

BLADE

ISSUE 9



The SPIRITNET

(Dad:) Virtual reality, satellite communications, the Internet, supercomputers—the world is changing so quickly, it's amazing! Compared to the many advances that are being made today, when you look back at all the inventions and technological breakthroughs from previous millennia—things like the wheel, or the bow and arrow—or even more recent inventions, like the light bulb and the telephone—the discoveries of the past don't really seem that impressive any more, do they?

Now that mankind has entered a whole new century and a new millennium, everyone is practically going gaga trying to predict what things will be like in the future. They're already experimenting with computers that can be connected right to the brain and chips that can be merged with human cells. If there was enough time, and things were to continue going the way they are now, it wouldn't be very long at all before present-day computers seemed like dinosaurs—extinct!

But if it's possible for earthly man to make these kinds of advances—with his limited knowledge and capabilities—can you imagine how incredibly far-out things are in the spirit world—where there are no earthly limitations? The technology we have up Here is so far beyond anything on Earth, there are no words to describe its wonders.

You don't have to wait for the future, though, to experience some of Heaven's technology. The Lord has already given you access to a communications system that's out of this world! Through prayer, you're not only able to communicate between countries, but between *spiritual dimensions*! Whenever you want, you can make contact with the spirit world just by concentrating and asking the Lord and the Heavenly host to speak to you. No modem or a satellite transmitter can manage that.

Heavenly communication isn't something abstract. It's real! And it's like nothing man will ever be able to come close to, because it will never be understood with the carnal, earthly mind. So, if you'd like to experience the greatest breakthrough in the universe, it's time for you to log on—not to the Internet, but to the Spiritnet.





Got Up on the Wrong Side of the Bed?

Things just don't seem to be working out very well, do they? Seems like you're having one trial after another—all those nagging little things that maybe wouldn't matter so much if you were in a better mood, but today they almost

seem like the end of the world! You don't mean to bark at people, or give them a hard time, or be shooting off sarcastic, critical and negative comments, but you feel like you just can't help it.

You don't even really know what's wrong. But there's obviously a problem, because you're not happy, and every incident or interaction with someone else seems to make you even more miserable.

When that first little "grump bird" came flying over your head this morning, you let him land and start building his nest in your hair, and now you're caught up in a vicious cycle of grumpiness. You probably didn't realize where it was leading to, so you didn't catch yourself, and you didn't look to Me and ask Me to help you. But it's not too late. As soon as you ask Me to help you snap out of it, I'll do just that. I'll chase away all

those noisy, irritating, grumpy little birds the Enemy's been sending your way, and blow away all the gloomy clouds of gray. I'll blow them all away with one little puff of My Heavenly fresh air and fill your day with sunshine. But I can't get started until you do *your* part.

There are always going to be bumps, rocks, obstacles and nagging problems that can easily make your day turn sour—if you let them. It's a fight all right, every day! And some days, it's worse than others. But no matter what happens, you don't have to *stay* miserable just because things started off that way. It's never too late to turn around and start being praiseful, cheerful, and sweet to others. And the sooner you get started, the better it will be. So why not start right now?



