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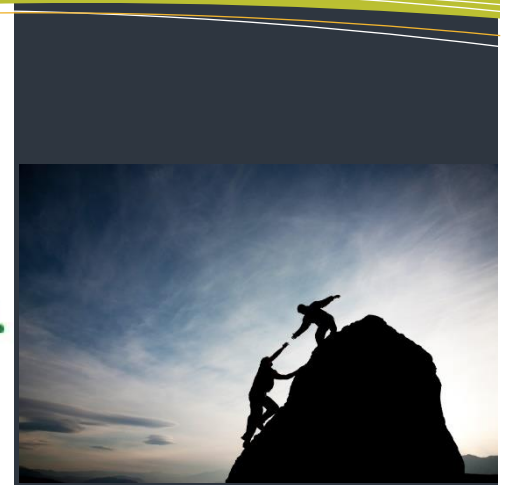
Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness...

—Isaiah 43:19



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As Iron Sharpens Iron, So One Person Sharpens Another. Psalms 27:17



Happy New Year!

Everyone likes a fresh start. That's why we have New Year's resolutions. Let me take a moment to remind you that for those of us who follow Christ, renewing is a constant thing. Not just a New Year's tradition.

It starts when we decide to allow Jesus to be our Lord and Master. ***"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."*** (2nd Corinthians 5:17). That's where our fresh start begins. We were made new, and our name changed from Liar, Rotten Scoundrel, Cheat, and much more to Christian, Child of God, an Heir, and so much more. It is hard for us to feel this in the beginning but it's true because God says so. The good thing is we didn't have to wait for any period of time for that to kick in. It was all true about you the day you converted.

Unfortunately, after our fresh start we still carry some bad habits or ways of looking at things, so God gives us another word that empowers us to do some self-renewal.

"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:2).

Not only does He put our past behind us, He also lets us know we can now renew our mind. We are ready to focus on the things we should have been focusing on instead of the worldly distractions that got us in those dark places.

Finally, if we mess up the devil may try to make us think we have fallen out of God's grace. He will try to make us feel like we have to start over. But that is simply not the case. The bible says, ***"Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions (mercies) never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."*** (Lamentations 3:22-23). God continues to throw out any resurgence of our old character. He renews his mercy for us each day. Now, I would not be a responsible preacher if I did not add this last piece. Just because God shows us mercy every day for our sins, we should not purposely sin because he will forgive us. He is clear about that too. Galatians 6:7 ***"Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows."***

These are some tips from God's "Fresh Start" program. Try them.

Lonnie Johnson

Executive Director, GMI



The Doctrine of Eternal States

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The only sure word of testimony regarding this subject is the Holy Scriptures, the inspired, unerring, and infallible divine revelation of God. The scriptures teach us that man is on probation during his time on earth. Those who respond to God's grace and obey Him will be eternally rewarded in Heaven, God's dwelling place. Those who willfully resist the grace of God, do their own will and serve Satan will be eternally punished in Hell. Satan's dwelling place. Eternal destinies are settled right here in time.

A study of "the eternal state" is rightly seen as a subdivision of the greater study of eschatology or the doctrine of last things. The Bible gives few details of what that state will be like.

The Greek word most often translated as "eternal" in the Bible is "aionos", from which we get our word eon. Having no beginning and no end, or having a beginning but no end, concerning time.

Our existence in the eternal state will be markedly different from what we are used to now: "There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away" Revelation 21:4

The eternal state will involve serving the Lord seeing God face to face and living in perfect health and holiness. the new heaven and earth will be "the home of righteousness." Sin will not cast its shadow anywhere in that realm.

THE DISPENSATIONS OF TIME, THE RESURRECTIONS, THE JUDGEMENTS, AND THE REWARDS

Dispensationalism is a method of interpreting history that divides God's work and purposes toward mankind into different periods.

From the beginning of creation, God has planned to bring His redeemed ones to this place of completion and glory. In the eternal state, God's perfect plan will be brought to glorious realization, and mankind will accomplish its chief end, "to glorify God and to enjoy him forever."

There are seven dispensations identified, although some theologians believe there are nine. In this article, I will limit my comments to only three of the seven basic dispensations found in Scripture.

The first dispensation is called the Dispensation of Innocence – The Edenic Covenant

Genesis 1:28-30 and 2:15-17). This dispensation covered the period of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. He was given one command to obey: not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Eve and Adam disobeyed this rule and were expelled from the garden as punishment, ending the dispensation of innocence.

