



Train at the Highest Level  
Zesty, Hot Peppers  
Diamonds of Dust



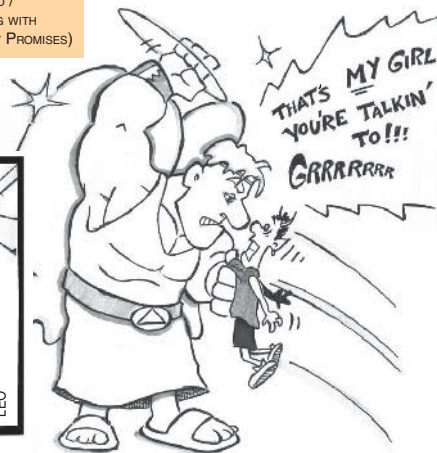
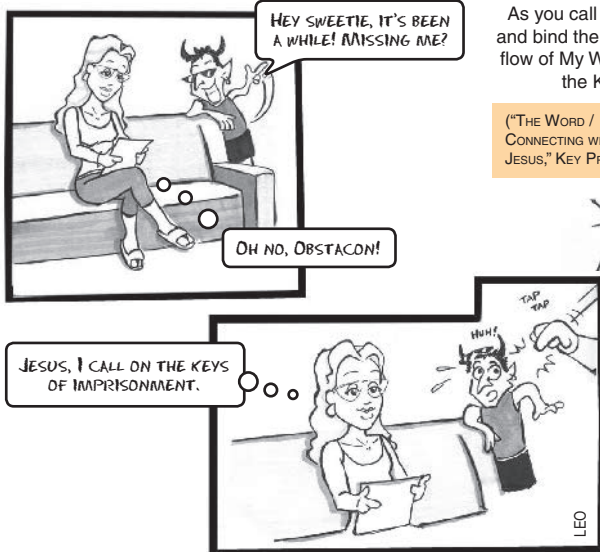


It's been a while since we've featured VINTAGE **MO** LETTERS IN THE **Xn**, and so we've started up a new column called "Dig Deep," which will contain not only clips from **MO** LETTERS FROM 20-30 YEARS AGO, BUT ALSO UPDATED SNIPPETS FROM THE **LOD** ON THE MANY TRUTHS He's POURED OUT TO US. WE HOPE YOU FIND THIS COLUMN ENJOYABLE, AND THAT IT INSPIRES YOU TO DIG DEEPER IN THE VAST TREASURES GIVEN TO US! See page 12 FOR THE FIRST "Dig Deep" FEATURE.

## Key Promise:

As you call on the keys of imprisonment, I will lock the doors and bind the power of Obstacon and all those who obstruct the flow of My Word in your hearts, minds, and spirits. The keys of the Kingdom bind all the power of the Evil One.

("THE WORD / CONNECTING WITH JESUS," KEY PROMISES)

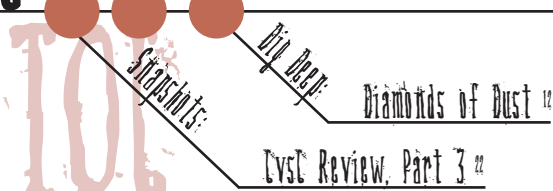


## Key Promise:

CREATE AN INSTANT PROTECTIVE AND IMPENETRABLE FORCE FIELD AROUND YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES BY CALLING ON THE KEYS OF PROTECTION AND DELIVERANCE.



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("PROTECTION / SECURITY," KEY PROMISES)

# TRAIN AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL

(Xn: This prophecy was received by an SGA in his personal P&P time.)

(Jesus:) You will never feel totally prepared for persecution. You'll never say, "I'm ready, bring it on!" because it's not something that you look forward to or want to happen, and it's disruptive to your work and way of life.

But it's something that will come, for My Word has said, "All that live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution," so that is why you must do your best now when I give you time to prepare (2 Timothy 3:12).

The Word will be your greatest source of strength and power in persecution. You cannot get too much; you cannot be too full of the Word.

This is a time of training, and just as in any sport at a high level—people train for years to become winners. There's no quick way to become a champion. It takes a life fully dedicated to training and sacrificing to get to the top level of competition.

Many that try and do not make it to that level are not disciplined enough to go through the training for long periods ⇨

## BIBLE:

BEHOLD, I HAVE LONGED AFTER  
THY PRECEPTS: QUICKEN ME IN THY  
RIGHTEOUSNESS. LET THY MERCIES  
COME ALSO UNTO ME, O LORD, EVEN  
THY SALVATION, ACCORDING TO THY  
WORD. SO SHALL I HAVE WHEREWITH  
TO ANSWER HIM THAT REPROACHETH  
ME: FOR I TRUST IN THY WORD.

(PSALM 119:40-42)

ART BY MATTHEW BF



## KEY PROMISE:

CLAIM MY KEY  
POWER, AND YOU  
WILL GO FROM  
STRENGTH TO  
STRENGTH.

("SPIRITUAL  
LIFE," KEY  
PROMISES)







of time. They slack off and are not steady, and when it comes to the big day to compete, they are not physically or mentally prepared and fall by the wayside.

You don't want to be one of those who fall, so you must keep on preparing. You must not let anything get in the way of you getting in the Word, hearing from Me, memorizing, and putting a priority on the things of the Spirit.

As you put first things first, I will bless you and help you to be ready for whatever is ahead in your life for Me.

#### KEY PROMISE:

YOU CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH ME. YOU CAN FACE SOMETHING THAT SEEMS INSURMOUNTABLE AND ACTUALLY ENJOY IT, IF YOU CLAIM THE POWER OF THE KEYS.

(“FAITH / RISING ABOVE,” *KEY PROMISES*)

#### BIBLE:

FOR BY THEE I HAVE RUN THROUGH A TROOP: BY MY GOD HAVE I LEAPED OVER A WALL. ... GOD IS MY STRENGTH AND POWER: AND HE MAKETH MY WAY PERFECT. HE MAKETH MY FEET LIKE HINDS' FEET: AND SETTETH ME UPON MY HIGH PLACES. HE TEACHETH MY HANDS TO WAR; SO THAT A BOW OF STEEL IS BROKEN BY MINE ARMS. THOU HAST ALSO GIVEN ME THE SHIELD OF THY SALVATION: AND THY GENTLENESS HATH MADE ME GREAT. THOU HAST ENLARGED MY STEPS UNDER ME; SO THAT MY FEET DID NOT SLIP.

(2 SAMUEL 22:30,33-37)

#### KEY PROMISE:

CALLING ON THE POWER OF THE KEYS IS THE ROAD TO STRENGTH, POWER, VICTORY, AND NEW LIFE.

(“CHANGE / SPIRITUAL PROGRESS,” *KEY PROMISES*)



# THE ERA OF OBEDIENCE

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(Mama:) We are going into the era of obedience. That means we're supposed to be obedient; we're supposed to do what God says. To be what He wants us to be can only be accomplished by His power. We can't work it up. We can't get into a big works trip and give ourselves nervous breakdowns through trying so hard to obey every jot and tittle of the law.

ART BY JACOB CARTOON



The Lord looks at our hearts, our lifestyles, our relationship with Him and others, and if we're truly desiring to obey, if we're receiving His checks on a regular basis, ... if we are willing to forsake our sins, ask for prayer, stay in the Word and do what He expects of us to the best of our ability...



...then He is pleased with us, blesses us, and more than fulfills His end of the bargain, rewarding us abundantly in return.



It's not as if He begrudges us His blessings, or is standing there with a big stick, just waiting for us to slip over the line so He can show His power. It's rather that we've become spoiled and haven't been used to Him holding us accountable, and have gotten in the habit of being so disobedient that to us it can seem unfair when He finally follows through on one of the many warnings He's given.

