

Show Me the Money, Part 2

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

Continued from Part 1, GN 1047

WORD BASIS FOR PILLARS 1–4

1. Have a Well-Rounded Missionary Work

▼ Verses

If I do this thing [preach the Gospel] willingly, I have a reward. He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully (1Cor. 9:17a; 2Cor.9:6).

There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself (Pro.11:24–25).

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again (Luk.6:38).

Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? And they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel. For though I preach the Gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the Gospel! (1Cor.9:13,14,16).

Thine eyes are open upon all the ways of



the sons of men: to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings (Jer.32:19b).

And He said unto them, Verily I say unto you, there is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the Kingdom of God's sake, who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come, life everlasting (Luk.18:29–30).

God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have showed toward His Name (Heb.6:10a).

▼ Quotes

169. (Dad:) Good witnessing always pays!

Good witnessing will never be wasted, and it pays off in many, many, many ways. It will pay now, while you are still there on Earth, and it will also pay later when you get Here. All around, you just can never lose if you witness!

170. ... When [the Enemy] tempts you to think, “Is it really worth it? Can we really afford to make all this sacrifice to win souls?” Let me tell you, you should be asking yourself, “Can I afford not to?” Good witnessing always pays! (ML #3132:29,76, Lifelines 24).

171. (Jesus:) I wish for all of you, My children, to understand that your faithfulness in witnessing is a great key to My blessings in many areas. ... If you give generously, faithfully, day by day, then I will in some way, through some avenue, give to you, and you will not lack. But if you withhold, if you are selfish, apathetic and dull in spirit, so that you cannot even see the needs of those around you or the opportunities that I give you to be My messenger and to give My light and love to the little lambs, then you stop the flow of My blessings into your life. When I say give and it shall be given unto you, I am bound by My promises. As you pour out, I will pour in.

172. Being My messengers, My witnesses, My voice of salvation and warning in this wicked world is your primary duty in life. And your faithfulness or lack of faithfulness in this is a key to how I am able to shower you with My blessings. It determines whether I am able to give you the bare minimum of that which you need just to scrape by, or whether I am able to send forth an abundant downpour of blessings from Heaven! (ML #3137:118,128–129, Lifelines 24).

173. (Mama:) His blessings are contingent on our obedience to His commission to reach the lost and the hungry with the Gospel. He wants to give us more, to bless us more, but He has limited Himself by our obedience and our willingness to give our all to Him by giving our all to others. (ML #3137:142, Lifelines 24).

174. (Dad:) Stay true to the Lord’s message, folks! Stay true to our beliefs! God blesses your giving out, not your withholding. Those who withhold, it tends to poverty, both spiritual and physical. (ML #3245:76, GN 847).

175. (Jesus:) The God factor means that I have opened to you the riches of the universe, I have put before you a great reservoir of supply, and it’s yours for the asking, yours for the tak-

ing. The God factor means that if you will put your trust fully in Me, you will lack nothing. It means that if you preach the Gospel, you will live of the Gospel. It means that all things are possible to you. It means if you are trusting Me and doing what I tell you to do, I will never fail to support you, even if I have to drop the support out of the sky. It means good witnessing always pays. It means if you are obeying Me, I will take care of your needs. It means if I promise bread, I will not give you a stone.

176. Practically speaking, it means if the Family will put their trust in Me, if they will claim My promises, if they will obey what I tell them to do, I will supply all their needs according to My riches in glory. It means if they will get out and do the “venting,” I will supply.

177. The God factor will make all the difference in the world. It means the difference between your success or your failure, your premature end or your hope of survival. It means the difference between life and death for the souls waiting to hear My message. It means the difference between you receiving the blessings and promises I have reserved for you, or going through life as beggars, destitute of your needs. (ML #3363:153–154,164, GN 959).

178. (Mama:) All of the following things must be present if you are to be successful. You must:

1) Use outreach methods that promote the Word and Family tools and that build a church rather than just raise money.

2) Promote Activated if available in your area; if not, use other Family pubs and Letters to feed your sheep deeply.

3) Cultivate a missionary work with a vision that is attractive for labor leaders to get involved with.

4) Have a good balance in reaching the labor leaders and ministering to the poor.

5) Have a standard that is presentable to the middle/upper class.

6) Teach your converts to be actively involved in your work through such things as witnessing to their friends and colleagues, selling *Activated* subscriptions and products, being the samples and witnesses they should to their family and others, helping plan and prepare classes and seminars, etc.

179. Please take some time to evaluate your missionary work. How do you fare with the six points mentioned above? ... Stand back and look at your Home, your ministries, how you raise your money. Do you look like dedicated missionaries with a purpose, with vision, who know how to build a successful, well-rounded, admirable work for the Lord? (ML #3400:71–72, GN 992).

180. (Jesus:) No matter how effective your CTPs appear to be, they are not the main way that you will change the world. They are not the primary outreach method of the children of David. They are a part, a small part, of your overall service to man. But the Devil has come in and deceived many of the Family, causing them to place a higher priority on the physical than the spiritual. He has made them feel obligated to reach the poor, feed the poor, and comfort the poor at the cost of neglecting their ministry of preaching the Gospel to all the world and making disciples of all nations. But merely caring for the poor is not the goal or the calling of the children of David. (ML #3400:13, GN 992).

▼ Activated

181. (Mama:) A very important part of building a well-rounded missionary work is feeding the sheep via Activated. This topic is one the Lord, and Peter and I, have talked about almost more than anything else over the last few years. Since 1999, there have been at least 65 GNs published that have touched on the topic of Activated. At least 30 of those 65 gave in-depth counsel about Activated—and quite a few of those 30 GNs were dedicated entirely to the subject of Activated! (See MLs #3238, 3280, 3291, 3298, 3308, 3309, 3313, 3315, 3321, 3348, 3349, 3354, 3358, 3359, 3361, 3362, 3363, 3364, 3366, 3370, 3371, 3382A, 3382B, 3382C, 3382D, 3395, 3400, 3405, 3427, 3436, 3438, 3460.)

