REAL HAPPINESS

Victory and happiness don't come when everything in your life is peachy. Victory and happiness are the blessed results of living more in the realm of the supernatural than the natural. You're happiest when you choose not to allow the things of this Earth to get you down, when you choose to rise above.

HERE'S A COMPILATION ON THAT SUBJECT

64. (Jesus:) My dear loves and precious brides, if you are feeling the weight of the burdens and cares of life pressing heavily upon you, then this message is for you. If you're feeling like it's all just too much, that there's no way you can fulfill the criteria in every pillar, then this message is for you. If you're worried that you're not going to make it, then I want you to sit still and listen.

65. This message isn't going to be a new revelation or something you haven't heard before, but it's what I know you need to hear right now. Sit with Me, lie with Me, or walk with Me-however you want to picture Me giving this message to you personally, in whatever setting helps you to relax and think about Me and enjoy My company.

66. I want you to meditate upon My love and care for you. I want you to picture Me holding you close, stroking your hair, wiping your tears, and easing your concerns. I want you to picture how I look at you, just you, and what a treasure you are to Me. Above all, I want you to know My unending love for you, and that I would never do anything that wasn't for your good. Do you believe and trust that?

67. Okay, now let's talk heart to heart about these battles that have weighed heavily upon your heart and spirit, to the point that you feel that you can't keep going, that it's too much, or you're worn out physically and spiritually from the battle and the call to change in so many areas.

68. I know it's a lot all at once, and your shepherds have acknowledged that as well. They are also tired. The restructuring has been a time of change for all, and change is rarely easy, especially change that involves sacrifice, giving more, and striving to be a professional disciple for Me. But I have not given you more than you are able to bear, My loves. I'm not asking the impossible of you. It might seem that way in some respects, especially if you look at all that has gone into the last months. There have been changes on so many fronts, and then with the Home review you realized once more that there are yet more areas to work on strengthening and changing in.

But that constant forward movement is what is keeping you alive, My loves. It's keeping you desperate with Me. I'm not letting you settle down, solidify, and stagnate. Though the restructuring changes won't continue indefinitely, and things will settle and fall into place, I will continue to work in your life to change you and to keep you on your toes spiritually.

70. That's the way of My Spirit-always changing, moving, revoluting, and keeping you fresh and alive. Wouldn't you rather that, than settling down in a more comfortable life and losing that spark of the spirit? It is that spark of My Spirit that keeps you so different from the world. The most uncomfortable place for a Christian is a comfortable place. I don't want you to settle down and just take it easy. When you settle down, I lose the marvelous potential that I have to work in you fully; and what a sad loss that would be-both for My Kingdom and for you.

71. But by saying this, don't get Me wrong. I want you to cast your burdens on Me. I want you to take time to rest in My arms and in My Word every day. I want you to have times for relaxation and fun. I want you to enjoy your life too! So don't let the Enemy steal that away by getting you under pressure with all that there is to do. If you put Me first, I will add all these other things unto you-whether it's the solution to problems or difficulties, excitement in your service for Me, fun and enjoyable times of recreation, and so much more

(What Really Matters to Me [#3555])

When those who are watching see you claiming the keys, claiming My promises, claiming the victories, claiming that I will do the work and somehow bring you through in spite of seeming failures and defeats, their faith is strengthened. When they see you fall and struggle and you still fight on, despite not seeing the proof with your eyes, knowing that I will fulfill My side, then their faith is strengthened to trust Me when things go wrong for them.

Faith, Now and Forever #3699:50
(David:) There is great peace in yieldedness. There is great peace in allowing the Lord to do with you whatever He wills, in desiring whatever He desires for you. It means being willing to give up everything this world has to offer. It means allowing Him to lovingly and tenderly, one by one, remove from you anything that may come between the two of you, so that you can give yourself in complete abandonment to Him.

(Jesus is enough)

Praise is the voice of faith. That's an old quote that many of you memorized years ago. But think about that quote for a minute, because it is really very true and very deep. Praise voices the faith that you have in your heart. When you have faith and you're trusting Me, the natural result is praise. When you have faith in Me and you trust Me, things that happen around you or to you don't bother you so much because you trust that everything is part of My perfect plan. You even believe that I am able to turn mistakes that you or others make into good. You trust that all things will truly work together for good to

them that love Me. If you find you have a hard time praising Me, it could be a sign that you need to strengthen your faith.

So many things in the life of a disciple boil down to faith--including being able to use the weapon of praise in difficult or negative circumstances. If your faith is weak, take steps to strengthen it. Fill up with more of My Word and then put your faith into action by taking steps to implement and obey what I have told you to do. As you do this, your faith will grow, and you will develop the trust and faith in Me that will enable you to offer praises from your heart even in trying times and through difficult or extremely negative circumstances.

But even if you don't find it easy to praise in difficult situations, you can still do it. You can still acknowledge Me as the King and God of the universe, and you can put your faith in Me into words. You could praise Me that in spite of how bad you feel, how much you are hurting, or the potentially negative impact this will have in your life, you trust that I have a plan and that it's a good one, one that you will be very thankful for someday. You can tell Me that you accept that I have brought this into your life and you're going to praise Me for it, even if you don't see the good right now. You can tell Me that you are praising Me in advance for all the good that I will do through this. You can pick up your weapon of praise and tell the Enemy that you refuse to look at the circumstances with your carnal mind, you refuse to accept your natural feelings about the circumstances, but you instead choose to partake of the supernatural. You choose to praise and you choose to trust that I have a bigger, better plan, and through your praises, you are unleashing My power to bring about that plan.

This kind of praise is very powerful. It defeats the Enemy. It's "but if not" praise. It releases My miracle-working power to work in whatever way I see fit. When you praise like this, then I am able to go to work to bring about My will. Through your acceptance, you free Me to work in the situation as I see fit.

Extreme Praise #3641

Whether you chose to believe Me and let Me lead your life or you follow your own path and I cannot promise you happiness and peace of mind down that path. But if you follow Me those things are for sure and more. But you must believe Me. it may not come in a day or a week or even a month, but true happiness and contentment comes from yielding and willingly giving Me your all. Only one life to live My darling love and at the end of it all when you are in My arms once again... all the pain will be wiped away; in a blink of an eye you will be standing by My side as whole and beautiful and perfect as the stars in the sky.

(Personal prophecy)

I know He is there with you! He is there in the darkness. He is there in the trial. He is there in the test. He is there in the confusion. He is there in the depths. He is there because He loves you. He knows you

have to go through these things, even as He had to go through the death and the suffering of the cross. But He is there to help you through. He is there because He loves you, because you are very dear to Him.No matter what, trust Him! Cry out to Him!--And don't surrender to the Enemy! For it is the making and the breaking and the molding and the shaping of your life that you are undergoing. Every man and woman of God goes through it. Your mom and dad have gone through it. I went through it. My mom and dad went through it. Heaven is full of people that went through it! That's why they're Here, and that's why they have such glorious rewards, because they trusted Him!So trust Him, won't ya? You've got to trust Him! Look to His Word! Look to Him! Praise Him and thank Him through the storms. He'll bring you through and He is right there. Just trust Him, hold on to Him, don't let go. Keep fighting! Keep praising! Keep trusting! He'll bring you through. And believe me, it's worth it!--It's well worth it. For the glories that are Here are well worth the trials that are there. The rewards of trusting are far beyond all that you could imagine!So trust now and reap later! Trust now and become what He is making you. Trust now and you will be happy for eternity! It's a promise! I know, because I trusted and I'm happy now!

Personal Letters! No.6 #3004:56-62

Praise Me in your happy times and sad times, in your times of fellowship and times of loneliness, in your laughter and your tears, in your joy and in your sorrow, in health and in sickness, in abundance and in want, in success and in failure, in gain or in loss. Praise Me because you know that all things are in My hands and under My perfect control. Praise shows your trust and your faith, and is one of the most precious gifts you can give Me.

Jesus' Christmas Wish List Part 2 #3607:73

I've made you in My likeness and image. I've created you to be Mine. I've chosen to dwell with you. Therefore your happiness is found in the path of yielding to My Spirit, yielding to My ways, sacrificing your own nature and your own natural ways of doing things, and yielding to My ways.But in order for you to do this, you must see that My ways are better than your ways.

You must simply be convinced beyond the shadow of a doubt that My ways are the way you want to be. If you're not convinced of this, you will naturally gravitate to your own ways, your own comfort, and your own self-satisfaction. But if you've seen that I am the way, the truth, and the life, and you truly believe this, then you'll know that your happiness lies in becoming what I want to make you and partaking of My Spirit to the point that you allow it to change you.
#3324:57-60

The bottom line of praise and what it really means to Me when you praise Me in any situation is that you trust Me. No matter what's happening, no matter how bad the outlook is, no matter what I'm choosing to do in your life, if you can sincerely praise Me for it, that means you're putting your trust in Me completely. It's saying that you know that I know best. It's putting your life in My hands and yielding to Me in that situation, declaring that no matter what happens, you'll still say, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him" (Job 13:15).That's what sincere praise is-surrender to Me. It's trust. It's being thankful in any situation and for whatever I have chosen to do in your life, and looking at it from My point of view.

It's rising above the difficulties that surround you. Praise lifts your heart to Me and is the key to rising above.

Praise = Answers, Solutions, Progress, Power,and Victory #3539:56, 57

I'm just asking you to be content, to be happy, to be praiseful, no matter what you look like, no matter what you feel like, and no matter what you have been through. I'm asking you to trust Me, to have faith in Me, and to believe in My love for you. I'm asking you to live above the realm of the flesh and the carnal mind.

You might think that this is impossible, but it's not. There have been many of My children who have lived before you who faced great hardships, handicaps, and difficulties, and yet they allowed Me to use them. They were cheerful and happy despite the things that life had brought their way. They were overcomers!

Positively Positive, Part 3 #3595:43, 44

As you yield and go with Me, I will bless you, and I will give you great joy and happiness inside!--Not only peace and contentment, but more than that--real joyful happiness. This will be My gift to you as you yield to Me. The gift will come as you lay down your life, because it will be in laying down your life that you will find it

Man Looketh on the Outward Appearance Part 2

#3125:98

When you praise Me and My Father, you're declaring your faith in Me and your dependence on Me to control your life and bring about mighty changes. You're witnessing your faith in Me, your trust in Me, your love for Me, and thus you're bringing Me into the world in a tangible way, which tears the Enemy's evil plan to shreds.

. Praise = Answers, Solutions, Progress, Power, and Victory #3539:70

To some degree you have accepted the battles of sadness and have stopped trying to gain My happiness. It is not My will for you to be miserable and sorrowful. You cannot just choose to sorrow about the battles instead of fighting them ,you have to stand up and fight for this ,fight for Me because I am worth it !Don't accept things the way they are ,claim My promises of change and victory it's there for you because I put it there. (Personal prophecy)

Lift up your arms, laugh, clap, cry tears of joy, sing, dance, shout--do whatever you wish in order to show Me your praise as you pray in jubilation and thanks for all that I have done and all that I will yet do.

Laugh in the face of the "impossible situation" that looms before you, and praise Me for how I'm going to turn it around for good. Praying in this way does your spirit so much good. It puts you in a positive, optimistic, and upbeat frame of mind, which is something you really need when facing a daunting or difficult battle. Nothing is too hard for Me, and you prove your trust and faith in this promise when you pray a prayer of jubilation to Me.

29. Prayer Drive November 2007 #3654b:21

Praise Me at every opportunity. Let My praises be on your lips at all times. It is a powerful witness and testimony to others of your faith and trust in Me.

The Gift of Heavenly Thought Power #3377:42

Smile, you look so beautiful when you smile even if that smile comes through your tears.

I understand that it's doubly difficult to do these things when you're in the thick of the battle, and the Enemy will try to hit you with condemnation. Don't listen to him! Praise Me anyway. Praise Me for the good, the bad, and the ugly. Praise Me for the victories and praise Me for the defeats. Praise Me even though you don't really know what to praise Me for. Even if things don't look positive, just keep praising, because praise truly is the victory. In positiveness there is strength, and through praise you are able to see things the way I see them, and My hand is moved on your behalf to bring forth the victories. Faith--now and forever! #3699

When you praise in a very difficult situation, what you are telling Me is that you submit to My will and accept My allowing it to happen. In these kinds of situations, praise demonstrates acceptance. Your praise is acceptance. The praises that come out of your mouth are a verbal expression of the faith and trust that is in your heart

Extreme Praise #3641:57

Using the weapon of extreme praise means actually praising Me for the problem itself, for the "bad" thing itself, which goes against all that you feel like doing. But when you do that, it shows Me that you trust Me for the outcome according to what I know is best.When you can meet success and failure with

the same dignity, then you are spiritually mature. When you can praise Me through happiness and sadness, in plenty and in want, in safety and in danger, in health and in sickness, in joy and in sorrow, in life and in death, then you are a person of great faith, a man or woman highly honored in My courts, because of your great love for Me and trust in Me. (

Extreme Praise Vitamins, Part 2: Victory Vitamins

3. Paul said something one time that we'd do well to take note of: "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable" (1Cor.15:19). In other words, we have to look beyond what we're going through and facing today to the long-term goal, the rewards, the happiness, the surcease from the battle. We have to look to the time when we will have the victory, and that will give us the strength to keep going. All of that is part of keeping the heavenly vision.

29. The feelings you get when your life is in line with My will and you've yielded your own happiness to My plans—that's a little bit of Heaven in your heart; that's a taste of the blessings you'll get in the life to come; the feeling that you know you're making Me happy and doing something that really matters. Nothing this world has to offer can top that. You've already beaten the best they've got!

30. Life is short, My loves, and even though you're soon going to be with Me again, I still want to make your remaining time on Earth as pleasant as I can and bless you as much as you will let Me. But for that to happen, you can't be living for yourself, or living to make life easy. Rather, you have to live for others, for the lost, and for Me. When you do, your vision becomes the heavenly vision, and Heaven isn't so far away anymore; you have a little bit of it right there in your heart.

It has become ever more difficult for you to keep the heavenly vision because your minds and hearts are almost continually being bombarded with the effects of Satan's ways being established on Earth. The spirit world is thicker—more crowded, more intense, and getting through it or around it is harder. It takes more effort to remain positive and to keep your spirits on the heavenly plane, in the upper atmosphere of the positive attitudes of My Spirit.