("Choices and Consequences, Part 1,"  
ML #3484:208-210; January 2004)

## Notable Quote:

(Jesus:) Please, please make the right choices—the choices that will strengthen your spirits, the choices that will keep you on the straight and narrow. The straight and narrow road is getting narrower all the time, and the broad, wide road is getting easier to travel by the day.

(ML #3484:81)

# Physical Action for Spiritual Focus!

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(Jesus:) If you have a hard time concentrating on praise time, you might want to try doing something physically to help you focus on what you're doing spiritually, and thus be more effective. Why waste the time? If you're going to *spend* it, make it *count*! Find what works for you—and you'll probably find that each situation is different. But whatever you do, be effective!

- ☛ Raise your arms in praise, either sitting or standing.
- ☛ Praise out loud, even if you're alone.

I WILL BLESS  
THE LORD  
AT ALL  
TIMES...



ART BY PHILIPPE LA PLUME



☛ Sing a praise song, or sing your praise and ask Me to help you put it to music right then and there.





• Praise in tongues, and ask My Spirit to speak through you. Think about what you're thankful for, and then let it well up in your heart and come out in the language of the spirit as you praise in tongues. Or sing in tongues, to a tune you know, or one that comes to you right then.

• Dance to music.

• Hug someone while you praise Me.

The options are limitless, but the point is to concentrate on what you're doing and really make it count! Put your all into it! (Mama:) It's important that we realize how intensely the Enemy hates our praises. If you don't realize how much harm it does him, these suggestions for ways to praise sound like sweet little activities, and not like a weapon. But if we believe what the Lord has said about how much damage our praises do to the Enemy, that should give us more incentive—knowing that it's not only making our Husband extremely happy, but it's literally torturing the Enemy and his imp!

("Feast 2004: Practicing Praise!" ML #3471:27-28,30)



**Notable Quote:**

(Jesus:) Even if your praises don't feel like they're coming from your heart, because your heart is so sad or battling so much, if you'll simply start, you'll soon have real praises in your heart, and little by little the light will come back in and My Spirit will take over.

(ML #3471:58)

**Key Promise:**

Call on the keys of praise to help you see the good even when you don't feel like it, and you will be making use of one of the most important spiritual weapons in your arsenal.

("Praise," Key Promises)



# Use My Imagination



(Jesus:) Don't forget to include Me in your free time. I understand that taking time in prayer, praise time, and reading My Word is easier for some than it is for others.

Some people derive a lot of pleasure from their time in the Word, and others are blessed with amazing spiritual experiences.



However, for some people, delving into the things of the spirit is more of a struggle and takes more work and effort and desperation—especially if you aren't as sensitive in the spirit as others, or have a hard time concentrating, or don't particularly enjoy reading, etc.

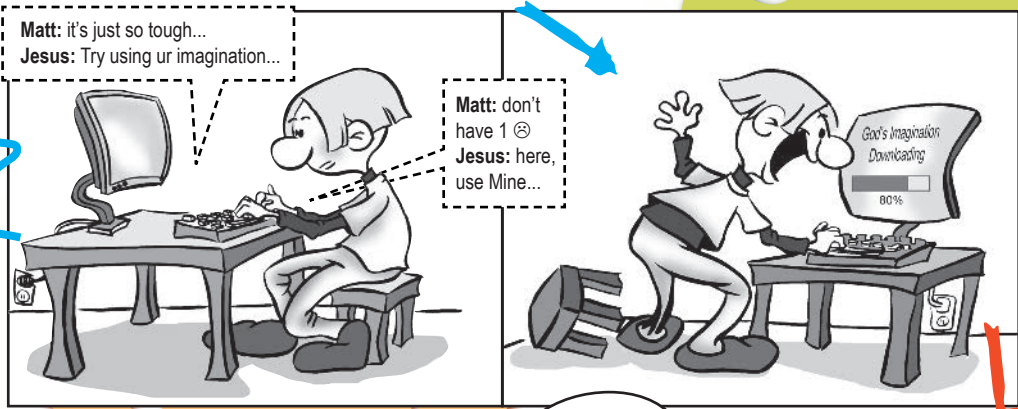


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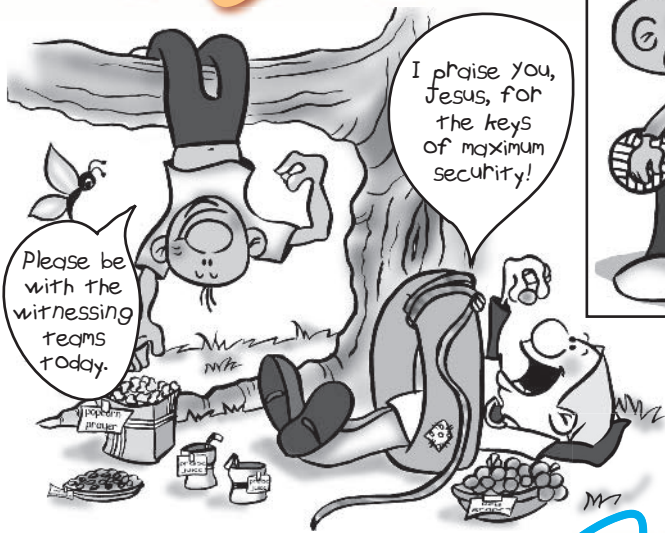
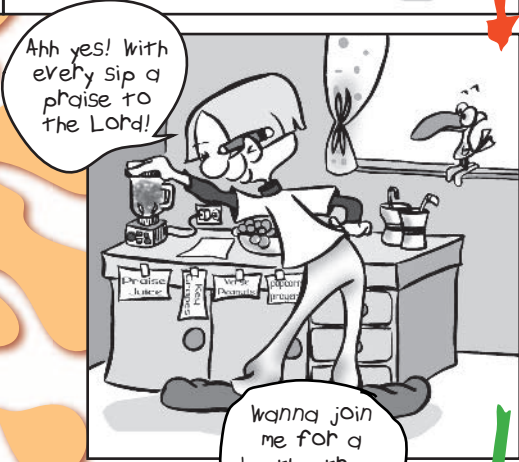
But I have allowed even this for a reason—usually to keep you stirred up in the spirit and to provide you with the challenge you need in your discipleship and character development.





Try to use your imagination—and most of all, My imagination—to make your times with Me come alive, so that you eventually actually look forward to them as part of your free time activities. During your free times, you don't have to be limited to praying intense prayer requests or reading the latest heavy GNs—although these can and should be done during your regular Word and prayer vigil times.

The sky's the limit when it comes to bringing more of My Spirit into your times of relaxation and recreation! Do something radical, imaginative, and different! And, as much as possible, try to include others for extra moral support.



Spirit helper charades...



Try combining different forms of entertainment with the things of the spirit.

For example:

- Get some people together and play spirit helper charades.
- Study what the Word has to say about a topic in a movie you've watched.
- Prepare a Word-based skit for the Home.
- Sit back and do nothing but lie in My arms, occasionally telling Me how much you love Me and why, in a relaxed and casual way.

If you're the type of person who finds the things of the spirit to be hard work, the worst thing you can do is to allow yourself to become discouraged and accept things as they are. Your best course of action is to try to include Me as often as you can in your entertainment and relaxation, until you learn to enjoy the sweet waters of My Spirit, and My Word and Spirit become an integral part of your free time.

("Shooting Straight, Part 4," ML #3502:17,19-21; July 2004)



Word-based skits...



**Matt:** I'm gonna go swimming. ... Wanna come?  
**Jesus:** For sure!

*You said...*

*I didn't follow the rules because there were so many rules. ...*



*I didn't share my things because someone didn't return my perfume. ...*



*I didn't want to be loving and sharing because my boyfriend left me. ...*



*I didn't forsake all because my sister had a lot of things and she seemed so independent and free. ...*



# We Stand as Individuals

*But did you do what I told you to do?*



(Mama:) As the Lord has told us many times, we each stand as individuals before Him. We can't blame our parents, our children, our situation, our friends, our loved ones, our husband or wife or anyone for our lacks. We all have the Word. We can all live it if we choose to.