The second dispensation is called the Dispensation of Conscience – The Adamic Covenant

The third dispensation is the Dispensation of Human Government – The Noahic Covenant

The fourth dispensation called the Dispensation of Promise – The Abrahamic Covenant

The fifth dispensation is called the Dispensation of Law – The Mosaic Covenant

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The sixth dispensation, the one in which we now live, is the Dispensation of Grace – The New Covenant

It began with the New Covenant in Christ's blood (Luke 22:20). This "Age of Grace" or "Church Age." Man's responsibility during the Dispensation of Grace is to believe in Jesus, the Son of God.

The seventh dispensation – The Everlasting Covenant

This is called the Millennial Kingdom of Christ and will last for 1,000 years as Christ Himself rules on earth.

THE RESURRECTION

The Bible is clear that resurrection is a reality and this life is not all there is. The Bible teaches that there will be not just one resurrection, but a series of resurrections, some to eternal life in heaven and some to eternal damnation.

First Resurrection: Resurrection of Life

First-fruits. The resurrection of Christ is first of the "the first fruits" (Psalm 16.10; 1 Corinthians 15.20-23a).

The resurrection of additional "first fruits": Jewish saints buried around Jerusalem (Matthew 27.51-53).

Main Harvest. The resurrection of the Church, the Body of Christ: the Rapture (1 Corinthians 15.23, 52-53; 1 Thessalonians 4.14-17; 2 Thessalonians 2.3; Philippians 3.11).

Gleanings. The resurrection of Old Testament believers (Job 19.25-26; Daniel 12.1-2, 11-13; Isaiah 26.19-21).

The resurrection of Tribulation believers (Revelation 20.4-5).

Second Resurrection: Resurrection of Judgment

Great White Throne. The resurrection of unbelievers: those who have rejected YHVH-Christ (John 5.28-29; Revelation 20.11-15).

THE JUDGEMENTS

Scripture repeatedly confirms the fact that there will be a great and final judgment of believers and unbelievers.

The judgments of the tribulation period. God's judgment against the wicked will leave no doubt as to His wrath against sin.

The judgment seat of Christ. Resurrected (and raptured) believers in heaven will be judged for their works.

The judgment of angels. Theologians aren't exactly sure what this means, but the angels facing judgment would have to be the fallen angels.

The Great White Throne Judgment. This final judgment of unbelievers for their sins occurs at the end of the Millennium. At this judgment, unbelievers from all the ages are judged for their sins and committed to the lake of fire.

The Doctrine of Eternal States cont.

HEAVEN AND HELL

Interestingly, a higher percentage of people believe in the existence of heaven than belief in the existence of hell. Heaven is indeed a real place. The word “heaven” is found 276 times in the New Testament alone. The Bible tells us that heaven is God’s throne. “I’ve heard it said that Heaven is a place of “no mores.” There will be no more tears, no more pain, and no more sorrow.” Rev. 21:4 Jesus Christ the Lamb of God who loved us and sacrificed Himself so that we can enjoy His presence in heaven for eternity.

Conversely, whenever Jesus described hell, He was never flippant or dismissive. He used vivid, terrifying terms to describe the final destination of sinners. Yes, hell is real. Jesus doesn’t only reference hell, he describes it in great detail. Luke 16:23, Matthew 11:23, 13:42, etc.

Hell is a place of abandonment, completely forsaken and abandoned for all eternity.

Hell is a place of Imprisonment. Where sinners will forever be powerless, hopeless, helpless, and in a place of eternal incarceration.

One of the Holy Spirit’s tasks in this world is to convict the world of coming judgment (John 16:8–11). When a person truly understands his sin, he will acknowledge his guilty position before a Holy God. The guarantee of judgment should cause the sinner to turn to the Savior and throw himself on the mercy of God in Christ. Praise the Lord that, in Christ, “mercy triumphs over judgment”

“He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.” Revelation 22: 20-21

By Alywin Mitchell, GMI Writer



A Testimony

We've all been told, "Jesus loves you," or "God loves you," right?..... I mean, that's Basic Christianity 101, let's move on to other, deeper truths of God and the Bible, right? Not so fast..... while undoubtedly there are additional powerful truths in the Word, the revelation knowledge of God's love for each of us personally is crucial and can quite literally be the 'game-changer' of our lives....

