Ungrateful Wretch?
(Mama:) Pride and self-righteousness should be automatic warning signals that something isn’t right and needs to be taken care of in your heart and life.

However, often these weaknesses, which are some of the most serious and devastating to your spiritual life, are hard to see because of their very nature, because they are rooted in carnal-mindedness and a lack of being spiritually minded and seeing things in the spirit.

So please be open to help from your friends and shepherds if they point out your weaknesses in these areas.

Key Promise: Through the keys of conviction you can be a strength and a blessing to your peers, and I will help you to lift Me up and buck the status quo without the curse of self-righteousness or pride hampering your sample.

(“Conviction,” Key Promises)

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It’s Gold Magic

(Jesus:) It’s gold magic. It’s the highest form of magic. … You can be a magician, a wizard, a miracle worker. At last, you have the highest form of power. But it starts small, and you have to practice, experiment, and utilize the power in order to make it grow.

It is gold magic. It is the purest and highest commanding power over the physical realm—over matter, people, animals, weather—as well as all opposing spiritual forces. The magic of the world has absolutely nothing on the golden magic you now possess. … The power lies in the keys.

I have put boundaries of obedience in place, both in the physical and the spiritual realms, for your own good. These are boundaries I ask you not to cross, because I want to keep you safe, to protect you, to help you fulfill My will. It does you no service when you step outside those boundaries thinking you know better. You’re putting yourself in danger, whether physically or spiritually, and often you wind up suffering the consequences.

Some of you are so dull in the spirit, you don’t even see them as consequences. To you it’s just the
I propose we have a Computer Game Sub-Committee and a Movie Watching Sub-Committee to ask the Lord about how often we should...
It's not from Me or My Spirit, but is the kind of tricks you can expect from the Deceiver and Destroyer.

Learn to see the boundaries of obedience as for your good, and respect them, and don't be so easily led astray by any little impish spirit that can get your attention.


(Mama:) We have to be worthy of [our] calling by continued obedience. We have to stay in the fear of the Lord. We have to be doers of the Word, not just hearers.

("Conviction vs. Compromise, Part 1," ML #3361:32; August 2001)
Great, they're chipless. That's a good sign!

Look, we're new in town... I'm Rob and this is Juliet, by the way... we haven't got any friends here.

Glad we got that out of the way.

If we can help you, well, maybe you can help us too.

And that already tells us that you're not falling for the promotional parade out in the city.

Amazing!

Okay, before we get into the nitty-gritty, why don't we all sit down and get acquainted?

We'll tell you a bit about us, and you tell us why you're here.
We started as a loose-knit group of Christians wanting to spread our faith in these dark times, but now our ranks are growing… and our challenges.

There have been some high profile crackdowns on religious freedom recently, and aggressive publicity campaigns to promote the New World Order, thus the festival outside.

I can’t believe we met up.

Linda really started it all.

We met and she shared her faith with me, but I was floundering for ages, wondering how I could rediscover peace and faith in these times of confusion.

However you found us—you said it was an inner voice?—I think we could do with learning some skills like that.

We have a larger meeting—we only risk them once a month now—coming up in a few days.

An evangelist is coming from out of town to share news with us from other parts.

We’re hoping we can gain valuable strategies for how to operate without getting netted by Big Brother.

I have a friend’s place you could stay at for the time being—maybe you have some business to sort out until then.

My friends and I will be busy with the logistics of setting up, but I’ll send you word once I can tell you for sure when and where to meet us again.

Later.

Wow!

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Can we send word here on how you can contact us?

... Thanks for the offer, though.

Once we know, we'll slip it into a book and give it to Marie up front.

Sure thing.

I got the same thing, Rob, I just didn't know if Linda would be suspicious of us.

Yeah, I was really claiming the keys of acceptance. Thank the Lord for giving her those vivid dreams about us.

So, they're a lead, and I keep getting a picture of...
...A blue awning over a store window.

Lord, we claim the keys of guidance. Thank you for Linda and Gil and the others.

Please keep them as they organize this meeting. Have your way, in Jesus' name.

What a dotty, dear old lady. She really thought I was her nephew, and that I was coming to house-sit while she went off to vacation in the countryside.

She wouldn't even listen when we tried to clarify, and I didn't have the heart to keep contradicting her after she told us how grateful she was that we had remembered to come by.

