

# A STRING OF PEARLS



## THE PROVERBIAL WOMAN

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### Special points of interest:

- We are supposed to take **EVERY** single thought captive to the anointing power of God's word.
- We are supposed to resist **EVERY** single dark or thought that runs contrary to the word of God.
- We are **ALWAYS** supposed to think on things that are **TRUE** (not temporal facts), **HONEST, JUST, PURE, LOVELY**, of a **GOOD REPORT** (not negative news), **THINGS OF VIRTUE** (moral excellence) and last but not least **PRAISE WORTHY** things

## MY THANKS AND GOD'S PROVISION

Just when you think you know what you're supposed to do, you get alone with God and remember His last instructions and realize how far from where you should be you've come. When Jeff journeyed into eternity God began giving me a vision of the Body of Christ coming into the unity of the faith. He gave me specific instructions about what He wanted me to do. How many of you have ever thought you should give God a hand and discovered He didn't really need your help? I thought I should get a job and make a "living". Funny thing is that I was soon too tired to do what God had asked me to do. I spent less and less time in the word, in intercession, in seeking the vital links in the chain of the vision He was birthing in my spirit. I found myself tired, and eventually quite ill.

One day I knew that I was done working where I'd gone to work. I walked in the room of one of our temporary residents at the retirement/nursing home where I was "working" and the woman (a sister in the Lord) was gone. She had gone home after her rehab time was up. I felt a "shift" in the spirit and knew I wouldn't be there much longer. By that Friday I had given my notice and was no longer "employed". I came home and the next Monday was so sick I couldn't move. Confession is good for the soul and brings healing, so here I am. Three weeks later (after much time in the word and prayer) I was feeling almost human again. God didn't tell me to go to work. Sure I've had folks tell me about jobs that they felt were "just right" for me. I've even had anonymous job tips mailed in a sort of "ransom style" letter! It matters not. I know better and I'm not going to "help God" any more.

For those of you who have been led of the Lord to send financial gifts I wanted to thank you and let you know how much I appreciate you're hearing God. He always comes through with what I need, IF I do what He tells me to do. Matthew 6:33 is my bedrock. Recently I got a second check from the IRS after receiving ALL my tax money back. I had received a letter from the IRS telling me I might be due more money. Chuckle. I knew I'd gotten back all the tax money I had paid, so was pretty sure I wasn't due any more. What do you know but a second check came in the mail. The next day I got an unexpected medical bill in the mail. Here's the amazing thing. The IRS check matched that bill! Too funny! God showed me His faithfulness in spite of my silly "help God" campaign.

# POWERED UP



I can tell when God is working something in my spirit. It "feels" like I'm on a race-track right before a race. It *feels* muck like I'm on a "practice run" and I'm going round and round feeling the track or getting familiar with it. I see a lot of the same things over and over as I take my paces around it.

I keep seeing myself just after Jeff died. I truly felt like my situation was hopeless and the gravity of it was beyond my capacity to overcome. Somewhere in the back of my mind I had even come to the place where all I had was a weak hope that the word was true. This was in spite of the fact that God had seen me through countless other trials in my life. I had basically laid down my faith and was floating on a sea of fears, cares and worries. The truly amazing thing is how far from those thoughts and fears I am today. Without a doubt I know that God was carrying me and I was relying on His strong arms to hold me up through the battle I found myself in. I'm positive that at that time I had nothing of my own strength left in me, and the only thing that could rescue me was the love and grace of God.

Those who know me well have heard me repeat my new "motto". When you go through the perfect storm and see that God held you up when you had no strength of your own, you will never be as frightened of any storm that may come your way. Folks may get bored of that phrase, but it has become my life's story.

