

How Do You Find Your Purpose?

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Proverbs 17:8

⁸ A gift is as a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it: whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth.

Proverbs 18:16

¹⁶ A man's gift maketh room
for him, and bringeth him
before great men.

James 1:17

¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Proverbs 10:10

¹⁰ He that winketh with the eye causeth sorrow: but a prating fool shall fall.

1 Corinthians 4:7

⁷ For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?

1 Corinthians 7:7

⁷ For I would that all men were even as I myself. But every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that.

1 Corinthians 15:41

⁴¹ There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory.

Ephesians 4:7

⁷ But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

Psalms 147:4

⁴ He telleth the number of
the stars; he calleth them all
by their names.

Proverbs 19:21

²¹ There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.

Romans 8:28

²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Romans 12:5-6

⁵ So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

⁶ Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

Romans 11:29

²⁹ For the gifts and calling of
God are without repentance.

63-0428 — Look

284 Oh, there's more than a governor here this morning. Jesus Christ is here. And that little cell, called man or woman, He's here to give pardon.

Don't, don't turn Him away.
Don't do it. Find your
purpose that God brought
you here in life.

65-0206 — Doors In Door

87 I—I like a man of vision. I like people that's got something they're fighting for, just not just lay around,

“Well, ever what comes along will be all right.” Oh, be up and at it!

And Lincoln never let his education stand in the way; he had something to do. I think every Christian ought to be that way, find your purpose and go do it.

59-1115 — My New Ministry

76 I want you to know that
He's God of the woods just
the same as He's God of the
city.

He's just as much God out there as He is here. And God always deal with men according to their capacity, and what.

Like David, by the still waters
and green pastures, because
he was a shepherd. And
different ways He has,
revealing, and something.

56-0129 — The Supernatural

29 Now, this man that we're going to speak of for just a few moments, then I want to give you a testimony, this man,

Elisha, the great prophet,
was a man who lived in that
constant atmosphere. He
was a called man of Nazarite
birth. “All gifts and callings
are without repentance.”
It's nothing.

You can't make one hair black or white; you can't add one cubit to your stature. We only have carnal impersonations when we try to impersonate something that God hasn't made us.

If we try to do something that God hasn't called us to do, we'll be a total failure doing it. If man would try to make himself woman, woman man, how would you do it?

I met that woman
that...where they supposed
to have had the surgical test
and be made, or, a man,
made a woman, whatever it
was, in Italy, in Rome.

There she was, a disgrace to being a woman, drunk as she could be, walking up and down the streets and, oh, a horriblemest sight you ever seen.

30 Notice, you can't make
yourself anything different
from what God intended
you to be. Anything else is
an impersonation.

Therefore if your conversion is only because you're trying to hide behind something, or trying to make yourself a better person, you're only playing the part of a hypocrite.

Until Christ has actually come to your life, and changed you, and brought you into an atmosphere, that's the difference of it.

That's the reason we go through so many different forms and saying they have to do this. Jesus said, "He that heareth My Word, and believeth on Him that sent Me, has Everlasting Life."

Not a make-believe, it's absolutely something that's happened, a conversion of the heart that's changed you and brought you into another realm.

Men are misunderstood,
Christians, women, men,
boys, and girls, are
misunderstood who lived in
those places,

because it's contrary to the natural run of life among people of the world. And I'm sure we all want to live in that atmosphere.

60-0911M — As I Was With
Moses, So I Will Be With
Thee

121 Now, when God gave
me my commission.

I've based all this, back, for
this one purpose. "Gifts and
callings are without
repentance."

No man can make himself
anything. God makes you
what you are, by His grace.
We have no way of making
ourselves.

Jesus said, “Who, taking thought can add one cubit to his stature?” Who can make hisself bigger or littler, by taking thought? You can’t do it.

When God gave the commission, I questioned it. I said, “I’m unsufficient, or, insufficient. I have no education. I cannot do these things.”

58-1005M — Hear His Voice

6 I got couple of good
friends here. Brother Charlie
Cox, I see sitting out there.

And the last few weeks, I
been down in Kentucky with
him, squirrel hunting, where I
got some rest. **Brother
Banks Wood.**

And, now, we, training in our rifles, they...I just got to have mine so perfect that it'll drive a tack at fifty yards, or I—I just can't hunt. See? That's all.

