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*W*hy do men have such trouble with women? Why? Why do they have so much resentment for a woman doing anything?

Why do women feel like their husbands don't understand them? That the men can't communicate?


That they won't talk things out?

One of the biggest problems women have with men is communication. If there is anything a woman likes, she likes to talk – and to be talked to.

So when girls feel rejected, they go to talk to another girl. After all, you need someone who has the same tender nature, someone who understands.

We go to your own kind.



od put older women in the body of Christ for a reason. We have to help each other – and bless each other – and be that source of communication for each other, which we need as friends and sisters in the body of Christ.

We can really be an understanding ear.

I thank God for my longtime friend, Birdie Johnson, and the understanding ear she gave to me all the time that I was a young married woman.

She was an older woman listened when I needed a listening ear so desperately

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**D**on was a non-communicator. I'm talking about zilch. As a young bride, I thought I had died and gone to hell.

And so, what happens when we begin to find answers and blessings in each other? Then because of the television – sexual things. Because of the magazines, the books, the billboards, we are subliminally, subconsciously affected by sexual suggestions.

They flow through the airwaves with rock music. We are bombarded with sexual suggestions.


Therefore when two girls get together and they begin to be good friends, and they begin to need, and they are both rejected ... they haven't attracted a guy. They even they think they don't want a guy.

I'm talking about girls who were reared very man-ish and very tomboy-like. Now, I've always been a tomboy. But, thank God, there is another side too.

I like outdoor things. Those who have come to my seminars have noticed that. But you are out-praying me.

To compete in a man's world, we want our father's affection and our brother's affection, and so we compete in this man's world, and can you see what has happened?

Can you see how demonic the whole ball of wax is?

 We have young women who want to be men.

Maybe it's rebellion or going up against what God made because they don't feel feminine or look feminine.

They don't even like feminine stuff, because they were reared basically by a strong woman or because of the rejection they feel toward their father.

I could go on and on and on about the deep psychological reasons that the devil has used.

But even when we get down to the root of it

all, it still never answers the problem.

The problem is the control that was given to Satan, He was given that authority when Adam and Eve ate of the fruit of that tree.

He became the god of this world.

He became the prince of the power of the air. See, he's not down in hell. He's ruling the atmosphere, and he's taking dominion over what was given to him when Adam and Eve fell.

When God said through the curse, "I am removing my favor," that's what a curse is – the favor and the blessings of God are removed.

It means "you are on your own."

And when women are on their own, the only thing that we can possibly do on our own is to make some man to be our lord.

When we can't find some man to be our lord, under the curse, we find a woman, we find an animal, we find fantasies.

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We do all kinds of stuff because of the ungodly pain that is in us through the curse, through rejection and being cast out.

I'll tell you, most of us deal with being cast out every day. You can be great until four o'clock in the afternoon, and one telephone call, one person visiting you, one kid coming home from school, your husband's entry into your house – it takes such a little bitty tiny word from somebody to flip you out and ruin your day.

Am I right?

One of your kids can just put you down. It can be somebody you love, lifting up your shortcomings.

Now, of course, my kids *never* do that.

You know we can feel rejection from our children.

They don't want to be with you.

They don't want to talk to you.

They don't want to do anything with you.

Well, they are just giving us back what we gave them when they were little and we rejected them and pushed them aside!

I'll tell you, if you lovingly spend some time with your kids, that's all those kids want.



*M*y son, Tim, and daughter-in-law, Terry, went out to eat with Christian singer Russ Taft when he was here recently.

I had his wife's nephew here and some of the in-laws. And so one of the little nephews went home and said, "You know, Mother, Hettie's my best friend."

She said that the way that he talked about the time I spent with him, he was convinced I had just picked him out special.

He was so precious and special.

He went home knowing that he was my best

friend and that I was his best friend.

Now isn't that precious?

See that's the Holy Spirit.

That should be happening to us in the body of Christ. I want you to feel like that, too. I really do.

*J*ust a few days ago, when I was in the middle of a women's seminar, as I was praying for those in attendance, I started thinking:

“Father, I still haven't hugged some of these women.”

I couldn't help but think about a woman at the previous seminar. She said, “Hettie, this is my fourth time to come and I've never come near you. I'm going to hug you this time.”

I was delighted.