182. Just that stat alone shows how vital Activated is! I even considered putting Activated in a pillar on its own in this GN, because the Lord has emphasized it repeatedly and it's obviously an important key to receiving His financial blessings. You can't expect to have a steady flow of monetary blessings if you're not building a solid missionary work through following up on the sheep and obeying the Lord's commission to get out *Activated*.

183. I don't know what more the Lord can say to show you its importance. But following are a few quotes to refresh your memory on the connection between getting out *Activated* and receiving the Lord's financial blessings.

184. (Peter:) The Activated program is not a financial venture. It's not a means of raising quick money to pay your bills this month. It's obedience to the Lord's commission to feed the sheep. If we're faithful to do that, we know that He'll take care of us and provide for us like He always has when we've obeyed Him. And one of the ways in which He has promised to bless us financially for pushing Activated is by raising up more long-term supporters and friends—fellow brothers and sisters in the Lord who will support your Homes so that you can devote more time to witnessing instead of fundraising. (ML #3308:64, GN 908).

185. (Jesus:) ... Even if I were to say that it would be past your furthest estimation, you would still not come close to grasping at this time the potential that will be reached with the Activated program!

186. This will be one of the keys to your financial needs. You will have abundance. You will have more than you need for the many urgent and expensive projects you dream of. (ML #3298:107–108, GN 895).

187. (Jesus:) Why are some areas and Homes that should be shiners in Activated not living up to their full potential? There are many reasons, and each situation is unique, but the main reason is that some folks just don't have a vision for tomorrow, for what the future holds and for what things could be like if they worked toward it. They have their nose so close to the trees, they can't see the forest for the life of them! This is very sad, because it keeps people living and struggling simply for today, when if they would just break out, I would lead them in a path that would totally change their future for the good.

188. I understand that life is a daily struggle, but don't you believe that I am the great God of the universe Who can supply all your needs and more than bountifully reward you for following Me? Some people have lost

the sure faith that if they step out, I will be there to meet them. They want security and something to be “sure” of.

189. Where is your radical faith in My Word? Where is the spirit of the first disciples, all of you who pioneered the world and went into cities and countries without anything, and yet I supplied? I haven’t failed you yet, and I never will! So if you’re struggling and barely making it financially and that’s what’s holding you back from getting *Activated* subscriptions and following up on your sheep, why not step out and see Me meet you and catapult you into realms you never knew before! Do you believe that I can? Why not live it!

190. Activated is fairly new, and many people have their ministries or ways of doing things and don’t feel they can get into it as an additional ministry. That’s where they’ve got it wrong! Activated isn’t a new ministry, it’s a lifestyle—My Endtime missionary lifestyle! To get on board with Activated you don’t have to drop everything you’re doing to go out and only sell subscriptions every day. Getting activated is making Activated a part of your life—feeding the sheep, cultivating a church, winning Active members and disciples, and of course getting subscriptions to the *Activated* magazine. (ML #3460:17–20, GN 1045).

▼ New Message

191. (*Jesus speaking*): The children of David are primarily missionaries, preachers of the Gospel, shepherds of the lost. This is what I’ve called you, My dropped-out disciples, to be. This should be the profession of each of My brides of the Endtime.

192. Being a missionary is a complex occupation. It’s not just a matter of giving out a few tracts in your free time. The life of a missionary is a tremendous constant challenge; it’s thrilling and awesome, but it takes work, vision, study, and a plan.

193. Those who are the most successful are those who incorporate all aspects of witnessing into their missionary program. Reaching the lost, winning disciples, finding and cultivating regular supporters, promoting Activated, being an influence for good in your community, training outside members, raising your children in My nurture and ways, feeding and caring for

the poor, and teaching the meat of the Word are all part of being a successful missionary.

194. You can’t just concentrate on one aspect of this outreach. You can’t have a narrow vision and decide you only want to do this or that, whatever your particular burden is, or whatever you feel most comfortable with, or whatever seems to be immediately fruitful, less humbling, or not as “risky.”

195. To have a good, well-rounded missionary work, you must live the life of a missionary. Missionaries are always giving out, witnessing, and taking advantage of every single open door and opportunity to make progress and get out the message. As a fruitful, faithful missionary, you would be using all of the lit and tools available; you would be using as many methods of outreach as possible—such as following up through the mail, e-mail, phone and in person, going door to door, hosting seminars, having Bible studies, personal witnessing, and doing Holy Ghost samples.

196. When you have a “successful” missionary work, I don’t mean you are accepted by the System and you do things just as they do. I mean that when people look at you, your works are obvious, your efforts have translated into fruit that remains. When people know you, talk with you, interact with you, and they don’t even know that you’re a missionary, then clearly you are not what I would call a “successful missionary.”

197. I do not define “success” in the same terms as those in the world. I don’t mean acclaim, acceptance, and a place of compromised coexistence with those in the System. I’m talking about having a work that is visible, something that people can look at when they’re getting to know you and see that you’re doing something, you’re serving Me, you’re investing your time in a spiritual goal and you’re getting somewhere.

198. If you just do a little here and there on the weekends to raise funds, while you casually pass out some kind of little message at times, that is not what I am looking for. The type of ministries that the children of David disciples should cultivate are not the casual, the occasional, the comfortable and laid-back ones. They’re not part-time or “on the side.” I expect you to be passionate and to burn out in service to others. I want to see fruit! I want your sheep

to be able to visit your Home and observe your life and priorities, and come away saying, “Wow, those people are serious about their service for Jesus! They’re really going somewhere. They’re really doing something. They’re serious-minded, on the ball, professional in their application of the Word, practical in their goals and organization, and not satisfied with anything but the best!”

199. It’s that kind of testimony and lifestyle and personal convictions that bring fruit, win disciples, and change the world. So look at your life, your ministry, your Home. Are you using every possible means at your disposal to build a missionary work? Are you taking advantage of all the tremendous witnessing tools that are provided for you? Are you organized and is your work well planned, so that you’re not missing golden opportunities to witness and open doors to walk through that can lead you to new sheep and the top? Are you promoting Activated and follow-up? Is each person in your Home using their gifts and talents to the full for your outreach? Is everyone devoting time, attention and study to learning the local language? Are you becoming one and relating to the national people and culture? Is each person in your Home actively involved in the outreach, witnessing and follow-up in some way according to their talents and the time they have available? If you had to leave your field unexpectedly, would there be a national church of trained believers to continue your missionary work?

