

## Moments with the Master

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### Love and law of love

#### (5 short prophecy messages from Jesus to children, on the subject.)

1. (Jesus says:) Can you count to two? Most people can. And that's as easy as I made it to remember how many "most important rules" there are. When I came to Earth I made it so easy to know what made My father in Heaven the most glad—even young children could learn them. Number one: Love God with all your heart, more than anyone or anything. Number two: Show God's love and care to others, in the way you'd like others to treat you with kindness and respect. So, no matter what situation you are in, if you can remember those two guidelines, it will help you to make wise and truly Godly decisions, and do things that you will be rewarded for.
2. Oh, how My children can love one another with My Love! All you have to do is receive My love and pour it on others. Please understand that it is My love you are pouring out to each other, so don't hold back, but give and give and give some more. You can be a vessel of My love. You can be Me loving others through you. Please don't hold back! Freely give the love I have given you for one another.
3. Go forth in the power of love! Go and share love! As freely as you have received, so freely give. Give love, give understanding, give sympathy. I have commissioned you to love the lost, heal the sick, love the unlovely and live the Law of Love. Be tender, be kind, and show mercy. Love the Lord your god with all your heart, soul, and mind. Keep your eyes fixed on Heaven, and I will make all things possible for you. I will make it possible for you to serve in love, live in love and love one another.
4. Your commission is to be an example of loving the Lord, loving others, and loving the lost. I have called you to be an example of understanding, sympathy and tender-heartedness. I have called you to strengthen those who are weak and to save those who are lost. Your commission is to work hand-in-hand in love and unity. Your commission is to live the Law of Love and to give of yourself to those in need. When you love God and put Him first, He will give you the love you need to fulfil your commission!
5. When I was on earth, I lived the Law of Love. By My example, I taught My disciples how to love God first and then love and care for each other and the lost. The closer you try to follow My ways, the more you will become like Me. You'll shine with My radiance and My simple love. You will desire to show My impartial love that loves the unlovely and those who others despise. My love reaches out and cares for them and gives to them. As you look more to Me, you will become more like Me and will be able to reflect My love without partiality. You will then begin to glow with My light!

**(5 Short true story, or object lesson or reflection, on the subject.)**

1. A nurse in a hospital complained to the chaplain that one of the patients had treated her rudely. He answered, "Thank God for that!" "What do you mean?" she asked. "Well," he explained, "if you are holding a glass and someone knocks against you, you can only spill out what is inside! When people misjudge and criticize us, we soon reveal what is in our hearts. If we are Christ-filled and governed by the Holy Spirit, we will manifest the gentleness and meekness of our Saviour. In fact, God often allows us to be pushed around and mistreated so that unsaved people may be astonished at His grace as we overflow with love and forbearance."

2. An African Christian lady earned money by selling a special bean-cake. She had always been conscientious in her giving, but after she had a bad foot injury, her income ceased. It was a long time before she could work again. She eagerly waited for the day when she could sell her cakes again. She promised the missionary that she would give one-third of her earnings to the Lord. Her goal was to earn three shillings in the first week of business. The missionary was surprised when the woman returned after only two days with one shilling for the Lord.

"Surely you didn't earn three shillings already!" he exclaimed. The African lady seemed surprised. "Do you think I would give Jesus the last of the three?" she asked. "This is the first one and it belongs to Him. The other two I make will be for me." --Her heart was so filled with love for Jesus that she wanted to honour Him first.

3. One day, Charles H. Spurgeon, Britain's famed preacher of the nineteenth century, was walking along a country lane with a friend. He noticed a weather vane which was topped by the words "God Is Love." Spurgeon remarked to his companion, "I don't think it's appropriate to put a message like that on a weather vane. Weather vanes change with the wind, and God's love is constant."

"I don't agree with you, Charles," his friend replied. "You misunderstand the meaning. What that weather vane is telling us is that whichever way the wind blows, God is love."

-E. Schuyler English

4. One day, a father wanted to teach his little boy about God's love. Taking him to the top of a high hill, he pointed in all the directions of the compass. Then, sweeping his arm around the whole circle of the horizon, he exclaimed, "Johnny, my boy, God's love is as big as all that."

"Why, Father," the child replied with sparkling eyes, "then we must be right in the middle of it!" --How true!

5. Jesus told the story of the shepherd who went out to search for the one little lost sheep because He wanted people to understand what God's love is like. In John chapter 10, Jesus talks about the good shepherd who cares for his flock and protects them. He is even willing to search for one little sheep all night long until he finds that sheep. Jesus is our loving Protector and Caregiver. Jesus said that thieves and wolves would try to destroy the sheep but the good shepherd is there to save them. Even though Satan may try to steal and destroy God's people (John 10:10), Jesus is always there to protect and save us. Jesus did not come as a hired worker. He came as the one and only truly Good Shepherd who loves us so much that He even laid down His life for us.

**(5 Prayers & praises on the subject.)**

1. Thank You, Lord for Your great love that You show in so many ways! I don't even understand it because it is so, so great! It is so near, right near my heart and yet it is as all-encompassing as the night sky. I just don't realize how much of it there is. But I thank You, Lord, for Your Love that I do understand and that I can see in so many ways. The greatest of which is Salvation, the great love that caused You to die for me. Thank You, Jesus, for dying for me, for rescuing and saving me. Thank You that I am forgiven. I love You, Jesus!

2. Thank You, Jesus, for loving me. Thank You that You reach down to help even little ol' me. Sometimes I feel like I'm a hopeless case. But I'm thankful that I can never be too bad for You, Jesus. Thank You that through You, I can get to know God as my Father. I'm so thankful that when God looks at me, He sees You, Jesus. Not my bad, old self but You, Jesus! That why I want to be more like You, Jesus. More loving and kinder to those I live with. Please make me more like You, Jesus, so I can share Your love with others. IJN amen.

3. Oh Heavenly Father, thank You for loving me. Thank You for your deep love for me. Thank You for Your love for me that motivated You to send Your only Son into the world. Your personal love for me reaches right down into my soul. Thank You, too, dear Father, that I can participate in Your love. Thank You that You can work through me. Thank You that You're teaching me how to connect to Your love and share Your love with others.

4. When I offer up my little handful of love to You, dear Jesus, I am flooded by a sea of Your love. When I direct my love to You, I'm like a child shining a flashlight at the sun. You shine on me with so much love and care. When I try to give You everything, I feel like I only receive. Your love is so deep, so wide, and so wonderful! Your love encompasses everything and makes me want to shout for joy.

5. Thank You for Your great love for me. Without Your love, I can't do anything. Thank You that Your banner over us is love. Thank You that You've shown us how to let You work through us so that we can bring Your love to the world. Help me to be a vessel, a channel of Your love. I'm glad I have Your love for me, but I want to also feel Your love going out of me to others. You're the only One Who can do that, Lord. Please fill me to overflowing so I can pour out Your love to others in the same way.