So, I made a point of hugging as many of those incredible women as I could. It took some

a while to work up to it.

But I hugged them in the Spirit.

And we became best friends.

We became best friends that morning in the Spirit.

I wanted them to know they are not friendless. They are not a reject. Neither are you! I love you because of Christ who's within me.

*H*ettie,” you may ask, “how can you love all these kids who come to Brookhill Ranch? How can you love all them?”

I can't.

I find some of our campers to be so obnoxious that if it was just me in the natural, I couldn't stand them.


I know good and well that there are kids who find me that way, too!

But we have Christ inside us.

He has illuminated our lives.

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od causes us to be excited about the changes that we need to make.

Why? Because when He comes into our lives, we are no longer rejected.

You know, the incredible kids who come to Applied Life Academy, our leadership training program here in Hot Springs for high school graduates, those teens are special.

They have been chosen by the Lord.

These kids are off and running. These are the kids who have overcome their rejection to the greatest degree. The greater you overcome

your rejection, the less you will fear change.

The more that you understand that you are the beloved, and that you are accepted of God, and that He has given Himself to in-dwell you and live with you ...

Well, the more you get that new mental image of yourself in your mind, the quicker you will begin to bounce back from the onslaught of the devil.

The more he attacks you, the quicker you will bounce back.

You women whose husbands have left you, or who have been divorced, or who have been married several times, or to whom life has been tough, I know the rejection that can come on you is often terrible.

“What’s the matter with me?” you wonder. I’ll tell you, honey, what’s the matter. His name is Satan.



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That's what's the matter.

He's a thief.

He comes to kill, and he comes to steal,  
and he comes to destroy.

He uses the curse, he uses his stronghold,  
he uses the fact that through the curse, the fa-  
vor of God was withdrawn.


You are on your own until you choose this  
day Whom you will serve, until you choose which  
tree you will eat from and live your life accord-  
ing to.

But after that happens, everything changes  
because God has made adequate provision  
and taken care of your rejection.

He's taken care of it. Now, do you know what  
that allows you to do?

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 It allows you to love your husband like he needs to be loved.

It allows you to love your Christian brothers within the body of Christ like they need to be loved.

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Thank God, I was delivered from the curse. It wasn't until then that God could trust me to have a ministry.

I could not be trusted until then. When I quit the winking and blinking and all that I had of my all-American personality.

That was just three weeks before our church was birthed. God knew there was something in me, yes, integrity, that I wouldn't want to be a hypocrite.

I wouldn't want to do that.

I don't like to rip people off.

He had already placed that in me.

Even so, it took my deliverance from the curse before I could be a “love slave” and try to make Don Brooks be my king and everything I needed.

Now, the minute that happened to me, I became satisfied with Don because I was satisfied with Jesus.

I had my emptiness filled. God had did that – filling the inside of me.

When that hole inside of me got filled, I could love Don for who he was.

I could begin to help him be who God wanted him to be.

I set in to make my husband a success.

I set in to hear my husband say, “Oh, I love you, Hettie.”

Now it took him a while to ever get it out of

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his mouth. I had to read the signs. You know about reading those unspoken things and kind of reading the signs? But it didn't matter, because of the selfish thing that was broken off of me through the curse.

Do you understand?

We wonder where we get our selfishness.


That's where we get it, because our need is so great, our need to be loved, our need to be accepted, our need to be popular, our need to be claimed, our need to be made somebody, our need for everybody to think we're wonderful.

Our need is great.

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 If you have been given particular gifts in the body of Christ, the devil will use a perversion of those gifts to really torment you with your great need.

He will torment through that need with those very gifts from God.

If you have the gift of ruling, then he will make you just run over everybody.

They will hate you more

You will just cause more and more rejection. And the very thing you are trying to get, you'll just mess it up big time because it's a

perversion of your gift.

If you've got the gift of mercy, the perversion of that gift will just drive you.

Every little word anybody says will just hurt your feelings.

Through those gifts that we are given and through the natural things that God has endowed us with – those gifts that make each of us the unique persons that we are – the devil twists and perverts.

He takes what is good and corrupts it.

 e're all different.

We've got our little idiosyncracies.

They make us who we are. They make us desire to smell good and be beautiful and be different. They add something to life that's specially and uniquely us.

