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by Pastor Terri Copeland Pearsons

Control. It's what everyone longs for. There must be a way to control the balance between home, children, work and play. But there are so many demands from everyone and everything. And after all, aren't good Christians who walk

in love supposed to "be there" for those who need them? Spouses, parents, children, employers, employees, the church, friends, neighbors and so on. Even those quietly alone are often faced with the pressure of needing to make changes in their not-busy-enough lives. There are just more demands on each of us than we care to count, and each one is screaming to claim the title of No. 1 Priority.

I'm sure you identify with this overwhelming picture, but you also know I won't leave you in that condition! The truth is, there is a way. With all the elements of our lives, it would seem that the answer must be

*Nothing,
absolutely
nothing,
is more
important
than waiting
in prayer.*

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The Year of the



The following is a word of prophecy given by Kenneth Copeland on Nov. 11, 2006, at the Washington, D.C. Victory Campaign.

The year of 2007...what will it be like? Will it be a year of disasters and catastrophes beyond imagination as some have predicted? Or will it be a continuance of the glory of heaven being manifest?

The year of 2007 will have some very serious catastrophes. There will be some things happening that the world will not know how to handle. But you may rest in Me, saith the Lord, because the manifestation of My glory will be so great in the year 2007, and [there will be] such overflowing revival throughout this nation and around the world that you're hardly even going to notice the natural catastrophes that happen. And the things that the devil is trying to do will get caught up in the swell and the explosive power of My Spirit being manifest, saith the Lord. Hallelujah.

2007 will be known as The Year of the Open Door. My Word states in Revelation chapter three that I open doors no man can shut. I shut doors no man can open.

There are those of you who over the years have set out with commitment and resolve to do things that I have assigned you to do, and over a period of time it looked like the devil just slammed the door in your face. Some because of catastrophic things happening in your family, others because of sickness and disease that has attacked, and others because of financial disasters and just plain ol' not enough money to get it done, that the devil was able, as I said, to just slam the door in your face. But you hear Me now, saith

the Lord, I am opening your door! I am opening your door! I am opening your door, and in 2007 neither the devil nor anybody else will be able to close it on you!

Don't quit! Don't give up! The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Don't give up on this nation. Don't give up on your church. Don't give up! Don't quit! Don't stop! 2007 is the year of doors open and held open. Go through them with great faith and stay on the Word! Stay on the Word! Stay on the Word! You stay with Me, I'll stay with you, and together we will see victory

beyond anything you or anybody else has ever seen before! Hallelujah. Oh, hallelujah. Glory, glory, glory.

Oh, hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Yes, bless the Lord. Yes, yes, yes, yes, yes. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Oh, glory to God.

And by that same token, saith the Lord, there are certain doors that the devil has been holding open—doors of war, doors of destruction, doors of all kinds of disobedience and blaspheming lies and tongues. Well, I'll tell you, in 2007 you and I together are going to slam the door on him. We are going to slam it in his face. We are going to walk on him and you are going to find out what I meant in My Word when I said set your feet on him and walk on him. He has been put under your feet. He is becoming the footstool that I said he would be. And now is our time, saith the Lord. Hallelujah. Yes. Bless the Lord. *BVOP*



Word From the Lord on Age-Abiding Doors

The following is a word from the Lord given by Pastor Terri Copeland Pearsons at the 2006 Branson Prayer Conference with Billye Brim.

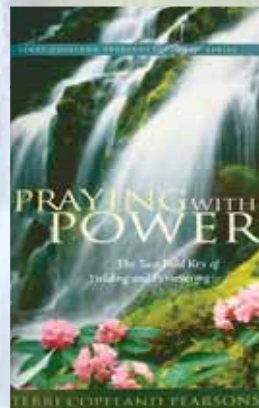
The word of the Lord has come to the prophet this year saying that this is the year of the open door. And it's time for your eyes to be open and your ears to be alert, for you are called as age-abiding doors, you are called as watchmen to see to it that you know every door that opens. There are many doors in the realm of the spirit, most of them from heaven and for the good of man. But there are other doors that open from time to time that the devil would move in and seek to use those openings that are given to him through man, to seek out destruction, to seek out ways to destroy and further his strategies for the days that are at hand. But if you will be keen and you will be alert and you will open your eyes and your ears and consistently be in touch with the voice and the leading of the Holy Spirit, even as you walk down the street, and not wait for the newscast, not wait for the newspaper, not wait for the neighbor's report, but be sensitive to the work and the leading of the Holy Spirit, He will show you and lead you and tell you where you can open doors and where you can close doors...where you can open doors for the goodness and the blessing of God to flow in your life and where you can close doors in the lives of people around you where