**(5 Quotation from others, or hymn portion, or poem portion on the subject.)**

1. A girl learned that Jesus watches over her to see everything she does. Her mother said, "Doesn't that bother you that He sees everything you do?" "Oh, no," said the girl. "He loves me so much, He can't keep His eyes off me."

2. My love for the Lord is not measured by the things I am willing to do for Him, but the things I am not willing to do for Him.

3. God loves us not because of who *we* are but because of who *He* is. --Peter Kelly

4. The Apostle James wrote that the true practice of faith consists of both outward and inward action. It is outward towards others in practical ways and inward through devotion to God. --Peter Kelly

5. The love of God for you is like the Amazon River flowing down to water a single daisy. --F. B. Meyer

### **(10 Bible verses or portions on the subject)**

1. Jesus answered him, the first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these" Mark 12:28-31).
2. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Galatians 5:14
3. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 1 John 4:9
4. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins. 1 John 4:10
5. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. 1 John 4:11
6. But God... is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us. **Ephesians 2: 4**
- 7-8. Charity suffers long, *and* is kind; charity envies not; charity vaunts not itself, is not puffed up. Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeks not her own, is not easily provoked, thinks no evil; Rejoices not in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; Bears all things, believeth all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Charity never fails. 1Corinthians **13:4-8**
9. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. **1Peter 4:8**
10. Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. **Ephesians 4:32**

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### **Angels and Spirit Helpers**

#### **(5 short prophecy messages from Jesus to children, on the subject.)**

1. (Jesus says:) When the Earth was made, God gave all creation, and the people on Earth, all the help they would need. Most of the time, this special Heavenly help is unseen. But God's Spirit helpers and angels are always around, ready to guide and help people be safe and to make Godly decisions. Even if you think you are totally alone, you never really are. You are always being lovingly watched over and accompanied by angelic beings from Heaven. That's how much God loves you!
2. (Jesus speaking:) As you listen to the whispers, you will feel Me closer to you. Even now there are angels and helpers right there helping you, whispering in your ear. All you have to do is close your eyes. Close your physical eyes and open your eyes of the spirit and you will see wondrous things that will encourage you and inspire you. So many are the helpers that I have given to you! So great is the protection that I put around you! These are the blessings I have given you because of your love for Me.
3. (Jesus speaking:) I have given gifts of the Spirit to you. --Gifts of knowledge and wisdom and practical gifts of helps and organization. These gifts help you in your daily life. But there are those who stand behind these gifts in the world beyond. These are your spirit helpers and angels who wait to help you and guide you. Now and in the days to come, you will need to get to know these helpers. They

wait for you be aware of them and call on them. Whenever you call on them, they are activated to help you and work on your behalf. So call and they will answer and show you great and mighty things!

4. (Jesus speaking:) Know and understand that My Word is first and foremost. But for further strength, help and guidance, listen to the whispers, listen to those I have given to guide you. They will make your tasks easier because when you listen and obey what you hear, you are allowing them to direct you more from this side. That way, we can work together even better. So tune in! Fine-tune and hear My voice and the voices of those I have sent to help you. For we are in this together, and together we will win the victory. You will be so much more effective if you tune in, listen to the radio signals from Heaven and get your instructions from My Word, My voice and the whispers of your Heavenly helpers.

5. As the days grow darker, so you must have My light ever stronger to lead you in the right way. As the world becomes more complicated, so you need to have more of Me to get you through the maze of complications. Do not be afraid to ask. Are you ever afraid to ask your father or mother for help when you don't know the answer? No, you just asked and they answered. So it is with Me. I have given you a multitude of spirit helpers who want to help you, but you must listen to them. Become more sensitive to Me and My Spirit. Keep your antenna up, always listening. This can be a great guide to you if you will use it, and it will help you know the ways of God better.

**(5 Short true story, or object lesson or reflection, on the subject.)**

1. When witnessing to a friend, I shared how the Lord uses angels and spirit helpers to help us. I explained how the spirit world works and how the Lord organizes His good spirits and angels. He was very interested to know more, so I told him the names of some of the spirit helpers. He was particularly interested in Arcothon and what he does. He even wrote down the name so he could call on him when needed. A few weeks later, I received a call from this friend. He said that his friend has a problem with nightmares. He had gotten prayer from his pastor but the nightmares still continued. So our friend told him to call on Arcothon. When his friend did, the nightmares stopped. The spiritual war is real, and we wield great power when we call on the spirit helpers by name.

2. Elijah was one of the God's greatest prophets (1 Kings 17). Sometimes he was bold as a lion, and sometimes he was terribly discouraged. One time, he challenged the prophets of Baal to a contest to see who was the true God. When God answered by fire, Queen Jezebel got mad and threatened to kill Elijah. Elijah had to run for his life. By nightfall, he was really tired and hungry. Elijah was feeling sorry for himself as he went to sleep. Suddenly, he was wakened by an angel's touch. There was food in front of him, and the angel said, "Arise, eat."

After that, Elijah went back to sleep, but the angel woke him up again." Arise and eat," the angel said, "because the journey is too great for you." So he got up and ate again. After that, he went on a long journey and he was not hungry again for forty days and forty nights" (1 Kings 19:6-8). God sent an angel to provide Elijah with everything he needed, both physically and spiritually. If we are living close to Jesus, we can claim God's promises and see them fulfilled. God might send us an angel, too!

3. An angel came to the garden where Jesus' body lay. The angel rolled away the stone so that fresh air and morning light could fill His tomb. After that, the sepulchre was no longer an empty vault or a dreary grave. Instead, it radiated with the glory of God. Just as an angel was involved in Christ's

resurrection, so will angels help us when we pass from this world to the next world. Only a thin veil separates our natural world from the spiritual world. That thin veil is what we call death. However, Christ conquered death. So now God surrounds death with angelic helpers who guide us and bring us to the radiant light of Heaven.

4. When Argentina cancelled flights into the country due to COVID-19, Juan Manuel Ballestero used his 29-foot sailboat to get home. He did not want to miss his father's birthday because he was turning 90.

Juan Manuel stocked his small boat in Portugal and set sail across the Atlantic in mid-March. Alone in the middle of the ocean, Juan started praying for comfort. Then God sent him a pod of dolphins that swam along Juan's boat for about 2,000 miles.

"They were like angels," Juan says, "they would come and go. Then one day, they seemed to say goodbye."

Three months later, Juan arrived home safely in Argentina where his family welcomed him.

-- Meg Belviso, *Angels on Earth*

5. One afternoon at the beach, the ocean was smooth as glass. I floated on my back and enjoyed letting the waves rock me. I drifted peacefully along for a while. When I opened my eyes and looked around, I was far from shore.

