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Power Of  
God**

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7:00PM**

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## Putting God In A Box- A series on how we limit God's work in our lives

### Excuses

**By:** Patrick Bucksot

I don't remember the show but there was a particular scene that struck me as funny. One character asked another why they did something in particular and their response was a simple "Because". "Because why", the first person asked? Without hesitation they answered, "Because, because." We always seem to have a reason for doing everything but we don't always have good reasons. Most children will usually use the phrase, "I don't know." And as parents, we seem to reach our wits end fairly quickly when we do not receive the answers that we are looking for. We often wonder where these lame excuses come from when attempting to get to the bottom of a matter. What I find amazing is how creative many reasons, or excuses can become. I also wonder if the first person that used the excuse of, "My dog ate my homework" really had their homework eaten by the dog. We may never know about that one but excuses go back to the Garden of Eden.

In Genesis chapter 3, Adam and Eve had eaten fruit from the tree that God had told them not to eat from. When God began to look for them, they hid themselves because of their nakedness. God asked them who it was that told them they were naked. God then asked if they had eaten from the tree that He commanded them not to eat. Adam, with great poise and diplomacy, threw Eve under the bus. He said, "The woman who you gave to me gave me the fruit and I ate it". His excuse cost him everything. His attempt to blame Eve for his mistake did nothing to wipe away the uncleanness that had caused their separation from God. God was not pleased, but never stopped loving them because their sin. This is evident by the fact the God offered the first sacrifice as atonement for their sin. Rather than "man up", admit his mistake and ask for forgiveness, Adam started throwing blame. Therefore, it became human nature for us to make excuses for our mistakes.

What happened in the garden does not mean that God created an imperfect man. Adam was still made in the image of God. Yet, what is does show is the fact that we need God at the center of all our decisions so we can reside in His perfect will.

How can our excuses keep God from working as He want to in our lives? What kinds of reasoning propel us from the center of His heart and lost in our own despair? Let us continue with the sin of Adam as the foundation for our excuse making. As we have discussed Adam's excuse that the woman God had given him was flawed. "It was all her fault", Adam said. This kind of excuse is called the blame game. It is when we are confronted with something and we try to make it someone else's fault. It is amazing how much of our own short comings are the fault of others. How many of us refrain from doing something because we are intimidated at who is around us? I will be the first to raise my hand. When it comes to playing the drums, especially when I was new at the craft, I had a hard time playing in front of other drummers; especially if they were any good. Just a few years ago, I became very nervous playing in front of the wife of a really good drummer. I played horribly that night because of what I thought she would think. I blamed her for my lack of confidence in what God has allowed me to do on the drums. By blaming her, I threw the anointing of God right out the window.

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I have been stirred from the beginning of Breath of God International Outreach (BOGIO) Ministry and church that this is an Apostolic Hub for this region and world. In that we have been teaching, equipping, training in stepping into their calling and operating in their gifts, commissioning and sending out the Body of Christ into their destiny of advancing the Kingdom of God here on earth. We have sent people around the world on ministry trips and support many powerful men and women of God from other nations assisting in the building up of the Kingdom of God around the globe. Knowing that BOGIO was an Apostolic Hub we sow into not only BOGIO people but also to many congregations around the world. It is not my desire to have people come preach or teach without impact. I look for people that will come teach and send out the Body of Christ to impact the world. The evidence is in the fruit and we are seeing incredible fruit with salvations, healings, outreach, hunger and thirst for God, desire to step up and step out to impact the region and world for Jesus Christ.

2011 was an important year in BOGIO. It was a tough year but an incredible year. For over 15 years I have felt a spiritual tsunami raring up to impact the world with the power and Glory of God. I have spoken about it, preach about it and taught what it will look like. There is an urgency building up to prepare the Body of Christ to ride the wave of this Tsunami. I will talk about this more later in this article. Here is a chain of events that happened in Breath of God International Outreach.

**February 2011** during a Worship service at BOGIO I was feeling Acts 10:38 *“Now God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him”* Two things jumped out to me in this scripture, first was the word “all” and the second thing is what Jesus said in John 14: 12 *“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.”* I was feeling deep within me that this was being reestablished in the global Body of Christ. We have come accustomed to not seeing the power of God moving in the church and in our everyday lives that when we see the move of God the first thing (thought) is that it cannot be real. The scales over the eyes are being removed and the Body of Christ is moving into a place that will bring Acts 10:38 & John 14:12 into reality.

