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## *Greetings!!*

During this holiday season, let us truly remember the “Reason for the Season.” I know this is a cliché that we hear every Christmas season, but this phrase stands true. Many people fall into serious debt and depression during Christmas. The expectation to give gifts has been drastically heightened by the retailing industry. Maybe we should change our view of this season and realize that we were the recipients of the greatest gift ever given, Jesus Christ. If you have nothing else to give to someone this season re-gift the greatest gift of all, the gift of eternal life it is free.

We are so excited for the great year that Divine Inspirations Magazine has had. The articles, sermons, and poems have been a blessing to many. In 2009, Divine Inspirations Magazine looks to serve our readers in an even greater way. We are planning to launch the magazine in print. Please look forward to the updates.

As always, we ask that you pass this publication to your family, friends, and acquaintances. Remember to visit our sister website [www.priscillahousenetwork.org](http://www.priscillahousenetwork.org) . We welcome your feedback and comments!

Be Blessed! Merry Christmas!

Qualita Pendergrass



*Evangelist Aleechia Pitts,  
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As a worship leader, I feel that our struggle is about worship. John 4:23-24 says, "But the hour cometh and now is when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." This is how the church should be approaching worship as part of our services. The hour is here, but the knowledge of it is not yet comprehended. Because he is the true God, God deserves and rightfully seeks true worshippers. The stress is not to be laid upon the place where we worship God, but upon the state of mind in which we worship him. He must be worshiped with the heart through the influence of the Holy Ghost at all times, not merely in form and it must be in TRUTH, when every purpose and passion of the heart and when every act of religious worship is guided and regulated by the Word of God.

If we do not worship God, who is a spirit, in the spirit, we neither give him the glory due his name, nor do we perform the act of worship, and cannot hope to obtain his favor and acceptance and so we miss worship. (Matthew 15:8-9)

Here is some weighty piece of information: A total change of dispensation is about to take over the church. God no longer wants carnal worship.

Paulean Ministries was founded based on my obedience to God's instructions. In 2006, God spoke to me and said that when 2007 comes, in the beginning of the year to register the ministry name (Paulean Ministries), which he had given me. Paulean Ministries is founded upon the teachings of Paul who was an Apostle of Jesus Christ. Paul's theology is concerned above all with redemption. This salvation taught by Paul is a physical redemption, which results in the deliverance of the whole person at Jesus' second coming.

The mission of Paulean Ministries is equipping (helping others recognize and nurture the spiritual gifts endowed by God and prepare the church to receive their ministry), empowering (to be confident representatives of Jesus Christ), and enabling people to stand for Christ, to serve by identifying and exercising their spiritual gifts among the body, to share by lifestyle example and a readiness to tell others about their faith. *\*A mission statement gives us focus but God gives us direction.\**



The goals of this ministry is to provide a spiritual pathway for growth and development. We are reaching beyond ourselves to a community and a world that needs to know Jesus Christ, establishing an on-going evangelistic effort. Paulean Ministries exist for the purpose of building the Kingdom of God.



First, homosexuality is addictive. Second, there is always a barrier of fear to seek help. I can remember the time that I wanted help, but was afraid of what people were going to think and how they would react knowing about my inward struggle. Keep in mind I was claiming salvation, but deliverance had not taken place yet in my life. One day I was in a church service and God allowed a prophetess to see what I was in. After she had given me The Word from the Lord, I immediately said within myself, "I got to get myself together. I can't keep coming to church and these people see what I'm in." God knew had he not sent someone my way I would not have reached out for help. Thanks be unto God who caused me to triumph.

I was a lesbian. The church benefited from me being a lesbian before I was called to be a pastor. "How?" you might ask, that in me Christ might show forth all longsuffering for a pattern to them which should in the future believe on him to life everlasting. I was transported from the bondage of lesbianism into Christian freedom at once. The bands of lesbianism were loosed instantaneously and opposition to this lifestyle took the place of opposition to the Gospel. God's providence fitly prepared me for the work of overthrowing all ideas of justifying lesbianism.

My testimony is much needed in the body of Christ. I've written a book entitled, "The Stronghold of Homosexuality" and share my testimony to minister to others (men and women) along the way and for those who do not believe that you can be set free from the spirit of homosexuality. (Purchase the book, "The Stronghold of Homosexuality" <http://www.lulu.com/content/3442737>) I count it a privilege as well as an honor that God has entrusted me to counsel and pray for and pray with those who have been oppressed and possessed by the spirit of homosexuality. I have exposed myself for the benefit of those who are struggling in this area.

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## *Pull Back The Curtain*

### *Exodus 25:22*



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“And behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom and the earth quake did quake and the rocks rent...” (**Matthew 27:51**)

Why was there a veil? It was there because the Old Testament person could not stand in the Glory of God.

What was the significance of the curtain in the temple being ripped in two when Jesus died? When Christ died that veil was ripped in two symbolizing that there is now free and total access into the presence of God for all regardless of their condition. The veil is torn and now you have free access to God.

Josephus (a first century historian) describes the curtain before the Court of Israel as a beautiful embroidered Babylonian tapestry, mystically depicting the earth, sea, and heavens that typified the universe. The second curtain hung before the unapproachable, inviolable, and invisible Holy of Holies, which was a cubicle some thirty feet square that the high priest entered once a year on the Day of Atonement.

If the veil is ripped then we need to get rid of this spiritual paranoia and the heavy-duty emphasis on works. The only requirement for access comes from the writings of James. “Draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you.” (**James 4:8**)

The veil was ripped, but before you know it, we get out our needle and thread and start sewing it back. Christ split the veil and then religion and people start sewing it up. For example:

“You can’t go into the Holy of Holies because you’ve not prayed for hours and hours.”

“You can’t go in there because you’re divorced.”

“You can’t go in there because you don’t pray in tongues.”

Individually people contribute to this problem by coming to church with their sacrifices, but only as an outward act. Many who make sacrifices leave the church unchanged and unwilling to make their daily life conform to the Word of God.

Leaders also contribute to this problem by taking the Grace of God and turning it into a burden of law-keeping.

Jesus responded to this attitude when he told the Pharisees, “**But woe to you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites because you shut off the kingdom of heaven from men; for you do not enter in yourselves nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.**” (**Matthew 23:13**) Religion has kept millions of people throughout church history from what Christ did for them when he split the veil.

You don't change so that you can get in; you get in so that you can change.

We can have the assurance that “We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain where Jesus, who went before us has entered on our behalf.”

By tearing the curtain, God himself was showing us a wonderful reality. God wants you!



## *Daddy's Here*



Minister B. Michelle Horton

Deuteronomy 31:6 “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you.” (NIV)

A few months ago, my family and I took a trip on a cruise ship to Bermuda. I was so excited and blessed to be able to get away for vacation. I thought about the joy of spending time with my family and seeing the world from another vantage point.

Getting away from the routine duties of work, family obligations, cell phones, computers, etc., was what I longed for. I would miss some people, but to get away and relax was something I realized had become a necessity.

The trip started out wonderfully. We left Philadelphia, drove to Maryland, and boarded the ship on a crisp sunny day. We sailed away from the cares of things that would be waiting upon our return. It would be nice to spend time with my daughter, her husband, and my little granddaughter. I was about to see the world not just through my eyes, but through the eyes of a child who loves her parents.

My granddaughter has been consistent in her young years on this earth. She loves her parents and she wants to be with them more than with anybody else. Even me, her adoring grandmother!

As we began ever so slowly to sail away, we got into vacation mode. We ate things we wouldn't normally eat. We drank ice teas, juices, and sparkling water brought to us as we lounged by the poolside. This was the life! Just sitting around and being cared for and served. I could get used to this really quick, I thought. No bed to make up, no dishes to wash, no phone calls to make, no emails to respond to; just relaxing and resting.

Yet, as we slowly sailed away from shore and got deeper into the ocean, the tide changed. The boat began to rock and roll like a performance at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The sea beat the side of the boat. The ocean roared like a lion. The wind whipped wildly. We had to hold on to the handrails in the hallways in order not to topple over and fall.

It was a scary time. The dining rooms closed. The doorways to the outside of the boat were boarded shut. We were told to stay on the lower levels in order to be safe. You heard people saying that if they got off this boat, they would never take another cruise again-ever! You heard people talking about the Bermuda triangle and the truth behind the theories. It was a time of distress, anguish, and uncertainty.



Yet in the midst of all the chaos and confusion, my four year old granddaughter taught me an invaluable lesson I pray I will never forget. All along, during this time, she was calm. She giggled. She effortlessly played with her toys. She sang songs. She ran around as children do. She went about her life as she knew it. And although her eyes saw all that was happening there was always one thing that always held her gazed, her parents.