I started swimming as hard as I could but the shore wasn't getting any closer. Then I started getting tired. I looked around for help, but I was alone in the water. Far away on the shore, people were packing up and going home. A wave slapped my face, and I swallowed salt water. In desperation, I waved to get attention. Suddenly, two young men appeared near me. Together they pulled me to shore.

"You got caught in a rip tide," the lifeguard said as he helped me up on the beach.

Just then, I got a good look at my rescuers. They looked almost alike, like twins. "Thank you for rescuing me," I said. Then I got up and started walking back to my towel. When I looked back, the lifeguard was packing his things but the water and the beach were empty. --My rescuers had vanished! I'm convinced they were angels.

-- Meg Belviso, *Angels on Earth*

### **(5 Prayers & praises on the subject.)**

1. The mysteries of the spirit world are wonderful and great. They are more than I can understand, dear Jesus. But I'm thankful that You have blessed us with spiritual understanding and spiritual insight. Not only do we hear Your voice but we can also hear from other spirit beings and departed saints. I can't figure it out or analyse it so I will just stay open to whatever messages You want to give me and in whatever way You want to send them. I'm going to continue staying open so I can receive from You. I trust You to send the messages in the way You know best.

2. Thank You that I can ask You to speak at any time. All I have to do is bring my questions before You and ask You to speak, and then trust that what I'm hearing is from You. Thank You that You always

pour out to the hungry heart. Thank You that You will give me the messages and the counsellors that I need.

3. Thank You, Lord, that the spiritual world is so real to us now. It's in the spirit world that things are actually decided. And not just by the angels or spirits but also in my heart and spirit and in the decisions I make. Please help me to make the choices that will please You. Help me to listen to the spirit helpers and guardian angels You have given me so that I can get Your heavenly thoughts and make the right choices.

4. Thank You for my guardian angels that always watch over me. I don't know half of what they have already protected me from but I'm very thankful for them. I'm thankful, too, that my angels always behold Your face in Heaven. They have a direct link to You and I get the benefits of that. Thank You so much, Jesus. Please help me not give my angels a hard time by doing things that are dangerous, or things that I know I shouldn't do. Help me to make it easy for them to be good, too!

5. Dear Jesus, sometimes I feel like there are dark clouds blocking my view. Help me to look beyond them to the sunlight of Your hope and Your promises. Thank You for my spirit helpers! Thank You for Arcothon and Lucerne, who bring me the light of Your love and break through the dark clouds. Help me to hold on! I know that You are ever faithful to help me. I love You, Jesus!

**(5 Quotation from others, or hymn portion, or poem portion on the subject.)**

1. God sends angels to protect us. God tells us in Psalm 91 that He would give us angels to guard us in all our ways. God sent an angel to Daniel in the lion's den. In Daniel 6:22, Daniel says that God shut the mouth of the lions so that no harm came to him. – Stacie Marshall

2. "The more that you trust and believe in angels, the more they will pour their blessings upon you." – Denise Linn

3. "Angels are all around us, all the time, in the very air we breathe." – Eileen Elias Freeman

4. "Angels encourage us by guiding us onto a path that will lead to happiness and hope." – Andy Lakey

5. God sends angels to comfort and help those who are hurt and need care. After Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness fighting against the temptations of the devil, God sent angels to take care of Him (Matthew 4:11). --Stacie Marshall

**(10 Bible verses or portions on the subject)**

1. "Lord, I pray thee, open his spiritual eyes" And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha" (2Kings 6:16, 17).

2. When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory" (Matthew 25:31)

3. "The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth (Matthew 13:41–42).
4. When He had left the Mount of Olives, angels appeared, saying, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus . . . shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven"  
(Acts 1:11).
5. "Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God" (Luke 12:8).
6. "I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents." (Luke 15:10)
7. "And I saw another angel flying in mid-air, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those dwelling on the earth, even to every nation and kindred and tongue and people" (Rev 14:6).
8. "But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. And to a company of thousands upon thousands of angels "(Hebrews 12:22).
9. Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. In a loud voice they were saying, "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" (Revelations 5:11, 12).
10. "He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways" (Psalm 91:11).

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### **Yielded —all body and spirit to God**

#### **(5 short prophecy messages from Jesus to children, on the subject.)**

1. (Jesus says: ) I know what you are thinking! Does that surprise you? Well, it shouldn't really, because I made you. But do you know what I am thinking? Now that's a whole lot harder, isn't it? Because you are just getting to know Me. But because I know you, that means I also know what is best for you, and all about the feelings you have, and how to work out those things you are concerned about. Can you trust Me to lead you to the best things? I will. Just say, "Jesus, My life is in Your hands. Please teach Me Your ways, and I will be eager to follow Your plans." Your life will be so much happier if you do this. I promise you!
2. I see you as a strong young warrior with a sword at your side, sharp and shining! This sword is My Word which you have stored up in your heart. In order to use this sword, you must study to show yourself approved unto Me, a workman that doesn't need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth. I wish for you to learn to use this sword in a loving and skilful way. –Not recklessly or foolishly to the hurt of others but to further My Kingdom, to love and help others and to be a strong warrior in My army. The most important thing is that you are submitted to Me, your heart, mind and spirit all yielded to My will, to My love and to My wisdom.



3. This is a time of learning. You have many desires in your heart. You're restless and sometimes frustrated. But be patient, My son. Hold on a little longer. This is a time of learning to submit your mind, your heart and your spirit so that you may learn My ways and be strengthened in heart and mind. Draw closer to Me and become more strongly connected to Me—so that when I open the doors for you, when I release you to serve Me in greater spheres of usefulness and move forward in the path of life that I have prepared for you, you will be ready to shine and do glorious things for Me. This is My will for you at this time in your life. I pray for you that your faith does not fail. Have faith in Me that I will lead you and provide all your heart's desires if you will but desire Me above all else.

4. Death to self, death to sin, death to your own ways. These deaths are not easy to go through. But from death springs forth the beauty of new life and the power of the Resurrection. Death to self means saying, "Yes, I will go to the cross, I will go through the flame and the flood." This is what brings forth the power of the Resurrection in your life and the beauty of the life to come. Laying down your life, your will and your desires—even though you don't see beyond these deaths—is the step of faith that will empower you and enable you to do great and mighty things. This is the Endtime power that you need. "The people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits."

5. I can only live through you and perform many mighty miracles through you if you are letting Me do it. You do this by getting your strength from Me. Each morning, ask Me what I want to do, what I have planned for the day, and what My will is. I can only live through you if you let Me. I can only do mighty miracles through you if you let Me work through you. You do this by spending time with Me every morning and saying, "This is Your day, Jesus. Do with it what You will." —Just like the branch must abide in the trunk in order to bear fruit, you must learn to abide in Me by surrendering your will. This is how you will find strength for the battle.

**(5 Short true story, or object lesson or reflection, on the subject.)**

1. You've seen the traffic sign that says "Yield," haven't you? It means: "You don't have the right of way. Give the other traffic priority." So when we see a yield sign, we know what to do.

