
Bee *that never leave a*
Sting!

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Preface

I have been publishing *Bees That Never Leave a Sting* in the Truth, Light & Life Quarterly for the past twelve years. When I completed 366, they were compiled into this devotional for you to experience every day throughout the year. The idea for these “bees” came from a book which was read to me as a child. In that book, the “bee” would buzz a warning when someone was tempted to do wrong. Those stories inspired me to write “bees” to encourage people to excel.

You have within you the power to be a burden or a burden bearer. You can make life bitter or sweet for yourselves and others. There are wonderful, exciting and pleasant things that can change a sad and unpleasant lifestyle. With the help of God, even marriages which seem to be hopeless, can be brought together.

In order to find the secret to a life of fulfillment and blessing, let's visit the hive of *Bees That Never Leave a Sting*. These wonderful bees can change a marriage, a family, a community, a church or even a nation; but best of all, You! Let's put these “bees” to practice. When you change, you can help change others.

Introduction

As a pastor, church leader and church planter, I have learned if you do not experience daily moments with the Master—a devotion with your Maker—discouragement can weaken you and anxiety plague you. Without a lifestyle completely devoted to the Lord, your love will begin to languish. Your loyalty to the King of kings and Lord of lords will begin to diminish until you find yourself in the same condition as the Laodicean church: “*I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked*” (Revelation 3:15-17). When you have daily communion with your Heavenly Father—the Omnipotent, All-knowing, Almighty God—you will be strong in the Lord, regardless of the tests.

In this book, *Bees That Never Leave a Sting*, I want to encourage you to be more accountable to God, more loyal to His precepts and more enthused about serving Him. As you study this devotional each day, my prayer is that you will “bee” inspired to reach your highest potential and never be stung by the “bees” of failure, defeat and discouragement. If you heed to the warning of each of the “bees” in this book, they will never leave a painful sting!





January 1

Bee Able

How you analyze what you see sets the stage for victory or defeat. The Bible records a number of nations and kingdoms whom the Israelites were not able to drive out or destroy. Didn't the Lord promise them victory? Apparently, they did not listen to the buzz of "bee" able informing them they were capable of overthrowing the enemy. When Moses sent spies to search out the land, they returned with a negative report, *"And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it. Nevertheless the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there"* (Numbers 13:27-28). Caleb's view of the enemy was different: *"And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it"* (Verse 30). He had confidence they would "bee" able to overcome the enemy. The other spies saw only defeat, *"But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we"* (Verse 31). If you see the giants, you will not have victory. But if you focus on the Lord, you will "bee" able to win.

You may hear someone say, "I was not able to resist temptation." As you read the following Bible verse, notice the conclusion: *"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it"* (1Corinthians 10:13). You are promised an escape route that you may "bee" able to overcome all temptation. Temptation is real but so is victory.

Peter's faith was soaring high when he saw Jesus walking on the water: *"And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea"* (Matthew 14:25). With great anticipation, he

waited for the invitation, *“And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus”* (Matthew 14:29). That word *“come”* gave him courage to *“bee”* able to climb out of the boat onto the tempestuous waters. Peter confidently began walking toward Jesus until he focused on the boisterous wind surrounding him. His faith suddenly transformed to fear: *“But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid”* (Matthew 14:30). What he saw at first, caused him to *“bee”* able to walk on water. What he saw next, caused him to sink. The wind was just as boisterous when he started to walk on water as it was when he began to sink. You will never *“bee”* able to reach your fullest potential when you’re focused on fearful surroundings. If you keep your focus on Jesus, you will *“bee”* able to do *“...exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us”* (Ephesians 3:20).

“Faith is our ability to trust God with the unknown.”





January 2

Bee Absolute

During my school days, the teaching was prevalent there is nothing absolute in education nor beliefs. However, as I studied the Bible, I found many things that were absolute. When something is absolute, it is not subject to change. It is not affected by conditions nor distorted by man's religious ideas, theology and traditions. Even in nature, some things are absolute such as gravity. If you were to doubt absolutes, you would be afraid to ride in an airplane.

Christianity is an absolute. In order to be a true child of God, there are certain absolutes you must know. The saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ is the only way to receive redemption from your sins. The blood of Jesus is an absolute that will cleanse you from all sins, not 90% of them: *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"* (1 John 1:9).

God expects your marriage vows to "bee" absolute. Nothing should be able to separate you and your spouse. My wife and I had a joyful marriage which worked. We were married over 50 years before she passed away. Marriage can work day in and day out, every day. Chose to befriend this "bee." How wonderful it is to listen to "bee" absolute.





January 3

Bee Accountable

Accountability is integrity in action. It makes no excuses for missing the mark. When King David sinned, he was accountable for his behavior. He didn't blame anyone, but simply said, "*Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight*" (Psalm 51:4). This generation has lost the vision of "bee" accountable. Those who are accountable are not struggling with guilt and condemnation, nor are they blaming others for their problems. These people are valuable. They are dependable. They can be trusted. Those who choose to "bee" accountable are filled with expectation and great accomplishments.

You must "bee" accountable before God and man at home, in the work place, at church and among your friends. The Lord will hold you accountable for your behavior, decisions and failures. When you make a promise to someone, "bee" accountable to perform that promise. When you sign a contract, "bee" accountable to fulfill it. You are accountable to pay your rent and bills. Those who are accountable will have the blessing of the Lord resting upon them. Rise up and be what the Lord called you to be. "Bee" accountable.

