

Now Concerning Spiritual Things
an historical account of one man's walk with God

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**HOW TO KNOW
THE WILL OF THE LORD FOR YOUR LIFE
PART SEVEN**

Introduction

In Part Four, page two of this series of letters dated June 10, 2000, I wrote, "Hereafter in this series I will relate some of the actual incidents that have occurred in my life as the Lord has led me day by day and step by step."¹ Part Seven is a continuation of such personal occurrences. I share these experiences with you for five reasons. (1) The Lord has directed me to share with you what He has given me and what He has said to me by confirming, "Some will accept and be blessed. Do not be concerned about the others." (2) I have learned that knowing of my experience helps some of you to better "see" His leading in your life. (3) You may possibly learn by seeing some of the weaknesses or failures I have experienced along the way. (4) Some of you who have doubts that a personal relationship with the Lord exists might have those doubts erased by knowing of my personal relationship with Him. If someone like myself has discovered such a relationship, He certainly will do the same for you since He is no respecter of persons² and desires this relationship with all who will come to Him in obedience.³ (5) Reading of my walk with the Lord might cause you to hunger and thirst for such a relationship, the only real requirement, for as the Lord Himself said, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled."⁴

The Power of Confession

¹Many years ago the Lord said to me, "One day at a time, one step at a time." That's the way He has worked in my life. Faith is blind and unable to see into the future unless the Lord reveals it by prophetic utterance. Faith is always in the *now* of time. See Hebrews 11:1.

²See Acts 10:34 and Deuteronomy 10:17.

³See John 14:21 (b); 15:26.

⁴See Matthew 5:6. When we hunger and thirst for righteousness, we actually hunger and thirst for Jesus, as the Apostle Paul wrote, Jesus Himself became *for us* wisdom from God *and righteousness* and sanctification and redemption. See 1 Corinthians 1:30.

On April 16, 1997, the Lord spoke to me and said, "Make public your confession. You are strengthened as you do so." There is much spiritual truth, power and reality that comes with understanding these words. The "confession" refers to what literally comes out of your mouth. The teaching was continued along these lines: Our confession, or the words (all the words) we say in our normal everyday routines, literally shapes our destiny. When what we say lines up with the word of God, I was shown that such confession waters the implanted seed (word of God) within us and causes it to germinate, grow, flourish and bear fruit in our life. But if our confession also includes words that do not line up with or are contrary to the word of God (for example, harsh, critical or judgmental statements) those words or *that confession* will create a drought within and cause that which had begun to grow, flourish and bear fruit, to wilt, wither and die. The negative words will actually destroy the effect of the positive confession spoken in alignment with the Word. Or said another way, plus one and minus one equal zero.

This principle is not presented as the power of positive thinking, good psychology or the name and claim it concept. It is the power of the word of God sent forth – spoken – confessed – to accomplish its intended purpose in the believer's life. "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."⁵

The Lord first gave me this principle in teaching me about forgiveness. Since my letter dated June 1, 1998, on "Forgiveness" and "The Power of Forgiveness" explains in detail how the principle works to free one in difficult cases of forgiveness, I will not repeat the teaching in this letter. However, let me share with you how this principle is *very basic* in your daily walk with the Lord.

An Example from Moses

"And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 'Speak to Aaron and his sons saying, this is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them: The Lord bless you

⁵Isaiah 55:11.

and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. *So they* [Aaron and his sons] *shall put My Name on the children of Israel and I will bless them.*”⁶ Notice that the priestly blessing God commanded Aaron and his sons to speak over the children of Israel *put His Name on them!* God was then able to bless them because *His Name was put on them by spoken words -- words that were confessed -- over them.* And His desire is to bless His own family. That is powerful and basic to the subject of this letter.

Examples From Solomon

“Death and life are [*literally*] in the power of the tongue.”⁷ “He who speaks truth declares righteousness, but a false witness [speaks – confesses], deceit. There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword, but the tongue of the wise promotes health. The truthful lip shall be established forever, but a lying tongue is but for a moment.”⁸

“In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, but he who restrains his lips is wise. The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; the heart of the wicked is worth little. The lips of the righteous feed many, but fools die for lack of wisdom.”⁹

An Example From Paul

The Apostle Paul in his letter to the Church in Rome wrote, “That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”¹⁰ Notice in this scripture that *confession* with the mouth gives birth to, precedes and is a condition of salvation! Herein is a kingdom principle: Confession *precedes* possession. This is the opposite of the worldly principle that confession *follows* possession.

