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Romans 12:18

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• Peace is a condition of inward harmony
• Your ability to forgive is resident within you
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Easter is upon us and it’s a great time of reflection and celebration. That’s why I want to invite you to join us this Easter at JDM International Headquarters to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

For 35 years of full-time ministry, I have been declaring God’s amazing power to do the impossible in the earth. Think about it: Jesus came to the earth as a man and lived a sinless life—impossible, but He did it. When they crucified Him, God did something even more impossible: He raised Him from the dead after three days! Impossible? Yes, but He did it. And the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is still present and able to work in your life today.

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Happy Easter,
Jesse Duplantis

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Don’t Ever Lose the Meaning of the Cross

Thank God for the cross! It’s our only way to redemption—our path to pardon, purity, peace and promise! I believe that in these last days, it’s paramount that we don’t lose the meaning of the cross. When we don’t understand what the cross means, we can’t understand the true nature of the God we serve—a God Who is forgiving, loving and, above all, full of righteousness and truth.

Some people teach that Jesus said, “Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will beat your brains out, destroy you, take your husband, and kill your kids. He that endureth till the end shall be saved.” But Jesus didn’t say that at all!

In Matthew 11:28-30 Jesus said, “Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.” Jesus is the Prince of Peace—a gentle and humble Savior Who is interested in making our load in life easy and light, and giving our soul rest.

The Cross Produces Pardon

Pardon is the primary purpose of the cross. The first thing a sinning man needs is a pardon that will heal his wounded heart, renew his withered soul, and build up his broken spirit. It doesn’t matter if you are an alcoholic, a drug addict, a doctor or a lawyer, when you stand at the foot of the cross, the blood of Jesus will flow down and pardon you of all your sins. Christ will pardon you regardless of how much sinning you’ve done.

Every individual created by God has been given a divine plan, a divine purpose, and a divine place in life. Before I was born again, I had a wounded heart, a broken spirit, and a withered soul. I was full of stress and unrest. But when I stood at the cross and asked Jesus to come into my life and forgive me of all my sins, the Lord pardoned me. That day, Jesus healed my wounded heart, renewed my withered soul, and built up my broken spirit. I found out that Christianity is not a religion; it is a way of life.

Jesus said, “Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” But people will get angry with you for entering into this kind of rest. They’ll say things like, “Who do you think you are? I’ve been serving the Lord for 47 years and been kicked by the devil the entire 47 years.” They don’t want to see you resting in health, resting in prosperity, or resting in peace. They’d rather see you in the unrest of sickness, poverty, and anxiety just like they are!

Well, those who want to see you hurting aren’t looking out for your best interests. They are walking in the light of what they’ve been living and what they’ve been wrongly taught by traditional religion. But the Lord taught us to put on the whole armor of God and stand against the enemy—stand! This means that we aren’t supposed to give up and take his unrest. We’re supposed to resist the devil, not assist the devil!

People often want to remind you of your past. The devil may try to put thoughts in your mind that put you down because of what you did before coming to Christ. Just rebuke that loser and tell him that you’ve been pardoned by the Most High Jehovah God. Your past sin is over; it’s been totally forgiven by the blood of Jesus. That’s the meaning of the cross at work.

The devil may say, “You won’t make it.” He may try and
strap you down with fear of the future. Turn God’s Word on him and say, “Wait a minute, devil, you’re the one that’s not going to make it. I am going to see Jesus kick you into the lake of fire.”

However, pardon is impossible for a man who is persisting in sin. The Bible teaches that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God, but it does not teach that we are all sinners (Romans 3:23). Some people wrongfully teach that we should expect to sin every day. Jesus taught us to repent, turn from our old ways, and go God’s way—this is what we do in respect and honor towards God for the great sacrifice He made in sending His Son to the cross. And Christ would not have commanded one to, “Go, and sin no more” if all of us who have been born again did not have the ability to stop sinning.

You see, when you understand the pardon that is produced by the cross of Christ, you won’t get under condemnation when God blesses you financially. Most Christians can’t stand to be blessed for very long. After they’ve been blessed for a while, they start thinking that maybe they don’t deserve it, that maybe they shouldn’t be blessed because they see others that are struggling. If they’ve been very religious, chances are they’ll think things like, We have got to go back under that yoke and let the devil kick us a few times. We must refine and purify ourselves in the wilderness.

If you think that you have to be refined through struggles in the wilderness, let me ask you this: What are you going to do when you get to Heaven and you can’t find the wilderness? What are you going to do when you get to Heaven and there are gold streets, no sickness, no poverty, no fighting, and no “wilderness” to live in?

Refuse to go back under the yoke of theology that tells you that you’re a low-down, dirty dog that is incapable of living above sin, sickness, or poverty. You have been born again and set free by the blood of the Lamb and the Word of the Lord Jesus Christ. Isaiah 53:5 says, “But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.” Jesus didn’t do all that so that we as Christians would live under the harsh yoke of sin, sickness, and unrest.

Let me tell you something, in the beginning God created the heavens, the earth, and everything that was in it—and it was good. The Bible said everything was perfect in the eyes of God. Now, why would we as believers, who have been redeemed from the curse and have been made new creatures in Christ Jesus, need a wilderness experience in this life—especially if God didn’t build a wilderness at the beginning in Eden or at the end in Heaven?

It is true that the Lord was driven into the wilderness, but that was to prepare Him for His future on the cross—Jesus went through this so that you wouldn’t have to. When you are coming against demons, devils, and principalities, they will meet you with their greatest fury and deception in the wilderness. So, don’t go there!

Remember, you are not being refined by Satan’s attacks. You gain character not because of what he does, but because of what you do in enforcing his defeat—enforcing what the blood of Jesus has done. The power of the cross enables you to walk on the devil instead of the devil walking on you. Christ died to give you power. When the meaning of the cross recharges you and stirs your faith, buddy, the devil is in trouble!