200. These are questions to ask yourselves. These are the things that help to build a well-rounded missionary work. It’s a way of life, it’s a passion, it’s being driven with a vision, it’s letting My love compel you to do more, go further, and stop at nothing less than success and lasting fruit!

201. So many of the children of David have lost the fire. Your Homes are dry and compromised, and so much time is lost on foolish endeavors that have nothing to do with winning the lost. You can’t play at being a missionary any more than you can play at opening a new business, being a soldier, graduating from university or building a lasting marriage. These recognized and respected goals require hard work and planning, fight and fearlessness, study and sacrifice, and great love and patience. People in

the world are willing to pay this price to achieve their goals. Are you willing to give this much to succeed as a missionary?

202. If you’re not already living the missionary lifestyle, you can change. You can forsake the compromised, lazy, unappealing way you’ve been living for so long. You can stop using the ordinary “humanitarian aid/social work” request line that you’ve been hiding behind. You can quit being lazy, lethargic, and bored. You can determine here and now to stop eking out a living through your meager, pitiful, do-the-minimum approach to working for Me to save others. You can break out of all that immediately, now! All you have to do is determine that you want to become a full-time missionary, a dropped-out disciple.

203. Now is the time to forsake all, to let go of the past, your reputation, all your other interests, for only those who are truly soldiers for the cross can build a well-rounded missionary work that will make Me and your sheep and supporters proud to be called by your name. (*End of message from Jesus.*)

▼ New Keys Promises

204. Receive the full power, initiative and determination to reach for higher goals in your witnessing and outreach methods by appropriating the keys, and you will achieve results that will move others to give to you of their material and financial abundance.

205. Call on the power of the keys as you obey My commission to build a well-rounded missionary work and win the world for Me, and great and awesome will be the blessings I will shower on you in return.

206. Ask for My keys to empower you as you give your all to Me and the lost, and you will receive My financial blessings faster than you can give out My Words and truth.

207. As you live your life giving Me to others full-time, I will pay your bills, fill your coffers, and provide all of your needs through My keys of supply that open the windows of Heaven to you.

208. When you’re giving Me 110%, investing your blood, sweat, tears, time and efforts in

reaching the world, My hand is automatically moved to turn the keys of supply and open to you the vaults of Heaven that are filled with My good gold.

▼ ASSIGNMENT

209. Meet together and do the following:

○ Review your witnessing methods. Make a list of which of the missionary activities listed earlier in paragraphs 193-195 are missing from your regular outreach program.

○ Note all the people that you should be following up on as a Home. This would be a comprehensive list of everyone's contacts, supporters and friends.

○ Discuss how you can use the available witnessing tools more effectively.

○ Tally your Activated stats for the last six months. Discuss what's holding you back from promoting Activated more.

210. In the following week:

○ Allow time for each person in your Home to pray about how you can personally help the Home to be more obedient to the "build a well-rounded missionary work" pillar, and which of the missing avenues of witnessing you'd personally like to head up or be involved in.

○ Assign each of the following P&Ps to someone(s) in your Home to pray about:

- Does our Home have a good balance in our witnessing, meaning not too much attention on CTP or fundraising to the neglect of quality witnessing?

- What can we do in a practical way to promote Activated?

- How can we make time and opportunity for our children and teens to go witnessing more?

- Has our Home compromised for gain? If so, how?

211. Then meet again as a Home, review the prophecies received, and discuss concrete ways to put the Lord's counsel and each person's burdens into practice. Set goals and deadlines.

Make a concrete plan, with deadlines and goals, to improve in promoting Activated.

2. Obedience to God's Word

▼ Verses

If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land (Isa.1:19).

Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed (Psa.37:3).

Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall He not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? ... For your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you (Mat. 6:30-33).

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success (Jos.1:8).

If ye abide in Me, and My Words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you (John 15:7).

And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God (Deut.28:2).

If they obey and serve Him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures (Job 36:11).

▼ Quotes

212. (Dad:) If we are obeying the Lord and are faithful and trusting and believing, then God's got to bless and answer. He can and wants to give you what you need in every area. But if He's not, it's not His fault. Something's wrong somewhere.

213. If you're not fully obeying the Lord, then you can't have faith for God to bless you

when you're not obeying Him. How can God bless disobedience? (ML #731:60–61, Vol.6).

214. (Dad:) When we obeyed He kept His promises, He fulfilled His guarantees, and He supplied all of our needs according to His riches in glory! Hallelujah! We don't have to depend on your riches, thank God, nor the world's riches, nor our own riches; we only have to depend on God and His riches, and He is a big God and has great riches and will never fail! TYJ!

215. ... God is our greatest source and He has the greatest income, and the best place in the world to be is in the center of His will to make sure that you're well taken care of! (ML #1027:54, 66, Vol.9).

216. (Dad:) All of your blessings in this life depend on your obedience to God! ... God is always the same and Jesus is always with you ... but the blessings of God are not necessarily permanent if you don't please and obey the Lord! ... God will never fail you, but when you fail, you fail to reap the benefits of the blessings that He would have given you if you'd obeyed! (Gal.6:7). God doesn't have to bless you, especially if you're disobedient.

217. When you obey and please the Lord, being the kind and loving Father that He is, He gives you gifts and blessings. But if you don't please Him and you don't love Him enough and you don't obey Him and you willfully go the wrong way and do wrong things, how can He bless disobedience? He can't! He's certainly not going to give you more gifts and blessings if you're disobeying Him! In fact, He may even withdraw and take back some of those He already gave you! (ML #2416:8–11, Lifelines 18).

