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For Sherri Jones, chameleon-living to protect herself in an abusive home brought debilitating depression and a burying of self and soul. Despite years of ministry, she needed more. Her experience as a HS Art Teacher and RYT-500 Yoga Instructor offered transformation as she found God in creation, ceasing to strive, contemplative practices, creativity, movement, and breath.

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WORDS FROM THE EDITOR

NICCIE KIEGL, FULFILL YOUR LEGACY

July already? Yes, here we sit, half way through the year. How are you doing this year? Have you reached your goals? Do you even remember those New Year resolutions? If not, no worries. Your year is not over. If you have done well on your hopes and dreams for 2024, then take a minute to give God some Glory . . . unless you did it all on your own merit. Then, of course, give ALL the credit to YOU ;-) Ouch, right? So, this is my challenge to you: either call on God AND GO ALL IN for the last half of 2024, or GIVE GOD SOME GLORY for the work you two have done together thus far.

If I'm new to you, then **Welcome! I'm so glad to see you here with us.** The writers of this magazine are your sisters and brothers. They are **Legacy Leaders**, individuals who have a **Heart of Habitue** . . . those who are in the habit of turning to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

The Legacy Leaders have all been coached by me. They are moms, dads, husbands, wives, bosses, empty nesters, entrepreneurs, individuals working through life's changes and challenges, and others simply desiring to step further into their faith and call.

The Legacy Leaders have a motto: **We LIVE | LOVE | LEARN | LEAD according to the call God has on our life.** AND IT'S LIFE TRANSFORMING.

This magazine, **As for Me and My House**, is based off my second book in the Legacy Series called *Embracing the Loving Legacy*, which takes an individual's God-partnered life (found in book one, *Awaking the Living Legacy*) to a new level and **into their home.**

The magazine is divided into the same six parts of the book: house, marriage, health, finances, parenting, and community. I've praised God for the transformation He's done in the lives of my coaching clients since I began this practice. But now, to see my clients' homes get God-partnered . . . it's humbling and AMAZING! Glory be to God.

This magazine fulfills two purposes. First, I've gotten so busy but my desire to keep giving and sharing God's teaching is important to me. This provides a fun way to inspire God-partnered lives and homes for the readers and I love that the magazine follows the book's format. No matter who you are or what you are going through, there should be something in here that will grab at your heart, mind, or soul. Second, I have watched the contributors of this magazine rise up, and I am thrilled to give them a platform to share in the way God is inspiring them.

Enjoy this monthly God-partnered magazine and meeting my fellow Legacy Leaders.

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WHO GETS EXCITED ABOUT DOING HOME MAINTENANCE?

You're right, I don't think anyone does.

Out of sight, out of mind is not a very good plan for home maintenance. But this is often what happens.

Your home is far more than simply a place to get out of the weather—it's where you live.

It provides you with a comfortable feeling of safety and security. It's like a mother's hug. It's the place you want to be when everything around you is falling apart.

If your home is a place of shelter, you don't want it falling apart.

Whether you rent or own your home, it's one of your biggest investments. It's where you spend much of your time, money, and life.

If our homes are so important, why are they neglected?

We are creatures of habit, whether good or bad. We perform our daily routines of coming and going and rarely bother to look around unless a doorknob falls off in our hand. Or there's no hot water for our

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,"
Colossians 3:23, NIV

HOME MAINTENANCE CAN SEEM OVERWHELMING, BUT IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE.

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shower. Or the sink gets stopped up. Or the AC doesn't work. Or any number of other problems occur. We simply go through life without giving much thought to the condition of our homes.

Maintenance isn't going to prevent every problem from happening, but it decreases the likelihood. Having a maintenance plan will help you find needed repairs before they become major.

Having a plan is important, but it won't work if you don't use it. With everything going on in life, how can we remember home maintenance?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO REMEMBER HOME MAINTENANCE IF YOU HAVE A SCHEDULED PLAN.

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do,
and he will establish your plans,"
Proverbs 16:3, NIV

First, you need to decide if home maintenance is important enough to do. If you'd rather not bother with it, you can wait until you're forced to deal with a big problem . . . and then worry about it. You'll know the sump pump quit working when you need to replace the carpet, baseboard, and lower portion of the drywall in your basement because it flooded.

The most important part of the maintenance plan is having a system that works for you. I use a digital calendar. I set reminders for different time intervals, and it automatically reminds me when something needs to be done.

Only this last week I was reminded to change the central HVAC filter and the sediment filter on the water well. If it hadn't been for the reminders, I would have forgotten about the filters, and they wouldn't have been changed. Whether you use a computer, a paper calendar, or something else, you need to be intentional.





HOME MAINTENANCE CAN SEEM OVERWHELMING, BUT IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE.

The overwhelming maintenance mountain becomes manageable if you break it down into shovel-size amounts.

Seasons happen every year and are a natural part of life. Each season presents different weather conditions and temperatures which affect your home in varying ways. Combining the seasons and calendars into a Home Maintenance Checklist breaks a big responsibility into small, manageable, scheduled tasks. Your plan should include monthly, quarterly, and annual maintenance by season.

MONTHLY MAINTENANCE

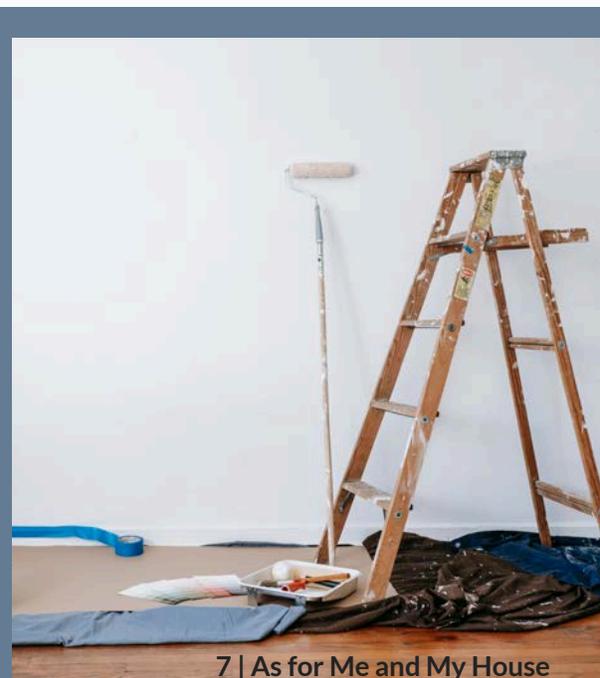
These are tasks that should be done every month. You might prefer to schedule one day to do them all or spread them out, doing one or two items periodically throughout the month.

Monthly Maintenance includes things like:

- Cleaning garbage disposals
- Cleaning range hood filters
- Inspecting fire extinguishers
- Cleaning washing machines

“HIS MASTER REPLIED, ‘WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT! YOU HAVE BEEN FAITHFUL WITH A FEW THINGS; I WILL PUT YOU IN CHARGE OF MANY THINGS. COME AND SHARE YOUR MASTER’S HAPPINESS!’