Yield is not a common word in the English Bible. But in Romans 6, Paul uses it to explain our responsibility to God and His law. "Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God... to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are ... for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness... even so now yield your member servants to righteousness unto holiness" (verses 13, 16, 19).

The meaning is clear. Anyone who is used to pausing at a yield sign can get the point. Once we belong to Jesus, we can't just go hurtling through life doing whatever we want. If we do, we'll collide with God's law. We have to get into the habit of pausing, to make sure we are giving God and His way priority. In other words, we no longer have the "right of way." That's yielding! — John Halford

2. Jesus' mother, Mary, is a remarkable example of yielding. God sent Gabriel to tell Mary that she was to become the mother of the Messiah ([Luke 1:26](#)). What God was asking was going to change her life. It seemed at first God's request would bring a quick end to her engagement. When Joseph first heard that Mary was pregnant, he was minded to refuse to marry her, until an angel reassured him. Nothing in Mary's life would ever be quite normal again. But Mary's reply to the angel showed that she was totally yielded to God: "Be it unto me according to thy word" ([Luke 1:38](#)). — John Halford

3. A man once came to a watchmaker and gave him the hands of a clock, saying “I want you to fix these hands. They just don’t keep the correct time anymore.”

“Where is the clock?” asked the watchmaker.

“Oh, it’s in my house” was the reply.

“But I must have the clock to repair the hands.”

“There’s nothing wrong with the clock. It’s the hands that don’t work. That’s why I came to you.”

With that, the man snatched back the hands of the clock and said, “Give me those! You just want to tinker around and charge me a lot of money. “ So off he went to find another watchmaker. We recognize how foolish this man was, but those who try to regulate their lives without being right on the inside are just as foolish. Their reason for not putting themselves into the Lord’s hands is very similar, too. They are afraid the price will be too great. They only want to avoid this or that bad habit. But the Master Watchmaker says, “I cannot regulate the hands unless I have the heart.”

4. Florence Nightingale was the founder of modern nursing and a social reformer. She was thirty years old when she wrote: “I am thirty years of year, the age at which Christ began His mission Now, no more childish things, no more vain things Now Lord, let me think only of Your will.” Year later, near the end of her illustrious life, someone asked for the secret of her success. Florence replied, “I have only one explanation. That is, I have kept nothing back from God.”

5. One summer morning, a child stood in a great cathedral watching the sunlight stream the beautiful glass windows. As a result, the Bible characters depicted in the windows were bathed with brilliant colors. Later on, someone asked her, “What is a saint?” The little girl replied, “A saint is a person who lets the light shine through.”

#### **(5 Prayers & praises on the subject.)**

1. Call on the keys of yielding when it’s hard to yield to My will, and I will supernaturally strengthen your heart, calm your spirit, and settle your emotions.

When you call on the keys of yielding, I will help you pass the test of forsaking all to follow Me, and I will reward you in wonderful ways.

2. Thank You, Jesus, that You want to do the impossible for me. All I have to do is cease from my fretful, frantic struggles to do it myself and work out my own problems. You have said, “I am the Lord that keeps thee.” Jesus, I know You want me to put my life in Your hands and to rest in You, to learn to totally trust You even though I don’t understand. Thank You, that You want to lift me above every problem that comes my way. I’m thankful that You are teaching me how to get so confident in Your love for me that nothing can shake me or make me afraid.

3. Dear Jesus, You’ve said that these are the days of choices. Thank You that You have set before me the path of life wherein Your blessings lie. Than You, too, that You allow me to freely chose and decide for myself. I know, though, that the path of life, the path of blessings, lie in following You closely. I can

choose how much of Your blessings I receive by deciding how closely I wish to follow You. Thank You that You bless those who follow closest while those who follow far off, struggle more and cannot receive the fullest blessings. Thank You that by my own free and loving choice I can choose You and Your ways just because I love You and want to please You and be close to You!

4. Thank You, Jesus, that I can give You the gift of surrender and yielding to You. Thank You that You give me the greatest joy and happiness when I do. This is true joy beyond anything the world can give. Your joy and Your love satisfy my heart like nothing else can. You fill every need and satisfy every hunger when I yield my heart and my will to You. The world can never satisfy the hunger of my heart, the emptiness I sometimes feel. The world can only give me cheap thrills, excitement that only lasts for a moment. But deep, lasting joy and happiness come from yielding my heart and mind and abiding in You.

5. Thank You, Jesus, that the day of choices means the day of doing good things for You and being yielded to Your will. It's not the day of unyieldedness or disobedience. Thank You that as I say 'yes' to You, You open Your hands and pour out blessings and opportunities. You give me many choices and the way opens up wide before me. The opposite is also true: if I stubbornly hold onto my own will and my own way, my options get narrower and my blessings become fewer. Help me to always say 'yes' and yield to You. Because I know as I do, You will empower me and pour out Your blessings on me.

**(5 Quotation from others, or hymn portion, or poem portion on the subject.)**

1. Have Thine Own Way, Lord,

Have Thine own way;  
Thou art the Potter,  
I am the clay.  
Mould me and make me  
After Thy will,  
While I am waiting,  
Yielded and still.  
--Adelaide A. Pollard

2. I Have Not Much To Offer

I have not much to offer  
To Christ, my Lord and King;  
No wealth, no might, no wisdom,  
No noble gift to bring.  
"Five loaves and two small fishes?"  
But what alas are they  
Among the throngs of hungry  
Who crowd life's troubled way?  
"Five loaves and two small fishes?"  
Not much, dear heart, 'tis true'  
But yield them to the Master  
And see what He can do!  
Placed in His hands of mercy

Thy little will be much  
'Tis not thy gift that matters,  
But His almighty touch!  
--Avis B Christiansen

3. God will mend a broken heart if you give Him all the pieces

4. I Want My Heart So Cleared Of Self

I want my heart so cleared of self  
That my dear Lord can come  
And set up His own furnishings,  
And make my heart – His home.  
And since I know what this requires,  
Each morning while it's still,  
I slip into that secret room,  
And leave with Him – my Will.  
And this is how my Lord controls  
My interest, my ills  
Because we meet at break of day,  
For an **Exchange of Wills**  
--Anna Jane Granniss

5. "It doesn't take much for a man to be a Christian, but it does take all there is of him." --Thomas Huxley.

**(10 Bible verses or portions on the subject)**

1. "Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" 2 Timothy 2:15.

2. "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" Romans 12:1-2.

3. "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy" James 3:17.

4. "He [Jesus] said to them [his parents], How is it that ye sought me? Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?" And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them. And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them" Luke 2:49-51.

5. "Likewise, whosoever he be of you that does not forsake all that he has, he cannot be My disciple" Luke 14:33.

6. "He must increase, but I must decrease" John 3:30.

7. "I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me" John 6:38

8. "Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work" John 4:34.

