

Show Me the Money, Part 3

Ten Pillars to Financial Success
Conviction vs. Compromise, Part 9

Continued from Part 2, GN 1048

WORD BASIS
FOR PILLARS 5–7

5. Reach the Rich

▼ Verses

If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things? (1Cor. 9:11).

[Jesus witnessed to the rich. One of them was Joseph of Arimathaea, who supplied the burial place for Jesus.] When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple (Mat.27:57).

And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of God. When His disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved? But Jesus beheld them and said unto them, "With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible" (Mat.19:24–26).

[Phillip witnessed to a man who was, as the Bible says in Acts 8:27, "a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace, Queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure..."] (Acts.8:26–38).

[Story of Paul and Barnabas witnessing to the governor] (Acts 13:1–12).



▼ Quotes

309. (Dad:) If they're witnessing, maybe they're not witnessing to the right people!

They're being selfish and too proud to go to the most poor of all spiritually, the ones that need us the most, and are the hardest to reach—the rich—and share their spiritual wealth, so the rich could in turn share their material blessings with them. They're pretending to be humble living in poverty, but they're too proud if they're not sharing their spiritual riches with the spiritually impoverished, materially rich! Therefore they themselves are starving materially because they are selfish spiritually, and they're not sharing their spiritual wealth with the poor, spiritually impoverished rich!

310. When Paul landed on the island of Cyprus, he would have been there yet if he'd just associated himself with the fishermen only. Of course he preached to the fishermen! He

preached to the poor all the way across the island, but he was on his way to see the governor! He won him to the Lord, and as a result, Cyprus became the world's first Christian nation, because he won the one with the power and authority to permit it and finance his preaching to help the poor!

311. When Paul just went to the poor only, he got knocked out and the officials ran him out of town when they heard about the stir he was making and they didn't know what he was up to. But when he went to the powerful first, they got the point and got Jesus, and they had the power and wealth to permit him and finance him. They needed the knowledge of why and what he was preaching, and that it was something everybody needed, including them! (ML #211:30,36-37, Vol.2).

312. (Dad:) Those people need to go back to work and quit fiddling around on the streets accomplishing so little, barely eking out an existence! The Lord's not blessing it because they're not doing what God wants them to do; they're not really reaching enough people, the people who can really count and make decisions, the decision-makers, the movers, the shakers and the ones who can change world history! (ML #2413:29, Lifelines 18).

313. (Jesus:) You look about you and you say, "Oh, these are rich, and these are poor." But I say to you that you are they that hold the true riches, the riches of the spirit! You are as the ultra-wealthy in the spirit. You have so much! —An abundance of the wealth of My Word, of My truth, of My peace, of My love, of My understanding, and of My depth of spirit. And they of the world, whether they are rich or poor, if they know Me not, they are all poor and destitute.

314. Give, I say, give unto them that are needy and that are destitute. All those that know Me not are needy and destitute, for they have not the true riches of the Spirit of God, the true wealth, the coinage of the realm of faith—love, hope, salvation—the true riches of the Spirit. (ML #3042:43,45, Lifelines 23).

315. (Mama:) The best way to reach the world is to reach the rich and the educated, because through them you can reach the world a lot quicker and better. (ML #3400:36, GN 992).

316. (Jesus:) I called you to "preach the Gospel to every creature." I said of Myself that I was sent to bring good tidings to the poor—but not only to the poor. I want, and in fact expect you to be witnesses to all men everywhere. I don't want you to become so embroiled in one level of society that you cannot relate to or reach those of other levels. I want you to minister to the poor, for their need is great. Yet it is also essential that you minister to and reach the rich, the upper and middle class, because they have the resources—the finances, the education, the connections, and the drive—to help you reach others. (ML #3400:50, GN 992).

▼ New Message

317. (Jesus speaking:) All of the counsel I'm giving in this Letter fits together. All of the points are crucial to your financial success. And they're all pivotal to your having the faith to reach the rich and educated, those who can change the world. Only when you're obeying, when you have a good missionary work, when you're faithful and united and working hard, when you're good stewards and living in a clean, comfortable standard will you have the faith to reach the top.

