BEYOND Shattered Strongholds II—Ready to Ship July 15!

What a blessing it is to redo, update, and add new principles and applications to one of my favorite books! It is so exciting to renew my understanding of all the ins and outs of each book’s message. As I recently told someone, I feel almost like I got saved all over again.

BEYOND Shattered Strongholds II will be $17.95. BUT great offer here: Anyone placing a pre-order, to be shipped on 7/15, can pre-order at a special price of just $12.95 (S&H included) until 7/14! (Contact Info and NEW Kindle Book Notice on Page 11.) I am definitely doing a Group Study for this book that will come out the end of this year. Following are some excerpts from the BEYOND Shattered Strongholds II for you to read.

Excerpts from BEYOND Shattering Strongholds II

Chapter I
What is Beyond YOUR Shattered Strongholds?

The only prerequisite to receiving God’s answers when praying this way is that you need to bind and loose that which has already been bound and loosed in Heaven according to His pre-established will. Please read the last sentence again as it is a bit of a mouthful to process at one time. Not praying in agreement with God’s will is how believers get their prayers out of sync with His purposes. Having no idea what God’s will really is for a situation causes many believers to pray according to what they think His will surely must be; often they are mistaken. This results in many unanswered soulish prayers. How good it is to simply bind your will (or someone else’s will) to God’s will and know that covers it!

The binding and loosing prayers in this book are always focused on seeking God’s will; He knows the best way to handle every situation every time.

Praying simply and purely for God’s will in a situation is actually very reassuring because you can know that godly force is being applied to all the details, even if you have no idea what may be happening. God knows when other things are involved that will not prove good. For example, you may pray for a loved one to get a certain exciting and lucrative job they have applied for; but God knows that the company where that job is being offered is secretly being targeted for a deadly robbery the week after your loved one would start. So He does not answer your prayer the way you want. If you are not secure in knowing that God is always on target, you probably will feel He has ignored your prayers.

God also knows when other things need to happen before someone can fully understand how to move in an outcome victoriously and permanently. Many variables may exist that God alone knows. When we are tied to His will, He is free to bring all the variables together culminating in the right answer to our right prayer.

How does God prune us? He first speaks to us about pruning ourselves, about putting off the useless, sickly, and diseased parts of our souls. When we don’t listen to Him, He allows us to go through difficult circumstances over and over until we are forced to see the useless, ineffective things that are sucking the strength and life out of us. If we begin to lose and cut these things from ourselves voluntarily (the easy way), God won’t have to run us through the learning process over and over until we finally get it the hard way!

If we are packing a lot of anger, God often allows repeated situations with people who always make us angry. If we are
packing garbage bags full of unforgiveness, God may allow streams of people to come around us who blame us for everything. He does this to reveal to us that our ways of dealing with such things just aren’t working! He wants to show us that we have some areas draining and weakening and hurting us that we need to let go of so He can strengthen and build us up. He wants heal us and train us to react positively, lovingly, and productively to any hard thing someone says to us at any time.

Another good reason for getting stronghold thinking, anger, unforgiveness, and bad attitudes out of your soul is so you won’t have any landing strips for incoming darts and daggers—harsh, cruel, unkind words (word curses) and actions—from unkind people or from the enemy. Proverbs 26:2 tells us that like a flitting sparrow, like a flying swallow, so a curse without cause shall not alight” (NKJV). This book is all about giving you the Keys to prayer that will help you to rip up and get rid of those negative landing strips in your own soul that can be a curse to your life!

Why doesn’t God just tell you what to let go of instead of having to show you through uncomfortable situations and circumstances? He has told you what to do, what to let go of—over and over again—in His Word!

Unfortunately we don’t always see ourselves in His admonitions and warnings; we don’t get that He’s talking to us about our need to let go of our wrong thinking and bad attitudes.

Chapter 2
Stronghold Thinking Shuts Out the Truth
Most Christians like to think that their minds are at least partly filled with the lofty things of God and high thoughts of praise and worship. Your mind may have some of those things, but the reality is that your mind is probably also cluttered with worldly concerns, unanswered questions, unresolved feelings, unsettling memories, and somewhat skewed perceptions of everything you’ve ever seen, heard, and experienced. This clutter can create a serious traffic jam that will hinder your ability to communicate with God and to pass on His love and care to others.

Trying the Keys of the Kingdom prayers is a formula for failure. Occasional use of the Keys will eventually lead to failure. Doing what you should with them is the formula for success. Great success requires genuine effort.

Have you ever insisted, “God would never ask me to (you fill in the blank) _____________”? What would you do if He did? Would you think, “God, you know that I can’t do this!”? Too many believers desperately want to believe that God would never ask them to confront their fears, push their boundaries, or make them step too far outside their comfort zone.

Such wrong thoughts come from old patterns of thinking about how God will deal with us. Know this: He will ask us to do things we think are beyond our capabilities to help us realize that we can do much more than we think we can. Read that again with the emphasis on the words that we think are beyond our capabilities. If His purposes for our lives weren’t greater and nobler than our natural efforts, why would we need Him to guide and direct us to bigger victories? He wants us to let Him give us the strength, power, and courage to do anything He created us to do.

Once you begin to receive and believe what He really wants you to know, then you can begin to pattern your actions and choices after His ways with full confidence and an attitude of, “I’m ready—let’s take it to the world, God!”

