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## - Develop a Vision For Increase

Faith sees beyond what you can see with your natural eyes. We must seek God to develop His vision for us; a vision for increase and prosperity.

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THE LORD OF MY LIFE. JESUS, COME INTO MY HEART. I WELCOME YOU AS  
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When I get back from the gym each morning, I usually go in my guest bedroom to spend some quiet time with the Lord before I head off to work. I like to spend a certain amount of time just listening . . . expecting God to tell me something. I heard a minister say, “God gave us two ears and one mouth for a reason. We should be listening twice as much as we speak.” Funny, but true.

Through the years, my Dad has taught me to journal my time with the Lord. So, I began practicing hearing God’s voice by writing down anything that comes up in my spirit. . . even if I’m not totally certain it’s God. I write it down and pray over it. Back in 2006, I remember writing these 2 things that I saw in my spirit for JSMI:

1. Worldwide book distribution; I saw a Publisher promoting our books on a broader level in bookstores nationwide.
2. Television outreach; I saw our broadcast being aired across the globe reaching more people than ever before in our TV history.

Just last week during my prayer time, I was thanking the Lord for all that He’s doing here at JSMI when suddenly, it just hit me. We are experiencing the very things I saw in my spirit. Not to mention, during a time when world news is broadcasting economic collapse!

Partners, I want you to know what your prayers and your contributions are producing.

1. “The Prayer of Petition” (Dad’s latest book) is a national best seller! The week it was released, it soared #15 in Christian books on Amazon.com and #132 in ALL books sold on Amazon.com!!! Yay! Thank You, Jesus. Each book printed represents a life changed!

Listen to this breakthrough testimony:

“Less than 2 weeks ago, we sowed a seed and asked you to pray that we would conceive a baby. After 2 years of waiting, and the doctors telling us we would need IVF to make our babies a reality, we prayed the prayer of petition and I am pregnant!” - Nigeria

2. Just this year, we stepped out in faith and added 3 new networks to our TV ministry reaching a potential 65 million new homes. Most TV ‘experts’ suggest giving your ‘investment’ at least 6-18 months before you begin to see a positive return. But right now people are so hungry for God’s truth, the FIRST MONTH our broadcast aired on these networks, we received 151% return.

People who had never heard of Jerry Savelle Ministries and those who had hoped to get our broadcast in their area contacted us saying: “I just watched your broadcast here in Kuwait. Your program was such a clear confirmation of what I had been studying. Thank you.” - Kuwait

*It has been a supernatural year at JSMI...* exactly what we’ve been declaring since January 1. What is “supernatural”? A major departure from the norm, the ordinary, and the usual. Whatever the norm is to you, it’s time to make a departure. We believe in increase by association. I am believing for the same grace, favor, and blessing that is on JSMI will also be on you, our faithful friends and partners.

*God continues to expand our vision.* There is currently such a great need for God’s truth in this world. Many people are so discouraged and in bondage to the lies of Satan. There are more pastors to be disciplined, orphans to feed, single moms to encourage, and marriages to restore...the need is great, but our God is BIGGER!

I am full of hope and vision for the greater things God is asking us to do; things that look impossible; things that will take a lot of money, but also things that will transform people’s thinking, speaking, and living – causing them to

experience the abundant life!

I firmly believe that you have to “see something” and “say something”. What do you see God doing in your life in the days, months, years ahead? Then, speak it out.

Every Wednesday morning, my team of Directors and I make this declaration that the Lord gave my Dad for the year:

“Our year won’t be like others say The Holy Ghost has shown us a better way. We determine now to get in the flow. In 2011, new levels we will go!”