7 Well, what good does it do to drive a tack? See?

Because, if you're shooting at the squirrel, and a head shot, and his head is probably that big around,

anywhere within an inch group will be all right, see, anywhere in there. Either one of those boys say, "That's all right. I hit the squirrel." They go on and get the squirrel.

But, to me, it's got to be just perfect. It's got to hit the tack. It can't miss it a quarter of an inch. It's got to hit the tack soffit, or I just get all nervous and upset.

8 And I was sitting down, the other day, in the woods, and I was saying, “Lord, why—why am I such a crank? Why did You make me to be such a crank?” I said, “Now there...”

9 Brother Banks went hunting with his rifle, and he pulled it up to shoot it in, with the telescope sights. And you just...

Every once in a while,
you'd...one will go off, 'cause
if it...Factory loaded
ammunition will do that,
anyhow, 'cause you got a little
more powder, and a little less
powder.

But it would just hit a little bit off, or inch or two, Brother Banks say, “Oh, that’s all right, I hit the squirrel. That’s all right.” It don’t—it don’t bother him. Charlie, the same way. But l...

10 Mine has got to hit the tack, right in the center, or it upsets me. I said, “I’ve become a regular crank.”

And then I begin to look back, and I find that my life is like that. That's my make-up. And I thought, "Well, why did You make me like that?"

It even makes me nervous
if—if it goes off just a little
bit that way or that way.
And that's the way then the
Lord revealed to me, sitting
down there, up on Glutton
Hollow,

ever where we was at,
hunting. That, I believe it's
called Dutton; but, the
squirrels eat so fast, I call it,
“Glutton.” So they...

11 Up on this place, I thought, “That’s it.” I would not even teach that there was a hell until I was positive of it. See?

And therefore if the Scripture predicts Divine healing, and here, looks like this and like that; if a Scripture says, “Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,” like there is three Gods,

and There I see there's only
One; and now how am I
going to just haphazardly,
about some other man's,
what they say about It, take
it like that?

If the Bible speaks of
predestination and grace,
and here it's got works, and
here it's got grace. And I—I
just can't preach it like that.

12 I got to solve that, and
through, and through, and
through the Bible, till it's
perfectly driving a tack, see,
till it really comes out
perfectly through the
Scriptures.

Then when I stand, I can really have faith in what I'm doing, see, know that what you're preaching is the Truth.

See? And then if anybody gets contrary about It, you've already studied enough till you know just exactly what He says,

where to stop him at, see,
right Here. See? And that's
the way it is. God makes us
different ways, that we can
just simply...

That makes the world that way. But, that's what makes me that nervous, upset type of a person. It's got to be just right.

13 And I'm so glad, tonight,
today, this—this morning, to
say that I know that the Lord
Jesus is not dead. He is a
living,

and He's just as much right here now as He was any time in the world at Galilee or anywhere else. He's the living, resurrected, omnipresent Son of the living God. That's...And if I couldn't...

14 If I taught a Scripture of some historical God, and I wasn't sure that He was right here, I—I'd be all confused.

It'd make me so nervous, I wouldn't know what I was doing. See? And I wouldn't know where to tell people, "Well, now, He'll do this, or He'll do that."

I—I couldn't tell you. I don't know. But when you know what He promised He would do, and have seen Him do it, then you know where you're standing.

See? And see how God, in
His great plans, just
knowed how to make every
person just exactly to be a
certain thing, 'cause He's
going to use them for that
purpose.

15 You hear that little lady up here, a while ago? Mrs. Stricker, singing without any music. She had some kind of a little thing she was blowing through,

to get her tune, her—her key
or whatever you call it. And
could stand and sing with
that real low voice, and raise
it up, that, Ship Ahoy!

Now, you ought to hear me try that sometime. It would be terrible. But, you see, God knowed just how to make that woman up so she would do that.

16 And that's the way. We
all have different
make-up's. If we would just
find our position in Christ,
and there abide and serve
Him.

63-1114 — Influence

63 And we mustn't try to impersonate anyone. Just be what you are, see, and that's the way God made you. You never fashioned yourself.

And, remember, as much as we ministers would like to take Billy Graham's place, we cannot do it, neither can Billy Graham take our place. See, we, each one has something to do.

The common little fellow
here that may be a janitor,
the little woman that may be
a housewife, the greatest
minister on the face of the
earth today could not take
your place.

You, God had a purpose in
making you what you are,
and you just serve God in
that way that He made you.