One time I was preaching at a college and a theologian came up to me and spoke to me in his best theological voice, “Reverend Duplantis, I would like to talk to you concerning the scripture. You have said that the nation of Israel walked across the Red Sea on dry land. You also said that Pharaoh’s army drowned in the Red Sea.”

I said, “Well, that’s what the Word says.”

He said, “Well Brother, if you study the archaeological excavation of that part of the country, you will discover that the Red Sea was no more than about a foot and a half deep at that time.”

I said, “Thank you, Brother! That is an even a greater miracle. A whole army, including horses, drowned in a foot and a half of water. Can you imagine Pharaoh’s army throwing water in their faces until they drowned?!?”

That theologian looked at me and said, “I never thought of that, Sir.”

I believe that the Red Sea was at least 25 to 30 feet deep, but that bozo believed that it was only a foot and a half deep.

You know, Jesus didn’t ask us to learn theology or psychology and make them what we live by. No, He asked us to know Him. Theology and psychology are good things and can teach us a lot, but when you put those ahead of knowing Jesus, the Person, you will become religious and your thinking will stifle your ability to receive the things of God. Peace will go out the door. You’ll make an excuse for the devil’s lies and start accepting all his trash, which will make your walk through this life much heavier and more taxing than it needs to be.

Jesus said, “Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest for your souls.”

There is freedom in knowing Jesus, the Person. You see, I refuse condemnation from the devil because I know...
that Jesus has forgiven me of all sin. And I also know what God thinks about me! The Bible teaches that I’m a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, and a holy nation (1 Peter 2:9). It says that God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that I can possibly ask or think according to the power that works in me (Ephesians 3:20). He calls me His “Beloved” and tells me that He wishes above all things that I prosper and live in health, even as my soul—my mind, will and emotions—prosper (3 John 2).

I know that greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4) and that if God is for me, who can be against me? (Romans 8:1) You see, I know that I don’t have to get into a struggle with sin; I just have to use the Word inside of me. I know that no matter what the devil does, if I resist him (and don’t assist him), God has promised that he will flee from me (James 4:7). Glory to God!

That’s what God’s Word says I am and what I can do. Now, what about you? What are you willing to stand up and believe?

The Cross Produces Purity

We need not only the forgiveness of sin, but also a conscience that’s clean. How many times have you asked God to forgive you of your sins? You knew He did, but your conscience wasn’t clean; you still felt condemnation. I find that most people don’t know the difference between condemnation and conviction. True conviction will draw a person to repentance and then they are free. Condemnation is from the devil and it is an attack on the meaning of the cross—it’s the accusation of the devil still at work on something that Christ’s blood already forgave.

You see, not only do you need the forgiveness of sin today, but you also need to live life with a clean conscience—and that comes through redemption and through understanding the meaning of the cross.

I can say that my conscience is clean before God today. Before I was saved, I didn’t care at all about sin because the pollution of impurity had destroyed my soul (my mind, will, and emotions) to the point that I couldn’t have cared less about right and wrong. The cross changed all of that for me. It brought me to repentance—to an acknowledgement and admission of right and wrong—and it pointed me to the One Who was willing to wash all my sin away with one swipe of His holy blood. Suddenly, when I accepted Jesus, I gained not only righteousness, but also a clean conscience.

As believers, we need to let the purity of God penetrate into our lives as far as the pollution of sin once did. But even further, we need to work on becoming a people known for our purity.

Christ died to give you power. When the meaning of the cross recharges you and stirs your faith, buddy, the devil is in trouble!

The devil fights purity tooth and nail because he knows that if he can get Christians to live impure lives, he can discredit the meaning of the cross. I refuse to let him do that in my life and I hope that you will do the same.

So, how do you stop having impure thoughts? You burn impure pictures out of your mind with the Word of God. You see, you don’t think in words, you think in pictures. And I find that for a lot of people, impure thoughts come from impure pictures. If you want to get rid of bad thoughts, get rid of bad pictures.

If a man or a woman looks at one of those hardcore flesh magazines but throws it away, the thoughts will remain in their mind because they’ve captured those pictures with their mind—so the magazine’s photos are really still there. To get rid of impure thoughts, you must burn impure pictures from your mind, and that comes through having a revelation of the cross and refusing to fulfill the lusts of the flesh because of what Christ did.

You can pray all day long for 39 years and still be full of pollution if you don’t grasp the meaning of the cross. You can quote scripture, pray, lead a Bible study at church, or whatever…but if you never let the purity of the Gospel go as far as the pollution of sin, you’re not walking in freedom.

Why do so many people struggle with living free? I believe it’s because the Church has taught us to live in mediocrity. They’ve taught us that we’re weak, but Christ never told us that. I’ve seen the Church basically tell new converts, “Well, you are saved now, just go do the best you can.” That is a shame. It’s our responsibility as believers to live “in Christ,” which is in His power. It’s our responsibility to strive towards perfection and to mature in our faith; and with maturity comes the responsibility to equip the newly converted with the right information about the meaning of the cross.

Redemption for mankind was finished at the cross, but it’s not where we’re finished, it’s where we begin! From the point of salvation, we should start working on ourselves by getting to know Christ through His Word. This is when we should start letting the purity of the Gospel penetrate further than the pollution of sin. As a believer, if you guard what goes in your eyes and in your heart on a daily basis, the pollution of the world and those impure thoughts that are trying to steer you off course will begin to go away.

God is ripping the cover off of sin today. He’s purifying His Church. Why? The cross will produce a pardon, which is what He wants to give those in sin, and it will produce purity because it will cause a person to realize that salvation is free, but it definitely didn’t come cheap. It cost Jesus Christ His life.

Some ministers have trampled the blood of Jesus and cheapened the pulpit with their impure lifestyles. God will
not let that happen forever. If a man doesn't repent and turn away from that sin, he can expect the sin to be exposed one day. But a man who has a true understanding of the cross won't continually trample the blood. Why? The meaning of the cross produces purity. Religion doesn't, but a man's true knowledge of the cross does.

