

**GREAT
GRANDPA'S
TALES AND
TIPS**

BOOK ONE

TRUE TALE

I've never known God to let his servants starve. We sat down one time to give thanks when we had shredded wheat but no milk and we figured we ought to use water. You can do that in case you ever get hard up.

Some of these Americans, they're so used to having everything, if they don't have it they don't know what to do. It's surprising what you can do. God didn't let that happen to us with our four small kids.

As soon as we sat down to that shredded wheat and water breakfast, before we poured the water on, we heard the PA system paging us to come to the office of the trailer park for a letter, and therein was \$10. The grocery store was on the corner and we had milk for breakfast, praise God!

GREAT TIPS

- God can give you money if He has to drop it from Heaven!
- If you continue to be faithful to God's work, God will be faithful to you.
- He's willing to let you have almost anything you want as long as you delight yourself in Him and put Him first!
- Obey and try and He'll supply!
- If you really need it, He's well able to supply it without your borrowing, stealing, cheating, hurting or robbing others to get it! Pray it in! Pray for it, and if God doesn't supply, then it's not His will!

TRUE TALE

When I quit my job I decided it was time to get something where we could house students for our soul-winning classes [rather than continue living in a small trailer].

We'd found this lovely little cottage that we wanted to move to, and we were desperate for money to pay for it. It was only \$50 a month, but we had to pay two months in advance.

I said, "Well, if the Lord wants us to have that house He'll supply the money somehow and He'll save it for us till we get there."

So I said, "Why don't we go by the post office on the way to see it?"--And in the mail was a check for \$100 to help us take care of the missionaries! Praise the Lord!

GREAT TIPS

- We owe the message of God and His life of love to everyone.
- Your job is to tell them the truth and to show them love! Their job is to receive it and believe it.
- Be as ready as you can, to save as many as you can, with as much love as you can.
- God not only gives you everything you need, but even everything you want, if you really please Him!
- He never fails! Just seek, knock and ask, and He'll help you find, open and get!

TRUE TALE

I got caught on the plane! They'd shut the door while I was on the plane telling the missionaries goodbye.

I felt the plane move and I said, "Hey, what's going on?!" Right away someone quick yelled for the hostess! She said, "Oh my God, you're not travelling on the plane?"

I said, "No, I'm not going to Brazil!" She said, "Stop the pilot quick!"

They ran up to the cabin and had the pilot stop the plane! But they said, "They've already moved the steps back to the hangar!" And I said, "Never mind, just open the door! It's not far, I'll get out!"

You know, even on that kind of plane you're about 20 feet above the ground! So I just got down on my hands and knees and dropped down to where I was hanging from the bottom of the door by my hands, and then dropped down to the pavement!

The guards came running over wondering what in the world was going on! I said, "It was an accident! They almost took me to Brazil!" And finally everybody laughed. It was funny!

GREAT TIPS

- A true missionary's only reason for living is to give life to the lost by giving them God's Word.
- If you can't be a missionary, then support one.
- Be sure you pray desperately and find God's will for yourself before you go anywhere! –Only God knows the best place for you.
- A missionary is God's man (or woman) in God's place doing God's work in God's way for God's glory.
- The only way to win the world is with the love of Jesus.

TRUE TALE

After I got filled with the Holy Spirit the Lord just let me receive it by faith and I didn't really realize I had any gifts of the Spirit at all, until the next day.

The next day when I was down sweeping out the Church as usual and cleaning things up, straightening things up, all of a sudden I just began to hear the voice of the Lord so clearly to tell me everything to do. "Now go do this about the track rack, now go sort out the library."

I mean, I just felt so strong the voice of the Lord telling me and directing me what to do, it was really sweet!

GREAT TIPS

- The Lord promises His Spirit so that you may be anointed and inspired in all you do!
- The Holy Spirit is God's gift of love for us!
- Pray and ask Jesus to fill you with His loving Spirit and He will!
- His Spirit in us will help us to do the humanly impossible!
- Our spirits, like machinery, need cleaning and oiling—the washing of the pure water of the Word and the oiling of the love and patience of the Holy Spirit!