As long as she could see and/or hear her parents, she was fine. Although many of us had a grim, downcast, frightened look on our face, her face never did. Her mother was there. Her Daddy was there. And so was mine. Abba Father.

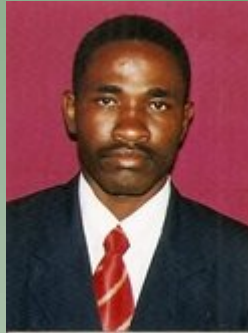
Days later, we left the ship, safe, unharmed, enlightened, and relieved. Daddy was with us in the storm and in the rain and in the sunshine that had returned. Not just in the sky, but in our hearts. I remember watching her watching her Father and being a child who knew as long as Daddy was there, she was safe, even in the storm and rain and hail and wind.

Will we yet be like the little children who don't know why, how or even when? Yet, know that as long as Daddy (Our Father who art in heaven) is here, right here, always here; we will always be alright.

Isaiah 43:1-3 "But now this is what the Lord says-He who created you... .He who formed you... Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you... For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior..."



## *What Should I Do When I Am Sick?*



Apostle Fredrick Indangasi

“Pastor what can I do? For six years I have spent all what I had and I am not healed—all forms of medication have failed. Is there any hope?” On my visit to Mombasa Hospital, a man who had lost his job on the medical grounds asked me this stunning question. A day does not go by without pastors, evangelists, apostles, prophets and even doctors coming across this stunning question.

Many unsatisfactory answers have been given up in response to this question. But the reality is that anybody who is sick needs healing. Does God really heal? If He does heal; then how? And why do people suffer with sickness. “What should I do when I am sick?”

It is a well-known fact that, when a good physician starts to work on a case, the first step is to find out, if possible, the cause of the sickness. Then he works to eliminate that cause. So it is the same when we come to God for healing. We find that He deals not so much with symptoms as with causes. It is important to know the causes of sickness.

Many people have lost confidence in God's promises to heal, failing to understand that there are conditions that must be met before healing can occur. They fail to understand the cause of the sickness and thus fail to receive their healing as per God's Will. Jesus pointed out some very specific reasons for sickness. By checking the Word, those who desire to be healed may understand the causes of sickness and seek solution as provided in the word of God. According to Jesus three sources of sickness will be labelled “Sin, Satan, and for God's glory.”

### **SICKNESS CAUSED BY SIN**

First of all Sickness can be a judgment of God upon a person's sin or it can be the result of a person's sin without the source being God. We will, however, be concentrating on the former of these points. God bringing sickness to someone is not a doctrine particularly in vogue today because of an unbalanced view of the Love of God. But, nevertheless, the concept here is a Scriptural one and worthy to be accepted fully, God visits sickness upon individuals and sometimes even entire nations as a response to committed sin that goes un-confessed. The perfect example is seen in John 5:14. There was a man who had been ill for 38 years and was healed by Jesus and had met up with Him a little later on. Jesus said to him “sin no more that nothing worse befall you.” The statement of Jesus is quite clear “sin no more” It implies that the cause of sickness was sin. Even if sin hadn't been related to what he'd been healed of, it's definite that Jesus was speaking of a worse condition that he may find himself in if he continued to live in “sin.” The intention of Jesus was to make the man realise that sickness cannot be attributed just too consequential forces, but that there's a definite correlation between what we do and what we receive in our own experience.

## SICKNESS CAUSED BY SATAN

The second cause of sickness we have labelled is Satan. Sickness can be a work of Satan in the form of a demonic or evil spirit that either oppresses or possesses the individual. So we read in Luke 13:10-17 that the woman who Jesus healed in the synagogue on the Sabbath had been bound for 18 years by Satan. Even though the way Jesus healed, the woman is not in keeping with the normal phenomena that occur at other times of demon expulsion. Jesus simply says "you are freed from your infirmity" and the woman was made whole. We could read more into this than we should but it certainly does appear as if this incident is about satanic oppression rather than possession or, even, about a work of the evil one at some point 18 years previous that had left its scars upon its victim. Whatever the exact reason for the infirmity, the source is definitely Satan and it is not tied up with anything that the woman did that was displeasing to God. Also in Mark 9:14-29 we are given a very classic case of demon possession where the evil spirit is manifesting the incapacity through a child in the form of epilepsy, but it should be noted that it does not follow all forms of epilepsy, but are the result of the presence of an evil spirit. This evil spirit had frequently caused the boy to collapse and to exhibit classic epileptic symptoms Mark 9:17-18, but Jesus commands the spirit to come out of him in Mark 9:25, which it obeys after demonstrating its hold one final time through the child as it leaves. This example is definitely possession.

## SICKNESS FOR GOD'S GLORY

For the third cause of sickness, it is good to consider what is recorded in the Gospel of John. As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind." The disciples ask Jesus a direct question knowing that Jesus had given answers concerning everything else that had troubled them to resolve the problem in their own minds. Neither this man nor his parents sinned. "Said Jesus, but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life" John 9:1-3. Sometimes people do suffer illness so that God's work must be displayed in their lives. Jesus stops short of saying that God has made him blind in order that He may heal him and ties down his incapacity to neither individual sin for he doesn't forgive the sin in order to bring healing to the man nor the work of Satan for he doesn't rebuke the demonic influence in order that he might receive the healing. The man is born blind simply because that is the way it happened, but God is going to get glory through the naturally occurring event because He is about to heal him. Jesus also perfected the reality of this cause in Bethany. The family of Lazarus had sent a message that he was sick requesting Jesus as a family friend to go and heal his friend. The tarring of Jesus for two more days and his statement in John 11:4 affirm this even more. Jesus said the sickness of Lazarus was not to end in death, but for the glory of God John 11:4.

In conclusion in finding an answer to the question: What can I do when I am sick? Firstly, the most important need is to identify the type of sickness that you are suffering from. Once you have identified the cause, follow Jesus' process of healing as in the Gospels. When Jesus encountered sickness that was a result of sin, He spoke forgiveness to the person as part of the healing process. In Mark 2:5-11, Jesus said two things to the paralytic who was being lowered in through the roof, both of which related to his illness. He said "your sins are forgiven" and "rise, take up your bed and walk" The forgiveness of his sins was a necessary first step in order that he might be healed because his sickness was sin-related. Once you realize that your sickness is sin related repent and ask Jesus to heal you.

Healing is just at your door step. When He encountered a demonic sickness or those who had been afflicted with sickness; He healed and rebuked the devil Luke 13:10, Mark 9:25. Likewise, In Christ, we have received authority - not just over Satan and his dominion, but over the entire



Creation - to be exercised in accordance with the will of God. There is no technique, only an authoritative word that removes the influence of Satan and brings healing into the situation. We have shown, I believe conclusively, that the three sources of sickness and incapacity have been dealt with by Christ in His work on the cross and through the resurrection and ascension into Heaven. I don't believe that there can be any doubt about what the Bible teaches us and, as you approach the Scriptures, you should be able to affirm that this is the sum total of the matter and the truth that will set you free from sickness.

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## *"Get Back Up & Stay Up!"*



Evangelist Debra Savage

1 Corinthians 10:13~

*"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."*

Satan wants to make us think that we are the only ones in the world that are going through temptations, trials, and tests. But the devil is a liar! Every believer (male or female) is tempted and tried at some point. Elias was a man of like passions, but he prayed fervently that there would be no rain, by the space of three and half years. WOW! can you imagine a man so powerful that He caused the heavens to lock up and not yield rain, Then command it to release rain again, and it did. Not only that, but the earth brought forth fruit again. This same prophet became so engulfed with the threats of Jezebel that he prayed for death. What are you trying to say Evangelist Debra? You are only as strong as your weakest link. There will be times in your life that you will be so on fire for God, that when people look on your very countenance, their lives will be transformed, because of the glory of God working in and through you. Then there will be times when you just simply "blow it." Friend of mine, don't get too caught up in your own strength, realize that you have the Strength of the Almighty, working in and through you. God wants us to have the mind of Christ, the ability of God, and the power of the Holy Ghost operating in us daily. A just man falleth seven times, but he gets back up. That is the point "he gets back up!"

No matter how much fasting, praying, reading, and church attendance we pursue, we will occasionally fall. But God! He is faithful and just and will always be there to lead us in the right direction, and to warn us of impending danger. God loves us, and our salvation was far too costly to throw us away whenever we miss the mark. Of course, we don't continue in sin, that grace will abound. But if you have fallen short of what God would have you to do or be, ask Him for forgiveness and get back in the race, and stay there. He is waiting with open arms to welcome you back to your rightful place. Remember: You cannot believe the lies of the devil. As the saints of old would say, "He is a liar, ain't no truth in him." When he speaks, he speaks of himself because he is the father of lies. The enemy accuses us before the Father, but Jesus is our Advocate, pleading our case both night and day. If you mess up, "Get back up & Stay Up." God loves you and I do too!