When you understand the cross, saying no to sin is a lot easier. It becomes a decisive action, a choice that is much easier to make because the cross is foremost in your mind. You see, all you have to say to sin is, “No.” Realize, as the Apostle Paul did, that you are a dead man—dead to the flesh and alive in Christ. Glory! It is not you that lives, but Christ that lives in you (Galatians 2:20)! You know, I have been to many funerals, but I've never once heard a dead body ask, “Hey, how do I look? Is the tie straight?”

I believe in confession, but it’s better not to sin so you don’t have to confess. Jesus made sure that the power of sin was broken and canceled against you by His shed blood. Once you receive redemption, it’s your choice to stop putting yourself in places where you're tempted to sin and start walking uprightly before God.

I have seen some people that want to be married so badly, and there is nothing wrong with that. The Bible says it is not good for you to be alone. That is scriptural. But they want it so badly that they make the mistake of looking for their mate in the wrong place. Before you know it, they are in love with a heathen. They think they will get that person saved, but chances are they will drag them out of church instead.

To break the power of sin, you must put yourself as far away as possible from the places where you know you shouldn’t be.

A woman once told me, “Brother Jesse, I’m believing God for a husband.”

I said, “That’s good. You need to.” She said, “Do you think God will send me a Christian?”

I said, “That’s all He’s got! He doesn’t have anything else. He isn’t going to send you a Philistine.” When you understand that principle, you won’t be looking in nightclubs for a husband.

When I was a teenager, my grandmother always wanted me to marry one of the girls in the church. But I wasn’t saved yet, and the church where I grew up didn’t allow women to wear makeup. We had some of the ugliest women you ever saw in your life!

If you don’t want to wear makeup, that’s fine. The Lord may have blessed you with a beautiful face that doesn’t need a drop of anything to look better. I have seen some women without makeup and they are beautiful without it…but they are far and few between!

I told my Grandma, “I am going amongst the Philistines!” She’d get so upset with me when I’d say that, but hey, it was true!

Once I got born again, though, I understood the value of purity over the pollution of the world. If you’re struggling with purity, step number one for you is to stay away from the places you’re tempted to sin by simply saying, “No!”

Now, your body may still want the pollution of the world because your body is not saved. Your body has to be crucified daily. If Jesus came right now, none of our bodies could make it. They’d all have to change. The Bible says there is no good thing in the flesh, so learn to crucify your flesh daily and not just on Sundays. Allow the cross to produce purity in your life.

The Cross Produces Peace

A holy quietness is produced when man knows he has pleased God. He has the peace of God, peace with God, and peace from God. He may not “feel” God, but he knows God will never leave him or forsake him. He’s entered into rest. Everywhere that he goes, he has entered into rest. His soul—his mind, will, and emotions—has entered into this rest.

The man who knows he has pleased God has allowed the cross to produce pardon in his life. He knows he is free...
of the guilt of sin. He has also allowed the cross to produce purity in his life. He knows he will not fall because he has let the purity of the Gospel go as far as the pollution of sin—which means that whether he is in church or at home, he’s at peace.

I’ve got the peace of God and peace with God. You know what that means? When I’m standing before Him at His throne, I’m not asking, “You’re not mad today, huh? Oh God, please don’t hurt me or kill me.” I’m not saying anything like that because I have peace with Him. Then, when I don’t feel God, I have peace from Him. The meaning of the cross produces peace. It’s that holy quietness when you know that you have pleased God. Isn’t this good stuff?

God is always near in your time of need. Some people don’t believe that. How about you? Have you ever thought that God was late? I thought He was late at times. I asked Him, “Lord, where are You?” He said, “Well, I haven’t left the depot yet because you haven’t done My will. I can’t go any further until you do My will.” God is always where He is needed and He is equal to the demand that is made upon Him. He sees the end from the beginning.

When I approach His throne with a need, He will never say, “Sorry, Jesse, things are tough up here. We have a mortgage on the throne, but if you hang in there, I’ll do the best I can for you.” I have never overtaxed God with anything I have ever asked Him.

Years ago, I was in prayer about some money I needed for television expenses. I said, “God, I need fifty thousand dollars.” I just thought I was going to shake God to His shoes. You know what He said? “Okay.”

I said, “Wait a minute, You didn’t understand what I said. I need fifty thousand dollars, a chunk of money, to pay these television stations.”

He calmly answered again with, “Okay.” I thought, He didn’t hear a word I said. You see, I thought I was going to overtax Him, but I didn’t realize that He was equal to the demand I was placing upon Him. So, again I asked, “Lord?”

He answered, “What?”

I said, “I need fifty thousand dollars.”

He said, “I already told you ‘Okay.’ Another minister just asked me for five million dollars and I told him ‘Okay’ too.”

Then, I got upset and told the Lord, “You mean to tell me that You are going to give this other minister five million dollars and all You’re going to give me is a lousy fifty thousand dollars?”

He said, “According to your faith, so be it. I can’t give you what you can’t receive.”

God can’t give you something unless you have a plan. It’s like walking into a bank to borrow money. They will want to know what you plan to do with it. You can’t just say, “I don’t know, I just thought the bank might want to give me some money.” You won’t get too far that way. Why? They want to know the plan.

God is not going to give you anything unless you have a plan. You have to know where you are going so that you will know when you get there. But if you don’t know where you are going, then you won’t know when you have arrived.

The Cross Produces Promise

A man at the cross challenges attack, accusation, condemnation, and separation. He says, “Greater is He Who is in me than he who is in the world. No weapon formed against me shall prosper.” He challenges all accusations and says, “Who can lay a charge against God’s elect? It is God Who justifies.”