Hook, Line and Sinker

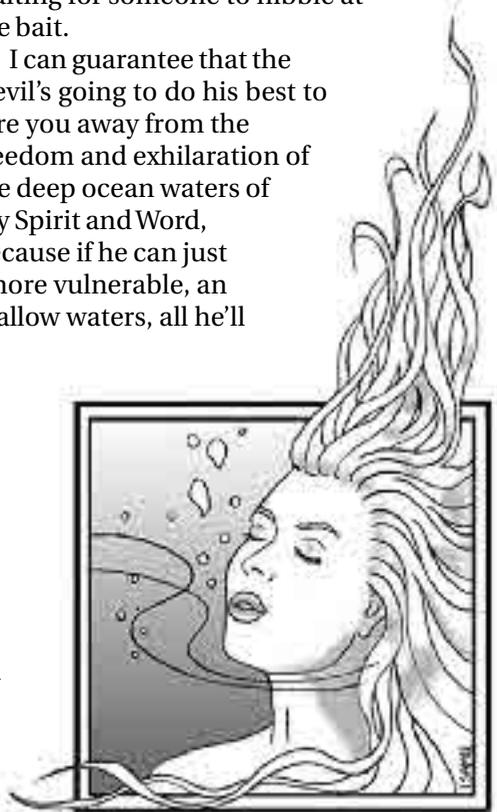
I've called you to be "fishers of men," but the Enemy is a fisherman too—quite an experienced one, at that. Just like most fishermen, he likes to go after the big catch, something that he can really brag about. And believe it or not, because of your background and heritage and the training that you're being given through My Words, *you're* about as big a catch as they come. Satan cringes at the thought of you growing up to be the dedicated missionary and zealous warrior of the faith that I've called you to be. So it shouldn't surprise you or anyone else that he's going to try to nab you before that happens.

Satan's got lots of different lures that work on different fish, all kinds of things that are tempting and hard to resist—all the while disguising the ugly fact that they're hiding a dangerous hook that's just waiting for someone to nibble at the bait.

I can guarantee that the Devil's going to do his best to lure you away from the freedom and exhilaration of the deep ocean waters of My Spirit and Word, because if he can just

manage that, he knows you'll be much more vulnerable, an easy catch. Once he's got you into the shallow waters, all he'll have to do is net you and cram you into his dirty little fish tank where he can show you off as one of his prize catches.

So don't fall for Satan's fun-looking lures and tempting baits. They're hiding an ugly and dangerous hook! And don't let yourself get lured away from the deep waters of the Word, either. They're your best protection! Stay immersed in the wide ocean of life-giving waters. Out in the deep, you'll have plenty of protection and room to swim around in. You'll find lots there to keep you fed and nourished, and to give you an exciting and happy life.



Let Jesus Love Others through You

By Dad

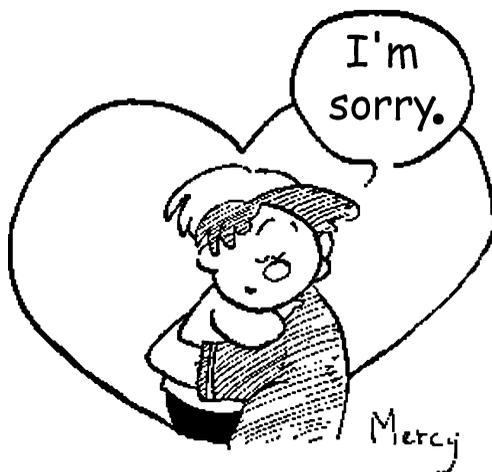


You're usually a pretty loving person, but you seem to have a hard time with some people. To be able to overlook people's quirks and the things about them that you don't like, takes a lot of love. It's even harder when they actually *do* something that rubs you the wrong way or even hurts you, and you can't seem to get over it. As you've often discovered, with certain people and situations, it takes a whole lot more love than you can muster up on your own. Well, you're not alone, because the only one who *always* has enough love is God. But Jesus can help you, and He *will* if you ask Him to.

The Lord knew that human love wasn't going to be enough, and that everyone would run into trouble at times. That's one of the main reasons that He's given you His Spirit—to give you the love you need—because being full of Jesus' Spirit means being full of love!

Put Jesus to the test. Ask Him for more of His love. Ask Him to fill you up to overflowing with a supernatural anointing of love. But don't wait around for your feelings to change, because even when you have more of the Lord's Spirit, that doesn't mean you'll always *feel* love for someone. Maybe your first reactions will still be negative ones. But God can do anything, and if you're open to His help, He can turn those negative feelings into positive, loving reactions.

The beautiful part about it is that once you get over the hump of showing love to others, then you'll be a lot happier and others will be happier around you. It's so much better to be loving! You'll be blessed, and you'll have peace of mind, knowing that you're obeying and letting Jesus love others through you.



