clean before God. This is coming to the cross to be saved, but I also want to point out that the Bible says about taking the Lord's Supper:

1 Corinthians 11:23. "For this is what the Lord himself has said about his Table, and I have passed it on to you before: That on the night when Judas betrayed him, the Lord Jesus took bread, 24. and when he had given thanks to God for it, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said, "'Take this and eat it. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me." 25. In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, "'This cup is the new agreement between God and you that has been established and set in motion by my blood. Do this in remembrance of me whenever you drink it." 26. For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup you are re-telling the message of the Lord's death, that he has died for you. Do this until he comes again. 27. So if anyone eats this bread and drinks from this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, he is guilty of sin against the body and the blood of the Lord. 28. That is why a man should examine himself carefully before eating the bread and drinking from the cup." (Living Bible)

We are to take the Lord's Supper regularly to remember his death, but there is much more in this than just remembering what the Lord has done for us. Many Bible scholars believe the early church took the Lord's Supper daily (Acts 2:42), but even if they met just to eat, we know they ate more than once a week and this "breaking bread" mentioned in Acts 20:7 must speak of a church meeting with the Lord's Supper taken. I said all that to say, the early church took communion weekly together, and maybe took it daily by themselves in prayer. In Revelation 2:1-7 the Lord threatens to take away the lampstand (which speaks of the anointing and revelation) from the people that do not keep their first love. The words "first love" can actually be translated "supreme love feast" in the Greek. This speaks of the Lord's Supper. We are commanded to keep it regularly and are threatened to lose the anointing if we don't! I won't go too much into this now because this is a daily devotional, but I take communion almost every morning before entering my prayer time. I also lead my church in taking it before just about every service and prayer meeting. It gives us a chance to confess any sin and applies the blood to our lives. It helps to open the heavens and take us right into the Holy of Holies with the Lord. Here are some incredible promises listed with taking communion.
1. A deep consecration takes place of the ones who take communion. We see this in Lev 6:18 when the Priests would eat of the sacrifice (a symbol of what we know today as communion) the Bible says they became so holy that even what they touched became holy.

2. Taking communion applies the blood of Jesus to the door posts of our lives, thus bringing incredible protection to our lives. We first see this in Exodus as we read about the Passover. The blood of the lamb was applied to the door posts of homes and the death angel had to pass over them. Also, Job would offer a sacrifice daily for his family (which is symbolic of taking the Lord's Supper daily) and the blood shed caused satan himself to say to God "have you not put a hedge around him, his household, and all he has?" Job 1:9-11. The blood created a hedge of protection around Job, his family, and all he owned.

3. The taking of communion seems to not only consecrate us as very holy unto God, but gives us access to the Holy of Holies in a powerful way. We see in scripture that we have access to God's throne by the blood of Jesus. Also Jesus' body, or flesh, was the veil that was ripped and gives us access to God's manifest presence. There is something about taking the Lord's Supper that will give access right into the Holy of Holies. This is why I take communion daily before my personal prayer time. I also have my church begin the services and prayer meetings taking the Lord's Supper. We move right into the atmosphere of heaven in an awesome way because of this.

4. Taking the Lord's Supper causes the yeast (which represents sin) to be removed from our lives and churches. We see this in 1Cor 5:7 Paul commanded the church to remove the yeast from among them with that commanded them to "keep the feast" (which speaks of the Lord's supper). I have seen people come to Christ and by taking communion on a regular basis, the yeast began to be removed from their lives. Also, I have seen the Lord continually purge my church as we have honored his word by taking communion weekly. Keeping the feast truly does purge out the yeast from among us.

5. Everything the Lord paid for us on the cross: cleansing, healing, deliverance, protection, and provision is released in a powerful way when we take the Lord's Supper. It breaks the heavens open over our lives and releases the promises of God!

6. The Lord gives us strength for the battle. In 1Sam 21 we see when David and his men were weary in battle they ate the consecrated bread of the Priests. This speaks of taking the Lord's Supper. The prophetic scripture the Lord had me read regarding this chapter I am writing is Psalm 23. The word of God says "you prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies." Could this table speak of communion? Even in the Tabernacle of Moses we see a Table right as we enter the Holy Place that had fresh bread and wine on it! Psalm 23 goes on to say "You anoint my head with oil and my cup overflows." Could the cup "overflowing" speak of taking communion frequently? It is interesting to see the taking of communion frequently is connected with our heads being "anointed with oil." This seems to parallel with the Rev 2:4 which connects a fresh anointing with taking the Lord's Supper.

There is a principal of one lamb per household in the Passover. I heard a true story of a Christian woman with a son lost in the world of the occult. They had a horrible relationship, but God spoke to her "one lamb per household." She took communion on behalf of her whole family! Something broke in the spirit realm and he called her shortly after that, asked her forgiveness, and got saved.

I want to now talk about the power of water baptism which is the water that is to witness to Christ. Water baptism is a very powerful act. It does speak of us dying to the old self and being reborn into Christ, but there is even more than that it speaks of. I always tell people when they get right with Jesus to quickly get water baptized. I also tell people that have been water baptized in the past, but they have fallen away to get water baptized again. There is an outward cleansing and a great protection in water baptism.

True resurrection life, power, and anointing is found after we undergo a baptism of death to self. The outward act of water baptism is really a dead ritual unless this principal is understood. Romans 6:3-4 says, "Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." Philippians 3:10 says, "I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection of the dead." In scripture the Jordan river is a place of death and receiving anointings. Death and impartation were seen together here. The death of self has to happen before we can really enter into the resurrection life anointing. The level we die will be the level we walk in resurrection power. Jesus went under the water at the Jordan, and when he came up out of the water a clothing of the Spirit of God and power came on him. In 2Kings 2 we see Elisha tearing off
the old garment to put on the new mantle as he was willing to follow Elijah to the Jordan. Many of us that live in the west have become so selfish and spoiled by the luxurious living around us. We haven't been to the Jordan. Would you sell everything you own and move to a foreign land where you knew you would probably be martyred for your faith? A dead person will go even to the death for Christ. Have you laid down your life for the gospel? A person who is truly crucified with Christ will be a bold witness, because he doesn't care what others think of him. A dead person will be free in their worship for the same reason. The reason many Christians are powerless and don't have the power to raise the dead is because they haven't died to receive resurrection power. This power will raise both the spiritually dead and the physically dead. Now let's look at the spiritual power in water baptism.

1Corinthians 10:2 says concerning the children of Israel "They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and the sea." There was a water baptism Israel went through when they crossed the Red Sea. They were baptized in the Moses (a picture of Christ) through the passing of the Red Sea. The point I want to make in this is that the same waters that baptized Israel also closed behind them to separate them from Egypt which represents the world and our past sins. Also, the waters killed their pursuing enemies. So we see there is a separation from our past sins and a killing of our spiritual enemies when we obey the bible in getting water baptized! Even though you make heaven by the blood of Jesus only, there is a power in water baptism. John the Baptist was not doing something new. There were large containers of water at the temple that people would dip in for ceremonial cleansing. This is all through the Law of Moses. Dick Rueben said the best time to pray for someone to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit is right out of the waters of baptism. There seems to be an outward cleansing that prepares someone to receive a new level of anointing. John Kilpatrick said he has found that those that are water baptized are less likely to backslide. I just want to bring home the point that water baptism is part of the deep consecration. I always obey the Bible and water baptize all of my congregation. I make sure those that are delivered are water baptized. Let's make sure we are water baptized and if we have fallen away from Christ, we get water baptized again.