A man that is standing at the cross and allowing it to produce God’s promise in his life understands that when he is attacked financially, the Word is his defense. He declares, “My God shall supply all my needs.” When the devil says he isn’t worthy and won’t make it, the Word is his defense. He says, “Who can separate me from the love of God?”
When you understand the meaning of the cross, the promises of God will be produced for you. The devil may attack you, but you know that you are more than a conqueror through Christ. When the devil tries to condemn you, you know that there is therefore NOW (present tense) no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.

The enemy may try to destroy you, but he can't because death and life are in the power of YOUR tongue. You will stand at the throne of God and see the enemy condemned forever in an eternity of hell fire. That's the promise that's produced through the meaning of the cross.

You may have trouble with your unsaved children. Don't deny their sin, but deny its right to steal your family. Look on your promise instead of looking at the sin in their lives. You have God's promise of your family down to a thousand generations (Deuteronomy 7:9).

That's what my mother did to me. She didn't look at my sin, although she knew I was sinning. She just said, “It's his tough luck that he was born to me. He is going to get saved whether he likes it or not.” My mama knew she had God's promise, and God honored her faith and her draw on His power. She saw her promise come to pass. Before she went home to be with Jesus Christ, every one of her children had stood at an altar and understood the meaning of the cross.

The cross means so much to me today. When I look back at the cross, I see pardon. The devil may say I won't make it, but I know I will. When I look within towards the cross, I see purity. When I look up at the cross, I see peace. And when I look on the cross, I see promise.

If you haven't gotten your answers yet, hang on. They're coming. How long do you have to wait? What are you concerned about? You are going to live forever. You are a spirit housed in a soul and clothed in a body. You are going to live forever! You can complete your destiny in God.

Jesus' words continually remind us of our need for Him: “Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy (it doesn't rub your neck red) and My burden is light.” With such a light burden, we are able to run the race that is set before us, finish our course, and keep the faith.

When you understand the pardon, purity, peace, and promise of the cross of Jesus Christ, no devil in hell can destroy you. You will overrun him and undo his works. You can build a house in his territory and claim it for Jesus Christ. All you need is the meaning of the cross burning in your soul and the guts to stand on God's Word, no matter what!
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Maybe you have been called a big mouth, or you know a big mouth or two. If that’s true, I have great news for you today: Being a big mouth is not necessarily a bad thing. In fact, I believe that it is actually good to be a big mouth. Why? Because big mouths get big rewards!

Don’t be shocked. This is biblical. Psalm 81:10 says, “I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.” In this powerful verse, God was reminding us that He is always able to meet any need we will ever have in life.

I really believe that God is looking for a few big mouths. He is searching for people that will open up their lives to Him and declare, “I know my family can be saved! I expect my finances to increase so that I can provide a home for my family! I believe that my dream will come to pass!” Talking to God about your concerns and trusting in Him opens the way for His Word to come to pass in your life. Philippians 4:6 says, “Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.”

A Big Mouth Is Not A Loud Mouth

Now, it is very important that you understand that a big mouth is not the same thing as a loud mouth. A woman in the Bible named Hannah understood this truth. She was a big mouth, but she could never be called a loud mouth. When the priest found her praying in the temple, he thought she was drunk because her lips were moving but her voice could not be heard. She explained that she was pouring her whole heart out to God in prayer. She received her request and gave birth to the prophet Samuel (1 Samuel 1:1-20). Hannah was proof that big mouths get big rewards.

The devil doesn’t want you to know this truth. He wants to shut you up or influence you to continually say the wrong things and back away from God’s promise. He knows that if he can shut you up, he can shut down your reward. But there’s really nothing wrong with a big mouth…it just depends on what’s coming out of your mouth. You can turn your life
around by declaring God’s promise about your family, your church, your job, and yourself. Once you open your mouth wide to God, He will fill it. You will begin to see a change for the better in your life. You can declare, “I’m living large because I’m supercharged.”

Start Livin’ Large!

Regardless of your situation, God has a plan for your success in life. Psalm 118:5 says, “I called upon the LORD in distress: the LORD answered me, and set me in a large place.” You don’t have to wait until everything’s right to come to God. Even if you are at your lowest point at this very moment, you can always call out to Him. He can make a way for you and set you in a large place. When you open yourself wide and get filled with God, He will move you out of Stressed Street and into Blessed Boulevard!

God’s will is to set you in a large place. He’s looking to fill you with power to overcome every problem in your life and deliver you from things that have kept you bound. 2 Samuel 22:20 says, “He brought me forth also into a large place: He delivered me, because He delighted in me.”

God’s not holding back on you. The God Who created the universe is able to meet your needs. He’s able to pay your bills. He’s able to put food on your table. He’s able to give you strength, wisdom, and insight and show you how you can get a good job. He can bless you so that you can be a blessing. Instead of living from paycheck to paycheck, you can move out of debt and into abundance. Instead of feeling frustrated, God can pull you to a higher level. You’ve been anointed by the Holy Ghost to do whatever you need to do in life. God is ready to do superabundantly above all that you can ask or think. He has provided a way for you to be blessed with wealth and riches in your house. Go ahead; throw open your window and start livin’ large so that His covenant can be established on the earth through you!

When you have God, you have everything—you have answers; you have solutions. You don’t have to be frustrated in life, always going in circles like you’re on a merry-go-round, and asking yourself, “Didn’t I go this way last year? Why haven’t I grown? Why am I still doing that?”

You don’t have to be frustrated in life, still making the same mistakes year after year. It’s time to get beyond that and open your mouth wide and let God fill you with Himself. And when He fills you with Himself, there will be no room for that other junk. After a while you’ll say, “That old life doesn’t fit me anymore. I need to get rid of that old attitude.”

A lot of people reserve the power of the Holy Ghost just for church services. They think the anointing is just for preaching or laying hands on people. But those who God called to build His tabernacle in the wilderness were filled with wisdom and understanding by the Spirit to do their job (Exodus 35:31). This tells me that if you’re a lawyer, a doctor, a hairdresser, a teacher, a salesman or whatever, you can expect that the Holy Spirit can anoint you to be the best in your field. You can live large and be supercharged by His Spirit!