"It is never wrong to do right and never right to do wrong."





January 4

Bee Accurate

Did you ever play the game of whispering in someone's ear and the next person repeated what they heard until it passed from one to the other around a circle? The original statement was usually distorted by the time it reached the last person. You should learn to "bee" accurate when quoting others. To "bee" accurate is to be honest and free from mistakes. When you speak, your words should "bee" accurate. When you repeat a story, there should be no shade of dishonesty or exaggeration. Sometimes, people think it is funny to speak an inaccurate statement, assuming others understand they are "just kidding." There have been times I was uncertain if they were telling the truth or not.

The Lord expects you to "bee" accurate in every area of your life. If you bought one dozen tomato plants from a greenhouse, how would you feel if you went home and found there were only ten? How do you think the Lord feels when you are not accurately quoting or interpreting His Word? II Peter 3:16 says that some people pervert the scriptures to their own destruction: "*They that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.*" Christians should "bee" accurate. Christians must "bee" accurate. "Bee" accurate! This "bee" will never leave a painful sting.





January 5

Bee Acquainted

To “bee” acquainted with someone is to learn to know that person and become familiar with them. It is possible to be around a person for years and still not be fully acquainted with them. A husband and wife need to “bee” acquainted with each other. Your spouse may be suffering some kind of problem of which you are unaware. When you are acquainted with your spouse and have a close relationship, there is freedom to share frustrations, fears or temptations.

Parents need to learn to “bee” acquainted with their children. Many parents wish they had taken more time to become acquainted with their children after it was too late. A mother once spoke to me about her son who had committed suicide. She told me she had no knowledge that he had been suffering with depression. No doubt, if she would have had a closer mother-son relationship, she would have discerned something was wrong. You may not be aware of the struggles your children face unless you spend time with them and become acquainted with their needs.

You, also, need to “bee” acquainted with the Lord. You should know what He likes or dislikes in your life. A sincere love for the Lord is an asset in learning how to have *“the love of God...shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us”* (Romans 5:5). As you become more acquainted with the Lord, you will learn how to “bee” acquainted with those around you. This wonderful “bee” will help you avoid major problems you may face in the future. Let’s “bee” acquainted. This “bee” will never leave a painful sting.





January 6

Bee Absolute

It is important to “bee” active in the work of the Lord. People who choose to “bee” active greatly hinder the work of the enemy. I believe people on the verge of a nervous breakdown could keep themselves from a lot of trouble if they would “bee” active in doing something for others. The Lord has pronounced a special blessing upon those in the ministry of helps. Notice the promise found in Mark 9:31: *“For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.”* Jesus promised that those who are actively serving others will not lose their reward.

You should “bee” active in praying for others and in reading the Word of God. In I Timothy 4:13, Paul writes to Timothy these words, *“Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.”* When you are active in reading, studying and meditating upon the Word of God, you will overcome many of the discouraging situations you face in life.

If you are struggling with a problem in your life, why not make a decision today to “bee” active? Learn to “bee” active in ministering to those in nursing homes or speaking uplifting words to those who have faced tragedy. You can “bee” active by giving a small gift or sending a letter of encouragement to cheer someone. Those who keep themselves busy are better able to come through hard times with a shout of victory. “Bee” active and notice how little time you have to think of your yourself and your problems. “Bee” active will never leave a painful sting.





January 7

Bee Addicted

Most usually label addictions as harmful. They believe when a person is addicted to something, he has become a slave to it. But, there is one addiction mentioned in the Bible that everyone should desire: *“I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints)”* (I Corinthians 16:15). According to this verse, they chose to “bee” addicted to the ministry of the saints. Such an addiction to servanthood is indeed a lofty endeavor. It can change the way you think, the way you live and the way you treat others. If you were addicted to ministering to the needs of others, the world would indeed be a better place to live, wouldn’t it?

You can become addicted to the ministry of the saints by looking for ways and means to help others. There are so many people in need. Elderly folks need someone to encourage them. The sick and afflicted often need someone to lift their spirits. People who are going through difficulties in life need someone to pray for them. As an overseer over a number of churches, I find people who seem to always be waiting for an opportunity to minister to my needs. Such people are very special to the Lord and to me. When you make a decision to minister to others, you will discover the work to be very rewarding and you will become addicted to the ministry of the saints. Then, “bee” addicted will not leave a painful sting.





January 8

Bee Adjusted

Over the years, I've discovered the need to "bee" adjusted in numerous areas of life. In travelling overseas and ministering to those from different cultures, I found the importance of learning to "bee" adjusted to their food, sleeping quarters and way of life. Whether you are moving into a new territory, making new friends or working for a new employer, you will need to make adjustments. If you learn to "bee" adjusted to your surroundings, you will soon find yourself cooperating peacefully with others. Paul said in Philippians 4:11 "*...I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.*"

You must learn to "bee" adjusted in married life. Ephesians 5:21 instructs, "*Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.*" Maybe you had different ideas before you were married, but if you choose to "bee" adjusted to the desires of your spouse, you can have a joyful and peaceful marriage.