Please keep them as they organize this meeting. Have your way, in Jesus' name.

I'm not complaining. The bed is comfortable. And, we're...

This place doesn't look worth busting.

Not that anybody would bust into her store and apartment upstairs.

It looks like she needs us as much as we needed a place to stay!

Le Troquet

Lord, we claim the keys of guidance. Thank you for Linda and Gil and the others.
Lord, what about this lady’s nephew? Is he going to show up? Do we really stay here for now?

"The love of many is growing cold, and I have raised this dear woman up to shelter you."

"She will be away for as long as necessary, so you can use her abode."

"Her nephew is never going to show up, for he has forsaken her. Claim the land and make yourselves at home, my pets."

Thank you, Jesus, for taking such good care of us.

To be continued
WAYS TO PRAISE!

(NATALIA) THE WAYS OF PRAISE ARE AS MYRIAD AS THE SANDS OF THE SEA, AS THE STARS OF THE HEAVENS! HERE’S A LITTLE LIST OF SOME IDEAS FOR YOU:

1. Our husband loves music and song, and we praise Him continually with heavenly music and song which resounds everywhere here. You can praise Him with your singing, either out loud or silently singing in your heart to Him. He loves it either way.

2. You can praise Him with beautiful, godly instrumental music, which inspires and lifts your soul and spirit to Him, praising Him through the music, with sentiments that are beyond words to express, but which the music expresses from your heart to His.

3. You can praise Him by thanking Him for the very specific ways He has blessed you personally that very day or hour or moment, whatever you happen to be doing.

4. Praise Him by giving a sincere praise or compliment to the person with whom you’re working or relaxing at that moment, thanking Him for that person.

5. Praise Him by thanking Him for the way He has made you, even if it’s difficult for you to accept some things about yourself.

6. Praise Him for the way His beauty and light shines through so much of creation—a rose or the smile of your child or the radiance of the sunset. Praising Him for the beautiful things that surround you will help you to search for them, even if they haven’t been obvious to you before.

These are just a start, but a good start! The ways of praise are many, as I said, and the more you practice praising, the more ways will open up to you, as you praise!

("Feast 2004: Practicing Praise!" ML #3471:45,47–54)

Key Promise: I will take away self-consciousness and embarrassment as you claim the keys of personal abandonment, so you can sing and praise and lift your arms to Me in humility.

("Conviction," Key Promises)

Notable Quote: (Jesus:) I truly wish for you to enjoy your times of praise.

("Feast 2004: Practicing Praise!" ML #3471:98)
So is he coming to the United Witnessing event?

Not this time. It'll just be the three of us today. See you there!

I have to find these people!

The Youth Harvest of the World

(Jesus:) There are many in the world right now who are searching for answers, searching for meaning, searching for truth.

And you have the truth.

But unless that truth is lived, upheld, and cherished with conviction by those within the ranks of the children of David, there will never be the great harvest I have spoken of, the great harvest I have promised.

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I have to find these people!
The lost sheep, the youth of the world, will come knocking on your doors and will even enter your midst, but will then experience confusion and disillusionment if you do not change things in your hearts, lives, and homes.

If the sanctity of the truth is not preserved, if the sample of discipleship is not upheld at all costs—by you, the youth—then you will fail.

The sheep who join the family want to see youth who have broken away from the system, not those who are lusting after the world and its ways.

Those who will flock to the children of David in the days to come want to see the youth of the family as dedicated, conviction-filled revolutionaries, not namby-pamby, flimsy, see-through Christians who let all their bad habits and vices hang out.

Sure, uh, absolutely!

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These people are dynamic! I wonder who they are?

AMERICA THE WHORE (SKIT)

WHAA...?
JESUS WANTS YOU TO KNOW HIS LOVE AND HIS FREEDOM.

THANK YOU FOR TALKING WITH ME. BYE!

GOD BLESS YOU, TIM! IT'S ALWAYS FUN WORKING WITH YOU!

SO THAT THEY CAN BE PROUD TO BE A PART OF A POWERFUL ENDTIME ARMY, AND SO THAT THEY CAN BE SUPPORTED AS THEY ARE STRENGTHENED IN THEIR CONVictions AND LEARN TO LIVE THE LIFE OF A DISCIPLE.