Continue to declare that out of your mouth. You can’t have what you say if you don’t say anything, right? As Dad says, “See it. Say it. Seize it.” We love you, partners, and we are so grateful for you. We pray for you daily and believe God is preparing you for this major departure from the norm, the ordinary and the usual in your life. There’s still time for this to be a “supernatural” year in your family, your finances, and your faith. I believe in you! **AIF**

Terri Savelle Foy  
Senior Vice President





DEVELOPING

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“Faith sees *beyond* what you can see with your natural eyes...a vision helps you *change* what you have been seeing on the inside.”

by Jerry Savelle

**AS WE ENTER INTO THE HOLIDAY SEASON IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, IT IS EASY TO GET BUSY AND BE DISTRACTED FROM WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN BELIEVING GOD FOR. AS WE START LOOKING TO THE END OF THIS YEAR AND THE START OF A NEW ONE, YOUR SPIRITUAL ENEMY WANTS TO DISTRACT YOU FROM BELIEVING FOR GOD'S SUPERNATURAL RESULTS. BUT THE TRUTH IS THESE LAST FEW OF MONTHS OF THE YEAR HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO PRODUCE THE GREATEST BREAKTHROUGHS IN YOUR LIFE! I WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO STAY FOCUSED ON THE ABUNDANT LIFE GOD HAS FOR YOU. I WANT YOU TO SEE YOURSELF OVERCOMING, SEE YOURSELF VICTORIOUS, SEE YOURSELF THE WAY GOD SEES YOU. I WANT YOU TO DEVELOP A VISION FOR INCREASE!**

**I**f you do not have God's vision in your heart you will go through this life never having tapped into God's best for your life. Proverbs

29:18 says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish, but he that keepeth the law, happy is he." We must have a vision. Helen Keller was asked if she thought there was anything worse than being blind. Her reply was, "Yes, having eyes to see and still being blind." In other words, you must be able to see beyond your present circumstances. Dr. Yonggi Cho said, "Show me your vision and I will show you your future. If you cannot show me your vision, then you are telling me that you have no future." What do you see?

It is time for us to start looking through eyes of faith. II Corinthians 4:18 says, "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." The things which are seen are temporal and subject to change. But the things that cannot be seen are eternal. Lack and want are subject to change. Stop looking at situations as though they can never change. Start using your eyes of faith to develop your vision. This year is not over yet and God is behind the scenes working on your behalf.

The Most High wants you most blessed. That begins with a vision. Getting a fresh vision in your life will: (1) Enable you to see life the way God wants you to live it; (2) produce the perseverance that you will need while you are waiting for your vision to come to pass; (3) enable you to stay focused on God's plan for your life;

and (4) ignite your desire for the kind of life that God wants you to live.

## **The Purpose of Increase**

God wants you to use your increase in the proper way. He told Abraham that He was going to bless him and increase him, but Abraham needed to keep his priorities in order. The Bible says God tries the heart and looks at our motives. God wants to bless you so you can help further the kingdom of God, invest in the work of the Lord, and touch people's lives.

God also wants you to increase so that you can complete the work that Jesus began here in the earth. Our motive for increase should always be to make God look attractive to the people we come in contact with. In the past, the church world believed that God and poverty were linked together. The poorer you were the more spiritual you were. No wonder the wealthy were not drawn to the church.

God is saying in Deuteronomy 8:18 (AMP), do not forget where your wealth comes from, "But you shall [earnestly] remember the Lord your God, for it is He Who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day."

God told Abraham He would make a great nation of him, that He would empower him to prosper, that he would make his name great, and that he would be a blessing. . . . It was obvious that God wanted Abraham to be increase minded so he could use that increase to be a blessing.

As believers it should be our nature to be in-

crease minded. The first thing God ever said to Adam after creating him was to “multiply.” He did not say “walk in love” or “forgive everybody,” but God said “multiply.” And He was not just speaking of offspring. He wanted Adam to be increase minded in every area of his life. God wants us to be increase minded.

## What Do You See?

Genesis 13:14-17 (AMP)—“The Lord said to Abram after Lot had left him, Lift up now your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward. For all the land which you see I will give to you and to your posterity forever. And I will make your descendants like the dust of the earth, so that if a man could count the dust of the earth, then could your descendants also be counted. Arise, walk through the land, the length of it and the breadth of it, for I will give it to you.”

