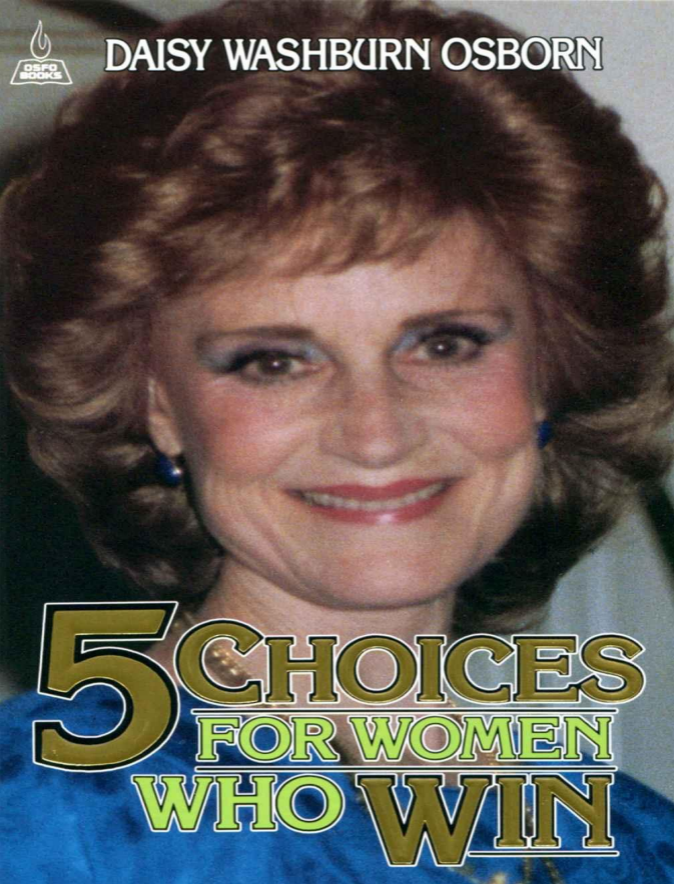




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TO MY devoted husband, T.L. Osborn who has shared my dreams. Together we have laughed, cried, rejoiced and achieved. Together we have made the choices I share in this book.



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PART I

Awakened For Winning

YOU ARE A CHOOSER, not a loser. You have the right to achieve greatness in every area of your life.

You have an abundance of ability. You have all of the talents you will ever need for every dream you will ever conceive.

Accept God's inventory of the treasures, the talents, the skills and the abilities that He has assigned you from the moment you were conceived.

Accept positive ideas that will bring happiness to you and to your world.

Assure yourself of a life of personal fulfillment, of inner happiness and of consistent success.

Decide today to turn worn-out excuses into brand-new uses. THAT IS THE CHOICE OF A WINNER.

CHAPTER ONE

YOU ARE EXTRAORDINARY

EVERY WOMAN CAN be a winner. You were destined to win. You are not a loser, but a chooser. You can actually CHOOSE TO WIN.

I am going to show you how to do that.

I want to ask you some questions and to make some statements to help you absorb the valuable input God has destined to come to you through this book.

The fact that you are reading this right now indicates that God has chosen YOU to be one of the happy successful winners on His team for life.

1. Do you realize that you are a unique individual?
2. Did you know that there is not another person in the whole world like you?
3. God made you special, just the way He wants you. He has a unique purpose for your life. Realize that, and you are on your way to becoming a winner.
4. You were born with an abundance of ability.

5. Are you aware that God's plan for your life requires talent, ability and skill?
6. Those gifts are already in you.
7. You are EXTRAordinary because you are one-of-a-kind.
8. You are bestowed with all of the talents you will ever need in your whole life.

As you discover your inner response to your God-given abilities, you can be only one thing — A WINNER.

When you have even a little self-love and self-worth — because of your awareness of God in you — you will start developing Christ-motivated habits that will make you a winner for sure.

CHAPTER TWO

THE AWESOME PREVIEW

THERE ARE ONLY two categories of people:

- The losers and the choosers.
- The whiners and the shiners.
- Those who reject ability and those who respond to ability.
- The doers and the non-doers.
- The believers and the unbelievers.

This fact is vividly portrayed in the preview which Christ gave us of the day when we shall all stand before the King to give an account of what we have done, or have not done, for Him during our life. ^{Ro.14:12}

There is just one division:

The doers are separated from the non-doers.

Race is not a factor, neither is our skin color, our social status, our culture, our language or our sex.

The division is based on action or non-action. And the

action involves things that are so simple.

The verses to which I am referring talk about such things as feeding the hungry, visiting the prisoners, clothing the naked.

Anyone Can Do It

Could not just about anyone give bread to the hungry, or water to the thirsty, or housing to a stranger, or clothing to the naked, or a helping hand to someone sick, or make a friendly call on a prisoner?

No special ability is required. Only God's ability to love, to care, to comfort and to share.

An awareness of, and an act of meeting a human need is all that is expected. Nothing big. Something everyone can do. But the DOING is what counts.

Here are the words of our Lord in Matthew 25. Just notice how basic they are:

The Doers—The Non-Doers

When I shall come in my glory, then I shall sit upon my throne. And all the nations shall be gathered before me. I will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and place the sheep at my right hand, and the goats at my left.

Then I shall say to those at my right, 'Come, blessed of my Father, into the Kingdom prepared for you from the founding of the world. For I was hungry and you fed me; I was thirsty and you gave me water; I was a stranger and you invited me into your homes; naked and you clothed me; sick and in prison, and you visited me.'

Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Sir, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you anything to drink? Or a stranger, and help you? Or naked, and clothe you? When did we ever see you sick or in prison, and visit you?'

And I will tell them, 'When you did it to these my sisters and my brothers you were doing it to me!'

Then I will turn to those on my left and say, 'I was hungry and you wouldn't feed me; thirsty, and you wouldn't give me anything to drink; a stranger, and you refused me hospitality; naked, and you wouldn't clothe me; sick and in prison, and you didn't visit me.'

Then they will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and not help you?'

And I will answer, 'When you refused to help the least of these my sisters and my brothers, you were refusing help to me.'

And they shall go away into eternal punishment; but the righteous into everlasting life.^{Mt. 25:31-46}

CHAPTER THREE

THE OVERLOOKED VERSE

THERE IS ANOTHER Bible verse which adds significance to this message .

This verse emphasizes something that many women have overlooked, because of society's cultural attitude that women are hardly identified, except through a man. That one tradition causes many women to forget their vital role, as an individual, in this life.

We are each one talented, and each of us must account for those talents individually.

Here is that important Living Bible verse:

Yes, each of us will give an account of herself or of himself to God.^{Ro.14:12 LB}

CHAPTER FOUR

LAUNCH YOUR TREASURE HUNT

I AM A good news messenger. Although the scriptures I have cited are weighty, they are not intended to frighten you. They constitute some of the BEST NEWS you will ever receive.

As you read this message of hope and of courage, you are going to receive some exciting and some creative ideas about your involvement as a Jesus-person, as a soulwinner, as a believer, as a representative of Jesus Christ in your world of influence.

We are looking at life — YOUR life, and the lives of other persons within your world of influence.

The Lord wants you to discover why you are destined to win. I am going to help you to fulfill your wonderful destiny — if that is what you would like to be able to do.

Remember, you are not a loser, but a chooser. You have the power of choice. You have the right to achieve greatness in every area of your life.

New Awareness

I hope to inspire you to see yourself as you really are. I

want to awaken you to a new awareness of your true identity.

Be constantly mindful that you are a unique individual; that there is not another person in the whole world like you.

When you were conceived in your mother's womb, you were an idea of God taking on human form. You were created special, and God has a distinct purpose — an unparalleled plan for your life.

My goal is to help you to launch your personal treasure hunt. In other words, start from this very moment to discover the innate and the unique abilities which God has created in YOU to guarantee your fulfillment and your happiness in life.

Perhaps you have never thought of yourself as a gifted person. Well, there is no better time than right now to adjust your attitude about yourself.

Accept God's inventory of the treasures, the talents, the skills and the abilities that He has assigned to you from the moment you were conceived.

THINK ABOUT THIS:

You are already bestowed with all of the talents you will ever need in your life.

In fact, you have more abilities than you can ever use.

Choosing the Positive

Would you like to learn how to respond to your God-

given capabilities? Would you like, once and for all, to discard the frustrating excuses that have prevented your fulfillment?

Do you want to be rid of negative thoughts that have retarded the happiness you were destined for?

Would you be willing to make a big bold choice today? Would you choose to abandon the habits which have impeded your creative usefulness and which have stunted your effective involvement in life?

As you discover your inner response to your God-given abilities, you will discover that petty excuses will be changed into purposeful uses.

You will observe that negative thoughts will be replaced with positive ideas which will result in happiness for you and for those around you.

You will recognize that non-productive habits will be gone. In their place, your creative talents will be cultivated and channeled for achievement. You will become a true-blue winner.

As that takes place in you, you will find yourself looking for a reason to scale and to climb rather than for an excuse to fail and to whine.

Decide today to assure yourself of a life of personal fulfillment, of inner happiness and of consistent success. Turn those old worn-out excuses into brand-new uses. That is the choice of a winner.

CHAPTER FIVE

WINNERS ON GOD'S TEAM

WHEN YOU BECOME aware of Christ in you, you begin developing habits that make you an achiever for sure.

You discover, as I have, that Jesus is often in the people and in the places where we least expect to encounter Him.

I was in an African city, preaching and preparing for one of our national crusades. This is always a very busy time and it is easy to get so caught up with high-level meetings that individuals are overlooked. On that particular day, I was meeting the governor of the state, then the mayor of the city and finally the chief of police. It was a very arduous day.

In the course of conversation as we traveled to my first engagement, I heard about Esther, the daughter of a high court judge. She was in the hospital in a coma and was dying. The judge had heard of my presence in the city and sought me out. He caught up with our party and appealed to me to come and minister to his beautiful, young daughter. A tumor on the brain had caused her sudden collapse at the university where she was an honor student. Her father was heartbroken. So many dreams had seemingly ended in disaster.

The executives of the crusade committee began making

excuses for me to the judge. They assured him that I would like to agree to his request but that I had no time. However, as I heard the plea of the judge and the excuses of the pastors, I seemed to hear Jesus say: “Remember how my well-intentioned disciples tried to stop the cry of Bartimaeus? Follow my example.”

That was all I needed to hear. I said, “Let’s go to our next engagement by way of the hospital.” That is what we did. As the judge and I walked into the room, Esther was lying still as death with her eyes closed. The attending physician confirmed what the justice had told us, “Esther is dying.”

We asked permission to be with her alone and then I took Esther’s hand. I did not see my hand on her, I saw the hand of Jesus on Esther’s. I talked to her, then prayed and commanded her to open her eyes, in the name of Jesus. Her eyelids flickered and then she opened her eyes wide. A big beautiful smile spread across her face. She looked angelic! That was the beginning of a great miracle. Esther was completely restored to health, to the amazement of many. She attended the crusade and gave witness of her miracle to a field packed with people.

Jesus was never too busy, too famous, too tired or too scheduled to hear a single voice of a person in need. Jesus in you and in me has not changed. He is the same today in us.

Christ said we would find Him among the poor, the naked, the hungry, the thirsty, the sick and the prisoners.

He emphasized that those who DO something to reach out

to bless those kinds of people are the sure WINNERS on His team; and those who DO NOTHING about them end up as the unfulfilled LOSERS in life.

The good news is that today you can choose to be a WINNER with Him.

Only Two Categories

Let me re-emphasize this fact:

There are basically only two categories of people:

The LOSERS and the CHOOSERS;

The WHINERS and the SHINERS;

Those who REJECT ABILITY and those who RESPOND TO ABILITY;

The DOERS and the NON-DOERS;

The BELIEVERS and the UNBELIEVERS.

These are the only two categories of people who will stand before our Lord when He makes the final separation between those who shall be eternally blessed and those who shall be eternally lost.

Those who will win in that day, will win because they will have done such simple things — not extraordinary things, but ordinary things to help ordinary, needy people.

Anyone can do those ordinary things.

Anyone can give bread to the hungry or give water to the

thirsty.

Anyone can host a stranger or clothe someone who is naked.

Anyone can lend a helping hand to a sick person or go and visit a prisoner.

Yet why was it that only the “righteous” ones — the winners, did those things?

Those simple acts of kindness are what distinguished them before the Lord. That is what marked them as WINNERS on His team. They had their Master’s attitude.

They possessed God’s ability to love, to care, to comfort, to lift, to reach, to bless, to give, to help and to share.

They had been AWAKENED FOR WINNING. And that is happening to YOU as you read this book. All of the God-given creativity, talent, ability and potentiality which He built into YOU is coming to life — it is WAKING UP TO WIN WITH HIM.

CHAPTER SIX

FOUR GREAT VIRTUES

A PERSON ON THE winning team with Jesus has at least FOUR WONDERFUL VIRTUES—and you are equipped with these gifts as much as anyone else in the world, once you choose to make your own individual life count with God.

FIRST VIRTUE: A constant awareness of human need;

SECOND VIRTUE: An abiding motivation to meet that need;

THIRD VIRTUE: The spontaneous energy to get involved;

FOURTH VIRTUE: The quiet patience to be non-critical.

CHAPTER SEVEN

MY PERSONAL ANSWER

BETWEEN OUR MASS crusades abroad, I minister and preach as often as possible in conferences, conventions, rallies, *etc.* God has placed a deep concern and a compassion in my heart to help both women and men to become winners in life.

I was the principal speaker at an international conference of more than ten thousand Christian women.

Between lectures, in some tête-a-tête discussions, an influential Christian lady strongly objected to my urging women to accept the command of Jesus to *Go to all the world and to preach the gospel to every creature.* ^{Mk.16:15}

That lady also objected to me applying, *You shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you, and you shall be my witnesses in all the world,* ^{Ac.1:8} to women as well as to men.

She Thought Her Man Would Answer for Her.

She had assumed the traditional philosophy that women were excluded from the weighty words of Christ's commission and, for that matter, she had accepted the religious

presumption that women were excused from the whole job of soulwinning.

She said with profound conviction:

“My going and my doing depends entirely upon my husband. If he doesn't direct me to go witness for Christ, I don't. He hasn't, so I haven't.”

I asked her:

“Will your husband answer for you when you stand before Christ, the King, to account for what you have done during your lifetime?”

“Do you think that we, as women, will be exempted from standing before our Master and from answering for our lives?”

She replied, with a searching look in her eyes:

“I really don't know what you are talking about.”

I proceeded to relate to her my own personal experience.

My Record Is Personal

One day while reading my Bible these scriptures which I have already shared with you stood out forcibly to me.