**January & July 2011** Joan Hunter, a powerful apostle of God that operates in healing ministry around the world, comes to BOGIO to hold a Healing School for 4 days. This was not the typical services where there were massive people and you felt like you were just one in the crowd of many. It was personal and up-close teaching, demonstration of what was taught by people being healed in the service then explanation on how to go out and operate in healing ministry like Jesus told the believer to do. During those 4 days we witnessed hundreds healed and it has not stopped. Testimonies are a common part of the worship services here at BOGIO. People are being healed over the phone, face to face, in crowds, at workspaces, in hospitals, in nursing homes, and many other places.

**September 2011** the Lord gave me a word during a worship service. He was going to destroy “religious habits” and He was realigning the Body of Christ into what it was designed to be. That sank deep into my spirit and I started researching what is the purpose of the Body of Christ and how can we walk in fullness of that purpose. This is important because there is a sense of shift happening in the Body of Christ, a move to get deeper and closer to the Lord, not being satisfied with where they are and wanting more.

**October 2011** the BOGIO Uganda Africa team was preparing for the ministry trip and in one of the last training sessions the Lord placed 1 Peter 2:9-10 on my heart. *“You are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises to Him that called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. Who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.”*

The Body has forgotten or does not understand who we are. Blinders, scales have been placed over the eyes and plugs in the ears by the enemy. Please do not get defensive but if we were at the full purpose of God we would see the promises of God fulfilled. He does not lie. We have become good excuse makers of why we are not in the purpose of God. Until we understand who you are you cannot operate in the fullness of who you are. I read 1 Peter 2:9-10 and the Lord spoke to me that it was the message for Uganda, Africa. I always search for a word for the region and churches prior to going to a nation and the Lord dropped 1 Peter 2:9-10 for the Uganda Africa trip. The more I studied and researched the scripture the more excited I became. I left for Uganda in October and the 1 Peter 2:9 was getting deeper and stronger in my Spirit.

We walked in Acts 10:38 *“God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power, He went about doing good and all*

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*that were oppressed by satan was healed because God was with Him*”, for the entire time in Uganda. I have been to many nations in the last 15 years and seen incredible moves of God with salvations, healings, churches equipped and impacted for the Kingdom of God but this trip to Uganda was different. The move of God was indescribable. We saw the Power of God sweep across congregations like waves of His glory. 100% healed yes I said 100% healings. In one of the services 6 days before we were leaving as I was in the middle of the message speaking about understanding the meaning of 1 Peter 2:9-10 the Glory of God fell so strong the people started crying and weeping and the healings were happening without praying over people then the Lord said, “This message is not just for the churches in Uganda, it is not just for the nation of Uganda it is for the world. When I spoke that to the church there was a move of God that swept across the congregation that almost caused everyone to fall to the ground. IT was as if 2 Chronicles 5:11-14 had exploded in Uganda, Africa. Acts 10:38 became reality for today! Creative miracles were happening everywhere.

I was in a village near the Kenya border there was a pastor that came up to me one morning and said, “I do not believe in the message you are preaching. God does nothing now but salvation. No healing, nothing else.” I showed him in the scriptures for hours what I have been teaching and how I believe. He said, “You are not reading the scriptures correctly and I do not believe you.” I said, “That is OK I respect that but I believe the Lord will show you the truth.

That night we were at an open air crusade and a cripple man in his 20's crawled up to an open air crusade. He had been crippled all his life and could not walk because his legs, ankles, arms and elbows were deformed. His spine looked like a “S”. He gave his life to the Lord and was saved on that night. I prayed and he was able to move to a crab crawling position but that was it. Then the next morning at Conference at village church 1 ½ miles from the area of the open air crusade the night prior I was teaching on the power of Faith and the power of fear. How we can take fear and place it in its place under our feet and Faith into the place of our lives. The young man that was crippled crawled into the church. People helped him into a wooden bench. The entire church looked at me like, “Show us your faith!” After the message I walked up to the young man and told him he was going to walk. He shook his head he was not. I placed two fingers on each hip gently and told him to rise he stood straight up as his spine snapped so loud the entire church heard it popping. His “S” shaped spine was now normal. Both feet were tilted where he was standing on the outer sides of the feet and they were pointing inward to the point toes were touching each other on each foot. I told him to walk and let go of him. He stumbles for several steps (he had never taken steps before in his life) and then we were at the front of the church. I asked the Lord to fix his ankles and feet. Both ankles popped loudly and both feet moved into normal position then his elbows popped and went into normal positions. As the young man walked around the church showing everyone that knew him from birth as a cripple now healed the pastor that sat with me a day earlier saying he did not believe screamed, “I believe, I believe!” He now has an incredible healing ministry in his village and his church is growing quickly! Uganda, Africa Ministry trip was a walk into Acts 10:38. There was a move of His glory everywhere we went in the churches, marketplaces, villages and cities.