But then the devil comes and takes those idiosyncrasies. He moves in and you begin to get weird, and people begin to say, "Man, something's wrong," because the devil has taken the open ground.

When bitterness or resentment or rejection

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come upon you, you will open up the ground.  
The devil gets in.

When he gets in, he uses whatever he has  
to work with in you to try his very best to bring  
about utter devastation.

He brings perversion to your life.

He wants to destroy each of us.

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Now I will tell you this: I want to send you forth good and angry at the devil – mad that he’s deceived you.

You are a Christian.

You are not allowing him to work his perversion on purpose. You are not coming under this pressure on purpose.

You are not letting your mind be just banged around intentionally.

We all have been deceived.

The enemy has come. He has slipped in

while we were unaware through good things,  
such as our desire to serve the church.

“They criticized me and said I did it wrong,”  
you cry in anguish. “I desired to serve the Lord  
and be a great blessing, but no, they picked  
me apart.

“They did this, and they did that ...”

And he laughs in silence. He has twisted  
your good and made it bad.

He uses good things.

We have to go back and take that territory  
and refuse his entry.

*H*ere he comes again.

We think: “No, oh no, I recognize you this time. I’m not deceived anymore.

“I see the perversion for what it is.”

But he is so good at disguising it as beautiful fruit. Beautiful kids get tricked into drug addiction when they see the “cool” kids their age getting high.

But it’s a lie.

Their heartbroken parents back home, they see it for what it is.

They know it's a deception, a road to nowhere. A perversion of happiness.

Jesus came to open our eyes.

The people had ears to hear, but they didn't hear. Today, they have eyes to see, but they don't see – all because of the tremendous bondage that the curse has brought upon mankind.



Now, are you aware that you have been redeemed, the Bible says, from the curse?

Are you aware that Jesus took it upon Himself – so you did not have to bear the consequences?

Are you aware of that?

He did all of that and took care of that.

So, now you are not a dumb love slave with a big empty hole in you.

No longer are you cursed into always trying to get someone to meet your need.

As seemingly good Christian women, we are frustrated. Our husband doesn't fill our need, but we are not going to commit adultery. We are not going to go to other men.


So, we go to positions.

We go to pride.

We even go onto ministries – to accomplishing things for God.

But, it's not for God. It's for ourselves.

It's to fill up that need – that hole of rejection in us.

 I'm going to tell you, when you find a woman who has made her peace with God, and she's full of Jesus, and she is no longer a reject, she won't be griping because she's the only one helping out in the church nursery.

She will count it a privilege to serve the living God, because she is doing it unto God.

She won't be giving you all these excuses and going, "Well, I don't feel led to do that," because it's going to feel stressful or demand something out of her.

Hey, there are times when we have a Sun-

day school class and nobody's teaching it.

It doesn't matter whether you feel led or not,  
we have some kids that need a teacher.

Get in there!

You're full of the Holy Ghost. You know Jesus.  
Get in there, and do what you need to do!

**A**ll this business of waiting until you feel led ... what you are really waiting for is for your old flesh to finally shape up.

We wait and we wait, and we wait.

And we think it's going to happen.

What I am praying for you is that you activate your will.

Do you get it?

It's been asleep. It's been given over to Satan. You're not even deciding what you're doing.

You're just going with the flow.

Satan likes that.

He's taken over and he's got you. He's just doing whatever he wants to with you and you're just hanging around.

You've found yourself a little comfort zone.

Actually, you've learned to be miserable not being anything.

You've learned to be miserable with your family. You've just adjusted to the misery.

*H*umans are very adjustable.

We can even adjust to a rock in our shoe!  
Over a period of time, it makes a callous and  
we no longer feel it.

Actually, we still do, but we endure it.

It is amazing the pain that people can adjust  
to – and live with throughout their entire lives.

So, what has happened here is that you have  
come to a point where you have declared:

“I am not going to adjust. I’m not going to  
live my life under the curse. I am not going to

be some dumb love slave out here rattling around constantly, seeking something that the devil has tried to lie to me about – and tell me I can't even have.”



Now, here's where my depression came in. When I wasn't going to go out there and do wrong, then all I could do was go to bed and cry.

All I could do was be depressed.

Women who are Christians, but who are not going to go out and sin through adultery, through lying, through cheating and through all these other sins that are so obvious to us, they go in to the sin of depression.