I was reading Romans Chapter 14, in my Living Bible, which says:

Remember, each of us will stand personally before the Judgment Seat of God. Yes, each of us will give an account of herself or of himself to God. Ro. 14:10, 12LB

I realized that I had discovered some declarations in the Bible which, by our culture and by our tradition, are overlooked

by women.

I had read these verses many times, but that day I discovered the seeds of truth that would have a profound and an eternal effect upon my life — and ultimately on the lives of women around the world.

I realized that one day, I, Daisy Marie Washburn Osborn, will be one of those persons gathered before the King.

What I do, or do not do for people and for my Lord in this life, will determine my classification forever.

T.L. Osborn, my dedicated, soulwinning husband will not answer for me. I will stand alone before the King as an individual. My husband's deeds will not make points for me. My record will stand on its own. I have an individual responsibility, and so do you. I accept it gladly. How about you?

You are important to God. Only you can do the things God has equipped you to do.

It is important to recognize that with God-given ability comes responsibility which is simply this: Your RESPONSE to God's ABILITY.

When you realize this, you are on your way to becoming a winner. You are experiencing what it means to be AWAKENED FOR WINNING.

CHAPTER EIGHT

FIVE POSITIVE CHOICES

I AM GOING TO share with you FIVE POSITIVE and DYNAMIC CHOICES which you have the freedom to make in your own life. These basic choices can transform any person into a lifetime winner. They can rejuvenate and revitalize you right now as you read this message which I am sharing from my heart.

Here are at least five positive OPTIONS which you are free to benefit from:

Choice No. 1.

INDIVIDUALIZE YOURSELF

Choice No. 2.

CELEBRATE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Choice No. 3.

BELIEVE YOU CAN REBEGIN

Choice No. 4.

IDENTIFY JESUS IN PEOPLE

Choice No. 5.

EXTERMINATE THE EXCUSE SYNDROME

The choices for becoming a winner are really quite simple and they offer formidable options to you for real satisfaction and achievement in life.

They will AWAKEN everything that God has built into you for the purpose of WINNING IN LIFE WITH HIM.

PART II

Individualize Yourself

NEGATIVE VOICES MERIT rejection. Positive voices warrant acceptance.

Human potentials lead to divine realities when you recognize your direct hookup with God.

Religion is the chauvinistic warden that prejudiciously stalks and monitors females in bondage.

Choose the voices that will influence you to be more than you dreamed you could be.

No one can do everything but every one can do something.

Activate your abilities in place of debilitating your capacities.

You are not wrong because you are different.

Choose today to let your wonderful individualized self come to life in God's plan and discover the art of being A REAL WINNER.

CHAPTER NINE

INDIVIDUALIZE YOURSELF

YOU WILL BE on the winning team when you choose to identify your own distinguished person and to accept the facts which INDIVIDUALIZE YOURSELF in God's plan as His own unique creation.

IT IS TIME to get out of group therapy and to step into the kind of therapy that *INDIVIDUALIZES* you as someone remarkably special to God and to people.

Reject any voice or any influence that would demean you or categorize you as mediocre or as an ordinary human person. You are unique.

You are the only one God has like you, so you have INDIVIDUALIZED value and purpose.

Never allow any one to brainwash you with commonality.

Choose to accept the facts which individualize you in God's plan.

God said, Let us make humankind in our image — after our likeness, and let them have dominion. So God created humankind in his own image, in the image of God created he him, male and female created he them. Ge.1:26,27

When God created the human race, He chose to make it up

of individuals. There is only one you and there is only one me.

To help you to INDIVIDUALIZE yourself in God's plan, here are 5 facts about YOU which can distinguish you as a LIFETIME WINNER:

FIRST

You are commissioned to GO.

SECOND

You have intelligence to KNOW.

THIRD

You have talents to GROW.

FOURTH

You have abilities to SOW.

FIFTH

You have importance to SHOW.

Let us look more closely at these facts.

CHAPTER TEN

COMMISSIONED TO GO

THE FIRST FACT to accept in order to individualize yourself in God's plan is:

YOU YOURSELF ARE INDIVIDUALLY CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD AND COMMISSIONED TO GO.

THE QUESTION IS: Where are you to go?

You are to go to other wonderful individuals in your world and to show them how necessary they are, as individuals created by God.

Choose to esteem the individualized YOU that He has created.

Choose to believe that you are not an accident, but that you are an incident.

You are a happening to celebrate, not a mistake to incriminate.

You have been selected, not rejected.

You are an asset, not a liability.

Question: Was only the male species of the human race created *in the image* of God?

Answer: Of course not.

Mankind, meaning male and female — humankind, was created in the likeness of God. The Bible says, *male and female, created he them.*^{Ge.1:27} You are the result of precise, careful, expert planning. There is a distinct purpose for your life.

"God Don't Make No Dummies"

There was a five-year-old boy who, on his first day in kindergarten, was asked by his teacher to tell something about himself to the rest of his new classmates. This boy obviously came from a loving home and had good seeds sown in him. He told his name and then self-confidently added:

“I'm GOOD, 'cause God don't make nothin' bad.

“I'm HANDSOME, 'cause God don't make nothin' ugly.

“And I'm SMART, 'cause God don't make no dummies.”

What a dynamic and simple acceptance of a God-inspired, God-created individualized human person! That lad said it all in a nutshell. His was a good self-image — a positive esteem for his own individualized self.

You can make this life-changing choice right now as you read this book:

Identify your own distinguished person. Accept the remarkable facts which individualize you as a unique creation of God. You have a unique purpose in His plan.

Can you be as honest and as forthright as that five-year-old boy was? I believe that you can.

Always remember that you are God's idea. That means you are a very special creation — not the result of an assembly line of robots.

You are custom-made, one-of-a-kind. And the master designer is your heavenly Father.

The Voices to Resist

Choose to resist any voice or any influence that attempts to lower your self-worth.

You were created in God's image. You are equipped and ready to go wherever He sends you.

If you are a woman, Christ's commission is your mission as much as it is the mission of any man.

You may not be able to go around the world, but you can go to the world around you.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

INTELLIGENCE TO KNOW

THE SECOND FACT to accept in order to help you to individualize yourself in God's plan is:

YOU ARE BESTOWED WITH INTELLIGENCE TO KNOW.

THE QUESTION IS: What are you to know?

You are to know your heavenly Father. You are to know His nature. You are to know His character.

You are to know His love. You are to know His will. You are to know His good plan.

You are to know His design for successful living.

You, as an individualized human person in God's plan, are bestowed with intelligence to know Jesus, who was God in the flesh.

You are to know the difference between good news and bad news, between right choices and wrong choices.

You are to know that your origin and your hookup are divine.

There was a time when it was considered an insufferable waste for an able-bodied boy to go off to school. The time he spent with books should rather have been given to physical labor.

Earning one's living by the sweat of his brow was the

manly approach to life. “If you don’t work, you don’t eat!” was the philosophy even when I was a child.

We were a family of eleven children which was considered a pretty good-sized work force. We were so poor that poor folks called us poor.

During the Depression we followed the fruit crops in California, where we managed to grub out an existence. Book learning certainly was not encouraged. Only one of my seven brothers pursued higher education and he had to leave home to do so.

Then when girls took to the scholar’s arcade in place of to the beauty parade, a whole new wave of opposition arose in dominant force.

In much of the world this resistance to education for females still exists.

A New Day Is Dawning

But there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Women around the world are waking up. A new day is dawning for women and for girls. God is arousing their innate potential.

The day of God’s woman is here. Women are accepting their place on His winning team. They are recognizing that God has bestowed them with intelligence to know His nature and to know His plan. Women today are becoming a vital part of God’s dream for humankind.

God bestowed the same abilities on all of His creation — female and male alike. Logically He did it for the same purposes.

Eyes, ears and a mouth facilitate communication.

Feet and hands assist in going and doing.

We each have a brain to question, to think and to learn.

Thinking is the potential of a woman as well as of a man. It is the domain of a girl as well as of a boy.

Each individualized woman or girl who is created by God, in His own image, has been endowed with the same life-source, the same propensity, the same divine hook-up.

The same human potentialities, the same attributes, the same latent abilities imparted to the male are created in the female — in all women — in you — in me.

You and I have a brain to train.

You and I have intelligence to know.

That intelligence is God-given.

Share with it.

Bear with it.

Flare with it.

Then you will be useful,

fruitful and delightful.

You will be on your way to becoming a winner.

Your Right of Choice

As an individual creation of God, you cannot afford to allow culture and tradition to depersonalize your life.

You have the right of choice to awaken the abilities, the attributes, the potentialities of God in you from lying dormant and unexercised.

You can choose to bring to life those gifts and virtues which individualize YOU in God's plan.

You are a physical expression of God on this earth. As a believer, you are created, then recreated for the purpose of exercising dominion on this earth — dominion for the good of yourself and for the good of others.

Choose today to let your wonderful, individualized self come to life in God's plan and discover the art of being a real winner on His team.

CHAPTER TWELVE

TALENTS TO GROW

THE THIRD FACT to accept in order to help you to individualize yourself in God's plan is:

YOU HAVE BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH TALENTS TO GROW.

THERE ARE TWO things that you can do with your abilities, your talents, your ingenuity.

You can leave them dormant, unattended or even undiscovered,

Or you can put them to work for yourself, for your loved ones, for your neighbors, for your world around you.

In other words, you can use them or you can lose them.

The Conclusion I Have Reached

Everywhere I go, I see women whose talents and abilities are repressed or restrained, stifled or suffocated, menaced or muted.

I have come to realize that religion is the chauvinistic warden that prejudiciously stalks and monitors females in bondage in God's work.

As an individual creation of God, you are entrusted with talents.

Discover them.

Grow them.

Explore them.

Share them.

Be enriched by them and give your world a chance to be enriched by them, too.

Have you ever heard a girl or a woman say, (or you may have said something like this, yourself):

“Oh, I can’t do anything. I’m not gifted like other people?”

I hope you will never think or say something like that again, because it is not true. There is no human person without special talents and abilities in life.

Everyone is gifted — not all in the same way, nor to the same extent. But everyone is invested with skills for God’s divine purpose of lifting and of blessing people.

One person’s efficiency complements another’s, as in the case of a wife and a husband.

But we must use our gifts or we will lose them.

This is a very important principle to remember.

I say it this way:

The more that you use of what you have, the more you will have to use.

The Sequoia and the Bonsai

This principle is so clearly illustrated by the giant sequoia tree of California and by the miniature bonsai tree of Japan.

Did you know that by stunting and cutting away the roots of a California Sequoia tree when it is small, you can actually limit its development to a tiny, gnarly dwarf of a tree that you can grow in a pot or hold in one hand?

The same sequoia seedling or starter, whose nature is to tower heavenward up to 340 feet with diameters of up to 28 feet, can be so stunted by the famous bonsai technique, that it can exist in an atrophied state for hundreds of years as a tiny miniature of a tree.

Its taproot or its source has been restricted.

It has not been allowed to grow into its innate greatness.

Its roots have been tampered with.

Its purpose has been altered by man for captivity.

It has been reduced to aesthetics.

That is what religious tradition and culture can do to human persons created in God's image.

Lives destined for achievement can be reduced to a bonsai existence. Lives intended for greatness can be limited and restricted to the role of emotional and visual aesthetics for the pleasure of others who would grow them in their ornate pots, and who would hold them in their pandering hands.

But it can only happen to you if you permit it to happen.

Choose Your Influences

In life there are many voices.

You have the power to choose the voices that will influence you.

Listen to the voice that challenges you to grow tall and to be all that God wants you to be.

If you are attentive to the demeaning, bigoted, religious voices, you will discover your taproot severed and your life restricted.

You will be dwarfed like the gnarly little bonsai.

You will be like a house plant, coddled and controlled for the pleasure of someone else.

But the good news I bring to you is this:

You can decide today that your life will be like a giant sequoia. You can choose to reach upward and to grow strong by the life of God.

You can choose to be a giant of a Jesus-person.

Your individual talents are hooked up to the same source as those of every other believer.

Your source is God, your heavenly Father. And He created you in His own image.

If God is not having a complete expression through you, there is no one to credit that fact to but yourself.

Make Your Own Decisions

Have the courage to individualize yourself—to be and to stay unique.

Make the decision now. Choose to be an individual who reflects Jesus in your world of influence.

Choose to give of yourself, of your time, of your abilities and of your talents to make the world around you better.

With use, your talents will grow and will return to you a rich harvest. The Bible says that your harvest will be in *good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over.*^{Lu.6:38}

There is little you can learn from doing nothing.

But there is much to be gained by attempting something.

Put your talents into action so that they can grow in the rich soil of the new individualized you. You will be amazed at the abundant harvest you will reap.

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

ABILITIES TO SOW

THE FOURTH FACT to accept in order to help you to individualize yourself in God's plan is:

YOU ARE ENDOWED BY GOD WITH ABILITIES TO SOW.

WHAT ARE YOU to do with the God-given abilities He has entrusted you with?

You are to do whatever God puts in your heart or in your imagination to do. And when it is from God it is for the good of people in your world.

The Bible says that God will help you to accomplish whatever He puts in your heart to do.^{Ph.2:13}

Any person — any woman or any man, who does not believe in herself or himself, and who does not fully utilize her or his God-given ability and who does not sow the good seeds of their actions in their world, is missing the real mark in life.

As Capable As God Can Be

When you do not put your abilities into action and sow the seeds of the real you in your world around you, you are assuming yourself to be incapable. But in reality you are

actually as capable as God can be through any other human person.

Instead of activating the abilities you have been endowed with, you can debilitate those powers by thinking that you are not intelligent. Actually you have all of the intelligence that God designed for you. You have all the intelligence that He needs to accomplish His total plan through you.

Refuse to act like a mass produced copy when you are truly a God-created original.

By failing to use the abilities you are endowed with, you can deprive or delude yourself, your family, your friends, your community and your society.

But more importantly, you can deprive God who has made the greatest investment in you.

Special Abilities

The Living Bible says:

Faith that doesn't show itself by good works (abilities in action) is no faith at all - it is dead and useless. Ja.2:17LB

It also says:

Christ has given each of us SPECIAL ABILITIES out of his rich storehouse of gifts. Ep.4:7LB

And Paul says:

Be sure to USE the abilities God has given to you.^{1Ti.4:14LB}

You USE your abilities by SOWING them through your actions, your words, your attitude, your voiced opinions.

No one has a right to withdraw in life and never have an opinion, or never have a voice, or never exercise an influence.

SAY something.

DO something.

BE something.

And when Jesus is in you, what you say, what you do, and what you become will be for the good of your world around you.

