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'm so happy to bring this Make Your Day Count magazine to you! Not only are we celebrating Mother's Day and Father's Day, but I want to encourage you to make each day count for God's Kingdom.



I encourage you to read about The

Company You Keep (page 6) and also what my father-in-law , Oral Roberts, wrote about listening to his mama (page 20). As we come to Father's Day, I want you to see how we can trust God as our heavenly Father. . . we also can trust Him as "Papa" or Daddy God who loves us beyond anything we can comprehend. With that in mind, Richard has a helpful article about how to keep your peace no matter what is going on around you (page 14).

As you read this magazine, I want you to be uplifted to see that it is possible to do what we are called to do in the everydayness of life when we do it through Jesus who gives us strength (Philippians 4:13).

I pray you are blessed in every area of your life!

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With God, nothing is impossible!



Village school outreach in INDIA

Oral Roberts Ministries is supporting an educational outreach to a rural village where now 30-35 children are regularly attending a school that began in a small shed. This is a village where the adults (and children) wake up early to roam the streets for recycling items to sell. School supplies, snacks and two qualified teachers have been provided. Tribal leaders are grateful and are now open to hearing the Good News of Jesus. Outreach pastors said that God opened the door to start this school and we are trusting Him that it will eventually be a church.

If you would like to sow into our India outreaches, go to <u>OralRoberts.com</u> or 918-495-7777.

Praise Reports from the Online Healing Service:

"Richard called out an injured big toe that was purple. I have had an irritated big toe for a few years that was injured by wearing shoes that didn't fit right. Sometimes it was so sore, and it was purple. I took my shoes and socks off when Richard gave that word and my toe was hardly sore at all and it was PINK!! Praise God!" **-Evelyn K.**

I received my healing miracle last night, and this morning all my lab tests were normal!! Thank You Jesus! -Lupe G.

Word of knowledge about imbalanced hormones

My sister, mom and I joined Richard and Lindsay for the prayer service on YouTube. Since 2004, I had some changes in my body that were not good due to imbalanced hormones. As I sat watching...I hoped Lindsay would call out what I was believing God for...and then she said, "There is someone with imbalanced hormones. I command it to be balanced in Jesus' name." Lindsay said, "I don't know why I said that!" Well, I did and so I believe that was my point of contact and I am healed and praise God for the manifestation! Thank you and God bless you! -Elicia S.

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WHAT HAS YOUR ATTENTION? WHO ARE YOU HANGING AROUND? WHO ARE YOU LISTENING TO?

The Company You Keep

oday, it's not just people we allow to influence our life, but additional positive and negative influences can also include TV, social media, music, books, etc.

The company you keep is the company that is keeping you. If you are keeping company with fear, worry, torment, doubt, the economy... this, that, and something else, then those things become the company you keep, and that company can be what's keeping you from all the good things God has for you and the abundant life Jesus came to give you.

Consider the words of a little song we use to sing "Oh, be careful little eyes what you see. Oh, be careful little ears what you hear...Oh, be careful little heart whom you trust... Oh, be careful little mind what you think...For the Father up above, He's looking down in dear love, so be careful little ears what you hear."

This song talks about what we process with our eyes, ears and heart and mind. I believe what we see, say, hear, and think will influence our outcome, our destiny.

Proverbs 23:7 says, "As a man thinketh in his own heart, so he becomes." So, as you work out your thoughts, they can become self-fulfilling prophecies. Proverbs 4:23 in the Passion Translation also says... "Listen carefully my dear children to everything I teach you, and pay attention to all the things that I have to say. Fill your thoughts with my words until they penetrate

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deep into your spirit. Then, as you unwrap my words, they will impart true life and radiant health into the very core of your being."

Now, let's look at Proverbs 4:23 in the King James Version, as well... "My son give attention to my words. Incline your ears to my sayings. Do not let

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them depart from your eyes. Keep them in the midst of your heart for they are life to those who find them and health to all their flesh."

It all goes right back to that little children's song. Our eyes, our ears, our heart, our hands, our mouth, our thoughts, our words... all of its words are a caution. Why? To remind us that the influences of God's Word and godly widsom bring true life and radiant health which get into the very core of our being.

So, let's take that to heart and think logically about "the company you keep."