HI GUYS! SORRY I MISSED THE SKIT. I'D SURE LOVE TO HELP WITH THE WITNESSING, THOUGH. I'VE BEEN PRACTICING MY SPANISH!

MIRA. PARA TI.

THANKS FOR JOINING US, WE MISSED YOU!

IN THE DAYS TO COME, MORE WILL ENTER YOUR RANKS—HOPING TO FIND THE TRUTH, SEEKING FULFILLMENT AND TRUE FREEDOM IN THE SPIRIT, AND WANTING TO GO ALL THE WAY FOR ME. BUT WHEN THEY COME, WHAT WILL THOSE NEW DISCIPLES SEE? WILL THEY TURN AWAY IN DISILLUSIONMENT? OR WILL YOU YOUNG PEOPLE BE STRONG IN THE POWER AND MIGHT OF MY SPIRIT, STRENGTHENED IN THE WORD AND UNBENDABLE IN YOUR CONVictions AND DEVOTION TO THE TRUTH?
WILL YOU BE A BAND OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO WILL SUPPORT AND WELCOME AND STRENGTHEN ALL OF THOSE WHO JOIN IN THE DAYS TO COME?


THINK ABOUT IT.
I say, if I am your God, then serve me.

But if the world and its ways be your passion, your desire, your longing, then go your way.

**Key Promise:**
Stir yourself up! You can be an instrument to save someone's life, to give them new hope, to bring that one into My arms and My service! As you call on the keys, I will empower you as never before! Like the apostles of old, you will even be able to speak in tongues you know not!

("Witnessing," Key Promises)

Recapped: “Are You a Disciple? —Conviction vs. Compromise, Part 6”
(GN 963 continued)

Key Points

- Raising our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord is a foundation principle of the Family!

I know my rights! I deserve a good education!

NQs—Notable Quotes—are taken from the particular CVSC GN this “Snapshots” is recapping, unless noted otherwise.

- Our children have a right to an education as stated in the Charter, and it is the responsibility of the parents to see to it that they get it!

NQ: I want to emphasize the extreme importance of our children’s education.

NQ: If you somehow missed out on some necessary schooling when you were younger, by all means study! Get yourself books or a teacher or enroll in a class of some sort and learn. Or if you need to take a test or two to validate the education that you have, then do so.
Some of you parents put your children in System school for a limited amount of time so they can learn the local language and be a good testimony and witness deeply. But even in that case, you parents still need to do your part to properly shepherd your children ... because if you don’t, even if you have a good reason for having your children attend System school, they will still be hindered and corrupted spiritually.

Some of you parents feel very young children are less vulnerable to serious negative influences that undermine their faith. ... However, because they are simple and fresh, they are in some ways more susceptible to the subtler influences of evil.

NQ: Satan has gained control over most, if not all, of the educational systems. [Children] learn to exalt the System, to exalt the mind of man and the strength of self. This is directly in opposition to the way of My Spirit, which teaches to depend on Me and to be humble.
Lord, if You've shown my parents that I need to go to System school for a time, for local language study or some other unavoidable reason, can You please give me a personal checklist of ways I can stay dropped out in spirit and remain one of Your disciples? I don't want to cool off.

In the Bible I said (praying to My Father), “Sanctify them through Thy truth; Thy Word is truth.” And that is the answer, short and sweet. You have to be desperate to take in My mindsets daily—through My Word—more than the mindsets of man, through any contact with the System—whether schooling, or movies, or being out in the world for business or outreach or leisure.

Here is a short list you can post somewhere to gauge how you're doing on a daily basis:

- Did I hear from the Lord today about my personal life?
- Did I witness in some way today while out, through my words and/or actions?
- When I came home, did I put the Word first before anything else, to cleanse my mind and heart?
- Did I get focused on material gain or worldly mindsets today, and if so, what did I do about that?
- Have I checked in with the Lord recently to ask Him how I'm doing in my spiritual life, and if there are any changes I can make in order to draw closer to Him?
- (If you're of age:) Do I really have to be going to school, and do the benefits still far outweigh the high spiritual risks? If so, how?

Reread “Desperate for Jesus” [ML #3250] for an excellent refresher on what it takes to stay close to the Lord and the Word, regardless of your situation!