Although the circumstances were far less than ideal, Joseph learned to "bee" adjusted when he was sold as a slave in Egypt. Because of his faithfulness, God rewarded him: "*And his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand*" (Genesis 39:3). Learn to "bee" adjusted. In so doing, this "bee" will never leave a painful sting.





January 9

Bee Affectionate

To “bee” affectionate means to cherish, to be fond of, to be tender and loving. Life would be so different if everyone chose to “bee” affectionate. How beautiful marriages would be if husbands and wives would “bee” affectionate toward each other.

According to Romans 12:10, you are to “*be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another.*” You are to be gentle, kind and affectionate toward those with whom you live, work and attend church.

The Bible warns that some will be, “*...without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful*” (Romans 1:31). That is why you must listen to the buzz of “bee” affectionate. This “bee” is extremely important in the lives of true Believers. If this “bee” ever tires of reminding you to “bee” affectionate, you will suffer great loss.

“Love is not lust and lust is not love.

Love is of God; lust is of the devil.





January 10

Bee Afflicted

To “bee” afflicted is a painful experience not welcomed by the average person. Yet, in the moments of great affliction your faith can mount to new heights. The Psalmist understood the afflictions of the righteous, but he also knew the Lord was there to render aid in times of trouble. He said, *“Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all”* (Psalm 34:19). In another Psalm, he explained how the Lord brought deliverance when the children of Israel were afflicted: *“Nevertheless he regarded their affliction, when he heard their cry”* (Psalm 106:44). The Lord heard their cry and led them through their afflictions. The Lord is always mindful of your afflictions and is ready to help you overcome. Take courage, my dear fellow Believer, His all-seeing eye is ever watching over His children.

Some teachers have explained that the Lord sends afflictions to draw you closer to Him. It is true, affliction may draw you closer to the Lord, but that is not the purpose for affliction. To “bee” afflicted proves who you are and what you are. It is normal for those who *“fight the good fight of faith...”* (I Timothy 6:12) to “bee” afflicted, but after the battle there is sweet peace and blessed assurance deep within the innermost being. You experience a realization of the promise found in Hebrews 13:5, *“I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.”* Consider Paul’s testimony, *“I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation”* (II Corinthians 7:4). Yes, afflictions will come, but if you are prepared to face them, they will be less difficult to overcome. Then, “bee” afflicted will not leave a painful sting.





January 11

Bee Aflame

To “bee” aflame is to be greatly excited. Keep that flame of hope burning within you, even when facing tests, temptations or difficulties. Paul was a prime example of what it means to “bee” aflame. That flame of zeal and power was burning brightly when he faced critical times in his life. He described all that happened to him as he sailed from nation to nation. He was faced with stormy seas and critical, false brethren. His enemies tried to stone him to death. He had many other hardships which tried to stop him, but that flame of zeal kept burning within him and he confidently declared, “*But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God*” (Acts 20:24).

Abraham faced a time when his hope was tested to the limit. God had promised him a special son, yet years went by without a sign of this child who was to bring forth nations. Abraham was ninety-nine and his wife, Sarah, was nearly ninety, yet he remained aflame with the promise God had spoken to him. He refused to let fear and doubt rob him of the promised son. In Paul’s epistle to the Romans, he explained Abraham’s faith: “*Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken. So shall thy seed be*” (Romans 4:18). Abraham kept that flame of hope burning day and night. He wouldn’t let age nor time rob him of that hope. Because of his faith in God’s promise, he was able to hold his beloved son in his arms.

You should “bee” aflame with the power of the Holy Spirit. There is work to be done that only the Holy Spirit can empower you to complete. You should be so aflame with soul winning enthusiasm that you are a witness of the saving grace of God to those around you at home, in the workplace and in the neighborhood. You should “bee” aflame with excitement about the life of Christ dwelling in

you. “Bee” aflame because your name is written down in heaven. Children of God should “bee” aflame with the joy of the Lord and the leading of the Holy Spirit. Keep that which you hope to accomplish aflame within your very being. All of Heaven is on your side: “*Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy*” (Psalm 107:2). “Bee” aflame. This precious “bee” will do marvelous things for those who will listen to it’s “get-with-it” buzz.

“It was only a little match that started the flame that kept the house warm all winter long.”





January 12

Bee Afraid

It may seem strange to tell someone to “bee” afraid, but if Adam and Eve would have been afraid to disobey God in the Garden of Eden, Adam wouldn’t have feared when the Lord called to him. Can’t you see him trembling as he confessed, “*And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself*” (Genesis 3:10)? So many, today, seem to have lost the fear of God. If you were afraid to disobey God and His Word, you could be free from the wrong kind of fear that is unhealthy and dangerous.

You should “bee” afraid to violate the laws of the land. Romans 13:4 tells us, “*...But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.*” Husbands should “bee” afraid to mistreat their wives because the Bible says, “*Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them*” (Colossians 3:19). Wives should “bee” afraid to disobey God’s instructions: “*Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord*” (Ephesians 5:22). Children should “bee” afraid to disobey their parents because they are given both a command and a promise in Ephesians 6:1-3: “*Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.*” If you would learn to properly listen to “bee” afraid, this “bee” would not leave a painful sting.

“Bee afraid to bee afraid.”