*("Choices and Consequences, Part 1,"  
ML #3484:23; January 2004)*

JAMES NEW HEART

Notable Quote:

(Jesus:) You think you're too young? You think you'll make your commitments another day? I tell you that you're all old, because you could be gone tomorrow.

(ML #3484:82)



# DIAMONDS OF

(Xn: Dad received “Diamonds of Dust” at a bed and breakfast, while on his first exploratory trip to Europe. “Guess what famous Letter we got in Rome? ... We were lying there in bed looking at those sun rays through the latticed window. ... We got that Letter before we got up out of bed” [ML #2736:15–16].)

## Notable Quote:

(Dad:) Remember that you're just diamonds of dust. How much the Lord can use you and how much you're going to shine depends on *you*. It depends on how much you're willing to stay in the light. Because that's all you really are, just diamonds of dust. And that's what we all are, even up Here. We still have to be yielded every day.

(“The Lord’s Plea: ‘Be a Missionary for Me,” ML #3178:136; February 1998)

ART BY SABINE

(Dad:)  
God put on a “light show” the other day—and we were there to see it. ... I’m sure He must have shown it before, but we were all too busy to watch. Watch with us this time—maybe you’ll see even more.

He let three tiny rays of light beam their way into our room—not through the shutter, obstructing the light, but through tiny peepholes, letting it in.

The rays were many different colors, all showing a different color of His light—but the same light.—Different gifts, but the same Spirit, each one reflecting in his own way the light of God.

# DUST

Even a few rays of light can make some kind of impression. Don't ever think because there's so much darkness, that it's no use to have just a little light, because even one candle can be seen a mile away when it's dark.

You're not actually seeing the light at all; because the light itself is invisible. [The light] can only be seen in the reflections of all those little diamonds of dust.

People can only see God as we reflect Him, like little diamonds of dust. They have to look at us to see God in our reflection of Him.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven" (Mat.5:16).

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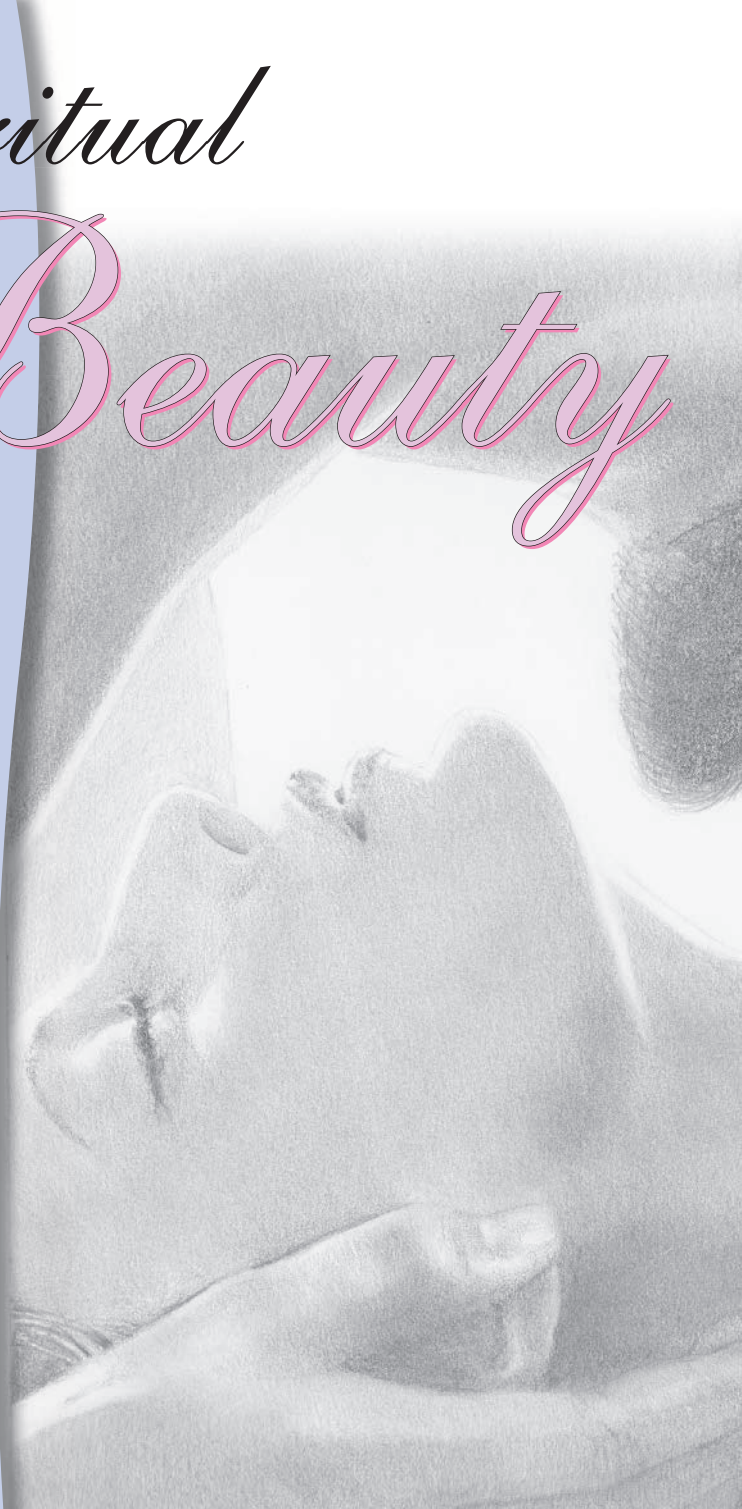


# Spiritual Beauty



(Jesus:) The most important thing is to feed and maintain and nourish your spirit. When you're trying to change things in the physical, consider: Does it help you to reach your spiritual goals? Does it make you more beautiful in spirit? That's what you should be most concerned about.

Cultivate the desires of your spirit, and give your spirit to those things that will nourish it and strengthen it. Exercise your spirit through stretching yourself to be more unselfish, more giving, more willing. Feed your spirit well with the nourishment of My Word. Bathe in My cleansing, revitalizing elixir which washes away the old and dying and gives way to







the new. Rest in My arms. Share your spirit with others so that it becomes experienced in loving and stays practiced in how to love. All these things enhance your spiritual beauty and give you a shine that will remain for all eternity.

Try to stay focused on the goals of the spirit—the attributes which will remain a part of you long after your earthly body is dead and gone—the beauty of spirit which you are building day by day through your choices of love, humility, and unselfishness. That's the beauty that will last forever.

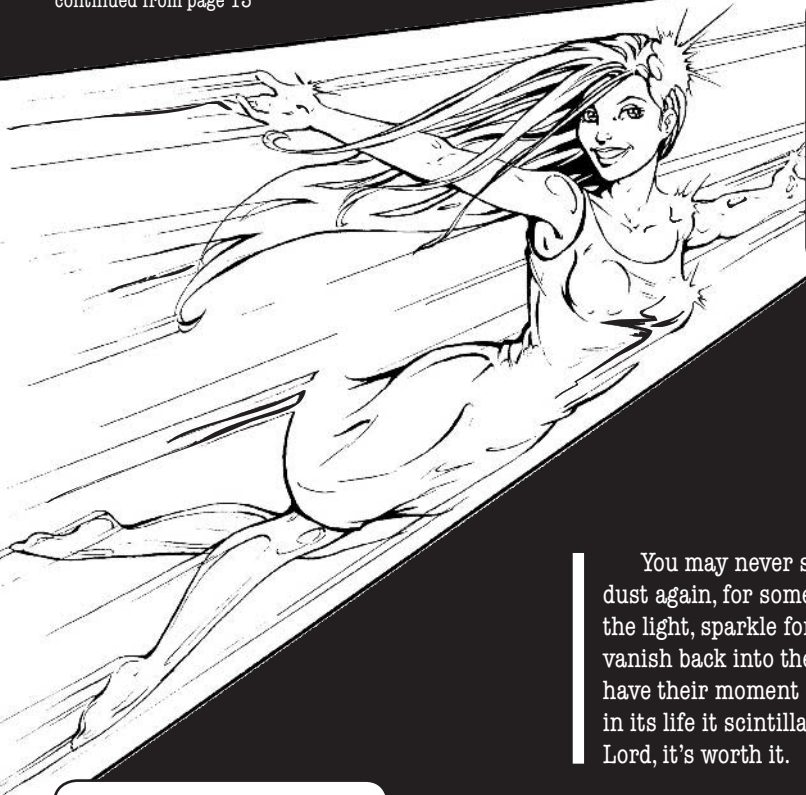
("Shooting Straight, Part 5,"  
ML #3503:132-134;  
July 2004)

## *Key* *Promise*

Ask My keys to enlighten you, to give you a new mindset and outlook, so that you can see yourself as I see you.