It is important to know where the bottom level, basic foundation of your trust in God lies. You do not really know what or who you trust when you are comfortable. You find out where your trust lies when the hard times come and the bottom seems to be falling out of your life.

These prayer Keys must be used with diligence to keep your unsurrendered soul from playing possum. The phrase playing possum first found its way into print in the 1820’s, meaning to beat around the bush and evade the truth. The possum (the only marsupial in North America) is a one-of-a-kind animal that has survived for some rather interesting reasons:

1. The possum will eat almost anything, including garbage can scraps.
2. It puts up a great pretense of being ferocious to cause some would-be attackers to back off—but it is all a bluff.
3. It has claws and a prehensile tail that allows it to quickly climb a tree to avoid confrontation.
4. It can play dead which makes it unappealing to many predators that prefer their meals kicking and squealing.
5. It squirts a foul smelling liquid when it feels threatened, usually right before it launches its dead act routine.

This really ugly little guy looks like a fat rat the size of a house cat with little scrawny legs, a long snout, big naked ears, and a long naked tail; it reminds me a lot of the unsurrendered soul.

1. An unsurrendered soul will swallow almost anything that intrigues its less-than-godly interests or supports its wrong beliefs.
2. It often puts up a great pretense of being quite ferocious to get people to back off; but it’s really all a bluff.
3. It will hide behind anything it can or climb up and over anything to avoid a confrontation over its tacky ways.
4. It can play dead (also dumb and dumber) when it is backed into a corner and feels trapped.
5. It can squirt out all kinds of foul attitudes and nasty remarks when it feels threatened.

Anybody up for a possum hunt?

It is a hard thing for some of us to grasp, but in order to heal you of many of your irrational feelings and wrong beliefs, God will send difficult situations into your life. Why? They will reveal to you that you need help, and He will give it when you finally are ready to receive that help His way! It is a far more powerful learning experience for you when you realize that God has shown himself strong on your behalf than it is for you to hear the pastor just say that God will do something for you.

Wrong choices may slow down your spiritual progress because of their consequences, but if you repent and allow the Holy Spirit to teach you by them, you will move forward again. Upon your learning from the wrong choices, they will ultimately be worked together for good because as a child of God, you are one who loves God and is called according to His purposes (Romans 8:28): “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose” (NIV).

Regardless of what anyone tells you, God’s great plans and purposes for your life are not diminished or reduced because you have messed up. They are not even diminished if you’ve messed up the same way twenty-six times! He doesn’t want you to go through the embarrassment, pain, and guilt that you feel when you fail, but He won’t take your future away from you if you do. He will lovingly teach you how not to make the same mistake again when He finally gets your attention and repentance (which means: turning away to never return).

Chapter 3
Cooperating with Your New Creature’s Transformation
Some believe that the new-birth spiritual transaction of accepting Christ as their Lord and Savior (in exchange for forgiveness and freedom from guilt) was a once-and-for-all deal that automatically took care of any sins they might have committed in their pasts as well as those they commit in their futures. Many have used this belief to resist realizing that unforgiveness on their part today can keep them from being forgiven. You have to be forgiven to get into Heaven. You do the math.

The need to repent of your sins did not end with your new birth. In the Book of Revelation, we can read Jesus’ own words to the Church of Ephesus in Revelation 2:2-5 (NKJV): “I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name’s sake and have not become weary. Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.” Repenting is still in style right through the Book of Revelation.

Chapter 4
Power Key of Binding
The ultimate goal of the Keys of the Kingdom prayer principles is for you to surrender your soul to God’s will and then begin producing lots of fruit for the Kingdom of God. This news flash will NOT appeal to your unsurrendered soul; it will cause it to dig up some of its dirtiest old tricks to keep you from doing exactly that. You need to constantly wash and rewash your unsurrendered soul like a cat who just had a run in with a skunk. Then read the Word to it while forcing it to pray prayers that obligate itself to God. For some reason, that word picture amuses me no end. I can picture in full color my unsurrendered soul looking like some fuzzed-up, sudsy, wet cat HATING the bath I’m giving it, but unable to get away. Not only that, but I’m reading Scripture to it and making it hold its paws in a praying position. That’s priceless!

Regardless of whatever picture your unsurrendered soul conjures up, God definitely does not want you to hang onto its baggage. You are never going to influence the people of this generation if you are always dragging stronghold thinking baggage around with you.

Every ugly and fearful thing that is buried in your soul is leaking toxic waste (mental, emotional, and chemical) into your body—your whole being—every day. Things might look all right on the surface, but decay and destruction to your immune system, your brain cells, your internal organs, and your nervous system is going on just below the surface of your consciousness.

If you had a childhood filled with chaos, instability, and everything seemingly out of control, your soul may have erected stronghold thinking patterns to protect your right to defend yourself against other people. Your soul may also build a network of stronghold thinking to defend your right to build boundaries and rules and regulations to deal with the people around you. This is not a stronghold of control, it is a pattern of stronghold thinking built to justify setting rigid boundaries and regulations against people your soul believes will take advantage of you.

If you always felt deprived and unappreciated, your soul may have built stronghold thinking to justify and protect your right to indulge yourself inappropriately to compensate for your
unmet needs and pain. This wrong belief also justifies the right to chemically alter any sense of reality with drugs or alcohol to blot out pain. This is not a stronghold of indulgence, it is a complex set up of rationalizations for why you should be able to do whatever you want to in order to compensate for not getting what you think you should have.