The Word of God is our gentle reminder to keep our eyes, our thoughts and our emotions fixed on the Lord. The company we keep is the company that's keeping us. What are you watching or listening to on television? What are you thinking about? What are you praying about? What are you talking about?

What you're full of will manifest. Garbage in, garbage out. If you're full of worry, fear, torment, and other things like that, in a panic situation, what comes out may not be spiritually productive. Instead, when we look at Proverbs 4:23 and fill ourselves with the words of God and keep them *in the midst of our heart, they can become life to all who find them and health to all their flesh.*

Be mindful of the influence of TV, social media, the people around you,

What you're full of... *will manifest*

and your thought life. Your prayer life can keep you in good company and in good relationship with God. I believe Father God wants to bless you in every area of your life, from the crown of your head to the soles of your feet (3 John 2). And when we live our lives according to His Word—the spirit of the Lord in, the spirit of the Lord out, the Word of the Lord in, the Word of the Lord out—I believe we can see miracles, signs and wonders.

Let's pray together now: Father, in the name of Jesus, we stretch forth our faith to You today. No matter what we're facing in the natural, we choose to live by faith, believing what Your Word says. Since faith is what pleases You, we reach out to You Father God, in faith, for every area of our lives—spiritually, physically, financially, emotionally and for our families. We're expecting miracles. in Jesus' Name, amen.



What are the influences around you that can be impacting your life?

Lindsay's new mini-book will help you examine and recognize what is strengthening or what could be weakening your life. No matter who or what is around you, make it a habit to fill your soul with the truth of God's life-giving Word.

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BY ANN PLATZ GROTON

hat if I told you that learning how to PRAY BIG would revolutionize your life? That you would see huge answers to prayer, but even better, you'd come into a powerful intimate relationship with God. What would you think?

Here is the challenge: The message that God is able to do exceedingly abundantly more than what we can see and know in our behalf is amazing! Just imagine what that could be!!

The Apostle Paul writes to the community in Ephesians, teaching this very lesson. He instructs them that we are able to do extraordinary things through the power of God who works through us!

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us. -Ephesians 3:20

God's abilities to provide are unlimited, I encourage you not to limit God, but ask Him for understanding as to how to *really* pray.

As Christians we are partners and stockholders in the kingdom of God. We have ownership with our Father. This brings unlimited resources that are perhaps untapped. We also have spiritual currencies which are available to us. After all, we are joint heirs with Jesus Christ. That alone is truly amazing!

This is why I encourage you to PRAY BIG. Don't pray small, but ask for what you need. Uncap your rightful inheritance and use your spiritual currencies. It's easier to do than you think.

The deeper we go into relationship with God, the more He reveals of His nature. He is the Great Creator, Provider and Counselor.

I challenge you to PRAY BIG for provision—whatever that means to you! Give God permission to move things around in your life, to promote you and show His love for you!

I pray for favor and new beginnings for you.

Pray big. Pray far reaching. Pray with new hope. Pray for new territory. Pray to be used for His glory. Pray in the name of Jesus! I'm in agreement with you!

Prayerfully, **Ann**



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MYDC RECIPES

BRUSCHETTA

INGREDIENTS

6 tomatoes, chopped, Roma preferred 3 fresh basil leaves, chopped 1 loaf french bread baguette Olive oil (4-6 Tbsp. to taste) Sea salt (to taste) Cracked black pepper (to taste) Parmesan cheese, finely grated 1 clove fresh garlic, minced

DIRECTIONS

Mix together tomatoes, basil, pepper, salt and oil. Set aside. Slice bread into ½" slices and spread lightly with minced garlic cloves. Sprinkle a teaspoon (or to taste) of cheese over each piece. (*I always add a little more cheese!*) Broil bread in oven until toasted. Top slices with tomato mixture and serve.





LINDSAY'S PROTEIN SMOOTHIE

INGREDIENTS

cup frozen blueberries
Tbsp. maple syrup
cup almond milk
Banana (optional)
cup fat-free yogurt
Tbsp. protein powder
tsp. vanilla

DIRECTIONS

Place all ingredients in blender and mix thoroughly. The frozen blueberries make the drink cool and refreshing.

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IN THE MIDST OF A CRISIS

ave you ever been struck by some kind of crisis? 1 Peter 4:12,13 says, "... do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed." To me, the apostle Peter said, "Don't be shocked when you find yourself in the middle of a mess." Then he went on to say "But rejoice." Why would Peter tell you to rejoice? He wasn't saying rejoice for the mess, but rejoice knowing who God is and what He has for your lives. You can rejoice because God has a reward for you when you get through those trials!