Get Supercharged and Dream Big!

Ephesians 3:20 in the Amplified Bible says, “Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly…” That sounds like supercharged to me! “…superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams].”

You can’t outdo God. You can’t dream bigger than Him. He’s got a big plan and when you think that your plan is too big; think again. It’s not big enough! God has a great plan for your life that is greater than you could dare ask or think. I love reading Psalm 8:10 in the Tehillim Translation and Commentary of the Psalms. It says, “Ask of Me all that your heart desires and I will fulfill every request on the condition that you hearken to Me. Then you will never know want, hunger or thirst, just as you were completely provided for when I brought you out from Egypt.”

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When I began sharing my message in meetings, “Why Isn’t My Giving Working? The Four Types of Giving,” so many of you responded with questions that I decided to explain it further in our magazine. Since January, I’ve been breaking the teaching down further and sharing my heart and thoughts on what the scriptures say about giving. If you’re coming in mid-stream to this teaching, you can learn more about the teaching at www.jdm.org.

Have you ever noticed that God offers different results for different types of giving in His Word? I believe that if He offers different results for different types of giving, then all giving is NOT the same. We serve an orderly God. And we can only expect God to do what He says He will do—nothing more; nothing less.

In January, I shared on the tithe (people struggle with it) and firstfruits (people don’t believe in it). In February, I shared on alms (people totally understand it). And this month, I want to deal with my favorite of these four ways of giving: seed. When it comes to seed, people think it’s a gamble. But the truth is that there is no “Gospel casino” in the Word.

SEED

The Motivation is Faith and Reward

When I learned about seed sowing and began to apply the scriptural principle concerning seed, it literally changed everything in the financial aspect of my personal life and in the way my ministry both gave and received.

The first message in which I dealt with seed on an entirely higher level was, “Hey! That’s My Harvest!” That message was birthed out of a revelation God revealed to me while jogging one day about a personal seed I had sown years before. That revelation changed the way I thought about giving, and from then until now, I have been on a journey of understanding more and more about God’s amazing system of sowing seed and reaping harvests.

SEED: The motivation is faith and reward. It is the only way that the 30, 60, and 100-fold harvest can be received.

So, what is seed? It is “offering” giving, which means that seed sowing begins at 11% because the tithe (which means a tenth) belongs to the Lord. This means that you can’t expect God to bless you again, or rebuke the devourer again, or open windows He’s already opened when you sow seed. Why? Because that’s only what He’s promised in His Word when you give your tithe.

And you can’t expect your barns or storage places to be filled with plenty again when you sow seed because that’s only what He’s promised in His Word with your firstfruits giving. I explained these things about the tithe and firstfruits in great detail in Part One in our January issue.

And you also can’t expect God to “repay” you when you sow seed because that’s only what He’s promised to do in His Word with your alms giving, which I explained in Part Two in our February issue.
Seed sowing is different because it literally has numbers attached to it as a promise in the Word. This means that when you give a seed offering, you have something you can attach your faith to that is very concrete in nature.

What does God promise concerning seed sowing? He promises that if you sow into good ground, you will reap 30, 60 or 100-fold of whatever it is that you sowed. When it comes to financial seed sowing, God of course leaves the amount you sow up to you, but He retains the right to multiply it back in one of three ways: 30, 60 or 100-fold. I like to say that you pick the denomination and He picks the multiplication.

Is the Moon Made of Cheese?
What Defines “the Word” to You?

Most people don't believe in seed sowing like this any more than they believe the moon is made of cheese! But I don't care who says what to discredit it, this type of giving is biblical, it works, and its text is found in “The Parable of the Sower.”

Let’s look at what Jesus shared and see how this parable and its explanation apply to financial seed sowing. “Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow: And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up. And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth: But when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit. And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred. And he said unto them, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear” (Mark 4:3–9).

The disciples of Jesus didn't understand the parable and they asked Him to explain it. But before He does, He asks them a couple of point-blank questions: “Know ye not this parable? And how then will ye know all parables?” (Mark 4:13). In other words, if you don't understand this one, you won't understand any of the rest! That's the first clue that sowing and reaping is relative to everything in life.

Jesus then proceeds to explain it further: “The sower soweth the Word. And these are they by the way side, where the Word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the Word that was sown in their hearts. And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the Word, immediately receive it with gladness; And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the Word's sake, immediately they are offended. And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the Word, And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the Word, and it becometh unfruitful. And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the Word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred” (Mark 4:14–20).

So, what does “the Word” mean to you? Because this is exactly what “the sower” is sowing in Christ's explanation of this famous parable. Is “the Word” wisdom about how to live life? Is it prophecy? Is it only the story of Jesus Christ's birth, death, and resurrection? Does “the Word” only contain information about how to be saved? It can't be because Jesus shared this before He went to the cross…so, again, what does “the Word” mean to you?

If you believe that “the Word” is defined only by verses that lead people to salvation, then you have a lot fewer pages in your Bible than I do. Salvation IS the most important thing, but it is not the ONLY thing in the Word. If that were true, then we might as well die upon accepting Jesus as Lord and go on to Heaven! But we were created to LIVE, and salvation opens up the door so that we can live as we ought to live…and I believe that is by living “in earth, as it is in Heaven” as Jesus prayed in “The Lord's Prayer” (Matthew 6:10). What is it like in Heaven? Is anybody broke there? Do they have issues with love or generosity…or lack? Let the elevator go to the top!

I believe that “the Word”—the Bible—is what it says it is and any of its concepts that you open your heart up to and “sow” into your heart will reproduce…but it will only reproduce after its own kind. Galatians 6:7–8 is so plain: “Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” So, what does “whatsoever” mean? Let me help you: it means whatsoever! Do finances fall into that category? Yes, they do…and so does everything else! That's why Jesus said that if you don't get this parable, then you won't get any of them!