God tells Abraham to “lift up his eyes.” He wanted Abraham to look at something—to get a permanent vision on the inside of what He had in store for him. He wanted him to see the land that He desired to give to him and to his seed. God instructed Abraham to arise and walk through the length and breadth of the land. God was endeavoring to teach Abraham to develop a vision for increase. To help perfect that vision, God asked Abraham to count the number of the grains of sand in his hand. God also asked Abraham to look at and count the stars in the night sky—Abraham was developing a vision of the number of his seed.

Deuteronomy 16:15 says, “. . . The Lord thy God shall bless thee in all thine increase, and in all the works of thine hands, therefore thou shalt surely rejoice.” Notice God is not only going to bless you, but as a result of being blessed, He is going to bring increase and then He is going to bless your increase. In other words, there is no end to increase as far as God is concerned.

## Changing From The Inside Out

A vision helps you change what you have been seeing on the inside. Nothing happens on the outside until it happens on the inside. Now Abraham could see himself differently because of the vision he was developing on the inside. He no longer saw just one man, but he saw a nation. Every time he looked at

the sand on the seashore he saw his descendants. Every time he viewed the stars he saw his descendants. Even though Abraham did not have Genesis to read, he literally heard God’s voice, but we have the Word of God, which is God’s voice to us, to create God’s vision on the inside of us. If you spend time in God’s Word you will get a vision of increase.

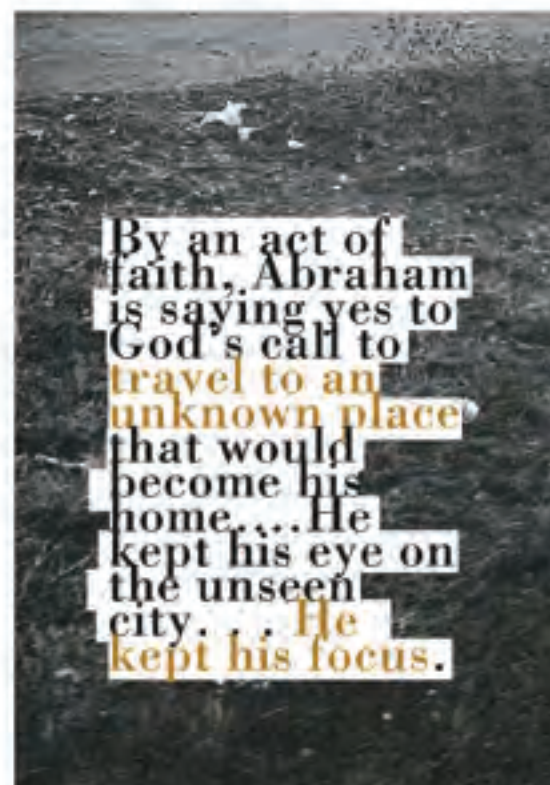
Do you see increase coming your way? Do you see financial breakthroughs coming your way? Do you see yourself getting out of debt? Do you see yourself barely getting by? Do you see yourself always coming up short? Do you see yourself as you have always been? What do you see?

II Corinthians 3:18 (AMP)—“And all of us, as with unveiled face, [because we] continued to behold [in the Word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His very own image in ever increasing splendor and from one degree of glory to another. . . .” The Word of God is compared to a mirror. We are constantly being transfigured. The more time we spend in the Word the more we are changed into the image of Jesus. The more we look into God’s Word as a mirror the more we will see ourselves as God sees us. The Word of God does not reveal what we look like in the world’s eyes but the way we look to God. God sees us as overcomers and as more than conquerors. He sees us walking in divine health and prosperity, spirit, soul, and body. He sees us blessed and victorious.