MATT. 25:21 (NIV)



HOME MAINTENANCE PLAN

I don't think anyone likes it when something plugs up, leaks or quits working, especially at home. Home is supposed to be the place where we go to get away from the troubles, not deal with them.

Routine maintenance is a good way to minimize these costly disruptions.

Nothing is permanent. Everything wears out and deteriorates over time. Regular maintenance will help extend the life of your home and that sizable investment. Closing your eyes or looking the other way doesn't make it go away.

Home maintenance prevents breakdowns, saves money and keeps your home in the best possible condition. This regularly scheduled review can expose conditions that might not otherwise be found. This reduces mental, physical and financial stress and strain.

Seasons happen every year and are a natural part of life. Each of these seasons presents different weather conditions and temperatures which effect your home in varying ways. We also use calendars to schedule our lives. Combining these two things into a seasonal Home Maintenance Checklist breaks a big responsibility into small manageable scheduled tasks.



Even this small portion of the Home Maintenance Checklist can seem overwhelming. But like any big project, if you break it down into individual tasks, spread them out, and schedule them, it's doable. Like eating an elephant one bite at a time.

It's a lot better to routinely do maintenance rather than wait until something falls apart. That's why home maintenance can help you preserve and protect that big investment of your home.

"You made them rulers over the works of your hands;
you put everything under their feet,"

Psalm 8:6, NIV

QUARTERLY MAINTENANCE

These quarterly tasks, like the monthly ones, can be scheduled for one day each quarter or disbursed throughout the quarter at monthly, weekly, or other intervals. The important thing is to schedule them and do them.

Quarterly Maintenance includes things like:

- Changing HVAC filters
- Testing smoke/carbon monoxide detectors
- Testing GFCI receptacles
- Checking water softener salt levels

ANNUAL (SEASONAL) MAINTENANCE

Annual tasks are more seasonal than monthly or quarterly. There is still some flexibility that can be decided by your own preference or life schedule. Some of them are not specific to the season but help to spread out tasks more evenly throughout the year.

Annual Fall Maintenance includes things like:

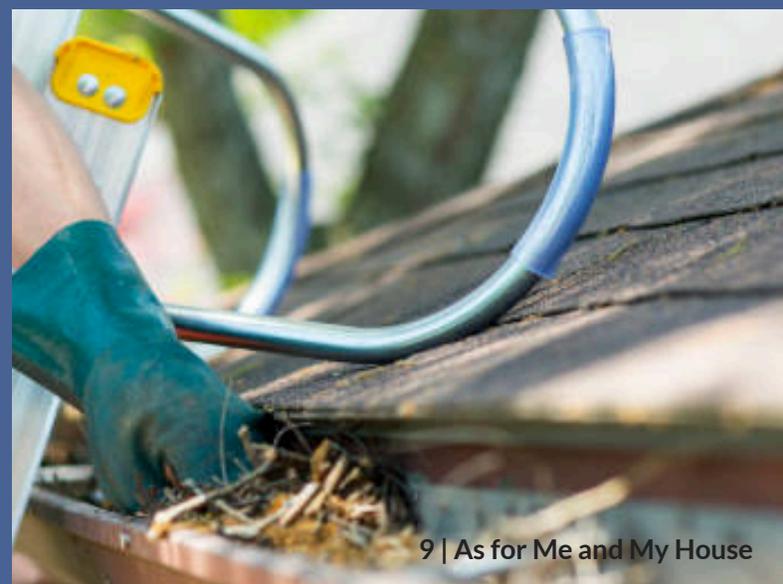
- Servicing central heating systems
- Covering or removing window air conditioners
- Closing or covering foundation vents
- Cleaning out gutters
- Cleaning out basement window wells
- Turning off and flushing outdoor water faucets
- Cleaning and inspecting chimneys
- Checking entry door and window hardware

Different appliance and home equipment manufacturers will have their own maintenance recommendations. You should include these in your plan. If you have hard water, you might need to clean faucets, shower heads, coffee makers, etc., more than recommended. If you don't use some things regularly, they might need less maintenance. Your home and life are specific to you. Your maintenance plan needs to fit your personal needs.

IT'S EASY FOR THE BUSY ACTIVITIES OF EVERYDAY LIFE TO CONSUME US, AND FOR HOME MAINTENANCE TO BE OVERLOOKED.

That's why I prepared a Home Maintenance Plan and Checklist. It's available for free at our Solution Building website (www.solutionbuilding.net).

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4 Choices to Ensure Joy in Your Marriage

Everywhere I go, I see signs or hear people say “choose joy.” But in the thick of everyday life, choosing joy seems impossible.

“THAT’S BECAUSE JOY IS NOT A CHOICE. IT’S A RESULT OF OUR CHOICES.” — JANINE LANSING

If we want to lose weight, we must take action. We can’t simply say, “I choose to lose weight today,” and then it happens. Though I wish it worked that way, it doesn’t. We must make choices that support our goal of weight

loss. So, we choose to exercise and eat whole foods. The same is true for joy. There are choices we make in our lives and in our marriages that result in joy. And there are choices we make that make joy distant or impossible. My husband Tim and I have been married for 16 years, together for 21. We have had our ups and downs and of course, we have had our disagreements. How have we kept joy in our marriage? Here are four choices we have made that have resulted in overflowing joy.



the liquid won't stay in it for long. If we don't spend time with God on a regular basis, then holes begin to form and our joy leaks out.

When I coach women and write Bible studies, I frame it this way. Until we learn to live in the Spirit, linger with Jesus, and love God's Word, we can't transform into the likeness of Christ and embrace our purpose. Our purpose includes showing Christ to others. In our marriage, our purpose is to be like Christ towards our spouse, to love our spouse like Christ loved the church. Spending time with Jesus is a choice that must be made. And that choice results in joy!

CHOICE #2

We choose humility.

We can't be filled with joy if we're filled with pride instead. So, the second choice we make in our marriage is to choose humility by continually checking our pride. I don't know if you're like me, but I tend to think I'm always right and my way is best. This has caused problems in our marriage and frankly, it has drained my joy. When we are filled with pride, we tend to focus on our strengths and our spouse's weaknesses. Instead, we need to focus on their strengths and our weaknesses.

CHOICE #1

We choose to spend time with God.

In Psalm 16, David starts out asking for God's protection. Yet, he ends with verse 11 which says, "You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

David realizes that it is in God's presence where true, overflowing joy is found, even in difficult circumstances.

Both my husband and I understand that joy comes from God. That's where our joy begins. So, we choose to spend time with the joy-giver. We do this individually and together. We realize that it's important to have a solid foundation. Picture a cup for a moment. If there is a hole in the cup,

We can't fix the things we think are wrong about our spouse. Neither can they fix what they think is wrong about us. We can only focus on our own transformation into the likeness of Christ. What does this look like in marriage? It is a lot of apologies, forgiveness, not having the last word, and not always thinking that I'm right. It recognizes and appreciates what my spouse brings to the table, not what he doesn't. And as the pride disappears from my heart, joy immediately comes pouring into my marriage.