See? And I think, if we
would just do that, the
wheels would roll a lot
easier. Yes, it would, if we
would do that, not get lifted
up. And we find out, instead
of...

64-1212 — The Harvest Time

47 And He makes us different.
Even the...there, we're told, in
the Bible, that the stars
different one from another,
one star different from
another.

You know, there is a difference in Heaven, in Angels, Angelic beings; there is Angels, there is Cherubims, there is Seraphims,

and their—their difference
There. And we are all
different. And God has big
mountains, He has plains,
prairies, grass, desert, water.

See, He's—He's different,
He's a—He's a—a God of
variety. And look at His
people here this morning,
some of us white, some
black, some brown, some
yellow, some red;

see, it's—it's His people. He's
a...He's—He's a God of
variety, and so I think He
has the same thing among
His ministers.

65-1205 — Things That Are To Be

45 Jesus has gone to make ready our coming there. Now notice. “In My Father’s House is many mansions.” Or, let us...

I don't mean to add to the Word, or take from It, because we're not to do that. Revelation 22 said,

“Whoever will add a word, or take a Word out of It.” But let me just make this, as not an additive, but just to—to bring out a point.

“In My Father’s House is many kinds of mansions.” I don’t believe that when we get to Heaven that we will be, just everybody look just exactly alike.

I don't believe that—that all
will be blondes, or brunettes,
or—or little, or—or all big,
or—or all giants.

I believe that God is a God
of variety.

The world proves that. He's⁹⁰
got big mountains and little
mountains. He's got plains.
He's got deserts. He's got
different things, because He
made it the way He wanted
it.

And He made the seasons; summer, winter, spring, autumn. He made the seasons. It shows He's a God of variety. He made you in a variety.

Some men are real blusterous; and some are real dogmatic; and others are fine; others are kind. And you just find all different kinds of people, and in His Kingdom. See?

Temperaments

56-0101 — Why Are People So Tossed About?

119 Paul said, “To me to live
is Christ, and to die is gain.”

Not me that liveth anymore,
but Christ that liveth in
me.” Christ living in the
individual so surrendered,

Christ speaks through the
lips, and thinks through the
mind, sees through the eye,
acts through the
temperaments, hallelujah,
then the things of the world
has passed away.

How can it be anything but
sweet and pleasant all the
time? Christ has got control.
Amen. You see it? That's
what it is, it's Christ in you.
Christ in you!

63-1114 — Influence

69 It's unscriptural for you
or I to impersonate anyone
else. Right. So be what you
are,

and be a good one, and
fulfill your purpose so
others can see you. If you're
a housewife, be a real one,
see.

If you're a—a husband, be a genuine, see. And if you're a deacon, be a genuine; or a preacher, whatever you are.

But don't try to take
someone else's place.

God's *Varieties*

64-1205 — The Identified Masterpiece Of God

60 He has a purpose in your life, each individual, that no one else on the face of the earth can take your place. God has got something for you.

You're made like that. You was did that way for a purpose. God is sovereign in His work. He even...Things different. We different, one from another.

61 We notice in the animal¹⁰⁴
life. We find out, in the
animal life, there's one
animal, God made a beast of
burden, like the horse,
and—and he has to work.
And the cow is a sacrifice.

And, but, the—the lion and the tiger roams the forest without any labor or anything. He made a great big animal like an elephant,

and then made a little bitty fellow like a mouse. Now, who is there to tell God what to do and how to do it? He does it His Own way.

62 And He makes the mountains. He makes the deserts. He makes the—the seas. He makes the plains. He makes one kind of tree, hard wood, palm, and—and so forth. He does it.

63 He makes men different.
He gives us, each one, a
different place. And a palm
tree can never be a hickory.
A hickory tree can never be
a palm. Nobody can take
your place,

and you shouldn't try to
take anybody else's place.
Because, you are an
individual, to God, and God
has a purpose for you. He
made you thus.

You say, “Why did He do it?”
He is sovereign. He’s got a
reason for it being that way.
But we find out that we’re all
guarded by the Word.

64 In heaven, we look at the celestial bodies. The Bible says that even one star differs from the other.

There is Sirius and the different ones. And Mars and Jupiter, all those different ones, they different one from the other.

The sun differs from the moon, and the moon from the stars. And there is Angels, such as, there is Seraphims and Cherubims,

and Angels and great Angels,
in—in degrees. And even in
the new world to come, the
kings of the earth bring their
honor into the city.