Many have wondered (as I also used to) why John 14:13-14 seemed to tell us that whatever we asked in Jesus’ name, He would do. We’ve all asked Him to do things we want based upon this “promise,” and then He seemed to do nothing. The Message translates these verses this way: “From now on, whatever you request along the lines of who I am and what I am doing, I’ll do it. That’s how the Father will be seen for who he is in the Son. I mean it. Whatever you request in this way, I’ll do.”

Matthew Henry’s Commentary on the Whole Bible tells us that Jesus was saying this in John 14:12-14: “Ask any thing that is good and proper . . . assistance in your work, for a mouth and wisdom, for preservation out of the hands of your enemies, for power to work miracles when there is occasion, for the success of the ministry in the conversion of souls; ask to be informed, directed, indicated.” That’s good!

God is never rushed or hurried about what He wants. If you miss a window of opportunity because you were too cautious about wanting to hear from Him, He will open another window for you. If you blow an opportunity because you leaped before you heard Him say NOW, then you may have to walk out some consequences and learn from them—but the opportunity in some form will still be yours. It is important that you understand that consequences are not to make you sorry; they are to make you wise. If it is God’s will that this opportunity is in your destiny, that opportunity will come back to you!

Just know this: God is never in a hurry, and He will bless your concern about not wanting to move ahead of Him. Just don’t let your concern become a type of quicksand to you—forever holding you in the grip of the fear of moving ahead of God’s timing. If you think you might be doing this in some area, then bind your will to His will and bind your timing to His timing. Loose fearful thoughts and wrong patterns of thinking about working together with your Heavenly Father.

Satan can maneuver people around you to say things that track with your wrong perceptions. You will never be able to control what other people may say to you, but you can loose your wrong reactions to what is being said to you. When you do this, you remove any potential for landing strips (Proverbs 26:20) for worse incoming attacks and offenses.

Any ground gained against such spiritual attacks will only be temporary if you focus all your energy and prayers upon fighting with Satan. The permanent answer lies in dismantling the wrong beliefs and ideas you have along with any stronghold thinking you have put in place to justify and protect those lies. One of the best things about praying the binding and loosing prayers is that you do not need to know the source of your wrong thinking. I use an analogy of walking out of a swamp to suddenly realize that you have blood-sucking leeches all over your legs from the knees down. You don’t need to know the source of the leeches, their species, or how they attach themselves to your legs—you just need to get them off yourself!

This same analogy applies to wrong thinking and to stronghold thinking. It really doesn’t matter why such thinking is in your soul; just get it out with the loosing prayers. Pray this prayer:

Lord, I’m tired of always jumping to the wrong conclusions about what people say to me. I bind myself body, soul, and spirit to you and your plans and purposes for my life. I loose all patterns of wrong thinking and deceptions that I have. I loose the effects and influences of all wrong agreements I have ever made. I loose all generational bondage thinking, religious bondage thinking, and cultural bondage thinking from my soul. Thank you for giving me the Keys of the Kingdom to do this. Amen.

Many people have been taught that prayers are what you say to God to get what you want—without having to worry about whether or not God agrees. This is one of the main reasons that many people get discouraged and disappointed in their prayer lives. When they pray amiss, the answers don’t come! God has instituted prayer to build a relationship with you and to give you that point of agreement with Him. He doesn’t want to answer prayers prayed amiss that will lead you into temptation or sorrow. He wants to have communion and right agreement with you.

I have known God to answer some soulish prayers to accomplish His purposes in showing someone that what they believed they just had to have was not at all what was best for them. I can personally attest to that because in times past I learned the hard way that I was praying for things that had nothing to do with God’s will for my life. He finally gave me a couple of the wrong things I badgered Him for. Guess what? I had a terrible time getting rid of them and their consequences! After a few go rounds like that, I began to agree with God that He knew more about what I needed in my life than I did. This is a very hard thing to convince those who have a lot of unmet needs in their lives.
Binding my mind to the mind of Christ helps me to pre-empt my soul’s loss of control in situations I have not yet encountered. How do you pre-empt your soul’s loss of control? Pray this prayer every morning:

> Jesus, I don’t want to do anything today that you wouldn’t do. I’m still working with a hot-headed soul that doesn’t always share this point of view, but your Keys can help me pre-empt its reactions. I bind my mind to your mind, Jesus. I want to hear your voice today as I run into difficult situations. I lose wrong patterns of thinking and wrong attitudes that may come up into my consciousness today. I lose the works of the enemy from myself as I go through this day. Help me practice the fruit of patience today, and help me to act like you would in every delay, in every angry look, and with every hard word that may be spoken to me. Let me influence those around me today, passing on your peace and your love. Amen.

These prayers work! A true test of a message is this—does it work? Does it produce positive spiritual results and spiritual fruit? Is it still working in ten years? Twenty years? I can answer those questions with a firm yes, it does.

We need to recognize the different works of the Holy Spirit, evil spirits, and human souls—which is not as easy as you might always think. A seemingly spiritual manifestation that has a clever human soul or evil spirit behind it can deceive the smartest human intellect. Amazingly, your soul’s cooperation is vital to the operation of the gifts of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12). If your unsurrendered soul is cluttered with rubbish and residue of past experiences, the spiritual gift of the discerning of spirits cannot flow through you. That leaves you with your own natural wisdom which is a very bad judge of the difference between a manifestation of the Spirit, an evil spirit, or a human soul.