54. There is more of a warfare going on now in the spirit world, because the evil spirits are fighting you, the children of David, trying to keep you in their plane—or at least out of My plane, or not as far into My plane of praise and joy and happiness and patience and longsuffering and all of those things that dominate where My Spirit dwells.

55. You're like a man trying to climb a ladder, while Lucifer's attitudes and spirits try to grab you around the legs to pull you down. He and his are becoming more intense; they have more power and their presence is thicker now in the spirit world, more formidable. This is because the spiritual and physical realms are merging, so you're increasingly feeling the effects of the spirit world and the battles there, but it's also because everyone—good spirits and bad spirits—knows that time is short, so the battles have become much more all-out. Therefore, it takes more of an effort to throw off your pride and not yield to it than it did before; it requires more effort to throw off his ugly attitudes and to praise Me anyway.

56. But I have given you the weapons to defeat the Enemy no matter how difficult it is. You can pull out your weapons in the face of the Enemy and praise Me anyway, love Me anyway, unite with your brothers and sisters anyway, and fight through in prayer regardless of the battle, to hold on, to endure hardness until the victory is won.

70. Keep the heavenly vision. Keep your eyes on Me. Keep your eyes on what I am doing. Don't falter or fail under the onslaught of so much of the Devil's activity going on around you. Don't give up the ship, meaning don't give Me up. Keep fighting to retain Me in your thoughts and your attitudes, in the forefront of your mind, and I will fight to not only win the victory for you, but to refresh you and revitalize you and to fill you with release and relief from the strain of the battle.

71. As you keep the heavenly vision, you will be refreshed and renewed in spirit. Your spirit will be fed and strengthened so that it has more strength to overcome—as opposed to being drained by letting the Enemy suck the strength out of you.

72. The Enemy is trying to suck out your vision. He is trying to flood you with strain and problems and busyness and negative attitudes which suck your spirit dry, until there is no strength in you. Keeping the heavenly vision means not letting him do that, but instead lifting your eyes and your mind and your heart and your thoughts to Me; it means claiming your place here by My side in your thoughts, by keeping your mind stayed on Me, by living in My Word, by using your weapon of praise, by showing your thankfulness for everything that happens to you, and knowing that I will win the victory for you if you keep your eyes on Me and your attitude in My realm.

73. If you keep your attitude in My realm—meaning keeping your attitude full of the fruits of My Spirit, such as joy, happiness, praise, self–sacrifice, longsuffering, patience, love, humility of mind, heart, and spirit—if you keep your attitude in that reality, nothing will be able to overcome you. You will grow stronger as each battle passes and each victory is placed in your hands.

(The Heavenly Vision)

(Jesus:) Hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown, and no man will as long as you cling to it, as long as you keep it for your own. The choice is always yours whether to give up the crown or to hold on to it.

That's why I've given visions of the future, so that you can keep your eyes on that and walk toward that goal and be an overcomer. And one day I will be able to say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." But even now those joys are there for you, if you won't let the Evil One pluck them from you, for I give them in abundance. I give you joy and happiness, now and hereafter.

You can have it now, if you have the faith, and if you trust in what I give to you. If you live and obey My Word, you will see the rewards, you will reap the benefits, and you will know that it was worth it all!

(ML #3219:59,60, GN 821).

When you praise in a very difficult situation, what you are telling Me is that you submit to My will and accept My allowing it to happen. In these kinds of situations, praise demonstrates acceptance. Your praise is acceptance. The praises that come out of your mouth are a verbal expression of the faith and trust that is in your heart. (32)Any time you start praising, I'll be there to help you see things as I see them, to infuse you with faith, peace, and trust in Me, which makes it possible for you to relax and be truly happy and full of My joy! It's impossible to be really happy when you're weighed down with too much. So any time you feel that way, start praising Me. Activate your weapon of praise, and send the Enemy running for cover! As you praise, My spirit will pour down, and your joy--My joy in you, My heavenly perspective on things--will return. I love you!

Shooting Straight, Part 1 #3499:162

114. It simply comes down to the fact that you are first and above all a spiritual being. And only when you learn that happiness, fulfillment, and satisfaction only come through satisfying your spiritual nature will you be truly happy. As long as you're giving anything carnal—any carnal desire, any carnal nature, any carnal proclivity or tendency—a higher priority than the needs of your spirit, you will not find true satisfaction.

15. That is the answer, plain and simple. Only through sacrifice, yielding, breaking, forsaking, and giving up your own will and plans can My plan of perfect joy, perfect dependence on Me, perfect love for Me, and perfect desire to do My will be perfected. This is the beauty for ashes (Isa.61:3), and without something going through the fire, there is no other way

(Jesus is enough)

Will you take the path of impatience, grumbling, self-pity, and anguish of heart and mind? Or, will you take the road of patience, acceptance, trust, and determination to make the most of this time of waiting on Me? The second path is definitely recommended. You'll arrive at your destination fulfilled, happy, and satisfied with the trek, sporting sleek, developed muscles of patience. Whereas, if you take the first path, you'll arrive disheartened, weak, weary, and dreading what I will bring along your path next.I have set before you two parallel paths. Choose the path of patience and trust, and you will not regret a moment on it. I will be able to bring you to your destination quicker and you'll be thrilled at the gifts that you have gained through it.

Meditations from HIM, Part 1 #3764:26

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. WELL, EVERYBODY HAS THEIR BAD DAYS & EVERYBODY HAS THEIR PROBLEMS, we've got a lot of problems now. I have the problem of the whole World, all the Churches, & yet some little person comes to this Class & drags me down & the whole Class down & goes around with their tail between their legs & with their lower lip dragging the floor just because of their own personal problems!—Which are nothing in the World but centered in pride & in selfishness, because they're more concerned about themselves than anybody else! It makes me furious! It makes God furious! They've dragged me down I don't know how many Classes now, just because they're down in the dumps almost permanently!

10. YOU OUGHT TO KNOW ME, I AM A GENERAL OF AN ARMY & I HAVE VERY LITTLE PATIENCE WITH POOR SOLDIERS WHO CAN'T TAKE IT, who can't sacrifice & lay down their lives for others & forget their God–damned selfishness or their own damned pride & think about somebody else, think about the Class, think about the Church, think about everybody else instead of worrying about not being pleased themselves!

. THAT'S WHAT YOUR PROBLEM IS, IT'S YOUR GOD-DAMNED PRIDE!—IT'S YOUR SELFISH PRIDE! What the Hell difference does it matter whether you're happy or not?—Get your mind on the Lord & get your mind on others & try to just forget yourself & your selfishness & your pride & please other people! Get your mind on the Lord & others! You don't find happiness through the pursuit of it, you'll find happiness through trying to make other people happy, & then it'll find you!

YOU DON'T REALISE HOW SERIOUS IT IS! You don't realise how your spirit reflects on everybody else & on me too, because you're thinking only about yourself & selfish in your pride & how you're unhappy.

) I LOVE YOU, SWEETHEART, YOU ALWAYS CHEER ME UP, YOU ALWAYS MAKE ME HAPPY! [The] children are always my little cheerer-uppers, always more concerned about Grandpa than you are about yourselves, always cheerful, always trying to make me happy. I'll tell you, children are wonderful! Why don't you be like a little child? "Except ye be as a little child, ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of God!" (Mat.18:3)

39. GET YOUR MIND OFF YOURSELF! FORGET YOURSELF! Forget your attitude! Get your mind on others! Get your mind on Jesus! Think about the Lord & forget yourself & go to work for Jesus & that's the best thing in the World for that kind of problem, good old-fashioned work-therapy, love–therapy, love for others, love for the Lord! Sacrifice yourself on the altar, forget yourself, lose yourself! Forget your God-damned selfish personal proud feelings!

40. ARE YOU WORRIED MORE ABOUT THE LORD'S WORK OR ABOUT YOURSELF? "Oh yes, that's why I'm worried about myself, is because I'm so worried about the Lord's work, I'm afraid myself might hurt it!" You haven't got the point! Forget your God-damned self, forget the things that are past, get your eyes

off yourself! Get your eyes, your mind & your heart on the Lord & others & you can forget that Hell of a self you've got!

41. OF COURSE YOU'RE A MESS, YOU'RE A HELL OF A MESS, ONE OF THE WORST MESSES I KNOW, EVERY ONE OF YOU!—AND ME WORST OF ALL! If I didn't keep my mind on the Lord.

82. I HOPE I BEAT YOU DOWN & BEAT YOU HARD ENOUGH THAT IT'LL BREAK YOU & YOU'LL GET THE VICTORY & get over being so God-damned concerned about yourself & how you feel so that you forget how everybody else feels. I'm not just talking about me & sex, I'm talking about people in general in this Home & other people, your co–workers, whom you're also dragging down with that kind of a spirit. Jesus help us, Lord!

DON'T THINK YOU CAN JUST KEEP YOUR LITTLE PROBLEM TO YOURSELF & KEEP YOUR BAD DRAGGY SPIRIT TO YOURSELF! Everybody will notice it, everybody has already noticed it, everybody already knows it. It gets around. They can just take one look at you & know that you're down in the dumps, something's wrong, your spirit is bad. They can even feel it in the Spirit without even looking at you, just feel it when you're around.

85. DON'T THINK YOU'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO HIDE IT, YOU CANNOT HIDE A BAD SPIRIT ANY MORE THAN YOU CAN HIDE A GOOD SPIRIT! You cannot hide a happy, useful, helpful, shining spirit, it radiates on everybody the same light, the same joy! People meet us & say, "You have such a light on your face, you seem so happy, you just shine, you're always smiling!" It just radiates!

87. PEOPLE SEE IT IN YOU! IT STICKS OUT! When you're happy & you have the Lord, you radiate, you shine, you're joyous, you smile & you're always trying to be helpful & always trying to help people & encourage people.

88. PEOPLE CAN SEE IT, IT WORKS BOTH WAYS, & when you're down in the dumps they can see that too & they can feel it, & instead of lifting everybody up, you drag everybody down with you! It only takes one bad apple to begin to rot on everybody's heart & eat on everybody.

90. HAPPINESS IS WHAT YOU MAKE IT, & you don't make yourself happy by trying to make yourself happy, or trying to find somebody else to make you happy. It's a law of God just like gravity that you don't get happy by trying to make yourself happy or trying to get somebody else to make you happy, but you get happiness by trying to give it to other people! You don't find happiness by chasing it! You go around chasing others & trying to make them happy, then happiness will find you, it will chase you & catch up with you & make you happy! That's a law of God!

WHEN YOU'RE DOWN IN THE DUMPS & YOU'RE TEARFUL & YOU'RE A SAD SACK, YOU WANT EVERYBODY TO BE MISERABLE WITH YOU, you want everybody else to sympathise with you & be sad with you! "How can they dare to be happy when I'm so sad? How can you be cheerful when I'm down in the dumps? Come on down here in the dumps of the Pit with me! Don't you dare be happy when I'm sad!" It's pitiful! It's human nature. But it's godly nature, it's spiritual nature, it's the nature of Jesus to try to lift others up & encourage them & cheer them even when you don't feel like it.

119. NOW MAYBE YOU SAY, "THAT'S AN EXAGGERATION, DAD, THAT'S EXTREME! I DIDN'T REALLY FEEL LIKE THAT!"—Maybe you didn't know you felt like that! But look at yourself now! I'm trying to hold a mirror up in front of you to look at yourself! See yourself as God sees you, as I see you, as others see you! For God's sake, see your self as you are!—Amen?

120. MY, HOW WE LOVE SYMPATHY WHEN WE'RE DOWN, WHEN SOMETIMES THAT'S THE LAST THING IN THE WORLD WE NEED! Somebody needs to come along & sock us on the butt, kick us in the ass, sock us on the chin to wake us up out of our lethargy & our stupor of self-pity & self-sympathy so we can get our minds on the Lord & His Work & others & forget our God-damned self, our stinkin' self! You'll never get the victory by looking at yourself, because there's nobody that drags me down worse than me & my stinkin' self, my own foul spirit! Self is horrible! Self is terrible!—That kind of self, that evil you, that evil self!

"Only Jesus, only Jesus, only He can satisfy!

Every burden becomes a blessing, when I know My Lord is nigh!"

—Not only nigh, but in me! He's the only good thing that dwelleth in me. "In me dwelleth no good thing." I don't even have a good self, my self is all bad, all of our selves are bad. That's why Jesus had to die to save us! You can't get the victory!

128. WE SAY, "THEY'D BETTER GET THE VICTORY" & we even use that expression, but they can't!—She can't, he can't!—Jesus has to get it & you have to let Him or you'll never have it! It's let go & let God! Quit trying to be something you aren't & can never be, & that's righteous. Only Jesus can make you righteous. Just let Jesus in! What's that old song? "Lift your heart to Heaven & the Glory will come in! Lift your heart to Heaven & the Glory will come in! Let Jesus have possession, He'll save you from your sin! Lift your heart to Heaven & the Glory will come in!"

129. YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORK IT OUT, PRAY IT OFF OR PRAY IT ON, YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING EXCEPT JUST LET GO & LET GOD! (Sings:)

"Let go & let God have His wonderful way,

Let go & let God have His way!

He'll fill with His Spirit & turn night to day,

Let go & let God have His way!"

(Sings:)

"Lift your heart to Heaven & the Glory will come in!

Lift your heart to Heaven & the Glory will come in!

Let Jesus have possession, He'll save you from your sin!

Lift your heart to Heaven & the Glory will come in!"

130. YOU'RE NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME—I'M NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU EITHER! NONE OF US ARE GOOD ENOUGH FOR EACH OTHER, ONLY JESUS IS GOOD ENOUGH, BUT HE'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR US ALL! PTL? So why don't you get your eyes off of your God-damned self & get'm on Jesus!Think about the Lord! Let the Light in & the darkness will flee! What is the Glory?—It's the Spirit of the Lord! It's His Spirit, His Glory, His Self—not yourself!

134. YOU'RE YOUR OWN WORST ENEMY! Don't blame it on everybody else & evil spirits & even the Devil, he couldn't touch you if it wasn't for your spirit that lets him in & lets him cause you trouble!—Or even lets God let him touch you because of your evil spirit & your problems with your own heart & your own evil self! You're your own worst enemy!