January 13

Bee Against

There are certain things you should “bee” against. Sometimes things happen or plans are made that you know would not please your Heavenly Father. You should “bee” against these plans. I once knew of a Christian school whose name referred to God. Some Christians moved to rename the school after an individual who had donated financial support. Although some were against it, the name was changed. Over the years, the school began to lose support and was closed.

You should “bee” against plans made in our nation knowing they are not in accordance with God’s Word. Many years ago, this nation was founded on righteous principles and national leaders honored God. Today, however, God is often left out of the plans.

There are many beliefs taught in schools today that you should “bee” against. Students are being taught how to live immorally and to believe in Evolution. Teachers are leading them away from Scriptural knowledge. You should “bee” against allowing Atheists to teach your children in school.

Your heart should be so close to God, you are against anything that would grieve Him: *“The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate”* (Proverbs 8:13). When you choose to “bee” against things that are unscriptural, this “bee” will not leave a painful sting.





January 14

Bee Agreeable

Some people become disturbed when things don't work out the way they planned. They blame and accuse others. If they would learn to "bee" agreeable, situations would appear different.

An agreeable person is pleasant, friendly and likeable. Amos 3:3 asks the question, "*Can two walk together, except they be agreed?*" You may not always understand what another person is pursuing, but that should not be a cause for strife. You can learn how to "bee" agreeable, even if you think they are wrong. If you work with others in an agreeable manner, they may even recognize their mistakes and make changes. Matthew 5:25 warns, "*Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.*"

Marriage is much more precious when a husband and wife learn to work together in an agreeable manner. Life becomes more pleasant. Esther and I were married for over 50 years. We both had to make adjustments, but through experience and correction, we learned to "bee" agreeable.

There is a promise given in Matthew 18:19 for those who choose to "bee" agreeable: "*Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.*" This "bee" has been buzzing around for years, trying to advise people to agree. Surely, "bee" agreeable will never leave a painful sting.





January 15

Bee Alert

It is extremely important to “bee” alert. There are times when the Lord may warn you of impending danger that can be avoided if you are alert. Many years ago, I was walking on a path near the river, when I felt a signal to “bee” alert for danger. I stopped immediately and scanned the area ahead. Seeing nothing, I threw a stick in front of me. A very poisonous snake struck the stick. If I had not listened to “bee” alert, I could have been bitten.

We are now living in the time prophesied in the Scriptures: *“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come”* (II Timothy 3:1). These are days of great danger and deception. You need to “bee” alert to what is taking place. *“For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect”* (Matthew 24:24). You need to “bee” alert to what spirit is motivating these so-called “moves of the spirit.” Did not the apostle John warn us, *“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world”* (I John 4:1)? You need to “bee” alert and careful not to believe everything watchdogs and critics say. They may warn of danger, but they also criticize true men of God who do not agree with their traditional teaching or doctrines of men. What you hear and believe must be in agreement with the Word of God. “Bee” alert. This “bee” will never leave a painful sting.





January 16

Bee Alive

After the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, the proclamation went throughout the land, *“Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon”* (Luke 24:34). Today, the message that Jesus is alive is still being joyfully declared. Because He is alive, you, too, can “bee” alive in Christ as declared in I Corinthians 15:22: *“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.”* When you choose to “bee” alive in Him, your works are no longer dead, *“How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God”* (Hebrews 9:14). The blood of Jesus cleanses your mind from dead works so you can “bee” alive.

You cannot fully “bee” alive unless you recognize the death and resurrection of Jesus brings eternal life. In Revelation 1:18, Jesus declares, *“I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.”* He burst through the bars of death and triumphed over hell and the grave. When He is alive in you, there is triumph. You can shout the victory. You are more than a conqueror: *“Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us”* (Romans 8:37). “Bee” alive, today, in the power of the resurrection. This “bee” will never leave a painful sting.





January 17

Bee Altruistic

To “bee” altruistic is to be unselfish and to be concerned about the welfare of others. Wouldn’t this earth be a wonderful place to live if everyone chose to “bee” altruistic? Ephesians 4:32 instructs us to have this characteristic, *“And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.”*

Over the years, I have seen people whose life radiated such willingness to help others and displayed such an unselfish character that you couldn’t help but love them. Altruistic individuals are a blessing and benefit to any nation or people. Blessings are promised to those who choose to “bee” altruistic. Proverbs 11:25 says, *“The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.”* Also, we find another promise in Proverbs 22:9, *“He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.”*

What a beautiful characteristic it is to “bee” altruistic, to be there when someone needs you, to be helpful and caring to both young and old. Truly, “bee” altruistic will never leave a painful sting.





January 18

Bee Amazed

We were once a mighty nation greatly blessed because we feared Almighty God. It's amazing how much this nation has deteriorated over the years. Yet, there are still some who choose to separate themselves from the evil of this generation.

You should “bee” amazed by the courage of those who teach the truth of God’s Word in the midst of adversity and hostility. Some have experienced much rejection because they were unafraid to speak out against apostasy in the churches. They were not satisfied with the average run of Christianity nor the modern day interpretation of Scripture. In the midst of rejection, they found victory and became giants in the faith. That’s something that should cause you to “bee” amazed.