1. REST.

How can you rest in a crisis and not allow the circumstances to control you? An old-time preacher told me four things you can do to help you rest: talk slower, walk slower, meditate on the Word more, and sit longer. That may seem simple, but it has helped me think on the Word rather than the circumstances. In other words, rest and let the Word of God speak to your heart.

2. ASK GOD WHAT TO DO.

James 1:5 NKJV says, "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who give to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him." Ask for God's counsel now. Say, "Lord what would You do if You were me?"

3. PUT THE CROSS IN THE BIG PICTURE.

Ask yourself, *What is this going to mean to me in eternity*? Why go through life

without considering the big picture? Is this crisis going to look the same when I get to heaven? If it's a temporary problem, I believe God can help you solve it!

4. GET THE FACTS!

Always remember to get the facts! Weigh them out in light of the truth of God's Word. Information without the Word of God can cause you to arrive at the wrong conclusion.

5. TURN THE SENSATIONAL INTO TRUTH.

Rather than make mountains out of molehills, or make molehills out of mountains, ask yourself the question, What's the key issue according to the Bible? Then ask God to reveal to you the real bottom line.

6. MOVE AWAY FROM A NEGATIVE, DEFENSIVE ATTITUDE.

If you're having trouble with negative thoughts or defensive attitudes either coming from you or against you, go to the Scripture. 1 Corinthians 9:8 NKJV is for you: God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that you always having all sufficiency in all things, have an abundance for every good work. Write that Scripture down. Study it. Believe it! (Continued on next page.)



When a storm erupted, Jesus came to the disciples walking on the water. That's how Jesus handles crises... HE WALKS ALL OVER THEM.

7. GET A VISION OF WHAT THE FUTURE WILL BE LIKE WHEN THE CRISIS IS OVER.

Proverbs 29:18 tells us, "Where there is no vision, the people perish". This scripture tells us we have to have a godly vision for our life. A vision is a mental picture of a future state. If you have a godly vision I believe you have hope. You have something to look forward to. So set your sights on God's future for your life.

8. PRAY FOR PEACE IN YOUR SOUL.

When it's time for me to make a decision, I always try to sleep on it a night or two. Somehow things have a way of looking different in the morning. If you can't sleep on it, then take some time to pray about it first. Seek God's will and get His peace. Philippians 4:6-8, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

9. BEGIN TO EXPECT JOY AND PEACE IN YOUR HEART, KNOW-ING GOD CAN BRING YOU THE VICTORY.

It's important to let the faith that is in your heart go to work. Believe that God is a God of miracles and that somehow, some way, He can bring you the victory. Look how bad it was for Daniel when they threw him into the lions' den, but God gave him victory. "My God has sent His angel and has shut the lions' mouths so that they have not hurt me, because innocence was found in me before Him..." (Daniel 6:21).

Look how impossible it seemed for Shadrack, Meshach, and Abednego when Nebuchadnezzar heated his furnace seven time hotter and cast them into the fire. But God gave them victory. "I see four men loose and walking in the midst of the fire and they are unharmed. And the fourth is like the Son of God!" (Daniel 3:25).

Consider the disciples when they were in the middle of the Sea of Galilee and a storm erupted. (Matthew 14). Jesus came to them walking on the water! That's how Jesus handles crises. HE WALKS ALL OVER THEM! When trouble strikes, believe God for victory. Get out your crisis checklist and start walking in faith. Refuse to panic, but remain centered on God's Word, and expect Him to bring you through to victory.



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Things I Learned from My Parents

BY RICHARD ROBERTS



hen I was 18 years old, I thought I had all the answers. When you're young it's easy to think that you are on top of everything. But I found out as I grew older that I knew less and less. Life is like that. That's why I am thankful for godly parents who poured wisdom into my life when I didn't have all that much. These are principles I still live by today. As we celebrate Mothers' Day and Father's Day, I want to share with you seven truths that my parents taught me.

God is a good God.

Some people think that God is someone up in heaven with a long stick, waiting for them to make a mistake so He can strike them down. No, I believe God is a good God, and He loves us with an everlasting love (Jeremiah 31:3).

Stay little in your own eyes and obey God.