If you will consistently be in touch with the leading of the Holy Spirit, He will show you where you can open doors and where you can close doors.

the devil would take advantage, where the devil would move in. And people would wonder, *Where did that come from? Why me? Why did that happen to me?* But instead you can close those doors and open a blessing of heaven over them. For these are great days of authority, saith the Lord, but for those to walk in authority, you must walk in great sensitivity. Hallelujah. Thank You, Jesus. Amen. *BVOP*

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Strategies Driven by the Love of God

by Pastor Terri Copeland Pearsons

*The following is from pre-service prayer
led by Pastor Terri Copeland Pearsons during the Days of Refreshing meeting
held at Eagle Mountain International Church in September 2006.*

Some people never know a level of the love of God beyond just *not* being rejected. But there are places to develop in the love of God that lead to a place where faith is more highly and accurately demonstrated, where faith is more highly and accurately delivered and activated and used. For it's by the love of God that the wisdom of God flows abundantly, or fluently. There are places, there are rooms, there are *strategy* rooms in the love of God.

I would love, but I don't know how. How do I love that person? How can I love in this situation? The only thing I know to do is to just let them talk ugly to me, and not talk back. Have you ever encountered a time when you thought this to yourself? But there are great strategies of love!

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and not talk back. Have you ever encountered a time when you thought this to yourself? But there are great strategies of love!

In fact, all strategies that are successful in God come because they are driven by love. But these concepts and ideas and philosophies that are born out of the spirit of love have so far been rarely tapped in to, rarely exposed and rarely understood.

But even as there are others who are called to explain and teach and demonstrate faith, there are those who are called to give utterance. Not just utterance of instruction, not just utterance even of demonstration, but utterance accompanied by impartation.

So desire these things, desire these realms and desire understanding of the levels and

comprehension of the love of God. The Spirit of God will deliver it in the words you hear. It does not matter what the words seem to be about. Any word anointed of the Holy Spirit is a word of love, and can carry within it an impartation of understanding, wisdom, direction and enlightenment of the love of God, if you will but yet believe and receive. *BVOP*

SALVATION PRAYER

If you do not know Jesus as your Savior and Lord, simply pray the following prayer in faith, and Jesus will be your Lord!

Heavenly Father, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. Your Word says, "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" and "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Acts 2:21; Romans 10:9). You said my salvation would be the result of Your Holy Spirit giving me new birth by coming to live in me (John 3:5-6, 15-16; Romans 8:9-11) and that if I would ask, You would fill me with Your Spirit and give me the ability to speak with other tongues (Luke 11:13; Acts 2:4).

*I take You at Your Word. I confess that Jesus is Lord. And I believe in my heart that You raised Him from the dead. Thank You for coming into my heart, for giving me Your Holy Spirit as You have promised, and for being Lord over my life. Amen. *BVOP**

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WATCHING ON THE WALL

What's My Place?

by Iva Bennett

Many hearts in the Body of Christ are troubled with the question, or questions similar to, "What's my place?" Or, "How do I find my place?" And, "Where is my place?"

Jesus said in John 14:1-3, *The Amplified Bible*, "Do not let your hearts be troubled (distressed, agitated). You believe in and adhere to



and trust in and rely on God; believe in and adhere to and trust in and rely also on Me. In My Father's house there are many dwelling places (homes). If it were not so, I would have told you; for I am going away to prepare a place for you. And when (if) I go and make ready a place for you, I will come back again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also."

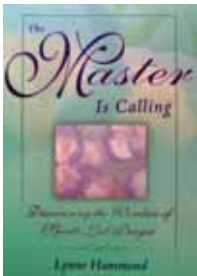
Prayer helps you find the place God has ordained for you. It is the key that unlocks the door to *your place*. However, we have put the cart before the horse. We have gone looking *for* that place, rather than spending time *in* the place. God told Moses, "There is a place beside Me" (Exodus 33:21, *The Amplified Bible*). Ephesians 1:4 tells us our place is before Him in love.

You must spend time in prayer every day. You see, it's the abiding place. From this place comes insight, wisdom, illumination and direction. All the plans of God are found in this place.

Jeremiah 29:11-14, *The Amplified Bible*, says, "For I know the thoughts and plans that I have for you, says the Lord, thoughts and plans for welfare and peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome. Then you will call upon Me, and you will come and pray to Me, and I will hear and heed you. Then you will seek Me, inquire for, and require Me [as a vital necessity] and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart. I will be found by you, says the Lord...."

