

Gems

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- God gives so much and asks for so little.
- Listen with the intention of doing.
- The things that go deepest into our heart are not the words spoken, but those silent messages from God.
- Our preparation on earth means life or death.
- When you smell a sweet fragrance it is the evidence of something. May our lives bring a sweet fragrance.
- Nothing has changed. God is still asking the same thing that he has always asked for from His people.
- Follow Jesus. If we stop following we become a leader.
- Jesus never said “I’ll meet you in Heaven.”
- God is not asking for something that is impossible.
- There’s a secret for every victory and a reason for every defeat.
- If we have a purpose, we have an end result in mind. Do we?
- With victory comes peace. David’s victory came because of his willingness to prepare himself in the secret place.
- We’re vulnerable if we do not have God’s wisdom.
- We could be taken up with rules (“do’s” and “do not’s”). The “do not’s” put attention on things of this earth. Put your focus on doing the heavenly things that Jesus taught.
- Replace bad addictions with good addictions.
- God feeds us through others. Some things others can do for us better than we can do ourselves, It makes us appreciate others, and knits us together in love.
- The Bible tells us things we need to remember and things we need to forget.
- Nothing is too hard for Jesus to help.
- Jesus’ focus is always on the hidden things (the heart, the silent messages...)
- Our need is to have a soft and tender heart if we want to receive from God abundantly.
- Heart work is a serious work. If it stops we die. Same is true spiritually.
- The devil would want us to believe that we can’t be helped if we sin. (David did not believe this.)
- You can fool some people all the time and you can fool all people some of the time, but you can’t fool God anytime.
- Are we looking beyond the moment? What looks like a waste, may not be waste at all.
- Allow God to work on the inside.
- Warning: King Saul went through periods when he thought he was doing God’s will, but something was missing in his heart.
- Manna was miracle food, same as what we receive from God today. The manna proved their obedience- it had to be gathered each day. It proved their humility-it had to be gathered on bended knee. It proved their patience- it had to be picked kernel by kernel. It proved their priorities- there was a narrow window of time that it had to be gathered. It proved their satisfaction- no one went away empty.
- The manna met the needs of everyone. It was the same for young and old, it wasn’t chocolate coated for the children.
- Testimony of young girl, “I won’t remember all I heard, but I won’t forget how I felt”

- It takes a childlike spirit to be taught and led.
- Wrong is wrong if everyone is doing it, and right is right if no one is doing it.
- Listen for that still small voice; be quiet in a quiet place.
- We should be thankful for experiences that cause us to see our needs.
- We need a broken and contrite spirit. Broken says "I'm sorry." Contrite says, "I'm willing".
- The nature around us is a testimony to the Creator.
- Understanding life: 1) Jesus came to live for me. 2) Jesus died for me. 3) I have a responsibility.
- The spirit of God will always teach us what to say and do, and how to live, walk, and think.
- We have no doubt that God understands us, because Jesus came and lived as a man.
- Mercy does not put treasure in heaven, only victory does.
- Never, never think you can't be forgiven.
- Forgive others, even if they do not repent.
- Every day we can have our house set in order.
- Noah did all the work for the Lord. But when the waters were covering the earth, he would have thought, "This was for me." (We're the benefactor of what God asks us to do)
- The hardest battle to fight is the one we don't want to win.
- Our foes cannot reach the secret place where God prepares us for the fight.
- There's no rest in sin. A good conscience provides a soft pillow.
- The devil tries to turn worship away from the Lord.
- On Sunday morning come to worship, come with a broken and contrite heart, and worship in spirit and truth, with appreciation and adoration for Him who has set us free.
- Jesus came not to be ministered to, but to minister to others.
- God wants to see His people preserved and their sacrifices preserved. Sacrifices preserved are seasoned with salt. People preserved are sealed and will not lose their savor.
- Salt loses its identity. If you add salt to your meat, you don't ever say, "That's really good salt." Same with us as God's people, the salt of the earth. So that Jesus may be seen in us.
- We're not always thankful for what makes us poor in spirit, but in eternity we will be grateful.
- It's impossible to estimate the value of one that is in touch with God.
- Don't focus on what you could have in this life; instead focus on what you can have in Jesus.
- There is nothing more barren than a busy life.
- There are things that must be done daily. That is to Wash by the reading of God's word. And to Meditate, and to Pray.
- Slow down when you read the word of God. William Lewis once said, "Read it word by word". Read with the intent to do.

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