War Games

Movies and video games that glorify violence—either fighting and martial arts, or piloting military planes and vehicles, or firing missiles and guns—without showing the real effects of the pain and suffering that these cause to so many—have the opposite effect from what I teach in My Word concerning My laws of love. You may not like to hear this, but the more you play these types of violent games, the more you're soaking up spiritual influences which are totally against My rules of doing unto others as you would have them do unto you.



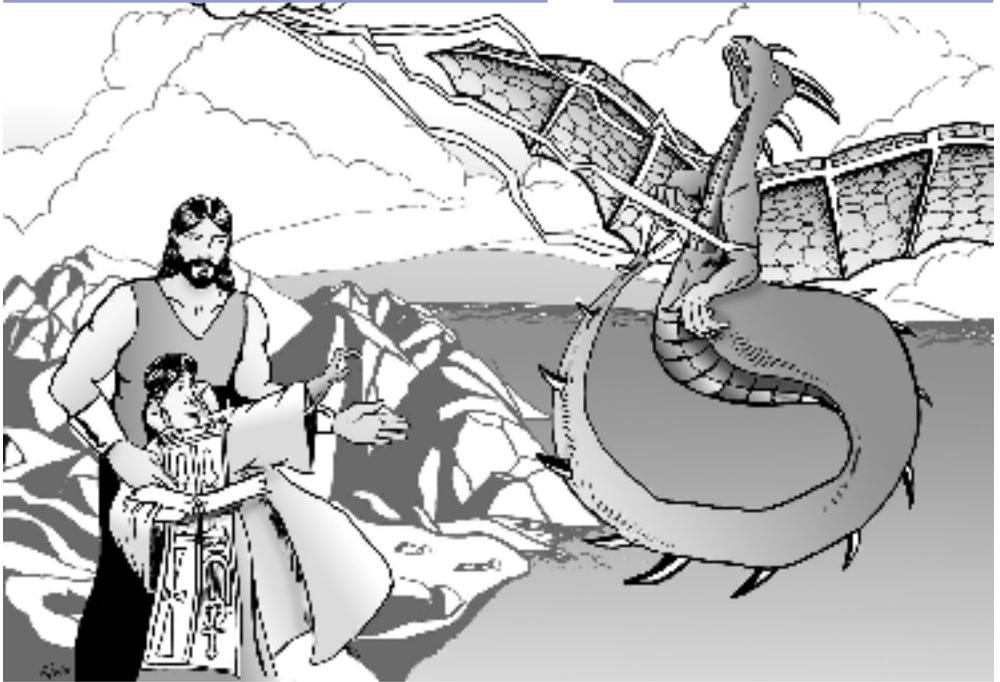
You may laugh and think, “Come on, give me a break! I’m not affected one bit by these things. They’re just entertainment.” But you’re wrong. Even the world openly admits that they use these kinds of games to desensitize their soldiers, so that they’ll be willing to drop bombs and fire their weapons without thinking about the consequences of who

they might be killing and maiming. They plainly boast that these tools of video and virtual combat are helping them to train a whole new class of soldiers—killers, who are numb to violence, and programmed to

act without hesitation. Unlike young people of previous generations, this new crop of soldiers are being conditioned to have absolutely no qualms about pulling the trigger or pushing the button, even when it endangers innocent civilian populations. These evil tools are part of the fulfillment of My Word, which warns that in the Last Days the love of many will wax cold and consciences will be seared.

Violent video games and movies are designed by people who are motivated by the Enemy, people who don’t care how many lives are going to be ruined by what they’ve created. They’re like drug pushers. All they care about is making money by getting as many people as possible hooked on their high-tech special effects and on the adrenaline rush of playing their games—scoring more points and eliminating more of the enemy. Please don’t allow yourself to become numb, desensitized and addicted to the rush and thrill of playing these types of games. Keep busy learning how to use the weapons of the spirit and fighting for something that’s real. Stay sensitive to Me and to the needs of the world and those around you. Be the soldier that I want you to be, winning victories for Me and My Kingdom against the forces of the Enemy.