When we meet the conditions of prayer, the Lord will reveal His plans for us, and those plans will lead us to our place. *BVOP*

Iva Bennett is the prayer ministry director at Eagle Mountain International Church.



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complicated. But leave it to Jesus to make it simple. He understands us so well.

In Luke 10:42, Jesus said to Martha, "But one thing is needful." One? Just one? Just one. And that one thing is to sit in the presence of the Lord. Everything the Lord requires of us begins there.

It's actually very simple, but often not so easy. We are so compelled to go and do, even in the things God requires of us. We think we aren't pleasing Him or anyone else unless we are *doing*. But the doing becomes confusing when we do not first and last spend time in the presence of the Lord.

Spend time praying in tongues each day. It's a sweet way to wait in the presence of the Lord. Nothing, absolutely nothing, is more important than waiting in prayer. Allow Him to speak to you through His Word. Let His Spirit imprint you so that you daily take on more of His nature, wisdom and ability.

Bring Him the issues of your life. In Philippians 1:10 (*The Amplified Bible*) Paul prayed "that you may surely learn to sense what is vital, and approve and prize what is excellent and of real value...."

One thing is needful. One thing is vital. And that is time with Jesus. That is what is of real value. Not just in the morning, but all throughout the day. With every new demand, with each decision we face, we must reflect back to Him. What has He told us? If we are uncertain, then we must run back to Him until we've heard what the Master has to say.

It may seem that this just isn't enough to bring you the control of your life that you so long for. But it is. After all, He is God—and you're not. He will not compete with you, but He will wait for you.

Begin now, before another day slips by. Get your Bible and notepad, find your secret place and do the one needful thing. *BVOP*

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Between Here and There

Guiding Loved Ones to the Gate of Heaven

by Pastor George Pearsons

As I am writing this, I am sitting at my mother's bedside in her home in North Carolina. She is just about ready to cross over to the other side.

Triumphant hymns are being played.

The morning sun is pouring through the window.

Her breathing is shallow, yet she is in such a state of rest. You can feel the peace in the room. Her departure is at hand and I am thrilled to be next to her in this place called "between here and there."



This whole experience has heightened my awareness of a vital ministry we all have. It is a ministry of helping our loved ones make the transition from here to heaven when it is time to go.

Before my mother drifted into the final stages, she would look at me with longing eyes. "I want to go home," she would plead.

"I am *ready* to go." I asked the Lord what He wanted me to do. He spoke very clearly. *Help her make The Great Transition. Talk to her about heaven. Read scriptures to her. Write a prayer of release that can be read to her every night. She is struggling and needs guidance. Take her by the hand and lead her to the gate.*

I knew my mother was struggling.

Several weeks ago, she woke up in the night with a look of deep concern. The caregiver asked what was wrong. My mother shared what had just happened. "I couldn't get through 'The Tunnel.'" The caregiver, a precious Christian woman, gave her a beautiful answer. She said, "Chessy, the next time you go through 'The Tunnel,' simply reach out your hand. Jesus or one of your family members will be on the other side to take you on through. Remember, there is nothing to be afraid of."

Sometimes, people just need help. They need compassion, instruction and someone to escort them right up to the gates of heaven.

My wife Terri's stepdad needed help with The Great Transition.

He was in the hospital suffering terribly. All the family was surrounding him when he opened his eyes and, almost begging, said, "Somebody, *please* tell me how to die."

Terri's mother answered. "Bill," she said, "your body is your earth suit. Just take it off and lay it down like you would a



Cesarina Bianco Pearsons (1919-2007)

coat." She then began to describe heaven—how wonderful it is and all those who were waiting for him there.

Bill was gone within the hour.

All he needed was a little help.

I have come to realize just how important it is to be led by the Spirit when we are working with those "between here and there." We must be sensitive to whatever the Lord would have us say and do.

The day I started kindergarten, my mother took me by the hand and guided me to school. She did not leave my side until I was in my assigned class.

In the same way, my sister and I have taken our mother by the hand and escorted her right up to the gates of heaven. We did not leave her side until she was on the other side—behind the gate and safe in the arms of her heavenly Father.

When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it." He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven" (Genesis 28:16-17, *New International Version*).

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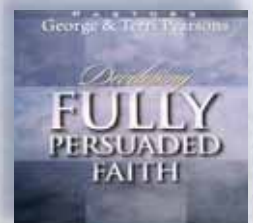
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