("Jealousy / Comparing," *Key Promises*)

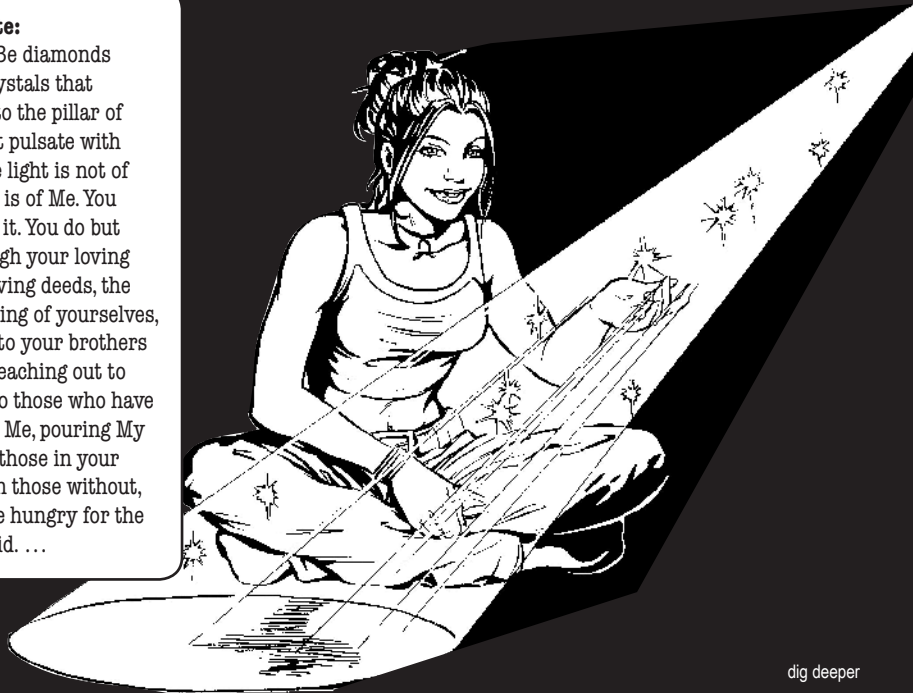
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**Trivia:**  
Did you know that “Diamonds of Dust” was the second Letter ever recorded on a tape recorder? The first was “Mountain Men” (ML #B).

You may never see the little diamond of dust again, for some of them just flow into the light, sparkle for a moment, and then vanish back into the darkness. They only have their moment of truth, but if only once in its life it scintillates with the light of the Lord, it's worth it.

**Notable Quote:**  
(Jesus:) Be diamonds of dust, be crystals that cling closely to the pillar of My Word, that pulsate with My Light. The light is not of yourselves; it is of Me. You do but reflect it. You do but show it through your loving ways, your loving deeds, the sacrificial giving of yourselves, reaching out to your brothers and sisters, reaching out to the lost and to those who have not yet found Me, pouring My Love both on those in your Homes and on those without, those who are hungry for the Words of David. ...



**Notable Quote:**

(Jesus:) You must stay in the light, My light, and sparkle your life out, and not gradually float into darkness and oblivion. That's the secret right there—staying in the light. What is staying in the light? It's staying close to Me and spending time with Me listening and receiving fresh instruction every single day of your life. That's what keeps you white-hot and inspired.

(“What the Hell Is Lethargy?” ML #3482:178–179; November 2003)

You have no guarantee of tomorrow. You'd better sparkle now while you have the light, or you'll fade into oblivion, and no one will know you even ever existed—because no man ever saw the light reflected in you.

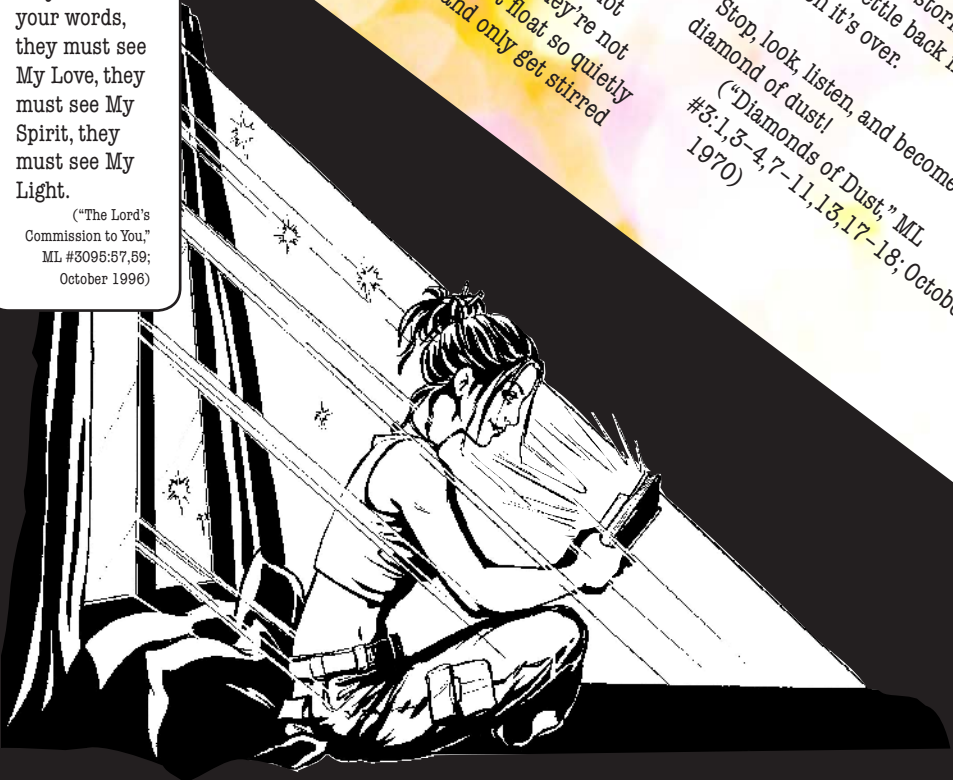
Watch the diamonds of dust; they don't try to sparkle and shine. They just let the light shine through them. They don't try to work to shine or move. They're not trying to get anywhere; they're not in a hurry. They just float so quietly on God's air, and only get stirred

up when He blows up a storm. But even then, they settle back into their place when it's over.

Stop, look, listen, and become a diamond of dust!  
 (“Diamonds of Dust,” ML #3:1,3–4,7–11,13,17–18; October 1970)

... When people look on you, when they hear your words, they must see My Love, they must see My Spirit, they must see My Light.