318. It's very understandable that if your kids are untrained and uneducated, if your house is a wreck, if you're barely eking out a living with a little dead-end fundraising on the weekends, then you're not going to have the faith to reach the rich. You'll be embarrassed. You'll know you don't have the kind of situation to offer that will make that type of educated person feel comfortable and at home. Therefore, you save yourself the trouble and humbling, and you just keep going on that treadmill of day-by-day existence.

319. That is not My will. That is very far from what I expect of My professional, exceptional missionaries and disciples. I want you

to be able to mix and mingle with all levels of society, and there's absolutely no reason why you can't. You have all the training you need right at your fingertips in the Word. You have tremendous high-quality tools to market and promote. You have spiritual riches that are worth much more than millionaires' fancy houses and cars. You know the truth about so many aspects of life and death and the hereafter that people are desperate to know. You have tremendous insight into the interpersonal problems that people face on a daily basis with their marriages, kids, in-laws, employees, employer, or whatever. In short, you have so much to give! But you sell yourselves short. You miss it and hoard these precious riches because you lack faith.

320. To grow in faith, you must get over the things that make you feel embarrassed and lower than the rich and educated. Ask Me about what those things are. Is it your insecurities about the way you look, your lack of social skills, your weak witness due to not having any works to back up your sermon, your Home standard, or the bad sample of your kids? Whatever it is—and it could be any number of things—find out, ask Me about it, and do whatever is necessary to overcome those fears and insecurities.

321. Unless you go on the attack, things will never change for you. You'll be stuck on that treadmill of mediocrity until you determine in your heart that you're going to have a revolution in your life. Find out what's holding you back and then change it. Maybe you'll need to make some adjustments or even radical changes in the physical. But it's also possible that everything is fine in the physical; perhaps you've just swallowed the lies of the Enemy and believed his belittling accusations for so long that you've given him the power to steal your confidence and faith for no good reason. In that case, you need to find out from Me what the blockage is, and go to it!

322. Root out the compromise, disobedience, failures, or lies of the Enemy that are hindering your faith to reach the top and the educated. You need their help, you need them as disciples, and they need you! You must change; you must

get to the bottom of whatever is holding you back. You can do it! All of My children of David can reach the top and educated, because it's My will. You too are educated. You're special, and you have a lot to offer.

323. So if you find that even though the “Reach the Rich” GN has been published, and you believed it and know it's the truth, but you still haven't been able to change and progress in this area of your work for Me, it's time to find out why. Ask Me, I know. I can tell you what the problem is and how to overcome it. I can renew your faith and open the doors. It's important. It's necessary to your personal success and the success of your missionary work now and in the future. Just do it! There is no excuse! (*End of message from Jesus.*)

▼ New Keys Promises

324. Call on the keys of faith to be able to reach the rich as effectively and faithfully as you minister to the poor, and I will give you the love, power, witness and anointing of My Spirit that knows no limits and is not bound to any stratum of society.

325. The keys of prophecy will guide you to My answers, the keys of change will help you to make any improvements needed in order to reach those who are rich in this world but poor in spirit, and the keys of faith will thrust you forward to new levels of fruitfulness.

326. The keys will empower you with as much drive, enthusiasm, love and dedication in reaching the top as when reaching those in lower levels of society.

327. The keys of adaptability will help you to be all things to all men, and the keys of love will fill you with My anointing to reach the rich and poor alike.

328. The keys of confidence and boldness will help you to overlook the fleshly and carnal realm and see the sheep in the spirit—as needy souls who need My love and salvation, no mat-

ter what their background, job, education or position.

▼ ASSIGNMENT

329. Each of you should pray about the paragraph from the preceding prophecy that says: “To grow in faith, you must get over the things that make you feel embarrassed and lower than the rich and educated. Ask Me about what those things are. Is it your insecurities about the way you look, your lack of social skills, your weak witness due to not having any works to back up your sermon, your Home standard, or the bad sample of your kids? Whatever it is—and it could be any number of things—find out, ask Me about it, and do whatever is necessary to overcome those fears and insecurities.”