Now let's talk about the anointing. The anointing speaks of the Holy Spirit or the oil. The anointing is power from God on someone's life to do the works of Jesus in the earth. We need to be washed in the blood of Jesus and taking the Lord's Supper regularly. We must also be water baptized. Last, we need to be anointed. In the scriptures, the anointing always "set someone apart as holy unto God to be used of God for his purposes."

To anoint means to "rub in." The blood when applied is like a "no trespassing" sign. It causes something to become God's property. The anointing oil, on the other hand, sets something apart to be used by God. The anointing is a consecration and empowerment for service. So when we understand what we are doing, and why we are doing it, we do it with faith. When we do something with faith, tremendous power is made available. The anointing is a tangible substance of the Holy Spirit that can be transferred from one person to the next. The anointing can even be passed through clothes like we see in Acts 19:11-12. The oil itself, like communion juice, the bread, or baptismal waters is a dead substances by itself. It is when we use them by faith. The oil is only a substance used for the anointing of the Holy Spirit. We can anoint our homes and people to set them apart unto God for his purposes. Putting oil on someone's head or on the doorpost of a home is only an act of faith, God has to be the one to truly set someone or something apart as holy for his purposes. When someone is washed in the blood, water, and anointed, they are made holy in a powerful way unto God. This is a protection from satan's kingdom. In James 5:14 the anointing with oil is commanded to be used in church services. We must obey the Bible in these areas of taking the Lord's Supper, water baptism, and anointing with oil.

The last thing I want to talk about is tithing. This is another act of obedience that is vital. The scripture above in Malachi 3 shows how God views those that don't tithe. He says they are stealing from him and therefore are under a curse. This is the same today as it has always been. There are various reasons for God commanding us to tithe. Tithing is giving God the first ten percent of all you make before taxes are taken out. If you make a thousand dollars, you tithe 100 dollars. Some people say, "I can't afford to tithe." That is so foolish. The truth is, you can't afford not to tithe. If you will tithe the first ten percent, God will bless the other ninety percent so much, that it will go farther than the ten percent ever would have. The scriptures say, God will "rebuke the devourer" or protect from insects devouring our crops (our provision). Insects speak of things that eat up our finances. Those that tithe have very little devouring from satan going on. For example, their cars break down far less. There houses need less repairs. There are less accidents and visits to the hospital, etc... I think you get the idea. If we don't tithe into our local church we
attend, we are cursed and will suffer financially. Satan has a legal right to devour our finances. When we tithe, God commands satan "BACK OFF!" Like a lawn mower goes over grass and devours it only if the mower is running, God will turn off satan's engine so that he may pass your way, but he cannot devour your finances if you tithe. If we tithe God promises to open the heavens above us, pour out more than we need, and to bless us abundantly. There are two more reasons for tithing. God could drop gold in the backyards of churches to take care of them, but he chooses to use the tithe of the people. One reason is because, we need the love of money pulled out of us. Those that refuse to tithe, have a love of money problem which the Bible says is the root of all evil. In the end-times, the 666 mark of the antichrist will be to buy and sell. Those that love money will gladly give up Jesus to have the mark so they can have money and be able to buy and sell. God is trying to help people get over the love of money. Another reason for tithing is for the local church to be able to function without problems. There are electric, water, mortgage, insurance, and other bills to pay. God wants his church to function and be taken care of. We need to tithe! If you have not been tithing, ask God's forgiveness and begin on your next paycheck. You will see over the course of months a difference in the quality of your life. God's blessing will rest on you.

Jesus teaches us in Matthew 5 that when we pray, fast, and give. He didn't say if we pray, fast, and give. We are commanded to do all. There is a principal in scripture of 30, 60, and 100 fold returns or harvests (Matt 13). If I planted 100 seeds and only got 30 plants, obviously 70 other seeds did not bring forth fruit. If I only got 60 plants 40 of the plants didn't make it. What if I planted 100 seeds and got 100 plants. I would have reaped a hundred-fold harvest. I would have suffered no loss at all! When we live lifestyles of prayer, seasons of fasting, and consistent giving, we will constantly reap 100 fold spiritual harvests in our lives. If we only pray, we will only see a 30-fold harvest. If we pray and fast, we will see a 60-fold harvest, but if we pray, fast, and tithe, we will see 100-fold harvest in our lives. If we fully obey the Bible, we can live in the fullness of God's blessing on our lives. Let us learn the Bible and fully obey it.
The Fivefold Revelation of Jesus
Day 35

Matthew 3:11 ``Whenever you change your hearts, I immerse you in water. But there is one coming later who is more important than I am. I am not worthy to carry his shoes. He will immerse you in the Holy Spirit and in fire! (Simple English)

This was John the Baptist speaking, and he understood Christ and his incredible ministry. I want to take a moment here to talk about Jesus. He is so incredible. You must understand that he is God. He is just as much God as the Father or the Spirit. They are three, but they are one. It is a mystery that we will begin to understand throughout eternity.

Many people go chasing after ministries in an unhealthy way. I am the first to go where God is moving, and I want to be humble enough to ask for prayer for more of the Lord. There is always more than what we have, but I do not look to the man that God is using as being God. Make sure that you never put too much faith in a man. As incredible of a man of God that Benny Hinn is, if you go to get "healed by Benny Hinn," you will leave disappointed. Jesus is the healer, and Benny Hinn will be the first to tell you that in one of his meetings! Men and women of God are only vessels. We must keep our eyes on Jesus as the source of all we will ever need. He is all we will ever need. He may choose to use a person to bring his healing, deliverance, or power through them to you, but they are only men. We must keep our focus on Jesus and our relationship to him.

I say all that to say that the fivefold revelation of Jesus is: He is the **savior**, **healer**, **deliverer**, **baptizer in the Holy Spirit**, and **soon coming king**. This must be preached. I feel the Lord is calling me to proclaim Jesus in this way. As you have seen at the beginning of this book, we are all sinners that need a savior. Jesus is our savior. No one and nothing else can save you from your sin. Jesus is the only way to heaven! He is salvation. Keep a closed mind to any other gospel or teaching contrary to this!

1 Peter 2:24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. (NAS) Jesus paid for our sins to be forgiven and for us to live a holy life, but he also paid for our healing. It is important to understand that. At the whipping post, Jesus paid that all our disease and sickness can be healed. He alone can forgive sin and heal bodies. Satan is the one that brings sickness, wars, murder, rape, death, car wrecks, AIDS, abortions, lust, child molestation, cancer, hatred, racism, homosexuality, deception, and all kinds of evil. Jesus has come to set us free from the works of satan. Acts 10:38 "You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed by the devil; for God was with Him. (NAS) Jesus is our healer!