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## *The Fabulous Black Woman Speaks?*

### *Winter Hair Care*



Eddie

The winter is quickly approaching; which means a change of wardrobe, driving conditions and should mean a change in your hair care regimen. If you were lax in your hair care during the warmer months, you may have survived with minor damage, but if you do not take some serious precautions during the colder months, come Spring, you will definitely regret it. Because the winter months can wreak havoc on your hair, it's very important to choose low maintenance styles so that you do not have to comb or brush often. It's also a great idea to incorporate a routine that causes very little stress on your hair such as letting the hair air dry instead of blow drying it; finger combing the hair instead of using an actual comb; or if you do use a comb, use a wide tooth comb. Also, choose good moisturizing hair care products that do not contain mineral oil, paraffin, petrolatum, SLS or SLES, as all of these cause dryness.

The harsh cold and frosty winds can cause excessive dryness and dandruff, and if you don't retain or replenish the moisture in your hair, damage will soon follow. The best way to combat this is by protecting the hair. During the winter, I never leave out of my house without my hair being covered. I generally wear a satin or silk scarf under my winter hat to preserve the style as well as prevent direct contact with the harsh material most hats are made of.

In the winter, the air becomes extremely dry and harsh; inside and outside. In order to retain moisture in your hair during the day, it is good to use a humidifier to emit humidity in the air inside of your home or office. This will not only combat dry and brittle hair, but can help prevent or minimize dandruff.

Many women opt to wear protective styles during the winter. Protective styles are styles that guard the ends of the hair from the elements; buns, braid extensions, and weaves are a few protective styles to consider. Each of these styles are generally low maintenance, and if maintained properly will allow you to preserve as much of your hair as possible throughout the winter months.

If you choose to wear a bun, it is important to make sure that the hair is not pulled back too tightly, as this may cause stress on the hair line. It is also a good idea to take the bun down every night and lightly mist the ends (about the last 2 inches of hair) with a good moisturizing spray such as, Growth by Sweet Nature by Eddie; and then lock in the moisture with a heavy oil such as castor oil. This will leave the hair super soft, strong and moisturized in the morning.

Braid extensions are also a great choice for winter months. If you follow these simple tips, not only will you preserve your hair, but you will have much stronger, softer and healthier hair come



Spring. If you are going to use synthetic braiding hair such as yaki, kanekelon or other synthetic fibers, it is best if you soak the hair in apple cider vinegar and then rinse in cool water before getting your extensions put in. Synthetic braids come coated with a chemical that causes our hair to become dry; this will strip the chemical away. Another way to reduce dryness is by spraying the hair with a braid spray every day, again the Growth Spray by Sweet Nature is an excellent braid spray. You don't have to drench the hair; a fine mist throughout the extensions will suffice.

Weaves are considered protective only if they are sewn in and your own hair is corn rowed, out of harm's way. In this case, the only thing that is essential to retain moisture is to make sure that it is replenished on a regular basis. Depending on the quality of the weave, it is a good idea to run water through the hair regularly, followed with a good moisturizing spray.

Regardless of which protective style you chose to rock during the winter, it's important to make water your best friend; drink plenty of it and let it run through your hair often. You don't have to shampoo your hair every time you get it wet, but just letting water run through your hair will restore lost moisture. When I wear braid extensions, I let water run through my braid every other day; although I wash them only once a week. I also try to kick up my water intake to no less than sixty or so ounces a day.

The best way of all to combat winter damage is to be proactive. If you start out with your hair strong and healthy before the winter, it will be a lot easier to maintain and preserve during winter. Adopt a weekly routine of washing with a moisturizing shampoo void of SLS and SLES; a good deep conditioner, and good moisturizer that does not contain mineral oil, petrolatum, or paraffin, as these ingredients lead to dryness.



## *The Conclusion of the Matter*



Elder Mae Davis  
D.I.V.A.S

As we draw quickly to the close of the year, we remember the victories and the failures we have experienced. God has changed some things and has rearranged some situations and circumstances that may have impeded the successes of his children. If you have been paying attention, you would have probably noticed that the Lord has been pronouncing the need for us to commence to do things differently - a new thing ***“Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare:” (Isaiah 42:9 NIV)***. He had given us the opportunity to change our bad habits and our negative friendships and associations. He has ignited dreams and visions that have lain dormant in the recesses of our minds. Some of us have received prophecies that were spoken over our lives, but have not seen the manifestation of those prophetic utterances. God’s word says: ***“Believe in the Lord your God, so shall you be established; believe his prophet, so shall ye prosper, (II Chronicles 20:20 NIV)***.

So if God has chosen to drop a prophetic word from heaven over your life, my advice to you would be: ***HOLD ON AND DON’T LET GO UNTIL THE LORD BLESSES YOU!*** Jacob would not let go - so why should you- and he gave birth to a nation. ***(Genesis 32:36 NIV)*** The window of opportunity is still open for transformation and restoration. God is still looking for those who will become a willing sacrifice, holy and acceptable, with a renewed mind, ***“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable and perfect, will of God (Romans 12:1-2 KJV)***. As we move forward into the New Year, the Lord is going to bring conclusion to some of those things that have been concerning us. ***“The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me”: (Psalms 138:8 KJV)***.

The number nine represents closure [finality]; God is going to bring some finality and closure to some chapters in our lives. You have been sowing seeds and the fruit of your labor shall come forth. If you have exhibited the fruit of the spirit, all nine of the fruits will work together with the fruit (the spirit). There are nine fruit of the spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) and there are nine gifts of the Spirit ***(1 Corinthians 12:8-10 KJV)***, all of these will work together to place you in position for what God has for you in 2009. Preparation is the key. To prepare we must:

Increase prayer life – 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Reading and studying God’s word – 2 Timothy 2:15.

Endurance – 1 Corinthians 13:7

Giving God praise – Psalms 145:2

Becoming an ambassador for Christ – 2 Corinthian 5:20.

Resisting the devil – James 4:7.

Exercising your authority – Luke 9:1.

Believing God to establish you – 2 Chronicles 20:20

Declaring His works in your life – Psalms 73:48

**Note: See NIV for above scriptures.**

God is going to make good on all of his promises. You will reach your destination at the right time and your visions and dreams will be fulfilled. Your faith has brought you this far so keep the faith and continue to diligently seek him in everything you do — for there is a reward (**Hebrews 11:6 KJV**). Know that The Kingdom of God must advance and God is calling for those who will prepare the way for His second coming. Remember to watch as well as pray, for we know not the hour that the Son of man shall come. (**Matthew 24:36, 44 KJV**).

To all my beloved readers, thank you for your comments and your emails they have encouraged me to keep on writing what the Holy Spirit gives me. I am looking forward to the New Year and to seeing what God is going to do for all of us.

May God be a lamp unto your feet and a light unto your pathway and may the blessings of the Lord make you rich and add no sorrow to it. Luv ya real good! Merry Christmas and have a very prosperous New Year!

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## *Christ's Birth*



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Luke 2:8-20

Once again, the time of year is at hand when the celebration of Christ's birth is upon us. This celebration is called Christmas, which brings several questions to mind, will our celebration be as the heavenly host and shepherds abiding in the fields celebrated with joy or will we celebrate the date, the material gifts, and not the occasion? Will we celebrate with reverential praise for God fulfilling His promise to man by sending us a Savior?

Now that the above questions have been raised for the reader to supply his/her answers, let's look at how God fulfilled all aspects of His promise to humanity. First, He promises the Savior would come from the descendant of Abraham and David. Matthew 1:1-17 traces Christ's genealogy from His earthly father, Joseph's family to those two men thus giving Jesus the proper genealogy that qualified Him to be the Messiah (Genesis 12:3; 22:18; Galatians 3:16-2 Samuel 7:12-19). Luke 3:23-28 traces Jesus' lineage through the males in Mary's genealogy as she was from the lineage of David. The gospel writers attest to both Jesus' legal and biological right to be the Messiah. Second, we see the prophecy of Isaiah 7:14 being fulfilled when it states, "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a Virgin shall conceive, and bear a Son, and shall call his name Immanuel." The name Immanuel means "God with us." Another school of thought on the name "Immanuel"; it gives a deeper meaning to the person coming into God's world is His only begotten Son (John 3:16). Third, the prophecy of the Savior being born in a manger because Cesar Augustus issuing tax orders; Joseph and Mary being obedient made the journey to Bethlehem while there; Mary delivered her first born, Jesus Christ.