They withdraw.

We feel that it is more legitimate. It's a nicer

sin. It's not quite as blatant. It will be more acceptable to God.

We've chosen something that's "good," instead of choosing the will of God.

This morning, I opened my Bible and I didn't know what I was going to read.

Sometimes it's the right verse that God wants to help me start my day right.

And sometimes it's the "begats."

I do that all the time.

I'm not encouraging you to just open your Bible and start reading anywhere, because you'll get condemnation from it.

If I don't like the passage I turn to, I just keep turning until I get to one I like.

But listen to this, this verse I turned to this morning.

I opened my Bible up and it said, “Rise up, you women who are at ease.”

That’s the passage that I just turned to – Isaiah 32. God and I are tight. We’ve been friends quite a few years now. So, He selected for me this incredible chapter that proclaims:

“Rise up, you women who are at ease, And hear my voice;

“Give ear to my word, You complacent daughters. Within a year and a few days you will be troubled, O complacent daughters;

“For the vintage is ended and the fruit gathering will not come.

“Tremble, you women who are at ease; Be troubled, you complacent daughters; put sackcloth on your waist. Beat your breasts for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine, for the land

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of my people in which thorns and briars shall come up; yea, for all the joyful houses and for the jubilant city.

“Because the palace has been abandoned, the populated city forsaken.

“Hill and watch-tower have become caves forever, a delight for wild donkeys, a pasture for flocks;

“Until the Spirit is poured out upon us from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fertile field, and the fertile field is considered as a forest.

“Then justice will dwell in the wilderness And righteousness will abide in the fertile field.

“And the work of righteousness will be peace, And the service of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever.

“Then my people will live in a peaceful habitation, And in secure dwellings and in undis-

turbed resting places.”

Dear Lord, we want to be back in Eden. Yes, in the happy home.

“On the land of my people will come up thorns and briars,” proclaims the prophet Isaiah.

You can see the curse he describes. “The palaces will be forsaken, the bustling city will be deserted.” The forts and towers will become ruins!

And what about us, the complacent women, who are just taking our ease? We’ve settled for less than God’s best for us. We’ve accepted living outside the Garden of Eden.

God is cautioning us, saying “Beware.” He’s telling us, “When you settle for less than what I have in store for you, here is what’s going to happen.”

Don’t expect any fruit out in the wilderness.

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No joy out there, either. Don't expect to accomplish anything productive.

He warns, make this choice and "that's what is going to happen to you."

Then he says, "Until the Spirit is poured out upon us from on high ..."

Wait a minute! Has the Spirit been poured out from on high? Yes?

Then there is no need for us to be out there with no fruit, wasting our time.

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**A**ctivate your will today.

Make some decisions!

I am so tired of people talking to me about how hard it is.

They whine that everything in the Christian life is just so hard. Well, it's harder out in the wilderness letting the devil push you around.

It's even worse serving the devil. Just look at people who think they have found fulfillment outside of God's will. That's a bunch of junk out here, talking about how hard everything is. Here's what we have to do. At Calvary our hu-

man nature, our “old man,” was crucified with Jesus.

But to make this become real in your life, you must declare your new choice of attitude.

You must take decisive action from both the negative and the positive positions. You don't just sit back and say, “What Hettie wrote was great.”

No, you make a declaration and you do something.

The passivity that you have accepted in the past must be cast off.

You put it away from you.

You begin to actively say, “Satan, my mind is not surrendered to you. You're not going to bang me around with all that junk.

“Satan, you don't have control. I'm not just going to bop through life. I'm going to take authority.

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“Enough is enough!”

You’ve got to take that ground when bitterness comes on you.

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Here's a thought, "Those people don't like you."

Oh hush, I don't want to hear that.

You have to say to yourself, "I am not a reject, and you are not going to put that on me."

You've got to speak it.

You've got to take decisive action. You've got to rise up and make your declaration.

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*O*h, come on, whispers Satan ...

“You’ve got to have another puff, drink, poke, dip, chew, oh come on, you’ve just got to do this. I’ve just got to vindicate myself, I’ve just got to justify myself. I’ve just got to, I’ve just got to.”

Oh, hush.

That’s not the word of God. That’s not what God’s word says. That’s not who you are.

Say it: “That’s not who I am!”

I am not bitter.