Galatians 3:13 But Christ has bought us out from under the doom of that impossible system by taking the curse for our wrongdoing upon himself. For it is written in the Scripture, "Anyone who is hanged on a tree is cursed" [as Jesus was hung upon a wooden cross]." (Living Bible) Jesus is also our great deliverer. Whatever you suffer from in the area of satanic bondage or torment, Jesus paid for your freedom on the cross as you can see in Galatians 3:13. Christ became cursed for us. He took our place. He paid for our freedom. He alone has the authority and power to destroy satan's works in our lives and set us free. Jesus is our deliverer!

Matthew 3:11 `Whenever you change your hearts, I immerse you in water. But there is one coming later who is more important than I am. I am not worthy to carry his shoes. He will immerse you in the Holy Spirit and in fire! (Simple English) Christ is also our baptizer in the Holy Spirit. We need this clothing of power in our lives. When we get saved, the Holy Spirit comes to live in our spirits and we are born again. We have God's forgiveness and fellowship, but when we are baptized in the Holy Spirit, we are clothed with power from on high. We become empowered to do the works of Jesus in the earth. We need this empowering from Jesus. He alone is the one that will baptize us in the Holy Spirit and with fire! Pursue this empowering in your life. We need tongues today. We need all the gifts of the Spirit at work in the churches today. The Bible says to earnestly desire spiritual gifts. We are supposed to earnestly desire these gifts and pursue them being at work in our lives. God has restored this gift back to the church. Let us pursue it in our lives. When we are baptized in the Holy Spirit, there should be tongues that come into our lives. We desperately need this prayer language. When we don't know how to pray, the Holy Spirit
will pray through us as we pray in tongues. Tongues makes us more sensitive to the Lord as we pray in them. Also, we are strengthened when we pray in tongues, and they bring revelation from the Lord as they are interpreted. Tongues and all the gifts of the Spirit are vital for today. We need them and must pursue them! Don't take the gifts of the Spirit lightly. Don't take the baptism in the Holy Spirit lightly. This is very important for us today. Jesus said, Acts 1:8 "However, when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will receive power. You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all of Judea, in Samaria, and to the farthest parts of the world." (Simple English) If we want to be effective witnesses, we must have power from the Lord.

Revelation 11:15 The seventh angel sounded his trumpet. There were loud voices in heaven. They said, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ. He will rule forever and ever!" (Simple English) The Lord Jesus is coming back to take over this evil world's system. The Lord will take it back from satan and make it once again the beautiful paradise God originally created it to be.

Let's be with Jesus in this coming paradise. The Bible says in Matthew 24:13 "But the person who endures until the end will be saved." (Simple English) Let's follow Jesus faithfully to the end. Let's keep living holy and endure to the end. I don't want to fall away from the Lord! The Lord is wanting us to be with him in the paradise. So let's stay in church and obeying the Bible. I feel the concern of the Lord right now as I write this. The Bible says many will fall away in the end-times and many will be deceived. Please stay close to Jesus in prayer, know the Bible for yourself, and stay on fire for God. I want to see you in heaven one day. Don't fall away. Let's keep our eyes on Jesus. He should be our focus. He is all we will ever need. Let us walk humbly before him, for he deserves all our worship and love.

Acts 20:29-32 "I know that after I leave, some men will come into your group. They will be like vicious wolves, trying to destroy the flock. Also, men from your own group will begin to teach things which are wrong, leading some followers away from the truth. So be alert! Always remember: I was with you for three years. During this time, I never stopped warning each one of you. I taught you night and day. I often cried over you. Now I am giving you to God." (Simple English)

There have been throughout history people that have tried to lead astray the people of God through lies, false teaching, and false prophetic utterances. This is nothing new. We must keep a sincere faith in Jesus as God in the flesh, the cross was the only payment for sin, and the Bible is God's only holy word. Satan will try to bring great deception in these areas. We must guard against this.

In Acts 20:29-32 listed above, Paul was warning the church in Ephesus to watch out for these deceivers. We must be alert and know our God and know his word. Don't fall for the lies of satan. Our only true safe guards are to have a strong prayer life, know the Holy Spirit intimately, know the Bible for ourselves, and look for the right fruit in those we are following. Let's be careful to test all things and hold onto what is of God. Get in a powerful on-fire church and stay there!
A word to teen-agers

As I have worked with teen-agers for years, I have seen a few areas that has made many fall. I want to give some quick advice to young people. There are three areas I have seen many fall away from the Lord and they are: sex, wrong friends, and music. To avoid the sex, I would avoid dating all together (although not all will listen to me here I know). Simply pray for your future spouse to be ready for you and you for them, and then trust God to bring them to you in his timing. When God does bring you your future spouse, don't be alone with them and fall into sin. Spend time together in public places before you are married. This takes away much of the temptation. Also, you need to be selective about your friends. Only hang around on-fire Christians. They will be a strength to you, and you will be to them. Last, you will have to give up the music and entertainment of the world to live fully for Christ. Satan rules that area of the world powerfully. That means throw away the filth and keep it out of your life.

There is some Christian rock that is awesome and will be good for you to listen too instead of the filth of the world. I wanted to put this word in here for teen-agers. It is a hard time in history to grow up in, but if you will stay in revival and give up sin, God will keep you. I know what I am about to say will seem "out there" to you, but listen to me anyway. Evil spirits can attach to music, art, objects, certain jewelry, etc...so be careful about what you allow in your life. Look up this website to see the different occult symbols out there so you can avoid them:

http://www.crossroad.to/articles2/2002carl-teichrib/8owl.htm

I said that to say this. Get involved in an on fire youth group and stay in the fires of revival. Chase after Jesus with all your heart. Completely sell out to him. Our website at www.FNIrevival.com is loaded with materials that can help you. God bless,
Pastor Scott
Last Words

The one thing that will mark the end times will be deception. In Matthew 24:4 Jesus states, concerning the end times, "see to it that no one deceives you." In reading all the predictions in the New Testament about the end-times, the word "deception" is used a lot. I believe this will be one of the greatest dangers of the end-times. Deception is in every form of government, society, and even the church. We must guard ourselves against this great evil.

I haven't tried to make great predictions of what is going to happen in the near future in this book. Many great Bible teachers have fallen into the error of trying to read into Bible prophecy current things going on. God has given us a blue print, but the details will unfold in his timing. We can get insight into some relevant current events, but they will always be looking through a prophetic glass dimly (1 Corinthians 13:12). One of the greatest guards against deception will be humility. One who is humble is able to admit he is wrong, and he is also very teachable. Traditional views of the end-times have some holes in them. Many of our fathers in the faith have done a great job of laying a foundation, but could only see in the light given them during their day. We walk in a greater light today, and those who come after us will walk in a greater light than we do now. The Bible says the path of the righteous grows brighter and brighter. Also, Peter makes a prophetic statement when he says, "until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts." The closer we get to the Lord's coming, the greater the light of revelation will be. Therefore we need to be open to new revelation as long as it lines up with sound doctrine. We obviously must be very firmly rooted in sound doctrine. We must be walking in the present light we have been given without trying to see more than the Lord is showing us right now. This is a reason for many wrong views of prophetic scripture in history, and today. I heard a great Bible teacher I love and respect say, he is absolutely certain, that the antichrist will be Muslim. The way he was speaking would indicate that he believed Islam would be the world religion of the end-time world (Bible scholars call revived Rome). It seems to me he might be reading current events into Bible prophecy. Let me be clear that I am not saying he is wrong, but I am making a point that current events need to be evaluated but not read into scripture. Many believed Hitler was the antichrist. He was obviously not, even though there are similarities. I have met people who take a road of thinking, and even though it proves to be very wrong, will defend it to the death because of their pride. We must be humble to avoid being deceived today, and in the days to come. If we grow daily more and more humble and loving, we will be very wise. These are two of the greatest things we could ever do. True Christians should become more loving and humble daily. I pray that for myself everyday. I know I have a long way to go, but I am praying about it.