The Great Magician



Did you know that there really have been true magicians—both in times past and in the present, both on the side of good and on the side of evil? These have been given their powers to open people’s eyes to the world of the spirit. They also help to portray the spiritual warfare between good and evil, like the time when Moses was challenged by Pharaoh’s evil magicians. But not only do I at times allow the world to see these signs and wonders, I also give them My Word of truth, so that all will have the opportunity to choose which side they’re on.

Soon, many signs will be manifested upon the Earth—evil signs and wonders and workings of Satan—but I will retaliate with My Own signs and wonders in the Last Days, and will shake the whole Earth and the heavens with My return. It will be the greatest display of magic ever seen!

The enemy of your soul is the Evil Magician. He’s on the attack, ever trying to defeat and destroy and confound the work of God. He’s determined to try anything he can to set you back and convince you to fall prey to his tricks and render you useless. There might be times when it will even look as though he’s succeeded in tripping you up and gaining the upper hand, but I’m the Great Magician, and I hold the ultimate power over Satan.

As you keep your eyes fixed on Me and My promises, I’ll always show you what to do, and keep you one step ahead of his evil trickery. I’ll give you weapons that will help you to resist him and totally confound and defeat him. No matter how stacked the odds are against you, I will always triumph! Good will always win over evil. No magician has ever had, or will ever come close to having the kind of power I have. So stay close to Me and let Me work My magic in your heart. I can teach you many tricks that will help you to foil the Evil One—and have fun doing it!

The Lost Will Be Found



Have dearest friends wandered away,
Turned from the path or gone astray?
A friend, a sister or an older brother,
Someone's father, child or mother?
A buddy, a pal, a crazy guy,
Is someone gone and you don't know why?
You miss their laugh, their smile and joke,
Their willingness to help to bear the yoke.

Yesterday, they were still right there
For prophecy, praise and united prayer.
But now it seems like something's wrong;
They're no longer there; they're suddenly gone.
Or perhaps you saw them slip away
A little bit more, here and there each day,
Until they were much more "out" than "in",
More far than near, though still your friend.

Then came along
that fateful day
When they left the fight
and went away,
And as you watched
them disappear,
You felt the loss
and fought your fear.
"Can't things stay the same?"
you quivered,
"Beside the flow of
Time's great river?
Is there nothing in
life that can ever be found
That stays solid and sure,
and holds its ground?"

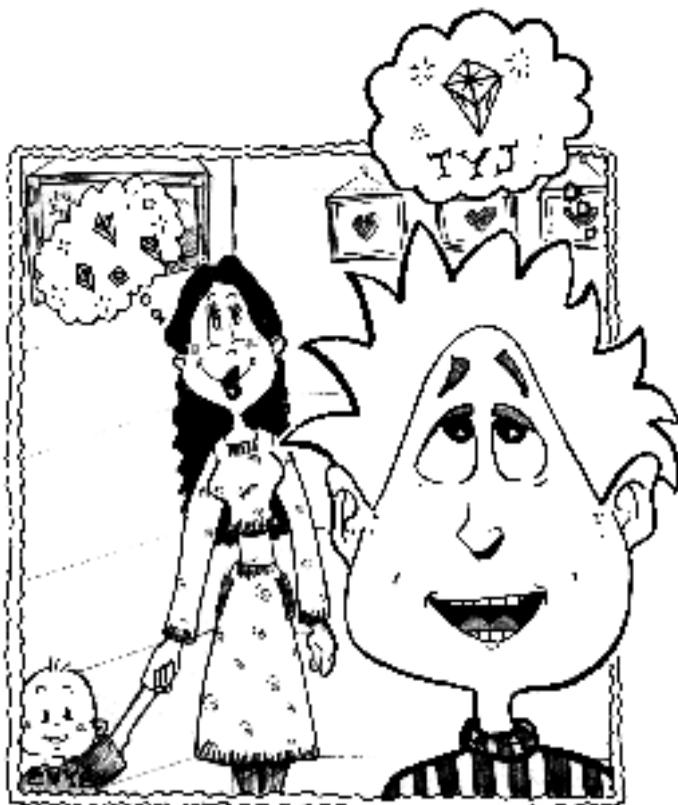


Only I, dear one, will always last.
Even the heavens and Earth shall someday pass.
For all that was and is yet to be
Shall be washed away by Time's great sea.
But that which is good, I keep forever
In My eternal House of peace and treasure.
And all the joys of life you love
Will be stored for you, securely Above.

