GIVING TO THE LORD IN 1982

Notice Ephesians 2:8-10, "FOR BY GRACE ARE YE SAVED THROUGH FAITH: AND THAT NOT OF YOURSELVES: IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD: NOT OF WORKS, LEST ANY MAN SHOULD BOAST. FOR WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS UNTO GOOD WORKS, WHICH GOD HATH BEFORE ORDAINED THAT WE SHOULD WALK IN THEM."

God's wonderful plan is man's complete redemption of soul, life and body. He saves eternally by His grace as we place our faith in His dear Son. We are saved unto good works or a life conformed to the Lord's will and way. We don't know about the future of sacrifice and service. We are to follow His example in obedience and submission to the Father, I Peter 2:21. God gives the more abundant grace to those who humble themselves in submitting unto God. James wrote, "BUT HE GIVETH MORE GRACE. WHEREFORE HE SAITH, GOD RESISTETH THE PROUD, BUT GIVETH GRACE UNTO THE HUMBLE," James 4:7.

As a living sacrifice. John the Baptist pointed his disciples to Jesus and said, "BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD WHICH TAKETH AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD," John 1:29. Jesus is the supreme sacrifice for sin.

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WHICH IS YOUR REASONABLE SERVICE," Rom. 12:1. It is within the bounds of reason to present our bodies a living sacrifice to the Lord. He has done so much for us. As a willing servant. Jesus, the Son of God, became a servant to others. Paul

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We cannot be certain about what this new year will bring, but we do know who holds the future and we can trust Him. To get the most out of this year, we must give something to the Lord. If we are willing to give to the Lord, it will benefit you and the church of your membership.

I. GIVE THE LORD YOUR LIFE.

As an obedient son, the father accounts all who trust Jesus as sons, I John 3:1,2. Jesus is our example in submission to the Father. Jesus prayed, "...FATHER, IF THOU BE WILLING, REMOVE THIS CUP FROM ME: NEVERTHELESS NOT MY WILL, BUT THINE BE DONE," Luke 22:42. Jesus lived to obey the Father, John 4:34. He laid His life upon the altar.

He is the fulfillment of all of the Old Testament sacrifices. The Lord desires that His people be a living sacrifice. "I BESEECH YOU THEREFORE, BRETHREN, BY THE MERCIES OF GOD, THAT YE PRESENT YOUR BODIES A LIVING SACRIFICE, HOLY, ACCEPTABLE UNTO GOD,"

wrote, "BUT MADE HIMSELF OF NO REPUTATION, AND TOOK UPON HIM THE FORM OF A SERVANT, AND WAS MADE IN THE LIKENESS OF MEN," Phil. 2:7. Our Lord came to this earth to minister to others, Matt. 20:28.

Paul considered himself to be God's prisoner, servant and...
apostle or special messenger. God’s people are called upon to serve the Lord. Our lives are to be confined to and lived within the bounds of His divine will. One who serves others is the greatest. Jesus said, "...WHOSOEVER WILL BE GREAT AMONG YOU, SHALL BE YOUR MINISTER: AND WHOSOEVER OF YOU WILL BE THE CHIEFEST, SHALL BE SERVANT OF ALL," Mark 10:44. We are to follow the example of the Thessalonians who turned from idols to serve the living and true God, 1 Thess. 1:9.

II. GIVE THE LORD YOUR LIGHT.
Let your light shine. Jesus spoke these words in the sermon on the mount, "LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS, AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN," Matthew 5:16. We are to so live that men can see Jesus, the Light of the world, in us. We are not to show off, but we are to let or allow the light to burn and illuminate around us. You do not light a candle to hide it, but it is lighted to shine.

The darker the hour the brighter the light will shine. Let it shine. As you let the light shine, men will take note and give glory to God. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch, Acts 11:26. They lived like Jesus lived. They resembled the Lord in their conduct. They let the light shine.

Let your light show. We should allow the Lord to use us to show others God’s word. The Psalmist wrote, "THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET, AND A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH," Psalm 119:105. Philip asked the eunuch, "UNDERSTANDEST THOU WHAT THOU READEST?" Acts 8:30. The eunuch replied, "...HOW CAN I, EXCEPT SOME MAN SHOULD GUIDE ME?" Acts 8:31. May the Lord use us as beacons to show the wonderful word to others.