9. "Father, if Thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but Thine, be done" Luke 22:42.

10. "Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God" Romans 6:13a.

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### **Memorization & review of Bible verses and God's promises**

#### **(5 short prophecy messages from Jesus to children, on the subject.)**

1. Loving Me and My Word gives joy and leads you to the right things that you need to make you truly happy, and helps alert you when something tries to enter in that will steal away that happiness. My Word hidden in your heart can speak to your conscience and warn to you turn away from joy stealers, and tell you what is best and what will make you, and Me and others truly happy.

2. The Word you've memorized will keep you safe. Living in this fallen world is like making your way through a minefield full of bombs that'll explode when stepped on. The only way to make it is by listening closely to the voice of the Spirit guiding you, step by step, through the minefield. I love those who keep My Word in their hearts. The Word you've got stored up will save your life!

3. Those who love Me will keep My Words and store them in their hearts. My Father and I are thrilled when we see you doing that. We promise that we'll come and stay with you all your life through. That's because we see you making the right choices and laying up spiritual treasures in your heart. – Instead of filling your mind with the latest gadgets and garbage from the internet and video games. "Well done!" I'll say when I see you doing that.

4. Do you know how I beat the Devil those 40 days in the wilderness? It was because I had the Word in my heart. Every time, he came at me with temptations, I just quoted the Word to him. "It is written...." When I was your age, I spent a lot of time studying and memorizing the Word. All through life on Earth, the Word strengthened me. In my final moments on the cross, all I had was the Word in my heart. That Word helped me win out over sin and hell and death. That was the greatest victory of all!

5. Memorizing the Word is not something you do just for yourself. If you have the Word of God stored up in your heart, the Spirit can bring those verses to your mind when someone needs your help or when you're telling others about me. Your mind is like a computer and it needs to be programmed with something. So, choose the best program--My Word—and store it in your heart and mind.

#### **(5 Short true story, or object lesson or reflection, on the subject.)**

1. John Wanamaker was a rich businessman who owned a chain of department stores in New York, Philadelphia, London and Paris. He once said, "In my lifetime, I have bought many things which have cost me thousands of dollars. But the best purchase I ever made was a Bible I bought for \$2.50. That was my greatest purchase because the Bible has made me what I am today." John Wanamaker loved the Bible, read it and memorized it.

2. A dear Christian lady had memorized much of the Bible by heart. As she got older, however, her memory began to slip away. Eventually, she could only remember one verse: "I know whom I have

believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." Then that verse started to slip away, too. As she lay dying, her loved ones noticed her lips move. When they bent closer, they heard her repeat: "Him, Him, Him." --She had lost the whole Bible except for that one word, but she had the whole Bible in that one word.

3. When Tommy left for college, his parents gave him a Bible. They told him it would be a great help in his time of need. Soon, Tommy wrote home asking for money. His parents wrote back telling him to read his Bible, citing chapter and verse. Tommy replied, "I am reading the Bible, but I still need money!" Then his parents knew he was not reading the Bible. They had tucked \$10 and \$20 bills in the Bible next to the verses they had told him to read.

4. Rebecca struggled a lot with fear and negative thoughts. Sometimes, she would get free, but as soon as something came up, out they pounced again! Rebecca wrestled with her fears and negativity, but they only came back again and again. Finally, she thought of memorizing verses. Memorizing the Word occupied her mind and made it easier to shake off the bad thoughts when they came. Now Rebecca is free and has an amazing new spiritual weapon.

5. If you love Me, keep My Word. Hide My Word in your heart and it will keep you from the evil that will soon come upon all the world. The Devil hates the Word of God and is out to destroy it. He's even trying to literally destroy Bibles, along with people's faith in it. Soon the only Word you'll have is what's stored in your heart. You'll need that Word so that you can instruct many in the Endtime days that are coming.

#### **(5 Prayers & praises on the subject.)**

1. Jesus, I love you and praise You! Thank You for Your marvellous Word and how it always comforts and helps me. I love Your Word and want to faithfully memorize and review it. Hiding Your word in my heart will keep me spiritually strong and close to You. I love You, Jesus.

2. Jesus, Your words are spirit and life and they bring life to me. Thank You for that, Jesus! No matter how small or how weak I feel, Your words give me the power to live life like a hero. The more I hide the Word in my heart, the more I have of You and Your love. Thank You, Jesus!

3. Thank You that Your Words are like hidden manna. They feed me and give me strength like nothing else can. Thank You that I can be Your disciple. Thank You for showing us the importance of memorizing so that we can be disciples that please and honor You.

4. I love You, Jesus. Thank You for coming to Earth and being the Word incarnate. You are the Living Word and the more I drink in Your Word and feast on it, the more I have of You. Help me to never neglect Your Word and always keep it first in my heart and mind.

5. Jesus, Your words are so beautiful! Your Word is everything to me. It is a light on my path, a voice in my ears, a roadmap for my journey and a rock to build my life on. Help me to always cherish Your word and faithfully hide it in my heart so I can be a strong disciple and win others to You, dear Jesus.

**(5 Quotation from others, or hymn portion, or poem portion on the subject.)**

1. "I never saw a useful Christian who wasn't a student of the Word" --D.L. Moody
2. "Read the Word to get the facts, study it to get the meaning, memorize it to get the benefits" – Unknown.
3. "No man is uneducated who knows the Word, and no one is wise who is ignorant of its teachings" – Samuel Chadwick.
4. "The mariner provides his tackling in harbour before he sets out to sea; and the wise Christian will store himself with promises for health in sickness and peace for future perils" --William Gurnall.
5. "A Bible stored in the mind is worth a dozen stored in the bottom of a trunk" – Unknown.

**(10 Bible verses or portions on the subject)**

1. Psalm 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee
2. Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom
3. Joshua 1:8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.
4. Psalm 119:9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to Thy word.
5. Psalm 37:31 The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.
6. Proverbs 6:21-22 Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck. When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.
7. Psalm 119:16 I will delight in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.
8. Proverbs 4:20-21 My son, attend to My words; incline thine ear unto My sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.
9. Jeremiah 15:16 Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and Thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart:
10. I Tim 4:15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

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## Singing and Godly Music (5 short prophecy messages from Jesus to children, on the subject.)

1. (Jesus says:) Music is like a spiritual transporter that takes you to a place of either joy and goodness, or melancholy and lethargy; a place of inspiration and love, or anger and destructive thoughts; a place of faith and courage, or fear, worry and stress. There are so many stations the vehicle of music can take you to, according to the mood of the composer and whatever spirit helped create that piece of music—good from Heaven, or something from the dark side. Be careful what you listen to, because it will influence you a whole lot.