The Lord very clearly spoke that this is a message for the world. It is time to understand who you are as a member of the Body of Christ and with that to position yourself in the purpose of God to advance the Kingdom of God.

This is a time for the Body of Christ to rise up and prepare for the Wave of His glory to sweep across this globe. **December 8, 2011 “A word for 2012”** the Lord gave me word for the Body of Christ for 2012. On the Breath of God International Outreach Church website [www.breathofgodchurch.org](http://www.breathofgodchurch.org) home page is the audio of that word on December 8<sup>th</sup>. We are in the process of transcribing it so we can put a printed version on the BOGIO Website also. Here is a glimpse at that word but you will need to go to the website and hear it entirely. It is only 1/10 of what the Lord has shown me for 2012, more will come later.

Now is the time to get the house in order. The Body of Christ cannot causally walk into 2012, we must leap into the year ready with expectations what the Lord is doing. Deception and distractions are being revealed and they will not hold down the Body of Christ any longer. The enemy will step up the warfare but the battle is shifting, the Body of Christ will walk into the battlefield already victorious, in the past we fought the same battles over and over until we had become weary, not anymore! Not anymore, the Body of Christ will expose who they truly are from the beginning of time as Kingdom people and in that the enemy will flee! You will walk into the battlefield already victorious collecting the spoils! The Glory of the Lord will be seen in a more tangible and powerful way. Like the Glory on the mountain in Exodus the Glory will shine in the Body of Christ! There will be waves, waves of His glory and you will ride His waves! When the Body walks into the enemy camp stomp your foot and the Glory wave will rise up! Everywhere your foot tread He has already given you because you are Kingdom people. The mantle of Christ is being picked up and carried as spoken in John 14:12-14. Now is the time for the release of a level of the love of the Lord that has not been felt in so many years. Now is the time when the

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Love will shine bright and in that shine the Glory will be revealed! The courage of the Body of Christ is being reestablished and in that courage the enemy will flee! Now is the time to watch for the wave of His glory! Get your boards ready to ride the wave. There will be three types of believers, 1<sup>st</sup> type will be on the shore saying the wave is not coming and they are afraid of getting wet, 2<sup>nd</sup> type will be in the water waiting and waiting and not expecting the wave, they will settle for small waves and say that it the big one but they will miss the wave, 3<sup>rd</sup> are the ones that are going a little farther out and watching for the Glory, not allowing the influence of the others rob away the promise! They will be watching, feeling, seeking and then paddling as hard as they can never getting tired because they know the momentum of the move of His Glory will be incredible!

What does this mean? There will be those believers that sit around talking down the move of God and miss it completely, there will be those that will settle for little moves of God once in a while and look at it as all the Lord can do. Then there are those that know every promise of God is yes and amen! They are the ones willing to move into the Glory of God at all cost and not allowing the natural (world) to contaminate the supernatural of God!

It is time now more than ever to dwell in the presence of God and visit the natural world. We have reversed that so long we think we have to wait and visit the presence of God once or twice a week when in fact you were designed to be carriers of His presence! You are the temple of God; you are the Temple of the Holy Spirit.

This is a time to come to the place of discovering that being a child of God is more than a title but a lifestyle! Get ready, Get Ready for a powerful ride on the wave of His Glory!



As 2011 fades into history and 2012 grows into what it will become, we pray that each and every one of you will be blessed and highly favored of the Lord in the New Year. Seek opportunities to expand your boundaries to advance the Kingdom of God. We pray that you gain a greater understanding of what God has called you to be. Don't accept mediocrity as your standard because God has incredible things in store for you if you will open up your hearts toward Him. It is indeed an honor to bring this newsletter to you every month and I personally pray that it draws you closer to the Lord more than ever before. I pray that it will continue to encourage your growth as a believer in Christ. On behalf of Pastor Ron, Only Believe, and Keep Making Jesus Famous.