The following is from an excerpt by Pastor Judson Cornwall from his book, "Whose Love is it Anyway?" pages 58-59, that has been edited for brevity, where this powerful truth is illustrated....

Pastor Judson's brother, Robert, was pastoring a small church in Salem, Oregon, but the salary was not sufficient to live on and so he took a part-time position counseling in a state mental institution for one hour a week.

A guard at the institution took him to a locked room and let him in and left. The room had a minimum of light, but as his eyes adjusted, he saw the room was empty except for benches around the walls filled with men and women who were poorly and scantily clothed. The room was filthy. Robert tried to talk with the patients, but all he could get were groans, moans, and hysterical laughter. Since it was impossible to counsel people who would not or could not talk, he wondered how to proceed, especially with the short time he had with them. An inspiration that could only have come from the Holy Spirit came to him. Robert found a clean spot on the floor, sat down, and began to sing "Yes, Jesus loves me... the Bible tells me so." There was no response, but Robert continued singing for the full hour's session.

The next week, they took him to the same building and locked him in with the same people. Again, he sat on the floor and sang "Yes, Jesus loves me... the Bible tells me so" for an hour. The third week he again sang this little chorus of love. This time, about 20 minutes into the session, a lady left the bench and began to circle him, walking around and around him. Robert just continued to sing. Finally, she sat on the floor next to him and softly began to sing with him.

Over the weeks one after another joined in singing the song. Soon, 36 of these persons had been transferred to a self-care ward in the institution. In less than a year, all but two of them were released from the mental institution.

There is transforming power in the love of God when we will return to it. God's power and love can get to us anywhere. And there is also power in thinking, believing and speaking God's truth over ourselves and our situations.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16-17

Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. Jude 21

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

By Sharol Gutierrez

Happy New Year!



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You Are Making a Difference

What is it that God is asking of you this season? As we go into a new year, I asked if I could share the story of how my obedience to God changed myself and a family forever. She gladly said yes and these are her words:

“Black Friday shopping is always special, but our day in 2021 was truly a miracle. The weather was perfect, and we were taking our time. We had just left Old Navy when Mallory mentioned she wanted to visit the new Christian store nearby called Mardel. Since we weren’t in a hurry, we decided to check it out.

We walked around for a long time, taking in all they had to offer. Mallory started getting tired, so Beth decided to take her to the car while mom and I checked out. When mom and I got back in the car, Mallory said, “You’ll never believe what just happened!” Beth went on to explain that while the two of them were walking out of Mardel, a woman stopped them and asked if she could tell them something. Beth said sure, and the woman said, “I’m not sure if this makes any sense, but God wants me to tell you that healing is coming and good things are coming.” With tear filled eyes they said thank you, got in the car and the woman and her husband went inside. Holy smokes! With lots of smiles and happy tears, we sat in amazement of His clear sign and goodness. What a blessing! I snapped the first picture below so we could always remember our angel encounter at Mardel. Buuuut...He wasn’t done.

I drilled Beth with questions for her to tell me again what she said, ask Beth what she said in response, etc. I wanted to make sure the woman knew how truly accurate her message was and to thank her for her bravery of sharing. Beth said they were so caught off guard they just said thank you. I kept saying darn, I wish she knew! After the third time of saying it, my mom said, “Well get in there and tell her! God put it on your heart — you need to go.” I said I didn’t even know what she looked like, and Beth started describing her. Once she said long blonde hair, I had remembered someone with beautiful blonde hair walking in as we walked out — so back inside I went.

I found the woman fairly quickly, and she had her back to me as I approached. When I said, “Excuse me, ma’am?” she turned around and had tears rolling down her face. I asked her if she had just spoken to my sister in the parking lot about healing, and she said yes. I let her know my family and I wanted to thank you for sharing His message as it truly did mean something, because my baby sister is recovering from an anoxic brain injury. With her jaw hanging open and tears flowing, she said, “I am a brain injury survivor.” I couldn’t believe it!! “Is your sister still here?! I have more to tell her.” I told her we were parked right out front, so she threw all of her things back on a shelf and headed to our car.

You are Making a Difference cont.