## Multiplication—Your Covenant Right

Increase is your covenant right. II Corinthians 9:10 (AMP) says, “And [God] Who provides seed for the sower and bread for eating will also provide and multiply your [resources for] sowing and increase the fruits of your righteousness [which manifests itself in active goodness, kindness, and charity]. When you sow seed, God will provide and multiply your resources for sowing. If He is multiplying your resources for sowing, he is also multiplying your resources for living. You cannot out give God. This is the law of seedtime and harvest. It is a law that will work every time.

If you are not increasing, you are not walking in your covenant rights. Psalm 115:12-15 says, “The Lord hath been mindful of us: he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel;



he will bless the house of Aaron. He will bless them that fear the Lord, both small and great. The Lord shall increase you more and more, you and your children. Ye are blessed of the Lord which made heaven and earth." This scripture creates a vision of increase on the inside. As you receive a vision of what God has promised, you will walk in your covenant rights and God will keep taking you from faith to faith, from glory to glory, and from one level of increase to another.

Increase belongs to you and is part of your covenant rights. God's covenant with Abraham was a covenant of increase. God wanted Abraham to get a vision for increase that would change his life.

Genesis 12:1-3 says, "Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house unto a land that I will show thee. And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing. And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed."

## Vision Produces Perseverance

We know that our dreams do not always happen overnight. Habakkuk 2:2-3 says, "... Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry." Having a vision is the ability to see something that has not yet manifested in the natural realm. There are times when we may have to wait, but it will come. Look at the story of Abraham in Hebrews 11:8-10—"By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." Abraham is looking for a city. He is looking for something in the natural realm that he cannot see. What is

motivating him? By an act of faith, Abraham is saying yes to God's call to travel to an unknown place that would become his home. He had no idea where he was going, living as a stranger and camping in tents. How did Abraham accomplish this? He kept his eye on the unseen city. . . . He kept his focus. He had a vision because he knew God was going to bless him and bring increase to his life. Abraham saw what God saw. He did not get discouraged. He kept his eyes on the unseen city.

In order to see what God sees, you will need to spend quality time in the Word and quality time in fellowship with God. God shared this important principle with Joshua in Joshua 1:8—"The Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe and do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall deal wisely and have good success." God told Joshua to meditate on the Word day and night. The more of the Word that is in your life, the clearer the vision will become. The result will be that you will make your way prosperous and you will have good success. The Message translation says, "... Give it everything you have, heart and soul. Make sure you carry out The Revelation that Moses commanded you, every bit of it. Don't get off track, either left or right, so as to make sure you get where you're going. And don't for a minute let this Book of The Revelation be out of mind. Ponder and meditate on it day and night, making sure you practice everything written in it. Then you'll get where you're going; then you'll succeed. Haven't I commanded you? Strength! Courage! Don't be timid; don't get discouraged. God, your God, is with you every step you take." That is what happened to Abraham, he arrived where God wanted him.

Joshua also arrived where God wanted him. God's vision for Joshua and the children of Israel was that they arrive in the land that flowed with milk and honey. God caused the impossible to happen. One of the major obstacles for Joshua was a place called Jericho. To get to the land of milk and honey they had to get through the most fortified city of its day. According to some theologians, the walls were so thick that you could race chariots on top of them. To do the impossible Joshua had

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to spend quality time in the Word. To get where he was going Joshua had to develop a vision for what God wanted him to have. Joshua 6:1-2 says, “Now Jericho [a fenced town with high walls] was tightly closed because of the Israelites; no one went out or came in. And the Lord said to Joshua, See, I have given Jericho, its king and mighty men of valor, into your hands.” God was saying, “See it Joshua. . . . Can you see what I see? . . . It already belongs to you. . . . I have already given it to you?” In other words, catch the vision. Can you see it?—It is already done!