Now that we have looked at three prophecies being fulfilled, let us explore the importance of Jesus' virgin birth; the redeemer must possess the following qualities, (a) be

fully human, (b) be sinless, and (c) be fully divine; Jesus possessed all three qualities Hebrews 7:25-26). Let's further explore the requirements that the virgin birth satisfies, (1) in order for Jesus to be born human was to be born of a woman. Why, because in God's divine plan for giving birth, He equipped woman for this task. (2) For Jesus to remain sinless He must be conceived by the Holy Spirit (v20, Hebrews 4:15). (3) In order for Jesus to be divine was to have God as His Father. This gives rise to His supernatural conception, which Luke 1:35 states, "that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." Therefore, Jesus being both God and man give Him two natures—divine and human. This brings a question to mind, why were these requirements necessary? First, Jesus living as a human could sympathize with humanity's weaknesses (Hebrews 4:15-16). Second, Jesus as the divine Son of God possessed the power to deliver humanity from the bondage of sin and Satan's clutches (Acts 26:18; Colossians 2:15; Hebrews 2:14; 7:25). Third, Jesus being both divine and human it qualified Him to serve as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of the world. Fourth, Jesus as man's high priest intercedes for all humanity that comes to God through faith (Hebrew 2:9-18; 5:1-9; 7:24-28; 10:4-12).

Now that we have looked at some prophecies being fulfilled as they relate to the birth of Christ, and the reasons why He qualifies as the Messiah as well as the importance of His virgin birth, let us look at the worship services that took place because of His birth. There is the heavenly announcement by the angel of the Lord bringing the good news to the shepherd abiding in the fields tending their flock (sheep). Their statement was "Fear not: behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." Then the angels gave specific instructions on where to find the baby and what he would be wearing. While this angel was making the announcement, this angel was joined by a "multitude of heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, and good will towards men." These verses have special meaning in that the phrase "great joy" there is no other joy like that of the birth of the promised Savior and all men could rejoice in this celebrated event and what was coming next, and then the heavenly host singing praises to God the peace has finally come to earth. Jesus came to bring peace to all mankind and if the angels in heaven knew the baby Jesus was worthy of their praises, then what about you and me. Others who came to see and worship the baby Jesus were the wise men, who were led by a star from the east. If the angels in heaven can worship Jesus what does this say about man's worship of the Savior?

Closing this discussion, the birth of Christ is the most honored of events that have occurred in recorded history. This is because of who He is and what His birth means to

mankind. His mission was to bring salvation to all men, for this He is worthy of all praises and self scarifying worship.

Finally, take a reflective moment on what Christ's birth, the time mankind celebrates as Christmas really means. *Thank God, for sending Your Son on this celebrated day, therefore, let us celebrate this day in its truest meaning.*

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## *Do all Religions Worship the Same God; Just Under Different Names?*



Faith M. Thompson

Are all religions valid in that they worship the same God? Why is it that so many people make the statement, **"We all worship the same God but under different names?"**

Many religious belief systems with different tenets or doctrines around the world contradict the above statement. The statement is contradictory on its premise and violates the discipline of comparative religion. In terms of the deity and nature of a particular deity, the character, and attributes of a particular deity, the particular way a deity accepts worship and how individuals worship that deity, the revealed name of a deity and the concept of meaning of a particular deity. In fact, the statement in and of itself is not even logical.

Can the God of the Bible be worshiped under a different name? Many religious people say "yes" to the aforementioned question. If the answer to this question were an emphatic "yes," then it would be evident and perfectly clear in the scriptures that the Bible teaches such a belief. If a person is honest when he/she examines the Holy writ (The Bible), we will find that the bible does not teach that all religions worship the same God, just only under different names. Having said that, I invite you to read the propositions of Dr. R. A. Morey, to which I whole heartily agree, they are as follow:

1) The First Commandment says we are not to worship any other God than the one who has revealed Himself in the Bible (Exodus 20:3-4).

2) If all religions worshiped the same God under different names, there would be no idolatry, no false prophets, and no false religions. Yet, the Bible condemns all three. For examples, Jesus warned us about "false prophets" in Matthew 7:15. Yet, if all religions were true, there could be no "false" prophets.

3) Throughout biblical history, the worship of Baal, Molech or any other gods of the Fertile Crescent was not viewed as the worship of the God of Israel just under a different name. Any attempt to mix other gods with the God of Israel was condemned by the Prophets and the Apostles. For example, II Corinthians 6:14-17 condemns any attempt to mingle Christ and Baal as if they were the same deity.

4) According to Romans 1:18-25, all the gods of other religions were invented by those who rejected the light of natural revelation and created gods in their own image. *Thus, pagan religions are not the result of man's search for God, but the result of his running from God!*

5) The God of the Bible revealed the names by which he wishes to be addressed and worshiped (YHWH, Elohim, Adonai, Theos, Kurios, etc). The Jews were not allowed to make up their own names for God, but were limited to the revealed names.

6) Even though some people have speculated that the names of pagan gods such as, Baal may have come from the same basic Semitic linguistic root as Elohim, this does not linguistically, logically, or historically imply that the Jews ever thought that “Baal” was just another name for the God of Israel. While a linguistic root may imply a common deity. The prophets never viewed Baal as the God of Israel because of a shared linguistic stem.

7) When the Jews and Christians translated the biblical names for God into other Languages, they never use specific names for specific pagan deities. For example, The Septuagint did not use the Greek name “Zeus” or the Egyptian name “Ra” as a translation for the Hebrew “YHWH” as that would confuse pagan gods with the true God.

8) Jews and Christians used generic terms for deity as a translation for the names of God found in the Hebrew and Greek Bible. Thus, YHWH was translated as Theos and Kurios in the Septuagint and the New Testament.

9) The use of a generic term for “deity” in a foreign language translation of the Bible neither logically nor historically implies that the translator believed that the God of the Bible was synonymous with any god that was designated by the same generic terms. Thus, the use of Theos as a translation of Elohim did not logically imply that the Jews believed that Zeus or some other Greek god was the God of the Bible.

10) The fact that the Jews and Christians would translate the names of God into different Languages long after the Bible was completed does not logically imply that pagan gods who shared the same generic terms were viewed as being the God of the Bible.

11) In logic, a formal similarity in name does not imply a substantial agreement in concept. For example, all major pagan religions such as, Hinduism and cults such as Jehovah’s Witnesses and Mormons use the English word “God” when referring to the deity. Yet, while they use the same English word for deity that Christians use, they do not worship the Same God that Christians worship.

12) The God of the Bible is not a vague “thing” that can be defined any way you please. The true God has revealed prepositional facts about Himself in the Bible. For example, the God revealed in the Bible is a personal, infinite, and triune being of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and any concept of “God” that is less than that is not true according to the Bible.

Lastly, since all religions contradict each other on essential concepts such as God, man, sin and salvation, either one religion is true and all the others are false or they all are false. But they cannot logically all be true.

Conclusion, No matter how you look at it, the idea that all religions worship the same God just under different names is a very ignorant and foolish belief. It contradicts logic, history and the science of comparative religion. It is actually an insult to the major religions of this world, which have very carefully defined their concept of deity, so as to distinguish their god from all other gods. **Jesus is Lord!** Maranatha!..... Shalom!

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## *What's Blocking Your Fruit?*



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In Matthew 13: 5-9, Jesus told a parable of a barren fig tree. The English Standard Version of the Holy Bible states thus, “And he told this parable: A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

Initially, this parable perplexed me. The compassionate, loving Jesus I serve, it seemed, would have pity on the barren tree. Was it the tree’s fault that it didn’t/couldn’t make figs? Was it only valuable if it bore fruit? Couldn’t it be appreciated for the shade it provided and appreciated as a sanctuary for birds? Why would Jesus allow the poor barren fig tree to be cut down?

After considering the fate of the tree in this parable, the meaning became clearer. We are all fig trees, and the figs are our individual gifts. Jesus wants us to know He expects us to grow and use our gifts for the edification of the Body of Christ. He will allow us time to get help and correction, He understands our struggles, but when that time is up, we have to either bear fruit or get cut down. According to the parable, there is no compromise! So, it is time to get serious about bearing fruit, Saints!

As a Christian Therapist, I see my charge as that of the vinedresser, to help Christians dig around their roots and expose the pain that is blocking spiritual growth and maturity. We must get to the root cause of your pain—the neglect, abuse, or lack of proper boundaries you experienced as a child, the lies you were told as a child and still believe, issues from a fear of abandonment, issues from a fear of being judged, criticized or ridiculed, the guilt or shame of events from your past, and all the other unresolved issues that you keep hidden in the recesses of your heart and mind. Many of us feel safe using the “get over it” approach to resolving our pain. However, by not dealing with the issues and trying to just forget about them, it robs us of the lessons that God was trying to teach us by allowing us to endure the suffering. No wonder we aren’t bearing fruit!