65 We're always going to be that way. Because, God is not a Sears and Roebuck Harmony House. He is a God of variety.

116
He makes one one way, and
one another. But we must
serve Him in the way that
God made us, and be glad,
and stay behind His Word.
And that's the way God did
it.

64-0830M — Questions And Answers #3

9 I'm something like
Abraham was; I'm looking for
a City. See? I can't find it, but
I know it's there.

But I certainly can't get adjusted to any certain place on this earth. It just don't look like...Fine people, fine places,

and you go here, it's too wet;
go out there, it's too dry; go
up here, it's too cold; go
down there, it's, too hot.
See?

And you...There's no place; it
just ain't Home. Don't want
to take up my time crying on
your shoulder, but I'm...

Well, we're thankful to the Lord. Amen! Be thankful for all things. I am thus, because I am thus. God made me what I am.

And I can't be nothing but
what He made me,
melancholy, and those kind
of things. They tell me I just
have to be that way in order
to be the help that He sent
me here to be.

And I want to be that kind of a person. If that's the way I was supposed to be, that's what I want to be. Whatever's the Kingdom of God's will, or God's will, that's what I want to be.

Gifts/ Talents

50-0300 — Gifts And
Callings Are Without
Repentance

12 And I believe that we're living in the hours just before the coming of Jesus the second time.

Now, upon that, in speaking
that the Spirit of Christ still is
in the Church and in the
people...

I'll explain to you how the gift came and how it works. I was born of a humble parents, borned being a Catholic. I was born in Kentucky.

And I believe that gifts and callings, as I said, are without repentance, that you're born here in the world with these gifts.

Just the same as you're born to be a musician. You might give your child, give it all kinds of lessons. But if that musical talent isn't in it, it'll never do no more good.

Is that right? But we're born the same way in the spiritual realms, for gifts and callings of God are without repentance.

That you might know, Jesus Christ was foreordained of God. He was the One was seen from the garden of Eden. Do you believe that?

50-0711 — Ministry Explained

29 And now, it's all seen by vision. Everything is by vision. When I see what you've done in life,

I just see—just see it. But it's like I'm looking at you now. And it's been that way in a measure since I was a little boy.

Therefore, I believe that
gifts and callings are
without repentance, that
you're borned in this world
with gifts.

I believe you have to be born to be a musician. You take children sometimes and give them all kinds of an education in music, they never make a musician.

And some of them that
can't even read their ABC's
through, or say their ABC's,
can play music of any type.
You're born that way. You
can't help it.

57-0818 — Time-Tested
Memorials Of God

52 You see, a man's
character is made known by
his works.

Whatever you are, your
works prove what you are.
No matter how much you
testify, whatever you say,
pro or con, that has nothing
to do with it.

Your works tell what you
are, tells what you are
inside. Every job that you
do, manifests what you are.

53 And you businessmen, if
you just do a patched-up
job, see what I mean, just a
half-way job, don't do that.
If you can't do it right, don't
do it at all. That's right.

54 When you come to Christ, if you can't absolutely sell out, lock, stock, and barrel, and come to Christ, don't come at all. But when you really want to be a Christian, stand out.

142
Make it real. That's what God
wants you to be. And
that'll—that'll prove, your
works will prove what your
character is. Your character is
known by the works that you
do.

64-0705 — The Masterpiece

35 Now, a genuine sculptor
is inspired, like a genuine
poet, or any genuine singer,
musician, whatever it might
be.

All real has to come by
inspiration. Michelangelo
must have had the
inspiration of what Moses
really looked like. And he
caught it in his mind, what
Moses must have been.

So he set forth on this great piece of marble, the cutting to the pattern, and bringing down, and honing down, until he got to the real picture of what it must have been in his mind.

63-0601 — Come, Follow Me
41 And the father and
mother with the...praying
constantly that—

that their son would not
turn out just an ordinary
man, that he would be an
extraordinary man. All
parents want that.

Did you hear Jesus refer to that commandment, “Honour thy father and mother,” then stopped? See? And that’s the ambition of any parent, to do the best for their children,

that they can, educate them,
give them things maybe that
they wasn't able to get.
That's the way I feel about
my children.

42 I think, sometime, in
going to school, now; I think,
send Becky and Sarah and
Joseph into these high
schools and things, where all
this going-on is at?

I think I'll take them and get back into the mountain, and—and raise them up there with the...like the Indians live.