218. (Mama:) The main thing that God's blessings are contingent upon is our obedience—our obedience to the Lord and to the Word. ... It's especially important that you follow closely and stay tuned in to where the Lord is leading today, according to the direction and guidance given in the most recent Letters. If you strive to obey, seek first, and wholeheartedly put into practice whatever vision is presented in the new Letters, the Lord will pour out His blessings upon you. ... Staying fluid and letting the Lord change your priorities and/or witnessing

methods etc., through the guidance in His Word is vital to obtaining His financial blessing. (ML #2813:2–3, Lifelines 20).

219. (Mama:) Here's an example of what the Lord can do for you when you take time to hear from Him and then do what He says to do. This is a testimony sent in by Juan in South America.

220. (Juan says:) "In a Home that we recently visited, which was going through some financial difficulties, we all witnessed a real miracle of His supply due to our obedience to the Word. This shows how it does pay to pray and obey.

221. "We had just finished reading the Letter about the beautiful tract the Lord had given in prophecy, 'To You with Love,' and Mama's challenge to tithe our time to help mass distribute this beautiful message. When we asked the Home if they had been doing that, they said 'no.' After some discussion and prayer, the Home decided to obey Mama's suggestion, and instead of sending an 'attack team' to raise funds that were desperately needed, all available members of the Home went out that day distributing the tracts. By the way, that included the VS and COs.

222. "That same day a friend of the Home offered to pay for the weekly food shopping, which came to \$720. Actually, we were able to buy the food needed for two weeks. TYJ! So all this to say that the Lord's economic plan still works, and all those Homes who are reading the Word, seeking the Lord's instruction and obeying are not only having their needs met, but are happier and more fulfilled."

223. (Mama:) There are many people who are obeying and are finding that the Lord is supplying. What you hear most about, of course, is all the negative and all the problems, which go from mouth to mouth and Home to Home much faster and get much more blown up than the good positive testimonies. But nonetheless, the Lord does supply, and He has example after example of the blessings that He gives when people obey and go to the Word and go to Him, and ask for His guidance. (ML #3071:170–173,178, Lifelines 23).

224. (Dad:) Folks, I've always taught you that if you're faithful to the Lord, He'll be faithful to you. If you're faithful to look to Him, if you're faithful to read His Word, if you're faithful to get out and preach the Gospel, if you're faithful to love, if you're faithful to witness, the Lord will be faithful to you. He's never let you down all these years, and He's not about to do so now.

225. But you have to do your part. Are you reading the Word? Are you obeying the Word? Are you taking time with the Lord? Are you taking time to pour out the Word on others? To preach the Gospel? To fulfill your mission? If you're doing these things, I know the Lord won't fail you. He can't, because He's promised it in His Word. He's promised and He can't break His Word.

226. He's purposely limited Himself to your faith and to your obedience—your obedience in taking time with the Lord, your obedience in doing what the Word says, your obedience in preaching the Gospel. So it's not all up to the Lord; it's also up to you and your faith and your willingness to obey. But that's the easy part! That's all the Lord expects you to do, and then He'll take it from there. (ML #3073:45–46,48, Lifelines 23).

227. (Jesus:) How I long for My children to be strengthened in faith through their feasting on My Word! Oh, what a simple answer—almost too simple, it would seem to some. Yet what a mighty door this little key is able to unlock! For it is the passageway into the world of My abundant supply, of My blessings, and of My answers to their prayers. (ML #3073:114, Lifelines 23).

228. (Jesus:) It is your faith that pleases Me. It is your faith, the fact that you believe, that you stand upon My Word, that draws down the blessings that I have for you. The blessings come no other way, for you must believe in order to receive.

229. How can I reward you if you're not obeying? When I said, “He which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully,” was I lying? Have you not found out throughout the years that as you pour out and feed My sheep, I reward you? If you cast your bread upon the water, it will come back many fold. What has changed? My power is still the same today.

230. My capacity to give is only limited by your capacity to receive. So fulfill all the commandments that I have given unto you and I will pour forth such a blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. (ML #3073:61,66,69, Lifelines 23).

231. (Dad:) If you choose God's best, He has promised to give you all that you need to do a job for Him. ... You want to never have to worry about support and security again? Follow God! (ML #3135:62,70, Lifelines 24).

232. (Mama:) His blessings and anointing on us are directly linked to how much faith we have in His Words and how much we obey them. ... The Lord's good guarantees of supply, fulfillment and satisfaction never fail! They only sometimes seem to fail when we've failed and haven't followed Him or obeyed like we should have. But if we're faithful to do our best for Him, He never fails us. (ML #3135:42,75, Lifelines 24).

233. (Mama:) If you're not obeying God by living for Him, then how can He bless you? As that famous quote from Dad goes, “Obedience comes before the blessing.” (ML #3172:38, GN 777).

234. (Jesus:) Unconfessed sin is like a concrete wall that blocks the flow of the water of My Word and hinders your faith in My ability to answer your prayers, supply your needs, and do miracles for you. Unconfessed sin makes you feel unworthy of My blessing, therefore it saps your initiative and greatly hinders your progress. (ML #3218:352, GN 820).

235. (Jesus:) My supply is only blocked by disobedience, by lack of faith, by lack of appropriating the promises I give you. (ML #3363:156, GN 959).

236. (Jesus:) If you do your best for Me, I will do My best for you. The crux of the matter is simple: My supply is dependent on your obedience to what I tell you to do. (ML #3363:273, GN 959).

237. (Jesus:) Many of you cast aside My instruction and choose to do your own thing,

feeling that you know the priorities better because you are there in the flesh. You feel I'm out of touch with reality since I don't have children to raise, meals to prepare, money to bring in, etc. But I'm not. I'm caring for and watching out for your souls, and when you disobey, I withdraw the blessings of happy and contented children, abundant supply and provision, and streams of finances. I step back and let you work all the harder for it, since you weren't willing to do it My way. That is the price that many of you pay. Blessings do not precede obedience, but very few have the faith to trust Me for those unseen blessings. (ML #3448:114, GN 1036).

▼ New Message

238. (Jesus speaking:) Obedience brings My blessings and supply. Be not deceived, thinking you can harbor sin in your life and I won't see it or it won't make a difference in your supply, protection, happiness, unity, etc. When you disobey My Word, I have to withdraw some of My blessings of some kind. And if that disobedience continues, then you eventually suffer some kind of serious loss.