We also blame others for our lack of productivity. I recently heard someone say that they did need to finish a certain thing because everyone else wasn't going finish either. We believe that since others are not going to do something then it is acceptable to lower our own standards. Why do we think that it is okay to give God subpar performance because we perceive that the bar set by man is high enough? Believe me, I get caught in this trap all of the time because I think that what others are doing for the Lord is good enough for me.

I blame that status quo for my lack of doing things according to God's Word. But with God, that is unacceptable.

I remember saying to my parents, "Well so and so is doing it, why can't I"? Their response was, "We are not their parents and their parents are not responsible for the consequences of your actions." They tried to set the standards of the Bucksot children at a high enough level that would make us, not just good kids, but kids of good report. I know that I was not a perfect kid, but I did always weigh out what my parents would think if I did something at a lower standard than their expectation of me. Keeping their expectations in the back of my mind kept me out of a lot trouble. The same thing applies with the Lord. If we would keep God's expectations running through our minds, we would stay out of a lot of trouble and not have to blame someone else for our bad behavior.

Over all, Christians get blamed by more people for their life style than any other group. In some ways I can understand but a person behavior ultimately rests on the individual's choice and not the behavior of others. For example, have you ever heard this statement, "Did you see what that person did? I thought that they were supposed to be a Christian." I have on more than one occasion. My first thought when I do here it is this; if they recognize a standard that is not being met by a Christian, then why aren't they trying to live up to that standard? What they don't understand is that they are blaming a Christian for their lack of righteousness. The same thing goes for why some people don't go to church. They gave it a shot and they saw imperfect people doing imperfect things for a God who is perfect. They saw back bighting, stealing, fighting etc. and these things became their excuse for not making a personal commitment to live their lives for Christ. They don't understand that a commitment to Christ is personal and based on their individual needs. They recognize their faults but fail to make a commitment to change because of someone else's short comings. Do we, as a global body need to do better? Of course we do. We do need to live up to God's standard of righteousness but because we are in a battle with our flesh, we will fail. But the truth remains that we need to rise up to the standard that God has set before us.

One final thought. We must come to the understanding that excuses undermine the integrity of the heart. When we continually make excuses we lose credibility with others. I understand that we will fall short of the expectations of others and God, but we have to be able to own up to these failures and do our best to do better. We can't rest on past successes and think that we are as good as we'll ever be. We have to believe that there is always room for growth in every area of our lives. With God's grace on our side this is not an impossible thing to accomplish. The thing is this, we generously desire for God to impart His grace toward us, but we must be willing to impart His grace toward others.



## Servant of The King

By: Telia Galloway

Jody saw the ad, and for a moment, felt hopeful. To get a job working for the King – but no, Jody didn't have a chance. What was the King looking for? Did Jody have takes for the King to hire him? He was overcome with doubt, but the ad burned in his heart and he just had to try. As Jody tried his best, he quickly found that the job was not exactly what he was expecting. When he is faced with trials, will he be able to find the way? Find out in Servant of the King

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CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE @  
[breathofgodchurch.org](http://breathofgodchurch.org)

You will find a lot of information about the church, archived newsletters and calendar of events

Thanks to Michelle Brinson for doing such a wonderful job on the new site.

**ATTENTION:** Services at Breath of God International Outreach Church are now recorded on CD and DVD. If you are interested please contact Pastor Ron. Order forms will be available soon.

## In Christ Image Training – Level II

Goodbye 2001 – you were a very good year. God did mighty things in 2011 but that is only a harbinger of the “Wave” God has stirred for 2012. One of the initial opportunities we have in 2012 is to draw closer to Jesus by becoming more Christlike. Our “In Christ Image Training” program will begin February with a Level II class that is open to all Level I graduates. Level II is an online class similar to the Level I format, facilitated by small group discussion and augmented by CD teachings. Unlike Level I, it is only a 3-month class. We will meet one day a week, every other week. There are no end of chapter tests to submit. There is only one final exam which is strictly multiple choice (open book). We will cover subjects such as reconciliation, intercession, spiritual warfare, deliverance, prophetic ministry and more. So all of you Level I grads, now is the time to sign up for Level II. We have several level II graduates in the church and you are welcome to ask them their opinion of the program. I have found the enthusiasm for Level II surpasses that of the Level I class – and I didn’t think anything could do that. Enrollment fees for Level II are \$50 per student – on the group plan. Please do **not** enroll individually as the costs are much higher.