43 But here is what it is.
What's in the kid is going to
come out. No matter where
it is, it's got, it's going to
come out.

If it's evil in there, it'll come out in the Indian camp. If it's good in there, it'll come out in any camp. See?

It's what's in the kid, the
make-up of the kid, what's
on the inside of you. And
what you are now is what
you're probably be the rest
of your life. You're on a
changing spot.

44 Do you know what?
Eighty-six percent of the
conversions to Jesus Christ is
done before twenty-one
years old.

It shows it. Statistics shows it. Eighty-six percent that come to Christ, come before they're twenty-one.

You, after you pass that age, you become more molded or set in your ways. Oh, it's possible, sure. They come, seventy, eighty, years old, but it's very rare. See?

45 You make yourself when
you're young. You set your
ambitions to what you want
to do, and what you're
trying to achieve in life.

You think of it. And as you think, of course, your mind, it's presented into your mind by an unknown something that—that dominates your mind.

And then when it becomes in
your mind, then you speak it,
that you're going to do it.
And then your ambitions
drive you to it.

62-0422 — The Restoration Of The Bride Tree

55 Brother Jerry Steffy
painted that picture. God
bless that boy. That's very
fine, Jerry, if you're here this
morning.

It's too bad, I wish I had the means to let that boy go to school for an artist. I believe God is in art. Don't you believe so? God is in music. God is in art. God is in this.

And it's too bad to see a talent, like that, wouldn't be developed. More he does, the more developing he'll be. And I—I pray that God will bless you, Jerry.

Your Make-Up Is Everything

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64-0313 — The Voice Of The Sign

30 When God has—has called
a person for a job to do, there
is no one can take its place.
There is no one can take your
place, your peculiarity.

62-0630B — It Wasn't So
From The Beginning

92 But you're not your own,
you are bought with a price,

you are commissioned to a
job. You must be loyal and
true to it, no matter what it
is.

And I think most all real
level-thinking people will
respect that, even though
they might disagree with
you, they'll respect it.

93 How about a man to a woman? No matter whether she's pretty, ugly, or whatever it is, if she's a lady, a real lady, any man will respect, that's got a ounce of man about him, see.

No matter who it is, he
respects her stand. See?
And that's the way I think it
is amongst brethren,
brethren who sees
somebody that's convinced.

I have the same respects to
brethren who might
disagree with me. I—I would
say, certainly I respect his...

57-0807 — Hear Ye Him

29 I'm forty-eight years old. I never was invited to join the Branham family. Why? I was borned in the Branham family. I become a Branham by birth.

That's the way we become a
child of God. Is not by
Methodist, Presbyterian, nor
Anglican, or Pentecostal,
Nazarene, Pilgrim Holiness.

We are born by the Spirit of God into the church of the living God. Certainly is. And then our character is watched by the Holy Spirit.

And if we're Methodist
today, and they make us a
little mad, and we go over to
the Baptists the next day,
and they fuss at us a little
bit,

and something, the preacher says something steps on your toe, then away you go down to Pilgrim Holiness, or Nazarenes, or somewhere like that. No wonder.

You pack your paper from place to place till it's about tore up. Why don't you take your name off of it anyhow and put it on the Lamb's Book of Life?

Let God take care of it and fellowship with all the brethren of like precious faith. Whether you see eye to eye alike that doesn't matter.

We're at least Christians,
brethren, borned in the
same family. God received
us in our peculiarities; we
should receive each other.

60-0221 — Hearing,
Recognizing, Acting On The
Word Of God

Now, these tapes, that of this meeting this morning, is not sold, it's just for the Church or for someone, 'cause it's on Doctrine.

And in the meetings out
there, it causes confusion,
because hardly two of us
see perfectly eye to eye, but
we ought to be heart to
heart, anyhow.

But it, we in the tabernacle
here, these tapes are, you
notice on the...It's for just
friends, and so forth.

64-0119 — Shalom

209 It's an individual affair,
you and God. There is no
two man see eye to eye,
together alike;

no two thumbs alike. God
deals with a individual. And
how you know whether he
is right or not? Then look
back and see if he is with the
Word.

If he is with the Word, then God is dealing with him; if he isn't, something else is dealing with him. See? That's right.

61-0319 — Jezebel Religion

153 Your trouble is
nervousness, that's what
you're suffering with. If
that's right, raise up your
hand.

Now, she sure doesn't look
it, does she, brethren? She
doesn't, but that's what her
trouble is. She's been that
way a long time.