Also, I must state that we must keep the main thing, the main thing. So what is the main thing? The main thing is JESUS. He must be the center, foundation, and headship of our lives and ministries. I have listened to some ministers, that I love, go into such extremes in their teaching. I have especially seen this in the area of faith and prosperity teaching. I do believe in faith and prosperity, but there are major extremes in this teaching today. How do ministers get into error to the degree that any passage of the Bible has to do with money? I believe that many started with sincere hearts and balance, but their eyes got off Jesus and onto a truth. This is the reason for much of the wrong teaching in the body of Christ today. We must stay close to Jesus in prayer and keep our eyes on him. I believe focusing on a truth instead of the Lord of truth will bring extremes in teaching quicker than anything.

Even true prophetic experiences of dreams, visions, words of knowledge, etc... can lead to deception if doctrine is made from them. Doctrine is based on the scripture not experiences. If an experience ever contradicts scripture, it must be thrown away. Using experiences to create doctrine are how many cults have begun. I will give an example of what I mean of someone that took his eyes off Jesus and was led into deception. I had the honor of praying with a young man that was in satanism. He truly came to Christ and renounced satan. I tried to explain to him that he may have been a "big shot" in the world of satanism, but he was coming into peon status in Christ's kingdom. I also explained that the way to move into greatness in Christ's kingdom is by washing other's feet (servanthood and humility). Well, he started out well and was reading some incredible books by Rebecca Brown to help him. Her writings have changed many lives, and I highly recommend them. The only problem with the young man was he kept his focus on satan, and warfare, instead of Jesus. Consequently he got lifted up with pride and rebelled against leadership. His focus should have been on his relationship with Jesus, and being transformed into the image of Jesus. If we will keep that focus, we will be okay in the days to come. When we get our central focus on something else other than Jesus, deception will soon follow. This is where most of the extremes in teaching have come. Someone got over zealous about a truth and took his eyes off the Lord and
focused too much on that one truth instead of the Lord of truth. Remember we are transformed by beholding (keeping our focus on) the Lord’s glory (2Corinthians 3:18). Whatever we are beholding (looking at or focusing on), we will begin to be conformed to. The last thing we want to do is put our focus on satan, and what he is doing, thus being conformed to that. Let’s keep our focus on Jesus.

Great power, signs, wonders, and supernatural things from the Lord and from satan are coming. This can result in some of the greatest deceptions the world has ever known. This is one of the reasons I felt compelled to write this book. If we are not careful, we can make what the Lord is doing an idol. Revival, signs, and the miraculous can become an idol if we are not careful. Our worship must be to the Lord, not what he is doing. Many today in America completely deny anything supernatural. How foolish! Even among the Christian circles this is true. God is a supernatural God, and what he does will be supernatural. We must be open to that, and new things he is doing, while testing the spirits to make sure they are of God (1John 4:1). I believe there will be incredible angelic visitations, dreams, visions, being caught up into heaven, seeing miracles and power never seen even in the word of God, that is coming. Jesus said, greater works we will do than even he did! This day is upon us. We must be open to this, or we will miss God! But we must test the spirits to make sure it is not demonic. This will require discernment on an incredible level.

Walking in true discernment is not being suspicious of everything. We must learn that.

Many have missed revivals and great things God had for them because of suspicion and criticism. True discernment comes from walking very close to the Lord. I get up every morning and start my day with a couple of hours in prayer. I also have learned the word of God for myself, and I study it regularly. This is how we walk in discernment. If we are intimate with the Holy Spirit daily, knowing his voice and presence, we will certainly know when another spirit is present. Some Christians have gone to revival meetings that were of God and said “a strange spirit was there.” Well, the Holy Spirit was the one present, but they are so accustomed to the presence of religious demons, the Holy Spirit’s presence was strange to them.

Every time God has moved, there have been mighty critics that rose up and were used of satan to turn people from the move of God. These people caused many to go to hell and prevented many from receiving what God had for them. Be careful who you are following. Are the people you are following going after a move of God’s Spirit? Are they hungry for God? Do you see Jesus in them? Is the fruit of the Holy Spirit obvious in their lives? These are things that you need to ask, while not being critical of people that are imperfect. We are all a work in progress. If you sow grace and love to others, you will receive grace and love for yourself. This will take wisdom, discernment, and having the true heart of Jesus for people.

These are dangerous times to be a stumbling block to revival. A stumbling block are those that hinder others from receiving from God or getting right with God. God’s heart is for the harvest of souls getting saved, and it will take a mighty move of the Spirit to bring in the harvest. The last thing you want to be judged for is being a stumbling block to others! The days we are entering God will send his angels to remove stumbling blocks to his purposes (Matthew 13:39-42).

Looking at the fruit of people is so important in the days ahead. We must look for the true anointing on God’s servants. Those that are appointed by man, or have raised themselves up through politics, will lack the anointing. They will turn to manipulation, intimidation, and control in their leadership. This is witchcraft and must not be tolerated. There must be fruit in their ministry of people getting right with God, being healed, being delivered, being baptized in the Holy Spirit, and taught the true word of God with power. Another thing we must look for is not just the anointing, but character. The anointing is great, but if there is a lack of character, a fall will come! I will ask again, does the leadership live holy? Do you see the fruit of the Spirit in their lives? This is vital! If not, I would say you probably need to move on to where this is true. I certainly don’t want to ever write anything that would sow any discord in the body of Christ. Jesus
hates that (Proverbs 6:16). At the same time, leadership living holy and having the fruit of the Spirit is too important to overlook!

Those that are out of church will be likely to be connected into the body of the antichrist. If you are not in Christ’s body, you will be in the body of the world, which is the body of the antichrist. The greatest way to ensure not being marked by satan’s mark (666) is to have the mark of God spoken of in Revelation 7:1-3, which I believe is the anointing upon our foreheads. It is vital to be knitted in a local church somewhere and submitting to that authority. If you have been hurt, get over it and in church. I have been very hurt in church, but that is the way things are right now. We must shake it off and move on.

