

"This is our year!" Say those words until it resonates within you!

Blessings!

Part 6: Build Your Dream

Live the Life You've Always Wanted!

Texts:

James 4:14 (NKJV) - "For what is your life?"

This is one of life's most important questions! Because you were created in God's image and likeness, you will best reflect His glory and give Him praise when you look most like Him. How does God look? He is sufficient in all things; He is full of grace and love.

Jeremiah 24:6-7 (NKJV) - "For I will set My eyes on them for good, and I will bring them back to this land; I will build them and not pull them down, and I will plant them and not pluck them up. [7] Then I will give them a heart to know Me, that I am the Lord; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God, for they shall return to Me with their whole heart."

A. God made these incredible promises about ***your*** life!

1. He has set His eyes upon you for good and wants to build you up and never tear you down. He wants to bless you, give you a heart to know Him, and to be your God.
2. **Revelation 12:11 (NKJV)** - "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death."

3. We have been teaching about two strategies. When you combine them—the blood of the Lamb and your personal testimony, every opposing force of the enemy to God's plans for your life can be overcome.
4. In the Greek, 'testimony' means: evidence; the report of a witness, as in a judicial case; to swear to or affirm what is the truth. Your testimony must declare what God is speaking about your life.
5. The steps to make your dream become a reality are: **See It! Say It! Pray It! Pay It! Play It! Stay It!** and then, **Sanctify It!**
6. The first step, **See It**, refers to a clearly defined goal or dream—which is your **vision**.
7. After you clearly **See It**, you must then learn to **Say It**, and keep saying or declaring it until your dream becomes a reality!

Part 3 - "Say It!"

Conversations You Must Have With Yourself

- B. Because words have creative power, you should repeat them.
1. **John 1:1 (NKJV)** - "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."
 2. God and His Word are indivisible. Since you **are** your word, scripture teaches the importance of being truthful and telling no lies.
 3. **John 1:14 NKJV)** - "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."
 4. When the Word became flesh, He became a visible, manifested reality in the dimension of human time and space. Likewise, the words you speak will become flesh. Words will manifest in your life, just as God's Word was manifested.

5. Words can be incredibly powerful, either to do good or to do harm. All our lives we have been told that 'sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me.' That is simply not true.
6. The truth is, words that are spoken to me and words I speak to someone else—or even the words I speak to myself, can be very damaging. On the other hand, speaking **right** words can help create the life you want to live.
7. **Job 6:25 (NIV)** - “How forceful are right words!”
8. The words you speak to yourself are even more powerful than the words others speak to you.
9. **Proverbs 23:7 (NKJV)** - “For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.”
10. Thoughts are literally conversations you are having with yourself! The Hebrew word for 'thinketh' means: *a gate*. Your mind is the gate to your soul.
11. The reason words have such a powerful force for good or evil is that they contain spirit. Wrong words allow the wrong spirit to enter the mind gate.
12. **John 6:63 (NKJV)** - “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. ***The words that I speak to you, they are spirit and they are life!***”

C. How creative are words? God used words to create and speak the world into existence.

1. Scholars have long debated the meaning of Genesis 1:26 when God said, “Let us make man in our image and likeness.”
2. Some argue that God was speaking to another part of the Godhead; others say He was speaking to angels.
3. Still others contend that as God, He lives in eternity, outside of time, and had already witnessed mankind's fall and the subsequent loss of God's image he once carried. Therefore, He was speaking prophetically to the

church about its role of helping to recreate fallen man in God's likeness and image.

4. How do we recreate man in God's image? By speaking or declaring right words, or the Gospel.

D. Not only did God create you to respond to words, but words can affect your life by programming you to either succeed or fail.

1. Neuro-Linguistic Programming:

Ivan Petrovich Pavlov, a Russian physiologist and psychologist, created the theories of Conditioned Response and Stimulus Theory. In his famous experiment, he rang a bell before feeding dogs to prove that what you experience can create deeply ingrained feelings in your body and mind that cause a certain response. These experiences program your mind to react in a certain way. By the simple ringing of a bell, the dogs became conditioned to respond as though food was actually being set before them—even if there was no food. They would salivate and have all the normal responses when food was set before them. However, these were not ingrained feelings; it was learned behavior from an outside stimulus.

2. This automatic response or feeling about a certain situation is known as an 'anchor.' There are both positive and negative anchors. Positive anchors produce good feelings and memories, while negative anchors do the opposite with unpleasant feelings and responses.
3. Think of it like this: the function of an anchor is to hold something in one place, whether it's good or bad.
 - a. If a very strong current is moving you in a different direction from where you should be going, a positive anchor will keep you from losing ground. That's a good thing, since the tides of life, such as bad friends or difficult circumstances, can conspire to pull you in the wrong way. You need these positive anchors.