You should “bee” amazed at the Lord’s mercy, gentleness and love toward His children. The book of Lamentations expresses the newness of God’s mercy every day: *“It is of the LORD’S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness”* (Lamentations 3:22-23). You should “bee” amazed by how forgiving the Lord has been when you make mistakes. When used in this manner, “bee” amazed will never leave a painful sting.





January 19

Bee Anchored

Sometimes in life you may be tossed around with decisions and question which direction to follow. You can easily become confused in your spiritual life, as well, if you are not anchored properly. The Bible tells us, *“Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil”* (Hebrews 6:19). You will notice in this verse, hope is the anchor to the soul. When you lose hope, you lose your anchor. You are unsure of yourself. When you choose to “bee” anchored in the Word, you will be established in hope, security and faith.

The reward for choosing to “bee” anchored is explained in Romans 5:5: *“And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.”* When you choose to “bee” anchored in hope, you will not be ashamed. “Bee” anchored will never leave a painful sting.

“Help us to be rock solid on the Solid Rock.”





January 20

Bee Angry

The Bible does not forbid us to “bee” angry, but it does direct how to handle anger: “*Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath*” (Ephesians 4:26). Unchecked anger will turn into wrath and wrath uncontrolled will turn into rage. Rage is dangerous, damaging and harmful. The message is being declared, don’t let your anger linger or it can cause you great trouble.

To “bee” angry may be acceptable in some situations, but if that anger isn’t handled correctly, it can, and usually does, result in much damage. Many are the wounds caused by an out of control fit of anger from a person who must have forgotten the warning given in Proverbs 29:22, “*An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression.*” You are duty-bound to keep a check on your anger. Temper tantrums show weakness. Someone has said, “You cannot get rid of a temper by losing it.” How true!

The Bible records the anger of Jesus in Mark 3:5: “*And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other.*” Jesus’ anger was kindled because of the people’s critical attitude toward Him. There is a time to “bee” angry when you see people coming against the works of God.

If you choose to control your anger, you will be safe. Don’t let the “bee” of rage and anger sting you and those around you. There is a “bee” angry that does not leave a painful sting.





January 21

Bee Anointed

The Bible tells us that Jesus was anointed with great power. Acts 10:38 explains, “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.” Notice that statement, “God was with him.” Without God’s help, it is impossible to “bee” anointed.

Thank God, you can also “bee” anointed. According to the Scriptures, you can have the same anointing as Jesus: “Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God” (II Corinthians 1:21). The anointing is the power of the Holy Spirit working within you. Choose to “bee” anointed and be mightily used of God. But remember, this anointing is not for your benefit nor to take you on an ego trip. This precious anointing is given to you by God to be used cautiously, carefully and reverently.

Every pastor must “bee” anointed to operate successfully in his God-given position. Missionaries must “bee” anointed to fulfill their God-given task. In fact, every person in the work of the Lord, whether leader or layman, needs a certain measure of God’s anointing power upon them. The word “Christ” in “Christian” means to be an anointed person. God wants you to “bee” anointed; so you should desire to walk in that anointing.

People often ask me, “How can I receive the anointing?” You must be open to receive the anointing. Learn to relax and allow the anointing from the Lord to come upon you. If you are seeking the anointing to exalt yourself, the Lord will not give it to you. According to the Bible, the real purpose of the anointing is to destroy the yokes that keep people in bondage: “The yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing” (Isaiah 10:27). To “bee” anointed is not determined by feeling. Sometimes you may not even notice the anointing power is upon you. Nevertheless, “bee” anointed. That is God’s plan for His children.





January 22

Bee Appointed

How would you like to “bee” appointed to do something for the Lord? In his letter to Timothy, Paul said, “*Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles*” (II Timothy 1:11). The Lord needed a man so He appointed Paul to fulfill this assignment. The Lord is always looking for dedicated, committed, dependable people He can appoint to do a job for Him.

When Jesus was on the earth, He couldn’t personally preach everywhere He was needed. He appointed others to help Him: “*After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come*” (Luke 10:1). Wouldn’t that have been an honorable position to be chosen and used of the Lord to go in places where He himself would have gone?

Judas Iscariot was one of the men chosen to be a personal assistant and an apostle of the Lamb. There were only twelve people in the world throughout the ages who could have received such an honorable rank. Judas did not understand his position because his heart was not right with God. The Bible records the sad ending of this man after he betrayed the Lord, “*And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself*” (Matthew 27:5).

Not everyone is appointed to preach or travel over land and sea with the Gospel, but everyone is appointed to be a soul winner. If you keep yourself useable, you may someday “bee” appointed to do something great for God. “Bee” appointed will never leave a painful sting.





January 23

Bee Appreciative

To “bee” appreciative is to feel or show gratitude and thankfulness. Has something great ever happened to you? Have you learned to “bee” appreciative toward the ones who were responsible to make that great thing happen? Are you appreciative for what the Lord has done for you? Psalm 105:1 says, *“O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.”*

Years ago, I counseled a couple whose marriage was nearing disaster. I discovered they had not learned how to appreciate each other nor God’s plan for leadership. After an hour of talking with them, joy arose in their hearts and they began to understand how to “bee” appreciative for each other. In that short time, their lives were transformed. They walked out of my prayer room holding hands with smiles on their faces. When I talked with them later, they confirmed their lives were completely changed.