Are finances in the Bible? What if the “whatsoever” you choose to sow IS a financial offering—what will you reap in return for the seed you sow? I’ll tell you: a financial harvest! Why? Because whatsoever a man sows, that and only that will he also reap. And the multiplication rate on what you sow will be exactly as Jesus said it would be, which is 30, 60 or 100-fold.

“Fertile” Ground Just Makes Sense

The seed offering is anything above and beyond the tithe—it is not alms or firstfruits giving. It is an offering you give specifically as seed sown, expecting a harvest of 30, 60 or 100-fold. And that seed must be sown (meaning given) into a work of the Lord that is fertile, which means it's reproducing and growing the body of Christ.

Your seed must be sown into fertile soil if it is to accomplish the impossible in life—and the 30, 60 and 100-fold return is an “unbelievable” and “impossible” thing. It's mind-boggling! This type of giving, based on the cornerstone parable of Christ, works! But if your giving is not “seed” and the soil you choose is not producing and increasing—as fertile soil does—there will be little to no harvest.

Sometimes people give all their offerings to organizations that are not producing—they are only taking and maintaining. That's not fertile! Fertile soil is a place that...
is increasing in doing something good—it’s a growing place!

Fertile soil is NOT a church that is always busted and broke, or a ministry that is always going under. It’s also not a humanitarian organization that uses more for its operating expenses than it uses to serve its original purpose. No, the best yield is seed sown into fertile soil—a place that is GROWING and DOING what it has set out to do. Sowing into fertile soil just makes sense.

**The Wonder of Faith and Reward**

What is the critical element in seed sowing? It’s the same element that is in every other type of giving: PURPOSE. If you don’t know where you’re going, you’re not going to know when you get there. If you don’t know how you’re giving, you’re not going to know what you’re receiving in return. And reaping IS important, because the more you grow yourself and give with purpose, the more you will do for God and humanity.

Seed sowing and harvesting on my giving brought me to a higher place in life. When I grasped the concept and put my faith toward it, it began to bring back harvests to me that literally changed my financial circumstances. As I’ve said, I have spoken a lot on the power of seed because I started to see how the principle could help so many people. The more I gave and told others about what I’d learned, the more I saw the cycle of blessings in my life and in the lives of those I told.

Now, I know some people don’t believe this, but I do! This was something I could put my faith towards. It was so specific that I could tell if the devil was trying to steal it! I would “call it in” with the words of my mouth daily—and I would notice when my harvests came in. I wasn’t giving haphazardly anymore. Best of all, I could honor God in greater and greater ways, both with my testimony and with my increased financial blessings. And as a result, I had more to give in the form of tithe, firstfruits, alms, and, of course, seed!

You see, God reacts to this level of faith with great rewards—notice how specific He is about it! He attached those numbers for a reason. As Einstein famously said, “God doesn’t play dice.” Jesus didn’t just throw those “30, 60 and 100-fold” words out there just to kill time as He told the parable! Oh, no, He said it with PURPOSE, just like He said and did everything else.

The seed concept changes everything. As for me, I already believed that it applied to spiritual areas, as well as how I treated people. As a believer, I already knew that sowing and reaping applied to what I did for others. But before I understood that it also applied to finances, I just wasn’t able to do as much as I wanted to do for God, let alone for anybody else. Once I understood it and started giving seed, I saw breakthroughs in my finances that I did not have before—because now my faith was targeted and I refused to let the devil keep me in the dark or steal what rightfully belonged to me.

**The Debt Correlation to Seed**

I believe that seed sowing is the surest way to stop poverty in your life. I was raised poor. My parents genuinely loved God, but they were mixed up in their giving. Consequently, we never seemed to see much change. You see, haphazard giving brings haphazard results.
I also believe that seed sowing is the quickest way for total debt cancellation to occur. I have heard testimony after testimony from people who have sown seed towards their debts being eliminated, and they've seen it come to pass.

Of course, with purposeful sowing comes a mindset to be more purposeful in other areas. I've spoken about the “fragments” based on the baskets of leftover fish and loaves after Christ’s miracle, and I've also encouraged people to remember the verse “consider your ways,” too. The story of the fish and loaves shows us that Christ is both a miracle worker and a practical God, and I believe He expects us to follow suit. “Gather up the fragments that remain that nothing be lost” applies to finances or “increase” just as much as it applies to everything else.

So many people have told me how sowing seed has changed their finances—how their harvest not only came in the form of direct money, but also in the form of debt cancellation, where what they owed and would’ve had to pay was suddenly and miraculously removed.

I've seen my own seeds sown in the form of tangible things come back to me in the form of those same types of tangible things. And I can't begin to tell you how many other people have told me their testimony of the same things happening to them, too. God works in mysterious ways…but He always works! The concept of sowing seed, calling it in, recognizing it, and praising God for it by telling others has changed many people’s lives and brought them to a place of being more and more blessed financially.

The Importance of PURPOSE
This is NOT about greed, by no means! The purpose of your giving is important to God and He is not as worried about you being blessed as much as other people are. At some point you have to trust in the God Who trusts in you and realize that following His Word and having faith in Him is what brings you results.

There should be a place for all four types of giving in your life, but you cannot expect the same results on each type. Apples to apples and oranges to oranges—the Word is specific. God sets the rules for the rates of return and nobody can blame Him if they make the mistake of expecting Him to do something He never agreed to do.

This is why I don't mix up my giving. If you take your tithe or your firstfruits or your seed offering and you make it alms, then you just changed the rate of exchange and purpose. In other words, God will repay you, period! People often take their giving and carve it up into various things and then ask why they aren't getting the results they'd like. I don't do this. I do my best to stick with purposeful giving. I tithe, I give firstfruits, I give alms, and I give seed—and I pray in the promise accordingly.