## In Christ Image Training – Level I

If you have been considering becoming a student of “In Christ Image Training”, we will start a Level I class in April. Registration will begin March 1, 2012. All study materials are provided by ICIT online and will be emailed to students. Breath of God International Outreach will provide all CD’s – you will receive two per study session. These are messages from Francis Frangipane and will enhance your study in Level I. There are several short quizzes and a final test for Level I, all of which are submitted online. While we cannot take the quizzes for you, assistance is available for our ICIT students. Enrollment fees for Level I are \$49 per student in the group study program. Do **not** enroll individually as the costs are much higher. Detailed information about ICIT is available online at [www.icitc.org](http://www.icitc.org). Breath of God will Sponsor an information meeting on ICIT for all prospective students on Saturday, January 21 at 10:00 AM. This meeting will be essential to planning our class schedules and locations. Please make every effort to attend. If you cannot be there, please let me or Pastor Ron know if you wish to become an ICIT student. All ICIT graduates are welcome and encouraged to attend also.

During an earlier time in the life of Francis Frangipane, when he was desperately seeking God and the Lord’s will in his life, Francis observed that he had defined his ministry by his performance instead of simply being a disciple of Christ. During one particular moment when Francis cried out to God, God answered him, “Love me where you’re at.” When we stop to think on this, it becomes clear how profound God’s reply is. It’s not performance, it’s heart. Francis replied to the Lord, “Is that all You want from me?” God again answered and this time He said, “This is all I will ever require of you.” ICIT will help you transition from doing to loving – to becoming a true lover of God. Francis adds, “God measures the value of our lives by the depth of our love. This is what He requires of all true God-seekers; to love Him where we are at.”



# God, what do you want for communion?

By: Beth Bucksot

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“God, what do you want for communion?” For communion, I want to co-mingle and commune with you. I want to spend time with you-intimate time. I want you and I so wrapped up that we are indeed one mind, one body, one soul.

I breathed into man and he became a living soul. My breath in you causes your soul to live – I want you to live. My breathe in you causes you to be linked to me and causes you to reflect the image I created you in – My image, Mine!

In order for Me to continue to breathe Myself into you to maintain in you My image and My likeness, you have to let Me co-mingle and commune with you in a place of intimacy. It is only in this place of closeness to My breathe that you can receive the renewing, the rejuvenation and the oneness with Me the you crave.

Come closer and I will stoke and blow fire in you until I am a roaring flame within you. Come closer and I will also, with My breathe, put out those flames the enemy has stoked in your life. Not all flames are of Me. The counterfeit fire cannot stand My breathe – I will blow on it so hard that it explodes into tiny sparks that it cannot stay lit or find fuel before going out.

Yes, I try things by fire – My fire. But, if you are in that place of co-mingling and communion with Me you will be one with me and those things that are of Me will come through intact. Anything not of Me will be burned away and relieve you of burdens. Come, taste and see that I am good. Come, breathe Me in and let Me cause you to become the living soul I created you to be – My image on earth, My child, My friend, My worshipper, a communer of Me, My lover, My precious creation, humble and powerful. Be one with Me.

Do you still not know how much I love you? I love you so much that I provided the final sacrifice for your sins. I love you so much that I, the God of the universe, the God of all creation, waits for you with quiet humility and patient endurance. I love you so much that I gave you the free will to seek Me, co-mingle and commune with me or not. I wait on your response. Come! Come to Me all who are weary! I will breathe on you and burn away those burdens. I want to speak to you of things that will heal your soul and set you free to soar with Me. Breathe Me in! Let Me in! Stop and be one with Me. Breathe Me in and breathe Me out and I will restore you and those around you. I am the Bread of Life and the Breathe of Life. Come let Me satisfy you. Come, co-mingle and commune with Me! Come!

## THE FUNNY SIDE OF LIFE

### Hushers

Six-year old Angie , and her four-year old brother, Joel , were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang and talked out loud.

Finally, his big sister had had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church."

"Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked.

Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."