The Living Bible says:

Put your abilities TO WORK. Throw yourself into your tasks,^{1Ti.4:15LB} and, Make your deeds as good as your doctrine.^{2Co.9:13LB}

Action Is What Counts

In the Living Bible, it says that *Abraham's faith was made complete by WHAT HE DID, BY HIS ACTIONS, BY HIS GOOD DEEDS.*^{Ja.2:22LB}

Yours is too.

That is why I say that you are endowed with abilities to

sow.

When you individualize your wonderful self and sow yourself in ACTION, in DOING SOMETHING, you are making the choice to be part of God's winning team.

Never be afraid to express yourself.

Each person will express herself or himself differently, but that is what individualization is all about. That is what makes you such a unique expression of God on this earth.

You are not wrong just because you are different.

So, individualize yourself by having your own opinion.

Speak up.

Be seen and be heard.

That is how you sow.

That is how you cultivate your abilities.

That is how you gain confidence.

Never try to be somebody else. Be the INDIVIDUALIZED Y-O-U — the unique you who is God's idea, God's creation.

Accept who you are and utilize your own unique abilities. Sow them in the world that surrounds you. That will put you on God's winning team.

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

IMPORTANCE TO SHOW

THE FIFTH FACT to accept in order to help you to individualize yourself in God's plan is:

ACCEPT YOURSELF AS A PERSON OF GOD-GIVEN IMPORTANCE TO SHOW.

YOU MIGHT ASK:

“If I have God-given importance to show, what am I to show? To whom is it to be shown?”

You are to show to your world around you what God has accomplished within you.

The Living Bible says:

You have been chosen by God to show others how he called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were less than nothing; now you are God's own. Once you knew very little about his kindness; now your very life has been changed by it. ^{1Pe.2:9-10LB}

That applies to every woman as well as to every man.
YOU HAVE IMPORTANCE TO SHOW!

There may be no theologian who will tell you that you are important, because religion manages to make you feel that you are a nobody. And that attitude is supposed to keep you humble.

Believe You Are Vital

I say: Be humble enough to recognize your importance.

It takes real confidence — real faith in God, real trust in your heavenly Father, to acknowledge and to say with your words and with your actions:

“I am of consequence to God’s plan!

“My opinion is vital to my world!

“My time is important!

“What I do is valuable!”

The Bible says:

What is woman or man that you are mindful of them, that you should visit them? For you have made them a little lower than God and have crowned them with glory and honor Ps.8:4,6

(The King James version says: *a little lower than the angels*, but the original text reads: *a little lower than God*.)

When you read the scriptures, always personalize them. If you are a woman, when you see the word “man” where it implies “humankind”, read it as “woman”. When the Bible says, *As a man thinks in his heart, so is he*, read: *As a woman thinks in her heart, so is she* Pr.23:7 You will be surprised at what the Bible will communicate to you when you make that personal application.

Put your own name in the scriptures as you read them. It will give you courage. It will build your faith.

Faith comes by hearing the word ... Ro.10:17

By believing the word,
By reading the word,
By personalizing the word,
By individualizing yourself in the word.

Your faith will not grow by listening to theologians or religionists or sermonizers. Your faith will not grow by listening to any other persons who depreciate you or who negate your individual value.

Never lend your ear to any voice that does not agree with the good things God says about you.

Our German Visitor

A young German woman whom we shall call Helga, came to visit my husband and me in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She was in her mid-twenties and had been so verbally abused from childhood by her parents that she appeared to be mentally ill.

Her brother had been favored by their parents. He had acquired a good education. He had become somebody important and respected in their community.

But from the time that Helga was a little girl, she had been told that she was worthless, that she would never amount to anything, that she could not learn, that she was a problem and an embarrassment to her family.

Helga's parents told her that all she could do was to scrub floors. So that is exactly what she did. She literally became a

slave to her parents as a result of the verbal pictures they projected into her mind through their negative and destructive words.

Our magazine, *Faith Digest*, (in the German language), somehow reached that home.

Since she had gone to school, she could read. So she began reading our magazine. It was the best news she had ever heard and it turned her despair into hope. She took new courage and began to realize that she was vital to God and to His plan for humankind.

The Wide High Sky

Helga was like the Jewish girl, Yentl, played by Barbra Streisand, who, having been forbidden to read or to gain knowledge (because of Jewish religious custom), sneaked into her father's library and invaded the new world of book-learning.

Then she disguised herself as a lad and went to yeshiva.

Yentl then sang her moving and formidable song which, in essence, said:

“Now I have a voice!

“Now I have a choice!

“I will no longer be content with just a piece of the sky! I never dreamed it was so high and so wide!

“Now I know, the birds have wings to fly; I have eyes to see and a mind

to learn!”

And she sailed off into her big, glorious, new world, because she discovered her individualized potential.

Helga did like Yentl. She made up her mind to pursue the dream that was being seeded in her through *Faith Digest*. She resolved to meet T.L. and Daisy Osborn personally, to see if the beautiful things they were putting in print could be true for her too.

That so-called dull-witted lady saved her money, secured her passport, applied for an American visa, and flew to the United States to see us. She did it all by herself, without her parents knowing anything about her plan.

Arriving in Tulsa, she could not speak a word of English, but she had the courage to believe that there would be a solution to her problem.

What a miracle story!

Situations Can Be Changed

The lesson is:

Our choices and our decisions are what change our situations.

We can be on the winning team if we have the courage and the faith to believe in our importance, and to accept the fact that we are here in life to **SHOW** what God can do for and through any human individual.

When Helga arrived in Tulsa, our German translator joined us in our prayer room, and we listened to her story.

She looked so pitiful with her body contorting and her face grimacing uncontrollably. Almost anyone would have categorized her as being psychotic.

We reached out to her with love and understanding. We set aside time to be with her daily. We prayed with her. We taught her. We gave her personal, loving attention — which is the best therapy there is. And the lady began to blossom.

She started to respond with a smile, then a laugh. We watched the beginning of her miracle transformation. It was beautiful!

The Coin with the Message

During her visit T.L. and I were on our daily jogging trek down by the river. He stopped and picked up a coin from the jog-trail. It was a penny which had been so battered and scarred that it was almost unrecognizable.

T.L. was impressed to show that coin to the young woman visiting us from Germany, and to give her this message:

“This battered, scarred, abused penny has the same value as a brand new shiny coin.”

So that is what he told her, adding:

“Helga, you may be scarred and marred, like this damaged penny, but you have your original value. You are as important and as worthy as any

other person in the world.”

She grasped that idea and we could see the new courage that was born in her as she saw the value of her individualized self.

Helga returned to Germany a new woman, to become successful in her work. She had to make changes though, which included releasing her past and her abusive family relationship.

She discovered how to individualize herself in God’s plan for her life and she learned to accept and to esteem her importance and her value to God.

Choose to Believe the Good News

You may have been verbally or physically abused as a child. You may have been told that you are worthless and that you could never amount to anything.

Never believe any person or group or system or influence which negates your individual person. They are not true. Reject their influence. Shut out their voices. Refuse their doctrines, their dogmas, their scrutiny, their assessments.

The only influence that can ever really put you down, is your own attitude. It can only happen to you through your own choice to listen and to give credit to someone who demoralizes you.

Turn them off. Shut them out, and walk into your

wonderful positive world.

You are created in God's image. You have tremendous value. He paid a big price for you. He determined your worth by giving His best — His only Son, Jesus Christ to redeem you and to restore you to Himself as His friend and partner.

Does that tell you anything about your value?

Never let anyone tell you that you are worthless, that you are a nobody, a second-class citizen, a human person made for subordination, for inferiority, for insignificance, for mediocrity.

This is very important because, the way you see yourself — INDIVIDUALIZED, influences what you do with your life.

Recognize Your Value

How you see your individual self determines how you see and how you treat other people.

It is a fact that your attitude toward others is a reflection of your attitude toward yourself.

See your individualized self as God sees you — important, valuable, useful.

When you do that, you will want to be more like Him, to act more like Him, to talk more like Him because you begin to understand that you are created to be His representative — His expression on this earth.

Then you will recognize the value and the uniqueness of other people; that each wonderful individual is God's particular creation, and that each one has a distinct destiny in life.

But you can only comprehend this and value this fact about people when you choose to identify your own distinguished person, and when you accept the facts which INDIVIDUALIZE YOURSELF in God's plan as His own unique creation — with IMPORTANCE to SHOW to your world.

How does God see you?

He sees you as a winner on His winning team.

He loved you so much, He sent Jesus — His best, to die for you.

Jesus loved you so much, He gave His best — His life, for you.

You are redeemed. You are brand new. You are made perfect and complete in Jesus Christ.

Wholeness in Every Way

You have the potential of being as complete as God is complete, because you are made in His image.

The Bible says that *you are complete in Christ*.^{Col.2:10} In other words, Christ in you makes you a complete, whole individual.

You may stand perfect in all the will of God ^{Col.4:12} Think about that!

God's will for you is that you be His representative on this earth. He is saying that *you may stand perfect* as a representative of him.

Now that is what I call IMPORTANCE — importance to show to your world what God can do to an individualized human person.

The Bible also says: *That you may walk honestly toward them that are outside and that you may have lack of nothing* ^{1Th.4:12}

You lack nothing because you are hooked up to your source — Jesus Christ, who says, *I am the vine and you are the branches.* ^{Jn.15:5}

Being an individualized Jesus-person, a believer, a Christian, is really the only life worth living. And it is worth living to the fullest, because it is IMPORTANT living.

Jesus said:

I am come that you might have life and that you might have it more abundantly. ^{Jn.10:10}

The Bible says:

It is God's way of making us well prepared at every point, fully equipped — or complete, to do good to everyone. ^{2Ti.3:17}

Let patience have her perfect work, that you may be perfect and entire,

lacking nothing. Ja. 1:4

That means that you lack nothing mentally, physically, spiritually, or financially.

The Living Bible says it this way:

Let your patience grow. For when it is finally in full bloom, then you will be ready for anything, strong in character, full and complete. Ja. 1:4LB



YOU HAVE BEEN reading about the first great choice which you are free to make in order to be a winner in life. CHOOSE TO INDIVIDUALIZE YOURSELF. We covered five facts about yourself that will help you to do that.

Now I am ready to share with you the second positive option which is open to you today — the second great choice which you have the freedom to make, and which will help transform you into a winner for life.

PART III

Celebrate Your Responsibility

AN OPPORTUNITY NOT hasted is ability wasted. Ability that is not used is talent that is abused.

Release your abilities by responding to people. Liberate your response to God's ability in you.

People in need provide field in which to seed.

Only you can use your own ability. What you have is yours to do with as you choose.

- *Celebrate the world of need around you.*
- *Activate the power you have within you.*
- *Communicate the knowledge that has changed you.*

Celebrate the wonderful fact that nothing is impossible for YOU AND GOD AS A TEAM.

CHAPTER FIFTEEN

CELEBRATE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

YOU WILL BE on the winning team when you exercise your choice to distinguish and to celebrate your responsibility in this life.

WHAT YOU REALLY choose to celebrate, when you say “responsibility”, is your human RESPONSE to God’s ABILITY within you.

A Surprising Encounter

I was in Lubumbashi, Zaire preparing for our crusade there when I had an unusual experience that prompted me to respond to God’s ability in me and to learn the French language.

I was in town for several weeks organizing a mass crusade before my husband, T.L. Osborn, joined me. Each morning about ten o’clock I would take a break and go to a certain sidewalk cafe for a cup of coffee.

There was a businesswoman in town who frequented the cafe about the same time, so we became acquainted.

Rachel was an Italian Jewess, born in South Africa, who spoke seven languages fluently. I was amazed and I could not help but rationalize that she certainly was no smarter than I.

And I asked myself: “Then why is it that she speaks SEVEN languages, but I only speak English and Spanish?”.

After we had been meeting for a few days, she asked if I could purchase some clothing for her when I returned to the States. She showed me a catalog that was almost pornographic. I could not understand why she wanted me, a preacher of the Gospel, to buy scanty clothes for her.

I said,

“Rachel, why do you want these clothes? What is your profession?”

She replied,

“I am a prostitute.”

Well, of course, I was surprised, but thankful that I had sown the seeds of the gospel in her.

But something had happened inside of me.

I went back to my room that day. I got on my knees and I wept. I prayed that God would help me to win Rachel to Him.

Motivation to Learn French

I said to the Lord:

“Jesus, Rachel speaks seven languages so that she can market her body in promiscuous and destructive relationships with men. I have a much more noble and more constructive motive for speaking languages. My reason is to communicate the gospel to the hurting and needy peoples of other nations.”

My attitude was: Rachel has applied herself. She has

achieved success in communicating to people, but for demoralizing purposes.

I shall apply myself. And I shall achieve success in communicating the life and the love of Jesus Christ to human persons for good, uplifting purposes.

If a prostitute can be motivated to be multilingual, a woman believer like me has a far greater and more uplifting motivation to be multilingual.

I decided right then and there — I made the noble CHOICE to celebrate my responsibility to communicate Jesus to my world. I DID SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

I was impressed to hire a professor and I began to study French. Learning to speak French seemed impossible to me at first. But the Lord said to me: “You apply yourself, then leave the miracle to me.”

So I applied myself to studying diligently and the Lord helped me in a miraculous way. I did my part with gusto, with delight, with happiness.

I celebrated my responsibility to communicate
Jesus to my world.

Now, both my husband and I preach and teach in three languages — English, Spanish — and French.

What we did was to respond to God’s ability within us.

God is the one who originally confused the

languages.^{Ge.11:6-7} He can unscramble them for us as we celebrate our responsibility to communicate the gospel to people.

There are three questions about celebrating our responsibility:

FIRST: What do I mean by it?

SECOND: When do we do it?

THIRD: How do we do it?

What Do I Mean?

FIRST: By celebrating your responsibility, I mean to choose the positive attitude of being glad that you are hooked up with God, that you are commissioned to go, with intelligence to know; to be glad that you are entrusted with talents to grow, and endowed with abilities to sow; that you are a creature of importance to show God's goodness to your world.

This is the dynamic and the positive attitude of a winner in life.

My husband, T.L. Osborn, wrote a poem that expresses what I mean when I say, celebrate your responsibility.

God chose you

So He knows you.

*He goes with you
And He glows in you.*

*He shows that you
Are “pro” and new,*

*And so, He says
“Bravo!” to you.*

That is what I mean when I say that to be a winner, you celebrate your responsibility — you applaud, you recognize, you welcome and you release your God-given power to respond to His ability at work in you.

You are glad and you rejoice over the fact that you are honored as God’s representative among people.

You go at life with enthusiasm because you are a winner and you know it. You are on God’s team. You are valuable. You cannot lose.

You believe *Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world.*^{1Jn.4:4}

You are thankful that *God always causes you to triumph.*^{2Co.2:14}

You rejoice because you know that *in all things you are more than a conqueror through Christ who loves you.*^{Ro.8:37}

You celebrate the fact that you and God can do anything.