Mercy is all about turning our backs on revenge, rejecting what we think our spouse deserves, and choosing to be kind anyway.

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CHOICE #3

We choose mercy.

Mercy is kindness on steroids. It's like a 3D version. I can open the door for my husband. That's kindness. And that's a great first step. But opening the door for him after he was rude or offended me in some way, that's mercy because in the world's mind he doesn't deserve my kindness.

Mercy is all about turning our backs on revenge, rejecting what we think our spouse deserves, and choosing to be kind anyway. God instructs us to "love" mercy in Micah 6:8. Many times, instead of mercy, we respond to offenses with revenge. He had an attitude with me so I'm going to give him the cold shoulder. After all, why should I be kind when he isn't kind to me? Why should I be the one to apologize?

In our first year of marriage, I remember walking around in a huff for days simply because he didn't do the dishes like he said he would. I look back and see how silly that was, but in the moment, I had a principle that I was hanging onto and I would not let go. Mercy was far from me. Yet I read in Romans 5:8 that Jesus died in our place while we were still sinners. So, if God showed us mercy while we were still sinners, then we need to show mercy to our spouses without needing an apology first. When we offer mercy, joy replaces the desire for revenge.

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–Janine Lansing

CHOICE #4

We choose gratitude.

Gratefulness requires us to dig deeper than the flesh and its desires. The flesh wants to serve itself and complain about everything. It wants to hold tightly to grudges and it wants to win every time. But joy requires that we choose gratitude instead of frustration, bitterness, grumbling, and complaining.

We recently took a road trip to Montana. All six of us piled into the minivan and drove over thirteen hundred miles in two days. After so many hours in the car together, my frustration with my children was growing. Their frustration with each other was growing. And the grumbling and complaining by everyone were on the rise.

So, we prayed as a family. Then we began to say things we were grateful for and we slowly saw the frustrations ease, the energy in the car changed, and everyone relaxed.



Choosing gratitude instead of frustration, grumbling, and complaining saved that road trip.



Choosing gratitude will result in an outpouring of the fruit of the Spirit, especially joy.



*Live in the Spirit,
linger with Jesus,
and love God's Word*

JANINE LANSING



I realize some of you are in very difficult marriages and situations. My heart breaks. But you are not without hope. Anyone who believes in Jesus is not hopeless!

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope" (Romans 15:13).

Continue to pray. Continue to dig into God's Word. The truth of the matter is that you can only change who you are. Romans 12:2 says that we will transform into the image of Christ through the renewing of our minds. Focus there. Focus on transforming into the likeness of Christ. Check your pride at the door (no matter how hard it is to do so). Offer kindness instead of revenge. And choose gratitude over your emotions.

You will fill with joy. Will it save your marriage? Maybe. Maybe not.

But, you won't regret the transformation that God will do in you as you put these four steps into practice. And you may even be surprised at how much your spouse changes too!

Make the choices that result in joy. And remember, when we live in the spirit, linger with Jesus, and love God's Word, we transform into the likeness of Christ and embrace our purpose.

Our purpose in our marriage is to help, respect, and love our spouse, to be like Christ to our spouse. When we choose to fulfill our purpose, it will result in joy!

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THREE SISTERS

We stood in the street together after lunch at a local restaurant. It was an unusual meeting place for us, since my sister Mari loved showering us with her latest deliciousness in her lovely “north” or “not north” garden. Wanting our time to stretch, we lingered, wondering why we lived in Texas, assuring each other we must be French.

This was the moment we began referring to ourselves as “Un,” “Deaux,” and “Trois,” one, two, three in French. Mari, “Deaux,” a European inspired chef; Amy, “Trois,” a Versailles-style designer; and I, “Un,” an artist, deeply inspired by Impressionism. We continue to refer to each other in French, despite losing our Mari to cancer four years ago.



CORN, BEAN, AND SQUASH— THE THREE SISTERS

Amy and I talk often and speak of precious Deaux, as we did this spring morning. Upon finishing a watercolor painting I realized it was of three poppies, like three sisters. I immediately sent Amy a photo with the caption, “Un, Deaux, Trois!!!”

I knew this painting was about the three of us. I entitled it, “Three” but remained puzzled as to its significance for several years until I discovered the indigenous wisdom of “Three Sisters.”

Corn, bean, and squash—the three sisters—have been at the center of Native American agriculture for centuries. Corn provides strong, tall stalks for nitrogen-producing beans to climb as they enable roots to absorb necessary nutrition.

The large leaves of slower-growing squash shade the ground, helping to retain moisture and keep the weeds out. These three plants not only complement each other in the garden, but also nutritionally provide a complete and balanced diet.

These three “sisters” offer harmony while dancing their lone dances, more beautiful and sustainable together. They grow in unison but in very different ways. Without the nitrogen absorption from the beans, the corn could not thrive. The beans could not climb, their curly tendrils breaking through the earth, if the corn did not grow strong and tall. The squash seed keeps the shoot inside until the time is exactly right for its leaves to gracefully cover



*For we are
God's
handiwork,
created in
Christ to do
good works,
which God
prepared in
advance for
us to do*

Ephesians 2:10 NIV

WHEN OUR LIVES GROW DEEP TOGETHER, INTERTWINING WITH AND PROTECTING EACH OTHER, THEY PAINT A PICTURE OF DIVINE BEAUTY.



“BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD,”

PSALM 46:10 NIV

“Three Sisters” offers hope, healing, and health through Art and Story, Breath, Movement & Creativity, Stillness, and Steps of Tiny Trusts, which are all non-conventional ways toward experiencing “out-of-the-box God.” Knowing God is very different to knowing *about* God. Slow down, notice, and experience the Real Divine Love waiting to hold you as you really see when you look, breathe in the Breath behind the breath, delight in the opportunities our bodies and minds offer to heal, hear Truth through prayerful stillness, and finally, take a tiny step of trust toward really living.

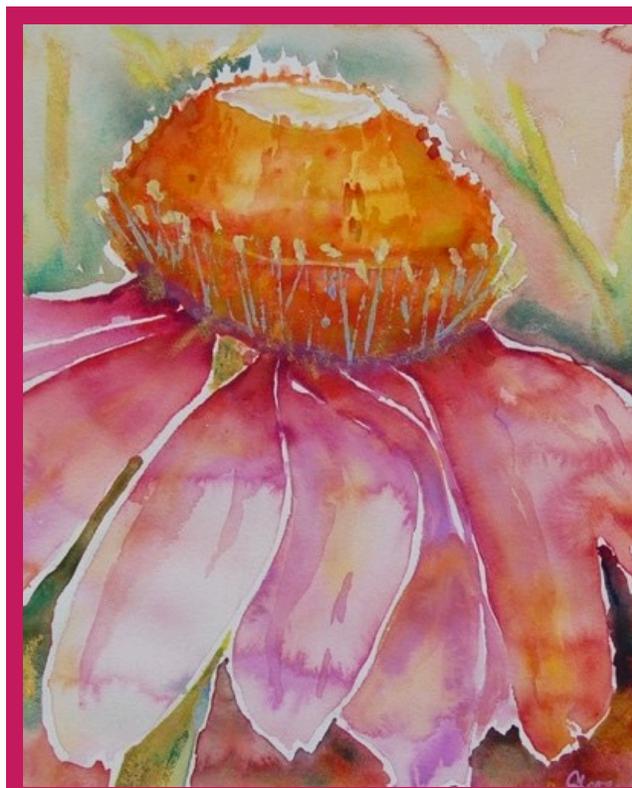
Here are a few exercises you may enjoy to help you do this.

the ground, keeping the corn and bean roots moist and ensuring there's no room left for weeds.