330. After you each know what the obstacles are in your life, have a time of prayer against the embarrassment and lies of the Enemy. But also discuss the practical side. Discuss how you might need to improve your living standard, your social skills, your manner of dress, your children’s manners, the presentation of your missionary work, etc.

331. Also, make a list of the people you already know who are in the “rich and educated” category. Discuss what you can do to minister to each one, and assign the follow-up of those ideas to a specific person in your Home. Pray for each sheep.

332. Talk about new outreach methods that you can try that will bring you more into contact with labor leaders. Make a schedule for such witnessing ventures, and set deadlines.

6. Work Hard! Put in the Hours!

▼ Verses

If any would not work, neither should he eat (2Th.3:10).

Prepare thy work without, and make it fit for thyself in the field; and afterwards build thine house (Pro.24:27).

He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich (Pro.10:4).

The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat (Pro.13:4).

Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger (Pro.19:15).

The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing (Pro.20:4).

The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labor (Pro.21:25).

I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down. Then I saw, and considered it well: I looked upon it, and received instruction. Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man (Pro.24:30–34).

Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord (Rom.12:11).

He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread; but he that followeth after vain persons shall have poverty enough (Pro.28:19).

▼ Quotes

333. (Dad:) Our main motive should be to obey God and get the message out, the wonder working words to the waiting world!—Millions for the billions! But maybe some of you need a little added incentive to make you keep moving and not waste so much time, and really try to reach as many as possible. God gives rewards and ... extra blessings to those who do more than their duty and who are extra diligent. (ML #241:31, Vol.2).

334. (Dad:) I know God and I know His financial policies, and there are two things definitely that will cut down your financial blessings:

335. (1) If you don't work. You've got to get out and hump and do your share, whatever it is, litnessing ... provisioning, writing letters, or whatever.

336. (2) If you don't obey. ...

337. A lot of would-be missionaries have the idea that living by faith means not working! You just quit your job and sit around expecting God to support you instead of going out and putting feet to your prayers and helping to earn it.

338. You have to really work at it and do God's work and then God will drop it out of the sky, if He has to! But He's not going to drop it out of the sky with you sitting around doing nothing. I know if you do your part in the will of God in the place God wants you, God will never fail to do His part, whatever you can't do. (ML #683:31,70,71, Vol.5).

339. (Dad:) God takes care of His Own, especially the faithful ones, the diligent and the hard-working and the deserving and the good stewards who work hard at developing and investing their talents where they'll do the most good and get the best returns. I never had much faith in people who were always poor and poor-mouthing and always in need, never seeming to be able to make it. ...

340. I knew some very poor, pitiful, poverty-stricken families who were that way just because they were too damn lazy to really get to work, and work for it, and merit it, and earn it, and deserve it! God isn't going to help the lazy, the indolent, the indigent, and the slothful and slovenly! God helps those who help themselves and those who can't help themselves, but He doesn't help those who can help themselves but won't, that's for sure!

341. Living by faith means putting faith into action, putting feet to your prayers, and doing everything you can possibly do, as though everything depended on doing, and praying like

everything depended on prayer! That's the way God looks at it. But the people who sit around and expect God to drop it into their laps while they're doing nothing are never going to get anything! God is not going to invest His money or His gifts or His help in people whom He knows it's going to be wasted on and will do nothing with it—just like they did nothing before. God's a pretty tough taskmaster along that line, Jesus Himself told the story, a firm Boss! (ML #1028:7, 9,31, Vol.9).

342. (Dad:) Salvation is a gift, but healing, finances, and other extra blessings are special rewards, which must be earned by diligent obedience, faith, and service—hard work! (ML #1321:5, Vol.14).

343. (Dad:) The Lord never seems to do anything for anybody that they can do for themselves. He expects them to work at it!—And work for it. (ML #1392:4, DB1).

344. (Dad:) If things are a little short and income is a little down, that shows we've got to get up and start fighting and get busier and do more!—Not less! (ML #1589:49, GN Book 13).

345. (Dad:) There is no excuse for your having insufficient support if you will work at it! Only those that shall not work shall not eat! I promise you, as God bears me witness I would swear on it on a stack of Bibles, that if you will work hard in some way, God will see to it that you are supported in some way, in whatever way you work or by whatever means you solicit or raise or supply your support. If you will work hard at it you will get support, and if you are not being sufficiently supported it's because you're not working!