Examples From Jesus

Jesus confirmed this principle when He said,

“Therefore whoever *confesses* Me before man, him I will also *confess* before My Father in Who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.”¹¹

Jesus again confirmed this powerful principle when He said, “For assuredly, I say to you, whoever *says* to this mountain [difficulty – problem], ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he *says* will be done, *he will have whatever he says.*”¹² Note in this verse that you *speak to* (not about) the mountain [problem – difficulty]. That’s the power of speaking – *confessing* – with the mouth the word of God under the authority of the believer.¹³ The instructional authority to the believer is to believe with the heart (not the mind) and to speak without doubt in order to receive the promises given to you as a believer. Without doubt means that one continues to *confess* what the Word says until that spiritual reality is made manifest in the natural. Doubt is a robber¹⁴ and is one of the enemy’s chief tools, along with fear, shame and guilt. Jesus said that Satan comes to steal [rob], kill and destroy. And the way he does that is by causing one to doubt [through a spiritual dart or thought in the mind] what the Word says. When one believes, receives and confesses the doubt he thereby is robbed of God’s blessing – God’s promises – by his *confession*.

This same principle is expressed again by Jesus, “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done *for you.*”¹⁵ When we become immersed in the Word is when the Holy Spirit is free to put a desire of God (the Word) in our heart. Then in the transfer the work has begun. Then is when we ask (in prayer) for that desire and “it shall be done *for you.*” This very act (allowing God to do something for

¹¹Matthew 10:32,33. See also Luke 12:8, 9.

¹²Mark 11:23, brackets added.

¹³See Mark 16:15-18 for the authority given to believers, *every believer*. Authority is worthless unless it is used! One must take the authority given by Jesus and act on it by faith for it to become effective. When we do so as believers, the results must be left in the hands of the Lord. This may be done only as we have our “eyes” on Him and not on self or the problem.

¹⁴See John 10:1 for the designation of Satan as the robber.

¹⁵John 15:7.

⁶Numbers 6:22-27, brackets and italics added.

⁷Proverbs 18:21 (a), brackets added.

⁸Proverbs 12:17-19, brackets added.

⁹Proverbs 10:19-21.

¹⁰Romans 10:9, 10.

you – to bless you) *glorifies the Father!*¹⁶ It is interesting to note that the Father is glorified, not by something that we do, but by allowing Him to do something for us and that this is called *fruit bearing*. This is proof that the believer does not produce the fruit, but only *bears* the fruit.

“Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.’ But I say to you, do not swear at all; neither by heaven, for it is God’s throne; nor by the earth, for it His footstool, nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Nor shall you swear by your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black. But let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No,’ ‘No.’ For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.”¹⁷ This is one of the more “sobering” statements made by Jesus. It is astonishing to realize that when one’s conversation is sprinkled with exaggerations of any type or with idle words or with the intent to deceive, to flatter, to criticize, to judge, to plan mischief, to lie or to gossip, that this is the result of Satan’s influence (subtle temptation) in your life!

Jesus confirms similar teaching again when He said that it is not what goes into the mouth, but what comes from the heart *out of the mouth* [what one says – confesses] that defiles a man.¹⁸

An Example From David

King David wrote, “Bless the Lord, you His angels, who excel in strength, who do His word, heeding the voice of His word.”¹⁹ Notice that when you *give voice to His word*, you speak (or confess) what the Word says and in so doing *activate angels to act on your behalf!* Hence the powerful reason for scripture based prayer.

On Saturday, April 22, 2000, the Lord said to me “You are propelled in the direction of your confession.” This is the same principle of confession expressed in different words. When He said this to me I envisioned the mouth as a jet engine with the reverse thrusters activated. One’s direction in life is dependant on what one says – upon his confession.

Idle Words

Jesus said, “But I say to you that every idle word men may speak, they will give an account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”²⁰ Words concerning death are particularly dangerous. Satan is the originator of death in this world and is looking for a way to use his silent stealth of destruction. Here are some examples of idle words that may open the door to the spirit of death, for example: “I’m sick and tired.” “I nearly died laughing.” “I really didn’t mean it.” “I’d be better off dead.” “You’ll die when you hear this one.” Just because Christians speak idle words doesn’t excuse the problem. Idle words can open the door to demons and is another way the enemy gains silent entry to begin his job to steal, kill and destroy. With further emphasis on this subject, Derek Prince writes, “I have ministered [deliverance] to hundreds of people who opened themselves up to the spirit of death by such words [of death and dying] carelessly spoken.”²¹

Examples From James

“If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not *bridle his tongue* but deceives his own heart, this one’s religion is useless.”²² “Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.”²³

Conclusion

What you say [or confess] will bless you or curse you. What you say determines your destiny. You

¹⁶See John 15:8.