—It's your own evil spirit! You're your own worst enemy! You may have conquered all the rest, but your own spirit is the most difficult to conquer, & the only way you're ever going to conquer it is not to conquer it, but let Jesus conquer it! He's your own best Friend!—Not you, not your good self, not your doctrine or church or job or home or "If I just had some other mate, or if I just had some other place, or I could do something else I'd be happy!"—No, you wouldn't! You'd take that same old heavy heart, that same old evil spirit with you wherever you go & you'd still be blaming it on everything else except yourself!

136. YOU ARE YOUR OWN WORST ENEMY!—BUT JESUS IS YOUR OWN BEST FRIEND & HE IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN HELP YOU GET THE VICTORY! If you can let Jesus conquer your evil spirit, He can easily take care of all the rest! PTL? Hallelujah?

"KEEP YOUR EYES ON JESUS, DO NOT WATCH THE WAVES!

Keep your eyes on Jesus, 'tis faith in Him that saves!

Keep your eyes on Jesus, His promises avail!

Keep your eyes on Jesus, praise God, He cannot fail!"

Quit trying to succeed yourself, quit trying to have the victory, just let Jesus come in & let Him win it!—PTL? Get your mind on the Lord! Get your mind on your job! Get your mind on helping others! Seek their happiness before your own! Have real, genuine, sacrificial, unselfish love!—That's love, not this hog–wallowing trying to get satisfaction for yourself, trying to make yourself happy, trying to make others make you happy. Get your mind on Jesus! Ask Him to help you love Him so much you'll love others so much you'll forget your God-damned evil self, your worst enemy, & live for the Lord, live for Jesus, live for others! Praise God?

(You're your own worst enemy)

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Freedom, satisfaction and happiness (are) found in being in the center of My will. They are not found through insignificant things of the flesh. They are not found through indulging your personal preferences and your whims, but they are found through yieldedness and obedience and openness to My voice.

Man Looketh on the Outward Appearance--Part 1
#3124:36

It's not your circumstances that determine your happiness it's your state of mind!

Praise is a very effective step toward focusing on the light. Claiming the keys of positiveness and faith focuses one's sight on the light. Natalia, as she leads in praise, leads God's children to focus on the light. Jesus' Words all focus the reader on the light. Prayers that are prayed in faith focus on the light. Loving Jesus through hymns and intimate conversations with your Husband focuses your sight on the light.

How to rise above:

• Strive for a clean heart and right attitude at all times.

• Make the decision: Do you want to go under, or do you want to rise above?

• Know that you are weak in yourself and you can't make it without My help. Rely completely on My mercy, recognizing and accepting that without Me you can do nothing.

• Shun all wrong or ungodly attitudes.

• See every obstacle as an opportunity to rise above and make progress.

• Reach up to Me; depend on Me, and Me alone. Tap into the faith that I've put within you.

• Let My Spirit fully rest upon you. This is more than allowing My Spirit to dwell alongside you. It's more than receiving only a portion--it's receiving My Spirit into every single fiber of your being. You do this by:

a. Living in My Word. Counteract all negative input and vibes of the Devil that float around you with the antidote of My Word. Take this remedy as often as needed--read the Word, think about it, dwell on it, receive it fresh, then do it. Be doers of My Word and of the things I show you; take action.

b. Continue asking Me everything. Don't make a move without hearing from Me. Listen to My voice and live the truth I reveal to you. Do the things I tell you to do, doubting not. This will strengthen your faith and lift you above.

c. Don't give any place to the Devil in your heart or spirit. Reject his false ways and perverted attitudes by dwelling on that which is true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of a good report.

• Let My divine nature rule within you by:

a. Using your gift of humility and exercising your power of surrender. Yield to Me your mind, your heart, your thoughts, your life. Let go of yourself and hold on to Me, and only Me.

b. Keep your intimate relationship with Me strong, for as you love Me intimately, you let My Spirit rest upon you; you become one with Me; you take on more of My nature, which is divine. When this happens, you will see things more in the spirit, which is reality, and less in the carnal, which is the façade that confronts man. Then I can lift you out of the earthly realm so that you can walk more in the Heavenly realm. We become one and you are able to rise above that of the Earth and instead walk more in the spirit.

c. Live by My spiritual principles and let them go to work for you. If you live by My supernatural laws, you will be empowered to rise above the natural, you will walk in the supernatural, you will triumph!

33. The Spirit of My Father was My refuge, just as I will be your refuge. This will be your only recourse if you are to rise above what is to come in these Last Days. As My Father's Spirit rested upon Me, My Spirit will rest upon you. I've been preparing you for these many years. Your destiny, like Mine, is to preach the Word of truth, to heal the brokenhearted, the sick, and those who are beaten down, to deliver those who are bound.

34. As you let go of yourselves and let My Spirit rest on you fully, you will find that My grace is sufficient. This is how you, like Me, will become more than conquerors. This is how you will stand steadfast and immovable. This is how none of the surrounding circumstances will be able to move you. This is how, though troubles surround you, you will not be distressed; though perplexities arise, you will not despair; though war rises around you, though famine and pestilence are rampant, it will not shake you; though your enemies seek you out to destroy you, they will stumble and fall--while you rise above! This is how you will overcome!

(Rise Above! [#3317])

I have a place for each person, and only as you fulfill that place will you find true and lasting happiness. Actually, you don't have to find happiness; you don't have to look for it. Happiness is the fruit and byproduct, the natural result and state of mind that follows when you come to Me and you say, “Jesus, please help me. I love You and I want You. Thank You for saving me. What can I do for You today? What do You want me to do? I'll do anything, I don't care what it is. Just let me be Your love slave. I only want to do what You want me to do and I have no plans or will of my own.”
The secret and the formula is always constant, it never changes: “Not my will but Thine be done.” In total abandonment and total slavery to Me is complete happiness, contentment, and fulfillment.

(Issues, Part 12 #3418)

Praise can make all the difference in the world to your reactions, your feelings, and your intentions. Praise can turn everything around, changing even a negative, grumpy, fearful mindset to one that is full of faith and trusting in God's plan and His hand on your life.
77. When you really think about it, there's not a lot you can do about the way the Lord made you. There's also no point in worrying too much about the speed of your spiritual progress, if you're doing your best to follow the Lord and obey Him one step at a time. So you might as well trust the Lord! He has brought you this far, so thank Him for that. Thank Him that He can see the future. Thank Him that He loves you and will care for you no matter what!

• I am going to praise Jesus today regardless of how I feel. I don't care that I'm tired, worried, anxious, or discouraged over these many little things. I am the one who chooses how I feel by choosing what I think. Today, I want to feel happy, content, praiseful, cheerful, and positive. So I am going to fill my mind with good things, positive thoughts, and words of praise. I praise You, Jesus, for this day dedicated to praise!

65. • I am not going to give up. I may feel like a mess--I may even be a mess, but I refuse to call it quits. Jesus promised that there is always strength available to us as long as we keep fighting. I claim that strength as I continue to fight another day.
66. • I refuse to think about myself. I'm going to look outward, toward others, toward other needs or needy situations, toward the lost souls who are desperately in need of Jesus. Today I am going to do something positive to save a soul--whether it's a soul in need of salvation or one of the dear souls of those I live with. I'm going to do something today to make their day better and to make them happier.

(Positively Positive 3)

Praise isn't how you feel about a situation, it's how you feel about Me.

"Many of My beloved brides have lost the joy of their salvation. It's something that not many people want to admit--they feel condemned and humiliated that they feel this way, and they wonder if they're the only one. Some of the older ones wonder if it's because they've reached the end of their steam, the end of their usefulness, or if it's a condition that comes with the slowing down of the body as you get older. Many of the younger ones have accepted it as just a way of life, and many wonder if they'll be able to keep going and doing the same thing day after day.

16. "It's something that I want to free My children from! The joy of their salvation is a right, a blessing that I've ordained for them to have, part of their reward for following Me! I'm furious at the Enemy for his plan by which he has stolen it away from My children, and I wish to give it back in full measure! Each one should read this message as if it were given for them, because it is indeed for them. While there might be small details that are different in every situation, this overall message, this plea, this ultimatum, is for each of My dear brides.

17. "I want each of them to reach their full potential. I want each of them to go on to serve Me to the greatest capacity and enjoy the greatest usefulness possible. I want each of them to be fully happy in Me

Where did it all go--the joy, the simplicity, the happiness in knowing Me? Have you stopped recently to reflect on that? What changed in your life? It used to all be so exciting. The Word was a source of constant fascination. You loved witnessing. Each day you woke with a song on your lips. There were so many little miracles. The supply of your needs was a continual manifestation of My love for you. There were new adventures, interesting things to learn, great people to talk to, and life was fun. Serving Me was a constant thrill. What happened?

25. All that I just described to you is part of what I refer to as "the joy of your salvation." Those people who know Me and are saved are the most blessed people on Earth. And you, the children of David, are the most blessed of the blessed--for not only are you saved and you know it, but you are also rich in spirit because of My truth and revelations, and in having a purpose in living. There's no one on Earth as blessed as you, as privileged, or as rich. What a calling, what a vocation, what an honor!

26. But in spite of that, most of you know that something is missing in your life. You hear these words and you're pricked in your conscience. You feel ashamed because you know you haven't been feeling this way or even been aware of this perspective. You've gotten so far away from this simple vision and reality. It seems like a dream, almost childlike or surreal. I will tell you why.

Dullness and pessimism. Are you no longer expecting miracles? Has it been a long time since you felt your heart leap with joy over some new truth--or since you did the unusual or offbeat thing, just out of sheer joy for Me and happiness at being one of My chosen few, one of My brides? If it has been a long time, then break out of your ruts and allow Me to surprise you, to thrill you, and to manifest My ability and power to regenerate and change you and give you even more zest and fervor for life and living than your earlier years! Strive to be an “up” person. Grab ahold of enthusiasm and optimism as opposed to your natural tendency to be a “realist” on all occasions.

38. Enthusiasm for life and all I'm doing comes from living more in Me. Enthusiasm is the

rainbow atop faith's sky; it puts a new positive light on things. So strive for the spirit of enthusiasm. That doesn't mean you won't stumble and fall sometimes, but even an enthusiast "falls forward."

39. My resurrection life within you, and each one of My brides, is more actual energy than you've probably ever realized or utilized. You have the Spirit of My Father which raised Me from the dead dwelling within you, My love, and just as He raised Me from the dead, so can He quicken your earthen frames by His Spirit. That's one of My wonderful truths and promises I've given to you, and this resurrection power that is within you through Me has given you the same power to rise above. Claim it as yours!

Rising above means you can have total victory, happiness, and My spirit of joy and delight all the time. Sure, there will be times when you're going through it or get bogged down with something, but at those times you can rise above. Anything that comes up in your work or your personal life is not too much for Me to handle. It's not too hard for Me to help you to rise above it.

95. In other words, there is life and hope and love and joy available to you in any situation you find yourself in. There are no limits to the happiness you can have in life once you've learned to rise above.

96. Life is full of troubles, trials and problems. That's the daily grind of life--the wearing and chipping and grinding and polishing that makes you the jewel you are, if you're allowing Me to work in your life, and allowing Me to let circumstances and conditions fashion you into a better gem. All the nagging little details of life don't have to get you down--they can thrust you into rising above and garnering all the joy and fulfillment out of life that you didn't know was possible before.

97. Rising above and having the ability to do so at any time also means that you can leave off worry or fear, because there's nothing that I cannot help you to rise above. You don't have to be fearful or worried about what will happen, because you have My personal assurance that once you've learned the art of rising above, nothing will be so very difficult for you. You will have the extra special spiritual power and strength that rising above gives you, and nothing will be impossible to you.

98. Whether a small thing or a big thing, rising above gives you the equal chance to get over and above something without having to bear the weight. You can cast your cares on Me and trust Me to sustain you. You don't have to worry so much about you having to do something, because I'm going to do it through you. I'm now going to help you to rise above through the power of the keys of the Kingdom. I'm going to live in you and through you by giving you this special, unique power.

99. It means that you now hold the power that enables you to defeat the Enemy in every way that he tries to discourage and hinder you. You don't have to fear him and his attacks anymore, because the power of rising above is a greater power. It's not a power that struggles and fights against the Enemy's power; it simply rises above, it lifts you above, into a special impenetrable protective field of My Spirit, into My Heavenly atmosphere. There's nothing the Enemy can do about that. He can't fight back, bring in reinforcements, or pull out a new weapon or tactic. All he can do is vainly struggle on while you have risen above and are out of reach of his attacks. So the power of rising above is much greater than conventional physical or spiritual warfare the Devil can hit you with, because it can't be beat no matter what.

100. You have to realize the power that I've given in rising above. It's not just a metaphor or a cool-sounding thing. It's not just a spiritual symbolism. It's a real and living power. Once you realize this, then you'll have much more faith in every area of your life, because you'll realize that you have not only a strong and powerful Lover and Husband to protect you, but an invincible, can't-be-beat power of rising above at your disposal, anytime you need it. It will help you realize just how important you are, and how powerful you are through Me, because I've seen fit to give you this special gift.

101. So rejoice in it! Praise Me for it. Love Me for it. It's your salvation and will help to make the way before you perfect, because as you stumble or fall or encounter difficulty, you can rise above on the wings of faith--the faith that I've given you this gift, and faith to call on the power of the keys to make it a reality in your life--and that all you have to do is appropriate it, and it's yours! Let Me lift you to new heights, and help you through the difficulties of the present and the future. I will do it for you because I love you, because I adore you, because I care for you, because you're Mine, and you're special to Me.
(End of message from Jesus.)

You've been bound with chains forged by the Enemy--chains of lethargy, of apathy, of indifference, of selfishness, of carnal thinking, of negativity, of hopelessness. There is so much to hope for and look forward to! The future is as bright as all My promises! There's nothing that the Enemy or your enemies or anyone can do to thwart My plans and defeat My program. We will overcome! We will be victorious! You are on the winning team, and we are going to go places! It's up to you, though, what kind of player you'll be on the team--whether you'll be a member who mostly sits on the sidelines and cheers and fills in for the other players every now and then; or whether you'll be one of the star players, one who gets out there and runs and pushes for all you're worth, and gives it your all! I'm not just talking about pushing in your work here, and I hope you understand that. Focusing too much on the work is another way that you can push Me aside from being in first place, and a very common mistake that is made. I'm talking about your overall life--about your work, your time with Me, your interactions with others--everything being filled with the zeal and dedication of being My disciple.

231. It's the joy of salvation that you've been feeling the lack of, and I want to restore that to you now. There are other issues and problems in your life, but these will fall into place far more smoothly once you have that joy of your salvation once again coursing through your spiritual veins. It will bring you life, light and nourishment.