As we approached, Mallory got a huge smile. It felt like an instant connection. Our new angel, LeAnn, went on to tell us how she was a traumatic brain injury survivor. She was bedridden for 7 years...and He completely healed her! She let Mal know she understands how she feels, and that she KNOWS she will fully recover. She prayed over Mallory and kept saying she could feel His presence so strongly. "You are blessed and you are healed. I want you to thank Him for your healing every single day, okay? Do not ever say, 'Please God, heal me.' No, God told me to tell you all that when you pray say, "Thank You, God, for Your healing.' And it's going to come. It will. I don't care what the day looks like — I mean truly you could look at your window and see the whole world coming to an end, I still want you to be saying, 'Thank You, Lord, for my healing.'" It was a moment we will truly never forget. We even found out that her father-in-law used to live three doors down from me, and we all knew him. Incredible.

Since then, Mallory, LeAnn and my mom meet for lunch every few months, and we've all kept in touch. God is working through all of us, but I believe He's working overtime on those two and it's amazing to watch.

So as Black Friday 2022 rolled around, we reminisced about the true miracle we encountered on this day last year. And He came through, yet again this morning. As we were walking through Dillard's there was LeAnn! I snapped a picture of the two of them to mark their one-year anniversary.

I'm still amazed when I think about that day, and how carefully He orchestrated every single piece. To have her walking in at the exact time they were walking out. For me to have noticed her hair when I was walking out so I knew exactly who to look for when I went back inside. For Him to use her to share His message, and for her to listen to His ask. For Him to connect two brain injury survivors — one fully healed and one that WILL be. Absolutely incredible!"

It doesn't matter where you are, who you are or what your circumstances are. Every one of us has the potential to change our lives and the lives of others forever. I encourage you to Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Th. 5:16-18 NIV) You are making a difference!

LeeAnn McGranahan



Time is a Gift

Hello there!

Yesterday, I started reading Philipians chapter 1. I'd read it before, many times, but was led to read it yet again. In doing so I was reminded that no matter what's going on around me I can still have joy!

The Apostle Paul, inspired by The HOLY SPIRIT, wrote the book of Philipians while being incarcerated. In fact, he wrote a total of four books (Ephesians, Philipians, Colossians, Philemon) throughout the multiple times he was incarcerated.

Time is a gift from GOD. My question to you is, what will you do with the time GOD gifts you in this New Year? Where you are isn't as important as who you are.

What books will you write? What ground breaking discoveries will you develop and patent? Who will you encourage with inspiration from the HOLY SPIRIT? How many degrees will you obtain? If you are a lawyer be that right where you are! If you're a doctor, be that right where you are! If you are a preacher, be that right where you are! Whoever GOD created you to be, be it, right where you are!

Never allow circumstances, people, surroundings to dictate how brightly you shine. You were created by GOD on purpose, with purpose for a purpose so go ahead and SHINE!

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Words of a Selfish Child

God was kind and generous to allow me to have you as a mother. I have had fifty years with you. The love that you have shown and given me will sustain me through the days, months, and years to come. You and God give me the strength to continue to push forward. I know that I will have times when I struggle and, in those times, I know that I can look to heaven to receive the strength to keep on moving.

The bible says in Ecclesiastes that there is a season for everything...like a time to be born and a time to die, a time to laugh and a time to cry. Ecclesiastes also says that the day of one's death is better than the day of one's birth, because of the understanding that the day of one's birth is when all suffering begins. Momma you have suffered enough in your lifetime and through it all you stood strong, and I am happy to know that you have found peace and rest at last and all of your suffering is now over. You will always live on in our hearts because we are a product of you. I love you more than words can ever express. You can now ride the wings of an eagle and run your hair through the mane of a lion. I know that I have another Angel in heaven watching over me.