I have been a Christian since 1972, and I have seen much confusion over the issue of the effects of the works of spirits. All too often believers blame whatever appears to be wrong on Satan or one of his evil spirits. The lack of discernment of spirits can cause believers to deny their own culpability in a situation. It is also very tempting to believe an evil spirit is behind a situation rather than acknowledging a manifestation of ugliness from our own human souls.

When the gift of the discerning of spirits is not active in a believer, that believer can actually fight against a preventative work of the Holy Spirit believing that he or she is being withstood from important goals by Satan. This is a very dangerous error. It is only by grace that many of us have not become toast by such behavior because of our arrogance and ignorance.

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Chapter 5

Power Key of Loosing

Self-surgery is an interesting phrase. Think of what God said to His people in Deuteronomy 10:16 (The Message): “So cut away the thick calluses from your heart and stop being willfully hardheaded.”

At other times in the Old Testament, God has said He would cut them away himself, but I would rather do my own cutting away if I have a choice. I would especially like to attempt self-removal with the powerful Key of loosening that Jesus left for me to use. Remember that loose also means to dissolve, a more comforting thought than having calluses cut off your heart by God. It is a good thing to cooperate with what God wants rather than having God operate on you without your cooperation.

A word of caution so you won’t be surprised later—using this powerful Key to dismantle all of the walls and hindrances and blocks in your unsurrendered soul may not be a smooth ride. Our office staff (and me personally) had many calls, letters, and e-mails from new readers who began to pray the binding and loosening prayers. Many are thrilled with the answers they were getting, while a few were in a full blown state of panic, saying: “I’ve been binding myself to the will of God and loosening wrong patterns of thinking. Everything imaginable seems to be breaking loose in my life! What am I doing wrong?” Another person said, “Does everybody fall apart after they start praying these prayers?” Another, “I don’t like myself anymore since I’ve been praying those prayers. Aren’t the prayers supposed to make me feel better?” Another said, “I just wanted to tell you that I think those prayers must be of evil. I feel like I’m losing my mind since I started praying them. I feel completely out of control. That can’t be God . . . can it?”

Our standard reply was, “This is perfectly normal, and you’re doing fine. Just don’t stop praying the prayers, or your soul will gather its wits about it and send the storm troopers in to try to get its control back again. It will immediately begin to build its walls even higher!” Why do the prayers seem to cause so much shaking and rocking in the lives of those who start praying them? Because divine building, restoration, and spiritual freedom is in progress!

Think about what happens when a city decides that it has to begin working on its urban renewal projects. Urban renewal is the restoring and cleaning up of the inner parts of the city that have begun to get seedy, dirty, and even dangerous. Lots of old buildings may have to come down which requires a wrecking ball and maybe even dynamite.

When you begin to initiate urban renewal in your own soul,
all of its ratty old shacks and dirty brick fortresses have to be smashed, blown up, or brought down. Its self-centered alleys have to be ripped up. Its chain link fences have to be pulled apart, and there will be rubble everywhere. In a city’s urban renewal, the construction workers can’t work with rubble all around them, so the big dump trucks come in and massive front-end loaders scoop up the rubble and dump it into trucks which take it away forever.

Big chunks of soulish concrete, soulish chain link fences, and the soulish brick buildings in your mind, will, and emotions have to be loaded up and hauled out to make room for your divine renewal to begin as well. Renovation and restoration in the construction business is started when the foundation basis for the new building is down to ground zero.

Sometimes chucking up these kinds of big chunks out of your soul can be like a poor cat trying to cough up the biggest hairball in its life. There’s going to be choking, wheezing, sneezing, and upchucking before it’s all over.

If giving up wrong behaviors is accomplished only through your will power—what do you do when your will falters? Everyone’s will can fall into confusion and weakness at one time or another, depending upon the pressure and stress one might be trying to withstand. No matter what wrong behavior you have overcome by the power of your will, the enemy and your unsurrendered soul are always looking for a way to pressure you into revisiting the temporary relief that a wrong behavior provided for you at another time.

That temporary relief is sort of like taking a pain pill for a needle sticking in your eye. Any feeling of freedom from the pain and fear gradually ebbs away as the pain pill wears off, and you are left with the needle still in your eye. Soulish relief is only permanent when you pull the needle out and lose the wrong things in your soul so that God can heal you.

I heard someone once liken Romans 8:28 to baking a cake from scratch—I remember thinking that was quite a stretch. Romans 8:28 tell us that “we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose” (NKJV). Think about what you do when you bake a cake from scratch. You line up flour, baking powder, salt, raw eggs, and flavorings on the counter. All of the ingredients are there, but it is not a cake until the Cook works them together for good.

We often experience baking powder times or raw eggs days. Perhaps we have a week of salt. These times are not pleasant, in fact it can be very hard to imagine that they could ever enhance our lives; yet they are part of the whole cake. The Cook takes all of the things that can be offensive on their own and blends them into a good thing. How wonderful if we could learn to look at the difficult things of our lives as being part of the final good thing that God is blending together.