These three sisters “wordlessly embody the knowledge of relationship,” says Robin Wall Kimmerer, author of *Braiding Sweetgrass*. Each bringing their own uniqueness, corn, bean, and squash thrive together.

Un, Deux, and Trois . . . we are no different. We offer our dances of varying perspective and our gifts to benefit us individually and together.

When our lives grow deep together, intertwining with and protecting each other, they paint a picture of divine beauty. The harmony of lives can perfectly model those seed sisters when we realize we are made differently in order to grow beautifully together. We are much stronger, healthier, and more bountiful when we grow harmoniously into the significant “piece” we were created to be.





ALLOW & DELIGHT

Grab a blanket or pillow and begin seated on the floor or the ground outside, if possible. Bring the wonderful, warm red and oranges from the *Three* painting depicted above into your mind. Inhale to a count of four, and then exhale to a count of four. As you inhale, extend your belly; as you exhale, pull your belly button in toward your spine, so you are effectively pumping your belly. Importantly, breathe evenly in and out as you pump the belly. As you breathe, bring to mind the wonderful warming colors of fall leaves, a campfire, or a beautiful sunset.

Continue breathing in this way for 30 seconds to 1 minute. Take a few long, deep breaths and then begin again, gradually working your way up to 2-minute intervals.

This breathing exercise is energizing, wonderful when feeling lethargic, and an effective way to fight depression.

Next, while remaining seated, bring the soles of your feet together. Inhale as you raise your arms overhead, and then exhale as you round your back, dropping your arms over your bent legs. Lean forward while allowing your body to stay in a bent position with a small and gentle resistance, where any more would be too much and any less would be too little. Stay in this posture for 3-5 minutes, allowing your face, neck, jaw, and back to rest and relax. Allow gravity and the earth to give you the stretch and stillness your body needs. It is in stillness and solitude we hear Truth. Listen for the Truth found in being still.

TINY TRUST

Think back over the story, the art piece, your breathing, body movement, and stillness. What thoughts surfaced? Could God be tapping you on the shoulder, nudging you to take a tiny step of trust?

For example, are you accepting your life's precious assignment? Are you allowing others to help you as you do your piece? Perhaps that might be within your family. How could you reach out for help?

Recognizing the beauty of differences fosters respect within a family, community, or country. Recognizing our need for each other gives space for humility and offers the gift of being valued to all.



HEALTH



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ALL SUFFICIENCY

SO YOU MAY ABOUND IN
EVERY GOOD WORK!

Several years ago I was stuck. I had written a couple of books, but they weren't selling, and I didn't know how to market them. Then across my Instagram feed came an ad for a program tailored to authors. It included guidance in writing and self-publishing, as well as marketing well and expanding one's reach through business ventures related to a book's content. I don't normally click on ads, but I did this time, and, after taking a look, I thought the program could help. Unfortunately, it cost thousands of dollars I didn't have; I only had \$200 to my name.



KICKSTARTER

I'd never done a Kickstarter before and was pretty nervous, mostly because I don't like asking for money. But I decided, "Okay, Lord, if you really want me to do this, You're going to have to provide. I'm going on faith here."

So I created my video and detail page and sent the link to every single person I know, which for me was way outside my comfort zone. Statistically, most Kickstarters don't get their funding. But I did! God provided through the generosity of others. It astounded and overwhelmed me—a testament of the love of friends and family and my heavenly Father.