That's not who I am. I am a woman of God, full of the Holy Spirit and the power of God.

You've got to cast off the works of darkness (Romans 13:12).

You've got to put away the old man (Ephesians 4:22). You've got to put off the old man with his doings (Colossians 3:9). Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.

(Colossians 3:5). You've got to put off the body of the flesh (Colossians 2:11).

I cast this stuff off of me.

Right now, say, "I cast rejection off of me. I apply the blood of the Lamb. I am redeemed from the curse.

"I am no reject. I am the righteousness of God in Christ.



“I am who God says I am.

“And Satan, I won’t tolerate you. My mind is not your play field.

‘My mind is an instrument for the Holy Ghost. My mind is programmed by Your Word.

“I take authority over you, Satan. I cast you out. You’re not going to deceive me. I’m not going to fall for your ‘good’ junk.

“I’m not going to be distracted by doing ‘good’ things. I’m going to do the will of the Father. I’m going to know peace and satisfaction because it’s been paid for.

“It’s been paid for and I receive it.

“I thank you for it, Lord. Great is your faithfulness, Lord. I’ve got a new image in my mind of who I am in Christ Jesus.

“I am the Lily of the Valley. I’ve put on a garland of roses and fragrance. I am who you

say I am, Lord, because you loved me, God, and sent my redemption. I thank you for it.

“Satan, you’re a liar. You’re a thief. And the truth is not in you. I will not serve you.

Thank you, Father. Amen.”

*H*ave you ever been in a church service, and the pastor wanted you to say something, but resentment and rebellion welled up within you?

I was in a church service not too long ago, and the pastor wanted me to say something.

I thought it was just a bunch of hollow words.

I felt void of the Spirit of God.

The pastor wanted us of make a public confession and I just didn't feel moved to do anything of the sort.

I just felt like it was hollow and void.

I didn't want to do that.

So I was kind of mumbling around because I didn't even want to be there. I didn't want to come against the pastor. I didn't want to cause embarrassment.

And so I stood there, and the devil said, "You can have whatever it is that you speak and whatever it is that you say, Hettie. You can have that authority."

Now I am not talking about Cadillacs.

I am not talking about diamond rings.

I am not even talking about stupid confessions. I am talking about my ears hearing my mouth speak authority.

And faith.

And power.

I stood there and God dealt with me, and I knew that the devil had come to steal from me

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because I could be speaking the Word of God.

Whether they were in the Spirit or not, I could be in the Spirit.


I started speaking.

I started getting with it.

By the time it was over, I had whipped the devil.

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 I've heard people speak quietly in tongues, and I've said, "Honey, speak that out loud."

They didn't want to speak out loud because what they were saying was not anybody else's business anyway, or maybe they were not too sure of themselves.

Right now, I am being an instrument in the hand of God to help you. I have never seen it fail, not one time. When that person began to speak that thing aloud, we don't understand the creative power of the tongue.

We've just had a bunch of teaching that we tried to make into a law. And once you make a law out of something, in your mind, you're going to try to fulfill that law.

But it's going to kill you, because it will not produce.

Law brings death. You can confess forever, and it will only bring death. But if you will walk in the Spirit and let the Spirit of God build something in you, you can whip the devil.

The Word of God says you can.

There is power in letting your own ears hear what your mouth says.

Now I will tell you I haveten to the place where I have to speak out loud a lot because my mind gets so uncontrollable when I am just praying quietly and not out loud.

I may be praying for one of my kids, and the first thing you know, I am praying for Ameri-



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ca. Now wait, I think to myself, I didn't get all of them taken care of. I started with Rodney, but I left out Tim. Now wait a minute, I say to myself, how did I get off track, praying for the President of the United States?

It's because that's the way the devil perverts our mind.

But by the Spirit of God, by faith, and by the supernatural manifestation of the presence of God, you are able to overcome the law and the system.

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 If we could get rid of our systems and cast out the devil...not that we don't need principles, not that we don't need to know the Word of God!

Our minds have to be renewed to that Word.

Then the Word has to become spirit and life – or you will try to operate in the law.

Principles become the law and you are going to operate in the law.

But the apostle Paul said whenever you do that, you will be deceived.


He said, "The law deceived me."

Your mind and your reasoning will begin to deceive you, and you will become religious, without any power.