NQ: When you're desperate for something, you're willing to do whatever it takes to get what you want! ... Desperation is a matter of the heart, and if you don't have this inner desperation and desire for Me and Me alone, then you'll never be truly happy. (ML #3250:72,74)
You kids need a good education, whether you decide to stay in the Family or leave. You need an adequate education for whatever profession you choose, whether to be a missionary and full-time disciple in the Family, or to eventually pursue something else outside of the Family. We are not promoting higher education, nor are we promoting System education that pollutes your spirit, but all of you young people should have the minimum required in the Charter ... a high school education through homeschooling, with GED or other certification.

One of the strongest aspects of compromise and carnal-mindedness is the attitude that many young people have developed toward education. Promoting higher education (college or university level) for our young people has never been one of the goals of [FD] living.

The Devil wants to make all of you young people energy sources to feed his System. He doesn’t care about you. He sure as anything doesn’t care about your “self-esteem.” He doesn’t care about you being a success. He just cares about suck, suck, sucking you into his System, to continue to feed his monster, to provide fodder for his great furnace.

NQ: The Enemy continues to persuade [people around the world] to feed their children to the educational system, to begin and then carry through with the process of complete flatlanderization.
It all comes back down to the fact that “he who forsaketh not all that he hath, cannot be My disciple” (Luke 14:33). Whatever you’re holding on to that’s more important to you than the Lord or following the Lord is wrong and unnecessary.

If you don’t plan on being a full-time disciple and you prefer to study and get higher education, that’s your choice. But if you do want to be a disciple and you want to dedicate your energy, resources, talents, and time 100% to serving the Lord as a disciple, then there isn’t room for pursuing higher education, just like there wasn’t in the earlier years of the Family.

NQ: In the Family’s earlier years we had many people like that—real idealists, nonconformists, idol smashers, revolutionaries. At one glance you knew those people were going somewhere for God! But what about you young people?! Where are you young leaders who are willing to break away from the System that lures you and puts you to sleep?! Where are those of you who want to be different from all the millions?!

Remember this word picture: The worldly education system may look like a sand beach, but really it’s a sand trap—quicksand! You think you’re headed for beautiful, blue, deep waters, but the Enemy will see to it that you never get there, that you stay stuck wading through the sand forever, dying of thirst.

NQ: Come to My fountain of living waters. I don’t offer empty promises. I have the real truth, knowledge that counts, answers to your questions. I offer the only waters that can ever truly quench your thirst.
(?) How can I apply myself to my studies more?
(?) Please show me ways that our Family education and upbringing can prepare me for life, regardless of what road I ultimately choose.
(?) If I’ve been blaming others for my own educational lacks, how can I take personal responsibility for my education?
(?) If I’ve been pressuring my parents to let me go to System school, and making it difficult for them to homeschool me, what can You tell me about the benefits of homeschooling and what Your highest will for me is?
(?) Please show me something that will make me more excited about learning, so that I am motivated to learn everything possible in order to do the work You have for me, now and in the future.
(?) If I’m not placing enough emphasis on some subject, please show me why it’s important in my service for You and others.
(?) (If you’re 14 and over:) How can I get the most out of CVC, and make progress through the courses You’ve shown me to take?
(?) (If you’re 14 and over:) If I haven’t caught the CVC vision yet, why not? Do I have any mistaken mindsets about the CVC program that You want to speak to me about?

NQ: All this [higher] learning comes down to man exalting himself and forgetting Me. This is a spirit that has no place in My Endtime army.

FOR YOU WHO ARE 16 AND UP, PLEASE REFER TO GN 965 FOR RECAP POINTS REGARDING ASPECTS OF THE LAW OF LOVE.
LETTER LINKS

EDUCATION—SECULAR, HIGHER, AND AT HOME:

- “Children in the World,” ML #780, Vol.6/DB 1
- “Go to it and Do it,” ML #2771, Lifelines 20/DB 11
- “How to Have a Happy Home,” ML #2956, DB 12
- “Our Children’s Education,” ML #3066, GN 694/Lifelines 23
- “How-tos of Home Education,” ML #3189, GN 794
- “Issues, Part 2,” ML #3297:18–35, GN 894
- “Issues, Part 4,” ML #3306:28–37, GN 909
- “Issues, Part 5,” ML #3322:49–63, GN 925
- “Why Christian Children Should Be Kept Out of Public Schools,” Raise ‘Em Right
- “Homeschooling—Tried and Proven,” Raise ‘Em Right
- From Jesus with Love, Vol.2, #199, page 188

NQ: Within the educational system of the world there is a deeply rooted element of worldliness and carnal reasoning that is powerful and pervasive and cannot be escaped if you are educated within that system.