One thing I see is a transition in the Spirit. A parable to look at is in Luke 10:38-42. In this story, Martha was so caught up in serving the Lord that she neglected his presence and fellowship. Mary, on the other hand, sat at his feet while he was present. There will continue to be a great division that will get worse, among the Mary church that is going after Christ’s presence, and the Martha church that is about programs. I felt the Lord reveal to me that in the past he sent “hot coals” to dead churches from various revivals. These are those that had the wisdom and humility to go where God is moving and receive of the anointing. They became flames of fire that were sent to dead churches. The Lord was sending them hoping they would spark a fire for revival in that church. I felt the Lord impress me these days are over. Martha has had time to repent. These hot coals are being removed and gathered into prepared wineskins in their area where they are understood and accepted. I heard a prophecy that persecution will begin in America toward Christians in 2004. Praise God!!! Maybe this will wake up this sleeping giant! Persecution makes the church strong. I first thought that this persecution would come from the world and the media, etc… But after prayer I believe the main persecution will come from the Martha church. These religious Pharisees will be jealous of the power, fruit, and success in the Mary church and will violently persecute them. So we must be ready for this. Many in the body of Christ have so focused on the book of the Lord, they do not even know the Lord of the book. This must change! Knowing the scriptures is incredibly important, but we must draw close to Jesus and get to know him as well. My desire is to be closer to Jesus and more like him today than yesterday! I don’t want to just read about him! He is alive. I want to know him today.

Keep going after God! Don’t ever stop running after him. Stay on fire for God! Don’t lose your first love! The lukewarm will fall away in the days to come. We must get on fire and stay on fire! Go where God is moving and receive that fire and anointing in you!
Appendix

Cleansing, Blessing, dedicating home and land

This section is very inspired by the teachings of John Kilpatrick on the mystery and power of a blessing.

This section on cleansing, blessing, and dedicating property is intensely powerful. I have been so blessed to see such a revival and presence of God in my home. This will be an added level of protection to your dwelling place and help make it a dwelling place for God. This too can be copied and given to someone that is needing to see a cleansing of their home.

First, remove anything that has to do with the occult, connected to a false god, pornographic (or has nudity or sex), has ungodly violence in it, or if it has foul language (profanity or using God's name in vain). This will require going room by room, through boxes, drawers, attics, basements, garages, and every area of the home. This may take some time. Then you can proceed.

Walk completely around property line praying and applying the blood of Jesus by faith. Stop at corners and bury communion at each corner consecrating the land as God's property and drive a wooden stake (can write scriptures on it) with that communion at each corner. Last, pour out some anointing oil on the land separating it to be used for God's service. Try to end up in the back yard last so there won't be distractions. Now you can speak this over your property.

Opening Prayer of dedication

Lord, I now dedicate this land and home to you, Almighty God. May it be for the glory of God, our Father, from whom comes every good and perfect gift. We dedicate this land and home. To the honor of Jesus, his son, our Lord and Savior. May it be the praise of the Holy Spirit, the comforter, whose presence is welcome to Tabernacle here. To you, Holy Spirit, we also dedicate this property.

Blessing to speak

May the Lord bless you home, land, and vehicles to be a sanctuary of rest, renewal, and refreshing. May you be a haven of God's perfect peace and the manifest atmosphere of heaven. The Lord grant you to be a place of unity, harmony, and submission to authority. May the sounds of joy and laughter be heard in you as people continually love and enjoy each other in you. The Lord bless you to be a place of unconditional love and acceptance of one another and warm loving affection, as people love and appreciate what they have in each other in you.

The Lord bless you that there is a continual open heaven over you and continual showers of God's blessings and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that takes place in you. As you are dedicated for God's service, may you be fruitful for the kingdom of God--a place where many are born again and discipled in Christ. May you be a place where many are healed, delivered, the works of satan destroyed and replaced with the works of Christ. May many be baptized in the Holy Spirit in you and receive impartation from Jesus in you. May you be a place where the things of God are loved and honored and word of God honored and obeyed. May you be holy ground of praise, worship, prayer, and intercession that is in Spirit and truth, and may that which is evil be hated in you and kept from you. May you be a place of sweet rest and pleasant dreams.

In this place shall the direction and God's will be learned and revealed. May dreams and visions from God, and the gifts of the Spirit be in you bringing direction, revelation, and truth. Here may the inhabitants of this home, and their relatives, and friends enjoy supernatural peace and safety from all acts of violence, including break-ins, theft, fire, and storm. May they find sweet rest and sense the Lord's nearness.

Closing prayer

So Lord we have dedicated this dwelling to you and blessed it. We ask you to arise and enter into this house. Put your Holy Name in this place. Let you eyes be open toward it. Hear the supplication of this family. Establish the works of this family's hands. Let your angels envelope this dwelling with protection, peace, and bring the presence of God. Let this be a place that brings you glory. Let people's prayer lives and times in the word be rich and powerful in this place--filled with the atmosphere of heaven and sweet fellowship of the Holy Spirit. We thank you for hearing and answering us now, in Jesus name, Amen.
Anointing and Blessing home interior

**Entrance of the Home:** Place the blood of Jesus (fruit of the vine) on the front door posts and top of door posts, symbolizing the Blood of the passover lamb, Jesus.

Then speak this: I pronounce that the __________ family are overcomers by the Blood of the Lamb of God and the word of their testimony. I speak that this home will have a hedge of protection around it, no curse can rest on it, and that satanic forces will have to pass over it not bringing any harm to it or those in it, in Jesus' name.

**Anoint door posts of rooms:**

_KJV version of the Bible used here in this section_

1. **In bedrooms:** I speak blessings of restful sleep and pleasant dreams according to Psalm 3:5 "I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord sustained me." Psalm 4:8 "I will both lie down in peace and sleep, for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety."
2. **In bathrooms:** May the Lord bless you with health according to Exodus 15:26 "You will diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in his sight, give ear to his word, he will put none of the diseases on you which he brought on the Egyptians for I am the Lord thy God that healeth thee."
3. **In Kitchen:** I bless you with pleasant conversation and God's presence. May god give you provision and strength for the word of God says, Exodus 23:25 "So shall you serve the Lord your God and he will bless your bread and your water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of you."
4. **In the living room and den:** Joshua 24:15 "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." May the Lord bless you rooms that singing and praise, and talking of God's goodness and faithfulness be often heard in this room."
5. **In the entry and hall:** God said, He will bless your going out and your coming in and that if we acknowledge him in all our ways, he will direct our paths. May the going from you and coming in be in peace and safety.
6. **Anoint vehicles:** Psalm 91:10 "No disaster will come near you, and no plague or disaster near your dwelling." May the Lord keep you from any wrecks, vandalism, theft, or any harm ever coming near you. May you be a place of pleasant conversations, anointed prayer times, learning the word of God, and spiritual growth. May the angels of the Lord always be with you to take you safely from destination to destination. I bless you in Jesus' name.
7. **Anoint check book representing your finances:** Proverbs 10:22 "It is the blessing of the Lord that makes rich, And He adds no sorrow to it." May the Lord rebuke the devourer from you, open the heavens above you, and give you great prosperity and abundance for we are tithers. May raises and bonuses and increase come to you and satanic forces never be able to steal from you. I bless you in Jesus' name.
8. **Anoint animals:** Psalms 24:1 "The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains, The world, and those who dwell in it." May the Lord bless you with long healthy lives and all to go well with you. May you have favor and be a joy to us. The Lord set you apart unto him as holy so nothing evil can touch you. I bless you in Jesus' name.