232. How do you get that? How do you feel that? Start by rededicating yourself to Me in spirit. Even now, this very minute, you can rededicate your heart and spirit to Me. You can place it all in My hands. You can determine and commit to giving Me first place. Start with your time. That's what really counts. Whatever matters to you, you spend time on. Fight to take more time with Me, to take good quality feeding, refreshing, renewing time every single day reading My Words, hearing from Me, praising Me, loving Me, communing with Me in prayer. Do each of these things every day. Maybe sometimes you'll take a half hour for each, maybe sometimes just a few minutes, but if you are striving to at least touch on each of these facets of your spiritual life, and seeking Me for how to make these times we have together really count, then I assure you that you will be so much better off. You will be happier, you will be more efficient and effective--and above all, you will be pleasing Me, you will be serving Me wholeheartedly as a true disciple, and thus your witness and power and effectiveness will be so much greater.

233. It's not that you haven't been a disciple all along, but I want you to now be a more active one, more forceful in spirit. It's that forcefulness and determination in spirit that will combat lethargy of spirit. Pray for that. Seek for that. It's the keys of the Kingdom that will help bring about that assertiveness and vigor in your life.

234. I want you to determine and will to fight for changing things in your own life, and in turn in your Home and ministry, so as to suit them more to My design, to My plan, to My highest will. Be willing to be a fool for Me, to be a robot for Me, even if it makes you feel stupid or like you're not yourself any more. You'll be a better self, a self more filled with Me, and that's what really matters. *(End of message from Jesus.)*

(Rising above)

The joy of the Lord is your strength!" And so it shall be unto you. If you believe that and claim it, I promise that My joy will be your strength. You can hold on to that promise. That can be your motto from this day forth, because if you have fear and worry, that's debilitating, and you won't benefit from [what I bring into your life and want to give you]. Any nervousness, fear, or worry quenches the flow of My Spirit in your lives and dampens your personal happiness. So relax. Trust Me, and trust Mama and Peter. We love you and we want to make your job easier.

18. Now, let My joy bubble up in you! Let it be your strength! Rejoice in your victories. Rejoice in the battles. Rejoice in the blessings. Rejoice in the triumphs. Rejoice in the changes. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice! Stop looking at all your shortcomings and seeming defeats. Serving Me is supposed to be joyous! I know it's not always fun, and there's a lot of pain and suffering along the way, but there should always be a joy bubbling in your heart.

19. Remember, My joy is your strength. That joy comes from Me and My Spirit, not all your good works--although I am pleased with your works. I know your sacrifices and I'm pleased with them too, but nothing pleases Me more than your love for Me and others.

20. Remember that all the goals and objectives I put before you are just that--goals. They're something to keep you going and moving forward, to stretch your faith. But the thing that is most important is your love for Me and others.

Text box:

21. ***(Jesus speaking:)*** **These goals I'm speaking of here are all the things that I've asked of you, that I've put before you and told you to shoot for.** Now, besides those goals, there are some things that I've told you cannot be neglected. The first and foremost of these is your time with Me. So please don't brush that off as a goal which is nice to shoot for, but that I don't expect you to hit. In the case of your time with Me, it is something sacred. I do expect it of you and I know that it is possible, because I will make a way if you ask Me to do so. *(End of message from Jesus.)*

End of text box.

22. These things have I spoken and sung to you, that My joy might be in you, and that your joy might be full. So let your joy bubble up! Don't refrain; go ahead and sing it!

23. I'm bubbling, I'm bubbling,
I'm bubbling in my soul!
I'm singing and laughing
Since Jesus made me whole!
Folks don't understand it,
I can't keep it quiet,
It's bubbling, bubbling, bubbling, bubbling, bubbling deep inside!

(Leadership Lessons, Part 2 [#3385])

Depression in simple terms is a yielding of the mind to the negative. It's a yielding or giving up of faith, hope and joy. It's turning away from the light and facing the darkness. That darkness is more often than not yourself, or self-pity; the seemingly "hopeless" or "sad" circumstances and conditions that surround you; or allowing the Enemy to smother the flame of hope and happiness in your heart.

23. It's a yielding of your mind and spirit to the negative. Consequently your physical body can fall fast behind, succumbing to all sorts of maladies and ailments as a result of your weakened spirit. Through this powerful negative weapon and tool of depression, the Enemy literally steals hope and faith and joy from your heart. When he's stolen these, he effectively holds everything regenerative from your spirit.

24. Hope, faith and joy--all of which come from Me--have regenerative power. They are forces of power within themselves. He knows that when you relinquish these to him, you have little strength even to lift your voice in praise, to call on the keys of the Kingdom, to read the Word, to lift your eyes toward Me that you may be lightened, to even have the will to fight on. Your vision becomes distorted, impaired, and clouded, your mind muddled and confused.

(Death to Depression, Part 1 [#3464])

If you step out by faith and take the stand of faith, seeking to please Me instead of yourself. I promise you that if you seek to please Me, I will please you--and in ways that you hadn't even thought possible or imaginable! That's the kind of faith I wish to see you have.
Have the faith to obey, to love, to yield, to overcome fear, to act out of conviction, to take a stand of faith, and I will bless it.

(The Era of Action! Part 2 #3289)

Jesus:) **Part of your sample as a disciple is to be a happy one.** Isn't that the thing that Christians should be known for?--Not just discipline and being students of the Word, not just witnesses, but happy people, ones who are full of joy. And not just a little joy, but joy unspeakable. That means there's so much

joy that you can't even express it; you're overflowing with happiness and contentment and excitement about Me and life itself; you have light in your eyes and on your face. That is your greatest witness.

Like every one of My brides, you too are meant to be happy. You're meant to have peace of mind and spirit. That is My will for you, along with the job I've given you. It's important that you do not let the Enemy steal away your love for life, your happiness in being alive today in the Family, doing what you're doing. It makes Me very sad if I see you letting your battles steal away your joy. That's not My will.

157. If the Enemy succeeds in weighing you down in the spirit to the point that you're just not happy, then you won't have the strength you need to face each day. When you begin the day with enthusiasm and you look forward to your work, it's so much easier. There's no weight, it's a pleasure to do it. You love it, problems and all. You like it, even if it is hard work. The spirit of faith and positiveness and praise keeps you upbeat. It helps you rise above the Enemy's weights. It lifts your heart and keeps things in perspective.

158. You need to feel some pleasure in the things you do. Your life needs to be a pleasant experience, otherwise you won't enjoy your work and you won't enjoy life. It's important not only for your sake, but for the sake of those you live and work with. They need to see that you're happy serving Me, because that reflects your faith.

159. After all, you're in My will, My full-time service, and you have all My promises and the keys of the Kingdom and all your spirit helpers and all the power of Heaven on your side. You have new updated spiritual weapons to fight every battle with. You have prophecy to hear My step-by-step counsel. I give you My revelations of the spirit world before any of My other Christian brides on earth. You have My Word to run to for comfort. You have a wonderful Home, a worldwide Family. You have a great team to work with. I supply your needs. I pour out My love and blessings daily upon you. You're working for something eternal. You're saving souls. You're witnessing every day through your job of serving Me--whatever it might be.

If you'll just listen and yield to that tug of the Spirit on your heart, I'll give you the joy of the Lord.

Yieldedness brings contentment! He who has a yielded heart and a yielded spirit has contentment, for he has faith that that which he does and that which he experiences is of Me. He doesn't fight against it, he doesn't kick against the pricks, and thus he is content. But he of an unyielded spirit and an unyielded heart fights against it. He kicks against the pricks and becomes discontented and unhappy

(Prophecies on Yieldedness! #3044)

My blessings are all around you, so do whatever it takes to stay focused on the beauty of living for Me. If you let yourself get so burdened with the work, you'll crumble, burn out, and you just won't make it. You have to take the "happy pill" of My Spirit--whatever that is for you personally--whether spending time alone with Me getting refilled, taking praise time until you're really praising, getting prayer from your teammates, memorizing a key, or simply relaxing and having fun with the kids, putting on rabbit ears and playing with them--or all of the above. Whatever it takes, please fight off the chains of the Enemy and be happy in Me.

161. You can have that infusion of joy back in your life. Claim the key of joy and expect results. It will be your strength and make your work so much easier and lighter and even enjoyable.

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162. *(Jesus:)* Don't forget the unbeatable weapon of praise in this battle. The Enemy will try to weigh you down with anything possible, but the weapon of praise can help you rise high above, out of his clutches. Any time you start praising, I'll be there to help you see things as I see them, to infuse you with

faith, peace, and trust in Me, which makes it possible for you to relax and be truly happy and full of My joy! It's impossible to be really happy when you're weighed down with too much. So any time you feel that way, start praising Me. Activate your weapon of praise, and send the Enemy running for cover! As you praise, My spirit will pour down, and your joy--My joy in you, My heavenly perspective on things--will return. I love you! *(End of message.)*

(Dad:) **We have the best Boss in the world, with the best pay** (eternal rewards, tailored to our personal desires and dreams, plus guaranteed supply of any earthly needs in the meantime), the best benefits (health, protection, security, and guarantee of lifelong employment), the best insurance plan (miracles when we need them!), the best job (helping others to find happiness in our wonderful Jesus), the best co-workers (we're married and going to enjoy our bond of love for eternity!), and the most to look forward to--Heaven forever!! What more could we ask for?!

Key promise:

165. Claim the keys of joy and happiness, and together they will open a special channel for an infusion of My strength and perspective. Circumstances don't always immediately change, but your outlook on life after claiming the keys will be fresh and renewed, and the solutions will come in My time and My way.

(Shooting Straight, Part 1 [#3499])

19. You must consciously decide that you are going to think positively regardless of the circumstances or your feelings. You can rise above. I am more than willing to enable you, but you have to work with Me. I will provide the supernatural assistance you need if you will do your part and close the door to the Enemy each time he comes around.

20. I can help you to be an avid positive thinker, an enthusiastic optimist. Don't you want to be happy, relaxed, content, cool, and easygoing--as opposed to fretful, concerned, uptight, and discouraged? Make your choice.

(Positively Positive 4)

Helpers

Lucerne - Powerful angelic being who fights the demons of depression.

Illuminus - Mighty advocate of Jesus' light who fights Pan and Arakan.

Fairy Angel Fighters (aka FAF) - Help fight Pan and Arakan, and depression.

Natalia - Created to lead us in praise.

Praise Angels - Each of us has (at least) one. They guide our praises and help us to praise more.

Praise Squadron (aka Victory Squad) - Helps us fight through praise.

Silver Helmet Angels - Defeat the demons of pride.

Hinderers

Arakan - Chief demon of confusion and depression.

Negaton and Negin - Demons of negativity, hopelessness, and despair.

Pan - Archdemon over the mind. He is the author of doubt, confusion, complexity, negativity, and depression.

Vain - Excessive consciousness of others' opinions.

79. (Jesus:) How do these two work together? Praise brings on joy, and joy brings on strength. When you praise Me, you're forgetting about yourself and your problems and concerns. Your lack of concentrating on yourself, and instead looking to Me, brings sweet joy to your heart. With this joy in your heart you're no longer pulled down by your negative feelings, doubts, fears or worries, and I give you strength to rise above.

80. It's a simple recipe:

* To a heart full of worries, problems, doubts, and fears, add praise.

* The negative feelings are dissolved, and My joy comes in to fill your heart.

* Then a heart that is no longer dragged down by the negative forces can rise above.

* In rising above, you find My strength.

81. The recipe sounds simple, but how do you add praise to the heavy heart?

82. Lift up your eyes unto the hills. Make a concerted effort to lift your eyes off yourself and look above. (See Psalm 121.) This takes effort on your part, but once you do that, I will carry you from there. I will fill your heart with joy. I will drive away the Enemy and his negativity. Your praises create a force field of protection that he cannot penetrate. Call on the power of the keys to give you the oomph needed to look up. You call, and I will answer. That is My promise to you

(Praise = Answers, Solutions, Progress, Power, and Victory [#3539])

But above all things know this, that in My hands I have precious, precious gifts to give you!--Gifts of Love and forgiveness and mercy and healing. Draw nigh to Me, call out to Me, love Me, seek Me, desire Me, and I will be with you to fill every need, to answer every question, to heal every wound, to strengthen every broken heart. Ye will find that through this deep, dark experience we will gain a love relationship that is of much, much more value. Ye will know that this time of suffering and pain hath been a small, small sacrifice in comparison to the great joy that we will feel in our love relationship, as this will cause you to draw closer to Me, to know Me as ye have never known Me before, to love Me as ye have never loved Me before, to feel My mercy, My tenderness and My forgiveness as ye have never felt it before.

So this seeming defeat in your eyes will one day be looked upon as a blessing. This breaking process will result in new creatures, new vessels, yielded, malleable in My hands, that will pour forth the waters of life in great, great abundance. Your heart will overflow with thanksgiving for My Love and for My forgiveness, and it will drive you, it will compel you to share this Love with others.

In this way ye will be much, much more valuable vessels in My hands, much more useful tools. Although ye cannot see it now, I am creating special instruments which will be used of Me in a very unique, very effective, very fruitful way. Through this breaking ye will be remade and ye will become new creatures in My hands

(Comfort in Affliction part 3)

You are My darling bride, and I'm so proud of you for choosing to yield to Me. You choose to yield to Me every day, every hour, every minute. It's not just a one-time yielding; it's a constant yielding. It's not just a one time death to self and your own ways and thoughts and opinions; it's a constant dying each day, each minute. This is the hardest kind of death to die--the death to self, the dying daily--but it yields the most beautiful results that you will be eternally grateful for.

When everything else is gone--all of yourself, all of your old ways, all of your old feelings and thoughts--you will still have Me and the happiness that I will give you. That is victory. This is what you have to look forward to: complete and total happiness, perfect victory. This is what you're striving for. This is what I have in store for you. This place of victory is a place of perfect peace and happiness and fulfillment

(Fight for life 2)

(David:) The Lord won't force you to humble yourself & yield & draw closer to Him! The breaking process depends upon you & your yieldedness & willingness to be made willing! So try to take your testings & your temptations without sin & without rebellion, murmuring or bitterness! The Lord promises that He will never give you more than you're able to bear, & that He will always make a way of escape. (1Cor. 10:13.) He'll somehow make it easier for you or at least help you to bear it. So "harden not your heart" but "cast thy burden upon the Lord, & He shall sustain thee!"--Heb.3:8; Psa.55:22.