You RESPOND to God’s ABILITY in you.

You liberate your RESPONSE to His ABILITY.

That answers the first question: What do I mean by celebrating our responsibility?

When Do We Respond?

THE SECOND QUESTION IS: When do we respond to this ability in us?

And my answer is: We respond at every opportunity that confronts us.

I often say:

**“An opportunity not hasted
Is ability that is wasted.”**

**“And ability that is unused
Is talent that is abused.”**

You are the only one who can use your ability. That may be awesome to consider but it provides wonderful security for you because, what you have is yours to do with as you choose.

**Choose to utilize God's ability
That's within you;**

**And respond to every opportunity
That surrounds you.**

People are your greatest opportunity, and whenever you

encounter people in need, you have found a field to seed.

So when do you celebrate your responsibility?

Every time you meet a human person in need.

The classic principle for winning in life is still:

FIND A NEED AND MEET IT.

FIND A HURT AND HEAL IT.

How Do We Do It?

Now we can discuss THE THIRD QUESTION: How do we celebrate our responsibility?

We do it by our power of choice.

Instead of looking at the world in need around you and of complaining about human misery and suffering, you choose to practice the awareness of your mission in life.

You are here as God's partner to meet needs, to give solutions where there are problems, to give strength where there is weakness, to bring joy and happiness where there is grief and sorrow.

St. Francis of Assisi prayed:

Lord, make me an instrument of peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, let me sow pardon;

Where there is doubt, let me sow faith;

Where there is despair, let me sow hope;

Where there is darkness, let me sow light;

Where there is sadness, let me sow joy.

Worship or Service

It seems to me that the most alluring seduction in religion is to be engrossed in worship instead of being involved in service.

It becomes a *Celebration of Responsibility* to discover:

- **That Christ thinks** through my mind now.
- **That Christ loves** through my heart now.
- **That Christ helps** through my hands now.
- **That Christ listens** through my ears now.
- **That Christ speaks** through my voice now.

When I RESPOND to Christ's ABILITY in me to make people happier and my world better, I experience the celebration of a WINNER.

The Jesus Principle of Happiness

True happiness for yourself comes in seeking to give true happiness to others. It is the principle of sowing and reaping.

Everyone desires happiness.

Why is it that so many who earnestly seek happiness actually create for themselves a hell on earth?

If you seek happiness for yourself and ignore the needs of people all around you, you find only misery, exasperation, irritation and dissatisfaction.

The Jesus-principle of happiness is reaching out to lift and to help someone else, to look for others who have burdens and to share them, to observe the problems of people and to solve them, to perceive the hurts of human persons and to heal them.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.^{Mt.5:7}
That is the secret of celebrating your responsibility: That is the way you create heaven on earth instead of hell on earth.

Mother Teresa said: “We all long for heaven, where God is. But we have it in our power to be in heaven with God right now ... by loving the unlovely as He does, by helping the helpless as He does, by giving to those in need as He does, by serving the lonely as He serves, by rescuing the perishing as He rescues. This is my Christ. This is the way I live.”

The Real Thing

Malcolm Muggeridge, the renowned British news analyst went to Calcutta to see the beautiful love-ministry of Mother Teresa.

Talking with her, Dr. Muggeridge said that he was amazed by the happiness of the sisters who made up her team and he asked her, “Is it genuine? Or is it a put-on?”

Mother Teresa replied: “No, my friend, it is not a put-on. You see, nothing makes a person so happy as to really reach out in mercy to someone who is hurting, and to help them in some way.”

The best prescription for happiness and for a life of joy is to imitate the Jesus-way: *Do to others as you would have them do to you.* *Lu.6:31*

Reaching out to others has its recompense built into its deed. The harvest is in the seed. The act of love prophesies its own benediction. The future reward is part and parcel of the present act.

Faith combined with actions of good for others is the way Christ comes alive in you.

The missionary doctor in the African bush who was asked why he was willing to perform surgery in places where he could hope for no monetary recompense answered: “It makes me feel so good inside knowing that my hands, for a few hours, have been the hands of Jesus Christ healing the sick.” His surgical procedures are *celebrations* for him.

How do you and I celebrate our responsibilities?

Instead of complaining about problems, we recognize that without them there would be no need for solutions, no need to

probe, to think, to learn, or to discover.

Instead of lamenting human misery, we take action that relieves the suffering. We contemplate the gladness and the delight that fills human lives when remedies are discovered.

We realize that without the night, there would be no morning; that springtime follows the cold winter; that clouds enhance the rainbow.

Release the Power Within You

So that is how you celebrate your responsibility. You release — you liberate your God-given talents, your gifts, your power of choice to reach out to serve, to bless, to heal and to lift your world.

You see yourself as God's representative to people.

You comprehend that living is giving.

Elbert Hubbard said, "Down in their hearts, wise persons know this truth: The only way to help yourself is to help others."

George Bernard Shaw said: "A thinking person is one who puts more into life than they take out."

Mother Teresa said:

"If sometimes poor people have had to die of starvation, it is not because God didn't care for them, but because you and I didn't give, were not instruments of love in the hands of God, to give them that bread, to give

them that clothing, because we did not recognize Him, when once more Christ came in distressing disguise — in the hungry person, in the lonely person, in the homeless child, and seeking for shelter.

“Christ has identified Himself with the hungry, the sick, the naked, the homeless; hunger, not only for bread, but for love, for care, to be somebody to someone; nakedness, not of clothing only, but nakedness of that compassion that very few give to the unknown; homelessness, not only just for a shelter made of stone, but that homelessness that comes from having no one to call your own.

“Today Christ is in the people who are unwanted, unemployed, uncared for, hungry, naked and homeless. It is you and I as Christians who must find them, and help them ... Thoughtfulness is the beginning of great sanctity. Jesus went about doing good.

“A Christian is a tabernacle of the living God. He created me, He chose me, He came to dwell in me, because He wanted me ... It is but natural that you spend the rest of your life radiating Christ's love.”

Knowing that Christ dwells in you with His unlimited power and His unconditional love at work through you, is a celebration in itself. Releasing Him within you to help people around you is the way you applaud responsibility and transform it into ecstasy.

You perceive that you are a people-person, a messenger, an example, a walking, living embodiment of Jesus in the flesh, touching and helping people.

General William Booth of the Salvation Army said, “Before you can change society, you must change people — individually. No matter how many degrees you may have, at the bottom of it all is people contacting people, one at a time, and effecting a change for the better in their lives.”

In response to all he has done for us, let us outdo each

other in being helpful and kind to each other and in doing good. *He. 10:24 LB*

Life is a sacred trust.

It's not what we have,
but how we use it.

It's not what we take,
but what we give.

It's not how we pray,
but how we live.

Touch People — Touch Christ

You remember the words of Christ which will be pronounced on that day when all people stand before the Lord.

You remember that He will say to you, I was hungry and you fed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was thirsty and you gave me to drink, I was sick and in prison and you visited me.

You will answer: Lord, when — how did I do that?

He will reply: When you did it to PEOPLE, you were doing it to ME!

You comprehend that your life's purpose is PEOPLE. And you understand that God is at work in you, reaching people through your hands, through your love, through your life.

That is how you celebrate your responsibility. You choose to respond to God's ability inside you, to minister to the people of your world all around you.

You do it because you have FAITH in Jesus who is at work in YOU.

A remarkable inscription marks a certain tomb in Saint Paul's Cathedral at London. It reads:

“Sacred to the memory of _____, who at all times and everywhere gave strength to the weak, substance to the poor, sympathy to the suffering, all as devotion to God.”

The highest possible worship of God is our service to human persons.

Jesus said: *If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed you shall say to this mountain move from here and it will move. Nothing shall be impossible to you.*^{Mt.17:20}

The Bible says, *With God in you nothing shall be impossible.*^{Lu.1:37} Be sure that you add the “in you”.

We do not sit back and wait for God to do all of the work. He has put His ability in you and in me. He has given you and me the power of His Holy Spirit to do the job.

You Can Do Anything

**Celebrate the world of need
That surrounds you,**

**By activating the Holy Spirit
That is within you,**

**To communicate the Jesus
Who saves you.**

With the Holy Spirit of God in you, you can do anything,
and THAT is what you celebrate.

Ordinary people celebrate their achievements.

But the winners celebrate their responsibilities.

My husband says:

“GOD IS SPIRIT! WE ARE HIS FLESH!”

We are God’s expressions on this earth now. We are His
body — His hands, His feet, His voice.

Celebrate the wonderful fact that nothing is impossible for
you and God as a team.

You can choose to WIN with God by choosing to ACT in
His name. Whether you choose to be a clerk (who waits for a
customer) or a salesperson (who goes out and finds a
customer) is up to you. You can choose to ring doorbells
instead of church bells; to reach and to bless people in
proximity instead of by proxy; to win by person instead of by
purse.

Celebrate the fact that you are a WINNER in Christ by
releasing Him for ACTION in YOU.

Jesus said to both women and men:

I give you power to tread on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Lu. 10:19

Celebrate that fact.

Remember, God's power is given to use in serving human persons.

The Living Bible says:

I can do everything that God asks me to do, with the help of Christ who gives me the strength and the power. Ph. 4:13LB

Celebrate that fact.

Nine Winning Principles

Celebrate the nine most valuable guiding principles in the responsibilities of WINNING:

1. **Practice** the art of doing for others what you want them to do for you.
2. **Recognize** and value the unique person that you are.
3. **Accept** responsibility for the fact that your life is and will always be what YOU yourself make of it through your innate powers of choice, of decision and of action.
4. **Absorb** the principle that failure is never final, so if you do not succeed the first time, keep on trying.
5. **Realize** that whatever is worth your doing is worth

doing the very best that you can.

6. **Understand** that true happiness is having hope, experiencing love and doing things for the betterment of people.
7. **Assimilate** the irreversible law that you are, and you become the tangible reality of the sum and substance of your own thoughts.
8. **Grasp** the winning criterion that what you learn, discover, prove and know becomes the only power that you yourself can utilize in this world.
9. **Actualize** the power within you by being calm and confident, accepting your own uniqueness, by knowing your distinct purpose, by being sure that your goals are right and good for God, for people and for yourself; and by going forward with Him as your source, without intimidation, inferiority or hesitation.

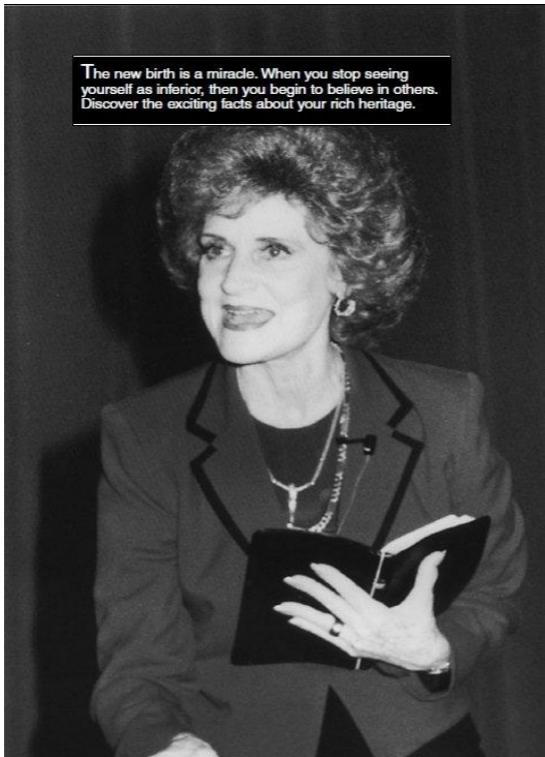
The Winner's Celebration

When you assimilate these nine guiding principles, you can look the responsibilities of life in the face and **celebrate**, because you are on God's WINNING TEAM.



NOW THAT WE have talked about Choice No. 1, **Individualize Yourself**, and Choice No. 2, **Celebrate Your Responsibility**, we are ready for the third dynamic choice which you have the freedom to make — the third positive option for transforming you into a winner in life.

The new birth is a miracle. When you stop seeing yourself as inferior, then you begin to believe in others. Discover the exciting facts about your rich heritage.






Daisy Osborn, always radiant and ready for action, devotes her life to inspiring audiences and readers around the world to choose Jesus Christ and to follow Him.



**WOMEN'S
SEMINAR –
E. AFRICA**

Dr. Daisy's life and teaching ministry is unprecedented. Her positive example has affected millions of women in over 70 nations, giving them true Self-Esteem in Christ.




WOMEN'S MIRACLE DAY – UGANDA



WOMEN'S NATIONAL CONGRESS – E. AFRICA




AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE



INDONESIAN WOMEN'S DAY – SURABAYA



WOMEN'S NATIONAL CONFERENCE – GHANA



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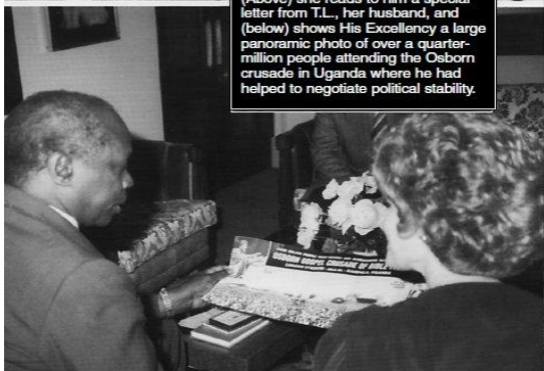


Daisy and T.L., her husband, have shared equally in their ministries to millions in over seventy nations, spanning more than four decades of successful gospel outreaches to the world.