That means we shouldn't think too much of ourselves, nor should we think too little of ourselves. We should see ourselves as God sees us. We're all human, and we all make mistakes. Be quick to repent, and quick to obey God. The Bible says, *To obey is better than sacrifice* (Samuel 15:22).

Study the Bible.

When we put the Word of God in to our hearts, in times of trouble it can come pouring out. *It's a lamp to our feet and a light to our path* (Psalm 119:105). And when we speak it in faith, God watches over it to see that it comes to pass according to His plan and purpose for our lives (Jeremiah 1:12).

He's a healing Jesus.

Some people say that healing died when the apostles died, but you've come too late to tell me that Jesus no longer works miracles. I've seen too many healings and received too many for myself! The Bible says in 1 Peter 2:24 that the stripes He took on His back He took for your healing and mine.

Give and it shall be given back to you.

Whatever we give to God—our time, our money, our prayers, our compassion—is a seed, and we give God

something to return back to us multiplied. It's the same with people. When we sow kindness, love, peace, joy, etc. to others, it allows God to bless us back in the same way. It's like what as children we called The Golden Rule. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." What you sow, you reap. My parents poured that into me throughout their lives.

Never strike back.

When people do terrible things to you, leave it in God's hands. God says, Vengeance is mine (Roman 12:19), because only He can absorb the repercussions that vengeance brings. Ask God to deal with the situation and forgive the people involved. When you do, I believe you release the circumstances to God and keep your heart pure before the Lord. Also, it can give God a wonderful opportunity to act in your behalf.

God can make a way where there seems to be no way.

You may be thinking today, I don't know how I'm going to do what God has put on my heart, or I don't know how I'm going to fix this mess or win this battle. I want you to know that God will make a way. Isaiah 43:19 says, *I will even make a way in the wilderness.* Hold fast in faith and watch what God does.

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BY ORAL ROBERTS

MY MOTHER WAS A TINY WOMAN, BARELY REACHING FIVE FEET TALL, AND I TOW-ERED OVER HER BY MORE THAN A FOOT. BUT HOWEVER SMALL SHE WAS PHYSICALLY, SHE WAS A GIANT WHEN IT CAME TO HAVING GODLY WISDOM.

I remember early in my ministry, when my parents came to one of my crusades and didn't let me know they were in the audience. They just sat in the back and watched as I preached. They wanted to be sure that what I was doing was in harmony with the way God had shown them I was to fulfill my mission on earth. My mother was especially concerned, for she felt she had a lot at stake-she had dedicated my life to God before my birth.

A short time after the crusade, my parents came to visit Evelyn and me. Mama said, "Oral, I asked God if this is what He's called you to do,

and He told me that it was. So I want to tell you two things," Mama continued, "Always obey God." She must have known that there was something about me, her youngest child, that wanted to please God no matter how much people would try to bring discouragement. She gave me the scripture in Isaiah 1:19 KJV: If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land.

Obedience to God has been my No. 1 concern. Before making any major decision, I always take time to consider, What does God want me to do? What does His Word say about this?

The second thing Mama told me that day is to "always stay little in your own eyes."

Through the years when people have complimented my preaching or remarked about the healings that occurred through the ministry, I've always said, "It isn't me. I'm only obeying God. Only He has the power to save, heal, and deliver."

From a very tiny woman came godly advice that helped shape my life and my ministry. And along the way I've learned that for me, it's always good to do what Mama says.

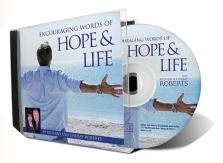
FOR THE FUTURE

READ THE FORECAST AND OUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT. Although we've seen some "interesting" things happen in our nation, our economy, and so many facets of our life, I keep feeling such an encouragement and excitement for what's up ahead.

I believe the reason for this is simple. The Bible says that while things in our daily life may change, **God's Word never changes. God never changes.** I have gathered powerful scriptures for this CD and I encourage you to hear them over and over and allow them to get inside your soul your mind, will and emotions. I pray you see that through Christ, *all things are possible* and in Him your future is bright and blessed.

-Lindsay

Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God (Romans 10:17). That's why Richard and Lindsay Roberts created this powerful CD of Scriptures focused on encouragement and hope. As you hear God's words about how much He loves you and who He says you are in Him, you can hold on to Truth and stand strong in your faith.



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