2. Picture three wells. The first is full of crystal clean water; the second has some clean and some muddy water, and the third is filled with dark, smelly water. —Which one would you drink from? Of course, you'd want to drink the cleanest water! That's the way it is with music. You can choose to drink in God's music, which is like crystal clean water and good for your spirit. The Devil dirtied the other two wells, which is the world's music. Sometimes it's got a bit of good mixed in, so it's hard to know. But you can always tell by the effect it has on your spirit. So be careful what you listen to. —Just like you're careful about the water you drink!

3. Singing brings a special blessing to your soul. Not only are you blessed because you are showing your love for Me. You are also blessed because singing causes My Word to dwell in you strongly and richly. You are twice blessed when you sing songs of praise. This is how the Word of God can dwell in you richly. So, sing your praises to Me! Especially sing those songs that are based on the Word.

4. One of the last things I did on Earth after the Last Supper was singing a praise song with My disciples. I knew the terrible test that was awaiting Me and that the salvation of all mankind hung in the balance. So, before we left for the Garden of Gethsemane, we sang a song of praise. That song gave me courage and faith. I knew the events that were coming to pass were My Father's doing and He would be with Me. So, whenever you are facing a difficult time, sing a song of praise and you, too, can get Heaven's comfort and courage.

5. Chances are, you don't connect singing with warfare. But if you think about it, what does the devil hate more than a believer who is singing godly songs? Nothing puts you more on My side and nothing makes you more formidable in the Enemy's eyes. It's also hard to hold any kind of sin in your heart when you're singing and making melody to Me. A singing heart is a heart at war with the evil one. Singing breaks the power of sin.

### (5 Short true story, or object lesson or reflection, on the subject.)

1. Once there was an old man who sang praise songs to the Lord every evening. One day, two visitors stopped by his cottage and asked if they could lodge with him. He agreed and after the evening meal, he invited them to join in singing praise songs. The two visitors sang so beautifully that the old man stopped singing and listened to them instead. Night after that, it continued: The visitors sang, and the old man listened. One day, the angels stopped by and said, "God sent us to ask what happened. There used to be such beautiful music coming from your cottage. Now we hear nothing." That made the old man start singing again. He realized God loves it when we sing from the heart; He doesn't go by how perfect it is.

2. King Jehoshaphat had to battle two powerful kings who had allied against him. Jehoshaphat was very scared, and he called the people together to pray and fast. One of the prophets prophesied: "**You will *not* need *to* fight in this battle...Stand still and see the salvation of the LORD!**" (2 Chr 20:13-15). **Everybody immediately started praising and thanking God. The next morning, King Jehoshaphat put the singers in front of the troops and told them to sing praise songs as they led the way (vv.20-21).**



**When they began to sing, the Lord set ambushers (angels and spirit beings) against the wicked kings and totally defeated them. The people's songs of praise showed they had faith God was going to give them the victory. We, too, should sing praises to God because He has given us the victory over sin and death through Jesus Christ.**

3. When he was little, Harry loved to sing, *"Jesus Loves Me This I Know."* The song made him happy and feel close to Jesus. Over time, though, Harry wandered away from the faith and ended up in dark places. One time, he was feeling very lonely and sad. He was in a bar when he heard some singers. They were singing *"Jesus Loves Me This I Know."* Suddenly Harry realized why he was so sad. He had forgotten all about Jesus! That evening, Harry prayed and recommitted his life to Jesus. From then on, he was a changed man. Harry always remembers the little song he had learned when he was a child. It brought him back to Jesus, and set him on the right path.

4. Do you remember how Paul and Silas were unjustly imprisoned in Philippi for preaching the Gospel? A mob attacked them and brought them before the magistrates who ordered them to be beaten with metal rods. Afterwards, they threw Paul and Silas in the jail with heavy chains and their feet in stocks. What did Paul and Silas do? Did they cry and feel sorry for themselves? No, they prayed and sang hymns of praise to God and all the prisoners listened to them. Suddenly, there was a great earthquake and all the prison doors swung open! Even though they were in a miserable situation, Paul and Silas sang praises to God. No wonder the prison was shaken open! (Acts 16:22-26).

5. A pastor was jailed for his faith in Christ and spent several horrifying years in prison. Although he remembered the tortures there, he did not focus on them. Instead, he spoke about the times of joy he and his fellow Christian prisoners had found in prison. *"We sang every day because Christ was alive in us. When the guards put chains on our hands and feet, they thought they were adding to our grief. But we discovered that chains are great musical instruments! We clanged them together and sang, 'This is the day (clink, clank), this is the day (clink, clank), which the Lord has made (clink, clank), which the Lord has made (clink, clank).'"* ([persecutionblog.com](http://persecutionblog.com))

#### **(5 Prayers & praises on the subject.)**

1. Thank You, Jesus, for the gift of music and song You have given us. When my words are poor and clumsy, there is always a song I can sing to express my love for You! Please remind me to sing and praise You whenever I forget. Thank You that You always give me a song—even in the night seasons and all the day long!

2. May my lips praise You and glorify You! You have done so much for me. I want to praise and honor You with the fruit of my lips, songs of love and praise. Let me never stray away and start singing the world's songs. I want to only sing songs that glorify You. That way, my heart will always be filled with love and praise for You.

3. I love to sing Your praises, dear Jesus! Whenever I sing to You, I feel like I'm being lifted up into the Heavens. All my fears and worries drop away like dead weights and I am free to revel in Your Love. Thank You for this wonderful gift of music and song.

4. Whenever I feel discouraged, You always remind me of a song I can sing. Instantly, my mood lifts and even the darkest day turns bright. I'm not a very good singer but my heart wants to sing all my praises

to You and show You my love. I know You're not looking for perfection so I want nothing to hold me back from singing my love and praise to You.

5. I praise You for all the beautiful songs You've given people throughout the ages. These songs tell of courage and faith and they inspire me and fill me with the same. Thank You, Holy Spirit, for always reminding me of songs that I can sing to praise You, and Jesus and Father God.

**(5 Quotation from others, or hymn portion, or poem portion on the subject—names of who wrote it, or “author unknown” if don't know.)**

1. Music is an intrinsic part of the human spirit; it is a powerful way we can express thoughts and feelings put there by God Himself. —*Sara Alexander*.

2. God delights to have us praise Him,  
And believe His Holy Word  
And He knows them that trust Him,  
For they always sing to the Lord. — *Ida A. Gulrey*

3. “Glory, worship, laud and blessing,”  
Thus, the choir triumphant sings,  
Glory to the King of angels  
Heav'n and Earth His praises sing.  
Glory ever and forever,  
To the King of Glory bring.  
—*Rev. Dr. H. Bonar*

4. The famous composer, Haydn, was asked why his music was so cheerful. He replied, “When I think upon God, my heart is so full of joy, that the notes dance and leap from my pen. Since God has given me a cheerful heart, I serve Him with a cheerful spirit.” --*Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)*

5. “There where one sings, sit down safely: evil people have no songs” – Martin Luther

**(10 Bible verses or portions on the subject)**

1. “O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation – Psalm 95:1

2. “The LORD thy God will rejoice over thee with joy; he will joy over thee with singing” —Zephaniah 3:17

3. “He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD” —PSALM 40:3

4. “I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth” Psalm 34:1.