Not a sparrow falls that I do not see;
Each hair on your head is known by Me.
I'm more than able to keep you from falling,
And keep you going in your Heavenly calling.
For those who are faithful, I will put in store
Pleasure upon pleasure, forevermore.
And in due time, when Time ceases to be,
Those you have lost will be found safe with Me.



Priceless Jewels



I love to speak to you, My precious one. I love to whisper wonderful, sweet, encouraging, inspiring things in your ear. I've given you the gift of prophecy, the gift of hearing My personalized Words to you. Don't compare or measure your gift with the gifts of others, because the gift that I've given you is special and unique.

It doesn't matter if others receive longer messages from Me. That doesn't mean that the prophecies they receive are any better than the messages that I give you. The length of a prophecy doesn't determine the strength, value or authenticity of it. So don't let the

Enemy come in and tell you that because you don't receive long prophecies, or because it's sometimes a struggle in the spirit, that you don't hear from Me. He's a liar, and he hates Me speaking to you. He knows how important it is, so he tries to discourage you and belittle the special times that we have together.

I pour down precious, priceless jewels into your hands during the times that you spend with Me, and the Enemy hates it. He tries to minimize the beauty and quality of the jewels that I give you. He makes you look at others and think that theirs are more glamorous. But the truth is, though some jewels are different colors, shapes and sizes, they're all precious, fine, quality jewels from My Heavenly mines.

Don't let the Enemy trick you into discarding your precious jewels or belittling the priceless gems that I've given you. And don't let him convince you to stop receiving them, because I have so much more to give you. Keep coming to Me, and I'll keep pouring out to you. The more time you spend with Me, the more I'll be able to pour out, and the more you'll receive.

Have a Blast!



I love parties and dances. They can be real blasts! Maybe you wouldn't have thought that I feel that way, but I do. I think parties are great! If you go about them the right way, they can be lots of fun and bring everyone much closer together in My Spirit. But sometimes it doesn't work out that way, does it? Many parties and dances end up being a real bummer for a lot of people.

The trouble is, when it comes to parties, people sometimes forget all about the basic rules of how to be happy and how to have a good time. The temptation is to get totally into yourself, worrying about all kinds of things—how you look, whether or not certain people are paying enough attention to you, comparing and watching to see who dances with whom, and how others are treating you. It can be a real drag if all you're thinking about is yourself and what *you're* getting out of it. If that's your attitude, you'll almost always come away from the party feeling slighted, embarrassed, frustrated or even depressed. Emotions play a big part, I know—especially when you're young. You can nearly go crazy with

jealousy or fear or embarrassment—all kinds of things that the Enemy uses to try to keep you from having a good time. But you don't have to let him ruin *your* party.

The secret, as always, is to think about others and how to make *them* feel good. Don't go into it looking for someone else to supply *your* emotional needs and wants. Forget about yourself and what *you* hope to get out of it; get out of yourself and into others. And don't just be into certain ones, either. Find people who really *need* some love and attention, and give it them. Don't just get hung up on one person or a certain group and let your happiness depend totally on how they treat you. Mingle. Tell yourself that you're going to have a good time, and that you're going to share that good time with everyone you can. If you'll remember the keys to happiness and apply them, and ask Me to give you My love and the freedom of My Spirit, I'll help you to really enjoy yourself and others and have a great time.