Things will be a lot easier for you if you will just accept what the Lord is trying to do in your life, if you will receive the breakings & the chastisements & the lessons, if you don't fight against them, if you'll just seek the Lord & yield to Him. Remember, He loves you, & whatever He does to you, His Own child, He does it in love.--For your good. So for God's sake, & your own sake, "Humble yourself therefore under the mighty hand of God" (1Pet.5:6), & don't get hardened & bitter! Get better & not bitter!--Amen? (

(Bitterness!)

Remember, dear Family, that we're to enjoy life, enjoy one another, and enjoy Jesus most of all. We have a happy religion, not a sad one. We're serious about our service for the Lord, but we're also to have "joy unspeakable," as the Bible says (1Pet.1:8). We have so much to be happy about, so much to praise our Husband for, so much to celebrate, and a wonderful life to enjoy to the full. Our lives are one big, long, happy adventure compared to many people's lives in the world.

6. So let's take the time we need regularly to savor the sweetness of the happy lives that we are blessed to live, the friends and loved ones and family that we are privileged to know and live with (as well as those we meet along the way), the important responsibilities for Jesus that we are honored to bear, the children that we can play a part in loving and training and raising, and all that goes into our fun, lively, revolutionary lives for Jesus.

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I look back over the time that You and I have spent together, Jesus, I can't help but marvel at the many ways Your hand has guided my path. I have passed through pleasant places and through places of

adversity. I have been up on the mountains and down in the valleys. I have felt happiness and I have felt sorrow. But through it all, You have brought me forth and are forming me into the person You want me to be.

I'm so happy that I invited You into my life, Jesus. I don't know what I would have done without You. Nothing in this world could ever fill the place that You have in my life and in my heart.

I'm proud that I can be called by Your name, that I can receive Your love and Your words.

I love to praise You with my whole heart, sweet Jesus, because You've filled my heart with love. I have a lot to thank You for, because You've given me so much joy and happiness. I love to tell You how much I appreciate You, how much I need You, and how thankful I am for the great blessings I receive from Your Spirit. You fill my heart with everything. You are what makes me complete. You are happiness. You are the ultimate of everything that there is. Without You there is nothing, for You fill all things with Your Spirit and Your love. I owe You everything. I want to praise Your name and glorify You for eternity, with all my being.

Your happiness and joy at receiving my praises overwhelms me. What a joy it is to think that You-who have such power, glory, beauty and splendor-desire and eagerly wait for my praise-kisses to You.

Oh, that I could praise You all the day long! If only more people knew of Your loveliness and Your love, their hearts would also burst forth in praise to You, in honor and glory, in obeisance and adoration. Then You would receive a touch of the attention and the worship You deserve, as the true King You are.

Knowing how much You appreciate my words of praise makes me want to give You so many more. Though I'm a beggar and I wear mere rags and have nothing of earthly value to offer You-only myself and my small tokens of praise-You rejoice with such great rejoicing that You make me feel important. I am overwhelmed that You value my love so much.

Jesus, how I love You! You are lovely, You are beautiful, my Lord. You descend to give gifts to Your children, and You have showered me with love. You have given me more than I could want or ask for. You have given me pleasures and happiness and joy immeasurable. You are the source of joy. You are He to whom I may go to learn how to have a happy, fruitful life.

You love me so greatly that You have planned out a life of usefulness and joy for me. You have patiently led me each step of the way, and have held me up when I have fallen. Jesus, You have been too wonderful to me! You have brought me into a large room and have anointed me with the oil of gladness. Goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall abide in Your courts forever.

You have never deserted me. You have never forsaken me. You have cherished and helped me each step of the way. For Your constant care, I love You. For Your ever-present bounty, I thank You. For Your great, personal love, I adore You. For Your majesty and power, I worship You. You are mine-my Lord, my friend, my Savior-and I am Yours forever.

(My King and I [#008])

What costs the least and does the most,
And makes life so worthwhile?
Can you guess this simple test?

It's just a pleasant smile.

It's the sensation of feeling good,
And doing what you can,
By lighting up your face a bit,
To let everyone join in.

A merry heart makes a cheerful face;
A smile is your best cure.
God intended you to enjoy life,
Of this you can be sure.

A radiant smile has something real:
It's open and it's pure.
People smile in every language,
So make sure you're wearing yours!

If you see someone without a smile,
Give him one of yours!
It's worth a million dollars,
It can open many doors.

The best smiles are not "put on,"
They show you really care.
You're not dressed without your smile;
It's one thing you must share.

Smiles are so contagious,
So let's pass them all around.
The world is like a mirror,
So smile or they'll just frown!
--Rejoice Surrender

Praise the Lord

Praiseful words are a joy to hear,
Resulting in absence of doubt and fear.
A grateful heart has much to say --
Interspersed praise throughout the day.

Struggles, disputes, envy and strife,
Engulfed with praise, depart from your life!
Thoughts of praise from a thankful heart
Help emancipate you and give a new start.

Each happy word holding a praise
Lifts you up to Heaven where angels stay.
Oh Lord my God, help me always to
Read, quote, write or sing praises to You!

Why Compare?

A common aliment of the human race
Is wanting to be in another place.
Hoping or wishing you could like another;

Coveting a gift of a sister or brother.
It seems it's so hard to just be content,
And simply accept what God has sent.
Instead we become dissatisfied
So that we cannot be gratified,
And happy with everything we've got
'Cause we're thinking of that which we have not.

Now in the Bible, to us Paul tells
That when we compare among ourselves
And measure our height, and weight and size,
It's not only vain, it isn't wise.
He also says, "Nay, but oh man,
Thou art but clay in the Potter's hand.
How can you speak to God Who is just,
Or say to thy Maker, 'Why hast Thou made me thus?'"

So the bottom line is that we have to believe
That everything that we have received
Is just what we need and nothing more
To fulfil the task He designed us for.
Then we'll have happy and joyful hearts
As we do our best and play our part--
And the Lord can use us much more this way
When we simply yield and His will obey.
--Joanna (Celeste)

Fountain's Peak

Shattering icy glares,
Melting a stone cold heart,
Piercing the blackest of nights
With bursts of radiant light.
From an inner spring it flows,
Revealing spirit's glow within.
Life then special and worthwhile
A vent for heart's love--
The smile!!
--B. D. Phillips

(Rhymes for Our Times)

HAPPINESS IS THE LORD

Words & music: Iran F. Stanphill
Happiness is to know the Savior,
Living a life within His favor,
Having a change in my behavior,
Happiness is the Lord!

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Happiness is a new creation,
Jesus & me in close relation,
Having a part in His Salvation,
Happiness is the Lord!

Chorus:
Real joy is mine,
No matter if teardrops start;
I've found the secret,
It's Jesus in my heart!

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Happiness is to be forgiven,
Living a life that's worth the livin',
Taking a trip that leads to Heaven
Happiness is the Lord!

Gone...is the useless life I once led,
Gone...is the emptiness I felt,
Gone...are the restless nights that I spent
Searching for answers in despair.

Chorus:
And now joy & gladness have taken their place,
Peace & happiness have come instead,
In Your Love I am free at last
And here in my heart, Lord, I've found rest.
Here in my heart I've found rest.

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Gone...are the questions I had no answers for,
Gone...are the worries of the past,
Gone...is the loneliness & despair,
Bad dreams & misery have fled.

(Praise Time 001)

It's the highs of My Spirit that will enable you to find fulfillment in whatever I call you to put your hand to. It's My blessings on your life that will enable you to never feel bored or dissatisfied with your place of service. My excellence--compared to that of the world--depends a lot on the position of the heart, on the place of service you choose because you yield to Me and give Me your all. Titles, jobs of influence--none of these matter to Me, save the portion of your heart you yield to Me. Then, when you have truly given yourself over wholly--holding nothing back--you can be ready to be counted among My greats and receive your life's anointing

Family Discipleship Or Missionary Membership? #3488:

My Word says, "Delight thyself also in the Lord, and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart" (Psalm 37:4). If your foremost desire is obeying and serving Me to the best of your ability, I promise that I will see to it that you are happy. However, true happiness is much more than just feelings. True happiness comes from My foreknowledge and fulfillment of your true needs and desires, and those who yield to My wishes for their life experience that to the full.
So if you want to be happy and you want to live the best life possible, remember that as much as you think you want something, or as much as something sounds like a good idea to you, it's always better to base your choices on something more lasting than your whims or impulses.--That something is Me and My loving protection of you and your future.
Target: God's Will #3791

But as you step out by faith and put the things of the Spirit more in the forefront, they will grow on you and you will begin to feel the happiness and peace that comes from a strong spiritual life.

71. Yes, the things of the Spirit do sometimes bring feelings of happiness and excitement, but you can't rely on your feelings to help you decide whether or not to read the Word or have time with Me. Some people are able to almost automatically draw inspiration from the Spirit, but I have made you in such a way that you have to take quite a bit by faith and work harder. But don't worry, the more you put into the Spirit, the more inspiration and even physical happiness you will begin to draw from your time with Me.

But you must realize that letting the light in does not happen automatically. Sometimes you have to work pretty hard at getting the door open so the light can shine into your heart and life. Then you may have to take it by faith that the end result will be more eternal happiness and fulfillment, and also much-needed spiritual strength.

You have the tendency to allow surrounding circumstances to affect and at times determine your happiness. This is sad. It's sad not only because it hurts and saddens Me when I don't have first place, but it's also sad for you because you'll never find true, lasting happiness in anything else but Me. Only I can truly satisfy you.

123. You'll be met with disappointment and frustration time and again if you allow your happiness and well-being to be dependent on things or people, because all of those other things will fail at some time or another. If you're double-hearted and double-minded, you'll live in a constant state of indecision and you'll be unstable in all your ways. But if your heart and life are fixed firmly on Me, then you'll be able to stand strong; come what may, you'll not falter.

124. I want you to lean wholly on Me and let Me hold you up. If you are to stand strong and firm through the storms of life and not be tossed about by every wind, I must be your foundation, your anchor. Your confidence must be placed in Me and Me alone. I alone can offer you the assurance that I will always be faithful to you and will never fail you.

125. My love and care for you is unending and eternal. It will never change; it will never fail. Put your confidence in Me. Give Me your all and I will give My all to you. I will keep you as the apple of Mine eye, for you are as a pearl of great price unto Me. I love you.

(Exposing Bacchus! [#3402])

You've been looking for fun and happiness everywhere except in the Lord, but He says, "All the things that you wish to be can only be found in Me, for there is no success but in Me." And, I might add, neither is there any excitement or real fun or real love, except in Jesus! The thing is, you can't really find total joy in anything, no matter how appealing or attractive it is, unless you've made Jesus the focal point of your life, unless you've put Him first.

149. He just doesn't allow you to be happy when you're searching for these things for your own satisfaction, and you're letting them take the place in your heart that Jesus should be taking, when you're looking for excitement and satisfaction in these things instead of in Jesus. But when you put Jesus first and yield to His will in your life, He rewards you by giving you greater happiness than you can ever imagine, and by adding to your life all the other things that you like and enjoy.

150. The Lord says that He knows you love Him and that you desire to serve Him. But He's trying to show you that you have to make a choice; you can't serve yourself and serve Him at the same time. And to serve Him, you have to make the decision to put aside your own desires and commit yourself to doing what He wants you to do, driving down the road of commitment in the vehicle of His Word.

151. It may seem like a great sacrifice and that you're not going to be able to have any fun, that it's going to be boring and lonely and painful. But when you really think of it, that's what happens when you follow your own way. You thought doing your own thing was going to give you the excitement and friendship and love that you wanted, but it's just been husks, it's all been a mirage. But now, if you'll turn around and do what Jesus wants you to do, even though at first it may seem impossible, He promises to give you great reward and great blessing, joy and happiness, and real fun.

152. This is where faith comes in. You have to believe that if you go the Lord's way and make the sacrifices, including humbling your pride, dying to yourself and your own desires, that after you've had patience and done His will awhile, you will receive the promise. It doesn't always come immediately, because that wouldn't be any test. You have to first prove your willingness and your obedience, and then you'll see the fulfillment of all the Lord's promises!

(Road to Commitment!, The [#3064])

Desperation is a matter of the heart, and if you don't have this inner desperation and desire for Me and Me alone, then you'll never be truly happy. People ask, "How can I be constantly desperate with You and yet still be happy, still have fun, still enjoy life?" It depends on what sort of happiness, fun and enjoyment you seek. You can have a measure of happiness and fun without desperation, but the true, long-lasting happiness and joy you seek can only be found and held on to through having the spirit of desperation.
(Desperate for Jesus)

She is one of many of the young children of David who find themselves dissatisfied and unhappy in their situation. They long for challenge and fulfillment and find it not. They desire for their gifts and talents to be used, but somehow the usefulness they desire escapes them and cannot be found. They look and they search and they desire and yearn for something more, for something else.

152. There are many among the young ones who no longer find satisfaction or fulfillment taking care of the children, keeping the kitchen, or provisioning the goods. They long and they search for more. Such a one is this girl. She longs for true happiness and fulfillment. She looks beyond the borders of her Home, beyond the borders of her present country. She even looks beyond the borders of the Family. She looks at the System. She sees the temptations and is allured by them.

153. Yet deep within her heart she knows that the answers to her longings do not lie within the System and its images and glitter. She's a smart girl and she knows that that's not where it's at. But still, she searches, and at the bottom of all of this, in the depth of her heart, is her love for Me. She is Mine. I am her Lover and her Husband. Deep down within her spirit, she longs for Me--yet she follows from a distance. She's not yet fully committed. She's torn. She longs for her desires to be fulfilled. She yearns to be happy. She knows that she's not happy, and that so far her longings have only brought her sadness and discontentment.

154. But now I call to her, saying, I have in My hand all the desires of your heart, My little one, My love. All these things will I give to you if you will but love Me with all your heart. I love you and I long to be loved in return. I long for you to be My dedicated, loving, committed bride. I come to you gently with My many blessings in one hand, and the desires of your heart in the other. All these things will I give to you if you will but give your heart to Me.

155. The road to fulfillment, to life, to love, to happiness and satisfaction, is the road to commitment. You must give your heart to Me, My little one. Give Me your life. Commit all your longings and desires to Me. Bring them all to Me and lay them at My feet. Forsake them, My love, and see if I will not return to you every one of them multiplied many times over with blessings and the fulfillment of your every wish, your every desire, and the longings of your heart.