(“The Lord's Commission to You,” ML #3095:57,59; October 1996)



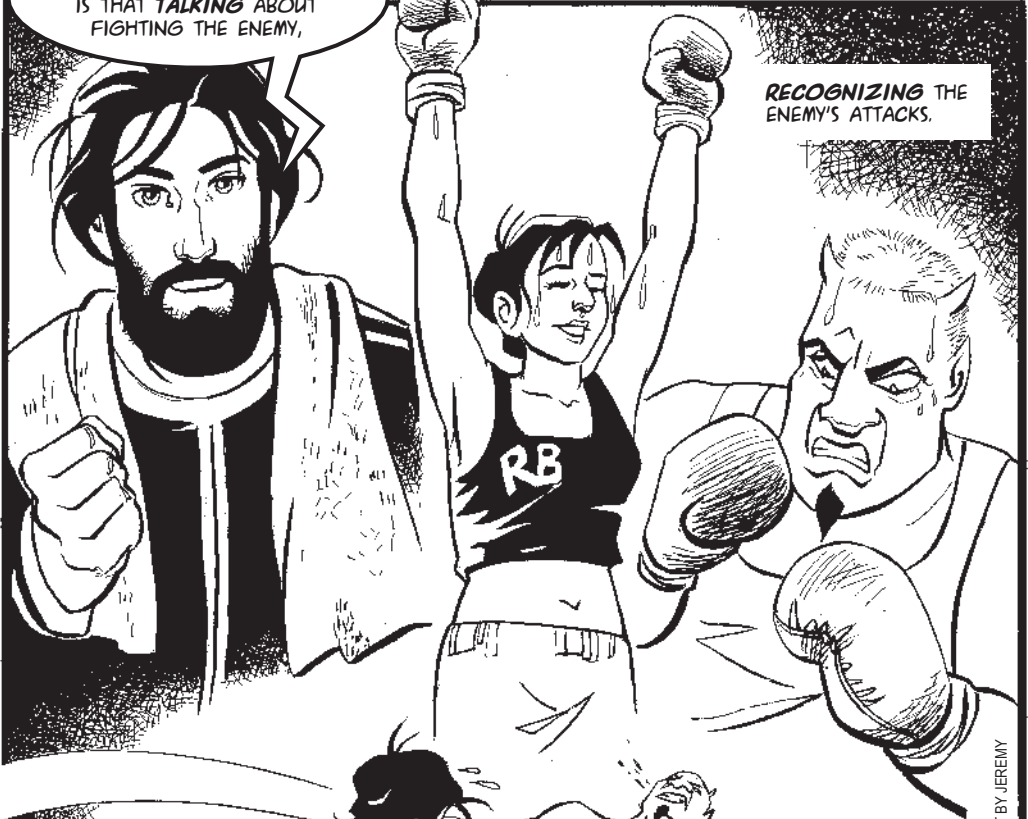


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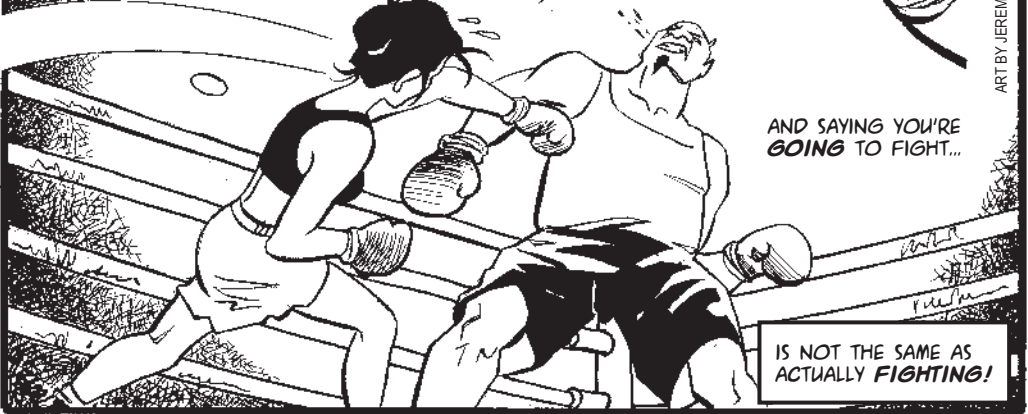
# YOU HAVE TO WIN!

THE THING MY CHILDREN NEED TO REALIZE IS THAT **TALKING** ABOUT FIGHTING THE ENEMY,

**RECOGNIZING** THE ENEMY'S ATTACKS.



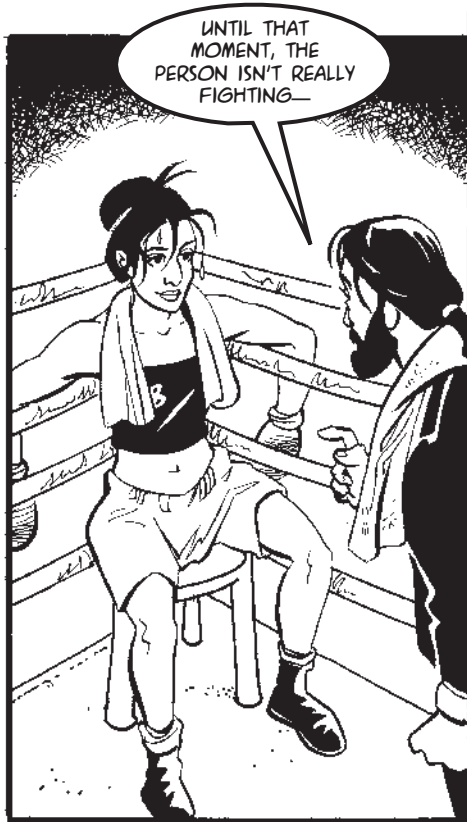
ART BY JEREMY



AND SAYING YOU'RE GOING TO FIGHT...

IS NOT THE SAME AS ACTUALLY **FIGHTING!**

# THERE IS A MOMENT IN TIME WHEN SOMEONE'S ATTITUDE MOVES FROM THE DEFENSIVE TO THE OFFENSIVE.



UNTIL THAT MOMENT, THE PERSON ISN'T REALLY FIGHTING—

HE'S JUST TALKING ABOUT FIGHTING,

THE THING ABOUT FIGHTING THE ENEMY IS...

ANALYZING FIGHTING,

HMMM ... INTERESTING STRATEGY.

THINKING ABOUT FIGHTING,

I WONDER IF I SHOULD GO ON THE ATTACK?

OR PLANNING ON FIGHTING.

ONE OF THESE DAYS, I'M GONNA SOCK IT TO THAT OL' BOY!

TO FIGHT MEANS A CHANGE FROM THAT DEFENSIVE MENTALITY,

AND IT'S ACTION!

OKAY, DEVIL YOU ASKED FOR IT!