That's what's happened to the church of Jesus Christ. That's what can happen to the charismatic movement.

That's what can happen at any time.

We can become religious, and we know that we're merely "religious" because there is no power.

 our home can become merely “religious.”

You go to church every Sunday, and you tithe, and you do everything, but there is no power to overcome the curse off of your husband and off of yourself.

There’s no power to get your kids back into authority.

You don’t have guts enough to drive an older model car and stay home with your children and give yourself to your babies and spend time with them and play with them and love them.

We couldn't drive an old model car because we would feel rejected.

Come on, somebody have guts enough to do what you need to do, and let the neighbors think what they want to think.

Present your sons and daughters to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Present your husband to the Lord because you have given yourself to him in love and affection.

You can turn your husband on.

You can be a blessing to him.

But the law is going to kill him, and the curse that is in you.

It will cause you to tell him, "You're not enough.

"You're not spiritual.

"You're not even saved."

The Bible says that through a chaste and quiet conversation and a meek spirit, we can win those unsaved husbands.

But instead, we just hit them over the head with the law. It kills, it kills, it kills.

But when you walk in the spirit, there's a beauty on you and there's a fragrance on you and you lift up Jesus.

And when you lift Him up, people are drawn to you.

They want to be around you.

Your kids will want to be around you.

Your families, too.



Sometimes it pains me so – wanting my grandbabies to want to be with me.

I said to one of my dearest last night, “Oh, I’m lonely for you.” And she threw her arms around me.

She said, “Oh, I’m lonely for you too.”

Well, our day is going to come.

And we have our days.

I have grandbaby days and, boy, do we have our days. But I want my grandchildren to be drawn to me.

I want to lift up Jesus to them and love them  
and be fun for them.

**P**ressure takes the fun out of your life, .

That house that you live in is supposed to be full of the glory of the Lord.

But it is giving you an ulcer as you try to keep it all and do it all.

It's like a spirit has come in and taken over our dwelling places. It's like the demons of hell have been released on our households.

The devil has come in, and he's in charge. He's the one who is being glorified. He's the one lurking in the dark corners.

And we're rejected, and we're miserable.

We even hate going home. We don't even want to be there because the Lordship of Jesus has not been declared over that household.

You have to go home and get those demons out and say, "Satan, you are not the god of this house.

"You are not in charge of this house.

"You are not going to use me as an instrument in this house to bring death, to bring darkness, to bring negative things, to bring hell on earth.

"My home is going to be a light in a dark world. My household is going to be a blessing.

"People who come to my house are going to be welcome."

How many of you can honestly say that it's almost like your house belongs to somebody else.

Now, you don't always know who it is.

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We take all these people we know, and we make them one person.

Here are all these people.

They are actually dictating to you what you have to do in your home.

How many of you have actually experienced feeling like your house is so much pressure to you?

We have just felt the pressure that this house is not even our own.

I feel pressure to do these things.

I feel under all this pressure.

I feel a negative spirit in control.

It's because nobody is taking authority.

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Every so often I walk through my house, when I really feel like I am getting in the yucks through pressure and stress.

I get up in the middle of the night when Don is asleep.

I say, "This is not your house, Satan, and I am going to remind you of it. You are not going to torment me in my home."

Have you seen people work all their life for something and when it finally happens, they don't even enjoy it?

I've watched Don when he's been so sick,

and the pressure's on him, and I've watched him just be so upset about things over the ranch.

On several occasions, I have taken him out on the front porch...we have a beautiful valley view and all the lakes, I mean God has just blessed us with the Garden of Eden.

We stand there and enjoy the beautiful world.

God will give you the eyes to see it.

Stress can blind your eyes.

You just get on the freeway and go. You just drive.

And we are not seeing the beauty. We're not stopping to smell the roses.

But I take Don out on the front porch and I say, "Don Brooks, you look at all this."



**W**e have picked up rocks from this place. If you're not careful, all you see is a rock pile.

What is a beautiful youth camp and retreat grounds was briars and bushes. There were no buildings.

We came over here and went through all the briars and bushes. We carefully selected the location for each building.

By hand, we picked up rocks, thousands and thousands of them.

We've had teams of boys coming, and

we've combed this thing with a fine-tooth comb.

We've worked; especially Don. He has just worked so hard.