## Are You Outnumbered?—Fear Not!

II Kings 6:8-15 says, “Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place shall be my camp. And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down. And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice. Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not show me which of us is for the king of Israel? And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber. And he said, Go and spy where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold

he is in Dothan. Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about. And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! How shall we do? And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.” The servant was asking, “What are we going to do? We are outnumbered!” The man of God told him to fear not, for they that be with us are more than they that are with them. The servant did not understand what the prophet was saying. He did not know what the prophet saw. The prophet prayed for the servant’s eyes to be opened. That is what vision is. Faith does not pretend that what you see does not exist. Faith sees beyond what you can see with your natural eyes. Notice in this scripture that the angels did not show up when the man’s eyes were opened. The angels were already there. Increase already belongs to us because of our covenant. It is already there.

## Vision Ignites Desire

Vision ignites your desire for the kind of life that God wants you to live. The dictionary defines desire as something longed for or something craved. To crave something is to have an intense desire for it. The dic-

tionary defines intense as expressing strong emotion and being firmly fixed on having something. Mark 11:24 says, “Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.” When you desire something intensely you will go after it with all of your heart. That is what vision does. You will become firmly fixed on what God wants you to have because it belongs to you, but also because Jesus paid a precious price for it.

Paul referred to intense desire in Philipians 3:14 (The Message), “. . . but I’ve got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward—to Jesus. I’m off and running, and I’m not turning back. So let’s keep focused on that goal, those of us who want everything God has for us. If any of you have something else in mind, something less than total commitment, God will clear your blurred vision—you’ll see it yet! Now that we’re on the right track, let’s stay on it.” The result of developing a vision, staying focused, persevering, and pressing onward will bring the increase that belongs to you!

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I would like to personally invite you to become a partner with this ministry. A partner in our ministry is one who shares the vision and goals of this ministry through prayer and sows faithfully and continuously, helping us achieve the vision and goals that God has given us. My mandate for over 40 years has been to teach people how to be winners in life. God wants you to win in every area of your life. And, with God's Word, you can do just that. You can then have a greater influence on the people you associate with and work with.

The Apostle Paul said in Galatians that you are to communicate with those who instruct you. That simply means that if this ministry has brought instruction into your life, if this ministry has helped you along the way in your spiritual growth, if it has blessed your life in some way, then Paul says to communicate with it. The word communicate here in the literal Greek is a little deeper than saying "I love your ministry." It literally means "to give" and "to partner with."

I would be honored to have you as my partner. One of the greatest compliments I ever receive is when someone comes up and says, "Jerry, I'm your partner." That is such a blessing to me. When you partner with me, it means you believe in the call of God on my life.

There is no way we can fulfill all that God has planned for us without partners. The vision God has given us is simply too big. It will take all of us together to accomplish this God-honoring vision.

When you become a partner, I want to sow right back into your life. With your first partner gift, I will send you my partner packet which includes information on partnership and two of my most motivating messages. I believe that as you partner with our ministry, you are going to experience the same grace and favor that is on this ministry. I receive testimonies of it everyday.

I want to close by saying thank you to all of our partners and friends of JSMI. Because of you, we are able to fulfill the call of God on our lives and reach the world for Jesus Christ!

In Him,

Jerry Savelle

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# THE POWER OF NOW

by Terri Savelle Foy

## WHAT IS YOUR DREAM IN LIFE?

I meet so many people as I travel across the world teaching God's Word who are not one step closer to their dreams than they were 5 years ago. Many have even abandoned their dreams because it seemed too impossible.

I don't want that to be the case for you. Why? Because I believe the dreams in your heart are God-given and are a part of His calling on your life.

If you've heard me teach much, you know my

life is drastically different today than it was 10 years ago. God has taken me from just existing year after year to living a life of purpose as I actively pursue my destiny.

However, I have discovered that it's not always easy or convenient. In fact it can be down right hard to pursue your dreams! The Bible says in Ecclesiastes 5:3, "A dream comes about with much business and painful effort."

I want to share with you what I've learned about pursuing your dreams, and I know it will help you today.