You should learn to “bee” appreciative toward those around you. “Bee” appreciative for the victories others have won that benefit your life. Learn to “bee” appreciative in every circumstance: *“In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you”* (I Thessalonians 5:18). “Bee” appreciative. This “bee” will never leave a painful sting.

“Don’t get caught with a bad thought.”





January 24

Bee Approved

Many people seek to “bee” approved by others, but never consider seeking the approval of the Most High God. In the book of Acts, Jesus was identified as a man approved of God: “*Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know*” (Acts 2:22). Why was He approved of God? Because He was faithful and trustworthy in every area of life.

The apostles were approved by God to be sent out to preach the Gospel: “*Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word*” (Acts 8:4). There were also men, like Stephen, who was neither a pastor nor church leader, but was mightily used of God. He was simply a table waiter who went beyond the normal to “bee” approved of God. It is recorded in Acts that his face shined as an angel’s. Even as he was dying, the approval of God was evident upon his life. Stephen cried out, “*Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God*” (Acts 7:56). I like to think Jesus was giving him a standing ovation as he entered the realms of glory. How wonderful to “bee” approved of God so much that He would stand and welcome you home.

As a minister of the Gospel, I must study to “bee” approved of God in my conduct, behavior and handling of the Word: “*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth*” (II Timothy 2:15). My obedience in these areas will indicate whether or not I have the approval of God. Let’s help each other “bee” approved of God. That “bee” is important in each of our lives and will never leave a painful sting.





January 25

Bee Armed

The flesh wants attention. It desires to have its own way. It seeks for something to satisfy its craving for sin. Peter understood the weakness of the flesh, therefore he proclaimed, *“Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin”* (I Peter 4:1).

We will face temptations as long as we live. That is why we all need to “bee” armed. Jesus warned us, *“When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his good are in peace: But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils”* (Luke 11:21-22). When we let down our guards, we can be robbed of our armor.

You need to “bee” armed with the Word of God as Jesus was in the wilderness. The devil tried to deceive the Lord, but Jesus quickly placed the Sword of the Spirit in the face of the devil by saying, “It is written.” You need that same courage to always “bee” armed with the Word.

“Bee” armed to protect yourself against resentment, envy, unforgiveness, fear or any other enemy that tries to attack you. The Bible commands, *“Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil”* (Ephesians 6:11). When you are fully armed, you are fully protected. “Bee” armed and face the future in victory!





January 26

Bee Attentive

Have you ever tried to talk to someone when they were not attentive to what you were saying? It is rather frustrating, especially when what you are telling them is very important for them to hear. Once, when my wife and I were on a tour, our guide explained something to us while others in the group were engaged in conversation. After awhile, someone asked a question concerning the very thing that had just been explained. This brought a few chuckles from the rest of the group. Why weren't those individuals listening? They may not have realized the importance of the information that was being given. Sometimes, those who are giving instructions become discouraged because people are not paying attention to what they are saying.

You need to learn to “bee” attentive when someone is talking to you. To “bee” attentive shows respect. This is very important in marriage. You need to “bee” attentive to what your spouse is saying. At work, you need to “bee” attentive when your employer or foreman is giving orders. Children need to “bee” attentive to their school teacher. “Bee” attentive when someone is giving a lecture or preaching a sermon. “Bee” attentive when the Word of God is being spoken or read. “Bee” attentive to the Spirit of the Lord leading us, *“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God”* (Romans 8:14). “Bee” attentive! This “bee” will not leave a painful sting.





January 27

Bee Authorized

In Matthew 21:23, Jesus was confronted by His adversaries. They questioned him, “...By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority?” Although He did not answer them directly, we know He was authorized by the Heavenly Father to cast out devils, heal the sick, raise the dead and preach the Gospel of truth to those around Him. Luke 4:18 confirms this, “*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.*” Jesus authorized His followers to do the same works, “*And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give*” (Matthew 10:7-8).

The way to “bee” authorized is to meet God’s qualifications. You must believe you have the authority and exercise that authority boldly and confidently. The enemy of the soul understands when you are weak in faith or display the wrong behavior. When this happens, you lose the authority God has given you.

Instead of focusing on how to “bee” authorized, have faith in the authority God has given you. No one will “bee” authorized who is living in strife and debate, has a slandering, railing tongue or is operating contrary to the Word. “Bee” authorized. It is good to be acquainted with this “bee.”





January 28

Bee Available

If you really want to be blessed, “bee” available. When you hear the buzz of “bee” available, you are needed. “Bee” available to encourage a neighbor, a friend, a minister or someone who is sick, elderly or shut in. “Bee” available when the Lord needs a peacemaker. Jesus said a peacemaker is a blessed person, *“Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God”* (Matthew 5:9).

Throughout the Scriptures, there are times when the Lord needed an intercessor. Today, He is still looking for those who will intercede for the work of the Kingdom, cry out for revival, plead for the lost and pray for those on the mission field. You should “bee” available to fulfill this important need.

The Lord may be seeking for an ambassador. Would you “bee” available? II Corinthians 5:20 says, *“Now then we are ambassadors for Christ.”* We should always “bee” available to be soul winners, *“The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise”* (Proverbs 11:30). We all need to “bee” available to spread the Good News to someone’s prodigal son. Wherever you are needed, listen to the gentle buzz of “bee” available. Surely this bee will never leave a painful sting!