FROM **A** TO **Z**



I know you like riddles and brainteasers. You like to try to figure things out in your mind—mysteries and puzzles and things like that. But when it comes to *certain* things, like wanting to know what's going to happen in the future, it's a little different story, isn't it? Suddenly, you wish you knew everything all at once, without all the mystery and having to put the pieces together.

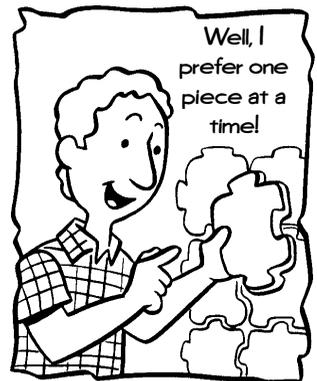
When you ask Me for the answer to a question, I *could* tell you the complete answer, from beginning to end, start to finish, A to Z—the whole answer. But if I did that, there'd be nothing left for you to find out. So sometimes I tell you only part of the answer, or I give you an answer that might be a little puzzling or that you can't quite figure out at first. That way, you'll have to keep coming back to Me and praying about it some more. Then, as you continue to ask Me for answers and follow My clues, somewhere down the line, something will happen, and you'll realize that that was exactly what I was talking about, and then the riddle will be solved.

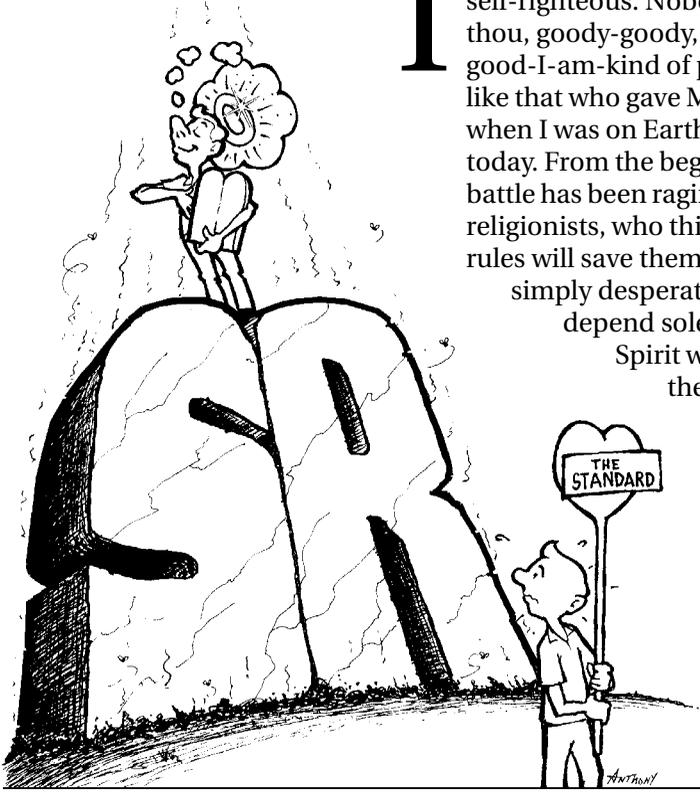


When you come to Me for answers, I'll always give you exactly what you need, when you need it. If you *need* to know the whole answer, I'll give it to you. But many times, you don't really need to know everything right from the start. In fact, often it's better that you *don't* find out everything that's going to happen, because it could be a little hard to swallow. Remember when I told My disciples that I had many things to tell them, but they couldn't bear to hear them all at that time? Some things just need more time to develop, and some things you won't have the grace for till they actually happen.

But don't worry; I'm not going to leave you in the dark. My Words to you will be a lamp for your feet and a light for your path, as I fill you in step by step. I'll give you plenty of neat clues to go by, and it'll be like the most awesome treasure hunt.

If you really need to know the *whole* answer right then and there, you can ask for that, too. I love to give you all the details—if that's what I know you need. Be specific; you can ask Me anything, and I'll tell you. But regardless of how much I choose to tell you at one time, you can trust that I've got all the answers up My sleeve. So ask, and you'll be sure to receive.