I don't allow myself to be moved emotionally into giving something I purposed for another area. My tithe remains my tithe—I do not turn it into alms. You see, any giving that you do should NOT be motivated by who “needs” more. That’s giving out of “necessity” and God expressly tells us not to give because of need (2 Corinthians 9:7). Why? Because that’s emotional giving.
Don't Give Only One Way

If some preacher moves you emotionally to give alms and you choose to give what you originally purposed as tithe, firstfruits or seed, then you cannot blame God if you don't get the return on your giving that you'd like. Why? Because He set the order.

People often ask me why I give to certain ministries and churches instead of just giving to those individuals who are in need, and I say this: “Because if I do, I’m going to give the devil access to eat up (devour) whatever blessings I’ve got, and the window is going to shut down. Besides, giving one way and expecting a result other than what God promised is foolish. It’s not what God’s Word told me to do.”

If I do not give according to what I know in the Word, then God has no obligation to bless me in the way that I want to be blessed so that I can in turn give MORE. You see, if I gave the way they gave, I’d be in the same boat as they’re in: the boat of lack. No thanks!

If I just gave all my tithe, firstfruit, and seed offerings as alms, then I would be playing by my own rules of giving and not God’s rules of giving. And while God would repay me, the devil would likely devour most of what I got back and, in the end, I would not be blessed and I would not have more to give. Whew, that’s a mouthful! So, I believe it is in the best interest of the Church and the poor that I follow God’s ways—because the more blessed I get, the more I get to give—and that’s in all four areas. You just can’t beat God’s ways.

A Life of Faith, Peace, and Giving

To me, seed sowing is about being a conduit for blessing all the families of the earth. It’s about seeing not only your needs and desires met, but also seeing others find Christ. It’s about helping to establish the covenant of God throughout the earth. Alms can’t do that. Tithe can’t do it. Firstfruits can’t do that. But seed? Seed can do that!

Do you notice how the Gospel is spreading around the world so quickly now? The information age has changed everything—but the Church has also begun to understand the power of giving in a whole new way. Some people hate it! They want the Church to go back to being ineffective...to preaching and teaching poverty as they always have. Well, I refuse to do that.

No, I’m one of those many people who have begun to understand what the Word says about giving and how it relates to finances—and how the various ways mentioned all have different results. I believe seed sowing relates to the prosperity of God’s people and the furtherance of the Gospel...and I refuse to discount the seedtime and harvest concept just because it makes some people uncomfortable.

Are you kidding me? There is a lost and dying world out there. People need Jesus! And God’s people need to be blessed in order to further God’s message around the world. This is an economic world. The world doesn’t give airtime to Christians for free!

I’m grateful that someone was a Partner to the preacher who led me to the Lord through the medium of television way back in 1974—because if those precious people hadn’t given to the work of the Lord, I would not be preaching or writing to you today. But I AM doing just that! I’ve spent the last 35 years spreading His Gospel and the principles I’ve learned in His Word and I must tell you, it’s a great life. It’s a life of giving—spiritually, physically, financially, and in every other way...and I love it!

I hope you have learned some things through this teaching in the last few months that will help you to live and give with greater purpose in life. Don’t worry if you are at the place in life right now where you can’t give much. Don’t let that thought process keep you down—start today. Trust God and begin to tithe. Then, as increase comes, give a firstfruits offering. Help the poor when you can, no matter whether it is cash or something tangible that they need in life—just be sure that you do it in secret to protect their dignity.

And when it comes to seed sowing, don’t worry if the seed is small. It does not have to be big for it to work, but your purpose and motivation should be accurate. The tithe—your motive is obedience. Firstfruits—your motive is generosity. Alms—your motive is compassion. Seed—your motive is faith and reward.

The promises of God are for you. “For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. Now He Who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, Who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee” (2 Corinthians 1:20-22 NKJV).

Put your faith in the One Who saved you, anointed you, sealed you, and gave you His Spirit in your heart as a guarantee. He is the same God Who is capable of blessing you, of dispelling your fear and filling you with a deep understanding of His love and His role as Jehovah Jireh, your Provider. If you are willing to walk with Him in the area of your finances and stretch your faith by hearing the Word more and more, you will become one of those who “Believe the Unbelievable and Receive the Impossible.” This is your year to increase, and it begins with purposeful living.

May this be the year that you have all sufficiency in all things. May it be the year you begin to grow in grace and abound in every good work. May you give to the poor. May God give you seed to sow that you never dreamed possible. May you always have enough to eat and may the God in Heaven that loves you multiply your seed sown...and increase the fruits of your righteousness so that YOU, being enriched in everything, have ALL bountifulness. May you live this kind of 2 Corinthians 9: 8-11 kind of life—one that I believe encompasses all forms of giving and, most importantly, causes you to burst forth with nothing but thanks to the God Who gave it all to you. God bless you as you give and excel in living this good life!
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- Reaching 2.7 billion potential viewers worldwide
- Reaching 301 million potential viewers in the USA alone
- Added 3 million households in 2012
- Airing in 255 countries
- JDM on satellite reaches every inch of planet Earth
- JDM-TV invested over $6 million into broadcasting on TV in 2011 & 2012
- Aired 4,160 hours on TV over the past 2 years

JDM-TV in 2013—Program Highlights:
- Anointed teachings by Jesse
- Special prayer segment
- “Glorious Moments” – Cathy shares powerful testimonies (Launched in 2012 and back by popular demand)
- New “Ask Jesse” – Jesse answers questions on the air

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- Over 1.15 million visitors in 185 countries watched our broadcast online
- Many countries such as China, Iran, and Egypt, where the Gospel is forbidden, watched and received the Good News of Christ
- Launched 2 new web-only shows that over 100,000 people enjoyed: “Excel in Life” with Jesse, and “Glorious Moments” with Cathy
- Conducted 3 “Live Web Chats with Jesse” and over 4,000 people participated
- Launched our Audio/Video Podcasts
- Streamed both of JDM’s annual conferences live from our International Headquarters to over 3,000 viewers