January 29

Bee Awake

Many are the “giants” in the churches who are sleeping. The church is a mighty giant, but she seems to be asleep. Paul cries out, *“It is time to awake out of sleep”* (Romans 13:11). The message is urgent. It is time for war, time to awaken the mighty men of valor. The prophet Joel sent out a proclamation across the ages of time, *“Prepare war; wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near”* (Joel 3:9). We must “bee” awake and stay awake. The enemies are closing in on us. The devil knows his time is short. He is attacking our homes, churches, schools and seminaries. Do as the Bible says, *“Awake unto righteousness”* (I Corinthians 15:34).

General Christendom has successfully reasoned away the power the church should have. They say it passed away with other generations and other times, leaving the average church member weak and powerless. This is reason enough to “bee” awake and ready for war. The battle must be won. You must win it. You can win it. Pray that the sleeping giant will be awakened. Hear the buzzing of “bee” awake, *“Awake thou that sleepest”* (Ephesians 5:14). New opportunities await. The Lord is ready to help you. Wake up the mighty men. Let’s fight until the battle is won.

*“Wake up, get up, start up, speak up, keep up,
stand up, look up, go up & stay up.”*





January 30

Bee Aware

Many times in life we suffer because we are not aware of the consequences of carelessness. This is especially true in the area of words. The book of Proverbs warns us, *“The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly”* (Proverbs 26:22). The same writer also says, *“Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones”* (Proverbs 16:24). You need to “bee” aware that your words and actions should be pleasant, agreeable and not cause unnecessary pain.

You need to “bee” aware of dangers that are around, but don’t be fearful that something bad will happen to you. “Bee” aware that certain books, magazines, TV shows and a host of other things could be dangerous to your spiritual health.

“Bee” aware of the lure of temptation. James said, *“But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed”* (James 1:14). One day, Jesus cautioned Peter: *“...Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat”* (Luke 22:31). He wanted Peter to “bee” aware that he was pending an attack from satan. The encouraging conclusion to that statement says, *“But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not”* (Verse 32).

It is of utmost importance that you “bee” aware that someone will be influenced by what you say or do. You can leave either a good or a bad influence. You need to “bee” aware that angry and unsanctified words can do damage, not only to others, but to yourself as well. When you heed the warning of “bee” aware to be careful or cautious, it is then that “bee” aware will not leave a painful sting.





January 31

Bee Balanced

A well balanced person will not be swayed to the right or to the left but will be steadfast and firm in his everyday walk with God. He knows what he believes and will stand for the right.

To “bee” balanced does not mean partly hot and partly cold. God hates lukewarmness. He said in Revelation 3:15-16, *“I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.”*

You need to “bee” balanced in every area of you life. You need to “bee” balanced between the positive and the negative, between low and high emotions, between the spiritual and the secular. You need to “bee” balanced in your work lest you become a workaholic or lazy. You need to “bee” balanced in your Bible study. You cannot study only negative or positive scriptures or you will not “bee” balanced. I have known people who sat around reading the Bible for hours or carried a Bible everywhere they went, but most of these were on the verge of mental disorders. “Bee” balanced. This “bee” will never leave a painful sting!

*“When you are positive, you go forward;
When you are negative, you stand still or go backward.”*



Bee Baptized

After receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior, your life is incomplete without baptism. To “bee” baptized is a very important part of your Christian life. I have met people who never felt it necessary to “bee” baptized. They reasoned that the man on the cross wasn’t baptized. When Jesus gave instruction to His disciples before His ascension back to the Father, He said, *“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost”* (Matthew 28:19). He not only told them to baptize, but explained how to “bee” baptized in a way that even a child could understand. Jesus obviously considered baptism important for He gave us an example as He was baptized in the Jordan River by John the Baptist.

Peter says that baptism is *“...the answer of a good conscience toward God...”* (I Peter 3:21). To “bee” baptized is an important outward sign that you are no longer a part of the world, but have chosen the new way of life. It is a symbol of death and resurrection. Paul mentions this in Romans 6:4: *“Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”* Christianity is not complete without water baptism, so it is important to “bee” baptized.





February 2

Bee Beautiful

You can choose to “bee” beautiful, even if you are not physically attractive. When life has lost its luster and you are losing your youthful beauty, you can still “bee” beautiful. The Lord God is not as interested in preserving a beautiful face as He is in preserving a beautiful life. I have met people who would not be identified as beautiful outwardly, but their joyful personality and gentle spirit far outweighed the outward lack of beauty: *“A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance...”* (Proverbs 15:13).

It was foretold of Jesus, *“...there is no beauty that we should desire him”* (Isaiah 53:2). However, Jesus had a beautiful personality. Many times throughout the Gospels, His words are expressed in a beautiful, kind and tender manner.

When you worship and praise the Lord from the depth of your heart, I believe the Lord sees a beautiful countenance that may be hidden from the eyes of man. The Bible records that the prophet Daniel had an excellent spirit. An excellent spirit is beautiful in the eyes of God. When you seek to “bee” beautiful in your character this “bee” will never leave a painful sting.