Once we find the root of your pain, the power of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God can bring about healing and reconcile you to the unconditional love of God through his beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Then, and only then, can we bear the fruit Jesus spoke of in the parable and use our gifts to the glory of God!



If you'd like to find out how to get your fruit growing, please contact me through e-mail or via my website. I will gladly use the gifts of discernment and exhortation in working with you as we obey the Word of God that instructs us to, "...bear one another's burdens."

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## *Being A Woman in God's Kingdom (Part 2)*



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Being a Kingdom woman means I know who I am in Christ. I am not somebody else, and that is all right, because I am who God wants me to be. God doesn't ask me to be someone else or be like someone else, He asks me to be like me. After many years of struggle, I am finally comfortable being myself, knowing the words of 2 Corinthians 5:20 to be true: *"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God."* (NIV)

Being a Kingdom woman means I have stopped feeling badly about being a woman, and have stopped apologizing for it. Too many of us feel badly because we are female: our fathers wanted a boy, our mothers treated our brothers differently than they treated us, our families wanted a namesake, or maybe we just feel like we never quite measured up to the expectations of others. Not only did many of us feel second best in our families, we also felt second best when we measured ourselves against other women: we weren't as pretty, as smart, as thin, as talented, as gifted, or as "perfect" as someone else was. Thank God, we have the cross, which in the light of it, the expectations of others grow dim and irrelevant. I now realize that no matter what someone else might have or be, I don't have to feel badly because that is not what I have or who I am. Whatever I may lack, God will, *"... equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever."* (Hebrews 13:20-22, NIV)

Being a Kingdom woman means I am assured of my calling in Christ. I do not feel compelled to hide it, nor do I feel guilty for it. I know I have this ministry by the gift of God, not by my works or by my abilities in the flesh. By operating in God's gift of ministry, I can clearly see and acknowledge that God is working in me, and not me; myself. The call I have is from God, not from man; and I realize that whatever man may do to me, the call God has given to me cannot be taken away, as *"... God's gifts and His call are irrevocable."* (Romans 11:29, NIV)

Being a Kingdom woman means I know a freedom like none other. The world seeks to bind women with legalism and expectations. The world expects we will confine ourselves and conform ourselves to the whims of men, but God frees us of worldly expectations. I understand that the world does not understand the freedom only God gives as the world seeks to bind, but God seeks to set free. In understanding this, I realize many will not understand the work God has established for me to do; I may face judgment, criticism, persecution, difficulties, or sexism, but I know I can overcome it all through Christ: *"...In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."* (John 16:33, KJV)

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# Debt FREE Living Principles



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If you missed previous issues, please view Archives at <http://www.prosperityrenewal.org> to get the introduction to this series of articles.

Living a Debt FREE life is not only possible it is commanded. For the remainder of the year we will give you the principles out of God's Word that supports this idea.

## **Principle #7 Save Consistently**

*"Steady plodding brings prosperity." Proverbs 21:5 (LB)*

Today's lesson is a detailed description of the 20 percent in the 70-20-10 Rule.

## **70-20-10 Rule**

**70%** - operational

**20%** - savings, investments, or debt payoff

**10%** - tithes

Now that you know the impact of the 10 percent on the 100 percent, we will move towards the impact of the 20 percent. The richest man that ever lived (Solomon) tells us in Proverbs 21:5 that if we are consistent in our saving and investing that it will bring prosperity.

Most people spend and then save. If there is anything left after they have spent, they save. The 70-20-10 Rule teaches the reverse. The 70-20-10 Rule teaches to give God His 10 percent first, save and invest 20 percent, and then figure out how to live off the 70 percent.

If you are in debt, pay your debt off first, then start saving and investing. In the months ahead, we will explore this further. The only exception to this rule is if you are in an employer, savings plan where there is employer matching.

Outside of that, the rules used to eliminate debt are the same rules needed to stay out of debt. These principles will give you more monies so you can consistently save and invest.

Let's take a look at our millionaire flow example.

**If you average \$25,000 a year and work 40 years, you will have earned \$1 Million in your working lifetime.**

Where does it all go?

37% to 50% to taxes

20% to home mortgage interest

10% to other credit interest

Only 20% to 33% for you!

That's \$8,250/yr... \$687/mo... \$159/wk for you to live on!

**It's not how much you make that makes you financially sound; it's how much you get to keep.**

Eliminating or reducing the amounts taken in taxes, mortgage interest, and other credit interest will greatly increase the monies available for consistent saving and investing. In his book, *Freedom of Simplicity*, Richard Foster, suggests 10 keys to reducing expenses:

- 1 Buy things for their usefulness rather than their status.
- 2 Reject anything that is producing an addiction in you.
- 3 Develop a habit of giving things away.
- 4 Refuse to be propagandized by the custodians of modern gadgetry.
- 5 Learn to enjoy things without owning them.
- 6 Develop a deeper appreciation for the creation.
- 7 Look with healthy skepticism at all "buy now, pay later" schemes.
- 8 Obey Jesus' instructions about plain, honest speech.
- 9 Reject anything that breeds the oppression of others.
- 10 Shun anything that distracts you from seeking first the kingdom of God.

The 20 percent portion of the 70-20-10 Rule works due to being steady and consistent. To become steady and consistent, you must learn how to live within your means.

"Steady plodding brings prosperity." Proverbs 21:5 (LB)

Stay tuned. Next article will feature **"Debt FREE Living Principle #8 – Who Are You Listening To?"**

**TO YOUR SUCCESSFUL JOURNEY!!!**

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*Still Holdin' On*

Stylicia A. Bowden

When it feels like all hope is gone, something in my spirit continues to  
tell me to hold on

When I want to just lie in my bed and allow depression to take over  
me.

I hear God saying, "Greater is me on the inside of you.

My word has set you free walk in your victory."

When I want to give up and say Lord, I am tired of this rat race.  
Something in my spirit tells me the race is not given to the swift or the  
strong, but the one that endures to the end.

When I want to cry and say God "why me" what about those who are  
disobedient, "I want your glory"

He lets me know I cannot trust all those to go through and still praise  
me in spite of, just remember I trust you.

When I want to lose control and my sanity is slowly slipping away.

The spirit inside of me says, "Stylicia do not give up, keep moving  
forward. I have so much in store for you do not listen to the  
distractions around you. If you hold on one more day I will open up  
the windows of heaven as you begin to pray.



## *Sow A Seed: "Before You Say, "I DO!"*



Joy R. Brown

Marriage is a beautiful union created by God. However, I feel that so many people are not informed or educated about the importance of marriage. As I watch the news, I witness how people are divorcing each other every day due to what I consider minor issues. The wedding vows state "til death do us part."

For the next few issues, I would like to discuss some importance areas that must be considered before saying, "I DO!" Many people enter into marriage prematurely because of a sense of loneliness, the need to have sexual fulfillment, the need of companionship, the need for money, the need for a challenge, desiring children, or the misunderstanding of love. There are millions of reasons why people desire to be married.

Marriage is designed by God for whole individuals not half. So many times, we as women or men feel the need to be identified by another person to be complete. I have come to realize that if an individual is not satisfied with themselves, nothing or no one can satisfy the void.

I speak from experience. Yes, I am a single, young woman who has a heart for God but also have a desire to be united in holy matrimony. The desire is accompanied by challenges and obstacles. The challenges will either enhance the desire to wait on God for the ordain mate for your life or it will push you into the arms of a preying man or woman.

Mikel Brown, and author, explained marriage this way. "Expecting success without preparation is like preparing without an agenda." Before you say, "I DO," one must be prepared to accept the challenge. I was engaged twice, however, I never made it down the aisle. Why, you may ask, because I was not prepared for this lifelong commitment. I was like every young woman, excited to receive the engagement ring, plan the wedding, and then the honeymoon. If I had gone through with either engagement, I would either be separated, divorced or miserably living in turmoil. I wasn't ready for marriage, but no one could tell me at the time. You know how we "know what we're doing?" I believe today that God intervened, with the assistance of my mother, to prevent both marriages from coming to fruition. I appreciate God for loving me so much that He intercepted my life.

This is an introduction but next month I will discuss 'why do you want to be married?' Think about it and we will talk next month.

Sowing a seed into your life, water and cultivate it through the Word of God, and watch it grow!

## *The Mantle of Kingship (Part 1)*



Apostle, Chiffon Foster

"Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession" (Psalms 2:6-9). "I Daniel was grieved in my spirit in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me. I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things. These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth. But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever" (Daniel 7:15-18). "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, and The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this" (Isaiah 9: 6-7). "All thy works shall praise thee, O LORD; and thy saints shall bless thee. They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power; To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations" (Psalms 145: 10-13).