5. “Be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord” —Ephesians 5:18-19.

6. “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord” —Colossians 3:16

7. "It is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is beautiful" --Psalm 147:1.
8. "Sing unto the LORD a new song; for He hath done marvellous things" – Psalm 98:1.
9. "Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness" – Psalm 30:4.
10. "Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day" –Psalm 96:1,2.

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### **Declaring God's good works and His greatness**

#### **(5 short prophecy messages from Jesus to children, on the subject.)**

1. (Jesus says:) King David was courageous and victorious, and made it through a lot of difficult and humiliating times. What helped aid him? He was always wanting to proclaim and declare the power of God! Telling and retelling others true stories of answers to prayer, miracles, deliverance, protection, and all the neat and amazing things that I, Your Lord, Maker and Keeper, have done, this keeps your faith in Me strong. And those with great faith get great miracles!
2. (Jesus says:) Faith is the first step to getting great things from God. Make it a mission to tell as many others as you can about as many marvellous things as you know about, that I have done for you and others. Build faith, and soon faith will bring down into your lives so many more awesome events! I am eager to do more and more faith-increasing miracles for you, to show you how much I appreciate your faith in Me to do so!
3. (Jesus says:) How big am I? Well, to tell you the truth, you'll never be able to see just how big and strong I am while you are on Earth. I can show you in simple ways, like in a special answer to prayer—or in big, powerful ways, like protecting you from a dramatic danger in a far-out way. But these, even the biggest display of power, only show a very small peek into all I can do for you. So what do you need? Whatever it is, I am certainly strong and big enough to do it; and very good with details to do the tiny jobs too, that you need detailed help with.
4. (Jesus says:) I love you more than you'll ever know, but some of the ways I show it to you is through my miracle working power, in all kinds of situations. When you go to bed at night, please thank Me for all I did to keep you safe and happy, or even at least just alive yet another day. Did you know it takes quite a bit of angelic helpers to make a "normal day" with little to no dramatic events? Just to keep things calm and pleasant means I have done lots for you to make it so. Thank Me!
5. (Jesus says:) It's a new day—like every day is and will be. What is on my agenda for you today? Let's see. Ah, a list of miraculous events, though most of these you might not even notice. So every now and then I let you see something big happen—like something big requiring protection, just to give you a little glimpse of what I can do, and to let you know that yes, even though I am invisible most of the time, and you can't usually hear Me with your ears, I am still around. Always have been; always will.

**(5 Short true story, or object lesson or reflection, on the subject.)**

1. A bit of praise is one of the best ways of dispelling a dark mood. I knew a man who lost his speech, because of a traumatic and difficult experience. One Sunday evening he was at a religious service in which the 100th Psalm--a Psalm of Praise--was quoted. Forgetting his loss of speech, he began to praise God for His goodness. His speech had come back! -- Author unknown

2. Dr. Alexander Whyte of Edinburgh was famous for his pulpit prayers. He always found something to thank God for, even in bad times. One stormy morning a member of his congregation thought to himself, "The preacher will have nothing to thank God on a wretched morning like this." But Whyte began his prayer, "We thank Thee, O God, that it is not always like this." -- Author unknown

3. It is a bad sign when a newborn babe has not lungs enough to make itself heard over the whole house. It is equally a bad symptom when the new convert is born dumb & cannot find his voice to praise God audibly. No duty almost is more stressed in both Testaments than this, of rejoicing in the Lord. It is no less a sin not to rejoice than not to repent. -- Author unknown

4. Some grumpy guys were getting irritated and bothered when listening to praises being spoken and sung out, as people heralded Jesus' entry into the city. Jesus said—well, kind of said: "If you don't want to hear the voices of praise, you'll have to hear a rock concert instead!" Oh, dear. I don't think they wanted that. Well, what kind of 'rock' was Jesus talking about? He said the "stones would immediately cry out" (Luke 19:40) if the people and children were silence from praising God. Imagine, God could make sounds burst forth from the rocks, if need be--because it was God's will for the declarations of praise to be heard then and there, about Jesus. It had been planned by God and was going to happen, whether humans wanted it or not.

God can make His plan happen, in one way or the other. But I think He'd much rather hear our voices of praise and songs of joy in having Jesus as our King and Lord and Saviour—then have to boom it out through rocks. If He had to resort to drastic measures as to have the rocks cry out, well, they might do some shaking at the same time, some quaking, some real rumbling and rending.

How much better for the ground to rumble and rend even, with the sound of rejoicing, as it did, when King Solomon was crowned. (1 Kings 1:39-40) This was like an example of how Jesus Christ was going to be the King of all. Remember, it says in the Bible that King Solomon was crowned twice? So it was and will be with Jesus. He was heralded as spiritual King and Lord, that day He rode into town on a young donkey, and one day He will be proclaimed the King of all the Earth, ruling in righteousness and making peace be on Earth at last, and everyone will see Him!

5. Mrs. Roslind Gofoth was going to declare the workings of the Lord to those in Canada, telling of her family's missionary ministry in China. At this time she feeling very sick, weak, and feverish. Many people really wanted to hear what she had to say, but she needed strength and a strong voice for the meetings. Her very sore throat could only make a whisper be heard. Yet, wonderfully, whenever she stood up to speak to a crowd, all of a sudden she could speak clearly and loudly.

People were able to hear about the Lord and the wonderful things He was doing. Only while she was speaking and telling the message she needed to proclaim did her voice sound normal. As soon as she was finished a speaking meeting, her voice would once again not work properly. It was a special miracle that she could be heard at all when giving her talks, because she was willing to speak out to others about the goodness of the Lord, and praise Him for all He was doing and still wanted to do.

She said: "Oh, how I cried to the Lord for help and courage! For the church was packed [with people]. My throat was (clamped up tight), and I felt weak and ill. But, as Dr. Gordon introduced me, I stepped forward possessed by a feeling of wonderful calm and absolute confidence. It seemed I could just *feel* One like unto the Son of man beside me, and never had I felt so completely and only a channel. For more than an hour I spoke so that everyone heard distinctly; but when I sat down my throat tightened as before. Dr. Gordon told me later that he had a man sit in the most difficult place in which to hear, and that he had heard every word."

### **(5 Prayers & praises on the subject.)**

1. Dear Jesus, I'm so thankful for Your great power that has been put into action for those who were in need. It's easy to think about the bad things, because they are most often publicised and talked about. But really, there were a million times more good things that You did. I wish I could sit around for hours and hours and talk with You about them, and listen to others tell Me of Your great goodness and power manifested in people's lives around the world.