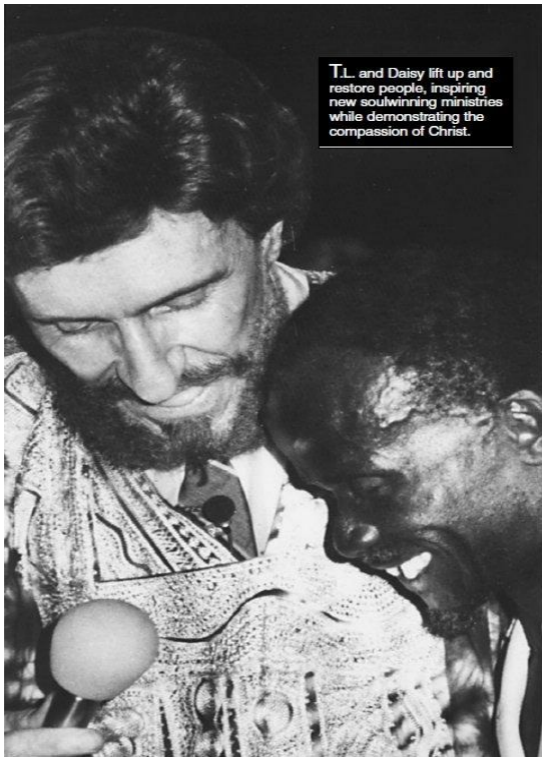




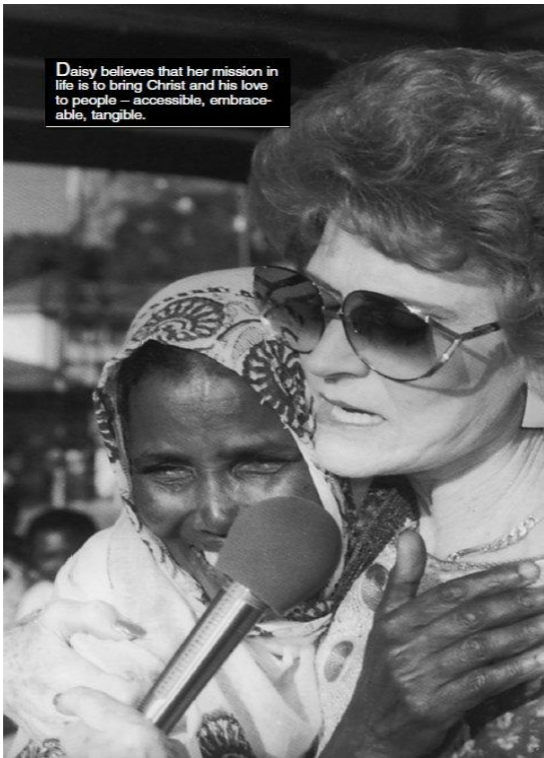
Daisy is received by the Honorable President of the Republic of Kenya. (Above) she reads to him a special letter from T.L., her husband, and (below) shows His Excellency a large panoramic photo of over a quarter-million people attending the Osborn crusade in Uganda where he had helped to negotiate political stability.



T.L. and Daisy lift up and restore people, inspiring new soulwinning ministries while demonstrating the compassion of Christ.



Daisy believes that her mission in life is to bring Christ and his love to people – accessible, embraceable, tangible.





Daisy ministers at National Women's Conference – USA



Daisy preaches at Mission Convention – Norway



Daisy teaches at National Women's Congress – Uganda



Dr. LaDonna includes in her ministry the legacy of her mother (Dr. Daisy Washburn Osborn) by occasionally ministering especially to women. This Women's Conference in Nigeria encourages women in ministry from various nations of the world.



The spiritual landscape of nations around the world is being impacted by the rise of women who are proclaiming the GOOD NEWS of Jesus' love and healing power.





LaDonna C. Osborn Festival of Faith & Miracles -
Kupang, Indonesia

Dr. LaDonna's lifetime involvement in mass miracle evangelism has equipped her to minister with ease and great authority, as shown here during the Osborn Festivals of Faith & Miracles in Kupang, Waingapu and Palangkaraya, Indonesia.



LaDonna C. Osborn Festival of Faith & Miracles -
Waingapu, Indonesia



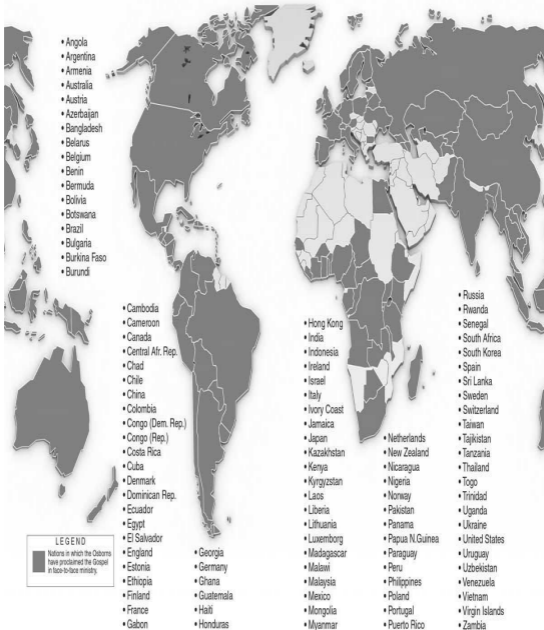
LaDonna C. Osborn Festival of Faith & Miracles -
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LaDonna C. Osborn Gospel Seminar & Book Distribution

Waingapu, Indonesia

OSBORN MINISTRIES – OVER 60 YEARS – OVER 100 NATIONS



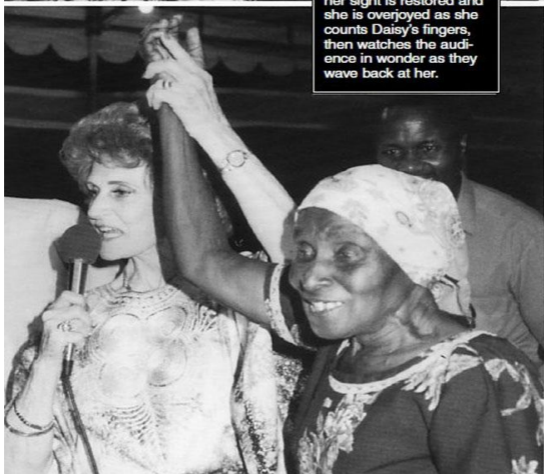
And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Mk 16:15




I find no proof in God's redemptive plan that a woman is any more limited in Christ's ministry than a man is. No position in His work is 'off limits' to a redeemed, royal daughter of His divine household.



This woman was led to an Osborn crusade, blind. Accepting Christ, her sight is restored and she is overjoyed as she counts Daisy's fingers, then watches the audience in wonder as they wave back at her.



A black and white photograph of three individuals. On the left, a man with a beard and mustache, wearing a light-colored striped shirt and a patterned tie, holds a Bible high in his right hand. In the center, a woman with dark, curly hair, wearing a dark blazer and a necklace, holds a Bible in front of her. On the right, an older woman with short, light-colored hair, wearing a dark jacket and a necklace, holds a Bible high in her right hand. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

The ministries of the Osborns have made an unprecedented impact on the world. They are considered by church leaders worldwide to be among the great soulwinners of our epoch. Dr. T.L. Osborn (1923-2013), Dr. Daisy Washburn Osborn (1924-1995) and Dr. LaDonna C. Osborn have ministered in over 100 nations.

PART IV

Believe You Can ReBegin

REBEGIN BY reaching out to people.

Your winning tomorrow is based on your decision today.

Regardless of your past, God believes in you.

When Christ enters a life, he comes to initiate new beginnings.

- **One accepts Christ when one accepts people.**
- **One loves God by loving people.**
- **One serves God by serving people.**

CHAPTER SIXTEEN

BELIEVE YOU CAN REBEGIN

YOU ARE ON the winning team when you choose to believe that you can rebegin and that you can win with the new nature of God within you.

WHEN YOU ARE born again, you begin again to live.

When you are redeemed and restored to God, you are ready for a new start because you have His new nature within you.

The Living Bible says, *you become a brand-new person inside.*^{2Co.5:17 LB}

The King James version of that verse says that *you are a new creature; old things have passed away and all things have become new.*^{2Co.5:17 KJ}

Jesus the Re-Beginner

Each new discovery about Jesus Christ is like another new birth. New knowledge brings new guidelines for thinking, for planning, for doing. It brings new confidence — and it inevitably brings change. Change invites adjustments, then with added knowledge comes more changes and more

readjustments, all of which spell g-r-o-w-t-h.

Growth means new beginnings.

Believe that you can REbegin.

When Luke wrote his brief summary of Christ's ministry on this earth, he simply referred to all that Jesus BEGAN to do and teach. ^{Ac.1:1}

Jesus came to REBEGIN things.

The old system was not acceptable.

Through all of the complexities of the law with its judgments and the Judaic religious traditions, the chasm between God and people became deeper and wider.

God, who created us wanted us near Him as His friends and partners.

So He sent Jesus to bring us a new beginning.

Jesus brought to us new knowledge about God. He taught us and proved to us that God is good. He showed us that God is not angry with us. He demonstrated that God values every human person equally. He exemplified God's esteem for both women and men in His plan. He confirmed that God needs us now to be His representatives, to be His flesh in action, to be His touchableness, His tangibleness, His actuality on earth.

Jesus opened the way for you and for me to REbegin again and again and again — as often as we need to in order to be a real WINNER.

Decide today to WIN with God, regardless of your past, regardless of how many failures you have had, regardless of your frustrations, regardless of your embarrassments.

Decide to believe that you can rebegin.

Abortions and divorces, miscarriages and misfortunes of the past can only encumber your path and limit your future if you choose to allow them to.

Choosing to ReBegin

It is a fact that you cannot control the things which come your way, but you can absolutely control how you react to them. You can choose the thoughts which you think and the actions which you initiate.

You have the God-given ability in you to be self-controlled, and to maintain self-respect and self-value regardless of what others say or do to affect your life.

We can always REBEGIN AGAIN by taking command of our own attitude, by learning whatever valuable lesson we can from our past experiences, and by projecting their benefits into a REBEGINNING of life to WIN.

The Adventure of Change

Re-beginnings involve and produce changes.

Human tendency is toward tradition. Most people follow beaten paths. They find security in what is conventional or ordinary or commonplace.

Adjustments and fear of the unknown, frighten most people causing them to hesitate or be reluctant to rebegin.

To rebegin is to ADVENTURE.

To rebegin is to GROW.

Life is a process of changes and of new beginnings. Nothing stays the same. Everything and everyone is constantly changing.

To WIN in life, choose to welcome change. Choose the re-beginnings you want to initiate. To resist them is to lose. To choose them is to win. You can choose to REBEGIN.

The prospect of re-beginnings is not the presumption of hostility but the resumption of tranquility.

Every stage of life is an open doorway to another re-beginning. It affords the opportunity to learn, to grow, to progress, to succeed, to WIN.

Childhood, adolescence, adulthood, married life, parenthood, middle age, maturity, retirement and advanced age all offer dazzling opportunities for re-beginnings and for NEW WINNINGS.

I wish every child could be seeded with a love for the adventure of life so that every change or adjustment or

surprise — positive or negative — would be welcomed as a growing experience in life.

The process of change and of growth never ends. Yet for many people, these adjustments precipitate endless traumatic reactions and keep them in turmoil and in confusion.

To be inflexible and to resist changes produces a kind of sterility in life and it causes great unhappiness, conflict and distress.

Meeting Change with Courage

I know of a lady who faced a most shocking disaster, but who coped and made a new life of service to people.

Helen (as I shall call her) had been an Associated Press reporter, living a dynamic life surrounded by theatrical and political people, with celebrities as her friends. Then deformative arthritis and diabetes devastated her lifestyle.

Rather than to brood and to lament her loss of mobility and her near blindness, she calculated her possibilities. She could use her eyes for an hour at a time, she could talk and she could type — with one hand.

She coped with drastic changes, but she did it with positiveness and with self-dignity, grasping each opportunity to transform her problems into possibilities.

She found a new environment, plunged into a new

community and began writing children's books. She successfully created a new lifestyle, and literally RE-BEGAN. She believed that God's purpose for her life was to be of service to people and to help to make them better and happier.

Before long, the new community recognized her value. Friends and neighbors sought her out for counsel and for inspiration. Children across the nation fell in love with her books that built character and self-value.

Helen met her disaster with courage. She gained through the pain of her readjustments. She believed that she could begin. She took control of her situation and forged it into a WINNING LIFESTYLE.

Self-Esteem for the Tough Team

A doctor friend and his wife arrived in this country not too long ago, as refugees, unable to speak English and therefore unable to practice medicine.

How easy it would have been for them to exist on this nation's welfare. They could have wasted their energies in self-pity over the calamitous events which devastated their professional lives.

But they chose to believe that they could begin.

They belong to God's WINNER class.

They began to study English, and after long months of

hard work, they were able to retake the necessary medical examinations so that they could qualify as licensed physicians.

Day after day, instead of bewailing their disadvantages and their misfortunes, they chose to think about their ability and their opportunity to REBEGIN and to WIN AGAIN. They were thankful for America with its open doors to the oppressed and to the displaced. They dreamed of the time when they would be able to use their talents to heal some of the suffering in this land. They chose to think positively.

To maintain an existence during their reeducation, each of them found jobs as domestic servants and they managed to save enough money to open a small candy store that flourished.

Finally they received their licenses to practice medicine. Their next choice was to go to a rural area where the people lacked adequate medical service. Before long they were known and recognized throughout that farm community. Today their practice is very successful.

Every time they administer their talents and their knowledge to restore health or to bring healing to a person, they feel that they are giving back some of what God has given to them through the American dream of freedom.

Transcending Depression

That capable, talented, skilled, successful medical

husband-wife team was forced by circumstances to DIE or to REBEGIN.

When negative, self-demeaning thoughts and attitudes dominate your mind, you are DYING while your body is living. YOU are the only one who can exercise the power of choice to erase those depressive and discouraging attitudes. YOU are the only one who can determine to stand up tall and to look beyond the bleak barriers that conspire to destroy or to restrain you. YOU have the power to reappraise events and to perceive the possibilities to REBEGIN, to grow and to WIN.

While that highly skilled man and woman were obliged to work at menial tasks as domestic servants to manage an existence, they never lost their self-respect, their self-worth, their self-dignity. They knew who they were and they knew what they could do for society even when no one else recognized their skills.

They performed every task with pride and with purpose.

Nothing can stop you from being a WINNER when you believe in the power to REBEGIN.

From Destruction to Production

I am sure that one of the greatest experiences my husband and I have ever had was coping with the despair and the tragedy of the Ugandan people when we conducted that enormous Kampala crusade where the crowds numbered over a

quarter of a million in each meeting.

The light of hope had been extinguished in the hearts of the people.

Their lives and their nation were demoralized.

Practically every family had sustained so much heartache, destruction, brutality, rape, murder, robbery, pillage and havoc that they were imprisoned by despair and hopelessness.

But God sent T.L. and me to tell that disheartened nation that they could rise again and that they could WIN again if they could believe in the power to REBEGIN with Christ.

Day after day my husband or I would stretch our arms out to that mass of hurting humanity and tell them how God had sent us to speak these things to them in His name:

“Uganda, I love you.

“Uganda, I have not forsaken you.

“Uganda, I need you.

“Uganda, don't despair.

“If you will look to me and call on me, I will save you. I will heal you. I will help you. I will give you a new BEGINNING. I will give you a new future!”

Re-Birthed for Re-Beginning

Hope and faith were re-born in the heart of the nation of Uganda. Despair was transcended by a new birth of courage, of confidence, and of a new awareness of Jesus Christ as their

friend and partner in life.

My husband, T.L., often told the people:

“Whatever your present plight, look beyond it — and look with pride and with faith in your hearts, because God is right now unveiling a brand-new tomorrow for Uganda.