Always crossing your
bridges before you get to
them, and so forth. That's
true. It's your make up, just
made that way, nervous;

always imagining
something's fixing to
happen, it doesn't.
Sometimes the devil tells
you, "There's nothing to it,
just you backslid, you're
across the line."

I'm not reading your mind,
but I'm reading what's...I'm
knowing what he's talked to
you about, 'cause I see
what's crossed your mind.

63-1128M — Testimony

25 I'm not a preacher.

Anybody knows that. I'm not
a preacher.

But it's made up in a—a
spiritual form, of—of
watching things and seeing
things move, and
forewarning people of
things that's coming to
pass. And it's just...

That's my make-up. I can't
help that, no more than you
can help your make-up. But
God has put us, each one, in
the Body, to do certain
things.

And I watch every little
move, every objective, every
motive, 'cause everything is
governed by...governed by
spirit.

62-1111M — Dedication

6 Mrs. Hoover was just
telling me, Mrs. L. G.

Hoover, was just telling me
that was her little girl
playing the song,

a few minutes ago, the
coming song of Only
Believe, and is a pianist here
at the—at the piano.

Three months ago, when they came in, they...she couldn't strike a tune. But now she can play. That's very, very fine.

7 I've got a girl setting back here, that's been taking music lessons for about five years, or more,

and I don't know what it's
cost me, and a new piano.
She couldn't play a hymn
that good as that little child
was going.

So it shows what God-given talents are, and then something you try to manufacture. You see?

53-1204 — At Thy Word

9 There's just...There's many things that happen, and you know that, each one of you.

There's things that only God
and I know alone, and there's
that way in your life.

There is in everybody's life.
There's just you and God
knows alone. And many
times I've heard people say,

“Brother Branham, how do you see visions? How do you do this?”

Well, just as soon as I said you, “Why do you got blue eyes?”

Why have you got brown eyes? Why did you have a ear on the side of your head?”
Now, why, that’s just the same question.

“God put it there,” you say.
Well, that’s the same way.
See? It’s just that way. It’s
just...

There's nothing you can put
in yourself. God, when
He...We are come on this
earth, them qualities are in
you for different things.

Like for instance, this musician here. I want my little girl to be—to do that same thing this lady's a doing here, to play music.

Well, now if it's in her, she'll do it. If it isn't, won't do any good to give her lessons,
'cause she'll never make it.

53-1204 — At Thy Word

10 Here some time ago I was
buying my little baby one of
those little pianos for
Christmas.

Oh, I think it cost a dollar and a quarter or something. It's about that big, and I was...Had my finger trying to pick out a tune on it, you know.

It had little keys, and I'd hold up my hand. I was picking away on something, and my wife,

she might know about two chords so she was trying to show me how to make that chord or something. I was standing there trying to pick on it,

and a little boy came up, oh,
poor, little ragged looking
fellow. He said...His teeth
out in front, and his face
needed washing,

and his little trousers was raggy and dirty, and he looked at me. Said, “What are you trying to do, mister?”

53-1204 — At Thy Word

11 I said, “Well, son, I—I’m wondering myself.” I said, “I—I was trying to—to—to hit this key here to make this chord here.”

And he said, “Let’s see you do it.” Well, I tried it.

And he said, “Can I try it?”

I said, “Yes, sir. Sure can.” He set that little thing down and played as pretty a tune as you ever heard on that.

He knowed just how to hit it.
And then he looked at me,
and kind of grinned and
walked over there and
there's one of these little
xylophones,

you know, just about that
long, little old hardware
store where they had little
cheap things for children.
So...

And he got up these little things here and played: “Silent Night,” just as pretty as I ever heard it on anything.

That's right. And I said,
“Well, son, did you ever have
a music lesson?” He didn't
even know what it was.

12 So he picked up a piece of gas pipe back there that Mr. Rusher had been cut off,

and blowed the “Star Spangled Banner” through that gas pipe like that. Now, there...I said to Mr. Rusher which was a Catholic by faith, I said...

We was school mates together. I said, “Al, you see what I’m talking about. That boy don’t need a music lesson. He was born that way. (See? That’s right.)

He don't need it. It's just a gift."

And now you hear these singers come on the air, these fellows like different ones.

I don't want to mention names in public, but men become millionaires a week's time or two just singing songs on these programs.