*“Changing your mind is more important
than changing your circumstances.”*





February 3

Bee Blameless

There was an elderly man and his wife who lived in Judea. They wanted a baby. They must have prayed a number of times for a child, but older and older they grew without any sign of their prayer being answered. One day, an angel appeared to this man and said, *“Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John”* (Luke 1:13). One of the things that impresses me about this couple is that the Bible says, *“And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless”* (Luke 1:6).

To “bee” blameless means to be irreproachable and faultless. That’s an excellent characteristic for each of us to possess. Philippians 2:14-15 tells us how to “bee” blameless: *“Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world.”* Wouldn’t it be great if everyone who called themselves Christians would “bee” blameless and walk in all the ways of the Lord daily? Truly, “bee” blameless would never leave a painful sting.





February 4

Bee Blessed

Are you ready to “bee” blessed? The Lord wants His children to prosper and “bee” blessed so we can be a blessing to others. After my wife, Esther, and I became aware of this fact, the blessing of the Lord increased in our lives. Proverbs 10:22 says, *“The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.”* When you are aware that the Lord wants to bless His children, you will adjust your life to receive those blessings. Psalm 32:2 reveals, *“Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.”* The Lord cannot fully bless those whose mouths are full of guile, slander or negative talking. Psalm 112:1 says, *“Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.”* If you expect to “bee” blessed, you must learn to be obedient. In Psalm 1:1, the Lord reminds us that we cannot “bee” blessed while sitting in the seat of the scornful: *“Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.”* Sometimes, blessings are not lost because of major problems, but because you have not adjusted the small things in your life.

It matters how you respond to the blessings you receive. There should be a heart of gratitude. The song, “Count Your Many Blessings” is still good advice to remember if you want to “bee” blessed. There are so many blessings awaiting the people of God. Don’t miss out on “bee” blessed!





February 5

Bee Bold

Boldness should be part of a Christian's character. According to the Bible, "*the righteous are bold as a lion*" (Proverbs 28:1). Bold Christians are not afraid to face challenges in life with a winning attitude. They expect to win every battle they face. Pastors, today, need to "bee" bold when they proclaim the gospel of good news to a lost and dying world.

The Bible tells us to "bee" bold when we pray. "*Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need*" (Hebrews 4:16). The apostles exercised that boldness in prayer during a time when they were threatened and warned not to preach in the name of Jesus. Acts 4:29 records their prayer, "*grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word....*" When they chose to "bee" bold in their prayers, "*...the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness*" (Acts 4:31). What a way to pray! What a great way to live!

David displayed boldness when he saw a lion taking one of his father's sheep. He boldly slew the lion. Another time, when a bear attacked his father's sheep, David boldly (and as far as we know, bare handedly) killed that bear. Later, when he was facing Goliath, he boldly referred to this giant as an uncircumcised Philistine without a covenant. David chose to "bee" bold because he knew he had a covenant with God. You and I, as Christians, are covenant people. We should exercise authority and boldness (but not arrogance) concerning the promises God made for us. I believe if Christians would exercise boldness, there would be a shout of victory in the camp of God. Wouldn't you really like to be as bold as the champions in the Bible? "Bee" bold, it is a "bee" that doesn't leave a painful sting.



February 6

Bee Brave

Throughout life, we face circumstances and situations that can cause us to become fearful. You can choose to be fearful, weak and fail or rise up and “bee” brave. To “bee” brave is a choice. To “bee” brave is to be courageous and to face difficulties in life with a determination to succeed through every trial; nothing will stop you from doing right, acting right and being right.

Brave men and women have risen throughout history who refused to become discouraged and quit when facing difficult circumstances. They chose rather to be courageous, valiant and bold concerning their problems. The apostles chose to “bee” brave and fear God instead of man when they were commanded to stop teaching and preaching about Jesus Christ. Paul, in writing to the Galatians, encouraged them, “*Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage*” (Galatians 5:1). Once again, we need brave men and women to rise up in this generation and let the world know there are still those who have faith, confidence and trust in the Lord our God. These brave men and women will fearlessly stand up for the truth, even in the midst of apostasy. If you are not brave, why not choose to “bee” brave, starting today?

“Defeat is for the loser, victory for the chooser.”





February 7

Bee Broken

To “bee” broken is a beautiful characteristic that God honors. To “bee” broken is to humble one’s self in the presence of the Lord: *“And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder”* (Matthew 21:44). There are two choices given in this verse. One is to “bee” broken concerning your sins and human failures. The other is to suffer the judgment of God. Brokenness shows the Lord you are at the end of yourself and need His help. He extends His mercy and lovingkindness to such individuals. The Psalmist wrote, *“The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit”* (Psalm 34:18).

To “bee” broken does not show weakness but strength. It shows total dependence upon your merciful, loving Heavenly Father. The broken heart is free from pride and arrogance. It is willing to fall into the arms of a loving God as King David did when he sinned with Bathsheba. David lamented over his sinful behavior and cried out to the Lord from a broken heart: *“Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight”* (Psalm 51:4). The guilt of immorality caused him to “bee” broken and humbled. He later penned these powerful words, *“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise”* (Verse 17).

A broken and contrite spirit keeps you from becoming hardhearted. This precious character keeps your relationships with others sweet and loving. When you are broken, you lose the drive to have your own way. It is no longer difficult to pray, “Thy will be done.” What a wonderful “bee” is “bee” broken! This is a “bee” that never leaves a painful sting.