There is nothing as good as seeing that the proof of your faith has worked. It under girds you for the future battles of life. I know that the "belt" of truth, which to me is the dependableness of God's word, truly gives me the strength to face whatever comes my way. I used to be scared of impending skirmishes and battles set up by the enemy. I used to practice a kind of fear we call "dread". I was way too creative in my imaginations of the enemy's power against me. I confess this to you all because I believe it's vital for people to know that all men and women of faith are completely human. There aren't any people who escape the devices of the adversary. We in "ministry" must use our faith just as anyone else. We don't have a "get out of jail free" card just because we work for God. If the truth were known we probably have more battles because we are a constant threat to the enemy. He doesn't want word to get out that he is a defeated foe. He is like the little weasel of a guy hiding behind the curtain in "The Wizard of Oz". He pulls leavers and pushes buttons to make a lot of noise and flashing lights to make it appear like he has all sorts of power, but basically the only power he has is to open his mouth and send suggestions to us. We end up using our own God given power and authority to slam-dunk ourselves.

God is so stable. I will say that again, God is stable. He never changes. Things around Him change, but He remains the same in a constant way. The dependability of God is like the dependability of the laws of physics. I get a kick out of folks that believe in evolution. They do so without a lick of evidence to its validity. If evolution were a law there would have to be things in our environment evolving on a constant basis. Scientists are looking for a single "missing link", but again, if evolution were a law it would have to be constant. There would be animals evolving from one species to another all over the place. If fish were evolving into land creatures they would have to be doing so now, somewhere. If humanity were the UL highest standard of evolution, monkeys and primates would be in stages of evolution towards humanity at least somewhere at all times. We see none of this. Instead we see cats always having kittens, dogs always having puppies, poppies always yielding poppy seed just as God declared in Genesis. His word is that dependable.

Every day of my life I count on the constancy of God. I am more and more impressed by His unchanging faithfulness in the face of my weaknesses. The more I lean on His constant faith the more empowered I become. Even when things look bleakest I can depend upon God and His unchanging word to power me to the next new challenge in my good fight of faith.

# APOSTOLIC ORDER



For so very long the vast majority in the Body of Christ have walked without the ordering and power of the apostolic and prophetic gifts. Through the deceptive practices of the enemy and the vulnerability of the Body that choose to walk led of the flesh, hasatan has crafted a veil that has kept the Body just shy of ever walking as the manifested sons of God. We've heard and continue to be told that the apostolic order died when John died on the isle of Patmos, but the word of God tells no such tale. Ephesians 4 tells us that God gave apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers for the perfecting of the saints (the Jews who believe Yeshua is Messiah), for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the Body of Christ (those of us who come from the Gentile world). UNTIL we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect (mature) man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ (the Anointed One and his anointing). It's pretty obvious by the divisions and schisms we see amongst us all that we aren't there yet (The unity of the faith that is.) Thus by good logic and spiritual understanding we can see we should STILL have apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. Why does the enemy work so hard to keep us from enjoying the gifts of these precious spirituals? Verse 14 of Ephesians tells us the benefit of having these offices working amongst us: "That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with EVERY wind of doctrine (teaching) by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive."

Earlier in Ephesians God through the APOSTLE Shaul (Paul) tells us: "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens, with the saints (Jews who believe in Yeshua), and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone". Ephesians 2:19-20. Here we see that IF we are supposed to have a foundation of apostles and prophets OTHER than those who lived 2,000 years ago, we might just be in trouble!

We are living in perilous times. It was prophesied and God never simply warns of coming trouble. He also equips us to come through the storms of life. He doesn't say things like, "Trouble is coming and you're on your own". He says, "I will never leave you or forsake you, even until the end of the age." IF He NEVER leaves us, IF He NEVER forsakes us, and IF we aren't at the end of this age, (and we aren't) AND IF He is the same yesterday, today and forever (and He is), His word is just as valid today as it was when He first spoke it. I remind you that God has His own calendar. According to the biblical calendar it's the year 5773. If that's the case and He isn't sending the Lord Yeshua back until either 7 or 3 1/2 years before the end, we have some time left to finish what He wants done on the earth (At least 223 years). We are supposed to be putting Yeshua's enemies under the feet of his authority. We can't do it without the weapons that God gave us to use!