Now that dumb devil comes and puts so much pressure over him because he didn't get some section mowed or because the tractor broke down or because there is something else.

And that stress or that pressure comes over him when God has raised him up time and time and time again, and healed his body and been there when he needed him.

And then the devil comes and takes some tractor part breaking down that doesn't amount to a hill of beans.

I tell my husband that I'm not going have it.

"Don Brooks, you just get happy, boy!"

Now you can either give your territory up, or you can get that curse off your household, and

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you can reclaim the blessings of God that he's given you.

If you have a car, thank God.


If you don't have a car, thank God you've got feet to walk.

What difference does it make? It doesn't make any difference.

It's all going to pass away, and all that's going to make any difference is how you've glorified God and received his blessings.

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od has poured out his love on us.

He has given us this beautiful world.

He has made it so gorgeous and beautiful for us. And then that stupid devil comes along and puts stress and pressure over things – telling us how we have to appear to each other, and causing that old spirit of rejection to drive us crazy.

I've had enough.

Welcome back to the Garden of Eden.

Now we cast off the junk, and we say, "You

don't belong here.

"You are not going to control my children.

"You are not going to put that spirit on me.

"I'm not going to be cranky and hateful."

I have to do that all the time. Don reminds me of it.

And sometimes, I don't always 'fess up right there in my husband's presence.

But you can be for sure, and he knows it, because next time he sees me, it's gone.

It may take a little while, but it's gone.

I deal with the truth.

Now I get cranky, and I get mad at him, and I don't always do it just right.

But I am quick to repent because I am not going to live like that.

I'm not going to go pouting around for

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weeks. We've cast off that way of living.

We've put off the body of flesh.

We've put to death such perversion.

Our body doesn't control us.

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The Bible says, “Put on the armor of light” (Romans 13:12).

“Put on the new man” (Ephesians 4:24).

“Put on the new self” (Colossians 3:10).

“Present yourself unto God” (Romans 6:13).

“Put on the Lord Jesus and make no provision for the flesh” (Romans 13:14).

“Put on a heart of compassion” (Colossians 3:12).

Somebody was asking me about compassion. Put it on! That’s a good scripture.

Put on a heart of compassion.

Do I have to feel compassionate to do something? Yeah, you do. You have to put it on.

That's what it says.

Put on the whole armor of God (Ephesians 6:11). Take up the whole armor.

There are going to be fiery darts, the Bible says, coming to you. But it says you can lift up the shield of faith.

Now for many of us that's just a bunch of words. We don't understand the shield of faith.

But do you know what is happening to you as you read this? You are picking up the shield of faith. Once again, you are capable of believing God that all is not lost.

Once again, you are really believing that I don't have to be a dodo.

You don't have to live your life in deception.

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I don't have to try to appear to be something when I am nothing.

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When I go to speak in a meeting, and I've got on a discount-store top, sometimes there are three or four other ladies sitting out there wearing the same thing.

That's just the way it is. So, what! We shop at the same store!

How many of you have been devastated when you got there and someone else had on the same thing?

Who started that?

That makes me so mad.

We ought to all enjoy being alike if we are smart. We'd just be of one mind and one spirit, and we'd say, "Oh look at us, we've both got good taste."

We should laugh about it.

Instead, it can ruin our evening because we don't have any guts. We don't have guts enough to stand up and laugh and say, "Yes, we made a good choice, right?"

Who started that tradition? It was Satan, the deceiver, the one who wants to make you rejected and intimidate you.

We are always being intimidated.

Isn't it logical that in the same town, two women shopping at the same store might choose the some things? Doesn't it stand to reason that at some time in life, we're going to look like each other?

Who told us this is a terrible thing?

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Who made that rule? You and I as Christians are settling for a bunch of junk. We are being intimidated by the world.

I'm tired of it.

I'm tired of the world trying to embarrass me. I am tired of having to sit there all night with a red face because somebody else has on the same jacket that I'm wearing.

One thing that intimidates me is that I know how much they paid for it, and they know how much I paid.

On sale.

\$6.98.

I mean some of those tops only cost six or seven dollars, but they're getting more expensive.

Some of them are \$19.95 now.

So if you picked out a \$19.95er and some-

body else has got one, hey, hey, hey.