346. ... God has promised if you'll obey Him and work, He'll feed you! He'll "supply all your need according to His riches in glory!" (Phil.4:19). There is no excuse for your not having enough money! There's no excuse for your not having enough to eat! There's no excuse for your having no place to lay your head! There's no excuse

for you being unable to minister for lack of funds. Because if you would quit playing around and just funning around and foolishness and get out there and get busy and get to work in some way, somehow, on some of these supporters or even one of them, God has promised that He will support you! He will see that you're supported and He will make sure that your needs are supplied! He will feed you! He will take care of you! In fact, if you delight yourself in the Lord, He'll even give you the desires of your heart, anything you want! (Psa.37:4).—Not only whatever you need, but your wants and luxuries as well!

347. If you were out there working like you ought to work, or in there working on your prayer letters like you ought to work, and your mailing list and mailing ministry and friends at home, or out there in the field provisioning and having meetings, busking and taking offerings, soliciting help, litnessing . . . whatever it is, if you were really working you would be eating and you would be supported! (ML #1677:71,76,80, GN Book 18).

348. (Mama:) What are you willing to do to have the Lord supply for you through full-time witnessing and follow-up? How much are you willing to sacrifice to prove it can be done? Are you willing to work hard to pioneer an Activated and follow-up ministry? To what lengths are you willing to go? Are you willing to give up some of your free time? Are you willing to go without some recreational activities if you don't have the time or money? Are you willing to cut back on expenses to save money? What is it worth to you?

349. Most people in the System work eight hours a day, some much more—and that does not include the time they spend driving to and from their jobs! I can't help but believe that some of you aren't making ends meet financially because you're just not working at it. You're not investing the time needed. Like one of the COs said earlier, people are willing to put in long hours and make sacrifices for their System jobs that they're not willing to make for witnessing. Well, you can't expect God to pay your bills if you're not working, and working hard for Him!

350. I think many of you have unrealistic expectations of what God should supply for you and what you're willing to do to "earn" that supply. Do you think you can get away with only a few hours of witnessing a week and then expect that God's going to supply your needs abundantly? How are you spending your time? Is God, as your Employer, pleased with your performance? Or are you a lazy slacker who's trying to take the "company" for a ride? (*Read "More on Faith," ML #T.*) (ML #3363:178,180–181, GN 959).

▼ New Message

351. (Jesus speaking:) Sad to say, many of the children of David have become deceived into thinking that the joy and satisfaction they crave will come via entertainment, fun, relaxation, partying, chilling with their friends, pleasures of the flesh, and pursuing their own interests and desires. That is so wrong. That is a trick of the Enemy, but one that's so effective that he's sucked billions of people into that trap—the trap of self-satisfaction, the "me first" stance that has pulled so many people away from service to Me, or at least effective service to Me. Unless you get at the root of this lie of the Devil you'll never be set free, and unless you're set free, you'll never discover true happiness, which is found only in giving yourself, your time, your energy, your all to others.

352. The reason many of My would-be, could-be Endtime disciples have become so backslidden in spirit, so lazy and lethargic, is because they've turned their eyes away from a life of service, and they have begun to seek their own things or their own pleasure and satisfaction. The really pitiful part is that these who are so deluded are no longer happy; they no longer shine with the joy of My Spirit. Instead they have become like Lord Byron, who eventually said, "I have drunk of every cup of pleasure and every goblet of excess; I have indulged myself in all the charms and delicacies of the world, and yet I die of hunger." This is a sad state of man—man without a vision, man who has lost his heart of self-sacrifice.

353. Is that how you feel, My darling one? Are you wandering in a desert of the flesh, thirsting for something real? Do you wonder why each day is so dull, and why even those things you look forward to with eager anticipation leave you empty and aching deep inside? Sweet brides of Mine, you are experiencing the justice of the Enemy. He has tempted you to seek the fleshpots of the System, he has promised such joy and satisfaction, and yet these rewards continually escape you, they're constantly just out of reach.