Father, your Word says that a baking powder day and my raw egg days can bring about something positive in me when you are allowed to work them together into a good thing. I bind my will to your will in all of my baking powder days. Through them teach me patience, teach me your timing, and help me grow during the spiritual experience I need to have to become an overcomer. I lose all resistance, rigidity, and stubbornness from my soul. I lose all rationalizations and justifications and wrong patterns of thinking that keep me from learning what I need to learn. I want to become experienced in the ways of your Spirit. I want to make room within my soul for the growth of the fruit of your Spirit. Help me to forgive without harboring any resentment. You have promised you will sustain me while this is being worked out in me. Amen.

Anger is a powerful, God-given emotion because it is an invaluable component of the passion, courage, and boldness that lies within us to do great and mighty things. Our unsurrendered souls, however, use anger for all the wrong reasons. God meant for our anger to be converted into spiritual energy to bring justice and deliverance to others. Our unsurrendered souls turn anger against other people instead. Anger is never an acceptable response to a personal affront.

God knew there would be times when we would be angry. He warned us through the Apostle Paul about using the anger against other people. Paul wrote to the Ephesian believers (Ephesians 4:26-27, AMP): “When angry, do not sin; do not let your wrath (your exasperation, your fury or indignation) last until the sun goes down. Leave no [such] room or foothold for the devil [give no opportunity to him].”

In other words, there is a time limit on how long we can take to work through our anger. No matter how we look at the above Scripture, we have less than twenty-four hours to resolve our anger at anyone or anything. If we do not, we become fair game for the enemy to use the opportunity we have given him to establish a foothold in our lives.

Soulish anger is usually an emotional reaction to someone who has hurt you, confused you, or frightened you. It is a powerful reaction that feeds off unresolved issues and unhealed hurts in your life. What might start out as just a snit can flare into rage, even a murderous rage, if it feeds on unhealed pain long enough. Sooner or later, something is going to explode if the fire is not put out.
When angry thoughts are allowed to cycle through your mind again and again, they become addictive. You cannot bind yourself to peace and calmness, but you can loose angry thoughts and stop the recycling. As you make room to receive from God, peace and calmness will come from your communion with Him, from reading the Word, and from receiving His love.

To doubt something or someone means you lack confidence in that thing or that person. Doubt is like a cousin to fear without fear’s torment of expecting punishment. Fear is an aggressive onslaught against your peace. Doubt is the absence of believing that God is always good and just and faithful to His children. Doubt in the original Greek manuscripts meant to be without a way, embarrassed, perplexed, at a loss. To believe means to think something is true; to be persuaded of its truth, and to place confidence in its existence. You generally know something exists and seems to be true because you have some sort of proof of it. Belief accepts that something exists and is true even if there is no tangible proof.

When doubtful thoughts are allowed to cycle through your mind without restraint, they can become addictive. You cannot bind yourself to believing, but you can loose doubtful thoughts that are hindering your ability to believe God. He made you with a capacity to believe in Him. If you struggle to do so, then there is doubt and disbelief in your soul. As you loose doubt and disbelief and begin practicing believing in God, assurance will come as you spend time in communion with Him, reading the Word, and receiving His love.

So how do you practice believing in God? Do what David said he did in Psalms 77:11-15 (The Message): “Once again I’ll go over what GOD has done, lay out on the table the ancient wonders; I’ll ponder all the things you’ve accomplished, and give a long, loving look at your acts. O God! Your way is holy! No god is great like God! You’re the God who makes things happen . . . .”

Negativity is an attitude which causes addictive, negative thought patterns. A negative person rarely sees anything positive in himself, in others, or in his situations. This person seems to see only the gloomy side of life, viewing everything through dark emotions. Negativity describes people or attitudes which are unenthusiastic, always disapproving, always feeling defeated, and pessimistic.

Negativity also spawns attitudes that are contrary, antagonistic, uncooperative, and cynical. I once had a negative friend who never commented on anything positive about me, my clothes, or even my preaching. One night I had preached my heart out in a new dress and I felt that the Lord had helped me deliver a really good message. As soon as I said amen, my friend rushed up to me and said, “Don’t ever wear that dress again when you preach. Every time you raised your hands, your slip showed and I was so embarrassed for you.”

Negativity has a way of focusing on one small downbeat thing that it completely misses everything else that is right. This is an attitude that can become deeply entrenched in an unsurrendered soul, cycling through everything the person does and thinks. Negativity is very addictive because every negative word or thought sows more seeds of negativity. It becomes like a self-seeding prophecy. You cannot bind yourself to being positive, but you can loose negative thought patterns from your soul which is the beginning of learning to think more positively. The success of praying this way is always based upon recognizing when negative thoughts arise. When we have negative beliefs or disappointing expectations about ourselves, they affect how we think and act around other people. These negative beliefs can also affect how others act towards us. We communicate our self-beliefs with various cues, such as acting negative or confused or timid or aggressive. People tend to respond to these cues by adjusting their behavior to correspond with what we think about ourselves. The result is that our negative thoughts seem to be true because of how people react to us—reinforcing the wrong belief that started the whole cycle.

Be aware of attempts of the enemy to cause others to make you feel rejected or to be offended. Refuse to allow your emotional reactions to others’ actions to lead you into these negative attitudes. If your emotional reactions do begin to get out of control, then bind your mind, will, and emotions to God’s will and lose wrong reactions and wrong attitudes from your soul. If your mind begins to recycle wrong thought patterns again, loose them again. You can break this unhealthy cycle, but you may have to persist in order to do it.