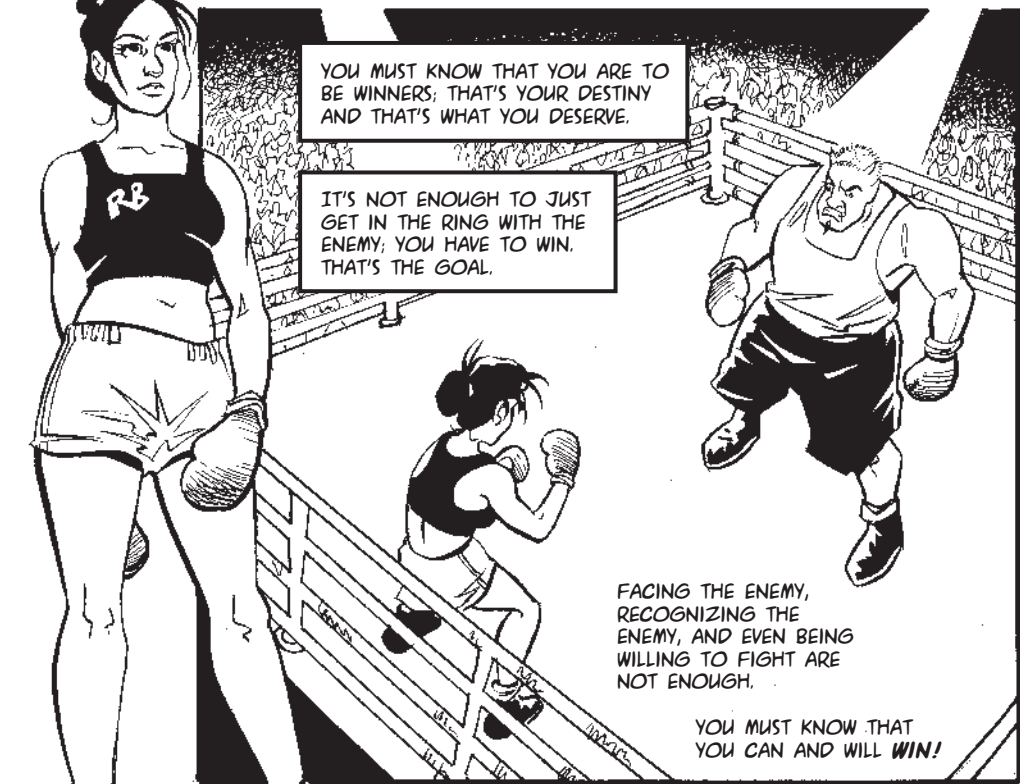
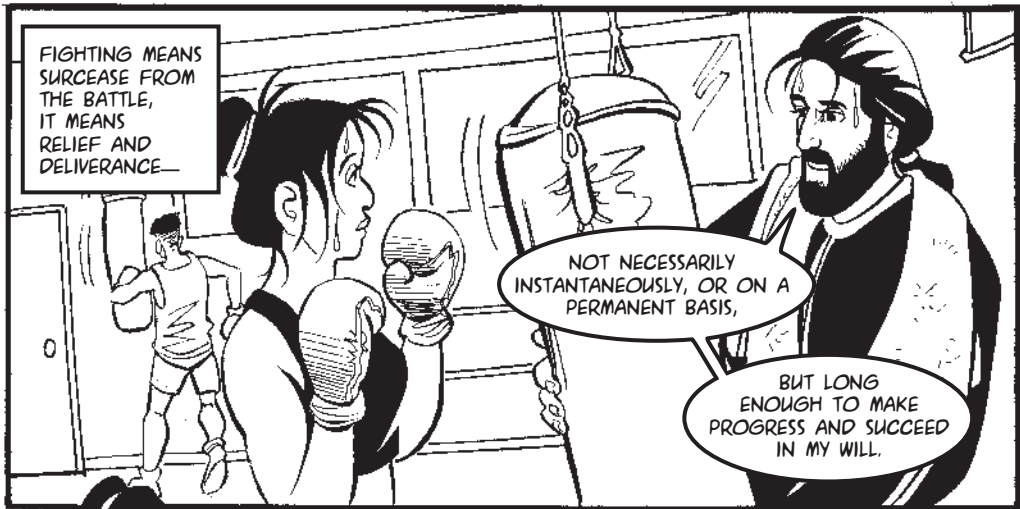
SOMEONE WHO FIGHTS EFFECTIVELY IS ONE WHO FIGHTS TO WIN,

ONE WHO EXPECTS THE ENEMY TO BE DEFEATED, AND FOR THAT DEFEAT TO BE MANIFESTED IN A CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES, AN IMPROVEMENT,

A VICTORY.

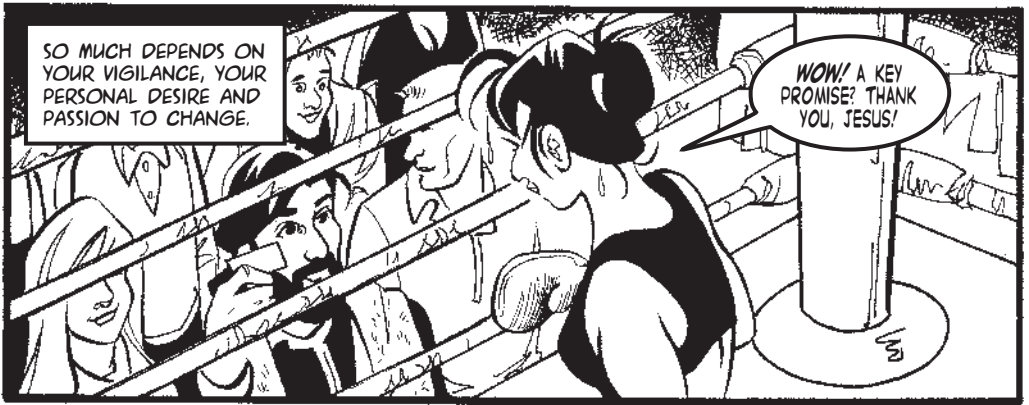


# FIGHTING MEANS WINNING.



WITHOUT THAT LAST STEP, YOU'LL BE STUCK IN AN ONGOING BATTLE, ROUND AFTER ROUND, UNTIL YOU'RE BEATEN DOWN AND DEFEATED.



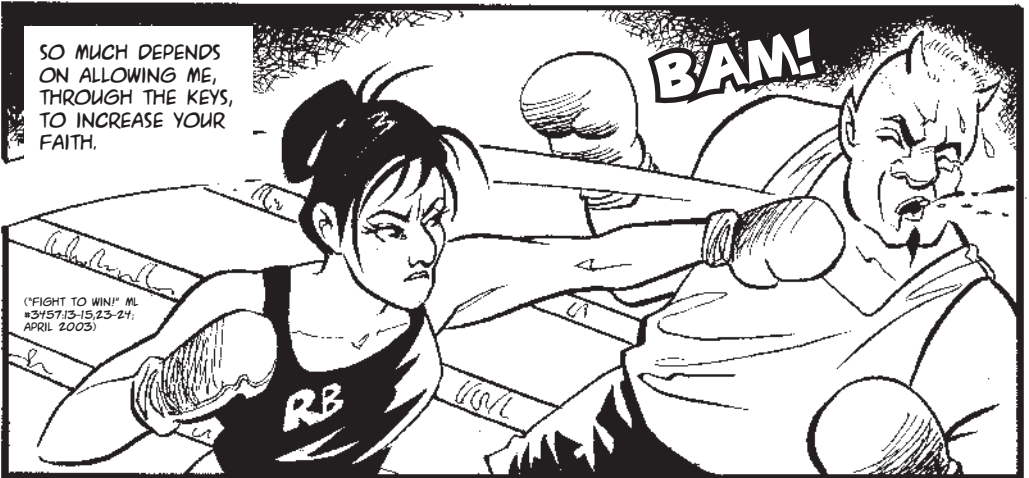


SO MUCH DEPENDS ON YOUR VIGILANCE, YOUR PERSONAL DESIRE AND PASSION TO CHANGE.

WOW! A KEY PROMISE? THANK YOU, JESUS!



SO MUCH DEPENDS ON YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEM AND RECEIVING FULLY MY ANSWERS.



SO MUCH DEPENDS ON ALLOWING ME, THROUGH THE KEYS, TO INCREASE YOUR FAITH.

BAM!

(\*FIGHT TO WIN!™ ML #345713-15, 23-24; APRIL 2005)

### KEY PROMISE:

**BURN AND DESTROY THE ENEMY'S IT-CAN'T-BE-DONE LIES WITH THE IT-CAN'T-BE-DEFEATED POWER OF THE KEYS OF FAITH.**

(\*FAITH / RISING ABOVE,™ KEY PROMISES)



# CVSC REVIEW PART 3

## RECAPPED: "BE YE SEPARATE! —CONVICTION VS. COMPROMISE—PART 3"

(GN 959)



### KEY POINTS

○ The danger of compromise is that eventually the Family will be just like everyone else. The Devil's goal is to make us the same as everyone else, to take away the *uniqueness* of the Family, to tone down the special message the Lord has given us, and through that to make us less attractive to the lost or even cause us to fall apart.