354. The only true and lasting happiness will come with giving your life to Me and others. And that giving is translated into day-by-day, hour-by-hour sacrifice. How else do you think you give your life? It's not just in vows and verbal commitments or some kind of show or ceremony. You give your life by giving your time. You give your life by giving your heart and mind and strength. You give your life by making many little choices that put others, the lost, and your sheep, before yourself.

355. As you give of yourself, I give unto you, or inspire others to give unto you. You pour out, and I pour in, and I fill all the empties to overflowing. As you work long and hard, you are rewarded and blessed, both physically and spiritually. It is a law of My Spirit that you reap as you sow. If you sow long and hard in My service, then I make sure you are paid well. If you sow to the flesh, then you only reap corruption, My loves.

356. I challenge you who have so much potential but who are lost and disillusioned, to give full-time service, total discipleship, a chance. I beg you to take a good, honest look at your life. What do you see? Then throw out the time-sucking hobbies that detract from your service for Me, the System pursuits, the worldly pleasures, the shallow joys, and give everything you've got to Me and others. Be as those professional athletes, soldiers, or businessmen who have such vision, such passion, that their every waking hour is poured forth gladly if it will bring them just a bit closer to their goals.

357. Think deeply and honestly about how

you spend your time. How many of your hours spent will be rewarded for all eternity, and how many has the Devil spirited away? As the sands of time pass through the hourglass of your life, what do you have to show for it? Are you truly giving your life, forsaking all, taking up your cross daily, and working hard?—Or are you just pretending to be something you're not?

358. Now you have an opportunity to change. You can make a personal commitment to excellence. You can fight for your personal best each day. Forget what others are doing! Forget the status quo! Trash your normal schedule and routine, your lazy, self-serving habits, and get on with doing something real, something that will last. You can do it; there's nothing at all stopping you. Your success has nothing to do with anyone else, and everything to do with your personal commitment to Me. It's between you and Me. So what will you do? Will you give Me your all, work hard and prosper? Or will you give Me less than your best and receive less in return, and therefore lack? The choice is yours. *(End of message from Jesus.)*

▼ New Keys Promises

359. As you work for Me, while calling on the power of the keys of supply, I will work for you by unlocking the treasure chest of Heaven and sending down the cash.

360. Serving Me is just plain hard work at times, but with the power of the keys, everything you invest time in will be easier and more fruitful, and you'll reap tremendous results in souls and finances.

361. Work hard, invest your time wisely, and call on the keys, and I won't fail to make every minute you spend serving Me pay.

362. I'm a loving and generous God, and if you call on the keys of obedience, faithfulness and diligence as you serve Me, the fruit of your efforts will be undeniable, and money will abound as blossoms in spring.

363. Prayer, witnessing, hard work, calling on the keys, and living all of My counsel will pay off, and I will not fail to supply all of your needs and even your wants.

▼ **ASSIGNMENT**

364. I'd like to ask each of you to pray about the following questions:

Have I been duped by the Enemy into seeking personal satisfaction over a life of service to others? What changes do I need to make in my schedule and attitudes in order to have a commitment to excellence in my life?

365. Meet as a Home to discuss your schedule and how you can be more effective, work harder, and have more time out witnessing and ministering to others. Evaluate what the time-wasters are in your Home, and discuss how to minimize or get rid of them. Discuss and agree upon what is an acceptable minimum number of hours of work each week for those in your Home, taking into consideration the four aspects of your life—work, spiritual life (being careful to keep up your Word time), community life, and personal life. Decide on a means that is agreeable to all (effective but not too intrusive) to check on each other's commitment to your agreed-upon work ethic. (Of course, work doesn't just mean witnessing; it also means childcare, community service [tasks such as cooking, cleaning, repairs, business], etc. Also, some people might need lower minimums if they're weaker in health or there are other circumstances unique to their situation.)

366. Close this meeting by hearing from the Lord in prophecy.

7. Living Acts 2:44 and 45 / Communal Living / Unity

▼ **Verses**

For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened: But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for

their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality (2Cor.8:13–14).

And all that believed were together, and had all things common; and sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need (Acts 2:44–45).

And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, and laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need (Acts 4:32–35).