The power of the keys will cast down every imagination, every false thing, every high thing that would exalt itself against Me. Through the power of the keys, every thought is brought into subjection to Me.

(“Full possession / Heavenly thought power,” Key Promises)

Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on Him, If ye continue in My Word, then are ye My disciples indeed;
And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

(John 8:31–32)
What if I just don’t think I’m cut out for this missionary life? I mean, does that make me a miserable, ungrateful wretch, if I want to experience other lifestyles?

Now, you should know Me better than that. …

You’re never a miserable wretch to Me. No matter what you do in life, you’re special and precious to Me, and most of all, loved by Me.

YP: So … what about the ungrateful part? I mean, compared to someone who maybe grew up in poverty, or in an abusive, ungodly household, or who grew up in a little town in the middle of nowhere and never got to travel, I’ve had a pretty good life.

But I have so many ambitions and desires, so many things I want to do and try, and in some ways I feel like that might make me ungrateful.
Jesus: You have to remember that ambition and a desire to see and try new things are all characteristics that I created in humans. So to be ambitious or to desire change isn’t wrong.

There are certain laws of the spirit that dictate that those who focus their lives on thinking of others, trying to better the lives of others, and who aren’t focused solely on how to pursue and catch up with happiness for themselves, are the happiest and most content and most blessed people.

YP: See, that just makes me feel bad about wanting to do something for myself, or go somewhere ’cause I think it might make me happy.

Jesus: But you’re forgetting one thing.

YP: What’s that?

Jesus: If you forget about your own happiness, that doesn’t mean your own happiness is going to go down the toilet. There’s Someone else Who’s thinking about your happiness, and that Someone has more room to bring you happiness the less you think about it yourself.

That Someone is Me.

My dad owns a ranch, and since he’s seen such a big change in me, he’s inviting you and your friends for horse rides.

Later.

Thank you for telling me about Jesus.

Thank you! That’s great!

So cool!

Thank you! That’s great! My dad owns a ranch, and since he’s seen such a big change in me, he’s inviting you and your friends for horse rides.
YP: So what does that mean? Just stick around and trust that all those new things I want to experience are going to come along when I’m not thinking about them?

Jesus: Well, more like, if you choose to trust Me fully, you can be sure that I will bring along new experiences and exciting changes in your life.

It’s having the best of both worlds. You please and obey Me and get My blessings in your life—in the form of things you could never pay for—and out of the blue in your life, I provide things and experiences and blessings that you could never have caught up with even if you devoted your whole life to the pursuit of your personal pleasure and happiness.

YP: Cool! But it’s hard to get my brain around that, because sometimes serving You means sticking it out in some boondocks place, doing something that doesn’t really fit my idea of excitement.

Jesus: Yes, I know that, and that’s where the trust factor comes in. That’s why the verse says “Without faith it is impossible to please God,” because you have to have faith which gives you patience to wait for My timing.

And by the way, the bottom line is, if you want to try another lifestyle, and try out the “pursuing your own happiness in your own way” road, well, you can be sure that I will never leave you or forsake you. I don’t cross you off My list.

I remain a part of your life—as much a part as you will let Me be—and you can still get a measure of My blessing, directly proportional to how much you seek My guidance and live the truth that you know.
Thank You, Jesus, for answering my question, and most of all for Your encouragement. You never judge me harshly, even when I display selfish attitudes.

And the funny thing is, when You put things the way only You can, it makes me want to please You, even if it goes against my current impulses and desires.

I want to believe what You say, and to trust You. I guess all I can do at times like this is claim the keys of belief, and faith, and trust.

And remember, you can do all things through Me. You can face something—or understand and accept something—that seems insurmountable and actually enjoy it, if you claim the power of the keys.

Xn: Got a question for Jesus? Send it in to xn@wsfamily.com, and you just might see it come out in Xn!