“You have received His message. You believe in His love for you and that He values you. You have accepted the good news that God has not forsaken you. You are marching into a new future in Uganda.”

Then he would often say:

“You may be dressed in tattered clothes today. You may even lack shoes for your feet. But with Christ in your life, walk tall; wear your tattered garments with pride; let your bare feet walk with a steady stride. You are being re-birthed into a REBEGINNING.

“In the near future you will be dressed again in nice apparel befitting the distinguished people of this Pearl of Africa. Your businesses and your crops will flourish again. You will have new and good government.

“Only believe that you, with Christ, can REBEGIN again.”

And since that prophetic crusade, everyone of those new beginnings have taken place and the nation is being re-birthed with pride and with new faith in their future.

Forgiving Your Past Focusing Your Future

One day, after I had preached with compassion to that vast field of Ugandans, I prayed for them. The Spirit of the Lord anointed me to command the evil spirits of hatred and of malice to leave the people.

Our precious friend, Betty Andiru, had been brought there

that day. She was kept tied with cords to restrain her from harming anyone. She would bark like a wild dog. She was demented and deranged through the mental collapse she had suffered due to repeated rapings and beatings by roving soldiers who had captured her as their slave.

She hated those men so much that she planned to avenge the crimes committed against her. However, these brutalities drove her insane before she could see her vengeance realized.

Then as I preached about Jesus and about His power to REBEGIN, somehow the presence of Jesus Christ changed Betty. The demons of hatred left her and she was inundated by a baptism of love for everyone — including those who had tortured her.

She wept as she witnessed to the multitude telling them: “Now I am well. The demons that possessed me because of my hatred, have gone. I have no enemies. I can forgive everyone. I love everyone now. I have done what Dr. Daisy said. I have forgiven my past and Jesus has given me A NEW BEGINNING.”

God Believes in You

My husband makes a wonderful statement about people whose lives have been injured or brutalized or disgraced or who have made careless and sometimes destructive mistakes. He wants to encourage them to believe that they can rebegin.

The Lord impressed him to write these brief but powerful lines to express Christ's attitude:

Regardless of your past, I still believe in you.

Remember! You're not trash, I've come to live in you.

When Jesus Christ enters a life, He comes to initiate new beginnings. He brings a new birth of self-worth.

Believe that you can rebegin.

That puts you on God's winning team.

Remember the scripture passages at the beginning of this book?

Those who fed the hungry, who clothed the naked, who gave drink to the thirsty and who visited the sick and the prisoners were not even aware that they were doing those things to Jesus.

They were simply doing what comes natural to a believer — helping, lifting, blessing and loving people who were hurting and who were in need.

The only way we can express our love for God is by expressing His love to people.

The only way we can serve God is by serving people.

We cannot present flowers to God. We cannot prepare a beautiful plate of fruit for Him. We cannot place money in His hands.

But we can do these things FOR PEOPLE.

And every time you reach out to a human person who is in need or who is hurting or who is in distress or in despair, you are reaching out to serve Jesus Christ.

Every time you CHOOSE to do that, YOU CHOOSE TO BELIEVE THAT YOU CAN REBEGIN as a WINNER on His Team.

It is beautiful to see what happens in the life of someone who makes a new beginning. The miraculous re-birth of hope and of courage brings to life fresh music, new laughter, a new song.

Music from the Basement

An elderly street-person asked if he could spend a cold winter night in the cluttered basement of a large apartment house in Europe.

After a few hours, the owner of the house heard music from the basement. She ran downstairs and found the man playing on an old discarded harp.

The lady asked: “How did you repair my harp? I haven’t found anyone who could do it.”

The old gentleman replied: “When I was young, I made this very harp, and lady, when you make something, you can repair it!”

Christ who gave His life to give you a new birth is the one who can help you REBEGIN again and again, as often as it is necessary for you to be a WINNER.

You are living a brand-new kind of life that is continually learning more and more of what is right, and trying constantly to be more and more like Christ. Col.3:10 LB

Every time you do that, you are choosing to believe that you can begin.

Four Impressions—Four Qualities

There are four impressions to keep in proper focus, in order to be a WINNER:

1. **The deluding impression** that what you see is fact.
2. **The despairing impression** that failure is final.
3. **The restraining impression** that change will ruin things.
4. **The fatalistic impression** that you are the victim of circumstances.

There are four vital qualities which guarantee achievement:

1. **The power** of faith to see beyond what is obvious.

2. **The courage** to know that you are never defeated unless you give up.
3. **The knowledge** that you are in absolute control of your reaction to any circumstance.
4. **The adventure** of growing through change by REBEGINNING.

To never REBEGIN is to never hope again.

To abandon hope is to say “I don’t believe in God.” It is to say, “I don’t care about life — not mine, not yours, not anybody’s.”

But as long as human persons are lonely and hurting, forsaken and unloved, and as long as you and I can team up with Jesus Christ and initiate REBEGINNINGS for the good of ourselves and of others with the potential of lifting their burdens, healing their hurts, of consoling their sorrows and of solving their problems, we have marvelous reasons to REBEGIN and to WIN.

Learning for Winning

Erich Fromm says: “Not the one who has much is rich, but the one who gives much. Whoever is capable of giving of themselves is rich.”

We rebegin to feed the hungry and we are fed.

We rebegin to visit the sick and those in prison and we re-

discover Christ.

We rebegin to clothe the naked and we find ourselves dressed in newness.

We rebegin to give water to the thirsty and we discover a new fountain of life.

As we give, we receive.

As we lift, we are raised.

As we welcome the adventure of change and as we perceive the potential of new beginnings, we discover the process and the delight of living life on a greater scale than we ever dreamed of before.

Refuse and reject any and every kind of religious or secular fatalism that denies you the freedom to choose your way and to strike out in new directions.

Jesus said to repent and believe the gospel.^{Mk.1:15}

Repentance means the opportunity of a new start, the chance to gain by past pain and to project new knowledge with new ideas, new visions and new hopes into a new tomorrow and to begin again.

We learn to conquer these negative attitudes:

- **The selfishness** that shrinks us.
- **The prejudice** that blinds us.

- **The indifference** that isolates us.
- **The envy** that erodes us.
- **The greed** that drives us.

We WIN in life when we believe that we can REBEGIN.



NOW LET'S TALK about the fourth revolutionizing CHOICE — the fourth positive option which is open to you today to transform you into a winner in life.

PART V

Identify Jesus In People

PERCEIVE A BRAND-NEW view of humanity. Get Christ's perspective.

You will see Jesus in believers—and even in unbelievers.

- *Jesus is destitute in the indigent.*
- *He is sick in the diseased.*
- *He is captive in the prisoner.*

Jesus is the recipient of every thing that you do for people.

The works of Christ are not carried out by charities. Jesus in you and in me is the Charity in action which our world needs.

*Never underestimate what Christ will do through you **AS YOU SEE HIM IN PEOPLE.***

CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

IDENTIFY JESUS IN PEOPLE

YOU WILL BE on the winning team when you make the noble choice to recognize and to identify Jesus in needy human persons around you.

LET US AGAIN review the scriptures presented at the beginning of this book .

Jesus gave us a revelation of His identity in people.

Jesus said: *What you do to the least of humanity, you do to me.*^{Mt. 25:40}

He was saying:

“When I had NO HOME, you shared yours.

“When I had NO CLOTHES, you gave me yours.

“When I was TIRED, you helped me find a place to rest.

“When I was AFRAID, you gave me assurance.

“When I was ALONE, you were my friend.

“When I was IN JAIL, you came to my cell.

“When I was SICK, you nursed me back to health.

“When I LOST MY JOB, you helped me find work.

“When I was AGED, you made me feel needed.

“When I was MOCKED, you stood by my side.

“When I SORROWED, you shared my grief.”

“When I was HAPPY, you laughed with me.

That is the way we identify Jesus in people.

Expressing Love

Mother Theresa, of Calcutta, India can tell you about loving people. She has made the life-changing CHOICE of LOVING ACTION, ministering to the dying, to the poor, to the lonely and to those in despair who exist in Calcutta with no one to love them or to care for them.

This extraordinary woman’s life of loving people is based on her choice to identify Jesus in people.

Mother Theresa says:

“By getting in touch with people, we find God. Because we cannot see Christ, we cannot express our love to Him; but our neighbors we can always see, and we can do to them what, if we saw Christ, we would like to do to Him.”

“Our works are only an expression of our love for Christ. Our hearts need to be full of love for Him and since we have to express that love in action, naturally then (people) are the means of expressing our love for God.”

She adds, and I agree:

“It is not the poor who are indebted to us but we who are indebted to them. They make it possible for us to serve God.”

To fully comprehend this truth, we need divine inspiration but the information is given to us by Jesus Himself. So let us set aside custom and tradition and receive a brand-new view of humanity from Christ’s perspective.

Culture in the industrialized world says:

“Let the church meet the spiritual needs of the poor. But let the state welfare or social agencies meet their physical human needs.”

That is not what Jesus taught and that was not His living example to us.

Reviewing the Preview

This preview of judgment makes clear that the righteous people who had God’s attitude toward humankind, were involved meeting the physical needs and the emotional hurts of humanity.

You will be on the winning team when you make the vital choice to identify Jesus in the hurts, in the pains and in the needs of people.

Does that sound like a paradox?

Jesus is so pure, so perfect, so exalted.

Yet His love for human persons is so great that He becomes

Destitute in the indigent person,

Sick in the diseased person,

Captive in the prisoner.

When we identify Jesus

In distress,

In poverty,

In nakedness,

In sickness,

We will reach out to those who are suffering.

Jesus says:

“As you have blessed this person, you have blessed me. When you sheltered that street-person, you sheltered me.”

You see, Jesus Christ speaks to us through people all around us. How many times does He appear personally and give us our marching orders?

The winner in life learns that amidst the hard, earthly facts and circumstances of secular reality appears the guiding light of divine guidance. When we look at our world, usually common sense and good judgment become God’s distinct signals — loud and clear of what we are to do.

The practical truth of the gospel is obvious in people all around us. Christ speaks to us most often and most clearly **through them.**

Love Is Serving

The Constitution of “The International Association of Co-Workers of Mother Theresa” incorporates, among other basics, such articles as:

- Helping people recognize God in the person of the poor.
- Helping people to love God better through works of

charity and service to the poor.

- Helping all Co-Workers to express their love of God through service to the poor.
- Recognizing the dignity, the individuality and the infinite value of every human life.
- The keynote of giving is Love and Service.

Mother Theresa says:

“I believe in person to person contact. Every person is Christ for me, and since there is only one Jesus, that one person is the only person in the world for me at that moment.”

I love the words of a song I heard recently:

Jesus said, When you love someone
In my name, you're loving me.

Jesus said, When you touch someone
In my name, you're touching me.

Jesus said, when you reach someone
In my name, you're reaching me.

Love Is Healing

Albert Schweitzer identified the Lord in needy people — as He understood Christ. He showed it by choosing a life-commitment of **LOVING ACTION** on behalf of people. He could tell you about loving people.

This distinguished, highly-educated gentleman received over 50 honorary doctorates, besides the many which he had

earned.

He left European culture and devoted himself, in the jungles of Africa, to build and to operate a great hospital where he could help, heal and give hope and care to the poor.

To Albert Schweitzer, that was his way of winning in life. He chose to recognize and to identify divinity in the poorest of humanity.

Our Mission to Millions

Throughout nearly four decades of our lives, our constant choice has been, and is, to reach out to help, to lift, to save, to heal, to inspire and to bless people in over 70 different nations already.

Identifying Christ in people, then loving them in His name, is the only way we know to express our love for God or to God.

When we do that, we know we have made one of life's most significant choices — one which constantly keeps us on the winning team with God.

Our culture makes it easy for us to forget the people who are freezing to death each winter. We can forget about them because “there are charities for the needy.”

But the fact is that Jesus, in you and in me, is the charity in action which our world needs most.

The Lad Who Got the Idea

Remember the young boy named Trevor who gave a blanket to a street person because he could not bear the thought of people being cold?

After he did that, his family and the entire congregation at his church got involved in meeting human needs.

They chose to identify Jesus in people. As they gave clothes to the destitute and blankets to those who were cold, they were clothing and warming Jesus in a human person.

What you do for people, you are doing for Him.

I have been blessed with a life full of opportunities to do just that. I have identified Jesus in lepers, in the hungry, in the dying, in the naked, in the prisoner, in the stranger, in the deranged.

I have ministered to those suffering people in over 70 nations of my world.

But in reality, I am ministering TO CHRIST when I minister TO PEOPLE.

The Mother with Her Dead Child

At a National Women's Conference in Accra, Ghana, a mother came to me with an unbearable hurt. Her baby daughter had died. She put the little stiff corpse in my arms.

What a helpless feeling that is — unless you identify Jesus in people, including yourself. You never know what you will do under any given circumstance. But when you practice living the Jesus-life then you will be a Jesus-person regardless of the situation.

With the little body held close to mine, I began to pray. As I rebuked death and commanded life to come back in the child's body, in the powerful name of Jesus, I felt a faint quiver in the blanket. Before long I was able to present the child back to her mother, completely healed.

I knew the child was very much alive, but another great miracle had taken place which I was not aware of.

When the mother opened the blanket to look at her daughter, she began to scream and to jump up and down.

After some minutes I was able to understand her excitement. The baby had been born with only one eye. But when Jesus restored her to life, He also gave her a second eye. As the child looked at her mother, both of her big brown eyes sparkled with life — the new life that Jesus had given to her.

Never underestimate what Christ will do through you as you identify Him in people. When you do that, you will be on His winning team.

Jesus Among People

We do not look up in the sky or into the depths of the

ocean to find Jesus. We do not look in the sanctuary or on the altar to find Him. We do not even need to travel the world to find Him.

We just need to look around us and see people. When we really see them, we will identify Jesus in them. Then we are on His winning team.

If you look you will see Jesus in people, out where they are — where they live, where they work, where they play. All human beings are created in the image of God — so you will see Jesus in believers — and even in unbelievers.

When you see Jesus in human persons, you will feed the hungry — with natural food and with spiritual food. It is not one or the other; it is BOTH.

There are two kinds of hunger. There is the physical hunger which is satisfied by food. Then there is the spiritual hunger which is satisfied by God.

Share the good news of the gospel and become involved socially as well as spiritually.

You are on the winning team when you choose to get involved with real people who have real needs because you identify Jesus in them.

Give drink to the thirsty, remembering that there are two kinds of thirst. There is the physical thirst that is satisfied by drinking water. Then there is the spiritual thirst that is satisfied by Christ.

The Stranger We Entertained

When you identify Jesus in people you may even entertain some strangers. I have done it often.