- b. A negative anchor will keep you in one place and prevent you from moving forward.
4. To become all God meant you to be, you must eliminate those negative anchors.
5. (See the Flea video - <http://youtu.be/GlpjA-QgmQM>)
6. We act out what we have been programmed to do.
7. **Joke:** Trahan is Sick

Boudreaux and Thibodeaux were hard at work for the Crowley Public Works Department. Boudreaux would dig a hole two feet deep, and Thibodeaux would follow right behind and fill it with dirt. All day long, one would dig a hole and the other would fill it with dirt in the median on Parkerson Avenue.

Someone watching this activity from a nearby office decided to investigate. "I appreciate how hard y'all are working, but you dig a hole, and he fills it in. What gives?" he asked.

Thibodeaux answered, "Well, Trahan was s'posed to be with us plantin' trees, but he was sick this morning."

E. Programming begins when you are born. Most people are limited, not by their abilities or gifts, but by their programming!

1. None of us realize how powerful we were created to be. Having been made in God's image and in His likeness, we were created to be mirror images of our Heavenly Father. Science says that most of us never use more than 10% of our mental capacity. It is believed that even at the genius level of someone like Einstein or Hawking, no more than 30% of their mental capacity is used.
2. Every so often, something happens that makes us aware of how gifted and powerful we were meant to be.
3. Jason Padgett became a mathematical genius immediately after being severely beaten and kicked in the head by muggers. Ordinarily, people

who are severely beaten suffer brain damage that impairs them the remainder of their lives. However, the opposite was true with Jason. He began to see geometric patterns called 'fractals' in everything. Although he is now classified as a math savant, other areas of his intellect are still average. Whatever the cause, the part of his brain that deals with geometry was suddenly awakened.

4. One of the most fascinating stories I've ever heard is that of Leslie Lempke, the adopted son of May Lemke. Born on January 31, 1952, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Leslie Lemke is a blind American autistic savant who is most notable for his work as a musician.

Born prematurely, Leslie was diagnosed with glaucoma, cerebral palsy, and brain damage. When doctors were forced to remove his eyes, his birth mother gave him up for adoption. May Lemke, a nurse, adopted him when he was six months old. To feed him, May had to push food down his throat. It was a year before Leslie could chew his food. It took seven years of constant care before he showed any progress. During this time, he made no sounds or movements and showed no emotions. At the age of 12, he learned to stand alone, and at 15, he learned to walk.

When he was 16, May and her husband heard sounds of music in the middle of the night. They thought it was the TV, but instead, May discovered that Leslie was playing Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1, which he had recently heard on television. Without a single lesson or even being able to see the piano, much less the keys, he had begun to play the piece.

May, his adoptive mother, encouraged his talent for the piano. By 1980, Leslie was regularly giving concerts in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. His newfound fame gained invitations to various television shows, such as CBC's *Man Alive* (hosted by Roy Bonisteel), CBS Evening News, 60 Minutes, and *That's Incredible!* In 1983, ABC broadcast "The Woman Who Willed a Miracle," a drama about Leslie and his adoptive mother.

Leslie has toured the United States, Scandinavia, and Japan and given free concerts on various occasions.

(See <http://youtu.be/ZWtZA-ZmOAM> - start at 1:34 and end at 2:40.)

F. Science once believed that when wired, the brain was a physiologically static organ and that you must learn to accept the limitations imposed by your programming.

1. Neuro plasticity, the latest science, states that new neural pathways can be created that actually override the old negative programming.
2. To delete the old programming, you must create a new CD Rom.

G. Words you should speak to yourself:

1. I am special! I am a creation of God. He made and placed me in this world for a purpose. I was born to succeed. God doesn't make junk or create failures!
2. God loves me more than words can express and sees the value He placed within me. Even when others fail to recognize who I am, I am still the person God created me to be.
3. I am a child of God. I am made in His image and in His likeness and I love Him with all of my being.
4. I have a destiny and a reason for being on this earth. I am in the right place and this is my time. I will fulfill my assignment!
5. Even though I have made mistakes, have failed, and sinned, I still have value to God and have never lost my purpose for being created. These are only temporary setbacks. I hate the enemy who has deceived me and caused me to waste even one day of my valuable life.
6. I will even the score and make the enemy regret that he ever tried to harm me by living an even more fulfilling life than before. My tomorrows are going to be more powerful and glorious than I could possibly imagine!