Let your light share. Paul considered himself a debtor to all men. The only way he could pay this debt was to preach the glorious gospel of the blessed God, Rom. 1:14-16. He had a driving desire to share Christ with all, Romans 9:1-3; 10:1. The Lord desires that we share Him with others. Let your light so shine that others might get light and enjoy the life and light of the gospel. The devil does not want our lights to shine. "IN WHOM THE GOD OF THIS WORLD HATH BLINDED THE MINDS OF THEM WHICH BELIEVE NOT, LET THE LIGHT OF THE GLORIOUS GOVERNMENT OF GOD, WHO IS THE IMAGE OF GOD, SHOULD SHINE UNTO THEM," II Cor. 4:4.

III. GIVE THE LORD YOUR LOVE.
Love seeks Jesus.
John wrote, "WE LOVE HIM, BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US," I John 4:19. The "agape" love adores and cares for and is concerned with a deeper experience with the Lord. Paul desired to know Jesus in a greater way. He wanted to experience the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His suffering, Phil. 3:10. True Christian joy and peace is found in a deeper relationship with the Lord.

Mary sat at Jesus’ feet listening to His words and was content in His presence, Luke 10:39.

Love settles you. Life at times can be a raging sea. You can be confused and lose your direction and not know which way to turn. Loving Jesus can settle you and secure you as nothing else can. Jesus is an anchor to the soul both sure and steadfast, Heb. 6:19. The Lord is able to establish, strengthen and settle you, I Pet. 5:10. The time is uncertain and our generation restless.

Loving Jesus and worshiping Him sets us free and gives us peace, John 8:32.

Love solicits others. Love will always manifest itself toward others. If you are saved you love the Lord and you love other saved people, I John 5:1. God’s love in us moves us to help and aid others. We will want to witness and warn the lost so that they may be saved. We will want to minister to the weak and even rebellious erring saved person. The Lord’s love moves us to solicit others for Him. We are ambassadors representing Jesus in His absence, II Cor. 5:20.

IV. GIVE THE LORD YOUR LOYALTY
Loyalty is faithfulness. A requirement of a steward is faithfulness, I Cor. 4:2. The Lord remembers and rewards His servants who are faithful, Mal. 3:16. To the loyal servant He will say, "WELL DONE, THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT ..." Matt. 25:21. Jesus is faithful and true to us. Could we be any less to Him who is worthy of our untiring and uncompromising loyalty?

Loyalty is fruitfulness. The loyal servant of the Lord will be fruitful. Jesus said, "I AM THE VINE, YE ARE THE BRANCHES: HE THAT ABIDETH IN ME, AND I IN HIM, THE SAME BRINGETH FORTH MUCH FRUIT: FOR WITHOUT ME YE CAN DO NOTHING," John 15:5. Faithfulness bears fruit in building churches, testimonies, treasures in heaven and strengthens others.

It is a joy to behold a fruitful tree, garden or flower bed. Those who press on, persist, and persevere will definitely bear fruit. Fruitbearing glorifies the Lord, John 15:8. Jesus said, "YE HAVE NOT CHosen ME, BUT I HAVE CHosen YOU, AND ORDAINED YOU, THAT YE SHOULD GO AND BRING FORTH FRUIT, AND THAT YOUR FRUIT SHOULD REMAIN...." John 15:16.

Loyalty is faithfulness. The Lord saved us to serve Him. We are saved to bring honor and glory to His holy name, I Cor. 6:19, 20. Our birth and salvation is not an accident. We are here because we have a place in the Lord’s plan, purpose and program. May we, by the grace of God, fit into His plan.

V. GIVE THE LORD YOUR LIVING
Give the Lord your time. Paul instructs us to, "REDEEMING THE TIME, BECAUSE THE DAYS
ARE EVIL,” Ephesians 5:17. Salesmen often ask us for a minute of our time. We ask people we need to talk with, “Do you have a minute?” We have more time. Our work week is not from sun-up to sundown, but people are living less now than when a workday lasted 12 hours.