156. I know that you love Me, and it gives Me great pleasure to give those that love Me the very wants and desires of their hearts. And so it is with you, My little one, My little love whom I so cherish. How I also long to make you happy! How I wish to use the gifts and talents which I have given you! How I desire to hear you sing to Me with all your heart! How I wish to give to you new songs from My Spirit! How I long to make of your young life, which is now frustrated and broken, a new life of joy and fulfillment in Me! But you must do your part, My sweet one. You must come to Me and give Me your heart. You must give Me your all. You must give Me your full and complete commitment, your love and your dedication.

157. Prove Me now and see if I am not the Lover of your soul. See if I will not open the windows of My love and pour out My blessings upon your life. See if I will not use your many gifts, the talent that you have for giving to others and loving them. Give Me your life and see if I will not cause happiness, joy, and fulfillment to overtake you. I will overwhelm you with My love! I will pour out My blessings so that you will not have room enough to hold them all! For I am the God of all these things. I am your Maker and the Lover of your soul.

158. I know how to please those who please Me. I know how to please you, My little love. Now is the time to give Me your all. Now is the day of decision. This is the hour of dedication. Don't wait until tomorrow or say, "I will give You my life in a few months." Why let another day pass without giving Me your all, your very life, in complete and full commitment and dedication to Me? You say, "Oh, the cost is so great." But I say to you, what is your life? Did I not give it to you in the first place? Is it not Mine?

159. I give you the choice; it's up to you. I ask that you give Me your life--the life that I have given to you. I ask because I need it. I need your love, and I need your life, that I might give My love to others through you. I need you, My darling. But I can only ask; it is for you to give. The choice is yours.

160. Let's make a deal, you and I. You give me your life, your all, your everything, and I in return will bless you in greater ways than you ever thought possible! For starters, I'll cause you to taste of the ecstasies of the Spirit which you've not known before. I'll cause you to know joy and happiness such as you've not yet known. I'll cause you to know satisfaction and fulfillment such as you've not yet experienced. And, yes, I'll use your gifts and talents along the way. I'm the One Who gave them to you. I am the Lord of your talents, and I, more than anyone, desire to see them used.

161. And now I wait to see. I'm waiting for you. I must see your love. You must show Me your love. You must commit first, and then the blessings will come. You must first do your part, and then will I do Mine. Don't think for a moment that if you do your part and commit wholly to Me, that I will go back on My part; for I am not a man that I should lie! What I have spoken, I will perform. I will do that which I've said I will do. I will fulfill My promises to you. You do your part, you keep your part of the bargain, My little love, and I will surely keep Mine. *(End of message from Jesus.)*

This doesn't mean that you don't experience trials and battles, difficulties and hardships. You certainly do. That's part of your life. But it's the way that you face them, the way you react to them, the way that you handle them, that brings joy, happiness, peace and contentment. When you face those trials and battles and difficulties with the sword of the Word, and you fight back and you resist the temptation to feel down and discouraged or left out and left behind, then the Enemy has to flee. As I have said in My Word, if you resist the Devil, he will flee from you.

357. In place of those temptations to want to experience the things of the world, to have those so-called "freedoms," you'll find true satisfaction in yielding your hearts and minds and bodies to Me and to My will. You'll find true satisfaction in following close and being a sample to those around you of a true Christian missionary--one who is filled with My love, who has forsaken all to follow Me, and who has denied himself that he might win the world for Me.

358. I love you, My dear children! Please take heart and know that your faithful labors have not gone unnoticed. You will be rewarded for your diligent works, and most of all, for your yielded hearts and spirit.

359. Please remember that Godliness with contentment is great gain. The simple pleasures of this life of loving one another, serving one another, sacrificing for one another, and giving love to one another, are the road to true happiness. Though this road has trials, battles and obstacles to overcome, it also avoids many deep pitfalls, sidetracks and dangerous territories, full of trouble and difficulties. So rejoice that you're on the right road, and let no man take away your joy and happiness and service to Me.

360. I'm well pleased that you've chosen to exercise your rights: the right to love, the right to give, the right to sacrifice, the right to be a good sample, and the right to pour out your hearts to the lost, the hungry, and the needy. You have truly chosen that good part, and the fruits of your labors shall never be taken from you! *(End of message from Jesus.)*

(Hold on to Your Crown! [#3168])

Your life, your happiness, your fulfillment and joy are of utmost importance to Me, and I will do all within My power to bring these things about in your life. As you put your full faith and trust in Me and in this truth that I do all things for your good, then you will find happiness and contentment in the place where I have put you so much quicker than if you were to analyze things or try to figure out My logic through the carnal mind.

Be content to play your part by being in the place that I have ordained for you. I am the great strategist, and if you will yield to My moving in your life, together we will be victorious, and with time you will be able to understand My divine wisdom more fully, and know that I truly had My hand in your life and your best interests at heart

Apples Of Gold, Part 2 #3662

Sometimes how you look at things comes down to a matter of how much you're willing to give all, to serve, to have no reservations left for yourself at all, to truly be a slave of whatever I ask you to do without hanging on to any personal desires of your own. That's really what a love slave is. When you give your life to Me, that's what you're doing, and that's really what I'm looking for--those disciples who are so in love with Me that they are willing to completely surrender their personal agenda; all they want to do is whatever I ask, no matter what, with no questions asked.

77. There are slaves and servants in the world today who do this for their worldly masters--day in and day out. If their master says “do this,” they do it; if they say “do that,” they do it.

78. And really, that's what a true disciple of Mine does. Of course, because they are My disciple and My love slave, I'm a lot more understanding and generous than worldly masters, and I allow a great deal of freedom. Being a love slave for Me isn't the same as being a slave for those in the world. In fact, I am so liberal, sometimes people hardly know they're love slaves. And because I have given people free will, they can be loosed from being My love slave whenever they wish. Those who are My love slaves are slaves of their own choosing.

79. But those who are My love slaves and continue to be My slaves, giving their all, are those who remain the happiest. Those who continue to say, “I want no will of my own; what do You want me to do today? I'll do whatever You want, I don't care what it is. Please just let me serve You, I beg You. I'm unworthy to do anything and I'm so thankful to do anything for You!”--they are the ones who are the happiest. Total bondage to Me brings total freedom and happiness. Total yieldedness is total fulfillment.

80. When My love slaves who at one time had forsaken everything and had no agenda except doing whatever it was that I asked, begin to put restrictions and limitations on what I ask, they begin to run into problems. When they begin to say, “I prefer to do this” or “I prefer to do that,” then they begin to feel unchallenged and discontent. Whenever I have called someone to be a 100 percent follower, but they begin to want their own way, then they begin to lose the happiness they had when they completely abandoned their life and will to Me. The more they try to do what they want to do, or think they want to do, or think they should do or deserve to do, the more unhappy they become.

81. I have a place for each person, and only as you fulfill that place will you find true and lasting happiness. Actually, you don't have to find happiness; you don't have to look for it. Happiness is the fruit and byproduct, the natural result and state of mind that follows when you come to Me and you say, “Jesus, please help me. I love You and I want You. Thank You for saving me. What can I do for You today? What do You want me to do? I'll do anything, I don't care what it is. Just let me be Your love slave.

I only want to do what You want me to do and I have no plans or will of my own."

82. Are you still doing that? Are you giving your will 100 percent to Me, or do you have plans of your own? Are you still forsaking all every day? Or do you have work or things you like or want to do above Mine? No matter how long you serve Me, the secret and the formula is always constant, it never changes: "Not my will but Thine be done." In total abandonment and total slavery to Me is complete happiness, contentment, and fulfillment. *(End of message from Jesus.)*

The Lord hinges a lot on the decisions we make for Him--whether or not we choose to yield and give something completely to Him often determines future rewards, blessings, fruitfulness, anointing, happiness, etc. He can't give us those blessings and rewards in full measure when we have held something back from Him. And by the same token, He is able to pour them out more abundantly than ever when we freely and wholeheartedly give Him whatever it is He's asking of us. Sometimes it's so difficult, you can wonder if you'll even live through it and ever be happy again. But I guarantee you that the Lord's way is best, and the quicker and sooner you yield completely, the sooner deep happiness and satisfaction and the many blessings and rewards of obedience find you. I know that sounds callous and unfeeling if you're really experiencing a difficult forsake-all or change. But it's the truth, and it's been tried and proven many times. There's just no way around giving it all up, and then letting the Lord replace it with whatever He knows is best.

Yes, your freedom comes with a price--but whoever shall lose his life for My sake shall find it! Haven't you discovered that? It's all a matter of what your priorities in life are. If you try to run around finding happiness and fulfillment for yourself, it will elude you. But if instead you go through life trying your best to serve Me and make others happy, happiness and fulfillment will chase and catch up with you. It's the great paradox of life, and so many people on the riverbank haven't discovered the answer to this apparent contradiction

(Issues, Part 12 [#3418])

Even when you feel like a total disaster, the keys will give you the supernatural faith to fight on.

10. Rebuke your own negative nature and determine to have a positive mindset, no matter how bleak your situation, and call on the keys of rise-above power and they will transform you.

11. Destroy negativity, the "poor me's," and any discouraging natural reaction with the keys, and My happiness, freedom, and positive spirit will fill and renew you.

12. The keys of discernment and defense will enable you to recognize any negative or discouraging thought or feeling, and the keys of praise and positiveness will empower you to leave it far behind.

Self-pity is like a sweet. The sweet will eventually rot your teeth and rob your body, but it tastes so good, so you wonder how it could be bad. You feel you have a right to pamper yourself over this one thing--that's how it all starts. But self-pity is simply putting self above Me, or others, and not being willing to sacrifice your self for the sake of others.

27. Self-pity is pride in almost its most refined, deceptive form--just like refined white sugar. White sugar looks so **white**, so clean, so pure!--When in fact it is the opposite as far as your physical

body is concerned. Thus is self-pity. It baits you, catches you, then rots away your spiritual health and happiness, and as a byproduct, snuffs out your usefulness.

So the first and most important step in overcoming negativity is definitely to praise Me for the very things that you're tempted to feel so negative about. Be specific. Thank Me for every aspect and make sure that you're reinforcing to yourself that these things in their entirety came from Me, or were allowed by Me for your benefit, and that you know that I have a perfect plan and will bring a victory out of every seeming defeat if your life is yielded to Me.

34. Another important step is to forget yourself and think about others. Sometimes you'll be getting hit with negativity and negative thoughts, and the tendency can be to really wallow in it and allow yourself to fight a long, hard battle in your mind. Sometimes you have to go through those tough times and battle it out with the Enemy and your carnal mind until you win the victory. But at other times the answer is just to forget yourself and how bad you're feeling and how fiercely you're being attacked, and instead go do something positive that contributes to someone else's happiness despite how you're feeling.

35. Negativity about yourself is a form of selfishness and self-centeredness. If you have time to be sitting around thinking about how bad or inadequate you are, it could be a sign that you're not busy enough doing things for others or for Me. When you stop wallowing in the Enemy's mire and look for ways you can positively contribute to someone else's life, your mind is enabled to switch channels from the doom and gloom of negativity and instead look toward the sunshine of My love.

36. Forcing yourself to get up and go do something loving for someone else is a sure-fire way to shut up the Devil. Not only does it open your life to My blessings, but it also reinforces to you that there is a lot that is good and positive about you when you're allowing yourself to be used as a vessel of My love.

37. When you make someone else happy or help them with some difficulty, you can see with your own eyes that you made a positive difference and that something good happened that wouldn't have happened if it weren't for you. That flies in the face of the Enemy's propaganda about how worthless and useless you are.

(Jesus:) The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life. In them lies all the power you need. Without My words you are incomplete, and it is when you are not getting enough of My words that this incompleteness causes you to see yourself in a negative way. My words are what help you to keep your outlook positive, happy, and thankful.

52. The only way to flush out the pollutant of negativity is to get tanked up on My Word. You must be full of My Word at all times. Let it be the song in your heart, the praise on your lips, the happiness in living. The Word gives you faith, and this faith in turn makes you more believing of Me.

53. Every negative thought can be turned into a praise and a thought of thankfulness. That inroad of the Enemy can be turned into one of great strength for Me if you are determined to give your thoughts to Me instead of dwelling on yourself and what you don't have. That should be your goal: transforming your negative and comparing thoughts to ones of praise and thankfulness.

54. Only through My Word and through faith in Me will you be able to make that switch for the better. But it means giving up your opinions, your ideas of yourself, and switching to My channel of praise and My thoughts toward you. By feeding on My thoughts of you, you will be opening your channel to Me, and I can give you My mind on things. You can start to see yourself as I see you; that is the ultimate goal, and what will bring the most contentment in life.

Happiness and contentment are in your attitude! It's all in your perspective and your outlook. It's a matter of taking on My mind, of looking at situations and circumstances and even yourself through My eyes, seeing things from My view--even if you have to take it by faith. There's just no reason to be discouraged, to feel down, and to let the things of this world get to you. Why should such trivial things muddy your view, steal your joy, and bring defeat and discouragement? That's what the Enemy wants, but I have a better way.

59. I can help you to look at everything through My eyes, in a positive manner. So what if you don't get what you want, or don't get to do everything you think you need to in order to be happy! I have a better way, a grander plan, and I know best. So what if you feel you're not as skilled as others or as talented in whatever areas you think you need to be talented in! I am the Boss, I created you as My worker, and I know best.

60. So what if you don't feel like you're as good looking as others, or even if you feel like your personality is flawed! Some of the men and women that I have used throughout history to do some of the greatest things were considered "ugly" by others. Others had handicaps, but I used them in spite of their disabilities, and sometimes even because of them. Even I was referred to as having "no form or comeliness" (Isaiah 53:2). I made you the way I wanted you, and I love you and can use you to do great things.

61. So what if you feel you don't have a good gift of prophecy, or you're discouraged with your work! Even if you had the worst channel in the world, I'd still use you if you were yielded to Me. I've chosen you, I've called you, and you're My disciple! That's all that matters, that's the bottom line, and if you're living that life and all that concerns you is doing My will and serving Me with all of your heart, then nothing else matters! So don't let anything else matter to you.

62. Serve Me to the best of your ability and flow with everything I bring into your life. Choose to look at everything with an attitude of faith, hope, and joy. That's what I'm trying to teach you--to praise Me for everything, to thank Me for everything, and to not let the petty, earthly things get you down. Look at the good in every situation instead of the bad--because in everything there is good, if you'll look for it.