I believe the greatest weapon against believers today is not demonic forces, the economic crisis or the current political condition but IGNORANCE. Most do not know who they are. An identity crisis is almost becoming an epidemic in the Church. When I speak of identity, I am not talking about titles, ministry license/credentials, or organizational rhetoric. The identity I am referring to is who we have been created to look like, talk like, walk like and rule like, our identity goes far beyond a piece of paper or a badge. We were fashioned to rule and reign like the King of the Kingdom. Unfortunately, most would rather impress their own peer group than to REIGN under the mantle of kingship.

If you read the Bible correctly, you will first observe that it is not about religion but about the Kingdom of God. Everything God says and does relates to His Kingdom. God's plan for us is to reverse and destroy the works of the devil and fully restore His rule over the earthly realm through us as His representatives. Everything centers on the Kingdom. Unfortunately, over the past few years the preaching and teaching has been about everything else besides the Kingdom. As a result,

believers are frustrated because at the end of the day religion, man made ideologies, and powerless worship experienced has left many hyped yet empty. The fullness of God is found in the Kingdom of God.

God does not want us to just master terminology and lingo but have redemptive revelation about the King and His Kingdom. What good does it do to know terms but have no revelation or manifestation of the Kingdom we speak about? The mantle of kingship has been made available to every believer. Some have chosen to grab hold of it. Some don't understand it. It is my desire as well as mandate that we are not just "high" off of words but there is a depth of understanding and divine revelation of the King and His Kingdom.

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## *Eagle Thoughts: "It's Time to Attack Your Lack!"*



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What illusionary temporary Lacks do you have in your Life – Money, True Love, a Car, Purpose, a Home, Clothes, Food, and etc. Well it's time to Attack Your Lack! My friends, I always have to remind myself that we really don't have a Lack of anything. We just need to change our Consciousness and become Aware that we really have EVERYTHING (because Our Father does and Jesus became poor that we would be very rich). When God breathed the Breath of Life in us and we became a Living Soul, He gave us all we'll ever need – but we must begin to use what we have! Begin to Speak only what we Want and not what we have. We already know what we have, and it usually is Not what we Want! (smile)

There are key components that we must be aware of to Attack our Illusionary Lacks:

Know who you are

Write down your Passion, Gifts, and Goodie you enjoy and have inside.

Know that Everything we use, sit on, and see was just an Idea at one time, but someone didn't just ignore it. They took time to write and sketch out the idea and then found someone to manufacture it and someone to invest in it for them! (Clothes, chairs, cars, food, jewelry, books, pictures, pens, and etc.)

Why can't you patent and create something? Why can't you be a Producer and not just a Consumer? Stop aborting the Divine Ideas Babies you have within you, for they can bring forth wealth to rid your Lack.

Don't enable others but Empower them. If you have resources to invest in someone's Divine Idea, you better find yourself doing just that. We don't own anything on this earth, we are just Stewards, so today STOP BEING SO STINGY AND BE A CHEERFUL GIVER, NOT A CHEERFUL LOANER! Many cultures are taught to help each other get businesses.

We are all God's children, so once you become aware of a need, dare to share a seed. Remember we are Eagles, not Vultures! (smile)

I don't feel our Illusionary Lacks come from the lack of working. We are the most "working for somebody else" folks in the world, but most of us lack confidence and faith to CREATE! Most people are working everyday and still are financially struggling (husband and wife have 2 checks



coming in)! We don't lack work ethic, but we Lack Vision, Insight and Foresight to really "See what we Believe" and not just Believe what we see, which is not faith. Faith is Not what you can see physically (it is believing in the unseen)!

Do you think a farmer would waste time going out to the fields to plant seeds if he didn't think they would bring forth a great Harvest? Of course not! A farmer goes out with faith and confidence that when he plants that small seed (which looks nothing like what he's expecting), he is sure it will produce. He also knows he must nurture the crop in order to have an awesome Harvest! "What is Faith? It is the CONFIDENT Assurance that something we want is going to happen. It is the CERTAINTY that what we hope for is waiting for us, even thou we cannot see it up ahead!"

Many people look at me like I'm crazy when I continue to Soar Like an Eagle in spite of appearances and circumstances. That's because I have Faith Vision and not just eyesight!

Create an Attack Plan today for your temporary Lack. There's Abundance all around you and within you. The abundance of air we have to breathe and live is just one example of the abundance in the world. Everything you need to Attack Your Lack is around you and within you, now discover it, and use it!

I must admit, it really puzzles me about people who know they can assist you, but hoard what they have thinking it's theirs "The Earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and THEY that dwell therein." We must bless them and pray that God will change their Consciousness from stingy to giving.

Attack Your Lack today by having "Forest-Fire Desire" and Enthusiasm about your Dreams and Visions. Know that God would not have given them to you without giving you the Power to make them come true, and the "Vision Mid-wives to assist you in birthing them. Someone will help you!

#### **Dare 2 Declare daily:**

*"If a Peanut has over 300 uses and purposes, I know I can be what I want to be. I won't dare let a little undynamic, ugly unfeeling peanut out do me. There is Creativity and Greatness within me. I no longer fear the Giants in my Life, but I now become one. I have NO LACK, No Limitations, and No Disease and so it is!"*

#### **Read this EAGLE BOOK of the month:**

Remember You can and will make it; so enjoy this gift called Life and begin to Soar Like Never Before!

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## *Beauty Buzz for the Christmas Season.*



Beauty Editor, Kelly Laws

Hello ladies, sorry I missed you last month but boy do I have some things to share with you for the Christmas Holiday.

First on my list is making sure you purchase an excellent moisturizer for your winter skin. As you may know, winter skin can become extremely dry due to the heat of your furnace and the harsh winter air.

Furnace heat and winter air can wreck havoc on your skin so always stay moisturized from head to toe with a formula that works for your skin type. I would like to recommend one with Shea butter (pure Shea Butter and not the watered down versions) or honey. Honey is a natural humectant that attracts moisture to the skin. Any lotion or whipped body cream that has honey will do your body good. Shea Butter is also excellent for winter dry skin. As you may also know, Shea Butter promotes moisture and elasticity. It helps keep your skin looking and feeling moisturized while it help loosen tight, dry skin. Whichever version you choose, make sure that you use your moisturizer while your skin is still damp because this seals in the moisture for added suppleness. Oh yeah and for the record, make sure that you never take a hot shower in the winter because this will also dry out the skin leaving it feeling dry and cracked.

Second, make sure that you spice up your winter look with deep, rich colors. For the lips, try plums, berries, and who could forget red! Don't be afraid to experiment with deep colors and don't be afraid to experiment at your local department store cosmetic counters. For the eyes, go dramatic with false lashes and flirty eye colors that say POP!! For the cheeks use a deep rich shade of burgundy or rose but don't overdo the rouge. If your skin is normal to dry, try a cream blush. Creams are easier to blend than powders but if your skin is oily stick to powder blush. Make sure that you visit your local salon or threading booth to tame those brows. Arched brows are a must when wearing eye shadow and they honestly give you a clean, professional look when done correctly.

Last on the list, try something new! Buy the perfume you always wanted to buy, wear the cute black dress that fits your figure and most of all have fun being you. Wear the hair style that your thought was not you but actually looks great with your features and get the spa treatment that has your name on it. Never had a professional massage? Try one; it really is worth every minute and dollar. As I close this beauty section for the year, I hope that you begin to see that no amount of beauty treatments makes you who you are. You are fearfully and wonderfully made, a masterpiece

from the Great I AM. Enjoy your holiday season and may you continue to rise to the occasion. God bless you and have a wonderful Christmas.



## *The Bible Series of Study (Part 1)*



Pastor Cely Togle

### Teaching Objective

The student will have a better understanding and appreciation of the Bible, the purpose for which it was given to man and the benefits that one can get from studying and obeying the Word of God.

### Introduction

The Word of God – the Holy Bible – is God’s special book. It is not like other books, but is a supernatural book. It is God’s written word for man. God used more or less forty human authors from all walks of life to compose and record HIsTory, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Writers were inspired by God.

The Bible is the world’s bestseller. This last year there were more Bibles bought than any other book. The Bible is also one of the oldest books in the world. The most ancient portions of the Bible date back almost 4,000 years. Yet it is still the most modern and relevant book in the world

today, for in it we find the answer to life's greatest questions: *"Where did I come from? Why am I here? Where will go?"*

Even though the Bible contains, 66 smaller books, it has one central theme: *God's plan to rescue mankind.*

The Bible is divided into two major sections, the OLD TESTAMENT (OT) and the NEW TESTAMENT (NT). The OT, with 39 books, talks about the history prior to the birth of Jesus Christ, while the NT, with 27 books, focuses on the life of Jesus and the events that followed after His resurrection.