○ Compromise has weakened the foundation of the Family.

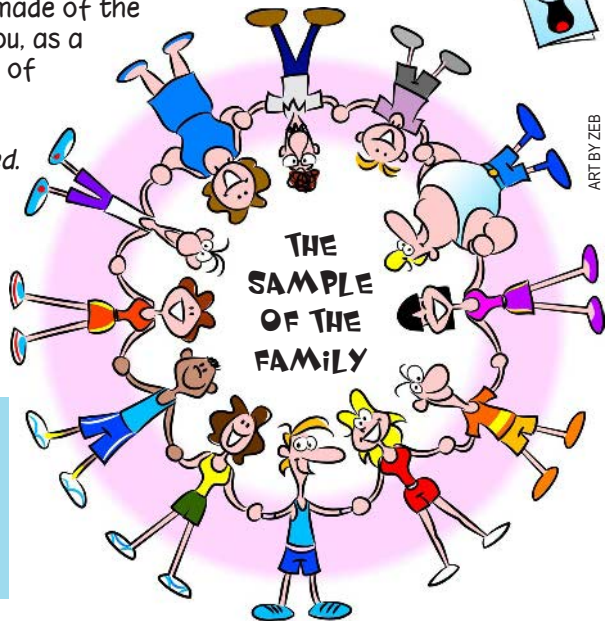
○ The sample of the Family is made of the samples of the many *individuals*. You, as a person, contribute to "the sample of the Family."

○ The Charter allows System jobs, but they're *not recommended*.

○ It's Mama and Peter's conviction that the Lord wants most Charter members who have System jobs to quit them.

○ Most System jobs held by Charter members in open fields

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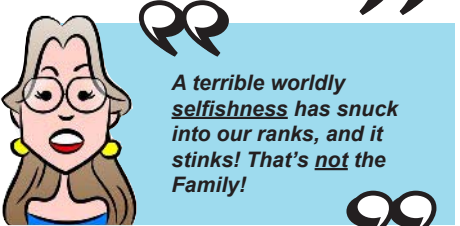


Compromise gradually roots out all the "differences." When that happens, it's death to the Revolution.

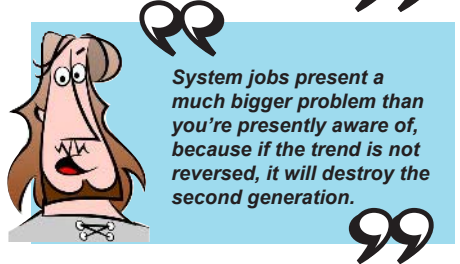
are **not** God's highest will. Most System jobs are a *compromise* of our standard of full-time discipleship, unless they're absolutely needed for you to remain in your field, or they provide a very clear and abundant avenue for witnessing, or are a tremendous source of income that supports a lot of very active missionaries.



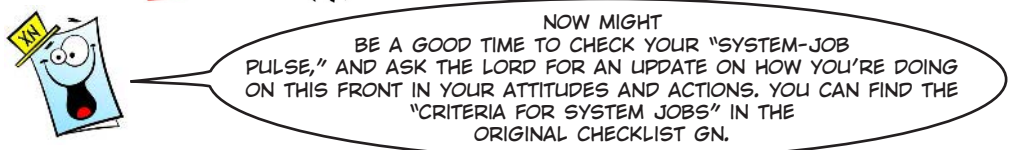
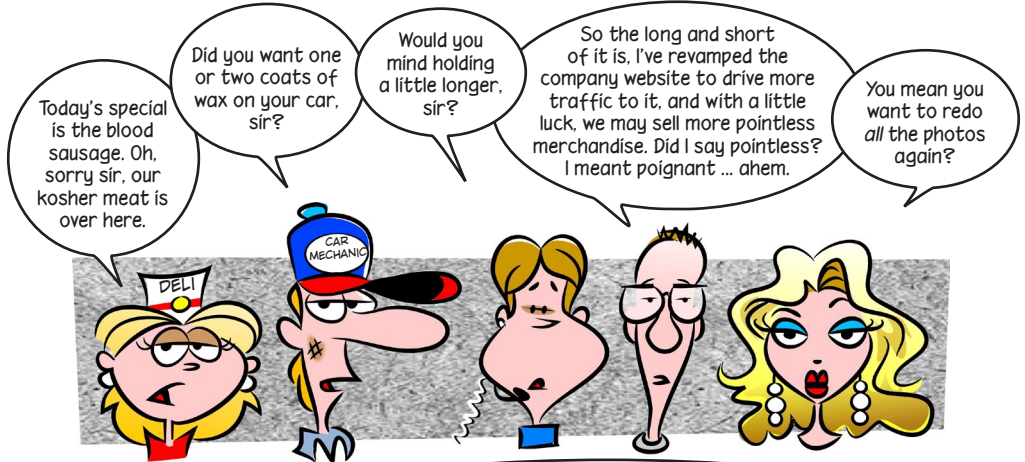
- Some pitfalls of System jobs:
  - ☞ You become weaker spiritually.
  - ☞ You begin to lose the burden to witness.
  - ☞ You lose the faith for miracles of supply because you're not living 100% for Jesus.
  - ☞ You become independent and selfish, instead of living Acts 2:44 and 45.
  - ☞ You leave the mission field, and you fail to build a lasting work.
  - ☞ Eventually you no longer even remotely resemble a Family missionary.
  - ☞ And if you continue like that, you'll end up in the System.



○ System jobs are stealing the *most valuable commodity* of the Family—its *manpower*.



○ Talented young people, who could become dedicated missionaries, are getting slowly sucked into the System and becoming dedicated Systemites.







**Q:** Sometimes I've just wanted the "experience" of having a System job. Is that so wrong?

**T**he desire to get experience in life is not a bad thing. The danger is getting dependent on the System to supply your needs rather than Me. I promise that if you look to Me and seek Me for fresh ways to serve Me and take on responsibility in My Endtime army, that I'll take you to new horizons and put plenty of experience under your belt.

You have to both trust Me and look to Me in your personal life. If you throw yourself completely into becoming a professional Christian, you'll soon find the fulfillment that comes with complete commitment to My cause. You'll wonder why you ever wanted to be just another System clone.



○ Your Home's witnessing is *shallow* if you have no Active members, no Church of Love, no Bible studies, no regular monthly supporters, no provisioning contacts, no potential disciples on the line, and no *Activated* subscriptions being sold. No matter how much *money* a job or fundraising method brings in, if the overall fruit of your Home does not include the above-mentioned fruit, the overall witness is shallow.

- The System and its security is only temporary.
- The "God factor" is what you need to trust and count on.



*Just the fact that you've chosen not to trust in My ability to supply for you begins a spiritual degeneration process.*



*The God factor means that if you will put your trust fully in Me, you will lack nothing.*





- Ask yourself: What am I willing to do to have the Lord supply for me through full-time witnessing and follow-up? ... To what lengths am I willing to go? Am I willing to give up some of my free time? Am I willing to go without some recreational activities if I don't have the time or money? Am I willing to cut back on expenses to save money?



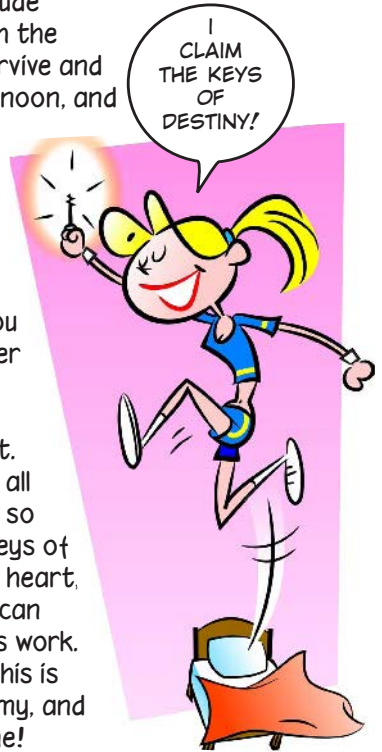
**Q**: Whoa! What's this talk of giving up free time and going without some recreational activities?