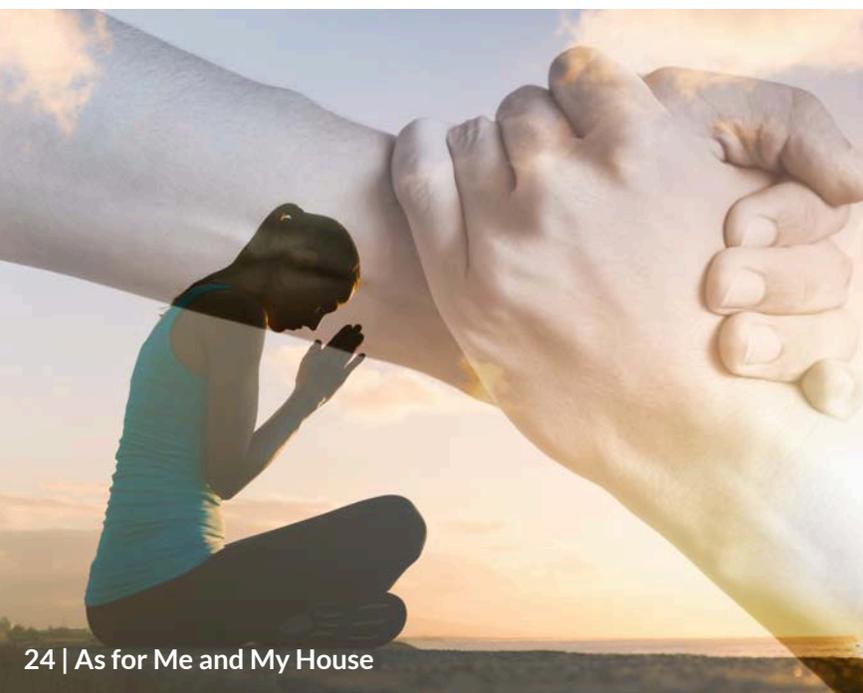


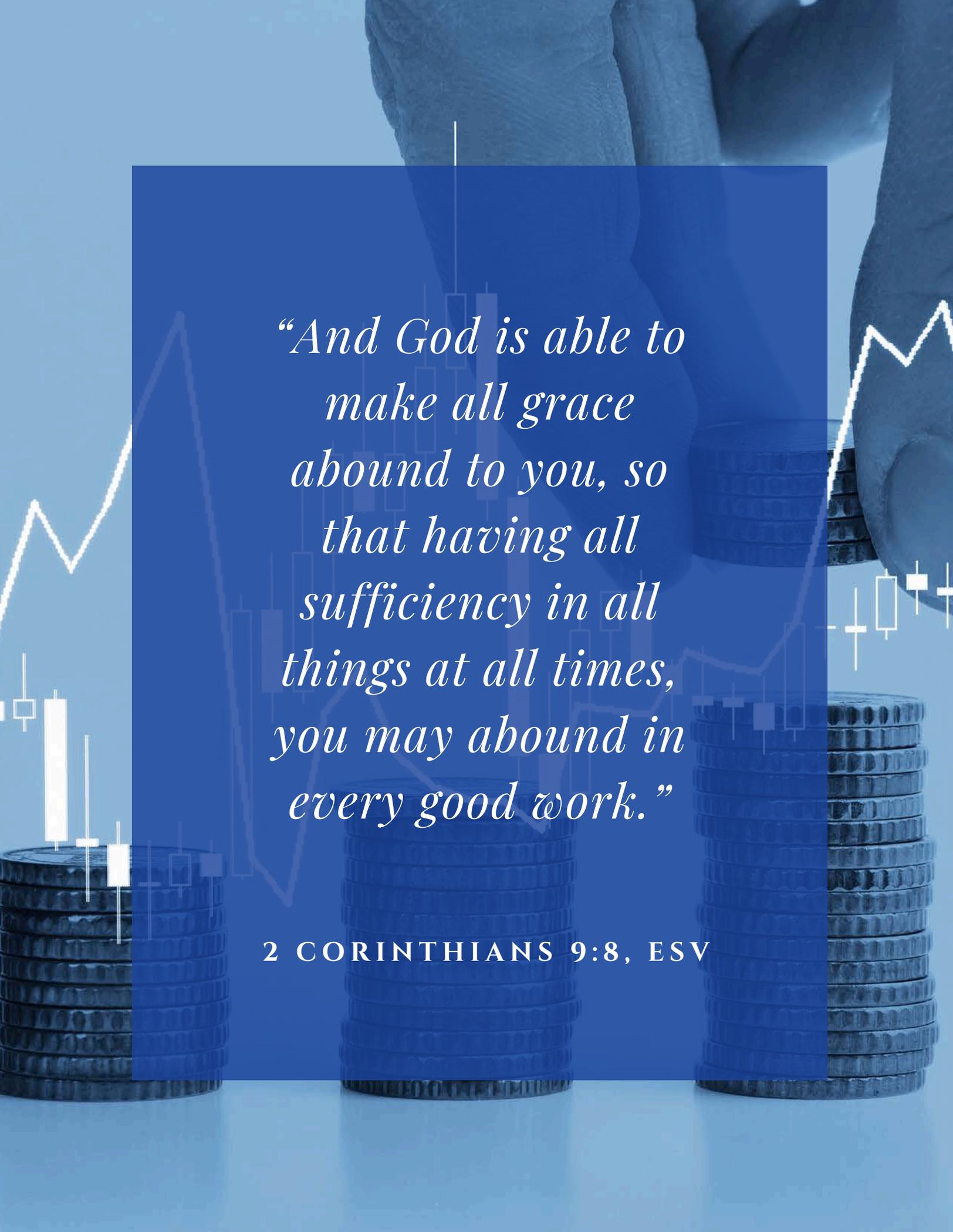
GOD'S PROVISION COMES FROM OUR OBEDIENCE

But I felt this could be the key; it seemed God was indicating that. So I pursued it. I applied to the program and was accepted. Still, I had reservations. The gal who interviewed me suggested I participate in a group chat so the head coach/owner of the business could answer my questions. During the chat, another person expressed hesitancy over affording the program. The owner of the company advised him to do a Kickstarter to raise the funds. Something clicked; I thought, "I could do that."

God used that program and the book I wrote to catapult me into the ministry I have today. And though growth has been slow, I'm doing God's work. This is what He's called me to do, which is how I know this ministry will continue to grow.

When God calls us to something, He always supplies our needs, though it may look different from what we expect. We want "abundance," (and God does promise that in His Word [Jn. 10:10]), but that may not mean we'll be "rolling in the dough." However, when we are doing Kingdom work, God always supplies our needs.



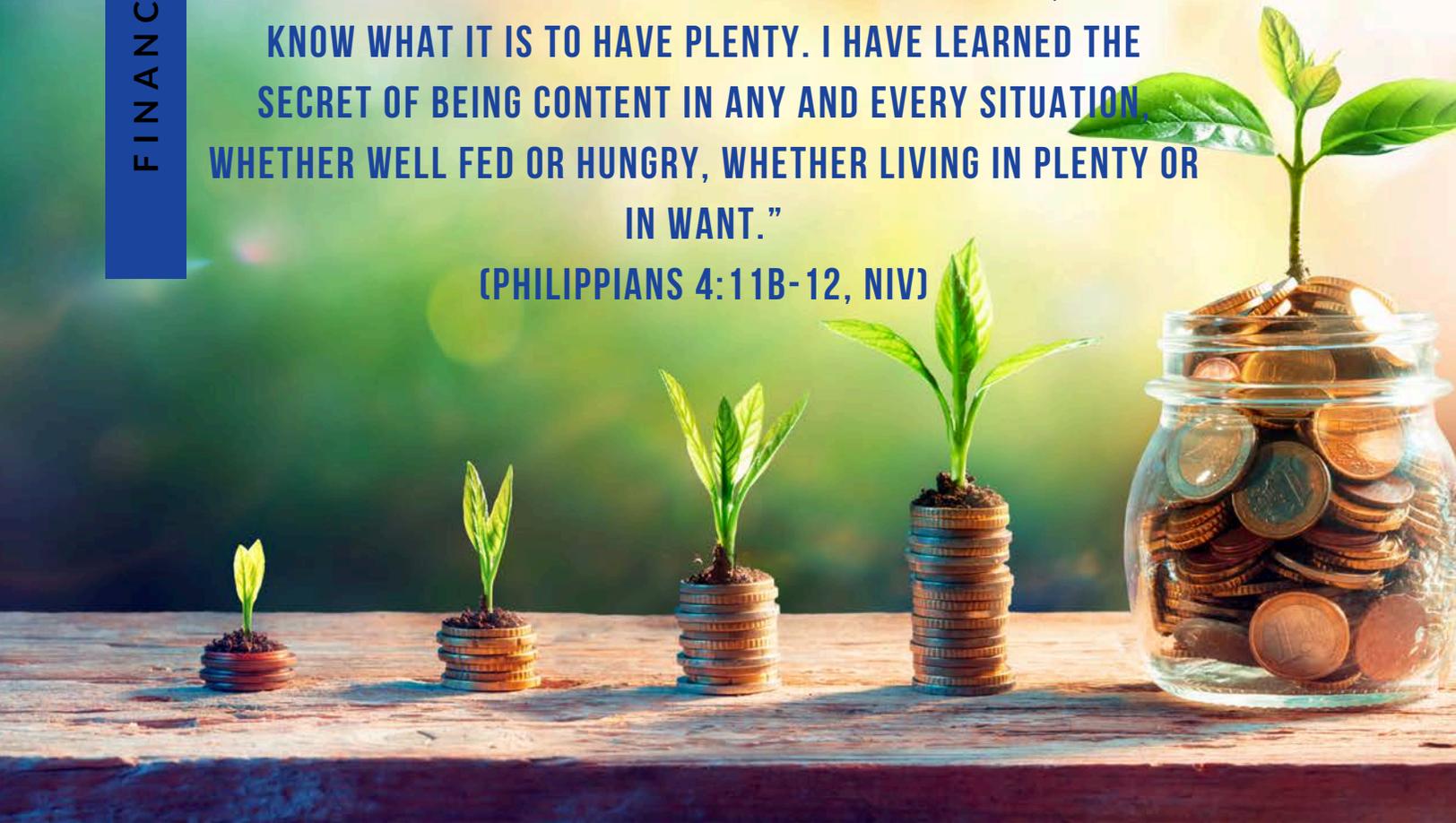


*“And God is able to
make all grace
abound to you, so
that having all
sufficiency in all
things at all times,
you may abound in
every good work.”*