I believe we tend to get a “tomorrow” mentality about life, about our dreams and goals. We keep thinking the future is so far off. We make ourselves feel better when we say, “Someday...I’m going to do that. Someday I’m going to get my act together and live for God. Someday when I make enough money, then I’m really going to spend more time with my kids. Someday when my schedule slows down, I’m going to get involved at church. Someday when I have more time, then I’ll focus on being in better shape.”

I want you to realize that every day matters. Every day that you wake up and go through your day is very important and significant. Why? Because your time here on earth is limited.

Psalm 90:12 (TLB) says, “Teach us to number our days and recognize how few they are; help us to spend them as we should.”

Consider how your view of each day would change if you found out you had just 30 days to live? If your remaining time on earth was only a calendar page away, what would you do differently?

Look at what 2 Corinthians 6:1 (MSG) says, “...we beg you, please don’t squander one bit of this marvelous life God has given us.” Don’t squander your time because your time is your life. If you waste your time, you waste your life.

Pope Paul VI said, “Somebody should tell us, right at the start of our lives, that we are dying. Then we might live life to the limit, every minute of every day. Do it, I say! Whatever you want to do, do it now! There are only so many tomorrows.”

I feel like my assignment is to motivate you and others to pursue the vision, the dreams and the goals that God has put in your heart...and to show you how! I want you to determine that this is your time to experience change in your life.

You will NEVER have “more time”. Someday is not a day of the week. We have to make ourselves wake up and realize THIS IS LIFE.

There was a time in my life when I just existed as I constantly put-off the things that

should have been important to me. As I became more serious in living my life in a way that pleased God, I decided that I was going to live a regret-free life.

It was during this time that God led me into a study on how to conquer procrastination and stop putting things off until tomorrow. The principles I have learned changed my life, and I know they can change yours too.

Jimmy Lyons says, “tomorrow is the only day of the year that appeals to a lazy man.”

Procrastination is “The act of putting off or delaying an action to a later time; to put off intentionally or habitually”.

You could be procrastinating on things that are really important to you because you have unclear goals and priorities. For example, if you’re unclear on how much money you want to save this year, it’s doubtful that you will save anything. Even though saving money is important to you, you will put it off another year. If you keep that up for the next 5 years, what will you have? Nothing. You’ll only be five years older.

You may have a psychological reason for delaying your dreams such as a need for perfection. Your thinking is, “If I can’t do it perfectly, I won’t do it at all.”

Procrastination is a TRAP of the devil! You don’t have another week, month or year to waste!

In John 5:3-9, we see the story of the man who was laying by the pool of Bethesda.

Here a great number of disabled people used to lay – the blind, the lame, and the paralyzed. One who was there had been an invalid for 38 years. When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?”

“Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one... to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.”

Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your sleeping pad and walk.” At once, the man was cured; he picked up his mat and

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Why would Jesus need to ask if he wanted to get well? Because NOTHING had CHANGED in 38 YEARS! When Jesus asked, "Do you want to get well?" Instead of answering with self-pity, "Nobody will help me," he should have just said "YES! NOW!"

I think it's interesting how Jesus gave him 3 commands:

1. Get up
2. Pick up your bed (or clean up that mess you've been laying in for 38 years!)
3. Walk (get moving with the plan of God for your life)

What is God telling you to do?

Get up, pick up your music, and sing; get up, pick up your Bible, and preach; get up, pick up your wallet and give; get up, pick up your resume, and get that job; get up, pick up your bottom and get to the gym!

In other words, quit talking about the problem. Quit waiting for somebody to encourage you. Quit waiting for somebody to outline your plan. Quit waiting for one day. That day is today.

YOU pick yourself up!

YOU clean up your mess!

YOU start putting one foot in front of the other and get moving!

Speaking from experience, you can't wait around for anybody ELSE TO BELIEVE IN YOU AND YOUR DREAMS. You are going to answer for your life before God – not anybody else's life!