I don't blame you for not wanting to look self-righteous. Nobody likes a holier-than-thou, goody-goody, look-at-me-and-how-good-I-am-kind of person. It was people like that who gave Me the hardest time of it when I was on Earth—and they still do today. From the beginning of time, the battle has been raging between the strict religionists, who think that keeping all the rules will save them, and those who are simply desperate for My love, and depend solely upon Me and My Spirit working in them to show them what to do and when to do it.

Sometimes, you find it a little hard to know the balance, don't you? You really *want* to do the right things and stand up for your convictions and what you know is right. But you don't want your friends and

others to think that you're being self-righteous. The Enemy sees your dilemma, and he's been pouncing on you, trying to confuse you even more. He's even gotten you to do and say things that you know you *shouldn't* do, just so that people won't think that you're judging them or being self-righteous toward them.

There *is* a way that you can stand up for the truth and what's right, and do the things you know you should be doing, and say the things you know you should saying, without being S.R. It's not really all that difficult to know how to go about it.

The secret is *love*. Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do or say, make sure you commit each thing to Me in prayer first, and do it with love in your heart—love for Me and love for your peers and those around you. If *love* is your motivation—instead of just wanting to be “good” and keeping all the rules, then you won't have to worry about coming across as being self-righteous. Love is *never* self-righteous. And love never fails. So whatever you do, just do it with love, and then don't worry about it.

The Yieldedness Express

(Dad:) You're on the right track and headed in the right direction! You've chosen the Yieldedness Express, and Jesus, our Heavenly Conductor is driving the train! Sometimes you'll travel through tunnels, sometimes through mountain ranges, other times over bridges across the water, and then through lush green fields. Sometimes you'll pass through snow and rain, and other times through hot and dry deserts. But wherever the train takes you, you're on your way to a wonderful final destination.

You've just passed a major station, and I know it was a tough one for you. But don't worry, once you've passed a certain station by winning a victory, the train forges ahead and you won't have to pass that way again. That should encourage you, because it shows that you're making progress. It shows that you're really growing and learning and moving ahead with the Lord's steam and power. You're on the right track and there are a lot of exciting things—more wonderful victories, more happiness, contentment, peace, love and satisfaction—as you continue to hold on and keep progressing, changing, revolting and moving with the Spirit of God.

There are no strings attached, just one simple word—yes! And the more you say yes, the easier it becomes. Each time it will get a little easier, and you'll start to see what great progress you've made as a result of saying that one little word and putting your will on the Lord's side. The Lord's done a miracle for you, and He'll continue to do many more as you follow Him closely, tuning into His whispers, loving Him real good, and keeping your eyes on Him—our faithful Driver! There'll be more stops along the way, more stations that you'll have to pass through on this journey, and many more exciting adventures, with our wonderful Engineer leading the way.