2 CORINTHIANS 9:8, ESV

“I HAVE LEARNED TO BE CONTENT WHATEVER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. I KNOW WHAT IT IS TO BE IN NEED, AND I KNOW WHAT IT IS TO HAVE PLENTY. I HAVE LEARNED THE SECRET OF BEING CONTENT IN ANY AND EVERY SITUATION, WHETHER WELL FED OR HUNGRY, WHETHER LIVING IN PLENTY OR IN WANT.”

(PHILIPPIANS 4:11B-12, NIV)



Did you catch that? The abundance is in the good works. Yes, doing Kingdom work does require funds, supplies, spaces, and connections. There are things we need in order to accomplish God’s work. But it is because He wants His work to abound that God supplies them. We have sufficiency.

The word sufficient means “enough, adequate,” not always more than, but certainly not lacking. We have everything we need at all times to do His work by His grace.

“AND MY GOD WILL SUPPLY EVERY NEED OF YOURS ACCORDING TO HIS RICHES IN GLORY IN CHRIST JESUS.”

PHILIPPIANS 4:19, ESV

God’s got glorious riches, and He supplies them as we need them . . . not necessarily as we want

them. He doesn’t give us riches to stoke our egos and pad our bank accounts, but He gives us what we need in the moment to do the work He’s called us to do.

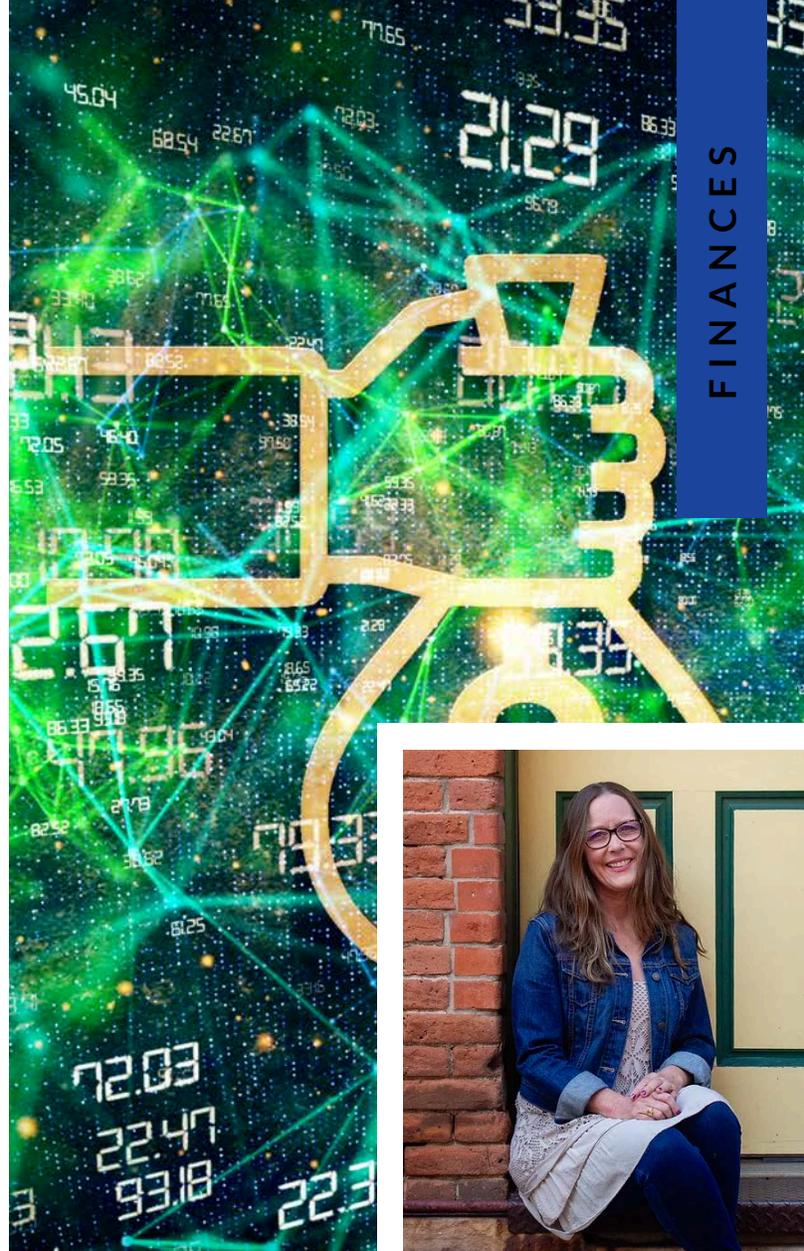
In my life, not much has changed. I still don’t have much in my bank account. But every time God calls me to do something, He provides.

Sometimes God calls us to be wealth builders, to dispense His wealth for the work of the Kingdom. We see an example of this in the parable of the servants who receive money. Some of the servants invested the money they were given in order to make more for their master. They were called “good and faithful,” while the one who didn’t invest the money was chastised. Being a wealth builder for the Kingdom requires integrity and a humble and generous heart, free from greed. If God has called you to be a wealth builder, it is a high calling; steward it well.

SOMETIMES GOD CALLS US TO BE WEALTH BUILDERS

But sometimes God calls us to be a funnel, to go on mission for Him, doing His work with practically nothing to our name. We see an example of this when Jesus sent out His disciples and told them to take nothing with them. They were to rely solely on what God provided. Some of us are called to that kind of sparse living. This too requires a humble heart free from greed and a hunger for more; it requires a willingness to serve without being served.

Those who are called to be wealth builders shouldn't let it get to their heads or think, "Look how great I am because God's blessing me." No! He's blessing you because He's great, and He wants to do great things.



Conversely, those called to be funnels shouldn't think, "Why does God bless them and not me?" It doesn't matter! He's called you to do His Kingdom work. Will you trust Him and allow Him to work through you, knowing He will supply your need day in and day out? Either way, the focus isn't on you or your bank account. It's on God and the work of the Kingdom.