239. I don't enjoy hurting you in this way. I would much rather spoil you with My goodness and generosity. I am a wealthy Husband, and I draw great pleasure from giving you the gifts, surprises, luxuries and treats that I know you want and appreciate. This is one of My greatest joys. It makes Me very sad when I have to hold back and put the beautiful things I have for you away in the closet until another day.

240. Just think how it makes Me feel when I'm on My way to bring you a very treasured gift that I know you want and have prayed for. I'm so excited, eagerly awaiting your expression of joy and thankfulness. But alas, then I see that you have done some things that make it inappropriate for Me to bless you in this way. If I were to pour on My wealth, healing, supply, miracles, open doors, and supporters, when I and others know you have been disobedient, then it would cause confusion and stumble others. They would wonder why you are so blessed by Me when you are unloving, bitter, compromising, angry, wasteful, indulgent, addicted to the things of this world, dishonest, or lazy. They would wonder if I don't see these things, or if I do, does it not matter?

241. You see, My loves, I am bound by My Word. I bless you according to your obedience, and not just in matters related to finances, but in all areas of your life. If you're not faithful with putting Me and the Word revolution first, this will eventually cause Me to have to dry up your sources of blessing and supply. If you're not living the Law of Love and are not a sample of Christian love and kindness, then this will eventually cause Me to pull back My hand of generosity. If you allow sin in your life in the form of bitterness, unkind words, strife, arguments, disinterest, coldness to your neighbor, or hardness of heart, then I cannot give to you as I would, for you are not representing My love to those you meet and live with.

242. If you are not fulfilling your end of the bargain in the spiritual principles of how to secure financial success; if you're not praying for supply; if you're not witnessing faithfully; if you're not tithing; if you're wasting goods, time or personnel; if you're compromising in the requirements for discipleship, then these things disqualify you for My full blessings and supply.

243. As much as you obey, I am able to open My hands of plenty. As much as you follow closely, I am able to touch others' hearts to give. As much as you keep your life balanced and are a good, loving, faithful reflection of My Word, I am able to do miracles for you.

244. You see, My darlings, no matter how much I want to go to the closet and pull down those beautiful presents and surprises that I have to give to you, no matter how much I want to show My generosity and wealth on your behalf, I cannot if you have not fulfilled your end of the marriage, if you have been an unfaithful wife, following after other loves, neglecting our children, leaving your duties undone and attending to other interests.

245. I wait, My brides. I wait patiently, but sadly. I want to give you so much, but you must rid your lives of the sin if you wish to enter into the full wealth of our marriage. It is there for you, but I can only give according to your obedience and your love for Me. If you truly love Me more than anything else, you will do what I ask of you, and then you will see the full abundance of My giving. (*End of message from Jesus.*)

▼ New Keys Promises

246. If you are serving Me in obedience, when you call on the keys of supply you won't have to wonder if I'll answer you—the miracle will be there for you.

247. Call on the keys of obedience, because through obeying you create suction in the spirit that draws My blessings of finances, miracles and provisions into your lives and Homes.

248. If you've been disobedient, ask Me for forgiveness, call on the keys of obedience, take the steps I ask of you, and then I will blast away the barrier that was holding back My supply and the rewards will once again flow freely.

249. When you know there is something holding back My blessings of supply, call on the keys of revelation and I will show you how to get your heart right with Me and will lead you back to the pathway of obedience so that I can lavish My riches on you.

250. You can call on the keys of supply in full faith when you're obedient before Me, knowing that nothing is holding back the floodgates of My blessings. I will match your petitions with miracles.

▼ ASSIGNMENT

251. Home teamworks, please make time for each person in your Home to hear from the Lord regarding the following questions:

Dear Lover, am I harboring sin in my life? How do I need to get right with You? In what ways am I causing You to have to pull back Your hand of blessing and supply?

252. Home teamworks, in addition to the previous question, please pray about the following:

Darling Jesus, please show us how we as a Home have strayed from You. Is there anything in the way our Home operates, follows the New Wine, or the spirit of our Home that is not of You and that is causing You to not be able to supply our needs abundantly?

Then, if necessary, you Home teamworks should talk personally to whoever needs to be

counseled as per the Lord's instruction about any changes needed in the Home.

253. Within a week of each of you having prayed about your walk with the Lord, plan an evening in which you have some Loving Jesus time (songs and words of love and praise to the Lord) to prime the pump, and then each of you can confess and ask for prayer, as needed, to get right with the Lord.

(Depending on the size of your Home, each of you could share a small portion of the prophecy you received. If your Home is large, then you would need to keep your explanation and prayer requests short; probably having it written out so you could just read it would be most efficient.)

3. Ask

▼ Verses

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened (Mat.7:7-8).

Ye have not because ye ask not (Jam.4:2b).

Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in My Name, He may give it you (John 15:16).

Verily there is a reward for the righteous (Psa.58:11a).

I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread (Psa.37:25).

▼ Quotes:

254. (Dad:) If there's any poor little colony that's starving to death, there's something **wrong!** God usually supplies for His children abundantly! If they had it, they wasted it, or didn't share it as they should have when they had it; or they weren't diligent in their provi-

sioning, they didn't seek and find, ask and re-
ceive or obey the Lord. Most of all, they prob-
ably didn't honor and cultivate their kings and
queens and minister to them spiritually, share
their spiritual riches with their System friends,
so the friends could share their material riches
with them! (ML #211:29, Vol.2).

255. (Dad:) Ask the Lord, ask your family, your friends ... ask anybody you can to help you get it, and if it's God's will and a genuine need that He knows will be good for you, He'll see that you get it and He'll supply it! (ML #866:17, Vol.7).

256. (Dad:) I'll tell you, there's one thing you've got to learn if you're living by faith; you've got to learn how to be humble enough to ask, seek, knock, or "ye have not because ye ask not" (Mat.7:7; Jam.4:2). You've got to let them know you need it and ask'm for it. (ML #1087:37, Vol.9).