▼ **Quotes**

367. (Mama:) God is continuing to promote His message—that people can live the way Jesus and the disciples did—the way Jesus taught that we all should live—in happiness and unity and fellowship with each other, and that He would supply all our needs, and in the process, help us to further His message and way of living. (ML#G:2, Vol.1).

368. (Dad:) We are doing what the Lord wanted the church to do in the first place, and which the church did in the first place, in the days of the Early Church where they lived communally and “no man called anything his own” (Acts 4:32) and “owe no man anything save to love him” (Rom. 13:8) and shared all things, just as it says in Acts 2. They really lived communally and it worked, like it's working with us, because of the Lord and our love and sacrificial service and wanting to help others and help each other. It works! (ML #2342:25, Vol.17).

369. (Dad:) Let me tell you, folks: If you are having problems in your Homes, if God isn't supplying, ... one of the first things you'd better get down to prayer about is your unity. Are you living in love and peace and harmony with your brethren? (ML #3072:9, Lifelines 23).

370. (Jesus:) Unity is the power of God! Unity is not just a manifestation of God or a reward of God or a blessing of God, but unity is the power of God! The greater the unity, the greater the power. If you would be powerful, My people—a powerful witness, a powerful testimony, a financial power—then you must have unity. For these other blessings of God—provision, protection, supply, fruitfulness—will be given from My hand in direct proportion to your unity.

371. ... Unity pulls down the riches of God! Unity opens the windows of Heaven so that you can ask what you will, and it shall be given unto you.

372. Unity is one of the secrets to the blessings of God. To be unified in love and obedience to Me and My Word is one of the greatest drawing powers on the Spirit of God. (ML #3158:62,64–65, Lifelines 24).

373. (Jesus:) In order for My blessings of support and supply to be poured out on My children, there must be total unity and complete open communication between everyone involved. It is truly the day of Acts 2:44–45—the day for each member to be fitly joined in one body, with one Head—Me. (ML #3232:212, GN 834).

374. (Jesus:) A greater increase in love will increase the witness you give, and the fruit of your witness. It will increase your supply, the finances that come in. It will increase your unity, which strengthens you, your Home, your children, your prayer power. (ML #3251:8, GN 853).

375. (Dad:) God was the original pioneer of communal living, with His early church and disciples whom He encouraged to live together

and help each other. This lifestyle is not for everyone, and there will always be scoffers who say it can't be done, or people who prefer a private lifestyle, but the benefits remain unparalleled!

376. ... Having many people share the financial responsibility makes for a very light load, and the pressure and strain is taken off of the shoulders of the traditional single breadwinner having to bring home the paycheck and pay all the bills. (ML #3172:157–158, GN 777).

377. (Mama:) Another vital part of our obeying the Lord and the principles of His Word is making sure that we're strictly adhering to Acts 2:44 and 45, sharing and wisely using what He's already given us. We know from the Book of Acts that God blesses sharing and “common-potting” as we call it, and doesn't bless withholding, as in the case of Ananias and Sapphira. (See Acts 2–5.) (ML #2813:5, Lifelines 20).

378. (Jesus:) Instead of living communally and sacrificing to be more efficient and more economical and a testimony of the principle of “all that believed were together and had all things common,” a growing number have now chosen to live on their own. They feel it's easier, simpler, less complicated, and in their eyes it certainly requires less sacrifice and less yielding. But what these have forgotten is that living together and having all things in common and truly sharing not only your material possessions, but your time and talent and skills and love, is one of the most important testimonies setting the Family apart from other churches.

379. The lack of living Acts 2:44 and 45 is obviously a very big hindrance to unity. It's taking the easy way out and not being willing to make the sacrifices necessary to keep yielding and growing in love and preferring your brethren. Therefore, not only does it hinder the flow of My Spirit and the giving of My blessings and provision and protection, but it also hinders the personal growth of those who choose to remove themselves from the body and to live separately, on their own....

380. Lack of living communally and sharing all things may look to some to be just a small deviance from My plan, part of their “personal choice” in this new day—something that doesn’t make much difference and isn’t really that important. But they don’t understand the great blessings that they’re sacrificing and the powerful testimony that they’re losing in not being willing to make the sacrifices necessary to live together in love and have all things in common, as My early disciples did, and as the children of David have from the beginning and through the years. (ML #3160:134,135,139, Lifelines 24).