### Eye Test

I was performing a complete physical, including the visual acuity test.

I placed the patient twenty feet from the chart and began, "Cover your right eye with your hand." He read the 20/20 line perfectly.

"Now your left." Again, a flawless read.

"Now both," I requested. There was silence. He couldn't even read the large E on the top line.

I turned and discovered that he had done exactly what I had asked; he was standing there with both his eyes covered. I was laughing too hard to finish the exam.

## You are WORTHY of Salvation!!!

*"For God so loved the World that He Gave His only Begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."*

*"John 3:16-17"*

Since the fall of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden we have been in a displaced relationship with God. We were created to dwell in fellowship with Him, but our sins placed a barrier between us and God. Man has attempted to bridge that gap through many forms of religion and good works, but the fact remains that we cannot build a bridge over this gulf created by Adam and Eve. In God's infinite love and mercy, He sent His only son Jesus to pay the penalty of sin and forever bridge this gap. It is through His love that sin is forgiven. The only thing that we can do is repent of our sins and ask God to forgive us through the sacrifice of Jesus. **Romans 10:9&10** says that if we confess with our mouth, the Lord Jesus, and believe in our heart that God raised Him from the dead, we shall be saved. For with the heart, man believes, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. You may be thinking that you have done too much wrong to be worthy of God's grace. The point is - **GOD LOVES YOU!!!**

**YOU ARE WORTHY** of salvation because Jesus already paid the price for your sins. You can't do anything more or less to make God love you any more than he already does. He desires to have an intimate relationship with you because **YOU MATTER TO HIM!**

*Please Pray This Prayer with Me*

*Jesus I love you and I know I am a sinner. I have sinned against you and I am sorry. I believe in you and want you in my life right now. Change my life and take away anything unholy. Help me through each day and to seek you in everything. Teach me to pray, give me desire to read the Bible and place me into a church. I can't do it myself; only with you can I make it. Help me Jesus. I praise your name. Put Joy in my heart and mouth. Thank you Jesus, I love you. AMEN.*

*If you have given your life to Christ please send me an email at [bogionews@hotmail.com](mailto:bogionews@hotmail.com) I would love to read your testimony!*

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# Resolution for a New Life

By: Mary Faux

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Pastor Ron recently said that he no longer made New Years resolutions. I stopped making resolutions years ago when I finally discovered that I could not keep them. Resolutions that were made yearly concerning weight loss, exercise and taking better care of myself, were falling by the way side. And this was because I was trying to accomplish these resolutions in my own power. But I recently discovered God's directions concerning resolutions for a new life in Him.

## **Proverbs 4:20-22 (NKJV)**

<sup>20</sup>My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. <sup>21</sup>Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; <sup>22</sup>For they are life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh.

In these verses we will find exactly what is needed for a new life in Christ if the instructions are followed on a daily basis and made part of our lives. The instructions are fourfold and are not difficult to follow:

1. "Give ear to my words"
2. "Incline you ear"
3. Do not let them depart from your eyes"
4. "Keep them in the midst of your heart"

The first direction is to "Give ear to my words". Now one of my major difficulties is paying attention. And part of that is due to discipline. My mind is too occupied with what I need to do, where I need to go, my job – the cares of this world. I have learned that when studying God's Word, I need to pay close attention and have quiet in my day. I am writing this at 3:00AM. The little sacrifice of some sleep is well worth having quiet time with God. You must shut yourselves in with God and shut out the things of the world.

The second direction is "incline your ear". You have to be willing to let God teach you and that means humility. We cannot be proud, arrogant and so set in our ways that we don't have an open mind and can't accept what the Holy Spirit is trying to reveal to us. We thus put "God in a box" and that box is one that we made ourselves from our stubbornness, religious mind sets, pride and unbelief. We do not allow God to work in our lives and that sets limits on what God can do for us. Allow God to knock that box down so the Holy Spirit can flow freely in revelations and knowledge. Paul said it best in Romans 3:4 – "Let God be true and every man a liar." God's Word is true – Thus listen and learn.

The third is "do not let them depart from your eyes." The word *them* refers to God's words. The late Smith Wigglesworth once said, "The trouble with many Christians is that they have a spiritual squint: with one eye they are looking at the promises of the Lord and with the other eye they are looking in some other direction. Smith Wigglesworth never did pull punches and he certainly didn't when he said that! We need to keep our attention on God's promises and what he reveals in his Word. God gives different revelations to different people. What I receive from the Lord may not you receive. Keep in mind that these revelations must line up with His Word. We only need to concern ourselves with the revelations that God reveals to you.