63. Just will yourself to see everything through the eyes of faith and trust. Be cheerful right from the very beginning. If you hear something that to you seems to be bad news, immediately think of something positive about it. And when you're discouraged, just choose not to be. Fight the Enemy! Fight with the keys! Tell the Devil to scram!

64. So what if your work or ministry for Me isn't going so well, or you think it isn't going so well. Thank Me that it keeps you desperate, it keeps you humble, and it keeps you fighting! If you get something wrong, or your work doesn't hit the mark, praise Me that it keeps you humble.

65. Don't look at everything negatively. So what if someone else is more talented and gifted than you. I don't care, so why should you? Even if you feel they're more loved or trusted, so what? What is that to you? Are you serving Me to be loved and trusted by others, or to earn My respect? Seeing you serving Me with all your heart, mind, and spirit is all that matters to Me, and should be all that matters to **you**! So if anything else begins to matter to you, it's wrong, it's out of line, it's out of place, and it's not My perspective! Resist and rebuke it, and move on!

66. Wear the cloak of humility and the garment of praise! Praise, praise, praise at every turn, and then the Enemy won't be able to suck you into his quicksand of discouragement. It's just a bother, it wastes time, and it destroys your joy. You don't need it. You don't have time for it. So get the victory and rise above. Stop feeling sorry for yourself, and fight! It's that simple.

(Positively Positive, Part 2 [#3583])

. Victory and happiness don't come when everything in your life is peachy. Victory and happiness are the blessed results of living more in the realm of the supernatural than the natural. You're happiest when you choose not to allow the things of this Earth to get you down, when you choose to rise above.

68. It's like you're walking on a divided pathway. One side is the negative, the other side is the positive, and you choose by your decisions which side you're going to walk on. Regularly there'll be an obstacle in the way that you have to overcome. And once you hit that point in the road, you must decide which side you're going to walk on. Are you going to let the disappointment or difficulty make you negative and discouraged? Or are you going to say, "Praise God!" and then go on to walk in the positive lane?

69. You must learn to walk more in the positive lane. Where you sometimes get off track is when you hit an obstacle, or something comes up that makes you feel negative or discouraged. Then so very often you drift to the negative lane instead of making a conscious decision to fight for positiveness and the gifts of My Spirit that give you the power to rise above.

70. The more you can recognize when you make these negative decisions, the easier it will be to choose to walk in the positive lane of life.

(Jesus:) Make a continual and consistent effort to fill your mind, heart, soul and spirit, and even your body--your eyes, your ears, and your mouth--with fervent, sincere, and liberating praise to Me. If you only praised more, and used the weapon of active praise to Me, you would not struggle as much, for the Enemy would not be able to enter in with his lies and deceits when you are fully occupied with praise and love for Me.

73. Force yourself to praise Me more out loud. Praise Me privately and praise Me publicly. Don't be ashamed to lift your arms in love and honor of Me, and praise Me with all of your heart. Praise Me at every opportunity and praise Me even when all seems hopeless and you feel defeated, discouraged, and fearful. Memorize key promises on praise and let them fill your heart and run through your mind constantly. Sing songs of praise to Me; give Me your kisses and your caresses in the form of loving and adoring Me at every opportunity.

74. Remember, you don't have to feel inspired to praise Me. In fact, praising Me is something that you should do all the more when you **don't** feel like it. If and when you feel resistant to praising Me, know that the Enemy is really attacking you, because he's about to be defeated. So when you feel like that, it's a serious indication that you need to praise Me even more vigorously and fervently. *(End of message.)*

(Positively Positive, Part 1 [#3581])

Nothing in your life--no physical circumstance or condition--should have the power to steal away your joy, happiness, and contentment

I'm just asking you to be content, to be happy, to be praiseful, no matter what you look like, no matter what you feel like, and no matter what you have been through. I'm asking you to trust Me, to have faith in Me, and to believe in My love for you. I'm asking you to live above the realm of the flesh and the carnal mind.You might think that this is impossible, but it's not. There have been many of My children who have lived before you who faced great hardships, handicaps, and difficulties, and yet they allowed Me to use them. They were cheerful and happy despite the things that life had brought their way. They were

overcomers!--But they would have never lifted a finger, never changed anything, never gone anywhere, never been anyone, if they had allowed their usefulness to be swallowed up by negativity and discontent.

45. Be an overcomer! Be a world changer! Be something for Me, because I need you! I need you to be free of negativity so that I can use you for My glory, so that I can work through you to love and reach others! Be content! Be free! Be positive! Be praiseful! That's the secret to happiness!

(Positively Positive, Part 3 [#3595])

Your life, your happiness, your fulfillment and joy are of utmost importance to Me, and I will do all within My power to bring these things about in your life. As you put your full faith and trust in Me and in this truth that I do all things for your good, then you will find happiness and contentment in the place where I have put you so much quicker than if you were to analyze things or try to figure out My logic through the carnal mind.

35. I don't place a burden on your shoulders that is too heavy to bear. If you feel that things are too much and you wonder whether you're really able to bear the load, come to Me and let Me refresh and refill you. Look to Me and just say yes; yield your all to Me--your own will, your life, your mind, body, and spirit--and know that I will give you the grace to make it through your time of change and adjustment.

. As you know from My Word, I am not a man that I should lie (Num.23:19). I do not make mistakes. I am not haphazard in the way I lead your life. To the contrary, I know, I love, I care, and I only bring into your life what I know will result in the very best. If you are where I want you, then know that there is fulfillment, happiness, peace, joy, love and absolute contentment in this very same place, for being in My will equals all of that.

(Apples Of Gold, Part 2 [#3662])

I love you, I care for you, and I say unto you, come to Me in faith, laying down your preconceived ideas, laying down that which you are so certain is so. Come to Me with an open heart and an open mind and let Me give you peace--the peace that comes from faith, the peace that comes from trust, the peace that comes from knowing that you are yielded unto the will of God.
(Prophecies on doubts)

This is what I need of My brides. This is how you open yourself up to experience the ecstasies of My Spirit. This is how you are able to live more in the realm of the spirit rather than being bogged down by earthly cares.

If you're struggling to put on My mind; if you find it hard to focus on the power when you're hit with difficulties; if rising above seems an impossibility for you; if you toil over allowing Me full possession--then I ask you to check your prayer and praise lives. Because if those two elements are in the right place--if your desire, enthusiasm, and effort are put into these two key elements--then the rest will follow.

Making prayer and praise more of a key factor in your life takes surrender of your own thoughts and free will. It requires that you open yourself up to Me intimately. It requires continual yieldedness and desperation in order to not lose the momentum, but to continually motivate your lives.

you take the first steps to reawaken the passion of prayer and praise in your lives, you'll begin to witness the change in other areas as well. Those besetting sins that seemed interminable will begin to fade, your spirit will be lifted, and better yet, you will have the confidence that I have seen and heard your prayers and I will answer--not only for others, but for you personally as well. Your faith will be boosted in ways you can only imagine!This is part of your step into the future, into becoming more like Me, and finding the zeal, the fervor, the fighting spirit that I've placed in each of you. Will you search it out? Will you cultivate these gifts? It will change your life if you do!

Praise Your Way to Victory! #3449

With total yieldedness comes peace, fulfillment, and great happiness. I promise.

VERSES

*** Psalm 4:7 Thou hast put gladness in my heart, more than in the time that their corn and their wine increased.**

*** Ecclesiastes 2:26a** For God giveth to a man that is good in His sight wisdom, and knowledge, and joy.

*** Ecclesiastes 8:15 Then I commended mirth, because a man hath no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be merry: for that shall abide with him of his labour the days of his life, which God giveth him under the sun.**

*** Acts 13:52 And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.**

*** Romans 14:17** For the Kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

*** Romans 15:13** Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

*** Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,**

2. True happiness comes from living close to the Lord and His Word.

*** 1 Chronicles 16:27 Glory and honour are in His presence; strength and gladness are in His place.**

*** Psalm 16:8,9,11** I have set the Lord always before me: because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. 9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope. … 11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in Thy presence is fulness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

*** Psalm 19:8a** The statutes of the Lord [the Word] are right, rejoicing the heart.

*** Psalm 43:4 Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise Thee, O God my God.**

*** Psalm 89:15,16 Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance. 16 In Thy Name shall they rejoice all the day: and in Thy righteousness shall they be exalted.**

*** Psalm 104:34 My meditation of Him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the Lord.**

*** Psalm 118:24 This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

*** Psalm 119:111** Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever: for they are the rejoicing of my heart.

*** Psalm 119:162** I rejoice at Thy Word, as one that findeth great spoil.

*** Psalm 146:5 Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God.**

*** Jeremiah 15:16a** Thy Words were found, and I did eat them; and Thy Word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart.

*** Acts 2:28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; Thou shalt make me full of joy with Thy countenance.**

3. True happiness is the fruit of obedience to the Lord.

*** Psalm 40:8** I delight to do Thy will, O my God: yea, Thy law is within my heart.

*** Psalm 45:7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, Thy God, hath anointed Thee with the oil of gladness above Thy fellows.**

*** Psalm 92:4 For Thou, Lord, hast made me glad through Thy work: I will triumph in the works of Thy hands.**

*** Psalm 97:11 Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.**

*** Psalm 128:1,2** Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in His ways. 2 For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.

*** Matthew 25:21 [Jesus explains in the parable:] His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.**

*** Luke 11:27,28** And it came to pass, as He [Jesus] spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto Him, Blessed is the womb that bare Thee, and the paps which Thou hast sucked. 28 But He said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the Word of God, and keep it.

*** John 13:17** If ye know these things [about obeying the Lord in love], happy are ye if ye do them.

*** John 15:10,11 If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love. 11 These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.**

*** Acts 2:46 [It is a joy to be one of the Lord's disciples.] And they [the members of the Early Church], continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart.**

*** 1 John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous.**

4. Happiness and joy are manifestations of our faith and trust in the Lord.

*** Psalm 5:11** But let all those that put their trust in Thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because Thou defendest them: let them also that love Thy Name be joyful in Thee.

*** Psalm 13:5 But I have trusted in Thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in Thy salvation.**

*** Psalm 28:7 The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in Him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise Him. [See also Psalm 33:21.]**

*** Proverbs 16:20b** Whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he.

*** Acts 16:34** [After Paul's and Silas' bonds were miraculously loosed, the keeper to the prison became a believer:] And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

*** 1 Peter 1:8** Whom having not seen, ye love; in Whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

5. Happiness and joy come from being concerned about others and wishing them happiness.

*** Proverbs 14:21b He that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he.**

*** John 3:29** He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: This My joy therefore is fulfilled.

*** Romans 12:15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.**

*** 1 Corinthians 12:26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.**

*** Philippians 2:2** [Paul wrote:] Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

*** 1 Thessalonians 2:19,20** For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? 20 For ye are our glory and joy. [See also 2 Corinthians 1:14.]

*** 3 John 4** [John wrote:] I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

6. When we count our many blessings, our joy overflows in song and praise.

*** Psalm 65:13b** They shout for joy, they also sing.

*** Psalm 95:2** Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.

*** Psalm 100:1,2,4** Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. 2 Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing. … 4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His Name.

*** Psalm 144:15 Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the Lord.**

*** Isaiah 51:3b** Joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

*** Jeremiah 33:11** The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, Praise the Lord of hosts: for the Lord is good; for His mercy endureth for ever: and of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.

*** Luke 10:20b Rejoice, because your names are written in Heaven.**

*** 1 Timothy 6:6 But Godliness with contentment is great gain.**

7. The Lord wants us to be happy.

*** Deuteronomy 12:18b** Thou shalt rejoice before the Lord thy God in all that thou puttest thine hands unto.

*** Nehemiah 8:10b** The joy of the Lord is your strength.

*** John 16:24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in My Name: Ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.**

*** Philippians 4:4** Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.

8. Our trials and sorrows are followed by greater victory, greater joy.

*** Job 5:17 Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty.**

*** Job 42:10,12 [Job, the man who was once called "the greatest of all the men of the East," lost everything, but then ...] The Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. 12 So the Lord blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning.**

*** Psalm 30:5 For His anger endureth but a moment; in His favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.**

*** Psalm 126:5,6 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. 6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.**

*** Matthew 5:4 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.**

*** John 16:20-22 [Jesus told His disciples:] Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. 21 A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world. 22 And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.**

*** John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.**

*** Hebrews 10:34 [Paul explains that losses are not such a problem for God's people, as they look forward to Heavenly gains.] For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in Heaven a better and an enduring substance.**

*** Hebrews 12:2b [Jesus endured suffering by looking ahead to His Heavenly reward and happy return to live with the Father.] Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith; Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

*** Hebrews 12:11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.**

9. The Lord can give us inward spiritual happiness in times of difficulty and suffering.

*** Isaiah 29:19 The meek also shall increase their joy in the Lord, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.**

*** Isaiah 61:3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified.**

*** Habakkuk 3:17,18 Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: 18 Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.**

*** Romans 5:1,2 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: 2 By Whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.**

*** 2 Corinthians 6:4,10 In all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, ... 10 As sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.**

*** 2 Corinthians 7:4b** [Paul wrote:] I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation.

*** Colossians 1:10,11 Walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, ... 11 Strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness.**

*** Philippians 4:11,12 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. 12 I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.**

*** James 1:2,3 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.**

*** James 5:11 [Even when we are just holding on and smiling by faith, the Lord counts it as happiness.] Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy. [See also James 1:12.]**

*** 1 Peter 3:14a** But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye.

*** 1 Peter 4:12-14 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: 13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when His glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. 14 If ye be reproached for the Name of Christ, happy are ye; for the Spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part He is evil spoken of, but on your part He is glorified.**

*** Acts 5:40,41** And to him [Gamaliel] they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the Name of Jesus, and let them go. 41 And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His Name.

[See also 1 Thessalonians 1:6.]

10. Our happy, joyful spirits testify of the Lord's goodness to us. It's part of our witness.

*** Psalm 40:2,3 He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. 3 And 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 40:16** Let all those that seek Thee rejoice and be glad in Thee; let such as love Thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified.