381. (Peter:) This question of living the “One Wife” vision and Acts 2:44 and 45 is broader than just whether you live in a single-family Home or not. Unfortunately, you can be living together with others and still be operating independently—keeping your finances separate, setting different standards for your children, not sharing the load in educating and caring for your children, and not reading the Word, praying or hearing from the Lord together. Even though you live communally, you might have a hard time saying you have many things in common, much less “all things” (Acts 2:44-45).

382. It’s this selfishness, this watching out for yourself and your own, that the Lord is unhappy about. This is not only a terrible testimony to outsiders but it greatly disheartens and even stumbles some of the brethren. God help us!

383. Are you still striving to live the Letters, to give your brethren as much as possible of your time, talents, and material goods? Are you willing to share what you have with those who have need, so all will have enough? (ML #3160:141,144,147, Lifelines 24).

384. (Mama:) The Lord’s financial plan for the Family has always been Acts 2:44 and 45. If you’re not living that, I strongly suggest you pray about what changes you need in your

lives and Home. And certainly if you’re a single-family Home you can’t possibly be living Acts 2:44 and 45, and you will undoubtedly run into more financial pressure. It’s only logical that if you live communally and share your expenses and possessions such as your cars, appliances, computers, etc., not only is it more economical but it’s obedience to the Lord’s plan, so He can bless you more. But it all boils down to how much you want to share, how much you want to live unselfishly. (ML #3363:175, GN 959).

385. (Mama:) That is the whole point: The Lord wants the Family to look a whole lot more like it used to as far as dedication, full-time service, unity, communal living, having all things in common, witnessing full time, living by faith, homeschooling our children, etc. We’re the only ones doing it, and the Lord is determined to preserve that sample. In fact, the need to preserve that sample is the main reason the Lord will allow suffering, persecution, and more detractors to test and try you, so that all of you who need to will make some decisions—either to get right with Him and live as you should, or to find a life that is more suited to you, either in a different circle of the Family or in the System. (ML #3364:34, GN 960).

▼ New Message

386. (Jesus speaking:) The drastic departure from living communally and Acts 2:44 and 45 is one of the greatest signs of compromise and a cooling down of the children of David. This is a picture of the increased selfishness and worldliness that have crept into your midst—and not just crept in, but moved in and staked out the territory. This is a fruit of being closer to the System, not closer to Me. You have forsaken one of the original beauties of the Children of God, the Family of Love. Something that was once one of the greatest testimonies, if not the greatest, of your devotion to Me and your true discipleship, has now faded into the background, a victim of selfishness, division, and a severe lack of love.

387. It takes the pure supernatural love of God to live communally, to have all things in common, and to give to others in need. That's why I will bring this lifestyle back to the Family, as that illustration in living flesh will be more and more necessary to your witness as the days get darker and the hearts of men grow colder.

388. As you go into the Last Days, you will be surrounded with those who hate love, who fight God, and who will do anything in their power to stop My message. But as you're strong in unity, love, and communal happiness, they will never be able to destroy that testimony. It's the "come and see" testimony, it's the "not a sermon but a sample" testimony, it's the "we are the living proof that it works" testimony.

389. More and more people will have to see it with their own eyes; they will have to behold some kind of "proof" before they will believe. So it's not just for your own convenience and financial stability that I'm asking you to return to your roots, but for the sake of those whose minds are clouded, who want to believe, but who say, "I believe, help my unbelief." You will help them past their unbelief by your sample, by your love and unity.

390. Communal living and sharing all things, forsaking all to live together, is the foundation of the economic system of My Early Church, and it will work for you. I will use that lifestyle to lighten your financial burdens considerably. It makes sense, and it's a wise endeavor, certainly worth the sacrifices. As you return to your happy communes where you have all things common, where no one has too little or too much, you will find that your finances are miraculously multiplied and your coins will turn to God's good gold that never tarnishes. You will not lack for anything.