The Bible is the only book that has been translated into all the major languages of the world. It was originally written in three languages – Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek. Dedicated Bible scholars translated the Bibles that are available today, so we can have the Word of God in our modern language. Various versions have made it easier for us to understand the Bible.

## Studying the Bible

The most vital relationship in life is with God. Through reading and studying the Bible, we come to understand what God is like – His thoughts, His Will, His Ways, His Plans and His promises. The index in front of the Bible will show us how to find the part of the Bible quoted. For example, Genesis 3:15 would mean the book of Genesis, chapter three and verse fifteen.

In Acts 2, Peter preached to the thousands of people gathered in Jerusalem and 3,000 men responded to his message that day. One of the descriptions about their conversions was that *they devoted themselves to the Apostle's teaching ...* (verse 42).

## What are the Apostles' Teaching?

The apostles put their teaching into writing – the NT. The NT interprets the OT, so the apostles' teaching is the WHOLE WORD OF GOD – the Bible.

## The Word of God Produces Life

*"The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life"* (John 6:63).

### It is also creative.

*"By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth.<sup>7</sup> He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into storehouses.<sup>8</sup> Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him.<sup>9</sup> For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm"* (Psalm 33:6-9).

***"By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible"*** (Hebrews 11:3)

## The Word of God is Like Water

### It cleanses.

We start life in the Kingdom of God totally washed clean by the Word of God.

*"You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you"* (John 15:3)

*"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her<sup>26</sup> to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,<sup>27</sup> and to present her to*



himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless” (Ephesians 5:25-27).

It keeps clean.

The Word of God, planted in our hearts, keeps us free from sin.

“How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. <sup>10</sup> I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. <sup>11</sup> I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you” (Psalm 119:9-11).

## The Word of God is Light for Our Lives

“And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts” (2 Peter 1:19)

It gives understanding in a dark world.

“The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes” (Psalm 19:8).

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path ... the unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple” (Psalm 119:105,130).

## The Word of God is Spiritual Food

“Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God’” (Matthew 4:4).

It causes spiritual growth.

“Brothers, I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly—mere infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup> I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready” (1 Corinthians 3:1-2).

“Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation ...” (1 Peter 2:2).

God’s aim for each of us is expressed in Ephesians 4:12-15. “... to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”

## The Word of God is Seed

In Luke 8:14-15, Jesus told his disciples the parable of the Soils. In verse 11, he said: “The seed is the Word of God.” God’s will for our lives is fruitfulness. (See Psalm 1:3).

“Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness” (2 Corinthians 9:10).

## The Word of God is Like a Sword

“Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God” (Ephesians 6:17)

“For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart” (Hebrews 4:12).

Note how Jesus used the “Sword of the Spirit” against Satan during His temptation in the wilderness.

**Luke 4:1-14**, “Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.” <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone.’” <sup>5</sup> The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. <sup>7</sup> So if you worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’” <sup>9</sup> The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. <sup>10</sup> For it is written:

”He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; <sup>11</sup> they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

<sup>12</sup> Jesus answered, “It says: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.”

### The Word of God Helps Us to Pray

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. <sup>26</sup> But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash” (Matthew 7:24-27).

Jesus said that the wise man who built his house on the rock was a picture of those who **hear** His Word and **obey** it. The Word of God builds inner concrete within our lives so that no matter what may come against us we will stand strong.

Final Thought: In 2 Timothy 3:15-16, Apostle Paul reminded young Timothy about the purpose of the Word of God. He said, “and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness.”

Apostle Peter also explained, “His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. <sup>4</sup> Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.”

Pastor Cely Togle  
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## *Deception in the Milk*



Michelle Pumphrey  
March 2001

When we come to the Lord Jesus Christ accepting Him as our Lord and Savior we are embarking on a new life. Now that life has to be fed, being a newborn babe in Christ we must be fed milk, so that we may get the nourishment our body and mind needs to grow strong. Now once we grow out of the milk stage of our lives, it will be time for meat. But I find that most Christians cannot grow properly in their walk with the Lord, because deception has crept into the milk of God's word. It has been tainted with man's opinions, manipulation, personal agenda's, false hopes, and lies.

Telling them that once they get saved everything will be a flowery bed of ease, not preparing them for the battle that's ahead of them, and equipping them to recognize the enemy that will be on the lurk to try to put them back in bondage by keeping them out of the scriptures that will strengthen them.

Twisting God's word to enslave his children, lording yourself over them. Yes! Deception is in the milk, tainted milk that keep the people of God in bondage to failure by saying no one can ever live a holy life on this earth, all the while the holy one lives inside of those who are in Christ Jesus. And when God sends someone with the truth of His word, the people are so under nourished that their brain cannot function properly to store the truth, which is why so many are perishing; having never received the truth of God's word.

Pastors, Preachers, Teachers, Ministers of God purify the milk you give to God's people. Start by purifying your hearts, motives, and your eyes so that you may see the things of God and not the things that can be gained. Stop feeding them the pleasures of their flesh, teach them to die daily, to deny themselves, teach them to learn how to accept what God allows. Teach them not to be pleasers of men, but God pleasers. Let them know that they can live a life pleasing unto the Lord, if they walk in the spirit. Truth is the sincere milk of God's word,

*Have you checked your milk lately?*

*How do you think the question: "Relationship or Religion?" relate to "Pregnant in the Spirit"?*



Princess-O'dilia

To be religious, you see God through the boundaries of the Religion. For example, if God leads you to go left or right and it does not coincide with your Religious boundaries, you are likely to disobey the direction of God for the sake of the religion. Although this may not be your intent, this is very likely. Often times, you feel that you are in the will of God so long as you are operating within the boundaries of the religion or doing as your Pastor or Leader instructs you to do. To accomplish this intangible process of spiritual pregnancy, you must be willing to be controlled by the Spirit and not Man.

Hint: God's way is not man's way and often times His direction is only clear to you. As you begin to lean more on God, you will come to trust Him more and you will see the fruit of your obedience. Jesus completed His mission here because He was "completely" controlled by the Holy Spirit! He was "completely" controlled by the Holy Spirit! He walked on water, knew all things, did the impossible, the out-the-box, and lived and died the way He did because of the "Holy Spirit." He operated in the power of God - what do you think you must do?

If you are bound by religion or the ways of man, there is no way you can possibly reach the point of fulfillment in your life that God pre-planned for you....it is impossible!

When I began writing "Pregnant in the Spirit" I was slightly religious. When I completed "Pregnant in the Spirit" I was totally free from Religion and I had an exceptional relationship with God that I never could have imagined! What happened? What did God have to say as He used my mind, separated me from the world, and completely inspired me to write about this profound process called spiritual pregnancy?

He gives wisdom of this process from Conception to Manifestation attainable without religion, condemnation, bondages or traditions of "any" man. This process that everyone desires rather knowingly or not yields a life of peace, freedom inside and out, love, and fulfillment in every area of your life. This process yields you the relationship that God desires for you to have with Him so that He can give you a life of fulfillment by sharing His infinite power, revelation, knowledge,



wisdom, peace, love and most importantly giving you freedom for your life. As a result of this process, you become the spiritual being with infinite ability and you conquer the world, including life's obstacles through the Spirit! I love you all!!

**NEWS FLASH!!!!!!**

PREGNANT IN THE SPIRIT is on back order, so order your book today! The date for release was pushed back to December 22.

It is available on-line for order Nationwide - Barnes and Nobles, Borders, Amazon, STL Distribution, New Life Distribution, Target, and Wal-Mart!





## THERE'S A BEAM IN MY EYE!

Matthew 7:1-5

I must have E.S.P. About this I would not lie.  
I see the faults in others though a beam sticks in my eye.  
My normal sight has narrowed and some say, so have I.  
But a gift I have been given, though a beam is in my eye.

Specks as small as motes, they're there you can't deny.  
I see them clear as day though a beam sticks in my eye.  
I'd help to pull it out but I just can't take the time.  
But I'll tell your friends and neighbors. Not to help would be a crime.

I've gotten so accustomed to this beam stuck in my eye  
It isn't hard to see at all where all your problems lie.  
Such a talent must be polished just like a bright topaz.  
To spot those tiny hidden faults that everybody has.

Sometimes I think my beam even helps to magnify.  
Though I cannot wear my glasses with this beam stuck in my eye.  
Some look in awed amazement. Others I mystify;  
How I could see so clearly with this beam stuck in my eye.

I know I have my faults. I'm not perfect, though I try.  
I do the best I can with this beam stuck in my eye.  
I feel so very useful when a problem I imply.  
It's a cross I gladly bear; this beam stuck in my eye.