¹⁷Matthew 5:33-37.

¹⁸See Matthew 15:18-20.

¹⁹Psalms 103:20.

²⁰Matthew 12:36, 37.

²¹**They Shall Expel Demons**, Derek Prince, p. 110, brackets added, published by Chosen Books, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

²²James 1:26.

²³James 3:5-10.

become what you say [or confess]. You are propelled in the direction of your confession. Everything you say is *your* confession unto life or death. Choose life!

Fresh Manna

The following words were given to me during my prayer time the morning of August 3, 1999, two days after returning from the World Congress on Deliverance at Colorado Springs, Colorado. By way of explanation these words underscore two of God's laws: *First*, in the kingdom it is (a) the spiritual first and then (b) the physical, or the spiritual precedes the physical illustrated by the fact that we "call those things which do not exist as though they did."²⁴ *Secondly*, in the world it is just the opposite since the physical precedes the spiritual, evidenced by the fact that we are (a) born into the world physically before we can be (b) born again spiritually. Keep in mind this principal of God's physical law in the world in order to understand the following prophecy:

My son, your time will be limited soon. See to keeping close to Me, prayed up and available for things will move rapidly as the time draws near to My soon return. Be astute, be available, be prepared to respond without delay. It will be as the Israelites in Egypt prepared for the feast of the Passover. The lamb was prepared (roasted, not boiled) and the people ate the meal fully dressed, standing up in preparation for a rapid departure. So shall it be with my people. It is time for the Passover. It is time to be prepared for my soon coming. It is time to rejoice for My soon coming is at hand.

As the death angel passed over and blessed the houses with blood on the mantel and doorposts, so will I rapture and bless those covered by My blood and pass over those not covered by My blood at the shout of the arch angel, the sound of the trumpet and my soon appearing. For you see there is life in the blood. My Life is in all covered by My blood. You see how important and how powerful is My blood covenant with My people. When you are born again and receive My Spirit as a guarantee, My covenant with you is completed. So you see that the power of My blood covenant is manifested at the rapture. The physical first and then the spiritual as it has always been. First, those who have died physically will be resurrected and translated, then those who are alive will be translated (only the dead in Christ are resurrected) and caught up in the air to be alive with Me

for evermore. And so shall it be. Let these things be known to My people. It is important that they know. It is important that they be warned and admonished that My soon coming is at hand. It is time to judge self severely that My judgment seat pronouncements may call forth much righteousness. My pronouncements will be your clothing for the millennial reign with Me and for eternity.

There is much to do, much to achieve. Be alert, attentive to My word, My call, My election and My Spirit that we may rejoice together at My soon coming, for behold today is the day of salvation. Now is the time of preparation for My soon coming is at hand.

It is important that you hear these words. Those without the blood covering will be left behind at My rapture call. Those who are born again and have lived for Me will be clothed with the righteousness of My pronouncements. Those who have been born again, but who have lived for self will in excruciating agony know the pain of neglect. Let not that be your plight. Repent today. Turn to Me today. Renew your vows to Me today. Live for Me beginning today that we may rejoice together at My soon coming.

Warn those who are not saved. The trumpet sound is the dividing point.²⁵

Everyone since Adam is born to covenant relationship with the enemy and the world which is his domain. Since My law is the physical first then the spiritual, you must attain the physical first in order to receive the spiritual, just as it was with Jesus. He was manifested first in the physical as preparation for His Spiritual manifestation. And so it is with you. When you realize you are a sinner, and repent (that is, turn from your ways of putting self first), accept Jesus as the Son of God and claim Him as Lord, will His blood be applied to you personally. Your physical life through which death comes, becomes the avenue through which the Spiritual life of Jesus enters, claims and redeems you eternally from the Adamic mark of death. The life in the blood of Jesus is spiritually applied to your spirit, soul and body. Your spirit is saved. Your soul is being saved and your body will be saved.

. . . . more later, the Lord willing.

²⁴See Romans 4:17 (b).

²⁵Read 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17.