391. But that's not the only side of the story. I not only want to use your communal living to help My children have their needs supplied in every way, but I want to restore this illustration of the way that I and My early disciples lived. I want the world to be reminded of how I lived with those I loved and of the brotherly love that

we shared. I want you to again be able to say, "We live like Jesus and His disciples," because that is one of the most interesting and miraculous testimonies to those who are slow to believe. When you are able to say that, they think of those who travel constantly, preaching the Gospel, healing the sick, helping the downtrodden, sharing all things, living by faith, being samples of love, and dedicating themselves fully to God. This is the way I showed your David the Family should live in the very beginning, the way you did live, and the way many of you still live—and the way I wish all of you would live. With this testimony I become more than a name, more than a prophet, and My disciples become more than characters in a well-read book.

392. With your living illustration of My truth in this miraculous way, I will draw all men unto Me. And because of this, I promise you that I will more than bless your sacrifices; I will make your living communally even more blessed, more prosperous and happier than it was before in your earlier days. If you'll reach out and take the steps needed, if you'll believe and hold Me to My word on this, you will not regret it, and this will be one of the biggest keys to your financial success and expansion that you have yet to lay hold on.

393. Yes, there are many obstacles to living communally, but I can and will supply if you put Me on the spot and hold Me to My promises. I have told you that it is My highest will for you to live communally, so you can have full faith and trust that I will supply the accommodations that you need. In some countries large housing is expensive or nearly impossible to find—or both—but I am not limited by circumstances or physical limitations. Where I guide, I provide. When I ask you to do something, I always supply what you need—whether it's a large enough house for a cheap price, or the money for an expensive one. No matter what obstacle you face that hinders you from living communally—financial or otherwise—know that I will open doors as you take the steps of obedience to do My will.

394. Even if you were just to move toward communal living on the strength of the logical argument that it's more economical, that you can co-op your talents and supplies, I will still bless you beyond your expectations, because I'm desperate for this sample to be brought back to the world. It is absolutely necessary to your future and the success of your missionary work. It is crucial to your survival, so I will stop at nothing in My blessings to you as you return to these beautiful ways of "the land of not too much," where everyone has enough, and you are My face to the world. (*End of message from Jesus.*)

▼ **New Keys Promises**

395. Seek Me together, call on the keys of love and unity to help your Home be a true sample of discipleship, and I will give you the finances you need to not just survive, but thrive.

396. When you're living together, having all things in common, and activating the keys of unity, I will open doors for you and supply all of your needs.

397. By living Acts 2:44 and 45 you activate the keys of unity that tap into the power of Heaven, and make a way for Me to shower you with the bountiful riches of My Kingdom.

398. Call on the keys of obedience to live the way I have instructed you to, and watch Me stretch your money, bring in extra finances, and supply through avenues and people you never would have believed possible.

399. The keys can help transfer My heavenly riches in glory to earthly pockets that can be used to fulfill My will on Earth as it is in Heaven.

▼ **ASSIGNMENT**

400. I'd like to ask each of you to pray about the following question:

What possessions do I have that have become "idols" in my life? Should I forsake those things, or do You want to speak to me about them? In what other ways are You bringing me personally back to being an example of Acts 2:44 and 45?

401. Plan an in-Home or inter-Home (city-wide) free store. What this means is that each person takes a look at their personal possessions and hears from the Lord about what they are willing to give to those in need. Then you can plan a time when everyone brings their forsake-all to a pre-set meeting place where the excess that the Lord has provided is displayed in a "from each according to his ability unto each according to his need" manner. The point is that people take what they need, give what they have, or swap as they feel led. Whatever is left over (that which no one needs) can be boxed up and given to other Homes in other cities, or if that's not feasible, given to the needy.

402. Discuss ways to "advertise" when you individually or as a Home have excess that can be given to others in need—either via a bulletin board, newsletter, or whatever.

403. Have a Home meeting in which you discuss your financial plan and your approach to Acts 2:44 and 45, so you can determine if you're all "on the same page" regarding this principle. If not, then you should seek out a team that will be more in keeping with your faith along these lines. (The intent of this is for those Family members who want to truly live communally and have all things in common to find those who are of like mind, so we will eventually have more Homes that are the sample of how Jesus and His disciples lived.)

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