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"Wisdom is a tree of life to those who take hold of her."

Proverbs 3:18



In All Things, Glorify God Through Jesus Christ





The Authority & Power Behind Words

As far back as I can remember, I have always enjoyed writing inspirational prose and poetry. However, I only wrote as a hobby and an outlet. But late one night in the fall of 2001, everything about my writing changed after I heard the audible voice of God call out my name...

Shortly thereafter, I began to receive inspired poems and messages that ministered to me on subjects pertaining to life, love and loss. These messages came when I least expected them causing me to keep a notepad and pencil with me at all times. As some would record their thoughts in a diary, I kept a journal and filled it with these poems and messages.

For years my husband urged me to share my work with others as a ministry. However, at the time, I disagreed for I felt that would be too invasive. My writings were deeply personal as they spoke of my life, my loves and my loss. Yet, as the Lord would have it, that decision changed after seeing one of my poems minister to a someone other than myself.

Over the years, the Lord has taught me to better understand and appreciate the authority and power that stands behind our words. It is written: *"So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and It shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."* Isaiah 55:11

When God inspires us to speak, either audibly or in written form, we are sending forth His word which shall not return to Him void, but it shall accomplish what He pleases, and It shall prosper in the thing for which He sent it.

May the inspired messages within this book be a blessing to all who read them.



"The very words I have spoken to you are Spirit and Life."

John 6:63





The Power Of Inspiration

When God reveals His sovereign majesty and power, He inspires His people...
When we reveal God through our life-changing testimonies, we inspire the world...

Inspiration is what happens when we are moved to believe in extraordinary possibilities that ordinarily seem impossible. Inspiration feeds our faith and restores the hope that keeps us pushing past obstacles and enables us to move forward. When we inspire others, we lift people up above their natural circumstances and they are moved to take action. It is in that place of action that God meets us. It is there that we see the wondrous and the miraculous take place...

"I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit."

Romans 15:13





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"Not everyone who calls out to Me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of My Father in Heaven will enter. On judgment day many will say to Me, 'Lord! Lord! We prophesied in Your name and cast out demons in Your name and performed many miracles in Your name.' But I will reply, 'I never knew you. Away from Me, you who break God's laws.'" Matthew 7-21-23

The Bible tells us to *"not be conformed to this world. but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."* Romans 12:2

When one is drawn by God to follow Jesus, the Holy Spirit comes to dwell within them and then the transformation begins. As we learn God's word, we come into the knowledge of what is truly right and wrong in God's eyes. This causes a change in our thinking so we begin to align ourselves, and our lives, with the truth of God's word. This renewing of the mind is a process that is different for everyone. Some move ahead quicker than others while others may move a little slower. But there is one quality every true, born again Believer has in common. That is the indisputable evidence that the Holy Spirit is dwelling within them.

Before we submitted our life to Jesus, we were comfortable with the ways of the world and we embraced the sin in our life. However, God despises sin and His Spirit will not tolerate it. Therefore Holy Spirit convicts us when we sin. This conviction moves us to feel guilty and because we don't want to grieve Holy Spirit, we act. This guilt moves us to repent and seek God's grace and mercy for we love God and we do not want to displease Him. Ideally, at this point many resolve to abandon that sin permanently. But this is not always the case. Sometimes, we give in to the temptation to return to that sin. It is here that God extends His grace and mercy. However, the Lord sets a limit on how much grace and forgiveness He extends. What every Christian needs to realize, however, is that only God knows what that limit is.

Regardless of our words and actions, God knows the true state of our hearts. He knows who will be saved and who will be lost. Many give the appearance of knowing Him, but He knows exactly who belongs to Him. Jesus said, *"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me."* John 10:27

"Does this offend you? Then what will you think if you see the Son of Man ascend to Heaven again? The Spirit alone gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing. The very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But some of you do not believe Me." (For Jesus knew from the beginning which ones did and would not believe, and He knew who would betray Him.) Then Jesus said, 'That is why I said that people cannot come to Me unless the Father gives them to Me.'" John 6:61-65.

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father.'" The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children of God, and if children, then heirs - heirs of God and joint with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together." Romans 8:14-17.

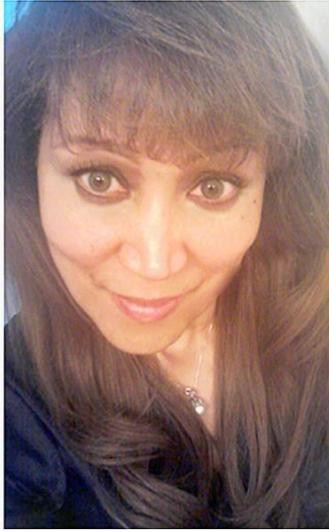
"Let us stop going over the basic teachings about Christ again and again. Let us go on instead and become mature in our understanding. Surely we don't need to

start again with the fundamental importance of repenting from evil deeds and placing our faith in God. You don't need further instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. And so, God willing, we will move forward to further understanding. For it is impossible to bring back to repentance those who were once enlightened - those who have experienced the good things of Heaven and shared in the Holy Spirit, who have tasted the goodness of the Word of God and the Power of the age to come - and who then turn away from God. It is impossible to bring such people back to repentance; by rejecting the Son of God, they themselves are nailing Him to the cross once again and holding Him up to public shame. When the ground soaks up the falling rain and bears a good crop for the farmer, it has God's blessing. But if a field bears thorns and thistles, it is useless. The farmer will soon condemn that field and burn it." Hebrews 6:1-8.



"No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day." John 6:44.





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