2. Dear Jesus, I was just thinking how much I need you. So much went wrong to day, or at least that's what it felt like. But that's just because I lost sight of all the much bigger and better things that You were doing behind the scenes. There's more good and wonderful things happening each day than any of the troubles that we tend to notice most. I want to thank You for all the great things you did for me and for others. I never want You miss out on being thanked. Thank You! I love you.

3. Dear Jesus, One day I'm really looking forward to seeing what really happened, all the things I didn't know about, that You worked out and made happen, and turned into something good. There is more than I'll probably ever know, but I want to know them. And then when I hear Your side of the story, and Your cool miracles, and fantastic events, then I want to tell everyone. I want to make a complete library telling all the neat and far out stories that people never knew about. We'll all really get excited then, and love you all the more.

4. Dear Jesus, I wish I could remember to whisper to you, every day, every time You do something really nice for me. It's not that I don't want to thank You, but it's that I get so used to the way things are, or am so filled with my busy life that I don't notice. I'm sorry. I want to be on the look out to spot the things You do.

5. Dear Jesus, I know You do good things for me all day long. Something things happen far away, in some other country, or even in Heaven, and I don't find out about it until much later, when it's the right time. But still, I could thank You, often, for even those things that are unseen and unknown, just because I know You are working away, daily, sometimes years in advance, to make things the best for us. Thank You!

**(5 Quotation from others, or hymn portion, or poem portion on the subject.)**

1. O joyful sound! O glorious hour,  
When by His own Almighty power  
He rose, & left the grave!  
Now let our songs His triumph tell,  
Who burst the bands of death & hell,  
And ever lives to save.

-- Author unknown

2. O'er every foe victorious,  
He on His Throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious,  
All blessing & all-blest.  
The tide of time shall never  
His covenant remove;  
His Name shall stand for ever;  
That Name to us is Love.

--James Montgomery

3. Crown Him the Lord of peace;  
Whose power a sceptre sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
And all be prayer & praise:  
His reign shall know no end;  
And round His pierced feet  
Fair flowers of Paradise extend  
Their fragrance ever sweet.

-- Author unknown

4. It is not the greatness of my trials but the littleness of my faith that causes me to complain.

The thankfulness of the receiver ought to answer to the benefit of the bestower as the echo answers to the voice.

-- Authors unknown

5. O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God & King,  
The triumphs of His grace!  
My gracious Master & my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the Earth abroad,  
The honours of Thy name.

-- Author unknown

**(10 Bible verses or portions on the subject)**

1. ISA.12:5 Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth.
2. PSA.66:16 Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.
3. PSA.118:17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.
4. PSA.145:4 One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.
5. PSA.145:5 I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works.
6. PSA.145:7 They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.
7. PSA.145:9 The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.
8. PSA.145:11 They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;
9. PSA.64:9 And all men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God; for they shall wisely consider of his doing.
10. PSA.64:10 The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.

Extra:

PSA.145:13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

PSA.78:7 That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments:

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**12 Gifts Calendar**

The Gift of:

Joy

- ❖ Joy sings our hearts awake to realise the good that surrounds us.
- ❖ Joy makes our load of care seem lighter and our work less wearisome.
- ❖ Joy wipes away our own tears while we tend to the needs of others.

### The Gift of:

#### Faith

- ❖ Faith makes the impossible become reality, by banishing all doubt.
- ❖ Faith melts away worries with its flame of positivity.
- ❖ Faith looks despair and loss in the face and laughs, "The best is yet to come!"

### The Gift of:

#### Bravery

- ❖ Bravery does the emotionally difficult, for the good of others.
- ❖ The brave don't count the losses and the wounds, but the times they've risen to their feet and tried again.
- ❖ To the brave, enjoying sweet victory after a long struggle isn't a final destination, but as a perk to the journey, before carrying on to new mountain peaks.

### The Gift of:

#### Peace

- ❖ Peace fills the souls of those that open their hearts heavenward.
- ❖ Peace stills the storms in other's lives when we act with calmness and patience.
- ❖ Peace eliminates fear, and gives repose to our shaking nerves, when we rest in the knowledge that we are not alone.



### The Gift of:

#### Inspiration

- ❖ Inspiration is loosed by hands eager to live and fill the world with positive change.
- ❖ There's never a dull moment to the one who looks beyond the mundane and ordinary to realise the invisible power behind it all that is constantly creating new life.
- ❖ To inspire the good will of others is to flip a switch that turns on a light in their heart—a light that will lead them to flip a switch of inspiration in another, and they in another. The world will become a brighter place for us all as a result.

### The Gift of:

#### Patience

- ❖ Patience waits, not for the best to be handed to us, but for the opportunity to give the best to our loved ones.
- ❖ Patience knows that one day all wrongs will be righted; it doesn't force it all to happen today.
- ❖ The lips of the patient speak wisdom and show love.

### The Gift of:

#### Humility

- ❖ Humility lets others cultivate self-esteem that expresses itself in ways that benefit the giver in return.
- ❖ The one who walks in humility knows that all good they hold has been given to them; this realisation yields forgiveness and patience with others' blunders.
- ❖ Humility lets others shine in all the ways they can, and gives a reassuring pat on the back when it seems the light and glory of the moment has faded.

### The Gift of:

#### Hope

- ❖ Hope gives others the thumbs up to try something new; and gives us the freedom to do the same, unchained to fear of failure.
- ❖ Hope looks for solutions, knowing when—not if—it finds them, things will improve.
- ❖ The unkind and discouraging words of others don't hinder progress when hope is our companion.

### The Gift of:

#### Truth

- ❖ Truth is sought for at all costs, and is shared with others in humility and wisdom.
- ❖ The goal of pursuing truth isn't to merely give or gain knowledge, but to receive understanding, insight, and to discover opportunities to help others.
- ❖ The secrets that God wants to tell each of us is the purest truth on Earth.

### The Gift of:

#### Love

- ❖ Love knows there is good in each person, and never tires of spotting it.
- ❖ Love is a glove that warms another's hands; a tissue that dries another's tears; a supportive bridge that allows others to cross over and enjoy a paradise on the other side.
- ❖ Love forgets—forgets itself, forgets mistakes, forgets to keep score, and forgets that it's someone else's turn to do the kind deed.

## The Gift of:

### Wisdom

- ❖ Wisdom is learning when and how to act—based on the lessons our scars have taught us.
- ❖ Wisdom knows it never knows it all; there's always more to be learned, explored and discovered—each one on Earth can teach us something new, and wisdom garners it.
- ❖ The wise listen more than they express; give more than they seem to receive; encourage others while patiently waiting for their over-due turn.

## The Gift of:

### Strength

- ❖ Strength is leaning on Heaven's Everlasting, tireless arms to help us carry on when our human strength fails.
- ❖ Strength is saying yes, when you feel like saying no, and saying no when its best to.
- ❖ Weariness, fatigue, exhaustion, apathy and weakness take flight when the hidden resources of gratitude and prayer are allowed to empower us.