James didn't pull any punches either and explains in **James 1:6-8 (NKJV)**:

<sup>6</sup> But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup> For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; <sup>8</sup> he is a double minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Keep your eyes fixed on your promises, on what God reveals to you. Those promises are His truth for you and belong to you and you can act upon those promises in faith and prove them true in your own experiences. The first direction speaks of "attending"; the second spoke of "inclined ear"; the third of "focused eyes".

The fourth direction is "keep them in the midst of your heart". What is in our hearts directs the course of our lives and all that we experience. As Proverbs 4:23 explains: "Keep your heart with all diligence. For out of it

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spring the issues of life". What occupies your thoughts? What are you allowing into your heart? There are too many worldly influences that come from the internet, books, television and our associations with people. Christ said to Nicodemus in John 3:11 "Most assuredly, I say to you, we speak what we know and testify of what we have seen". We must pay careful attention to God's

Word so that what God has promised will occupy our hearts and bring life to our souls. Ask the Holy Spirit for revelations, ponder the Word, pray over the meaning and allow entrance into your heart. Feasting on God's Word is a delight to the soul and heart and brings joy with each new revelation. Now is not the time to go on a diet!

"Oh Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who trusts in Him! - Psalm 34:8

We finally conclude Proverbs 4:22-22 with <sup>22</sup>For they are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh.

God's Word is life! And not worldly life as we experience it but a life full of abundance, hope, joy, love and healing! "Health to all their flesh" means every part of our physical being! Strong's Concordance says that "Health" in Hebrew means: health, healing, cure, profit, sound (of mind). In the 1611 edition of the King James Version, the alternative reading for "health" is medicine in Hebrew.

I gave those definitions in the Hebrew to drive home a point. God has given us His promise for our physical and mental healing. Proverbs 4:20-22 is a "prescription" for every part of our bodies, minds, heart and spirit. And these verses in Proverbs have shown us step by step exactly what to do on a daily basis.

1 Peter 1:23 states: "Being born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, by the Word of God which lives and abides forever". The Living Word of God is a divine seed that when planted and by our intimate interaction with God, allows the seed to germinate so it will be life unto all flesh. We must plant the seed (the Word) in our hearts, meditate upon the Word; ponder the Word and our faith makes the seed (the Word) to come alive. Romans 10:17 says: "So then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God". Who is the Word? Jesus Christ.

## **John 1 – The Eternal Word**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

Everything I am writing about is all about a close relationship with Jesus Christ and your Lord and Savior. This relationship is a choice that we make daily and by making up your mind to follow Him. This close and personal relationship with Christ becomes as essential to your being as is air and water to our lives.

Do you want to see the miraculous power of God? Don't just pray something to happen and then sit back and let God do all the work. Follow God's prescription on Proverbs 4:20-22 and live a life abundantly to the fullest.

As we "Leap " into 2012, won't you make your resolution for a new life to be a resolute disciple for Christ?

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# JANUARY

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship service 10:00 AM	2	3 Intercessory Prayer 10:00 AM	4	5 Worship service 7:00PM	6	7 Women of Faith
8 Worship service 10:00 AM	9	10 Intercessory Prayer 10:00 AM	11	12 Worship service 7:00PM	13	14
15 Worship service 10:00 AM	16 Havelock Aglow 6:30 PM @ The Oasis in Havelock	17 Intercessory Prayer 10:00 AM	18	19 Worship service 7:00PM	20	21 Men's breakfast 8:30 AM
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## Date

7<sup>th</sup> - **Women of Faith**

21st: Men's Fellowship breakfast  
8:30 AM  
~Also~  
ICIT Information class 10:00 AM.

**Special Note:** If your Birthday or Anniversary is not listed it is because I do not have the information. If you would like them listed please get your information to Brenda so she can update the church directory.

### BIRTHDAYS

7 – Jayde Grant

12 – Rebecca Cooley

21 – Jeffrey Clifford

31 - Patty Clark

10 – Julian Stephens

18 – Kathy Richey

23 – Katie Gillen

11 – Marissa Bucksot

18- Taylor Wright

27 – Jonathan Bunting

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