TRUE TALE

My Grandfather use to say that God has made remedies for almost everything! He's made natural remedies and certain herbs and there seems to be a remedy for almost everything! An old Arab was telling him this once in the desert when he got a very bad thorn in this thumb from a thorn bush travelling in the desert of Egypt.

It immediately festered just like poison and got very sore and bad! The old Arab said that God has a remedy for all these things, and he just took my grandfather and walked him over to the nearest camel—the camels upon which they were riding through the desert at that time—and he stuck his thumb in the camel's mouth!

The camel sucked on his thumb and something about the camel's strong saliva completely dissolved the thorn which was a barbed thorn that he couldn't pull out. But immediately it dissolved the thorn completely, removed it entirely.

The camel's saliva seemed to have a healing effect on his thumb as well, sucked out the poison, and his thumb healed up completely, the soreness gone almost immediately!

GREAT TIPS

- Health is a special blessing of God.
- It's better to stay healthy than to have to be healed.
- You are the Lord's property and you'd better take good care of His property.
- There are no exceptions! God can heal anything!
- God made a few ugly things so we'd appreciate the pretty things, a few thorns so we'd appreciate the roses!

TRUE TALE

A few years ago archaeologists uncovered the burned ruins of an old inn in northern Israel. There they found a small iron chest containing apparently the valuable papers of some Roman noblewoman who had been travelling in Israel at that time, checking up on her various land holdings, property that she owned in Israel.

So in this little chest they found most of the papers labelled with a big title "HUPOSTASIS" at the top of almost every paper. The business of the day was done in Greek because this was the worldwide language of business and culture, even though the Romans were ruling the world.

All of these papers which had the tittle "HUPOSTASIS" in big letters across the top were, guess what?--Title deeds to her properties! But this was long after the King James was translated, so they didn't have the advantage of that discovery.

If you want to turn to Hebrews the 11th chapter, the word there "substance" is just as good and conveys the message and I am quite sure it's sufficient, but if you want to make it even clearer and more explicit you can write above that word "substance," in parentheses, "title." Now faith is what?--The Title Deed!

GREAT TIPS

- Faith is built by faithful study of God's Word!
- Faith is the hand of the Spirit which reaches out and receives!
- Real faith knows, and it happens: it never fails.
- Real faith can stand the test. Faith knows God will do it—and He does!
- If you're weak in faith it's because you're weak in the Word.
- Real faith never quits. Faith never stops trusting.

TRUE TALE

The Catholic lady that live next door to our church building that I built with my own hands in Arizona came rushing over to me one day, weeping, with her little five year old son in her arms, writhing in agony, screaming, holding his side--acute attack of appendicitis.

I've been through that myself; I know what it's like. But she came and brought the child to me because she had faith.

She cried and asked me to pray for her little boy. I laid hands on the boy, instantly--just like that--he stopped crying, he relaxed and went sound to sleep and was completely healed!

GREAT TIPS

- Our God is still a God of miracles.
- The One Who made us can certainly fix us.
- God prefers to heal—if we can be trusted with it, learn what He’s trying to show us, and let it accomplish His purpose.
- Healings are not necessarily permanent unless you obey. It’s almost like a reward for obeying.
- His healing is a special blessing which He can take away if you don’t keep trusting Him for it and giving him all the glory.

TRUE TALE

They were having this big celebration in the church basement, and this tree and Santa Claus all dressed up passing out bags of rotten candy. Even as a young Christian, I was kind of a fanatic rebel, and I literally stunned everybody!

I got so mad, the longer I watched and the more I saw, and I thought of that candy. I wouldn't touch a piece of that kind of rock crystal sugar candy! Giving these little kids bags of poison rots your teeth! I was a young teenager. I was trying to teach the young people to be spiritual and love the Lord. And here they were having all this stuff that had nothing to do with Jesus, on His Birthday!

So right at the height of all this foolishness I burst out with, "Happy Birthday to You! Happy Birthday to You!" And they started looking at me like I'd lost my mind!-- Like I was crazy!--What was I doing singing "Happy Birthday" when this was Christmas!