It's been said that the way you do anything is the way you do everything. For example:

Do you pay your bills late? (and end up paying unnecessary late fees)

Do you arrive late? (and have to apologize to everyone)

Do you wake up late? (and start your day feeling rushed, anxious)

Do you return things after the due date? (and end up wasting money)

Do you file your taxes late? (and have to pay penalties)

When we start a habit of procrastinating in the little things, it can trickle into the big things of life. If we tend to put things off to the last minute in our daily life – we could be PUTTING OFF the plan of God for our lives too!

I want to give you a "Do It Now" challenge for the next 30 days that will move you towards your dreams and goals.

#1. Make a list of the top 10 things you've been putting off. It could be anything from getting a health check up, going to the dentist, getting the oil changed in your car, calling a friend, replacing a broken door knob, filing your bills, cleaning out a junky closet, finishing a manuscript, etc.

#2. Designate specific days on your calendar (over the next 30 days) to begin working on each one. They don't all have to be done in a day – just schedule a day and time to begin completing each task.

#3. Go through your list one by one.

#4. Share your progress and feelings with me at [www.terri.com/about/contact-us](http://www.terri.com/about/contact-us).

You will feel exhilarated and it will build your confidence as you begin pursuing your goals. As you conquer procrastination in the seemingly small areas, it will actually prepare you to begin going after the big dreams for your life. Lord Acton said, "A wise person does at once, what a fool does at last. Both do the same thing; only at different times."

I know first-hand the frustration and emptiness of living a life of procrastination. I also know the freedom and joy that comes from living a proactive, purpose-filled life. I want you to experience that same freedom and joy in your life.

It's not always easy, but I'm praying that you will have the inner strength to take the steps to take the "Do It Now" challenge and conquer procrastination today!

Refuse to allow another month, week or even a day go by without doing something to go after your dreams and goals. James 2:17 tells us that "faith without corresponding action is dead."

Make up your mind that NOW is the time for you to DO those things you've been putting off. Refuse to put it off any longer...no matter how difficult or uncomfortable it feels.

You can do whatever God is telling you to do. Whether it's to get your house clean and orderly, get your body in shape, get out of debt or draw closer to God – do it now.

I believe that we get so overwhelmed by setting unrealistic goals for ourselves and then we just end up quitting altogether. Don't quit. As Martin Luther King Jr said, "Don't look at the whole staircase, just focus on the first step."

What can you do today – even if it's 5 minutes – that would benefit you tomorrow? Do that. Pray in the spirit. Read a Proverb. Jump rope. Empty the trash. Do something

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each day that will lead you to the fulfillment of your goals.

I want to challenge you to set a goal to build your faith **DAILY**. Build your faith while getting ready each day, driving, cooking, doing laundry, waiting to pick your child up from school, taking a bath, going for a walk, while you're on the elliptical machine. You have time.

Mark Twain said, “The secret to getting ahead is getting started. The secret of getting started is breaking your complex, overwhelming tasks into small manageable tasks, and then starting on the first one.”

I'm telling you from experience, your life will **DRASTICALLY** change...**YOU** will drastically change in just 1 month by developing this daily discipline. You'll begin thinking differently, your confidence will improve, your faith in God will grow, your dreams will enlarge, and your mind will be transformed!

Refuse to waste another day. This is your time to see those dreams come to life.

Start building your faith today to dream for the seemingly impossible and start taking steps each day to make that dream a reality!

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# THE LOVING FAMILY

by Carolyn Savelle

**S**o often we get so busy with our everyday lives that we fail at the little things in life that actually mean the most. Many parents just go with the flow when it comes to raising their families. They don't have a plan and often the families just fall apart. It doesn't have to be like that. You as the parent can shape the future of your children and build a strong and happy family. Joshua 24:15 says, "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

One of the strengths of a successful family is that they express appreciation and affection. I have to tell you - this is my soap box. I believe this is so important. Relationships within strong families let each other know on a daily basis how much they are appreciated and loved. We have all heard stories about people who never heard the words, "I love you" or "I am proud of you" as a child. That carries over to their adult lives and affects their relationships. Everybody wants to feel loved and appreciated. It is so important that your kids and your spouse know you love and appreciate them. It is just a necessity.