When you refuse to feed feelings of rejection or offense, they will often pass with no lasting results. If you personalize what others say to you and allow your soul to identify them as negative personal attacks, your hurt feelings can have long-term consequences.

Lord, I don’t want to try to compensate for my bad feelings or to try to fix my own pain anymore; I want to turn them over to you. I want to become stable and fixed under your shadow as it says in Psalms 91 (AMP)—I want to trust and rely upon you totally to help me overcome my dependency upon chemical substances. I bind myself to you—body, soul, and spirit. Help me break my body’s addiction to these substances. Please heal my soul’s dependency upon these substances. I will listen to the encouragement and guidance you speak through my born-again spirit. I loosen, smash, crush, and destroy all of the wrong patterns of thinking, the rationalizations, and the justifications for what I’ve been doing to my body. I loose all wrong mind/body agreements that my soul has initiated. I do not want my soul influencing my body to come into wrong.
agreements in order to subdue its pain. I want to turn to you when I’m in pain; I want to receive your mercy and grace and comfort. I believe you will help me overcome this struggle and I thank you for that, Lord. Amen.

How can we best help our families and family members in today’s world? Keys of the Kingdom prayer is the best answer to coming into agreement with God for our family members. Bind their wills to the will of God, bind their minds to the mind of Christ, and bind their raggedy emotions to the healing balance of the Holy Spirit. Loose, smash crush and the works of the enemy, and destroy wrong patterns of thinking and wrong beliefs out of their souls so they can receive His truth.

Bind backsliders to the truth of God and the understanding they once embraced and then loose, crush, and destroy the distortions the god of this world keeps torching them with. Pull them out of his fire and bind them back to their heavenly Father’s will, wrapping them up in love and truth like you would a wounded soldier. Fight for them behind their back in the spirit world.

Bind your loved one’s feet to paths of righteousness. Bind their hands to the work that God has always ordained them to do in these last days. Loose (crush, smash, shatter, disrupt, dissolve, and destroy) the lies and deceptions the enemy has told them. Loose the wrong attitudes and stronghold thinking in their minds. Loose and shatter into minute fragments the evil imaginations the enemy has set up in their minds.

You can powerfully impact someone else’s old nature, but you cannot change their old natures—that is a choice they must make. With prayers of loosing, however, you can undercut the stronghold thinking in their old natures and shatter the enemy’s deceptions. When you do this, you give your loved ones every advantage and assist possible so that they will be able to hear Jesus call them.

Keep loosing grave clothes from them. Wrong attitudes, wrong patterns of thinking, wrong ideas, and wrong beliefs are internal fruit, bad fruit, which grows within a person’s unsurrendered soul. These internal attributes are not grave clothes. Grave clothes are hung on an individual externally by other people. This is a basic list of grave clothes:

1. Word curses
2. Rumors
3. Accusations
4. Gossip
5. Slander
6. Lies
7. Finger pointing
8. Insults

9. Slurs
10. Character assassination

The words of others can drape grave clothes on your loved ones just like the funeral wrappings put upon the corpses in the early Jewish burial preparations. Begin to lose these things (either calling them grave clothes or call them by separate names if you feel better) from your loved ones.

Chapter 9
You Can Influence the World

PATIENCE is a fruit that usually blooms over a period of time. Patience is also known as longsuffering, sort of like “love on trial.” I think of longsuffering as “patience x 10,” or patience on steroids (I know that is a bit of an illogical statement, but it just fits!). Patience enables you to forbear and forgive others (Colossians 3:13). This fruit also means being doggedly persistent even though the going gets tougher and tougher. In the Scriptures, the word patience is used in reference to people and not things or events. Barclay says “patience is the grace of the person who could revenge a wrong but does not. It’s the long-suffering which endures injuries and evil deeds without being provoked to anger or revenge.” Patience is the fruit that is usually needed most when the Christian feels least like acting like it.

In Ephesians 4:1-3 (KJV), Paul beseeched the Ephesians church to: “Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

The fruit of patience (a fruit of the Spirit), is also a redeeming social virtue that can help us think and act reasonably toward others during times of testings and trials. This particular fruit can make us think of waiting, twiddling our thumbs, and being passive. But patience does not need to be passive; it can be a strong, vibrant kind of waiting that is alert and looking eagerly toward embracing God’s next direction.

Jesus is a perfect example of patience under pressure. He was under intense pressure when the Sadducees and Pharisees harangued Him and baited Him, trying to get Him to lose His temper. None of us has ever come close to exhibiting patience like His or like God’s. God’s patience should always fill us with great gratitude. Patience, grace, mercy, loving kindness, goodness, and truth all allow God to work with people until they finally get it. If God struck out at people just as short-fused humans frequently do, no one would be alive today.

Patience is described at times as being slow to anger. The Greek word for longsuffering means patience, endurance, constancy, steadfastness, perseverance, forbearance, longsuffering, and slowness in avenging wrongs. Slow down, friend, and let the fruit of patience ripen in your life.
An olive tree is generally pretty resistant to being transplanted once it has established its root structure and begun to grow. This is interesting to think about because Christians are always transplanting themselves—moving from church to church, job to job, house to house, marriage to marriage, etc. When Jesus Christ sowed each one of us where we are, that is where we are needed at the time. God invests us into the areas that we can influence. He never invests anything of His into something with no value which should give you an idea of how He values every living being.