One evening when I was visiting a friend in the hospital, I noticed an elderly gentleman in the lobby, weeping alone. I approached the man and asked if I could be of help.

His wife had had a serious heart attack and was in the intensive care unit. It was late at night. He was a stranger in the city. He had been unable to contact any of his family. He was afraid to leave his wife. The hospital staff could not permit him to stay in Intensive Care with her. He was in despair.

I was able to contact his son, to arrange for any emergency about his wife, and to comfort and to encourage him.

I took him to our house where my husband made him some nice hot chocolate while I fixed his bath water and prepared his bed. The old gentleman had a comfortable night and I took him back to his wife's bedside early the next morning.

Anyone could do something as simple as that.

The Living Bible says: *Don't forget to be kind to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it.*^{He.13:2LB}

You will never have prejudice against any other human

person, once you choose to identify Jesus in people. You will not base your involvement with them on their race, their language, their sex or their religion.

When you see yourself as God sees you, you will see others the way God sees them.

And when you see people the way God sees them, you will be a compassionate person, just as Jesus was.

You will clothe the naked.

You will feed the hungry.

You will give drink to the thirsty.

You will visit the prisoner and the sick.

Jesus—People in Action

We are Jesus-persons, God's expression on this earth, *delivering the captives and setting at liberty them that are bruised.*^{Lu.4:18} We do this consistently for anybody and for everybody whom we encounter in need.

Jesus said: *The people that are whole do not need a physician. But the ones that are sick sure do. I have not come to call the righteous but to call sinners to repentance.*^{Mt.9:12-13}

Because we have Jesus' nature in us, we do the same things that He did when He was on this earth. We do them because Jesus is now in us and He is *the same yesterday and today and forever.*^{He.13:8}

We have the right to choose to allow Him to be the same in and through us.

Jesus is the recipient of every thing that you do for other people — every gentle word that you speak; every uplifting thought that you share; every good deed that you do; every loving kindness that you extend; every healing touch that you impart.

Jesus is the one receiving your goodness, your kindness, your gentleness, your love, your thoughtfulness, your forgiveness.

And Jesus is the one who is neglected when you do not do these good, kind, thoughtful, loving things to people.

When we say that God is good, the only way that can be actualized is when we choose to allow God to be good in and through us. WE are the proof that God is good when He is allowed to show His goodness and His love through us.

I trust this has helped you in this fourth vital choice or option in life — the decision to choose to identify Jesus in people.



NOW I AM READY to share with you the fifth life-changing choice which you have the right and the freedom to make today. It is, no doubt, one of the most significant choices you will ever make to transform you into a real, solid winner in life.

PART VI

Exterminate The Excuse Syndrome

EXCUSES ARE born out of the fear of people.

Excuses form habits and habits create lifestyles. Both can be altered by changing your mind.

Marriage is a plus, not a minus; it is an added strength, not a handicap. When a woman is married, she is no less qualified as a Jesus-person in ministry than a married man is.

Even "born critics" will esteem your courage and your devotion when you refuse to submit to tradition and you choose to act with conviction.

The whole world is full of ordinary people who want a firsthand witness of Jesus by another ordinary person.

*God trusts a woman witness as much as he trusts a man witness, because He believes in His righteousness **IN ONE THE SAME AS IN THE OTHER.***

CHAPTER EIGHTEEN

EXTERMINATE THE EXCUSE SYNDROME

YOU ARE ON the winning team when you make the essential choice to exterminate the excuse syndrome.

YOU TRANSFORM YOURSELF into a winner when you make the decisive choice to abandon your feeble alibis for not doing what Jesus commissioned every believing person — both women and men, to do.

There are many excuses for not doing what believers have been commissioned by Christ to do. And it seems that religion, culture and tradition have provided an abundance of preposterous and illogical excuses for the women in particular.



FOR EXAMPLE, the excuse:

“MY HUSBAND BELIEVES MY PLACE IS AT HOME.”

There will always be somebody who feels that your place is someplace else.

The important question is:

Where do you feel that your place is?

Where does God say your place is?

Of course a woman should not neglect being a wife or a mother because she is involved in Christ's ministry to people.

Neither should a man neglect being a husband or a father because he is involved in Christ's ministry to people.

There are many clergymen who are married to their ministry. It has come to be their “mistress”.

Recently, I heard the wife of a prominent pastor say: “I never had to worry about my husband being unfaithful to me with another woman, because the ministry was the ‘other woman’ in his life.”

He is admired for his so-called “dedication to God”. He is never criticized for neglecting his wife or his children.

If the role were reversed, a woman would be considered a fanatic and she would be accused of gross negligence of duty if she showed the same “dedication” to the ministry while obliging her husband to care for the children and to maintain

the home.

It is true that a woman has fulfillment in being a wife and a mother.

It is also true that a man has fulfillment in being a husband and a father.

God does not expect either to neglect their spouse or their children.

God is the one who established marriage and the family institution.

It was God's idea for the marriage of two people to be the source of pleasure and fulfillment for them both, and for them to exercise the miracle of procreation of their kind, in the bonds of love and of companionship and for both of them to share in training up their children in His ways.

There is no valid excuse for either a woman or a man to not fulfill her or his ministry to people, when both understand their equality in God's plan.

The Bishop and Women

Not long ago, I listened to the bishop of one of America's largest church denominations, as he delivered an address to their national constituency concerning women.

He very piously articulated the point:

“Any woman who chooses to marry, must face the fact that she seriously

handicaps herself so far as ministry in the church is concerned.”

Frankly, I was shocked.

I have been married since I was 17 years old. I have ministered and preached the gospel of Jesus Christ in over 70 nations, to millions of people face to face, and I have never considered myself to be handicapped.

I have been a happy and a fulfilled wife and mother. No tradition, no system, no ideology, no dogma has been able to limit or to demean or to disparage or to hinder my ministry as a Jesus-woman.

I made the decisive choice, long ago, to exterminate the excuse syndrome, and to be all that Jesus Christ wants to be in a human person. I knew that it made no difference to Him whether I was a man or a woman.

I am talking about reaching out as a Jesus-person to other human persons who are hurting and who are in need.

When a woman is married, she is no less qualified as a Jesus-person in ministry than a married man is considered to be.

In fact, life with your family provides the finest opportunity to practice the Jesus-life: If it works at home, it will work anywhere.

Jesus said:

Do for others what you want them to do for you.^{Mt.7:12}

That is an excellent rule to live by.

It produces happiness in marriage.

It harmonizes relationships.

And best of all, it exterminates the excuse syndrome.

You will live at peace with God, with your family, and with people.



ANOTHER COMMON EXCUSE, particularly among women, is this one:

**“I AM SHY! I GET NERVOUS AND I CRY
WHEN I TRY TO TALK TO PEOPLE!”**

Excuses form habits and habits create lifestyles.

But habits can be changed.

When I was first married, I was hesitant to go to the grocery store unless my husband went with me.

Now I precede him into countries all over the world, organizing and directing our great mass crusades.

When I was young and I tried to witness for Christ, I was so scared that I would cry. But I kept doing my best, because I knew it was a growing experience.

Now I am confident before hundreds of thousands of people in stadiums, ball parks and public fields all over the world, as I preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and teach His love to the masses who are in need.

The gain is worth the pain, believe me!

I sometimes think that we make excuses because we are afraid of each other. We want to be accepted and applauded, not criticized or ridiculed.

I have good news for you. People are all the same. People will be understanding and supportive of you. They will identify with your humanness and they will love you. Even “born critics” will esteem your courage and your devotion.



ANOTHER FAMILIAR EXCUSE among women is this one:

“MY PASTOR SAYS THAT WOMEN DO NOT BELONG IN THE MINISTRY.”

Do you think women have a place in ministry? Ask yourself these thirty-five soul-searching questions before you answer the one I have just asked you:

No. 1

Can women be redeemed as well as men? Should they not share the truth which set them free the same as men do?

No. 2

Can women receive Christ into their lives the same as men can? Should Jesus be restricted from doing through a woman what He is free to do through a man?

No. 3

Are the promises of Christ for women the same as they are for men?

No. 4

Should women not share those promises, act on them and minister to others for the same reason that men should?

No. 5

Are those promises less valid, less believable, less effective when shared and acted upon by a lady than by a gentleman?

No. 6

Should women withhold from people the sharing and announcing of the scriptures which all Christians believe should be disseminated to *every creature*,^{Mk. 16:15} as soon as possible?

No. 7

Is the power of God's word measured by the sex of the voice that announces it?

No. 8

Was the blood of Christ shed for the remission of the sins of women as well as for those of men?

No. 9

Can women be saved, justified and restored to God the same as men can be?

No. 10

Are women who believe and accept Christ not declared righteous as much as men are?

No. 11

Can the righteousness of Christ then be qualified sexually?

No. 12

Is a male more redeemed, more justified, more restored to God, more righteous than a female is?

No. 13

Is a male voice more holy than a female voice?

No. 14

Is a male figure more worthy than a female figure?

No. 15

Can male eyes see the needs of suffering humanity better than female eyes?

No. 16

Can male ears hear the cry of those in anguish better than female ears?

No. 17

Does a woman have two feet the same as a man does? Are they made to walk with as much as a man's are? Should her feet not go with the gospel as much as his should?

No. 18

Is the gospel less effective when carried by a woman than when it is carried by a man?

No. 19

Is the Spirit of the living God in a woman less real or less effective than in a man?

No. 20

Does the Holy Spirit yearn, in a man, to bear witness of Christ while He yearns, in a woman, to be silent and reticent?

No. 21

Does the anointing of the Holy Spirit have any different purpose in a woman than it does in a man?

No. 22

Is the Holy Spirit sexual?

No. 23

Are the promises of God sexual?

No. 24

Is the commission of Christ sexual?

No. 25

Are the gifts of the Holy Spirit sexual?

No. 26

Is God sexual?

No. 27

Is redemption sexual?

No. 28

Is the ministry sexual?

No. 29

Is faith in God's word sexual?

No. 30

Are the fruits of the Spirit sexual?

No. 31

Is sin measured according to the sex that commits it?

No. 32

Is salvation proportioned according to the sex that receives it by faith?

No. 33

Are wings given to a female bird the same as to a male bird? Can she fly less or lower or slower than he?

No. 34

Do women possess voices the same as men? For the same reasons?

No. 35

Do women have eyes to see, ears to hear, minds to think, arms to reach, hands to help, backs to lift and feet to walk and work the same as men? For the same reasons?

Power to Witness

Jesus told His followers — women and men alike, *You will receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you and you shall be my witnesses.*^{Ac. 1:8}

A witness simply tells what they have seen and what they know to be true.

Every woman as well as every man can do that everywhere they go.

Simply tell what you know to be true about Jesus. It really is that simple.

The world is full of ordinary people who are hungry for a firsthand witness of Jesus Christ by an ordinary person.

There is no such thing as a “professional” witness of Christ.

There are only PERSONAL witnesses and you are qualified to be one just as soon as you have a personal knowledge of Jesus as your Lord and savior.



ANOTHER COMMON EXCUSE is:

“NOBODY ASKS ME TO DO ANYTHING.”

Who should ask you? Jesus is the one who commissioned believers *to go to all the world and to preach the gospel.* ^{Mk. 16:15}

You do not have to wait to be asked. Christ has already asked you to be His witness. Isn't that good news?

God has given you the power of His Holy Spirit to enable you to effectively share the good news. He trusts that you will do it.

God believes in the power of His word — in the life of a woman as well as in the life of a man.

God believes in the power of His Holy Spirit — at work in a lady as well as in a gentleman.

God trusts a woman who is saved as much as He trusts a

man who is saved, because He believes in His righteousness in one the same as in the other.

Only religion, tradition and culture distinguish women from men and assigns them different roles in the ministry. God does not.

Paul says in the Living Bible:

We are no longer Jews or Greeks or slaves or free or men or women, but WE ARE ALL THE SAME — we are Christians; we are one in Christ ... and all of God's promises ... belong to us. *Ga.3:28-29LB*

That is for me, as a woman, as much as it is for T.L. Osborn, as a man.

All that God IS belongs to all who receive Christ, whether they are women or men.

Since MINISTRY means to share God's blessings with others, the ministry of the gospel is for every woman as well as it is for every man.

That is why this message is in your hands right now. God never gives up on His dream.

He created you in His own image and He believes in you. He has redeemed you and restored you to Him as perfectly and as completely as if no sin had ever been committed in your life.

Now He is realizing His dream through you.



HERE IS ANOTHER popular excuse:

“I AM TOO OLD.”

You are never too old nor are you ever too young, unless you do not care about needy people. And the “don’t care” attitude comes in all ages.

We knew a gentleman who was over 100 years old. He was still going strong, witnessing, teaching, preaching, ministering to people wherever he encountered them.

Although he had to be pushed in a wheelchair by his wife, who herself was in her 80’s, they went all over the country, sharing Jesus with their world.

They crossed the United States, projecting our films out in public places and in residences, going into prisons and into resthomes, as well as conducting meetings on the streets and in public parks.

This remarkable couple wrote to us. In their letter this

distinguished old gentleman outlined his goals, which seemed to me would require another 100 years to accomplish.

He closed his letter with this remarkable statement: "I just feel so good now that I finally have my life organized."

What a beautiful attitude!

He was on the winning team for sure.

He exterminated useless excuses.

Age is an attitude, not a condition.

General Douglas MacArthur said:

"You are as young as your faith; you are as old as your doubts.

"You are as young as your confidence; you are as old as your fears.

"You are as young as your hope; you are as old as your despair.

"In your heart is a recording machine. As long as it receives messages of beauty, of hope, of cheer, of courage, SO LONG YOU ARE YOUNG!"

Choose to be young in your faith, in your hope, in your courage and in your confidence.



THIS CONVENIENT EXCUSE is often heard.

“I AM HANDICAPPED.”

A handicap is simply a disadvantage which makes things a bit more difficult, but not impossible.

You are not handicapped until you think you are and until you accept the attitude that you are.

With Christ in you, you can turn any disadvantage into an opportunity.

My Brother, Bud

I have a brother who is such a challenge to me. He is a born-again, spirit-filled believer.

When Bud was 17 years old, he was in a hunting accident. His right hand had to be amputated just below his elbow and he was fitted with a prosthesis.

He prayed and asked God to help him learn a trade because he did not want to be dependent on another person or an institution.

He began restoring vintage cars and antique furniture.

Although he had never studied chemistry, God gave him paint and wood-finishing formulas in dreams. Then Bud would get up and write them down. He would go to paint stores and

buy the various chemicals and mix them according to formulas received in his dreams. He was not afraid to experiment and he became a recognized professional in the San Francisco Bay area.

The Second Amputation

Then a second tragedy struck Bud's life.

When he was 50 years old, he was involved in a multi-car accident on a California freeway.