**Closing prayer**

So Lord we dedicate all we have unto you and ask you to set it apart as holy unto you and release your angels to watch over it and protect it. Position mighty warring angels on the corners of our property and around our beds at night. Let no evil come near us. Seal off our families and all we own in the protection of your blood. Thank you for hearing these prayers and blessings and honoring them. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.
Blessings to Speak
(tremendously influenced by teachings of John Kilpatrick)

Parental Blessing

(To be spoken over children)
May the Lord bless you with:
The Blessings given to Abraham and every spiritual blessing in Christ
May every promise of God be yours
The Lord bless you with exaltation and promotion
Ability, creativity
The power to gain wealth
Prosperity and abundance
A healthy and long life
Reproductiveness and healthy children
Favor with God and favor with man
Victory over enemies
Angelic protection and supernatural intervention to protect
Assurance of God’s love and grace
Clear direction and leading of the Holy Spirit in all things
controlled and disciplined life
Courage, Faith
Spiritual perception of God’s truths
A godly, virtuous, and gracious spouse; and a blessed marriage
Works of your hands be blessed
Happiness, Fulfillment, Contentment, Hope, and Peace
A good outlook on life, and a listening ear to God
An obedient heart to God’s Spirit and his word
Blessed healthy children that love and serve Christ
May you enjoy your children and they be a joy to you
A pleasant personality, pleasant speech, protection, provision
Safety, strength, success, trust, wisdom
Goodness and mercy to follow you all your days
May you dwell in the house of the Lord forever

Congregational Blessing
(from a Pastor over Church)

In the Name of Jesus Christ, the Lord bless you with the blessings given to Abraham, every spiritual blessing in Christ and the promises of God which are Yes and Amen.

The Holy Spirit make you healthy and strong in body, mind, and spirit to move in faith and expectancy.

God's angels be with you to protect and keep you.

Be blessed with supernatural strength to turn your eyes from foolish, worthless and evil things, instead may you behold the beauty of the things that God has planned for you as you obey His word.
I bless your ears to hear the lovely and uplifting and encouraging and to shut out the demeaning and negative.

May your feet walk in holiness and your steps to be ordered of the Lord.

Your hands to be tender helping hands to those in need, hands that bless.

The Lord bless you with a humble and teachable spirits and your hearts to be humble and receptive to one another and to the things of God but not the world.

May your mind to be strong, disciplined, balanced and faith filled.

God's grace be upon your home that it may be a sanctuary of rest and renewal. A haven of peace where sounds of joy and laughter grace its walls. Where love and unconditional acceptance of one another is consistent.

The Lord give you success and prosperity in your business and places of labor as you obey the Bible concerning the tithes and offerings.

God give you spiritual strength to overcome the evil one and avoid temptation, overcome satan's deceptions, and the accuser of the brethren in all things.

God's grace be upon you to fulfill your dreams and visions.

Goodness and mercy follow you all the days of your long life.

The Lord bless you with an ever increasing, perpetual revival. May your heart be ablaze white hot in love with Jesus and he be your everything. May you have a passion and hunger and thirst for the things of God, and a godly hatred for what is evil.

Therefore in your lying down and in your rising, your going out and coming in, whether in the city or in the country, the Lord bless you and keep and protect you from any harm coming near you. The Lord continually make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you his rest and peace.

I BLESS YOU IN JESUS' NAME.

Departure Blessing
(sending someone with your blessing)

As you go out, may the Lord bless you to live a godly Christian life

The Lord bless you with a hunger and thirst for righteousness and a godly hatred for the things of the world, the flesh, and the devil

The Lord supernaturally protect you by a hedge of protection, a wall of fire, a shielding of God's power, and angel's encamping round about you, your family, and dwelling from this day forward- and in the same way may God's glory be your defense
May you continue in your first love and your passion for Christ grow and the Lord cause your prayer life to be rich and powerful

The Lord grant you depth and revelation out of his word

May discipline to read the word and pray consistently be yours

The Lord grant you an ever increasing perpetual revival in Jesus’ name

The Lord go before you and make your way smooth. May Satan’s plans for your life be cancelled and the plans of God be firmly established

May relationships that are not of God be removed and blocked from coming into your life. The Lord provide you with a church home and family. May you be given godly Christian friends that will be a strength to you and your character.

Righteous judgment and wisdom in all things be yours

The Lord make you strong in him and his mighty power. Be more than a conqueror, an overcomer, led in triumphal procession, and may you walk in the fullness of the freedom and victory purchased for you at the cross

The Lord give you supernatural strength to overcome temptation, any deception of the enemy, and the accuser of the brethren in all things

The fragrance of the knowledge of Christ spread through you wherever you go, and the Lord give you the grace to be the bold witness God desires you to be for him

May the Spirit of God be upon you in power from this day forward to guide, empower, strengthen, protect, and fill you daily

May you apply all you have learned in the Lord, and he be your strength, shield, and great reward

The blessings given to Abraham and every spiritual blessing in Christ be yours

The promises of God which are yes and amen be yours

The Lord bless and keep you in all your ways. May he cause his face to always shine upon you, and He be gracious unto you. May he give you continual rest and peace. I bless you now in Jesus’ name.

**Ministerial Blessing**

(To speak over a spiritual son or daughter)

The Lord, the God of Israel bless you abundantly. May you be blessed in your going out and your coming in, at all times, whether in the city or the country. May blessings upon blessings shower down upon you, your ministry, and works of your hands like continual showers of rain.

May you be protected from your enemies, and all who would seek to do you harm.
The Lord make your enemies your footstool, cause you to posses the gates of your enemies, make the enemies that come at you in one direction flee before you in seven, and make your enemies fall by the sword before you.

The Lord cause his face to shine upon you, look upon you with his favor, make your life and ministry fruitful, and greatly bless the works of your hands. The Lord be gracious unto you, lift up his contenance toward you, and give you his peace.

May all you set your hands to do prosper before you, and everywhere the soles of your feet tread be given unto you.

May you tread upon snakes and scorpions, overcome all the power of the enemy, and nothing harm you.

The Lord encamp his angels round about you, and protect you on every side. May his warring angels fight with you and on your behalf. May you be given rest, and the Lord grant you his peace.
The Lord bless your ministry to facilitate the last day move of his Spirit, and the Lord keep you in a continual flow of what he is doing.

May the Lord supernaturally bless your ministry to be successful, fruitful, and productive. May many souls from the four corners of the earth come to know Christ and be discipled through your life and ministry.

The Lord use you to disciple the nations and help fulfill the great commission.

The healing power of God flow through you in Jesus name. May the broken hearted be bound up, the lame walk, the mute speak, and the blind see. Let miracles and healings follow your ministry. May the Lord use you to set the oppressed free. Deliverance follow this ministry and Satan’s works be replaced by the works of Christ through you.