257. (Dad:) Don't be afraid to ask for money! ... Don't be afraid to beg'm for funds and tell'm you need it! "...How about a donation for our support? We're preaching you this Gospel, we're giving you the Gospel free of charge, now you help support us! We're saving your immortal soul for eternity, the least you can give us is a little bit of your life!" ... A few dollars is nothing to what you've done for them! (ML #1885:52, Vol.15).

258. (Mama:) When Dad wrote the above, he was making a point, but he didn't mean for us to use his exact words when asking for support, as expressing ourselves in such a way could be a little offensive and counterproductive, to say the least. Ha! But this is how you should feel—proud of what you do, proud that you're giving the world the most priceless gift obtainable, free of charge! People want to give to those who know what they're doing, have a product that they truly believe in, and are proud of it!

259. (Mama:) The Lord will not supply all of our needs by prayer alone, when He knows there is a world out there for us to reach. He expects us to get out there and do what we can, to put feet to our prayers! The only way that a lot of us are going to get out there is if we also

have a need that they can supply. The Lord is very, very smart! He's put us in a position where we have to go out and ask for help; and at the same time, the people who help us in a material way can be helped by us spiritually. (ML #2814:22, Lifelines 20.)

260. (Mama:) In not obeying and not asking, not only are you not receiving your needs, but worse than that, you are hurting the faith of your little ones. You are stumbling them and making them think that God is failing!—That it's His fault that they don't have what they need; that here they are giving their lives in full-time service for Jesus as His dedicated children, but He isn't interested enough or loving enough to give them what they need and what they want. What a terrible, terrible reflection upon the Lord! —Because of your failure!

261. The people we are ministering to see we have the answer and they want it. They love us, and they know they need us, and they welcome us with open arms. Don't you suppose they would help to support us if they knew we had a need? People are desperate for what you have to offer. People will pay for it!—But not if you don't ask! Few people will give unless they know there is a need. Why do you refuse to tell them? The folks funding the organizations we're helping have millions that they are prepared to spend; and if we need their help financially in order to help them spiritually and help them in their projects, don't you think they would give it? Why don't you ask?

262. We are not the only ones who have to ask for funds; practically every organization in the world has to be funded by someone—church organizations, political organizations, social service organizations, colleges and universities—and they all have to scramble for finances and go "pounding the pavements" and knocking on doors. Fundraising is a major job in the world. ... So we certainly are not alone in needing to ask for funds. That's perfectly acceptable and perfectly normal.

263. In fact, in the world people don't hesitate to ask for donations for everything under the sun!—And they get results! There are endless ridiculous causes that people raise millions of dollars for, like save the wolves, save the rats, save the alligators, etc.

264. We have the greatest cause in the universe, and we shouldn't be ashamed to ask for support for it! Remember, the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just (Pro.13:22). The Lord said it, and He has promised that if we will ask, He will give it. And He usually uses people to do so. So not only do we have to ask the Lord, but we have to ask people, no matter how much it hurts our pride. No matter how many of them say no, if you keep on asking, you know you are going to eventually receive. (ML #2929:7,12,28–29,31, Lifelines 21).

▼ New Message

265. (Jesus speaking:) Just like any business or organization, you have to run your work for Me like you want it to succeed, and you have to be willing to do everything you can to ensure that. Because My children are in the business of giving and doing volunteer work as opposed to working for money, they have the impression that to actively dig out the money from those they minister to is anathema. But there is a great deception here, an illusion and a cloud of smoke that must be blown away.

266. Yes, the Gospel is free, but it costs something to get it to you! Your attitude shouldn't be one of shame in asking for what is duly yours, but rather one of, "If you want this service, it costs X amount!" Not that you have to put a price on it, though at times that would help too. But the recipient of your product or service must know that he needs to pay what he can for that product or service!

267. What if a doctor was treating people coming to his office, and after each treatment he didn't ask for payment, but let each patient walk out the door without paying? Well, pretty soon that doctor is going to be out of medicine, he's going to be out of the instruments he needs to perform his services, and he's going to be scrounging to keep his practice open and continue treating people! It's easy to see how unwise that would be—ridiculous, in fact. But many of My sincere missionaries do just that.

268. My children, you have sold yourselves short! Yes, you don't work for money, but you need money in order to work. That is the difference, and you can and should tell that to all you minister to. You're the doctor, you're attending to their spiritual needs, you're treating them with

spiritual medicine, and they must be willing to give to you if they want to see your service continue and prosper!

269. Asking is not a little thing. It's not something you should just consider doing. It's something you have to do, and any man or woman in their right mind wouldn't even think of not asking for a fee for their services! It's just common sense. But because of the delusion of saying you don't work for money, you have gotten the impression that you shouldn't charge. You should charge! And your charge should either be a fixed price or a request of everyone, "What can you give?! We need it! We won't survive if you don't give whatever you can!"

270. My loves, you have the most precious product in the entire world. It's true, and you shouldn't doubt it. Yes, I supply the finances, but I don't usually do it unless you ask. And that means not only asking Me, but asking your clients. That's how I usually supply, through your clients! That's just the way it works, and if you're not asking for what they have, then you're missing out on the blessing I have for you right here in their pockets.

271. Asking is not a bad thing to do. It's become a fixation in your minds that asking is bad and that "we don't do that." Well, it isn't bad, and the thing that you have to see is that you have the goods! You have the products! You have the "real deal," and if they don't want to pay for it, then maybe they should go somewhere else where they'll be willing to pay for what they get.

272. This is a serious matter, because by not having the boldness to ask and by not killing your pride to do that which is necessary, you're becoming a reproach and a bad testimony—not only to those you minister to and those who see you ministering on the streets, but also to your own children and your own Family. If you're living hand-to-mouth, then you need to ask yourself what you're doing wrong. Are you not asking? Are you ashamed of your product or service? Are you simply ashamed to ask?

273. If you are ashamed, you need to rebuke that shame and become not only a fisher of men, but a reaper of the support of those you reel in! You can do it! It's just your pride that hinders you, and a wrong attitude about the so-called "proper way" to obtain your support.