Mark

Don't Listen to That

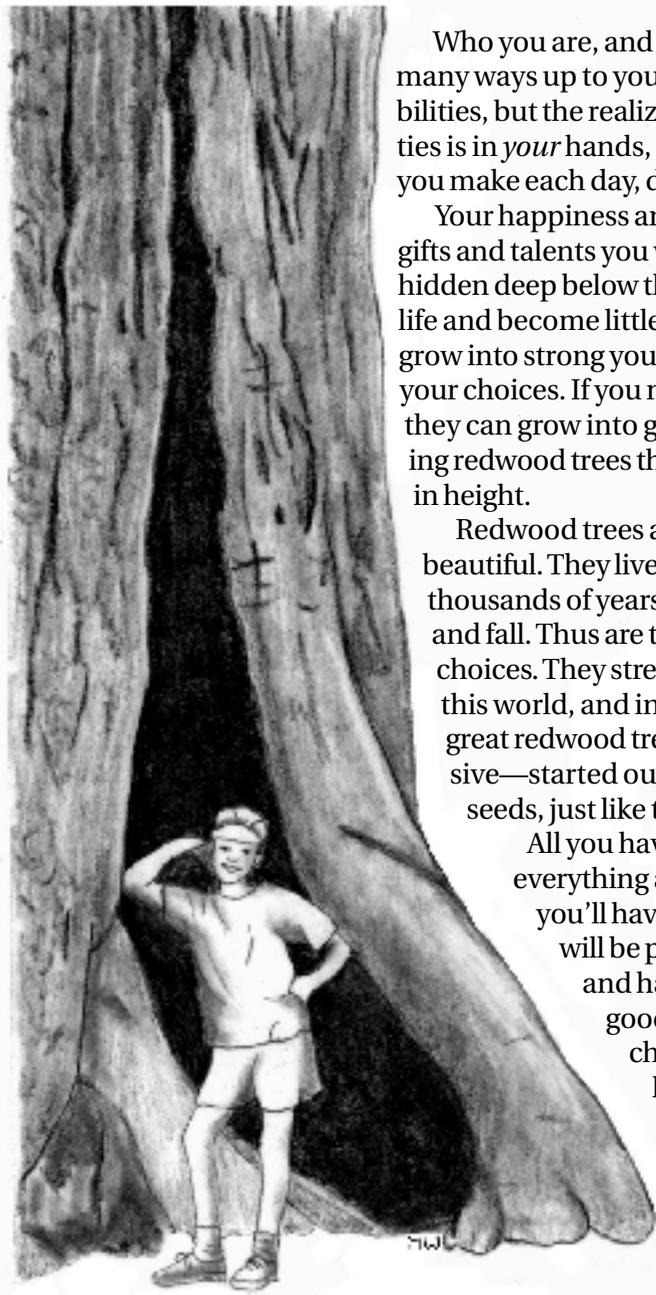


I have a lot to say to you, but before we go any further, I want to get this one thing straight between us: I LOVE YOU! Can you believe that? You and your love mean the world to Me. And when I say that, I'm saying a lot! You know that My Father loved the world so much that He gave *Me*, His only Son, in exchange for it. And to Me, *you* are the world that both He and I thought was so worth giving My life for—and I still feel that way. You're worth the moon and the stars and the sun. You're worth every bit of that to Me.

So, who's the creep that's accusing you of not being worth much?! Where is he? Let him show his face and expose himself for who he really is! Why, there he is! It's the punk himself, the god of slime pits and the ruler of the darkness of this world. It's the liar, the great orator. Ha! He thinks he has quite a way with words. But let Me tell you, that's all his words are—useless, powerless, meaningless words that can do nothing and mean nothing, unless you listen to them and believe them.

Is *that* what you want to do, believe that creep and his stinking lies? Are you going to listen to *him* instead of to *Me*? I beg you, don't do it, because *he* doesn't love you. Please listen to *Me* and to what *I* have to say, not only now, through this message to you, but in the days to come too. Please come to Me and let Me talk to you. Let *Me* answer his ugly lies and accusations. Resist him and his lies, and he'll have to flee from you and leave you alone. Resist him and drink in My Words.

Choices



Who you are, and who you'll become, is in many ways up to you. There are a lot of possibilities, but the realization of these possibilities is in *your* hands, according to the choices you make each day, day in and day out.

Your happiness and fulfillment and the gifts and talents you were given are like seeds, hidden deep below the surface. They come to life and become little green shoots, and then grow into strong young trees—according to your choices. If you make the *right* choices, they can grow into great, stately, tall, towering redwood trees that reach hundreds of feet in height.

Redwood trees are so tall, so strong and beautiful. They live for thousands and thousands of years, while civilizations rise and fall. Thus are the products of your choices. They stretch far beyond today and this world, and into the life to come. The great redwood trees—so big and massive—started out from tiny, tiny little seeds, just like the seeds of your life.

All you have to do is ask Me about everything and stay close to Me, and you'll have good success; your life will be prosperous and fruitful and happy. When you make good choices, the *right* choices, the choices you know I would *want* you to make, you're choosing life and happiness.