Christians move from church to church for so many soulish reasons: they feel they have been offended, they feel that their Talents are being overlooked, they feel ignored by the pastor, and on and on. How He must long for us to bear fruit where we are sown, and to stop uprooting ourselves to look for ground that we think suits us better. Rooting down where I’ve been planted by God is simple for me because I have never embraced change joyfully. The few times I’ve moved since I became a Christian were definitely divine times of transplanting; they weren’t by choice, because I fussed and fidgeted all the way to my new destination.

God’s first choice of communicating the Gospel has never been by satellite, e-mail, or tracts. He has always wanted to communicate His life, love, and hope to those in the world through us. The message we are to give is in John 3:16-17 (KJV) is: “God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.”

Second Peter 3:9 (AMP) says: “The Lord does not delay and is not tardy or slow about what He promises, according to some people’s conception of slowness, but He is long-suffering (extraordinarily patient) toward you, not desiring that any should perish, but that all should turn to repentance.” As He is waiting for the world to turn to repentance, it is time that we begin to mature in the growth process required that we might become fruitful fruit bearers.

Jesse Penn-Lewis makes a very interesting statement in her book, War on The Saints: (stating that too many Christians) are “surrendered in will, but not surrendered ‘in fact,’ in the sense of being ready to carry out obedience to the Holy Ghost at all costs.” Being surrendered to God does not mean that He will coat you with Teflon and all problems and attacks will head up and roll right off of you. Being surrendered to God “in fact,” as Jesse Penn Lewis says, means that you are ready to move out and act upon whatever He sets before you. Regardless of your current circumstances!

This will not always coincide with your plans or purposes. These Keys of the Kingdom do not mean that we now have Keys to influence the world to run the way we think it should. These Keys of the Kingdom mean that we have divine power to help us surrender to and carry forth God’s plans and purposes for our lives.

New Christians are potential fruit bearers in embryo form, filled with a divine energy that is released when they are finally in God’s chosen environment for them to influence. The new life rising up within each believer after his or her new birth can be likened to seeds showing signs of life in the spring. In the spring, water is readily available and longer days and stronger sunlight cause seeds to begin to sprout. If we liken water to the Word of God, we can see how His Word stimulates the release of the divine energy stored within our born-again spirits. The Word also splits open the hard shells of our unsurrendered souls. That shell has to break open so God’s breath of life gets inside us and then begins to grow us into branches which will bear fruit. Divine energy in us will only start burning when it is exposed to His presence.

Each potential fruit bearer walks a different path that is unique from other seeds’ paths. God has also set a different time frame in each of our purposes. Just like seeds have little things in them called germination inhibitors which prevent them from sprouting until their chances of survival are good, so He has placed divine inhibitors in us until we are ready to burst forth with fruit. This may be why some believers feel stifled and fruitless at times—they haven’t yet accepted their soil or put down strong roots in their area of influence.

Most seeds have a small scar similar to a belly button (like a bean or a peanut). This is where the seed was attached to the fruit which birthed it. What a marvelous analogy that seems to be—each one of us having a spiritual belly button where we were first attached to the divine Incorruptible Seed.

Testimonies
I am a 48 year old woman living near Denver Colorado. I was raised in the church and have been saved since I was about 5 years old. I had never heard of you or your ministry. I recently found one of your books, Shattering Your Strongholds. Then I went to your website to check it all out. I am reading all the newsletters. Lots of good stuff on there. I was married for 12 years to an alcoholic. We divorced in 1999. I had stood for that marriage and prayed for a miracle for 12 years.

I walked away from church, God, etc. angry, broken, and so disillusioned. Several years later the Lord began to show me what had happened. I had to laugh as I read your March/April Newsletter for 2013—there was major confirmation in it! I absolutely love Dr. Soul Care’s virtual reality office in The Unsurrendered Soul excerpts in that newsletter! It cracks me up!!! Particularly the statement: “I hate to tell you this, but
this so-called spiritual Insurance Policy is just a deception of your soul. Good works clauses or not....” I love the statement where Dr. Soul Care says: “I also see that your policy says that you will not experience any personal problems as long as you keep your good works clauses active.”

This is exactly what happened to me! I was trying to keep all my ‘good works clauses’ active so that I could get my marriage healed. This is all I kept hearing from well-meaning Christians. I was told I just didn’t have enough faith, that I just needed to love him more, that I needed to pray more, praise more, obey more. When things got to the point of domestic violence, then I was still rejected because I just kept being told that I was not ‘doing enough.’ I wanted love and acceptance, and all I got was rejection.

I kept trying to do what everyone was telling me to do so that I could EARN their approval. I was going to show God and everybody that I could save my marriage. When it ended...I felt I had somehow failed. Deep down I had this deep sense of still believing that I had not DONE ENOUGH. Then I got mad at God because I believed He was a harsh taskmaster.

Many CHRISTIANS are now getting very angry at me because I confront this deception. Oh boy! No one wants to hear that we don’t have to keep the ‘good works’ clauses! Or, that there is no Spiritual Insurance Policy.

In the past, I was not been able to comprehend that I don’t have to EARN God’s or other people’s approval. I am grabbing hold of this now. I keep sensing well-meaning Christians at church...again leading me toward the ‘good works clauses.’ I am resisting and standing firm. I will not buy into that lie again. I am asking the Lord to show me how to serve and tithe and do these ‘good works’ from the right place instead of the wrong place of feeling like I need to do these things to earn approval.