Give God your time. Time given to Him will be well rewarded and used. The more time you give Him will improve the quality and quantity of your own time.

Give the Lord your talents. God endows people with talent. Some people have a natural ability to do some things. If you are a builder, painter, thinker, promoter, talker, planner, writer, seller, teacher, etc., use that talent for the Lord. Nearly every church is blessed with sufficient talent to do the work on the buildings and carry out the ministry of teaching, singing and leading. You would be surprised what the Lord can do through you when given a chance. Isaiah heard a voice say, “WHOM SHALL I SEND, AND WHO WILL GO FOR US?” Isa. 6:8. Isaiah responded, “HERE AM I: SEND ME,” Isa. 6:8.

Give the Lord your tithe. Jacob surveyed his life and saw that the Lord’s blessings abounded. He determined to give the Lord one tenth of what God blessed him with, Gen. 28:22. The Lord included tithing in the Law, Leviticus 27:30. Jesus commended the Pharisees for tithing, Matthew 23:23. Solomon, who wrote 3,000 proverbs, said, “HONOR THE LORD WITH THY SUBSTANCE, AND WITH THE FIRSTFRUITS OF ALL THINE INCREASE,” Proverbs 3:9. So plainly is tithing taught that to refuse to tithe is to commit robbery against God who freely gives us all. Tithing recognizes God’s blessings, Gen. 28:22. Tithing is a personal obligation of every member of our church. Tithing is a necessity for the welfare of local churches. Tithing enables or disables your pastor.

Do you want to get the most out of 1982? If you do, give the Lord your life, love, light, loyalty, and living. You can trust Him.

THE CHURCH’S MARCHING ORDERS

Matt. 38:18-20

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Intro: Christ commands us to “Go.” How should we go?
I. Go With Christ’s Power.
   A. Our authority is in Christ, vs. 18; Matt. 16:19.
   B. Our ability is in Christ, Acts 1:8.
II. Go With Christ’s Program—Make Disciples.
      1. A real passion for souls
      2. A regular passion for souls
      3. A redemptive passion for souls
   B. Enlist people for Christ—Baptising Them.
      1. A saved candidate, Acts 2:41-42
      2. A scriptural method—immersion
      3. A sacred authority—New Testament church
   C. Edify people for Christ.
      1. We first win the convert.
      2. We then must wean the convert.
         a. From unsteadiness in the Christian life.

b. From unskillfulness in the Christian life, Heb. 5:13-14
1. Fail to appreciate the truth
2. Fail to rightly apply the truth

b. Unspirituality in the Christian life, I Cor. 3:1-3
1. Discontent
2. Discord
3. Division

3. Watch the convert.
   a. Backslide by disobedience, Gal. 5:7
   b. Backslide by drifting, Heb. 2:1
   c. Backslide by discouragement, Heb. 12:3; Matt. 5:11

III. Go With Christ’s Presence.
   A. Co-operation with the Lord, Mark 16:20; II Tim. 4:17
   B. Conformation of the Lord—Souls saved
   C. Completion in the Lord, Phil. 1:6

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A PERSONAL SAVIOUR Part I & II

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The Right and Wrong Use of the Tongue

The subject for our consideration today is "THE RIGHT AND WRONG USE OF THE TONGUE." Let us notice prayerfully this passage of scripture in James 3:1-12. "My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation. For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they governed with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity; so is the tongue among our members, that defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. For every kind of beast and bird, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and of every thing that moveth upon the earth, there is speech. But the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue it is set on fire of hell. The tongue is able to make the whole body full of scorching fire; and after the tongue is it that defileth the whole body, and setteth all in flames. Indeed, war and all kind of evil among men is from the tongue: for it is set on fire of hell from within, and devoureth the tongue. What is the course of nature? It is planted by the Lord; it is useful unto the one working good, but unto the one working evil, it is set on fire. Look at the tongue, and it shall tell you of the heart's condition. For the mouth of the man of the world is full of cursing and blasphemy; the mouth of the man of God is full of praise and thanksgiving. Behold, the tongue is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Both a fountain sendeth forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh."