As a result of major injuries his left arm had to be amputated.

My husband and I flew to his bedside.

When we arrived, Bud was unconscious. His head was so swollen that he did not look like my brother. His jaws were broken so his teeth were all wired together.

I could hear Bud saying something. I leaned my ear close to his mouth and I heard these words coming through his wired teeth:

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. ^{Ph. 4:13}

He would mutter that phrase over and over.

Bud had already determined to never give up, but to stay on God's winning team.

We invited him to spend some time with us after his

release from the hospital.

Although he seemed so limited, his creative mind was dreaming of ways by which he could be a whole person again. He was determined to win in the struggle he faced.

Soon he developed a spoon that would fit on the stump of his arm so that he could feed himself.

We loved him and encouraged him. We went places and did things that would help him to gain confidence and to grow through his experience.

He began to realize that people who looked at him were looking with admiration. They saluted his courage, and he gained confidence rapidly.

People would approach him in restaurants and in public places, to express their admiration for his remarkable dexterity.

Bud never missed an opportunity to give a witness of Christ, who was, and is the source of his strength and of his courage.

Rebuilding Success

Bud is now fitted with two prostheses. But he refuses the word “handicapped” in referring to himself.

He became involved in therapy to encourage and to assist other amputees.

He has been interviewed and featured in magazines and in newspapers across America. He has been interviewed on television.

Most recently he received a letter of commendation from the President of the United States, when he completed the restoration of a large bronze statue for a city in the state of Idaho.

My brother, Bud, is a dynamic example of a winner on Jesus' team.

The Best Motivation

It was people's needs that motivated God to give His best. He sent Jesus.

It was people's needs that motivated Jesus. He gave His all — His life.

Let people's needs be your motivation and you will be on God's winning team in life.

Decide what it is that you want to do.

Then be so good at what you do that people will forget about anything that might not be quite up to par about yourself. Just do a good job, do your best. Always think of what other people need and how you can meet those needs.



ANOTHER MUCH-USED excuse is:

“I DO NOT HAVE A GOOD EDUCATION.”

What is education? It does not have to mean twenty years in a classroom. Learn for yourself what you want to know or need to know.

There are libraries full of books. Choose your teachers. You can select the master-teachers of the ages — the very best in any field of knowledge.

Apply yourself to the task and acquire an education. Keep learning as long as you live, and you will achieve greatness at any level of life that you choose.

No one in the world (except you) can prevent you from going to the top as a winner in life.

Make it a point to always look for a reason why you can do something, rather than to look for an excuse for why you cannot.

Included, Not Excluded

When you have accepted Jesus Christ into your life, then you are on the winning team. Being on the winning team means:

You are a winner, not a sinner.

You are delegated, not segregated.

You are forgiven, not forbidden.

You are included, not excluded.

You are redeemed, not condemned.

You are called as a fruitful person, created in the image of God. You are not culled as a barren person, cheated in life by man.

You are enriched, not impoverished.

You are on the winning team.

Never wait for opportunities to look you up.

Create your own opportunities.

You will be in such demand that you will never lack occasions for fulfillment, happiness, usefulness and involvement in life.

I suggest that you read this book through again so that its message will become a part of you.

These seed-truths will generate new knowledge within

you. The latent powers within you will be awakened. You will begin doing things that you never dreamed you were capable of doing.

Let Christ be all that He desires to be through you.

Be courageous and trust in Him.

Do like the Lord told me to do when I began to learn French. Apply yourself and leave the miracle to Him.

PART VII

Countdown For Winners

CHAPTER NINETEEN

ACTION COUNTDOWN

ONCE YOU HAVE CHOSEN to put these winning principles to work in your life, then begin this Countdown for Winning.

These are positive confessions of faith.

These are positive decisions that you are making.



GOD'S IMAGE

"I Am Unique!"

I AM GOD'S idea. I am created in His image. There is not another person in the whole world like me. I am setting out to discover my image in God and God's image in me.



GOD'S TREASURE

"I Have Ability!"

MY TALENTS CAN only be utilized by me. These talents are God's ability in me. I energize my potential by accepting these innate assets as God's treasures in me.



GOD'S MIND

"I Am Intelligent!"

I HAVE A good mental capacity. What I do not already know, I will learn by applying myself to the task. I have the mind of Christ^{1Co.2:16} so I am unlimited in learnability.



GOD'S GREATNESS

"I Am Complete!"

THE ONLY LACK that I experience is that which I allow through my own thoughts and attitudes. I am allowing God's greatness to be tangible in me.



GOD'S DREAM

"I Have Purpose!"

I AM PART of God's dream for humankind. That dream will be actualized in people through me.

5

GOD'S PRICE

"I Am Important!"

I HAVE VALUE. God established my worth by giving His best, Jesus Christ, to redeem me and to emancipate me.

4

GOD'S LOVE

"I Am Loved!"

I REACH OUT to other human persons with the same love I have received.

3

GOD'S LIFE

"I Am Healed!"

MY PAST IS gone. I have a new beginning. Now I let God's life in me bring healing to hurting people.

2

GOD'S SPIRIT

"I Am Inspired!"

THE SPIRIT OF the Lord is upon me and nothing is impossible because God is at work through me.



GOD'S EXPRESSION

"I Am In Action!"

GOD HAS ME as a physical expression on this earth. I am going and I am doing **in His name.**

CHAPTER TWENTY

THE WINNER'S PRAYER

PRAY THE FOLLOWING prayer aloud wherever you are. Only believe, because all things are possible to the believer.

The Prayer

HEAVENLY FATHER, I come to You in the name of Jesus. My heart is full of happiness and gratitude.

You sent Jesus to die in my name, so I could take my place on Your winning team.

I love You, Jesus. Thank You for loving me.

Thank You for dying for me.

Thank You for bringing me the good news that I am a winner.

I believe it and I receive it right now.

Thank You, Father, for the Holy Spirit gives me power and ability to be Your expression on this earth.

I thank You for the trust and the confidence that You have in me.

I believe in You. Thank You for believing in me.

Help me, Lord Jesus, to be more like You.

I want to be a blessing to human persons.

I choose to feed the hungry, to give drink to the thirsty.

I choose to clothe the naked, to visit the sick and those in prison.

I will do all of these things as if I were doing them for You personally.

Thank You, heavenly Father, for the simplicity of being on the winning team.

In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

The *MISSION* Of Christianity

OSBORN MINISTRY REVIEW

THE GLOBAL MISSION of Christianity is to witness of Christ and of His resurrection to *the entire world—to every creature.* (See *Mk.16:15*)

The Apostle Paul said, ...“*Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*”*Rom.10:13*

T.L. and Daisy Osborn shared a worldwide ministry together for over five decades, before her demise in 1995. T.L. continued his global ministry to multitudes until his passing in 2013.

The Osborn daughter, Dr. LaDonna, is the President and CEO of Osborn Ministries International, the ministry founded by her parents in 1949. Her ministry touches practically every continent via face-to-face ministry, through public mass evangelism *Festivals of Faith and Miracles* and transevangelical *Gospel Seminars*.

Dr. LaDonna’s visionary leadership and expertise are making possible the expansion of this ministry in nations around the world. Learn more about the Osborn global

outreaches through their official website at osborn.org.

Drs. T.L., Daisy and LaDonna Osborn have reached millions for Christ in over a hundred nations during more than six decades already. This ministry-brief is included here to inspire young believers that they, too, can carry the *gospel torch into all the world*. (See *Mk. 16:15*)

Mass Miracle Evangelism

Tommy Lee Osborn and Daisy Marie Washburn were married in Los Banos, California in 1942, at the ages of 17 and 18. In 1945 they went to India as missionaries but were unable to convince the people of these ancient religions—Muslims and Hindus—about Christ. They had not yet discovered the truths about healing miracles. They returned to the USA dismayed and disheartened—but not dissuaded.

Soon after their demoralizing return home, the Lord appeared to them both, at different times, as they searched for the answer to their dilemma.

- They began to discover the Bible truths that create faith for biblical miracles.
- They had learned in India that for people of non-Christian nations to believe the gospel, they must witness miracle proof that Jesus Christ is alive today.
- They discovered that signs, miracles and wonders are

essential to convincing *non-Christian* nations about the gospel.

Jesus was...***accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know*** (emphasis added).^{Ac.2:22}

These dynamic truths created in their spirits fresh faith in God's Word. With this new lease on life and having discovered the scriptural facts about miracles they, along with their children, *re-* launched their soulwinning saga in 1949—this time in the Caribbean island-nation of Jamaica.

During thirteen weeks of ministry there, hundreds of biblical miracles confirmed their preaching.

- Over a hundred deaf-mutes were healed;
- Over ninety totally blind people received sight;
- Hundreds of crippled, paralyzed and lame people were restored;
- Most important of all, *nearly ten thousand souls received Jesus Christ as their Savior.*

That success motivated their new global ministry, proclaiming the gospel to multitudes. In the era when

developing nations were mostly *colonized* by European governments, the Osborns pioneered the concept of *Mass Miracle Evangelism*. Such methods had not been witnessed since the epoch of the Early Church. T.L. and Daisy addressed audiences of tens of thousands throughout the dangerous years of *nationalism* when the awakening of many developing nations was repulsing foreign political domination.

Their example inspired national men and women, globally, to arise from their restrictive past, and to become leading gospel messengers and church builders in the unevangelized nations of the world. Many of them are numbered among the most distinguished and successful Christian leaders today.

The largest churches in the world are no longer in America or Europe. Anointed and talented national pastors are raising them up. Single churches in Africa seat 50,000 plus people. To God be the glory.

Drs. T.L. and Daisy's partial testimony is recorded for posterity in their 512 page unique Memorial Edition pictorial, **THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO T.L. AND DAISY**.

Global Evangelism Concepts

During T.L. and Daisy's unprecedented years as an evangelism team, they inaugurated numerous programs to reach the unreached. Their concept of *National Missionary Assistance* resulted in them sponsoring over 30,000 national preachers as full time missionaries to unevangelized tribes and villages where new, self-supporting churches became

established globally.

The Osborn literature is published in more than 130 languages. Their DocuMiracle crusade films, audio and video CDs and DVDs are produced in over 70 languages and their digital productions (including Bible courses) are circulated around the world.

They have provided airlifts and huge shipments of literature and of soulwinning tools for gospel ministries abroad. They have furnished scores of four-wheel drive vehicles equipped with films, projectors, screens, generators, public-address systems, audiocassettes and cassette players, plus literature for reaching the unreached.

Publishing The Gospel

Dr. Daisy's five major books are *pacesetters* in Christian literature for women—*unique examples of inclusive language that consistently addresses both men and women*.

Dr. T.L. has authored over 20 major books. He wrote his first, HEALING THE SICK, during their mission to Jamaica in 1950. Now in its 46th edition, it is a global favorite, used as a Bible School text book in many nations.

The publisher calls HEALING THE SICK—*A Living Classic*—a faith-building best seller since 1950. Over a million copies are in print, circulating healing truth throughout the world.

Dr. LaDonna's book, GOD'S BIG PICTURE is published in scores of languages and is heralded globally as the single most important book to make clear the story of the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. Through this book, people discover their place in God's plan.

Some of her other books, such as CHAOS OF MIRACLES, JESUS IS TOUCHING SOSHANGUVE and UNKNOWN BUT NOT FORGOTTEN are modern day accounts of Christ's ministry in action through her as she ministers the gospel among some of the world's unreached masses.

The history of the Osborn Ministries International is also recorded in their unique and historical 24-volume *Encyclo-Biographical Anthology*. It contains more than 23,000 pages, 30,946 photos, 636 *Faith Digest* magazines, 2,024 pages of personal hand-written diary notes, 1,011 pages of Osborns' news letters, 1,062 pages of unpublished historical data about their world ministry, 2,516 world mission reports, and 6,113 Christian ministry reports.

These 24 giant tomes span over six feet of shelf space and have taken their place in the archives and libraries of institutions of higher learning around the world, including such renowned universities and libraries as: University of Cambridge, Cambridge, England; University of Oxford, Oxford, England; Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, USA; British Library, London, England; Central Bible College, Springfield, USA; Christ for the Nations, Dallas, USA; Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, USA; Messenger College, Joplin, USA;

National Library, Sofia, Bulgaria; Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, USA; Ramkhamhaeng University, Bangkok, Thailand; Regent University, Virginia Beach, USA; Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico, Ponce, Puerto Rico; Université de Cocody, Abidjan, Ivory Coast; University of Ghana, Legon-Accra, Ghana; Université de Kinshasa, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo; Université de Lomé, Lomé, Togo; University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya; University of Maseno, Maseno, Kenya; Université Marien Ngouabi, Brazzaville, Congo; Université Omar Bongo, Libreville, Gabon; University of Wales, Bangor, Wales; Verndsky National Library, Kiev, Ukraine; Word of Life, Uppsala, Sweden; (plus many more), and the archives of many leading denominational headquarters.

Their Global Saga

Dr. LaDonna C. Osborn continues to enlarge the scope of the Osborn ministries of evangelism and training to nearly every continent as she carries the *torch of the gospel* into this century's new frontiers.

Like the Apostle Paul, Dr. LaDonna says:

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes...

Rom. 1:16

She believes that:

*The World is the **Heart** of the Church, The Church is the **Hope** of the World.*

She contends that:

Without the *World*, the *Church is meaningless*—Without the *Church*, the *World is hopeless*.

Colonialism Nationalism Globalism/Evangelism

Dr. LaDonna C. Osborn knows the ministry of World Evangelism. Since childhood, she has lived on the front lines of global SOULWINNING—from the days of *colonialism*, through the turbulent years of *nationalism*, and into this century of *globalism*, *mass evangelism* and *national and international Church growth*.

She holds forth these simple truths:

1. The Bible is as valid today as it ever was;
2. The divine calling for every believer is to witness of Christ to the unconverted;
3. Every soul won to Christ can become His representative; and
4. Miracles, signs and wonders are what distinguish Christianity from being just another philosophical religion.

To demonstrate these biblical issues is the essence of the global *MISSION of Christianity*.

Just as with the Apostle Paul, Dr. LaDonna states:

...the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.^{Ac.20:24} *...we can preach the gospel in the regions beyond...*^{2Cor.10:16}

- The Osborns' continuing passion:
To express and propagate the gospel of Jesus Christ to all people throughout the world.
- Their tenet for action:
No one deserves to hear the gospel repeatedly before everyone has heard it at least once.
- Their motto:
***One Way—Jesus;
One Job—Evangelism.***
- Their guiding principle:
Every Christian believer—a witness for Christ.

Their witness is expressed best by the words of the Apostle John:

who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.^{Rev.1:2} *We testify ...of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that (our) ...testimony is true.*^{Jn. 21:24 NKJV}

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