Terrance H., Lansing Correctional Facility

HOW TO SPEAK THINGS INTO EXISTENCE

Twenty 3 Word (Start-Stop-Stick) Declarations for 2023 and Beyond

1. **Start Fighting Spiritually** (Many Fight Spiritual Battles in The Natural and That's Why Many Stay Stuck)
2. **Stop Worshipping Titles** (Many idolize words/letters and prefixes and suffixes over a person's character)
3. **Stick With Integrity** (The amount of people with poor character is at a crisis level)
4. **Start Breaking Strongholds** (Let's check our childhoods and break chains that have historically bound us!)
5. **Stop Chasing Them** (Quit running after and catering to haters, fakers, snakers, takers, drama makers,...)
6. **Stick With Thankfulness** (Philippians 4 for sure!)
7. **Start Taking Responsibility** (This is one of the greatest traits of leadership)
8. **Stop Being Petty** (Pettness and Messiness will ultimately cost us time, energy, money, and focus)
9. **Stick With Boundaries** (This will protect you and others)
10. **Start Forgiving More** (This includes yourself too)
11. **Stop Doubting Yourself**
12. **Stick With Wisdom**
13. **Start Saying No** (This includes saying "Not Now" and "Never!" See how people respond when you start saying these "N" Words more!)
14. **Stop Worrying Constantly** (Philippians 4 for sure and Matthew 6 will help with this!)
15. **Stick With Joy**
16. **Start Thinking Critically** (I'm fully fascinated by the number of people who believe what they are told via the media, famous people, institutions, etc. without analyzing the message with wisdom from the Lord)
17. **Stop Overlooking Them** (Are there people in our lives we take for granted? Take notice!)
18. **Stick With Assertiveness** (Don't settle for Being Passive-Passive Aggressive and Aggressive.... Assertiveness yields the best results)
19. **Start Obeying God** (This sets the tone for every area of our lives)
20. **Stop Being Afraid**

By Anthony J. Butler

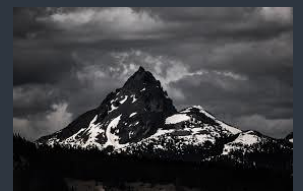
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PROVERBS 18:21

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.

MARK 11:22-24

And Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God. Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.



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Angel's Transformation to Life

As I thank God for each and every one of you I think back on the 15 years that I spent Behind the Walls so when I share with you, I do know how you feel. I'm saying it with heartfelt compassion and as the new year is brought in, my Christmas wish and my prayer request is that each and every one of you will see who you are through God's eyes, and not who society says you are.

Not who your mama says you are, not who your daddy says you were, not who you think you are, but who Jesus Christ says that you are. I know this can happen because he turned my mess into a masterpiece.

Each of you have a purpose. I just completed the G.R.O.W. (grace restores overcoming women) program with Dr Lori Trout. I have my own apartment.

I work as a Recovery Technician. I just got word my meth charges are being expunged! When we give our mess to Jesus Christ, He shakes us up and breaks us up to place us, our lives, and our minds HIS WAY...THE ONLY WAY. I SERVED THOSE STREETS FOR 30 YEARS, BUT NOW I SERVE CHRIST!! I became teachable and reachable.... I believe in each and every one of you.

God's Word on Transformation

Isaiah 43:18-19

18 "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.

19 See, I am doing a new thing!

Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

I am making a way in the wilderness

and streams in the wasteland.

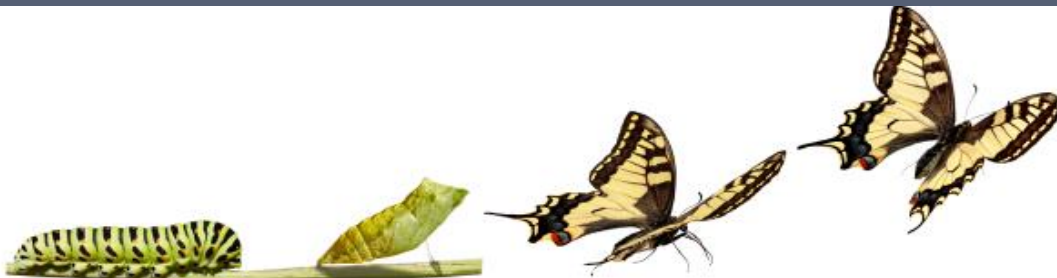
Philippians 3:13-14

13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Steps to Reset

1. Recognize the need to reset your life
2. Ask God to help you reset
3. Identify tangible actions you can take to reset
4. Identify and challenge ways of thinking that can help you reset
5. Intentionally declare that, with God's help, you are beginning your reset.

The butterfly has long been a Christian symbol of the resurrection, for it disappears into a cocoon and appears later far more beautiful and powerful than before.



Hearing From God (Part 1)

Have you ever heard someone say, “God told me thus and thus?” Are you left wondering how they heard from God? Did they hear an audible voice or what?

For the next few months I will be talking about how we hear from the Lord. There are many ways the Lord can speak to us.

I will start with the most common way--His word, the Bible.