Praise God, each and every one of us is called. And because we are "called according to His purpose," God will give "all sufficiency in all things at all times, [so we] may abound in every good work." Let's purpose in our hearts to honor God with our wealth so His kingdom flourishes here on earth and He is glorified!

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RAISING DISCERNING KIDS IN A DECEPTIVE WORLD

As a mother of four, when the pandemic rolled around in 2020, I had a season of fear.

Not fear for myself, but for my children.
What kind of childhood would they have?
What kind of future would they experience?

There was so much uncertainty. The future seemed to hold only isolation and despair.

Did you feel it, too?



THE LORD REMINDED ME THAT HE IS OUR HOPE, AND THAT HE BROUGHT MY CHILDREN—OUR CHILDREN—INTO THIS SEASON WITH DIVINE PURPOSE.

Just like Esther, they were born for such a time as this . . . and given giftings to advance the Kingdom in these times.

What would be the purpose of God giving us dragon-slayers in a time with no dragons?

We, as parents, are responsible to not only raise our kids to know and love Jesus, but also to be discerning as they “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,” (2 Peter 3:18 NIV).

So, how do we do that? How do we train up our children in the way they should go (Proverbs 22:6 KJV) in this time and season, to be discerning in a world that is filled with deception?

For those of you who may not know me, my name is Carrie Hurley and I help mid-life Christian women navigate the negative so they can redeem the courageous life that God has called each of us to live. Part of that is growing in our personal faith to be equipped to train up our children so that our ceiling is their floor.



*"So commit yourselves
wholeheartedly to these
words of mine. Tie them to
your hands and wear them
on your forehead as
reminders. Teach them to
your children. Talk about
them when you are at home
and when you are on the
road, when you are going to
bed and when you are getting
up."*

DEUTERONOMY 11:18-19 NLT

HERE ARE THREE BASIC PRACTICES TO EQUIP OUR CHILDREN TO BE DISCERNING IN THIS WORLD OF DECEPTION:

1. WE MUST BE PRAYING FOR OUR CHILDREN.

And it must go beyond "Bless my children and keep them safe."

God didn't call us to be safe; He called us to be obedient and courageous and holy! To do that, we must be discerning.

When we intercede out loud on behalf of our children, we are bringing the power of heaven to earth. Our words have incredible power, and using them to pray Scripture over our children makes sure we are praying in agreement with the will of the Father.

Think about this: God is outside of time, so our prayers to Him are not bound by time. The prayers faithfully prayed by mothers and grandmothers, fathers and grandfathers touch the generations. What a legacy to leave!

I have provided a sample prayer to pray for your children. For a FREE printable copy as well as a printable journal of Scripture to pray over your children, [CLICK HERE](#).



YOUR CHILDREN ARE NOT HERE BY ACCIDENT. THEY ARE CREATED AND GIFTED FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS! IN THREE SIMPLE STEPS, CARRIE GIVES YOU PRACTICAL, ACTIONABLE TOOLS TO EQUIP YOUR CHILDREN TO BE DISCERNING IN THIS CRAZY, DECEPTIVE WORLD.

2. GET YOUR CHILDREN INTO THE WHOLE WORD OF GOD.

The Secret Service is in charge of anti-counterfeiting operations. Do you know how they train their agents to spot a counterfeit? The trainees ONLY study genuine, legitimate currency. THEN, when they are faced with a counterfeit, it's obvious!

This is what we must do with our children.

Bible stories are good, but they are not enough. We must have our children in the Word of God so that when they are faced with the deception of the world, they know without a shadow of a doubt what God's Word says about it. They can spot a fake from a mile away because they are so certain of the TRUTH.

I challenge you to read whole books of the Bible to your children. It takes intentionality. Trust me, you will not simply fall into reading books of the Bible aloud to your children.

Unsure where to begin?

The book of Mark is a great place to start, followed by the book of Acts; take it a section at a time. These help you to know Jesus, to see the amazing miracles that He did and to know His teachings. Then, ask the Lord to lead you to the next book He would have you read.



3. GET THE WORD OF GOD INTO THEM.

Psalm 119:11a (NLT) says,

“I HAVE HIDDEN YOUR WORD IN MY HEART.”

We **MUST** be hiding God’s Word in our hearts. We can’t guarantee we’ll always have a Bible in hand.

When the Word of God is in me, the Holy Spirit can pull it out to remind me of TRUTH when I need it.

I challenge you to make Scripture memory a priority for yourself and your family. You get to set the example.

Feel like you can’t memorize anymore? That it’s simply too hard? If you say these things around your children, they will believe you and then believe it for themselves, so you must change the way you speak about it. (Join the [Rise Up Sisterhood](#) for help with that.)



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Help your child learn how to be discerning in this deceptive world by praying for them, getting them into the Word, and getting the Word of God into them.

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A HOLY COMMUNITY

You know that nagging feeling you've been having?

Yeah, you're not the only one.

The world is fast, busy, and digital. We're left whirling in place as technology whizzes by, leaving no time to enjoy coffee with a friend—or be still with the Lord.