We should make a point to tell our families how we feel about them. Wives tell your husbands that you appreciate how hard they work to provide for you and the kids. Husbands tell your wives that you appreciate all the work she does to make the house a home. But, it's not enough to just tell them. Telling somebody "good job" with an empty attitude behind it doesn't produce anything. But, when you tell them "good job" and show them with affection, your appreciation becomes very powerful. It becomes a motivating force. Jesus defined the depths of affection when He said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." Surely a person who loves like this not only loves in words (expressed appreciation) but also with action (affection), like hugs.

My family knows how much I appreciate them and that I am not the quiet type. I like to hug, squeeze, and kiss on them all the time. Now I know not everybody is like that. You might be saying, "My family knows I love and appreciate them, but I am the quiet type. I'm an introvert. I don't do things like that. It's not necessary for people like me to continually express appreciation." I would say to you that it IS necessary. Very necessary. It's necessary no matter what your nature or temperament is. Remember, our goal is to have strong, successful, happy families.

Just think about it. Why do we work so hard all of our lives? We take second jobs and work over time so our kids can have braces or so that we can

fix up the house or to get that degree. Of course, money is a factor. Prestige and ego might be another. But, there is something deeper going on. It's really appreciation we are after. We want our kids to smile through straight teeth and one day say they love us for those wires and rubber bands. We want our spouse to recognize and be grateful for all the hours we put into caring for the kids or for the yard work or for the income we provide. We want to be valued for who we are and what we do. When you express appreciation to another, you are, in essence, saying that they are a person of worth and dignity. You are telling them that you affirm who they are and what they've done. You are telling them that they have worth and value to you.

Even God made it clear that He wants to be appreciated and told how much He is loved. On one occasion, Jesus heard the pleas of ten lepers who came to Him crying out for healing. Taking compassion on them, He instructed them to go show themselves to the priests. As they searched out the priests, God gave them a miracle and healed them all. He healed them all but only one came back to Jesus to say thank you. Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the

other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then Jesus said to him, "Rise and go. Your faith has made you whole." They were all healed, but the only one made whole was the one who came back and thanked Jesus, the one who was appreciative of what Jesus had done for him. Jesus made it so clear that He expected expressed appreciation and that He was pleased with the one who gave it. In fact, He indicated just as clearly His disappointment in the nine who didn't return to thank Him. The Bible teaches us that we have to give praise and appreciation.

I read in a book called, *The Power of Touch*, about premature babies who were given 45 minutes of massage each day. Within ten days, the massaged babies showed a 47% greater weight gain than those children who were not regularly touched. Isn't that amazing? In a study done at UCLA it was found that just to maintain emotional and physical health, men and women need 8-10 meaningful touches a day. Meaningful touch being defined as a gentle touch, a stroke, a kiss, or a hug given by a significant person in our lives. This study stated that if Type-A driven men would hug their wives several times each day, it would increase their life span by

two years. Not to mention what it would do for their marriage. Another study shows that actual bone growth of young children who had been deprived of a parent's touching was half that of the bone growth of children who received adequate physical attention. Is there any doubt that displaying affection for those we love is a vital part of a strong family?

Expressed appreciation and affection are a must for a strong, successful, and happy family. We must tell our family members everyday that we love them, but we must also show that love to them by our actions and behavior. Touch is a tangible reminder of love.

I want to encourage you today to show appreciation and love to your family. Make it a point when getting together during the upcoming Christmas season show them an appreciative heart. Give your family lots of hugs and kisses. They need to feel secure, and when they begin to feel secure in your love for them, you are on the way to having a strong, successful and happy family. **AIF**

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