274. If you're ashamed of Me and My Words, if you're ashamed to ask for a fair price for them, then you simply need to break down those walls of pride for your own sake, for the sake of your work, and for the sake of the many more sheep that you could reach if you would operate without shame according to simple godly business principles. It's natural for you to ask for a price for your products or services, at least a suggested donation. If someone doesn't like you asking, they don't have to shop with you, but they won't find a better product for the price anywhere! Of course, you don't want to turn the sheep away if they can't pay, so you also give discounts and even have pro-bono cases for those who truly can't afford it. But it is your duty and it is your job to ask.

275. Ask and you will receive! That's the principle, and it works. And in those few cases where they can't give, well, show mercy. But otherwise expect your fair share for the product and service you're giving them. That's the principle, that's the way it works, and you need to work those works or you will simply be dirt-poor. So start asking. Today! Have prayer and come before Me, and I will anoint you with keys of boldness and supply. The righteous are as bold as a lion! Claim it! (*End of message from Jesus.*)

▼ New Keys Promises

276. The keys will enhance your faith, and with greater faith you will be able to ask for and claim greater miracles, increased supply, abundant provision, and income exceeding above all that you are able to ask or think.

277. Through the keys I can tell you exactly who to ask, when to ask, how to ask, and what to ask, to find My perfect source of supply for you.

278. The power of the keys can open doors that Satan would seek to keep shut.

279. My Spirit will shine through you as you call on the keys of boldness, confidence and faith while you are fundraising, cultivating supporters, or provisioning, and those who give to you will be honored to know that they are giving to Me.

280. Call on the keys of faith to ask for whatever you need to do your job for Me, and no

matter how many "nos" you hear, I will come through for you and supply your needs not one second too late.

▼ ASSIGNMENT

281. Make time for each person in your Home to ask the Lord the following:

What keeps me from having faith for and asking for support, specifically finances? How can I improve in presenting to my sheep the need for them to support our missionary work?

282. When all of you have finished your P&Ps, have a brainstorming meeting, possibly inviting other successful Family missionaries in your city, to discuss new ways to ask for help. Discuss your approach, your pitch, what other "support tools" you need to solicit help, such as photo albums, PR brochures, recommendation letters, etc.

Each of you can also share lessons from the things the Lord has shown you in prophecy.

4. Realize That You Are Professionals

▼ Verses

I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth ... For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith (Rom.1:16–17).

The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage! (Psa.16:6).

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, Who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. It hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things (1Tim.6:17–19; Rom.15:27).

For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, the laborer is worthy of his reward (1Tim.5:18).

The wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just (Pro.13:22).

▼ Quotes

283. (Dad:) We are not in the business of making people poor! We are in the business of making people rich—spiritually! And God doesn't mind them being rich materially at the same time, if they keep giving it away as fast as they can, so He can keep giving them more! I'm willing to live in a shack, but I don't have to, and if living in shacks and shanties takes too much of my time, so I can't devote it to giving God's message, then I'm wasting my time. If I spend all my time trying to barely exist stuck out in some shack where I spend all my time carrying water and trying to scrape a few scraps of food together, I am wasting the most precious thing in the world—God's time—and my time and talent and my spiritual riches! (ML #211:35, Vol.2).

284. (Mama:) You're giving them the best thing in the world, and what they can get from no others, and they should be willing to give financially to gain what is much more valuable—your spiritual help and ministry.

285. Let's make it pay! Why should you be hampered and hindered and inconvenienced in your ministry to others when the Lord's coffers are full and the “wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just” (Pro.13:22). The Lord said, “Ask and ye shall receive” (Mat.7:7). We deserve it! We're living our lives unselfishly for others and the Lord, and anyone who wants our spiritual help for their people and their country should be willing to give us their financial help. (ML #2930:10,12, Lifelines 21).

286. (Dad:) How can you sell others on your message unless you're sold on it yourself? If you're not convinced of your beliefs and enthusiastic about them, how can you expect anyone else to be? In such a case, you'll wind up a poor witness and salesman for the Lord, and you'd do well to examine your own heart, mind and motives to see where you stand with the Lord.

287. You have spiritual riches beyond compare in the Words the Lord has given you, truth that is so explosive that it can blow the Devil's lies to shreds, and love that is so wonderful that it can change hearts and save lives for eternity! (ML #3245:75,77, GN 847).

288. (Peter:) Discipleship isn't easy. It never has been. Jesus made that clear from the beginning when He said: “If any man come to Me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be My disciple. Jesus saith unto His disciples, if any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for My sake shall find it. If ye continue in My Word, then are ye My disciples indeed. By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another.” (Luk.14:26,33; Mat.16:24,25; John 8:31, 13:35.) None of that is easy, but that's discipleship as Jesus described it.

289. Discipleship is like playing sports professionally. Lots of people, for example, play basketball. Some just shoot hoops once in a while, others play with their friends or in pickup games, others are in amateur leagues, and a few—very few—are professionals. They're all basketball players, but they aren't all professionals. What's the difference? For the vast majority of people who play basketball, it's just play and exercise, something they do in their spare or free time. For the professional athlete, their sport of choice is what they live for.

290. To be a pro you have to give your sport everything. Your full workday is taken up with training, practicing, playing, or traveling to games. In the off-season you continue to train, body-build, run, and keep in shape. You don't smoke, over-drink, or abuse your body, because if you do, it affects your ability to play. You have to be away from your loved ones when you travel to other places to play. You virtually live with your teammates and you watch out for each other. You have coaches who make you practice, who give you orders that you have to obey. You play for a team. You wear a uniform. There

are functions you're required to attend. You're expected to keep yourself in shape and work hard to improve your skill, and if you don't, then the coaches get on your case and make you work out. If you constantly cause trouble on the team or your performance is consistently poor, you're usually dropped or traded to another team. If you break the rules, you're fined, suspended, or fired.

291. So why do the professional athletes do it? Only for the fame and/or the money? I don't think so. I believe they do it because they love the game. There are other rewards and benefits—such as the fame and money—but I believe most of them play because they love to. They're willing to put up with a regimented lifestyle, the rigors of training, and the sacrifice of not being able to do some things that others can do, because they love the game.