*** Psalm 69:30,32 I will praise the Name of God with a song, and will magnify Him with thanksgiving. … 32 The humble shall see this, and be glad: and your heart shall live that seek God.**

*** Psalm 107:1-2 O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever. 2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy.**

*** Proverbs 15:13,15 A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken. … 15 All the days of the afflicted are evil: but he that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast.**

*** Nehemiah 12:43** Also that day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced: for God had made them rejoice with great joy: the wives also and the children rejoiced: so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off.

*** Psalm 51:12,13** [King David prayed:] Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free Spirit. 13 Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.

*** Isaiah 61:10 [Our happiness is like an adornment which is admired by others.] I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.**

*** Acts 3:8-10** [When the Lord, through Peter and John, healed the lame man on the steps of the temple, it was the man's own joyous reaction that attracted a huge crowd, resulting in the salvation of over five thousand souls:] And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. 9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God: 10 And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

*** James 5:13b Is any merry? Let him sing psalms.**

(Happiness and Joy)

Total bondage to Me brings total freedom and happiness. Total yieldedness is total fulfillment.

True happiness only comes from getting out of yourself and reaching out and focusing on those around you and how you can make them happy. Sitting around worrying about why no one is reaching out to you and talking to you and hanging around with you is really the best way to keep others far away from you. It's hard for people to be around someone who is focused entirely on himself. Instead, if you can take a step away from yourself and reach out to others, you'll be surprised to find them more than happy to share their lives, their hearts, and their friendship with you.

(Positively Positive 4)

Is your all on the altar of sacrifice laid?

Your heart does the Spirit control?

You can only be blessed

And find peace and sweet rest,

As you yield Him your body and soul! (

Stop the Gossip Now! #3187:36

Be content to play your part by being in the place that I have ordained for you. I am the great strategist, and if you will yield to My moving in your life, together we will be victorious, and with time you will be able to understand My divine wisdom more fully, and know that I truly had My hand in your life and your best interests at heart. (

Apples Of Gold, Part 2 #3662

We asked the Lord for some of the general steps and tips for overcoming depression in point form, to summarize it for us, so that it would be easy to refer to at a glanceI pray these tips, when used together and according to the Lord's personalized plan, will aid you in overcoming and rising above.

1) Read the Word and remain committed to your Word revolution habits, even if you don't feel like it. The Word is what builds faith, and faith fights discouragement and depression. Strengthen your spirit with the Word even when you're not in the midst of an intense battle with depression. The more you do this, the stronger you will be when the bouts of depression hit. The stronger you are in spirit, the easier it will be to fight when you're under attack.

2) Call on the keys, a weapon that unleashes tremendous power from Heaven on your behalf. Claim specific keys promises.

3) Ask for united prayer and the laying on of hands to break the Enemy's stronghold on your spirit and release My power to deliver you.

4) Rebuke the demons who are behind your depression by name: Pan, Arakan, Apotheon, and the demons of depression.

5) Call on the help of Lucerne, the powerful angelic being created to help you fight depression.

6) Request prayer immediately from a shepherd, friend, mate, or co-worker when you're under attack. Don't be ashamed, but avail yourself of the power of prayer as often as you need it.

7) Keep fighting, no matter how awful you feel.

8) Don't give up if you don't see miraculous results instantly.

9) Praise Me specifically, even if it's all by faith. The Enemy hates it, and it sets you on the path of victory.

10) Love Me intimately. Think of Me as your Lover, that I'm holding you in My arms and comforting you, because I am.

11) Hear from Me in prophecy. If you feel too weak to do so yourself, ask someone else to hear from Me for you. Ask Me specifically what else you need to do to fight the battle.

12) Ask Me for Word vitamins or keys promises specifically for you to claim when you're under attack.

13) Ask Me if there are any other problems or weaknesses in your life that are contributing to your battles with depression--any anger or rebellion, unyieldedness or sin--and then ask for prayer against them.

14) Have the Word and something positive constantly occupying your thoughts. Carry the Word with you and have it available everywhere, to fill any empty moments when you might be tempted by the negative. Keep your mind on the Word. Listen to the Word; listen to Family music or Memory Book songs.

15) Memorize and review the Word, verses, and keys promises.

16) Remind yourself that every bout of depression will pass. It won't last forever; you just have to keep fighting.

17) Make a list of all of the things you're thankful for, the ways I've helped you to progress, and the beautiful things I've brought about in your life.

18) Pray for others more. When you focus on the needs, difficulties, and afflictions of others, giving to them through your prayers, it puts things in perspective, helps you count your blessings, and does something magical for your own spirit.

19) Think positively. If you're starting to feel sad about something, refuse to dwell on it. Instead turn your thoughts into praiseful ones, or toward praying for one of the mission fields that you know needs help, or someone who is really struggling.

20) When you get hit with sadness, go on the attack to remind yourself that it will pass, that it is a small part of the overall picture of happiness that I have blessed you with.

21) Post quotes around your room--lots of them--either from your personal prophecies or from appropriate Letters. Seeing and reflecting on these quotes will help to encourage and strengthen you.

22) Witnessing helps to alleviate the feelings of depression, because it requires reaching out and giving to others. When you see so many lonely, lost, depressed people in the world with no Savior or true love, and are able to share some hope with them, it reminds you of how blessed you are and the true riches and happiness of the spirit you possess.

23) Go out for a walk in the fresh air and sunshine. Sometimes just a change of scenery or enjoying My beautiful creation can encourage and invigorate you.

24) Engage in some good exercise. Get your heart pumping and inhale some fresh air. This will nearly always help you to feel better.

25) Sometimes when you're battling depression you need extra rest. The physical is connected to the spiritual, so your body may feel weary and need extra strengthening too.

26) Pray and ask Me if there are any changes you should make in your lifestyle or diet, such as getting more sleep, cutting back on caffeine and/or sugar, lowering your alcohol intake, eliminating junk food, or incorporating more healthy foods into your diet--such as more dark green leafy vegetables or more fruit. What you eat can affect your mood. Some people eat too much, others eat too little or their diet is limited or incomplete, and yet others eat the wrong kinds of foods or don't have a healthy balance. Ask Me if there's anything you need to change.

27) Try stretching and massages. This may sound very "physical," but stretching and massage can help you to relax.

28) Make sure that you're drinking enough water, at least 8 glasses a day. When you're dehydrated you put an extra load on every system in your body and you'll feel "depleted."

29) Make more of an effort to reach out to others; take the initiative to get to know someone new.

Look outward, instead of inward. Pray and ask Me who needs your love.

30) Instead of keeping to yourself on your Word and rest day, pray and ask Me for a plan. Invite someone to do something with you and enjoy the day together.

31) Pour into a child. Teach a child something new, share with them something you know, or do something special to show him or her your love.

32) Get up early in the morning and devote your first hour (or more) to Me--to hearing from Me, loving Me, and receiving My seeds

When you're in the midst of this cloud of depression, read positive things in My Word to push this cloud aside. Walk through it, believing My promises to you that there is an end point to this cloud, and that you can fight your way through it to the light, happiness, and joy that you desire. Seek happiness and you will find her. How do you seek happiness and find her? By forgetting your own self, happiness, and personal desires. Seek and strive to care for others and bring happiness to them, and then happiness will find you!

292. I know how dark and terrible this cloud of sadness and depression can be. I know how difficult it is to go on in life without hope. For without hope, the human spirit eventually gives up. You've got to understand that feelings such as this are brought by the Enemy of your soul--the author of lies and deceit. Nothing is stronger than Me and My Words, and when you feel like, "What's the use?" and you barely have the strength to express faith and it's a struggle to come to Me, you must do so anyway. For if you claim and stand on My promises, the cloud will be lifted by no feat of yours, but by My Spirit. I'm only a prayer away! I'm with you. I only await your call.

Prayer:) **Dear Jesus, depression is a force so strong and powerful, something I can't fight against in my own strength.** I can't even understand why I'm depressed, much less have the strength to fight it on my own. It's gripping my heart, squeezing the life out of me, and trying to defeat me, but with Your hands, Jesus, and the words of truth You can smash in pieces this grip the Enemy has on my life. Please remove this depression and send it far from me! Free me from its grip and save me through the power of the keys.

272. I'm deep down in this dark pit of depression; the sides are slippery and I can't see how I'm going to find my way out. I don't have any strength left, sweet Love, and I can barely utter these words to You, calling out to You to do the miracle. But I know that You hold the strong, unbreakable rope of deliverance, and I'm reaching out to it right now. I'm reaching out to You, I'm clinging to You, and I praise You for the power You have to lift me up and out of this pit. Please pull me up and out right now, Jesus, as I call on You and Your keys of deliverance.

273. I know that I'll have to hold on to Your rope tightly. It will probably be a long ascent up and out of the deep pit I'm in right now, but help me to not give up. Help me to keep fighting through holding on and trusting You. I know that as I take this step to pray and call out for Your help, You will help me. I have to believe that You're going to do the miracle--and I do believe, Jesus. I'll hold on, even if the Enemy keeps fighting me. I'm determined to have the victory, because I hate this icky, depressed state I'm in. I want Your joy. I want Your peace and happiness to flood my heart once more.

274. My dear Husband and Defender, please set my feet upon a rock and restore to me the joy of my salvation. I claim a victory as strong and solid as the rock of Your Word, and I ask for extra key power to activate this miracle. I claim happiness in You that isn't swayed or moved by my feelings, the lies of the Enemy, or any earthly circumstances. Ground my hope, faith, and happiness in You, and remove any other scaffolding or supports that get in the way.

275. You said that every demon of depression is subject to the power of the keys. So I rebuke Pan, Arakan, Apotheon, the demons of depression, and any other hellish demon that might be hindering me. Release me from their influence, bind them with the keys of imprisonment, blast them with the power of the keys, and cleanse me of their lies and depression. I call on Lucerne to defend me and defeat the

darkness of depression.

276. My great Deliverer, I call on the keys that are a consuming fire to engulf and destroy this depression. I ask You to wipe it out, obliterate it, banish it, kill it, maim it, murder it, squash it, squelch it, and trample it with Your power!

277. Help me to fight for victory and to overcome negativity and bad thought habits! Please give me the strength to fight with all my might, and to know that no matter how long it takes, the victory will be well worth it!

278. I'm undeserving of victory, Jesus, but You've promised it because You love me. Please restore my spiritual health to me! Create in me a clean heart, and renew my spirit as You've promised. I have nowhere else to turn, no one else to lean on; I'm depending on You and trusting You. Thank You for delivering me.

Great joy! Great joy! I say, great joy unto those who will yield to My Spirit and submit to My will and jump to do My bidding. Joy unspeakable and full of glory I have for those that follow closest.

The Devil has thrown you into a pit of depression, but the keys of faith are your salvation. Cling to them, and I will pull you out of the miry clay of despair and wipe away the feelings of utter defeat.

You can't imagine how you'll make it through another day, but if you call on the keys of My ability, I will give you the superhuman strength of spirit you are in desperate need of.

The Devil brings misery, self-pity, despair, and every form of discouragement, but there's power in the keys of overcoming to rise above and conquer every demon of depression.

When depression is draining you of your strength and you're hit with discouragement on every side, call on the power of the keys for an infusion of new joy, hope, faith, and the will to fight on.

The demons of depression can't stand the blinding light and power of the keys of faith and victory; they will be vaporized.

You may have every reason in the natural to be depressed, but the keys hold supernatural power to rejuvenate your spirit, soul, mind and body.

There is not one iota of encouragement that you need that I will withhold, or one iota of discouragement that I will not dispel, if you will look to the power of the keys!

The keys will light your way when you feel like you're walking in darkness.

The keys of overcoming will be your rod and your staff as you walk through what feels like the valley of the shadow of death.

The keys are keys of victory. Cling to them when you feel defeated, and let them fight for you.

Through the keys of deliverance your depression and sadness can be transformed into overflowing joy.

No sadness is so great that My Spirit of happiness cannot overcome it; no depression is so overwhelming that the power of the keys cannot remove it.

You possess freedom over discontentment and depression as you hold up the keys-turned-to-swords and strike the Enemy back with praise and positiveness.

When you claim the keys of encouragement, I will send spirit helpers, your brothers and sisters in My

realm, who will spur you on and whisper to you words of courage and camaraderie.

If at the first signs of discouragement you fight with the Word, the keys, prayer, praise and songs, you'll be able to kick the Devil right out.

The clutches of darkness and depression cannot match the power of My light, My love, and the power of the keys.

No demon of depression can counter the power you have in the words you speak as you challenge them in the power of the keys.

If you fight in the spirit, call on the keys, claim the keys promises, and recruit the help of others to fight with you, I can defeat the Enemy and his plague of depression.

The power of the keys you hold in your hands is far more powerful than the darkness and weight of depression.

The keys give you power to triumph.

The keys of the Kingdom are a consuming fire to engulf and destroy depression in all its forms. They squash, squelch, and trample depression. They wipe out, obliterate, and banish depression. They kill, maim, and exterminate depression.

Every demon of depression is subject to the power of the keys.

Apotheon, Arakan, Pan, the demons of depression, and every other minion of the netherworld cannot escape from the keys' power. When you call on the keys to defeat them, they will flee in terror and beg for mercy at your hand.

No matter how deep or long-lasting your depression, there is relief and victory to be found through the keys.

No evil work of the Enemy is a match for the keys, which destroy the works of darkness.

The keys will remove from your life anything that afflicts, brings despair, or hinders your service to Me.

The keys not only bring life to your spirit, but death to the deeds of the Devil and all his demons of Hell.

Hold fast to the keys, because they are a weapon the Enemy sorely fears, a power he doesn't stand a chance against. He will turn tail and run when you face him with the keys.

If you feel too weak to do anything else, call out to Me and My powerful keys, and I will fight for you.

Claim the power of the keys against the Enemy, so that none of his thoughts may make a playroom of your mind.

Through the power of the keys I can renew your mind, lift your spirit, and purify your whole being.

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When I am enough for you, you have come to realize that I am all you need in order to be happy and satisfied, and you've accepted that and desire to live it too. You don't need anything else to make you happy, to satisfy you, or to make life worth living—I am enough. Think about that; it's a very deep statement.

132. It's not something that comes naturally or easily, for there are numerous physical things that stand in the way of your really letting go and leaning completely on Me, of your really experiencing Me to the full, and discovering that I

am enough, I am everything. With the battles, the testings, the lessons, and the experiences in your lives, I am removing those props and showing you that they're nothing, and you only need Me. I'm driving you to that place where your spirit can truly lean on nothing but Me, want nothing but Me, and taste the fullness of My satisfaction.