The tongue has both good traits as well as bad traits. Some of the good traits are as follows: it can be used helpfully; it can be used for the glory of God; and it can also be used for the blessing of others. On the other hand, it can be misused; it can bring sorrow and tears to others, and it can hinder your testimony for the Lord.

There is great power in the tongue. The tongue has power to direct, destroy and delight. In reference to the fact that it has power to give direction one can note verses 3 and 4 of the text. Our words can either direct others unto the right path or into the wrong path. The writer of Proverbs said, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof." (Proverbs 18:21). We should beware of the idle word, the questionable story, the half truth and the deliberate lie.

Not only does the tongue have power to direct, but it also has power to destroy. This is taught in verses 5-8 of our text. One should keep in mind that the articulations that are produced by the tongue are really reflections of the hearts condition. Jesus taught this in Matthew 12:34-35. "How generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things." Notice these two verses also in connection with this truth Proverbs 16:27 states, "An ungodly man diggeth up evil; and in his lips there is as a burning fire."

Proverbs 12:18 "There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health." The tongue also has the power to delight. This is specifically noted in verses 9-12 of our text. You can see by these statements from the scriptures that the tongue can either be used in a wrong way or a right way. To be more specific let's notice some wrong uses of the tongue as well as some right uses of it.

I. THE WRONG USE OF THE TONGUE

It is wrong to blame God when tempted to do wrong. Temptation arises when a man is lured away by his own lust. This is declared in James 1:13-14. "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God; for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man; but every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed." It is wrong to speak hypocritically. James 1:26 states, "If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain." Also notice Titus 1:15. "They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate."

It is wrong to express discrimination between rich and poor fellow-believers. James says, "My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of Glory with respect of persons. For if there come into your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment; and ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto Him, sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool; Are ye not then

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partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts," James 2:1-4.

It is also wrong to speak unfeelingly of those in need. James, wrote by inspiration, these words: "If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Depart in peace he ye warm and filled, notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit." (James 2:15-16)

Another wrong use of the tongue is to boast and flatter and thereby start a conflagration. James 3:5 states, "Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth; Sometimes just one word has caused a family upset or a split in a church.

It's also wrong to speak evil of another. This is substantiated by the following three scriptures:

James 4:12 "There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: Who art thou that judgest another?"

James 5:9 "Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: Behold, the judge standeth before the door Romans 14:12-13 "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way."

The last wrong use of the tongue that I'd like to point out is this: it's wrong to swear or blaspheme. James said "But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any oath: but let your yea be yea: and your nay, nay: lest ye fall into condemnation." (James 5:12.)

Peter also gives us further enlightenment in this area when he said, "For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile." (1 Pet. 3:10).

Now, let us turn our attention to THE RIGHT USE OF THE TONGUE. It's good, glorious, and gratifying to praise God. This is stated in James 3:9. Right here would be a good time to insert and read carefully and prayerfully Psalms 148, 149, and 150.

It is also right and good for us to use our tongue to pray to God. We are to pray for wisdom. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given Him. But let him ask in faith nothing wavering. For He that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed." (James 1:5-6)

We are also to pray for help for the afflicted. This is seen in James 5:13-16. We to pray for big things (James 5:17-18) and for the backsliaden to be restored. (James 5:19-20)

We should also use our tongue to sing to the Lord. Notice these scriptures:


We should also use our tongue to witness for the Lord. The Psalmist said "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy." (Psalms 107:2). Our precious Lord commissioned and commanded us to use our tongues in this way "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8.

How can the tongue be controlled? Only by the power of the Spirit. Have you ever asked the Lord to take control of your tongue? We are to yield our members to God. Rom. 6:13. May each of resolve with the Psalmist to make the right use of our tongues.

Psalms 17:5 "Thou hast proved mine heart; Thou hast visited me in the night; thou hast tried me, and shalt find nothing I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress."

Psalms 39:1 "I said, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me! May the following words ever be our prayer. "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, My Strength, and my Redeemer." (Psalms 19:14). "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips." (Psalms 141:3).