Girls, are you hearing me? We're being distracted by nonsense. We're settling for the devil's perversions. Our minds are getting sidetracked. We're not walking in the Spirit.

Our natural nature would absolutely make us a bunch of dodos and dummies. And we fall for it.

We're consumed with stuff.

The Bible says that we've got to cast that stuff off, and we've got to put that stuff far away from us.

We've got to allow the armor of God to come on you. You've got to put on the righteousness of God. You've got to take up your cross and follow after Him.

You've got to get up all your duff and say, "I've had it. Enough! I'm not going to be deceived by all this good stuff."



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But isn't it good for us to have new dresses and be beautiful? Isn't that good?

Yeah, and then you'll get consumed.

Guess what?

The prettiest people in the whole world should be content with the gift God has given them. But they go and see their new, beautiful dress on someone else – and she looks prettier – their world is thrown into a tizzy!


Suddenly, God's gift is not enough.

How many of you have experienced that very thing? How many of you know that you wanted that new car. But three weeks after you've had it, it's not enough?

Come on, we need to be about our Father's business!

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 You need to be teaching Sunday school.  
Get in there and teach those little children.

So, somebody says, “Well, we only had two kids show up at Sunday school today so I dismissed my class.”

Yeah, you just had little Billy Graham, and you just had little Barack Obama. And you did nothing to influence how they will affect the future!

You were sitting with the president of the United States and the future most influential evangelist of the next 50 years. Maybe you also

had somebody who was going to deliver the world from evil and sickness and disease.

That's all you had, honey, was two or three little world changers. But the class wasn't big enough, so you dismissed them early?

No, teach that precious child that the Lord brought to you. Pour your heart out.

Get in there!

Well, I'm just not led to teach," you say.

I got a letter from one of my seminar attendees.

It said, "Hey, I went home from the seminar when you told me about making tents for your kids to crawl in and you playing, and I went home"

She told how she let her two little girls stay home from school on Monday after the seminar.

They took stuffed animals and made a zoo and played, and then they pretended the stuffed

bears were people.

She wrote to me about the creative thing that God did, how she had a whole day with her children, how they played and made-believe.

She told me how they just kept throwing their arms around her and saying, "Oh, Mommy, this is so fun. Mommy, thank you."

It made them tight.

It makes you tight with your kids when you do things with them and play with them.

The fiery darts come, but you have been given faith, the shield of faith, which means that you don't have to accept them.

Send them back where they came from.

"You're going to have a nervous breakdown," whispers the devil.

"I'm not having any such thing," I respond.

He tells me, "Well, you are going to have a collapse. Have you noticed how you're just getting tired of helping people?"

"I'm not being tired of anything, Satan," I

answer. “That’s just you wanting to wear me down. You’re putting those fiery darts in me, and you want to wear me down.

“Listen, the Book of Revelation tells us how the over-comers overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony.”



*L*et me tell you who you ought to be giving your testimony to.

God already knows your testimony.

You ought to be giving it to the devil. You ought to testify to him.

“You tried to make me cuckoo. Ha, Ha, but the shield of faith is stuck in your face, and I’m not receiving your lies because that’s not what God said I am.

“That’s not who I am.

“You’re not going to make me amount to

nothing.” See, the devil wants you to just walk through this time given to us on earth, and when you die – accomplishing nothing.

I want it to be good that I lived.

It needs to be good that you lived, because you did something with your life, because you were a blessing.

Now when the old folks won't hear me, I  
get the little kids.

If the little kids won't hear me, I'll get the  
older kids' class.

Somebody is going to listen to me.

I will have me a crowd somewhere because  
I've got the Holy Ghost.

Take up the sword of the Spirit.

Get to interceding.

The sword of faith will help you believe that  
you can take your city for Jesus through prayer.

The sword of faith will help you to believe again even if the devil told you that you're fighting a lost cause.

The shield of faith will cause you to have the energy that you have been lacking in – spiritual energy.

The shield of faith will open you up to the Word of God, and you can have faith in that Word.

So, what shall we say then to these things?

If God be for us, who can be against us?

He that spared not His own son, but delivered Him up for us all. How shall He not also, freely give us all things?

Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect?

It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth?

It is Christ that died, yea rather that is risen

again, who now is even at the right hand of God,  
who also maketh intercession for us.

What shall we say then?

If God be for us, who can be against us?

Amen!