You write in this newest newsletter: “When you feel that you have been approved and accepted because you have performed up to a certain human standard, you have NOT been approved and accepted. YOUR PERFORMANCE HAS! As soon as you stop performing at or above the same level, human approval and acceptance will often be withdrawn.”

I thought surrendered was being willing to pray enough... obey enough... on and on the ‘good works’ clause goes. It looks so spiritual but, it is far from it. Laura

Dear Liberty: I’ve seen so much change in these last 3 months, inside of me. After I started praying the prayers out of Shattering Your Strongholds for myself (as you suggested), there was a change in how my parents were behaving towards me! My step dad always hated my Mum being on the phone with me. I was lucky to get 5-10 minutes from her, and could always hear in her voice she was trying to end the call quickly. We’re up to 20-30 minutes now and Dad is usually chipping things in in the background...freaks me out if I think hard enough about it!! God is certainly changing things. Not sure what to do with it all, but I know God does and at some point, it’ll all be clear. I got my Canadian prayer partner onto your books and another lady I’ve got to know on Facebook over here in the UK, she’s getting your books, too. D

2nd e-mail: I’m almost through Producing the Promise (having started Shattering your Strongholds 3 months ago) and I can’t tell you how much God has done in me in that time. Everything in all 3 books makes perfect sense and when I’ve been talking to friends about it, I keep saying, “Why aren’t the churches teaching this??!” I love the fact that you have prayers printed in the books to get started on. When I first started praying the prayers the nights that got very bad with depression I’d not suffered with for 20 years...there was no way I could string two coherent words together by myself. But I could pick up the book and read the prayers from the page. That was so helpful. D

Dear Liberty: After reading some of the Bible slandering compromises some have sent you against your stand on forgiveness, I feel I must say a huge THANK YOU! Thank you, Liberty, for your unwavering stand on what the Bible says. Thank you, sister, for all the truths I have gleaned from you over these past few years. It was you who taught me that I must surrender completely to God. You’re the one the Lord used to enable me to live in the sweet freedom of forgiveness when I was so bound to the sins of others against myself and my family. Because of the truth instilled in me through your ministry I have been able to share those same truths into the lives of many others. Dorene

**PRAYING FOR THE CHILDREN**

Every Monday through Friday, I and nearly 70 LSM International Intercessors around the world pray for children who are in situations of all forms of abuse, hunger, sickness, poverty, and even child slavery. I pray *that angels, authorities, and strong adults* can give help to them at the right time it is needed. Second Chronicles 7:14 tells us:

*If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land (NKJV).*

I cannot help but wonder if some of our wicked ways are that we do not pray enough for those who need help so badly, those not in a position to help themselves. This speaks of the power of our prayers for our nations and those in them if we will humble ourselves, stop following our own wills and our own agendas, and pray with all the focus and determination that we can for what is right.
What might be considered another one of our wicked ways as spoken of here? Could it not be that we have not cried out for others, especially the children of the world everywhere, every day! Please join with me and others in praying for the children of the world who desperately need us to agree that God’s will shall be done in their lives and quickly.

_Lord, I come to you with pain in my heart asking that you forgive me for not daily remembering and praying for those who cannot help themselves. I bind every child in the world to your will. I bind their minds to your mind, Jesus, and I bind their wounded and ragged emotions to the healing balance and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Please speak words of strength, encouragement, and hope to them. Please send help to rescue them quickly._

_I loose the enemy’s influence from all adults who are using and abusing so many children in the world today. Please heal them from whatever has driven them to such behaviors. People are not born knowing how to abuse; they learn from being abused themselves. Please break this evil cycle in their lives._

_I loose, smash, crush, and destroy the enemy’s works that are coming against these children. You have said that if we would humble ourselves, pray, seek your face, and turn from our wicked ways, then you would heal our land. Please show us all that we need to do to work with you to see our lands and the children in them become safe and healed and filled with hope. Thank you, Father God. Amen_

**Always remember James 4:17 (NIV):**

*Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn’t do it, sins.*

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This ministry believes the Scriptures are inspired of God, infallible, and fully authoritative for Christian faith and conduct. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life on Earth, died on the cross in a substitutionary work of redemption for mankind, rose again and now sits at the right hand of the Father. Through Christ’s shed blood and renewal of the Holy Ghost, justified by grace through faith, man becomes an heir of God with absolute hope of eternal life.

Liberty teaches Christians how to cause their unsurrendered souls (old natures) to surrender to the will and purposes of God. She also teaches Christians how to loose emotional baggage and toxic waste from their souls to create room within themselves to receive all God has promised to them for today. This allows believers to fulfill their destinies while walking in knowledge and power to bring glory and honor to God the Father! The message of binding and loosing and the Unsurrendered Soul teaches God’s people how to pray with the Keys of the Kingdom (Matthew 16:19) to impact things on earth so they come into alignment with God’s already established will in heaven. Liberty also teaches Christians how to pray purely without “want lists” and soulish instruction manuals for God (so He will know how best to answer their prayers!). Effective prayers always have pure motives, never soulish motives. Binding and loosing Keys of the Kingdom can always expose hidden motives in a believer’s soul.
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