It's surprising how quickly the attitude can creep up on you that life as a missionary should be problem- and sweat-free, and that free time is something you'd die without. Some young people who have that attitude then drift out to the System with the same attitude, only to find that in order to survive and prosper, they have to work very hard morning, noon, and night.

The goal is not to just put in the minimum hours and then kick back, expecting life to serve you trays of lethargy, mindless games, and pointless activities. Be a professional Christian!—That doesn't mean giving up free time and recreational activities forever, but you might find that you have to focus a little harder on your service for Me for a time, and you can trust that if you do so, I will make the returns worthwhile and give you extra blessings to boot.

Be a professional Christian so that you put all your energy into your service for Me each day, so that you wake up in the morning claiming the keys of destiny, and jump into the day with your whole heart, rather than just holding your breath until you can clock out and have your free time after a day's work.

There's nothing wrong with free time, but this is not a summer camp. This is an elite Endtime army, and the days are getting more evil. Redeem the time!



*If you think living for the Lord is tough, try living just to make a living.*



DAD KNOWS WHAT HE'S TALKING ABOUT, AS HE HAD SEVERAL DIFFERENT SYSTEM JOBS BEFORE THE FAMILY BEGAN. YOU CAN READ A RECAP OF HIS EXPERIENCES IN ML #3363:197-207.



(A.M.E. = "Ask Me Everything")

[?] How much compromise of my convictions have I allowed in my life? If someone were to spend a day observing me as an individual, what would they conclude is my profession? [?] How do I spend my time? How much of my time is spent



*[Be the] kind of missionary that people look at and know that you're a missionary, that you're different, that you live for Jesus!*



preaching the Gospel in comparison to all the other things I do? What are my first thoughts of the day?

[?] Am I living Acts 2:44 and 4:5? Am I living [harmoniously] together with others? Am I sharing all things?

[?] What steps do I need to take today [to start living and breathing] Activated?

### OOOOO LETTER LINKS OOOOO

#### Jobs versus missionary work:

- "The Prodigal Son," ML #641:31-49
- "The Summit '96 Letters, Part 3," ML #3079:146-150
- "The Summit '96 Letters, Part 4," ML #3081:3-8
- "Be a Missionary," ML #3135
- "Goals for 1998," ML #3160:176-184
- "Charter Responsibilities," ML #3197:93-99

#### Living Acts 2:44 and 4:5 versus selfishness:

- "Goals for 1998," ML #3160:131-147
- "The Benefits of the Family," ML #3172:154-191
- "Charter Responsibilities," ML #3197:109-111

- "Witnessing and Follow-up Pitfalls," ML #3245:83-99
- "Selfishness and Self-Centeredness," Word Topics

#### Building a financial foundation / God's supply:

- "Rags to Riches," ML #211
- "God's Guarantees," ML #1027
- "God's Financial Blessings," ML #2813
- "From Poverty to Plenty," ML #2929

#### Buying houses:

- "The Benefits of the Family," ML #3172:134-137
- "The Way Things Really are in WS," ML #3309:376-382

HERE ARE SOME AWESOME LETTERS EXCERPTS LISTED FOR YOUR REVIEW. FEEL FREE TO LOOK UP THE ORIGINAL GN CHECKLIST-GN 965-FOR THE FULL READING LISTS.



**KEY PROMISE**

Nothing you do for yourself will last—use the keys of dedication to make your work for Me last forever.

*("Discipleship / Relationship to the world," Key Promises)*



No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? (-Jesus, Matthew 6:24-26)



# Zesty, Hot Peppers



**(Jesus:)** If you've ever had a vegetable garden, you might have discovered that if you grow vegetables too close together they can begin to affect one another. One might take up more of the water and nutrients and leave another dry and woody, or the flavors might start getting mixed up.

If you've ever tried to grow different kinds of peppers\* together, you may have found that some of them cross-pollinate over time, and the peppers that are supposed to be spicy might end up being sweet, and vice versa. (\*Also known as capsicums.)

It's sort of like when you hang out with System friends. Technically, you should be fine, because your faith is rooted in the Family, and they're in the System, so you should be safe, right? I mean, you go home every day, you have Word time, you go witnessing on the weekends, so you might think going and spending time with System friends isn't all that bad.

But the problem is that when you spend too much time with System friends—talking with them, picking up on their attitudes, taking in worldly input with them—it can start to affect and change you. It can slowly change your mindset

## Notable Quote:

(Dad:) Never before has it been of such great importance that you young people raise the banner of revolution high and unite as one and take your stand as dropouts. The Enemy is fighting you hard, so you've got to fight back even harder—with your spiritual weapons, with personal decisions and commitments that the Enemy can't shake, and with determination to give your all and live the truth as never before.

("So You Want to Be a Disciple?" ML #3458:159; May 2003)

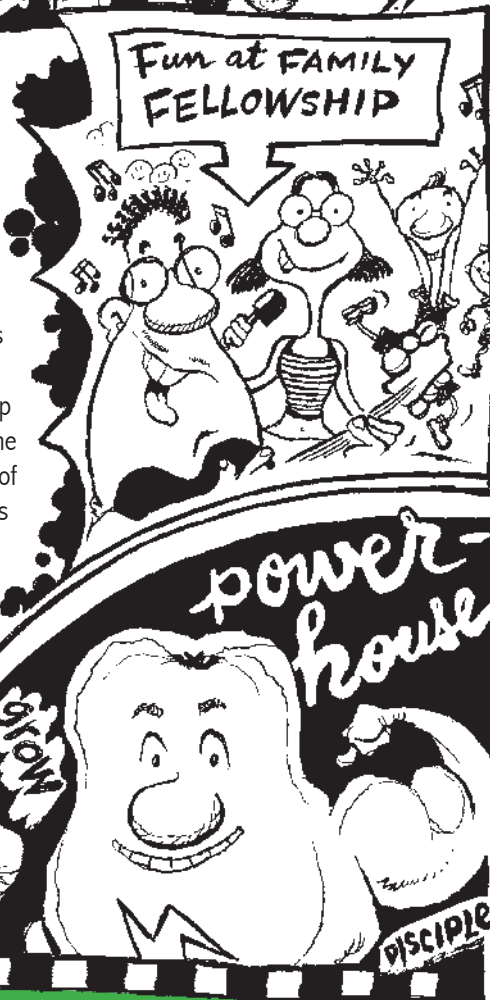


and priorities. Pretty soon, instead of being a zesty hot pepper, you're a mild tasteless pepper!

Spending time with System friends is not always a bad thing. It can be fun every once in a while, and if you're able to be a witness to them, that's really great. But it's much better to fellowship with those who are like-minded in the Family, where you can be a strength to each other and feed each other's spirits in a good way.

So treasure the times that you can have fellowship with your brothers and sisters in the Family. Take time together, and make it a priority to work out times of fellowship and fun, even if it's with the adults or kids because there aren't others of your age around where you live. I can make those times fun even if initially it's not your idea of fun.

I want you all to stay spicy hot peppers for Me—radical and revolutionary! Don't let those wishy-washy tasteless peppers affect your spirit! Keep your roots firmly planted in the soil of My Word, and let Me water you so you grow into a real powerhouse disciple for Me. Amen? Stay spicy!



**Notable Quote:**

(Jesus:) The keys of change and newness of life are powerful enough to reach into the heart of anyone, no matter how far you have strayed, no matter how weak you feel, no matter how many weaknesses of the flesh or worldly ways are holding you back. Change will come and the strengthening of your spirit will become a reality if you're willing to give Me your all, if you want the treasures of My Spirit and your privileged place of service badly enough.

(ML #3458:125)