Let revival flow through you and your ministry to the ends of the earth. May the river of God flow through you, his winds blow, his fire consume, and his rain saturate those whom God sends you to. May many be baptized in the Holy Spirit and fire through you.

May depth of insight be yours. The Lord bless you with the Spirit of wisdom and revelation into the mysteries and secrets of life. May the eyes of your heart be flooded with the light of God’s truth to know and understand the hope to which he has called you and the riches of his glorious inheritance he has for his saints.

May your study time always prepare you to teach and instruct the lambs and sheep of God. To preach the gospel of good tidings to the meek, the poor and the afflicted, to bind up and heal the broken hearted and set the captives free. May the Spirit of God be upon you in power in all you do for Christ.

The Lord bless your wife to be virtuous and gracious in every way, for a godly woman wins honor and is a crowning joy to her husband.

May you love and enjoy your children. The Lord bless your family with a calm undisturbed heart and mind, for they are the health and life of the body.

The Lord grant you out of the rich treasure of his glory to be strengthened and reinforced with mighty power in your inner-man by the Holy Spirit indwelling your innermost being and personality.
May the Lord bless you and your ministry abundantly and through you be a blessing to the nations- even to the ends of the earth.

I bless you and your ministry now in Jesus name!

**Wedding Blessing**
*(Father's, grandfather's, or uncle's can speak at wedding over the bride and groom)*

May your home together be a sanctuary of rest and renewal.

May your home be a haven of peace, where sounds of joy and laughter grace its walls, and love and unconditional acceptance of one another is consistent.

May you as a family enjoy health and long life. May your relationships with one another bring you great joy. The Lord grant your life to be filled with true friends that are from God.

May you love and enjoy your children and they bring you honor.

May you live in exaltation and promotion and prosper financially as the Lord makes you the head and not the tail- the top and not the bottom. The Lord give you the power to gain wealth, and grant you abundance of all things, so that you can be a blessing to others.

The Lord grant you favor with God and favor with man. May you minister together be in perfect harmony as God powerfully uses you. I speak over you that you be successful and very fruitful in ministry, and fulfill all God has called you to. May you walk in victory over your enemies as they flee before you.

The Lord cause your prayer lives, and time in the word, to be rich and powerful, so that you can minister effectively. The Lord prepare you to teach and instruct the lambs and sheep of God. To preach the gospel of good news to the meek, the poor, and the afflicted, to bind up and heal the broken hearted, and set the captives free.

The Lord grant that the Spirit of God be upon you in power in all you do for Christ.

May your ministry be a blessing to every nation, tribe, and tongue- even to the ends of the earth. The Lord bring salvation, healing, deliverance, and spiritual refreshing through your ministry together in an awesome way.

The Lord give you calm undisturbed hearts and minds as a family, for the family is the health and life of the body of Christ.

**Youth Blessing**
*(Youth pastor or parents to speak over young people)*

May the blessings given to Abraham, every spiritual blessing in Christ, and the promises of God be yours and you continually walk in them.

May God's grace be upon you to live holy lives that demand respect and bring honor to your family name, and unto Jesus.

May your lives be filled with you making godly wise decisions based on the leading of the Holy Spirit, the word of God, and wise counsel that is from God. May you have the wisdom to reject foolish counsel and embrace the wise that is from God.
May you reach your highest purposes, full potential, and maximum level of fruitfulness Jesus has for you in life and the ministry God has called you to.

May all that satan's kingdom has planned for your life be blocked and unable to take place, but all God has planned for your life take place and become established.

May you continually walk in the fullness of the freedom and victory purchased for you by Jesus at the cross, and your feet guided into your destiny.

I bless you to have godly virtuous spouses from the Lord, blessed wonderful marriages, and healthy children you love and enjoy. May your children be raised in the ways of God, and in turn grown up godly, and bring honor to your family name.

May the blessings of prosperity, health, and long life be yours.

May you live in a continually revival, and your prayer lives be filled with the atmosphere of heaven and sweet fellowship with the Holy Spirit. I speak over you that God give you depth and understanding out of his word and establish you in sound doctrine.

May the angels of the Lord be continually with you to protect you, minister to you, strengthen you, and fight with you in battle as God gives you swift victories.

The Lord bless you that any weakness in your life become a strength in Christ. May you become more healthy and strong: physically, mentally, emotionally, spiritually, and socially every day.

May you have humble teachable hearts toward God, the things of God, and the people of God. May you come forth victorious, keeping your integrity, when the Lord brings you through testing and trials.....may this result in you being like Job....blessed with twice as much as you had before. And I speak over you that anything satan has ever stolen from you, be restored back unto you seven times over.

May every area and detail of your life be blessed of the Lord. I bless you now in Jesus' name.

Blessing for Men
(A leader to speak this over men)
Most of this by: John Kilpatrick

In the Name of Jesus Christ, I bless you with the heart of David. That worship would flow from your spirit to the very throne of God, that your passion would be to touch God’s heart, and that God’s desires become your desires. That you yourself would become a man after God’s own heart.

I bless you with the wisdom of Solomon. That your business be fair and your judgments be just. That you are blessed with an inherent knowledge of what is right, and that you prosper because of the wisdom given you.

I bless you with the mind of Christ. That Love would flow from your lips and compassion be seen in all you do, so that anyone who comes in contact with you feels the love of Christ in you. That truth will be your standard in all things, and righteousness will be your path. That because of your Christ-likeness, your home will be a haven of peace and a center of spiritual growth.

I bless you with a Warrior Spirit. That you possess the God given Spiritual authority in your homes and that evil will not be able to take any ground from you and must relinquish any ground it has taken. This means any unsaved family members or friends or any that have strayed from God and are not living on-fire for him. I bless you that as you walk in truth and righteousness, with the Mind of Christ and under the powerful anointing of the Holy Spirit, that what you proclaim in the heavens will come to pass. That the gates of hell will not prevail against you and that you will experience a breakthrough as you have never known before.

I bless you that your ministry will be very successful in every way. I speak over you that any area that needs to be changed or removed from your life or ministry to make your ministry successful be done so
quickly so that you can be successful and fruitful in ministry. May the Lord bless you to reach your highest purposes, full potential, and maximum level of fruitfulness in life and ministry and that success does not have a negative influence on your life, family, or ministry in any way.
60 Sins that bring a curse
(From Spiritual Warfare by: Richard Ing)

It would be wise to go through these and pray over them confessing your sins and the sins of your ancestors.