Which America has become full of ballyhoo and all kind of programs, and everything, till even the other nations laugh at us for our nonsense.

64-0705 — The Masterpiece

35 Now, a genuine sculptor
is inspired, like a genuine
poet,

or any genuine singer,
musician, whatever it might
be. All real has to come by
inspiration.

Michelangelo must have had the inspiration of what Moses really looked like. And he caught it in his mind, what Moses must have been.

So he set forth on this great piece of marble, the cutting to the pattern, and bringing down, and honing down, until he got to the real picture of what it must have been in his mind.

Nature/Make-Up As A Burden/Gift

50-0713 — Obey The Voice Of The Angel

21 How do you do, sir? Are
you from here in the city?

[The brother says, “No, I’m
from Zion.”—Ed.]

You're from Zion, a great city. You're a stranger to me. I don't know you. Just maybe I've never seen you. You're from Zion. I've probably seen you,

but didn't know you. Now, you're suffering with some cause somewhere. And I will be able to tell you, maybe, if I can hold your hand here...?....

Yes, my brother, you're a sick man. You have many troubles wrong with you.

One of them is a heart trouble, that's been bothering you for some time. You have a stomach trouble also. Isn't that right?

You've consulted a doctor about this too, and they don't give you much hope.

But that...?...You believe with all your heart? Look, I want you to look at me when I'm talking to you.

Your whole trouble has
been, is your make-up.
You're more of a—kind of a
deep thinker.

You're nervous to begin with, an inward nervous, a type of nervousness that...?...causes you trouble. Really, your heart trouble is a nervous heart, is what it is.

I believe you were told that.
And your stomach is
caused...it's a peptic ulcer in
your stomach that causes
you this trouble, stress.

And sometimes, when laying down, your heart hurts you worse than your peptic ulcer did. Now usually, in that case, it causes fluttering itself, makes the heart flutter and jump.

53-0903 — Expectancy

52 How do you do, sister?
You believe with all your
heart? You do.

Now, you're a very nervous
person. See? Not in a
nervous of shaking and
jumping. But what you're
nervous at, it's a mental
nervousness,

because you are a deep
thinker. You're always
thinking and taking other
people's troubles. You cross
bridges 'fore you get to it.

Isn't that right? That's the old expression. That's your nature, your make-up. What your trouble is, you got stomach trouble.

And that's just exactly what caused it. It's ulcerated stomach, caused from a nervous condition. Causes souring, and belching,

and everything (Is that right?), floaty feeling, and never—smothering when you lay down, and think you have heart trouble sometimes. But it isn't heart trouble.

It's just—it's just excess gas
going up that tube to your
heart. You believe you're
healed? God bless you. Your
faith...?....

Let's say "Thanks be to God."

65-1125 — The Invisible
Union Of The Bride Of Christ
241 Why? It was put in there
by predestination. You were
foreordained to a son of
God.

You were in God before the
foundation of the world.
You're only manifested in
this day for His honor and
glory.

How can you do it without honoring His Word, and stand with every Word of God? Yes, sir.

Which, you are a part of that
Word, by predestination.
Because, look, the God is the
Word. You believe it?
[Congregation says,
“Amen.”—Ed.]

Well, then, if...He always was the Word. “In the beginning was the Word.” And if the Word was God, then you were in God.

The Word, the part that
you're to play, was in God
before the foundation of
the world. He seen you. He
knew you. He predestinated
you to it.

The Individual Ministry

60-1206 — The Smyrnaean Church Age

20 Then in each local church
there's nine spiritual gifts
that come among the
people,

that is, knowledge, wisdom,
gifts of healing, working of
miracles, speaking with
tongues, interpretation of
tongues. And all these things
go in each local body.

And every person in the church has an individual ministry, and that individual ministry goes together with the rest of the ministry, to edify the Body of Jesus Christ.
And never...

CAB-04 — 4 - The Smyrnaean Church Age

Now we have been constantly
saying that the true evidence of
being baptized with the Holy
Ghost is for the believer to
receive the Word for the age in
which he lives.

Let me show you most clearly. The Seven Ages as set forth in Revelation chapters 2 and 3 take in the whole span of the Fulness of the Gentiles,

or the whole time in which God is dealing with the Gentiles unto salvation. In every single age, bar none, it says the very same thing in opening and closing the message to each age.