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GOD’S BOOK

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Psalm 1:1-2

Intro: Henry Ford said, "All the sense of integrity, honor, and service I have in my heart I got from hearing the Bible read by a school teacher in the three years I was privileged to go to a little old fashioned grammar school." John Wanamaker said, "But the greatest purchase I ever made was when I was a boy twelve years old. Then I bought a Bible for two dollars and fifty cents. That was my greatest purchase, for that Bible made me what I am today."

I. GOD’S BOOK IS A BOOK TO BE LOVED.
   A. King David’s testimony:
      1. Psalm 119:97
      2. Psalm 119:113
      3. Psalm 119:163
      4. Psalm 119:103
      5. Psalm 119:10
   B. Jesus, John 17:8; John 17:14

II. GOD’S BOOK IS A BOOK TO LEARN ON.
   A. Jesus likened it to a solid foundation rock, Matthew 7:24-25.
   B. God’s Book is a remaining foundation, Matthew 24:34.
   C. God’s Book is a sure foundation.
      1. Psalm 19:7
      2. Psalm 93:5
   D. God’s Book is a source of real and lasting comfort, I Thess. 4:18.
   E. God’s Book is a source of inspiration, Jer. 20:9.

III. GOD’S BOOK IS A BOOK TO LEARN FROM (A BOOK OF KNOWLEDGE).
   A. From it we learn God’s ways, God’s power, God’s will, God’s plan for our lives.
   B. From it we learn of Satan’s ambitions, desires, wiles and snares.
      1. Ambition, Isa. 14:14
      3. Wiles, Eph. 6:11
      4. Darts, Eph. 6:16
   C. From God’s Book we learn of God’s provisions.
      1. Psalm 23
      2. Matt. 6:33
      3. II Cor. 9:8
   D. From the Book of God one learns God’s promises.

IV. GOD’S BOOK IS A BOOK TO LIGHT MY LIFE AND THE LIFE OF OTHERS.
   A. Psalm 119:105
   B. Psalm 119:130
   C. Paul called it "the word of life," Phil. 2:26.

V. GOD’S BOOK IS A BOOK TO LIVE OUR DAY BY DAY LIFE BY.
   A. Matt. 4:1
   B. Joshua 1:7-8
   C. Acts 20:35

VI. GOD’S BOOK IS A BOOK TO LIE DOWN BY.
   A. Die, we will, Hebrews 9:27.
   B. One can die in peace.
   C. Paul, II Tim. 4:6-8
   D. Long before this, Phil. 1:21-24
   F. I Cor. 15:57
   G. I Thess. 4:16-18

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TEN SECRETS
OF A BEAUTIFUL
WOMAN

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The sixth beauty secret is one of keeping the right perspective in relationships with God, church, husband and children. From studying the following scriptures—-I Cor. 11:3, 11, 12; I Tim. 2:11-15; Eph. 5:22-24, 33; I Peter 3:1; Proverbs 31:10-12; Eph. 6:1-4; Titus 2:3-5—a woman can have no trouble clearly seeing the place that God has set aside for her to fill. When any one of these positions is altered, then there will certainly be outside conflicts and inner ones as well. Answer honestly, can you glow with beauty and fight inner turmoil simultaneously? No! After studying God’s plan for our lives as given in His Holy Word, each of us should strive to give Him honor and glory in the spot He has for us. God’s chain of command is given in I Cor. 11:3—God, Christ, husband, wife, children. This order is not put down and once our eyes have been opened to the order, we can see this as a line of responsibility and happily fill our places. The right perspective can change you from a disgruntled troublemaker to a
fulfilled vessel for God. God can make something beautiful of your life.

Once you have given your inner self over to the Lord and He has made all the changes necessary to make you lovely, then you need to consider the seventh secret, which is exercise. To retain the beauty that God gives His own, we need to be strong in the Lord. Phil. 4:13; Eph. 6:11 give us the source of this strength. God wants us to use our strength in Him, too. Acts 1:8, II Tim. 2:2; Eph. 6:12, Phil. 2:14-16 are all examples of times and situations where we need to be spiritually strong. After we acquire God's strength and use God's strength, then we are certain to see results both in our lives and in the lives of others, II Tim. 4:18; Titus 2:11-14; Titus 3:5-7. The knowledge that God has a purpose for our lives, gives us the power to carry out that purpose and then will reward us for accomplishing that purpose will make us beautiful.