1. Those who curse or mistreat Jews (Gen 12:3, Num 24:9)
2. Against willing deceivers (those who lie to or deceive others) (Josh 9:22-23, Jer 48:10, Gen 27:12)
3. On adulterous women (Num 5:27)
4. Disobedience to the Lord’s commandments (Deut 11:28, Dan 9:11, Jer 11:3)
5. Idolatry (Jer 44:8, Deut 29:18-20, Exod 20:5, Deut 5:8-9)
6. Those who keep or own cursed objects (Deut 7:25, Josh 6:18)
7. Refusing to come to the Lord’s help (Judges 5:23)
8. House of the wicked (Prov 3:33)
9. Refusing to give to the poor (Prov 28:27)
10. The earth, because of man’s disobedience (Isaiah 24:5-6)
11. Jerusalem is a curse to all nations if Jews rebel against God (Jer 26:4-6)
12. Thieves and those who swear falsely by the Lord’s name (Zech 5:4)
13. Ministers who fail to give the glory to God (Mal 2:1-2)
14. Those who rob God of tithes and offerings (Mal 3:8-9)
15. Those who hearken unto (listen to) their wives instead of God (Gen 3:17)
16. Those who dishonor their parents (Deut 27:16)
17. Those who create graven images (make idols) (Deut 27:15)
18. Those who willfully cheat people out of their properties (Deut 27:17)
19. Those who take advantage of blind people (Deut 27:18)
20. Those who oppress strangers, widows, or fatherless (Deut 27:19, Exod 22:22-24)
21. He who lies with (has sex with) his father’s wife (Deut 27:20)
22. He who lies with (has sex with) any animal (Deut 27:21, Exodus 22:19)
23. He who lies with (has sex with) his sister (incest) (Deut 27:22)
24. Those who smite (punch or hit) their neighbors secretly (Deut 27:24)
26. The proud (Ps 119:21)
27. Those who trust in man (or the flesh) and not in the Lord (Jer 17:5)
28. Those who do the work of the Lord deceitfully (Jer 48:10)
29. Those who keep back the sword from blood (Jer 48:10, 1Kings 20:35-42)
30. Those who reward evil for good (Prov 17:13)
31. Illegitimate children (for 10 generations) (Deut 23:2)
32. Murderers (Exod 21:12)
33. Those who murder deliberately (Exod 21:14)
34. Children who strike (punch or hit) their parents (Exod 21:15)
35. Kidnappers (Exod 21:16, Deut 24:7)
36. Those who curse their parents (Exod 21:17)
37. Those who cause the unborn to die (abortions) (Exod 21:22-23)
38. Those who do not prevent death (Ex 21:29)
39. Those who practice witchcraft (Exod 22:18)
40. Those who sacrifice to (worship) false gods (Exod 22:20)
41. Those who attempt to turn anyone away from the Lord (Deut 13:6-18)
42. Those who follow horoscopes (astrology) (Deut 17:2-5)
43. Those who rebel against pastors and leaders (Deut 17:12)
45. False prophets (Deut 18:19-22)
46. Women who do not keep their virginity until married (Deut 22:13-21)
47. Parents who do not discipline their children, but honor them above God (1Sam 2:27-36)
48. Those who curse their rulers (speak evil against leaders presidents etc... or spiritual leaders like pastors) (Exod 22:28, 1Kings 2:8-9)
49. Those who teach rebellion against the Lord (Jer 28:16-17)
50. Those who refuse to warn sinners (Ezek 3:18-21)
51. Those who defile the Sabbath (Exod 31:14, Num 15:32-36)
52. Those who sacrifice human beings (Lev 20:2)
53. Those that participate in seances and fortune-telling (Lev 20:6)
54. Those involved in homosexual and lesbian relationships (Lev 20:13)
55. Necromancers (those who talk to the dead) and fortune tellers (Lev 20:27)
56. Those who blaspheme the Lord's name (Lev 24:15-16)
57. Those who are carnally minded (Rom 8:6)
58. Those who practice sodomy (anal sex) (Gen 19:5-15, 24-25)
59. Rebellious children ((Deut 21:18-21)
60. Those who tolerate a Jezebel spirit (Revelation 2:20-23)
(Taken from Spiritual Warfare pgs.73-76 By Richard Ing)
Leadership Criteria

(This is a copy of what I use)

To be in any leadership position within River of Life Church you must sign and do your best to live up to the standards set below. Leadership positions would include:

- Praise and worship musician or singer
- Teachers or cell leaders
- Sound, audio, or video technicians
- Altar workers (those that will pray with or lay hands on others)
- Any staff or sponsor position of any kind
- Greeters, security, or workers

If you feel God is calling you to a position, it will be up to the pastor to appoint you as the Holy Spirit should lead. This will also have to do with God’s timing for you based on if you are ready yet for a position of leadership. Any person in a leadership position is able to be removed if unrepentant sin is in their life, or if they are rebellious toward leadership. Please read the criteria for leadership below. Also sign the packet below if you are able to commit to the standards of this ministry. This will be reviewed and an interview with the pastor will be scheduled.

Criteria for Leaders

Holiness of lifestyle is expected!!!

1. Sexual purity:
   a. Absolutely no sexual activity with anyone that is not your spouse
   b. Absolutely no participation in pornography or lust
   c. You will not dress or carry yourself in a way that would cause someone else to lust after you

2. A clean heart and clean mouth
   a. Commit to not use profanity
   b. Keeping your heart and mouth free from sexual impurity

3. If you have a job, you will commit to tithe

4. Absolutely no involvement with anything that has to do with the Occult
   a. Divination: Fortune telling, psychics, clairvoyants
   b. Reading palms, tarot cards, tea leaves, or crystal balls
   c. Participating in seances or talking to the dead in any way
   d. Yoga or meditation
   e. Reading horoscopes, astrology, astronomy, or Zodiac
   f. Reading, owning, or wearing materials that are related to Witchcraft
   g. Casting spells, curses, incantations, or participating in satanic rituals

5. Have nothing to do with other gods, religions, or secret societies (Freemasonry)

6. You will not drink alcoholic beverages, smoke or use tobacco products, or use any illegal drugs

7. Do not attend ungodly parties or club activity

8. Commit to only watch or listen to things that Jesus would regarding movies, television, or music
   a. Things free from nudity or sexual acts
   b. Things free from witchcraft and occult themes
   c. Things free from excessive or grotesque violence (like slasher movies)
   d. Things free from foul language and using God’s holy name in vain

9. You will have a good attitude and be fully submitted to leadership in all things: Remember this ministry is not about you or building your kingdom. It is about Jesus and building his. Things may not always go the way you like them to. You may not always agree with or understand everything. Trust leadership to move with God.
10. You will be faithful in Church attendance
   a. This is to the main services of this Church
   b. This includes all youth services
   c. You will also be required to attend leaders meetings and be on time

We expect excellence in all things for Christ. As a Christian you represent Christ. As a leader you represent Christ and this ministry. After reading this list you have to ask yourself if you are going 100% after Jesus. If you are not and want the things of the world let me remind you that "love of the world is hatred toward God (James 4:4)". There must be a standard among God’s people. If you can commit to live a holy life, and you feel God is calling you to be in leadership with Fire and Ice ministries, please sign and date below. You will then have an appointment to meet with the Pastor or leaders for an interview. Bring this with you to the interview.

Sign here: __________________________ Date: __________

Pastor’s signature of approval: ______________________
Memorizing Scriptures

I highly recommend you set yourself to memorize these scriptures below.


These are some suggestions to begin with. You can memorize many more if you want to. I bought a book of God's Promises and have used that to memorize scripture from. I like the New International Version of the Bible when it comes to scripture memory. You could also use the scriptures in the different days of this book to memorize. The point is to actually follow through doing it. It will change your life.