Rev. Dean Beaty 11/20/08



## Untitled:

I will keep going even though the race before me is high terrain

I will keep going even though my legs no longer have feeling

I will keep going even though my thirst is overwhelming

I will carry on the fight because of the inner might within me

I will carry on with my endurance that seems to replenish itself

I will carry on in spite of the size of the enemy because my weapons are not carnal

I will bear my own burden and promote myself in adversity

I will bear my own anxiety and angst with power and peace

I will bear my own disappointment with faith and assurance

I will support myself by utilizing the knowledge God gave me

I will support myself with much prayer and supplication

I will support myself with the sword and staff of the Lord

I have confidence

I have endurance

I have stamina

I have patience

Because I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me

And I will win the prize of everlasting life at the end of the race!

Paula L. Merriweather



## How Can I Stop the Pain?

Written by Evangelist Maria C. Tillman, 11/15/01

How can I stop the pain?  
It's in my heart and penetrates to my brain. It  
hurts so bad. How can I  
stop the pain that keeps me awake at night?  
Waking me, causing me to feel as though I'm insane.  
How can I stop this pain causes me to  
fret and cry, dropping my head in shame.  
How can I stop the pain that  
makes me feel, there is no tomorrow and fills my  
life with sadness and sorrow.

*Pain of fear*

*Pain of Loneliness*

*Pain of Sickness and Disease*

*Pain of abuse and misuse*

*Pain of Poverty*

*Pain of broken relationships with children and marriage*

***Pain...Pain....Pain...***

Everywhere! it seems as though no one really cares.  
I did hear that there is a release of  
peace that passeth all understanding.  
I don't how to quite find it.  
Will someone help me please?  
Please help me stop the pain.





## Keep Christ in Christmas



Keep Christ in Christmas  
By spreading love and joy  
By sharing words of wisdom  
Not just giving gifts and toys

Keep Christ in Christmas  
Don't lose sight of His cause  
He came for you and me  
He came so that we would  
Have a chance at life more abundantly

Keep Christ in Christmas  
Thank God for HIS plan  
For forgiveness, mercy and grace  
For the promise of the day when we all will see His face

Keep Christ in Christmas  
For if you don't  
A mess it will be with nothing but tangible items under your tree  
Not a word of thanks, not an utter of praise  
Not a moment of silence on this blessed day

So on that day remember the gift  
The one we all share  
The one that never loses value  
Doesn't have to be returned or exchanged  
Is one size fits all and true to size  
And will always keep your interest  
Keep Christ in Christmas!!!

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## Good Morning



*This is a good morning  
Even if once comfy warm weather  
Is replaced with the chill of snow  
Even if magnificent rays of sunshine  
No longer decorate my window  
Even if the hammering of rain  
Invades the peace of silence  
Even as  
I prepare to enter a troubled world  
Filled with crime and violence  
Even if a forecasted delightful indigo sky  
Is concealed amid murky shades of grey  
Even if streaks of lightning  
Crackle before a fierce display  
Even if my pronounced good mornings  
Ricochet through a bewildering empty house  
Owing to nonexistent children as well as  
Nonexistent spouse  
Even in the presence of sudden horrendous pain  
This is a good morning  
And because of his word  
A good morning it will remain  
Wanda S. Harris*



## Wills at War

The King's life was one of  
 suffering  
 Experiencing rejection  
     Hurt  
         and  
             Pain  
 Exchanged his  
 extraterrestrial riches  
 For humanity rags  
 Nailed to a tree  
 In His Power  
     Rose  
 Returning to his throne  
 I choose to believe  
 Yet human reasoning keeps  
 me bound  
 Nagging me of this rationale  
 Believing in a tale long ago  
 Myths were truth  
 Ignorance praised  
 "Faith is the substance of  
 things hope for

And the evidence of things  
 not seen"  
 Says the life giving book  
 Is this a royal scam  
 Deciding my own destiny  
 Spewing its venom of pride  
     Making me the center  
 Cushioning my doom  
 The quiet small voice of  
 truth  
 Shatters self idolatry  
 Yet leaves me wound  
 Emptied of Esteem  
 So much pain and doubt  
 Occasional uncertainty  
 Yet I must continue to  
 battle  
 And hold on to this faith  
 It is the breath I live  
 The sword which I fight  
 The water which I drink

Renneth Grey



## *"The Heart of Stone is Cut with a Sword"*

*There she was in a place she never thought she  
would be*

*Doing things she never thought she would do*

*Seeing things she had exposed herself to*

*How did she get this way?*

*How did she allow herself to change?*

*She now realizes she forgot who she was*

*Or did she just become something new?*

*What got a hold of her innocence?*

*What came to take her identity?*

*How does she get back to the truth?*

*How can she start a new beginning?*

*Will she recognize the truth when it comes?*

*Will she turn her back on it from the hardness of  
her heart?*

*She is but a prisoner in her soul trapped in the  
flesh we call a body*

*The bars of guilt and the chains of shame*

*The lock of tears and the key that holds her name*

*Her real identity...*

*She can see the key so closely guarded by  
deception and mistreat*

*With the gun of condemnation and the billy club  
of defeat*

*She is persecuted with deception and bruised with  
lies*

*Whipped with betrayal*

*And scorned with fear*

*Doubt in self fills her heart*



*Yet she still pulls near*

*The truth has never left her*

*It been there all along*

*With this revelation of truth*

*Suddenly she grows strong*

*And that key is now a lot closer then before*

*She holds on to faith while approaching the door*

*She looks at the huge obstacle*

*Yet recalls some one bigger*

*Then she remembers*

*It was Him who got her through all the times  
before*

*It was Him who gave her strength her heart is  
the door*

*And if her heart is the door then He is the key*

*He is the Savior who will set her free*

*She opens up her mouth and praises His name*

*And as she begins she knows she will never be the  
same*

*With all of her heart and all of her might*

*Maybe this time she will get it right*

*Maybe this time she will not forget*

*Its too late to stop there is not option to quit*

*She is steadfast in seeking His face*

*He is full of wonder excellence and grace*

*Forgiveness and Love, peace, and tranquility*

*She is who she was and now more-*

*Perfect serenity*

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*Upcoming Events*

Women of the Word

**INVITES YOU TO IT'S:  
Women's Empowerment  
Fellowship**

**WHEN:**

*Saturday, December 6, 2008  
11:00 a.m.*

**WHERE:**

*88 Houston Road  
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**(Please bring a non-perishable food item for our  
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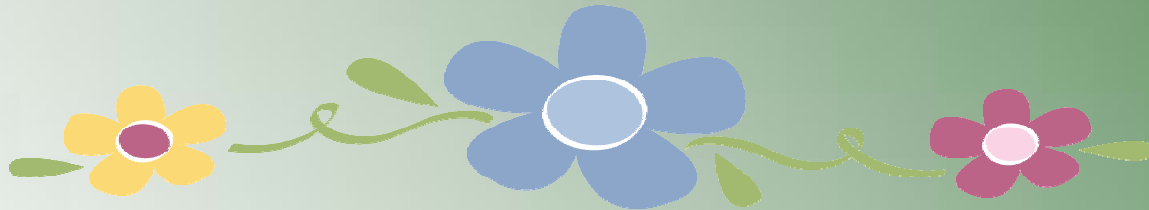
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# WOMEN OF RESTORED DESTINY

*“Restoring Lives Through Faith”*

*An Outreach Ministry of*  
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## GROW-A-GIRL NETWORK

Grow-A-Girl Network is a non-profit organization under the umbrella of CKG Ministries, Inc (501c3 non profit organization) that is responding to the increased rate of teen suicide, teen pregnancy, increased rate of STDs including HIV/AIDS amongst teens, and teen addiction in the underserved and minority populations including, but not limited to the African American and Latino communities in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York.

### MISSION:

Building Personal Core Values and Self Esteem of young women ages 12 to 18 through mentorship programs, leadership and entrepreneurship training, seminars and conferences, travel, the arts, and the use of their gifts and talents (art/music/drama/dance).

### OBJECTIVES:

1. Building Self Esteem, in turn, decreasing teen pregnancy, suicide, sexually transmitted diseases, and addiction.
2. Decreasing high school dropout rate, in turn, increasing those who go to and graduate from college.
3. Building the community one child at a time through mentorship.
4. Promoting healthy lifestyles, in turn, decreasing STDs and HIV/AIDS rate.
5. Providing skills needed to have a better future including conflict resolution, communication, and drop training skills.
6. Introducing foreign travel and mission work.
7. Addressing the need for young women to be strong leaders in their communities.

8. Promoting International Awareness on issues affecting girls and young women globally.
9. Helping young women to discover who they are and their purpose for being.
10. Encouraging our young women to dream big and aim high through social activities.
11. Providing hope to a hopeless generation.
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