I said: "HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEAR JESUS, Happy Birthday to You!" And all their faces fell, and they couldn't have looked more embarrassed because it really drove the point home! Here they were celebrating Christmas and they'd completely forgotten about the Lord, His Birthday, no presents for Jesus, no songs for Jesus.

GREAT TIPS

- Jesus is God's gift of love.
- Jesus is the Light of the world. Only in Him is there light.
- Jesus is the only One Who ever rose from the dead and can give you power to do the same.
- Jesus is the only One Who didn't make any mistakes and the One Who loves us in spite of ours.
- Jesus is the One you have to approach God through.

TRUE TALE

I was starting to murmur and complain about that barking lizard, and it hasn't bothered me ever since! I never had such an idea before. It just struck me, you know how those funny things happen:

"He's your watchdog!"

Now that's the last thing I would have ever thought about, but did it ever occur to you maybe he is? He sort of barks like that if there's any disturbance and somebody's around. When he hears noises or when he hears us stirring around or animals, maybe cats or whatever. At least it made me feel a lot better about him if he was out there barking at things and being of some kind of use and serving some kind of purpose, not barking at me!

Maybe he sort of acts like a watchdog! It's a pretty good-sized thing and makes such a big noise. He was pretty big when we saw him last time. I think if that lizard came charging at me I'd sure be scared, so maybe he makes a pretty good watchdog!

Maybe he scares off other pests, rats and roaches too! Maybe if he's disturbed he makes that noise, and you'd think a robber or a thief would be a little bit worried about causing any disturbance or any sound. In other words, if they stirred him up and got him to doing that, a thief would be afraid that the noise was going to attract attention, just like a dog barking.

GREAT TIPS

- When you have the Lord and His favour, it's just like you have a shield all the way around you, like a forcefield protecting you.
- God won't let a thing happen to you except what He has designed or allowed to happen.
- Nothing happens to God's children but by His will or His permission.
- One of your best protections is to keep busy for God and obedient to those who love you in the Lord, and also to fill your mind and heart with positive, encouraging, and faith-building thoughts from His Word.
- Thank God for His angels who are watching over you continually, even your personal guardian angel, whose job is you!

TRUE TALE

We literally worked our way halfway across the country to Texas with my slides and pictures!

One of the most outstanding experiences was the time I showed the slides one night in that trailer park where that newsboy was.

I was leaving the next morning after I'd shown the slides that night, but the trailer park man had allowed me to show my slides only on one condition: "You can't take an offering."

He didn't want me to do it for money, like I was making money off of his customers.

So we were really flat broke the next morning. We had a dollar-and-a-half or something like that and I said,

"Well, it's enough to buy a tank of gas and at least we can get to the next town."

And just as we were packing up and hitching up our trailer and leaving, the newsboy walked up with his hand clasped, he had a bill palmed in his hand, and he put this folded bill into my hand.

I shook his hand heartily and thanked him, and of course it wasn't exactly polite to pull it out and look and see how much it was, so I just stuck it in my pocket.

I'll tell you what I had faith for, about \$5, and that was quite a bit in those days. I'll never forget, when he put it in my hand he said,

"Here, Preacher! You know, it was a good thing you did last night, and these little kids here, they really needed it! They're a bunch of wild Indians and they never go to church and they've never heard anything like that before, so that was really good for them! I'm so glad you did that, that was really good!"

And he shook my hand and put the bill in my hand!

So when I got out on the highway I said, "Well, we' better stop and get some groceries now we've got some money!"

So Mother [and the children] stayed in the car and my wife and I got out and started walking across the street.

There's a huge big six-lane highway. And I got across the first three lanes, about in the middle, when I pulled out the bill to see what it was, and I jumped straight up in the air and shouted "Hallelujah!"—right out in the middle of all that traffic!

It was a fifty-dollar bill! That was one of the biggest gifts we ever got!—And from a newsboy! It's the poor who support God's Work!.

We went a long ways on that \$50 in those days! It really thrilled me, and boy, I really went great with my [Bible] slides and showings and meetings from then on!

GREAT TIPS

- You do what you can and God will do what you can't.
- God always takes care of His own.
- Where God guides He provides.
- He has never failed us in one of all His good promises.
- He's with you every step of the way.