The apostle is called to bring order into the Body of Messiah. We are a blended Body. This Body is made up of the yahudim (the Jew who believes in Yeshua ) and the goyim (the pagan or Gentile who has put his trust in Yeshua/Jesus). This Body is made up of all who name the name of Yeshua Hamashiach, Jesus the Christ. I remind you that Christ isn't Jesus' last name; it is his title, his calling, his qualification, his authority, and his power. Christ encompasses so much that we need to be fully enlightened to its meaning. Christ is the Anointing of the Holy Spirit and the confirmation of the word of God. Yeshua is the living word of God. He is very God and very man. He has been given all authority in heaven and earth and the Holy Spirit is that authority. See the end of Matthew 28.

So Houston (and everywhere else) we have a problem. The traditions of man make the word of God of no effect. That means it takes away its power. We believe a lie and faith comes by the truth of God's word. Without faith it is IMPOSSIBLE to please God and also makes it IMPOSSIBLE for Him to bless us and confirm a single solitary word He left us with. We do things traditionally that have nothing to do with the truth. We are

# APOSTOLIC ORDER.....CONTINUED



being taught by self-blinded guides and it's time we said, "NO MORE".

The gift of the apostle brings order and helps us prioritize our lives. Knowing what is the most important thing to do first is always a good thing. When you know the most important thing first, you can let all the distracting things go and focus on what will bring the greatest blessings and be the most productive. How many times have we been so wrapped up in stupid tasks that we don't get the most important things ever finished? I know I've had my share of these experiences. **Demonic detours are out there folks!** It's nice to know where they are and to play the game of life in what I lovingly refer to as "God mode". If you've ever played a video game knowing all the cheat codes, you know how this works. That's what the apostle and prophet do for the Body. The apostle establishes order, the prophet warns of the tricks, storms, and other things coming that effect and affect the Body. How many of us watch the weather reports to find out what's coming? The prophet is the spiritual climate forecaster. How convenient for the enemy that the vast majority of the Body thinks these offices are defunct? He sends storms of huge magnitude on unsuspecting victims on a regular basis. He also sends natural storms and has the world call them, "Acts of God", when in fact they should be called, "Acts of the god of this dying world".

Yeshua came and spoke to the storms and said, "Peace be still". He spoke to the dead spirits and said, "Get thee behind me". He is the same yesterday, today and forever so if he is the CHIEF apostle and he told us he was giving us these gifts until we come in the unity of the faith, we STILL need them.

## FAITH AT WORK

It seems that we have a very limited idea of what faith is and how it works. We have very religious ideas based upon the theories and traditional ideas of what men have taught, much of which is not based upon the word of God. The bible is a compilation of God revealing Himself to mankind. In 66 volumes there are clues, charts and roadmaps to understanding and walking with God. The hard truth is that this book is written in a divine code that can't be cracked with the greatest natural tools. It is spiritually understood, which requires a master key to unlock. The good news is that God wants every human on earth to have that key; the sad truth is that not all will grab the key.

Faith is the divine power of God at work to bring the divine nature to the mortal man. It isn't outside the reach of man, but is held in safe quarters so that the evil one and his followers can't access the living spirit realm. Only by surrendering to God, only by trusting Him first can one access the key. Once one has the key access to every good and perfect gift is available. Read that again! I mean it!! It's good stuff!!!

Faith brings into the material realm that which is necessary for abundant life in this corrupted natural realm. A force of darkness causing chaos has affected the natural realm and the only way to circumvent the tricks and traps of the enemy is by tapping into the spiritual and receiving the necessary divine assets needed to defeat or eradicate the darkness in the world.

We often think that Yeshua/Jesus came to defeat the devil, but that isn't so. He did make an open show of the adversary by being resurrected from death, but his purpose wasn't to defeat the devil, but to destroy his works. The instant the enemy said, "I will" his destruction was at work. Sin and rebellion are suicide in disguise. The damage he had done by speaking those words began to go out and cause darkness and chaos in God's creation. God through His divine counsel determined that a blood sacrifice would be the only way to destroy the damage done. (The devil has no blood!) As Yahowshua (literally means the salvation of Yah) agreed to this plan God spoke those famous words, "light be" and the whole process began.