It is so important for us to be in the Word. We learn what God says about many things. Through it, we learn what is pleasing or displeasing to Him.

We learn how we can have peace and live a victorious life. We learn the truth.

When you read the Bible, don't read it with an ulterior motive or with your own agenda. When you read it, be open to what the Lord would say and His truth.

Maybe it has been hard for you to understand the Bible. I suggest you start reading with the New Testament. Even though you might not be able to understand all of it, accept and apply the parts you do understand. The more you read and pray, the more will be revealed to you.

The Bible is living. This means you constantly learn new things every time you read it. I have been a serious student of the Bible for several decades. And it seems almost every time I read it, something new jumps out at me.

When you read some of the verses, you might not feel they apply to you. Put it in the back of your mind and keep it there. Sometimes the lesson will apply to you later in life.

If you do come across things you do not understand, pray and ask the Lord to give you understanding. Sometimes the understanding doesn't come right away. It might come much later. You might be thinking and praying about a certain situation and the Lord might bring that certain scripture to your mind.

Hearing From God (Part 1) cont.

It is not only important for you to read and know the Word, but it is important that you apply it.

It is also important that you accept it as truth and as the word of God. Here is an example.

My mother was a giver in every sense of the word, including tithing.

My father died when Mama was in her early 50's. She struggled financially and ended up moving in with us for a few years.

When she moved out on her own, money was still tight.

I know what the Bible says about giving and tithing. Regarding tithing, the Lord says He will open the windows of heaven and pour out such a blessing there will not be room enough to receive it. Regarding giving, He says to give and it shall be given to you, good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over.

One day I was talking to the Lord about Mama. "I know Mama is a tither and a giver, Lord. Where are the blessings Your word promises?"

I know that blessings are not always monetary. He can bless in other ways.

My mother remarried when she was in her 70's. That is when she received her blessings. When she passed she was even able to leave a little inheritance for us kids.

The Lord speaks to you from His word, the Bible. It tells you His do's and don'ts. It tells you what Jesus did for you. It gives you His promises. The Bible is His truth.

For example in today's world when there seems to be so many ways to salvation, Jesus said in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

I have never heard an audible voice from the Lord, but He has spoken to me many times through His word.

Next month, we will discuss more ways the Lord speaks to you.

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Habakkuk 2:2 ESV

And the LORD answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it."

Write Us – We want to hear from you. We enjoy hearing from you. Here are some things you can write about.

- **Tell us about our magazine**

We want to know what you like about our magazine. What are some of the articles you want to see more of? Are there any specific types of stories that inspire you?

- **Send us something to publish**

Do you write poetry? Do you have a powerful testimony? Do you have a particular scripture that you want to share why it inspires you? Maybe you are an artist and want to share a drawing. Send it to us and let us check it out. If approved we will publish it for others to see. Please refrain from any inappropriate material. We are a Christian organization and will not publish anything that is unsuitable for our readers.

- **Send us your prayer requests or issues you are dealing with**

Are you going through something right now. Write us so we can pray with you. We will respond to your letter with a prayer, scripture and guidance on your issue. We all need someone to touch and agree with us when we are faced with life's challenges.



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Changing the World One Life at a Time



Just For Laughs!

Why did the man sprinkle sugar on his pillow on New Year's Eve? He wanted to start the new year with sweet dreams.

What should people never eat on New Year's Eve? "Fire" Crackers

What's the one group that hates New Year's Day? The New Year's Eve cleanup crew

Knock knock. Who's there? Cheese... Cheese Who? For Cheese a jolly good fellow!

What happened to the woman that stole a calendar? She got 12 months.

Why do birds fly south for New Year's Eve? It is too far to walk.

What does a ghost say on New Year's Day? Happy Boo Year

What is corn's favorite holiday? New Ear's Day

What is a cow's favorite holiday? Moo Year's Day

On New Year's Eve, Daniel was in no shape to drive, so he sensibly left his van in the car park and walked home. As he was wobbling along, he was stopped by a policeman. 'What are you doing out here at four o'clock in the morning?' asked the police officer.

'I'm on my way to a lecture,' answered Roger.

'And who on earth, in their right mind, is going to give a lecture at this time on New Year's Eve?' enquired the constable sarcastically.

'My wife,' slurred Daniel grimly.

Happy New Year!

SOLUTION