JDM.org in 2013:
- New exciting web show: “Excel in Life with Jesse and Cathy”
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  2. More video
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You are such a blessing to me and my family. You always have a timely message of encouragement and growth.
Vision is essential to visionary leadership—it is both a defining quality and an absolute necessary in the life of a visionary leader. Furthermore, light is essential to vision. In darkness, vision is not possible. The Apostle John said that he that “...walks in darkness does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes” (1 John 2:11 NKJV). Spiritual darkness results in spiritual blindness. Spiritual blindness can cripple leaders and make them hopelessly ineffective. Jesus said about the Pharisees, “They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a ditch” (Matthew 5:14). Dr. Jesse Duplantis writes in his book The Everyday Visionary, “If you could see into the Spirit realm, a lot of Christians would look like veil babies. They’re wandering around trying to reach their destination with no real light and no real vision. In reality, they’re trying to finish their race, but they’ve wandered off course!” Visionary leaders must possess a spiritual light by which they can see the way ahead. What is this spiritual illumination and where can it be found?

On the first day of creation God said, “Let there be light.” This light was not the light of the sun, moon, or stars. The sun, moon, and stars were not even created until the fourth day of creation. So, what was this light of creation? What was God commanding to come to pass? An answer to that question can be found in the Jewish Talmud. The word “Talmud” means, “oral law” or “oral interpretation.” The reason the Talmud is called the oral law is because it is the oral interpretation of Old Testament scripture that was passed down by the Jews from generation to generation. In fact, many Rabbis even teach that Moses received the oral interpretation of the law at the same time that he received the written law. In the first century, Jewish Sages compiled this oral law and wrote it in the Talmud. The Talmud says regarding the light of creation, “The light which God created on the first day wasn't the light of the sun. Rather this was a spiritual light, which would allow a person to see from one end of the world to the other. God did not want evil people using this light, so He hid it in the Torah. Righteous people who study the Torah can access this Divine light, and it will be available to everyone in the Messianic Era.” The word “Torah” is often used to refer to the first five books of the Old Testament, but it literally means “instruction.” Therefore, on the first day of creation, God commanded a spiritual light to come into being. He then hid this light for the righteous in His instructions and then made it available to all people, Jew and Gentile alike, in Jesus the Messiah. It is this light that brings people out of spiritual darkness and allows them to see things from God’s perspective.

In the original Hebrew, the phrase “Let there be light” can be translated as, “Light, become” or “Light, come to pass.” What does it mean when it says God commanded this spiritual light to “come to pass”? Rabbi Yossi Lew says, “A building begins...
with: a.) vision of what is to be built, b.) an architect to draw up plans, and c.) builders to construct from the plans a concrete product reflecting the original vision he wanted to build.”

Rabbi Lew taught that the spiritual light of creation was actually God’s original vision for all mankind and creation, saying, “Like the Master Planner, Architect and Builder that He is, the Holy One made His agenda and vision clear at the onset of the world’s creation—by creating light at the very first opportunity...This plan of light was then placed into the blueprint, or the Torah (instruction), to ensure that the created beings would implement the plan and would be focused on completing the building of the world according to the Architect’s blueprint and vision...In other words, the blueprint, or the Torah (instruction), is not only the component through which the Master Builder makes His plan known, but is also necessary for the occupants of the world so that we can all be made aware of the plan to complete the building of the world.”

Therefore, when God commanded, “Light, come to pass” He was commanding His vision for all creation and all mankind to come into being, God then placed the spoken vision in the blueprint of His written Word. He did this so that we would understand His vision, receive His vision, and, in Christ, make His vision come to pass in our lives and in all creation. God said what He saw so that we would see what He said, and then make it come to pass in our lives by speaking it again and acting in a manner that corresponds.

The Old Testament contains 613 commandments. The Jewish Sages taught that all 613 commandments corresponded to 613 parts of the human body...that 248 of these commands were negative commands (like “thou shalt not”) and corresponded to 248 organs of the human body...that 365 of these commands were positive commands (like “thou shalt”) and corresponded to 365 sinews of the human body...and that each of the 613 parts of the body correspond directly to parts of the human soul. They also taught that by physically performing the commandments with your body, a “spiritual light” (the light of creation) would come to rest on a corresponding part of the human soul. For example, if you would keep the Word of God in front of your physical eyes, then spiritual light would come to your spiritual eyes. If you would keep the Word of God on your physical tongue, then spiritual light would come to your spiritual tongue. If you would keep the Word of God in your physical ears, then spiritual light would come to your spiritual ears. They taught that obedience to the Word of God would cause God’s vision for you to be realized in your life.

But outside of Christ, God’s light—His vision for humanity—will never be fully realized. Light is God’s vision of the way things could be and should be. Only in Christ can this vision be fully seen. Jesus said, “I am the Light of the world: he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life” (John 8:12). Jesus is God’s vision of how mankind could be and should be. When you follow Jesus by believing Him, by making His Word your word, and by acting upon His Word, then the light of creation—His vision for you—illuminates your darkness.

Much is often made of the power of darkness, but darkness is simply the partial or complete absence of light. Darkness loses all power when light arrives on the scene. The Apostle John said, ‘The Light shines on in the darkness and the darkness was never able to apprehend it or overpower it’ (paraphrase of John 1:5). Visionary leaders are women and men who have been illuminated. They are illuminated by God’s vision contained in all the promises of His Word now made available to us in Christ. The Apostle John said, ‘In Him was life, and the life illuminates mankind’ (paraphrase of John 1:4). Visionary leaders are illuminated by the very life and nature of Christ within. They radiate the brightness of Christ’s being into the darkness of the world around them. Because of the light of the Word, and the light of Christ’s life burning within, visionary leaders are people who see the invisible, believe the unbelievable, and do the impossible. ☪

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