Even great beauties have to constantly fight creases and wrinkles. When Satan gets on your case and causes you to worry, try these wrinkle removers: II Cor. 4:8-10; Hebrews 4:14-16. The knowledge that God is in control and that Jesus is our helper in time of need can carry us through any crisis without a burden of care.

The ninth beauty secret is found in I Tim. 2:9, 10, good works. There is quite a difference in professing the Lord and practicing His teachings, James 1:22. As your heart is given completely to the Lord, so your life will be given to doing His will, Eph. 2:10. Good works are done as a result of salvation. Before salvation we are dead in God's sight; by salvation we are "born," made alive, Eph. 2:1. As we are given this eternal life, so are we given the beauty that comes with the change from death into life. Also, we have the assurance that God has even more in store for us at the Rapture, I Cor. 15:42, 48, 49.

The last secret for your consideration is that of the proper adornment. Oh, how we women love baubles and doo-dads! We spend lots of time choosing the perfect accessories, picking the cutest styles and matching lip and nail colors—which are fine in their places. God has a few things to say about what He considers as lovely adornment, I Peter 3:3-7, "which is in the sight of God of great price." That must mean that a meek and quiet spirit are in high favor with God and are thus worth to be sought after by us.

Ladies, God desires for you to be beautiful—in the right way. Meditate on the ten "secrets" that we have considered together and then pray for God's help in becoming the most beautiful Christian you can, Psalm 90:17.

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**DO YOU KNOW WHAT I HEARD?**

**ACTS 10:36-41 TV 37**

**JOE BROOKS**

Intro: We have often heard the expression "Do you know what I heard?" Immediately we become intent upon listening to every word that the speaker is telling. Many times we do not stop to find out how much truth is in a story before we tell it. I would like to tell you something that I heard. Something that, if you will listen and apply this message to your heart, it will better your life. I also want you to tell others about this.

I. I HEARD THAT NOT EVERYONE IS GOING TO HEAVEN.

A. There shall be some who will not enter heaven, Matthew 7:21-23.
B. Heaven is a prepared place for those who have believed on Jesus.
C. Look at what Jesus said in Revelation 20:11-15.
   1. All spiritually dead shall stand before Jesus to be judged, v. 12.
   2. Whosoever was not found in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.
D. God has prepared a place for all unbelievers.
   2. Psalms 9:17
E. Yes, not everyone shall go to heaven. You can be sure you will by trusting Christ.

II. I HEARD THAT LONG AGO JESUS DIED FOR LOST SINNERS.

A. This was the mission of Christ in the world, Luke 19:10.
B. Jesus came to give His life as a ransom for many.
C. This is the reason that He endured the mocking, deserting and being an outcast.
D. This is the reason He sweat drops of blood in the garden.
E. This is the reason why He endured the things He did during His last days on earth.
   1. The beatings.
   2. The rejection by the Jews.
   3. The crown of thorns.
   4. The nails of the cross.
   5. The ridicule of the mob.
F. Yes, above the cross could have been written "I came to save lost sinners."

III. I HEARD THAT GOD DOESN'T REALLY WANT PEOPLE TO BE LOST.
   A. II Peter 3:9
   B. Why did God send His Son into the world? So that you might not perish if you believe.
   C. Why did Jesus die on the cross? So that you might not perish if you would believe.
   D. God doesn't want you to go to hell, but you will if you do not trust Him for salvation.

IV. I HEARD THAT IF YOU CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD YOU WILL BE SAVED.
   A. Let the scriptures prove this truth.
      1. Acts 2:21
      2. Romans 10:9-10
      3. Psalms 145:18

V. WHAT I HEARD IS TRUTH.
   A. Most gossip today is 99 per cent falsehood.
   B. But what I have told you is 100 percent truth.
   C. How do I know?
      1. Because I have experienced it in my life. I called upon God and He saved me.
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