“Unto the messenger of
(Ephesus, Smyrna,
Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis,
Philadelphia, Laodicea) write;

These things saith He...”
etcetera, etcetera. “He that
hath an ear, let him
(singular) hear what the
Spirit saith to the churches.”

Notice here that Jesus (by the Spirit) in EVERY age addresses Himself to ONLY ONE person relative to the Word for that age.

Only ONE messenger for each age receives what the Spirit has to say to that age, and that ONE MESSENGER is the messenger to the true church.

He speaks for God by
revelation to the
“churches,” both true and
false. The message is then
broadcast to all.

But though it is broadcast
for all who come within
range of the message, that
message is received
individually by only a
certain qualified group in a
certain way.

Each individual of that group is one who has the ability to hear what the Spirit is saying by way of the messenger.

Those who hear are not getting their own private revelation, nor is a group getting their collective revelation,

BUT EACH PERSON IS
HEARING AND RECEIVING
WHAT THE MESSENGER HAS
ALREADY RECEIVED FROM
GOD.

CAB-09 — 9 - The Laodicean
Church Age There are those
who say that God's people
are going to come together
through a collective
revelation.

I challenge that statement. It is a bald, invalid assumption in the face of Revelation 10:7.

Now I do not deny that people will prophesy in this last age and their ministries can and will be correct.

I do not deny that there will be prophets even as in the days of Paul when there was “one, Agabus, a prophet who prophesied of a famine.”

I agree that is so. BUT I DENY
UPON THE INFALLIBLE
EVIDENCE OF THE WORD
THAT THERE IS MORE THAN
ONE MAJOR PROPHET-

MESSENGER WHO WILL
REVEAL THE MYSTERIES AS
CONTAINED IN THE WORD,
AND WHO HAS THE MINISTRY
TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE
CHILDREN TO THE FATHERS.

“Thus saith the Lord” by His unfailing Word stands, and shall stand and be vindicated. There is one prophet-messenger to this age.

On the basis of human
behavior alone, anyone knows
that where there are many
people there is even divided
opinion on lesser points of a
major doctrine which they all
hold together.

Who then will have the
power of infallibility which is
to be restored in this last
age,

for this last age is going to go back to manifesting the Pure Word Bride? That means we will have the Word once again as it was perfectly given,

and perfectly understood in the days of Paul. I will tell you who will have it. It will be a prophet as thoroughly vindicated,

or even more thoroughly vindicated than was any prophet in all the ages from Enoch to this day, because this man will of necessity have the capstone prophetic ministry,

and God will shew him forth.
He won't need to speak for
himself, God will speak for
him by the voice of the sign.
Amen.

What Is A Gift?

64-0122 — Looking Unto Jesus

177 I would like to say one thing just before we pray for the sick.

Many people have the wrong impression about a gift. A gift is not something that God gives you to go out and say,

“Here, I’ll go over here and pick out this, and I’ll take that and I’ll do this.” That’s not gifts. So many people think that, but they’re wrongly impressed.

A gift of God is just to know
how to get yourself out of
the way so God can use you,
that's all a gift is. See? As
long as you're in yourself...

64-0122 — Looking Unto Jesus
178 Didn't Jesus say, Himself,
"The Son can do..." Saint John
5:19, "Verily, verily, I say unto
you, the Son can do nothing
in Himself."

He passed by that pool
where all them cripples was,
and healed one man with
prostate trouble, or
something (disease)
retarded.

He said “The Son can do nothing in Himself; but what He sees the Father doing, that doeth the Son likewise.”

“It’s not me,” He said, “that
doeth the works; it’s My
Father that dwelleth in Me,
He doeth the Works.”

64-0621 — The Trial

169 Now, it's, what is it? It's a gift. A gift ain't to take, like a sword, and go, punch and jab and pull.

That isn't it. A gift is just
getting yourself out of the
way, so the Holy Spirit can
work in a human body.

Don't try to say, "Glory to God, I got a gift! I got a gift, hallelujah!" You'll never get it. If you just know how to let yourself go!

170 It's like pulling a gear.
See? Change yourself into
faith, from unbelief, just jerk
a little gear back there,

say, “Well, I’ve always kind of been skeptic, but really, now, I believe now.” Now watch what happens then. Just do it once and see what happens. Just pray.

63-0825M — How Can I
Overcome?

72 The thing you have to
overcome is yourself, your
idea, your thing,

and surrender yourself to
Him. He overcome for you.
He knows the way; we
don't.