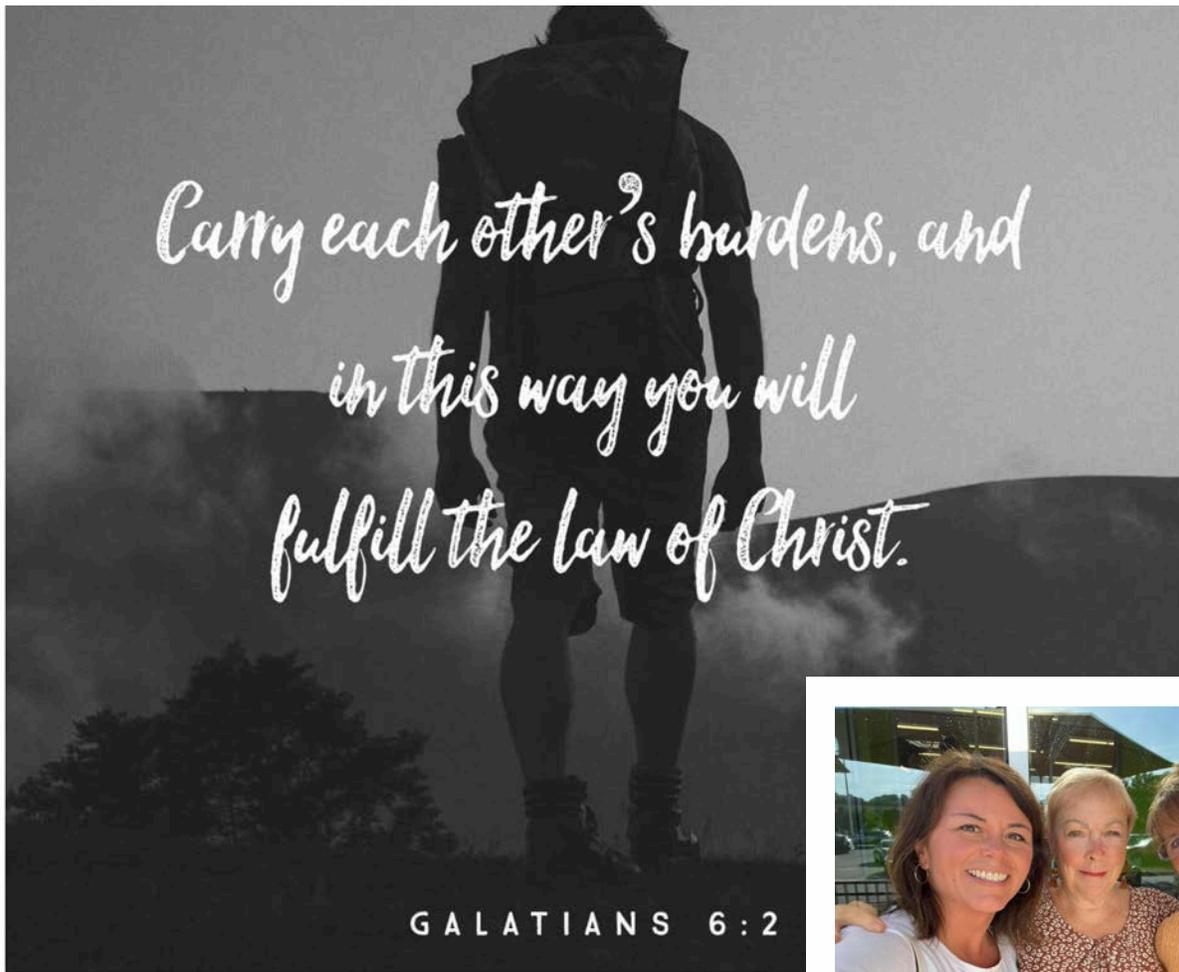
36 | As for Me and My House

This false sense of urgency that rules the world denies us of an essential need with which we were created—Community. The unnerving current of unsettling energy that seems to run through our days is a **distraction**.

That feeling is a signal that we are out of alignment/out of balance with how we were created to operate. We were not created to operate in work-from-home silos, captivated and existing behind blue screens and

trying to create community amid fake backgrounds and filters.

People everywhere are feeling the emotional and spiritual pull of the need for community: at home, in our families, at work, in our neighborhoods, and in our towns. They are looking for a better rhythm to their life and business. I call it the rhythm of grace—God's grace.



I'm also hearing it from the small business owners and professionals I coach. "I feel so disconnected and busy that there's this sense of missing important things I feel God wants me to pay attention to," is one comment I hear often.

BUT WHAT IS COMMUNITY?

Merriam-Webster describes it as, "A group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common." As a Christ-follower and radical searcher for God's truth, that definition left me rather cold. It sounds a little too AI-generated to me.

While it may be practical and correct, it's missing a heart. This got me curious to know more about what God had to say about community.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:11-22 (ESV), God gives us a wonderful definition of community as He intends and shares the very thing I sense people are missing in their lives. Paul writes to the church at Thessalonica, addressing their concerns about Christ's Second Coming and encourages believers to continue working.

**"THEREFORE, ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER AND BUILD ONE ANOTHER UP,
JUST AS YOU ALSO ARE DOING."**

He calls their attention away from the distraction of the rumor that they've missed Jesus and back to the truth of who they are and how they were called to live. Can you imagine the panic and stress of thinking you missed Jesus' return?



*Rejoice always,
pray continually,
give thanks in all
circumstances;
for this is God's will
for you in
Christ Jesus.*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

COMMUNITY

He instructs them to respect their leaders and be at peace with one another (v. 12-13). He lays out the responsibility of fellowship: to admonish the idle, encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, and be patient with all (v.14).

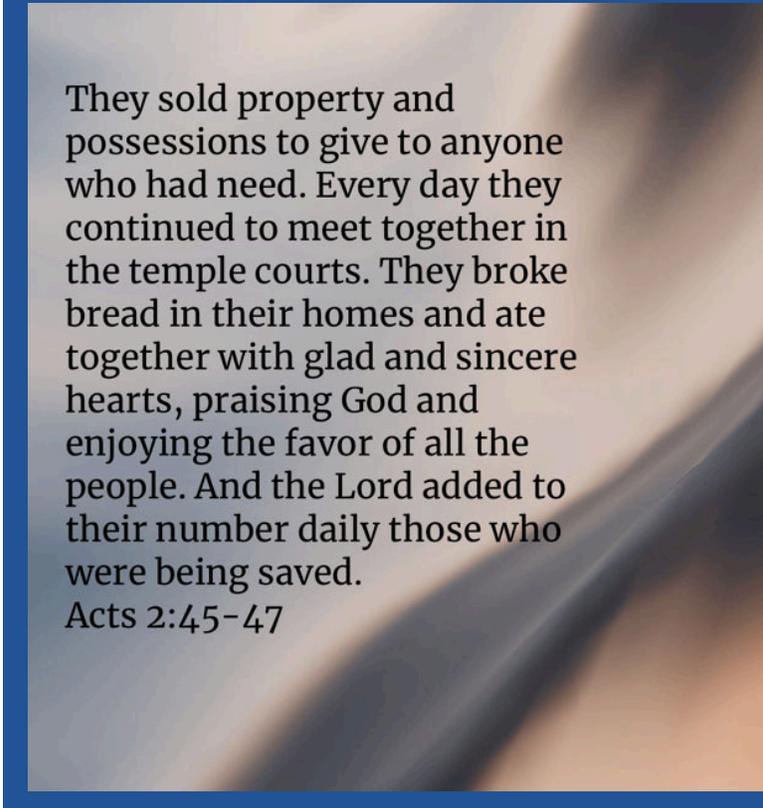
Another important aspect of building a Godly community is to invest in each other. Paul paints a beautiful picture of connection when followers of Christ rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in all circumstances. In verse 15, he says, “See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek what is good for one another and for all people.”

He knows we cannot accomplish these things without the Holy Spirit working in us for our sanctification and warns us, “Do not quench the Spirit.” Don’t let the distractions of this world pull you away from this blessing of community He intends for believers.

When we allow the Spirit of God to have the freedom to work in our midst, true community follows. In Acts 2:45-47, He gives us a glimpse—a great hope—into the community we were called to create here on earth despite, and because of, the distractions of this world.



Therefore encourage one another and
build each other up, just as in fact you are
doing.
1 Thessalonians 5:11



They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:45-47

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ACTS 2:45-47 NIV

Exactly as I encourage my clients, I urge you to turn from the distractions of this world and choose to move out in faith through the power of the Holy Spirit to create the Godly community we seek.

I love how Paul always closes his letter to the church with prayer:

“NOW MAY THE GOD OF PEACE HIMSELF SANCTIFY YOU ENTIRELY; AND MAY YOUR SPIRIT AND SOUL AND BODY BE KEPT COMPLETE, WITHOUT BLAME AT THE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,”

1 THESSALONIANS 5:23 ESV