God set out a very specific battleground and time frame where the work of His Son would be done. He gave the battle a limited time frame of 7,000 years and limited its scope to the natural realm which He called "creation". He also set limits to how far the enemy could touch His creation. He planted a tree of life in a garden and gave man early access to it. He gave Adam a "taste" of eternity before the time clock started and a yearning to return to eternity. Time as we understand it didn't begin until Adam tasted from the "other" tree. Eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil set the battlefield in motion. The time clock began and now some 5,773 years later we are almost at the end of the work cycle of this battle. As the clock strikes 6,000 years the millennial reign will begin and those hidden in Messiah (Christ) will rest while Yeshua begins his reign upon the throne in the holy Temple. He will rule for the last "day" and those who were faithful during the first 6,000 years will reign with him.

Let's get back to faith. Faith is a fruit (God does everything with seeds, plants, sowing and reaping) of the spirit. The human with a spirit joined to God's spirit produces nine fruits that aid him/her in this battle we call humanity. Galatians teaches us that the fruits are: love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance. Faith is one of those fruits and is produced in the spirit of man. With these fruits we overcome the adversary. He is an invisible enemy, but he isn't outside the realms of our perception. Anything dark, evil and ugly comes from him and proceeds to dying and death. Everything light, good and from true beauty comes from God and proceeds to living and life.

The kind of faith that accesses the divine realms comes by hearing (hearing God) and our ability to hear comes from His word. Ideally, we are hearing the voice of our Lord Yeshua/Jesus, but it also works with the written as well. As we familiarize ourselves with HOW God speaks, we can then recognize the voice of God when He speaks to us personally. God is a personal God. He is capable of communicating with His creation in all places and at all times. He is the center of everything. He isn't limited by time and space as we are now in our "earth suits". The earth suits we call bodies are our authority licenses to dominate on the planet earth. God told us to take dominion, be fruitful and multiply. That is what we are supposed to do here on earth. We are supposed to be **possessing** our earth suits (vessels as the word calls them) and souls (minds, wills and emotions) with sanctification and honor. These two things are things we add to faith in order to be productive. Much as we might use fertilizer to a garden to make it more productive, we add sanctification and honor to our garden (hearts or spirits) and make our faith more productive.

We are becoming master gardeners. We are taking our hearts (the ground where faith is produced) and adding good gardening techniques to produce the best fruits of the spirits possible. The more we become familiar with Yeshua (our natural picture of Abba Father), the more of this fruit we will produce.

I know that God desires for you to have a complete understanding of faith so you can be the most productive you possible. The more you understand how faith works, the better you can fight the good fight of faith! I look forward to adding to your faith as well. For those of you who want to take yourselves to a higher level, check out 2 Peter 1. I dare you!

Selah (chew or meditate on these words)

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## **FEAR UNCOVERED**

I want to exhort each one of you to be aware of the propaganda the enemy is putting out in front to keep us from walking in faith. We must not listen to any voice, but that which is of faith. A quick reminder, the tree of KNOWLEDGE of GOOD and EVIL is what killed Adam and Eve. It wasn't an apple or some other fruit, it was head knowledge of good and evil. They were told that in the DAY that they consumed it they would die or be separated from God. Each time we eat from a tree that brings fear, we are being separated from God. We are supposed to have faith, not fear.

We have been warned that in the last days men's (and women's) hearts will fail them for the FEAR of things coming on the earth.

Here I have listed FEAR and its nasty cousins, WORRY, DREAD, ANXIETY and PANIC ATTACKS, MANIAS, PHOBIAS, CRAVEN FEAR, HORROR, NERVOUSNESS, DEPRESSION, OPPRESSION, POSSESSION, CONCERN, TREMORS, and anything vaguely similar! Resist fear. God has not given you a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind. Perfect love (the God kind of love) casts out fear! If you sense any of the above, stop and think on the love of God! Stop until the enemy flees.

