

Gems

Knoxville Convention, 2007

- We have to be willing to hear the voice of God.
- Correction from God is comforting... We know He is speaking to us.
- There is a great peace when we are willing to be guided by God.
- Walking with God is good for our spiritual health... He will show us things around the area of our life. Things that need work, things we have not seen before. Has dust settled on our kindness, patience, tolerance,...?
- Moldy bread is like the bread from Heaven that we got from God, but have not worked it into our life.
- Take from this convention not just the "pretty" things, but the things we need for spiritual life.
- We need to PRIZE that story that "Christ has Risen." It's Life to us! Tell it with love and cheer!
- When we hear things we have heard before, it comforts us. When we hear things we have never heard, it teaches us.
- Stand ready to be a help.
- We would miss opportunities if we are not willing to be searched by God at this convention.
- We need to see ourselves the way God sees us... in the light of Jesus.
- Anything we lose in this life to be close to God... well, we will lose it anyway some day.
- The words, "I have sinned" opens the door of forgiveness.
- Jesus is the visible image of an invisible God.
- If we love the Lord, nothing is too grievous for us.
- The last thing God would do is to give up on us...He wants us to be a victor, not a victim.
- If we get exalted after a victory, that could be worse than failing, because of pride. We win twice if we don't get exalted.
- We are being pruned; it means God is close to us.
- Sometimes God calms the storm; sometimes he calms His people in the storm.
- If we choose the excellent things in love, then our choices will be in tune with God.
- God provides a way of escape for any temptation. It's our job to take that escape.
- Go pray when you are discouraged. Do not have a pity party for yourself.
- We need to pray that our choices are God's choices.
- Our end will depend on our choices. Can we see the destiny in our choices?
- If we make choices in God's will, He will help us.
- Sometimes we may want someone or something else to change, but what is needed is a change in our self.
- No matter what someone does or says to us... it will not hurt us, but how we react to it could destroy us.
- A true blessing comes only when we submit to the spiritual, second born nature of Christ.
- Even though Abraham was rich with natural possessions, in his heart he desired spiritual richness.

- In a natural garden, man cooperates with God's creation to bring forth fruit. Spiritually, we have the same responsibility for bearing the fruit of the Spirit. We have to work the ground, keep the weeds out, remove the stones, etc.
- It's the daily faithfulness that God appreciates. We may want to do something grand and glorious, but a constant daily service is what means something to God.
- Cast you care upon God, means talking to God about it, not just throwing your cares to the wind and hoping things will work out okay.
- It would be so sad just to suppose that Jesus was with us, and find out too late that He was not.
- Reading about faith helps us to be faithful (Enoch, Mary the mother of Jesus, Abraham, the centurion, Caleb & Joshua, ...)
- The good ground of itself can never bring forth good fruit.
- God directs the workers to the right place, at the right time, with the right message.
- There's a lot we don't understand, but we believe it!
- The devil knows how important faith is to us, and he wants to shake our faith.
- The Lord kept David wherever he went. We're thankful that God can preserve us whither soever we go.
- A wish: "I wish I could think of Jesus as much as I think of myself."
- Be available every day for the Lord to speak to us.
- God delights in Jesus. We should delight in Jesus. If not, something is wrong.
- How do you see Jesus? Is His story a fairy tale to you? John saw Jesus as we all must see Jesus. "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." (Jesus would have done it for me alone.)
- A lot of times we worry about things that God has already fixed.
- The biggest mountain we face is sometimes the imaginary one we have in our own mind.
- Serving God is a step by step and moment by moment process... take one step with Jesus at our side, the take another step, again and again.
- Where is Jesus? We don't need to worry about that. We should be asking where are we?
- We may fail. So? Get clean and start again. It works!
- Serving God is more than going to meetings... It means having a relationship with God our Father.
- How do I know my religion is right? Because I follow Jesus who is perfect.
- Our natural children aren't perfect, but we love them. God's the same way. We're not perfect, but he loves us.
- When David went to battle Goliath, he took what he had proved. And the main thing he had proved was that God would help him.
- David got complete victory. He didn't stop with the sling but he took the sword. We get complete victory by not loving anyone or anything more than we love Jesus and the Gospel.
- Fear of the Lord means have respect for the Lord. (like a desire to please Him)
- Psalm 25:14 "The **secret** of the Lord is with them that fear him;..." The Spanish Bible translates this as "**intimate fellowship**". So we could say that those who would have a close fellowship with God would be those that fear and respect Him.

October 3, 2007