292. Why would anyone choose to be a disciple in the Family? Why put up with all that's expected of a disciple? Why live the sacrificial lifestyle?—Because we love the Lord. Our love for Him causes us to live the discipleship life, and that's not easy. We're not just Christians, we're professional Christians. Christian service is our profession. It's our full-time job. It's what we do. It's what we live for. As a pro, we have to keep ourselves in shape, work with our team, grow in skill, and submit to our coaches, just like a professional athlete. If you're a disciple, you're a professional, and with that comes the requirement of being and remaining a professional. (ML #3399:26–31, GN 993).

▼ New Message

293. (*Jesus speaking*): In order for you to have the faith to ask for financial and physical remuneration for your services, you have to know you're living a quality life and truly investing your time, skill, and talent as a professional. Some of you, My children, have fallen prey to low self-esteem, because you know in your hearts that you're not doing all that you could. You're not applying yourselves fully to the training that is at your fingertips. You're not devoting attention, counsel, and teamworking to developing a quality work. You have slacked off in your personal quest for excellence in all that you do. Your Home has become disorganized, loose, unfocused, scattered, and weak. The train-

ing of your children and young people is not consistent. And especially your work outside the Home in ministering to others and bringing forth lasting fruit as missionaries is very lacking.

294. All these aspects of poor performance have affected your feelings about yourself and your ministry. You don't feel successful, and therefore you feel you don't deserve the support or payment. When you give and give without being willing to receive in return, without asking, it's because you have taken on an “excuse me for living” attitude. Rather than conducting yourself with confidence and pride in Me, you're a little ashamed or embarrassed about your works and sample. You know in your hearts you're not doing what you should be doing, therefore you lack faith to ask and receive. You feel it's okay if people take advantage of you because you're not really important or all that great anyway.

295. That attitude is wrong. While I would not have you lifted up in pride, I would have you know, with boldness and faith, that what you have to offer the world is of such great value that people could never pay you enough. There are New Age movements, psychic readers and fortune-tellers, lackluster teachers, exercise trainers, and even telemarketers who have more pride in what they do and have to offer than you do.

296. Haven't you heard of people paying big bucks for a weekend at the feet of some odd guru who teaches a self-help doctrine with a lot of hype and temporary camaraderie? And some fortune-tellers are paid enormous amounts of money as counselors and personal psychics to those in need. And many private teachers and tutors are paid hefty salaries by the hour for anything from academics to weight loss to fashion coordination or a million other services!

297. Now how do you think these people manage to have their talents catch the attention and interests of needy people who are then willing to pay for their services? Sometimes it's motivated by an actual need, but many times it's very much a result of the salesperson's drive, conviction, and ability to simply “sell” the person on their need for whatever it is they're peddling. If these people can become successful and have a thriving business and growing clientele with some “product” that's so inferior to yours, or even defective, what's the problem?

298. I'll tell you what the problem is: As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he! You have let the Enemy kill your enthusiasm, drown your fire, and blind your vision. You have accepted his lies and taken on the deadly mindset that you're a failure, that you're ordinary, that you aren't anything special, so you don't really deserve recognition or attention. You feel that what you have to offer isn't really so special or great. "Yeah, it's the Word, it's the truth, it's the key to eternal life ... is that all? Ho hum."

299. Don't you see, My darlings? You should be walking in great pride in your profession. You should be eager to proclaim it to all you meet. Just as a new graduate is thrilled to be able to tell people he's finally a lawyer or doctor or teacher after years of study, you should be overjoyed to announce that you've forsaken all, you've become a disciple of Jesus, you're changing the world!

300. This notion that you "don't work" is ridiculous. Of course you work! Yes, you're a volunteer; yes, you live by faith; yes, you don't receive a set salary, but you do work! Many people are self-employed, they are salesmen or writers or entrepreneurs. But just because they're their own boss and they make their own schedules and don't punch the company clock each day, certainly doesn't mean they don't work. So get rid of that "I don't work" mentality right now. It's not true, and you're doing yourself an injustice when you think of yourself or your profession in that way.

301. You do work. You'd better work, and work hard! You are a specialist, you are trained, you are a professional missionary. You plan to work at that for your whole life, so you shouldn't minimize it or downplay it as if it's nothing or no big deal. It is a big deal; it's the biggest deal happening, so be proud of your profession, and be a professional for Me! (*End of message from Jesus.*)

▼ New Keys Promises

302. Call on the keys of godly pride to be confident in the spiritual products you have to offer to the customers of this world, and they will be willing to pay for My riches that money could never buy.

303. You're a professional, and you can act like it by calling on the keys of conviction and tapping in to My unlimited supply that is available to those who give their all to Me.

304. Those in the world don't hold a candle to you, My professional missionaries and disciples, who can go anywhere, do anything, fill any need, and be proud of what you do, as you call on the keys and let Me possess you fully!

305. Rebuke the Devil with key power when he tempts you to feel inferior, and I will open your eyes to the riches I've given you that are worth more than all of the money in the world.

▼ ASSIGNMENT

306. Each of you should write down your "résumé" that explains your life experiences.

This should include where you've lived, what languages you speak, what ministries you've had, and what training you've had (including "real life" training from various opportunities you've had in missionary work). (Note: You may find it helpful to read through FSM 150 beforehand, "Writing Personal Résumés," to glean helpful tips and a better knowledge of the best way to express your talents.)

307. Then each of you should ask the Lord the following question:

Darling Love, how should I look at my life's work and experiences? How should I translate this wealth of training into terms the people of the world can understand and appreciate? How should I present myself so it will be clear that I'm a professional missionary, someone who is worthy of respect, admiration, and support?

308. After each of you has had a chance to write your résumé and pray about it, then have a time of fellowship, including snacks and drinks. One by one, each of you can take a turn giving a little five-minute introduction of yourself. Afterwards the others in the Home can help tweak each person's presentation, just in case someone isn't giving themselves enough credit for all that the Lord has taught them.

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