

POWER, MOTIVE, SPIRIT, PATMOS I

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(Hymn - There Is a Balm in Gilead)

1. Thou art the healing ointment, Thou art the Balm of Gilead. So many times in the rush and hustle and bustle of life, all that confusion and racket gets into our spirits...gets in and troubles us. And we ask You to teach us to rest in Thy presence in silence, sometimes, and expose our hearts and all we have to Thee, that You may come to us in that healing measure, that the Balm of Gilead, that soothing, wholesome power of the Spirit of God may move upon us. We need it so much in these days. We ask Thee again as we open this word, that Thou would be pleased to bless it to every heart. May each one of us find the portion which is adequate, and in the end, not for our self-agrandizement, not for one's selfish aims, but in the end it shall all reflect to Thy glory. And we love to have Thee high and lifted up. More and more Thou art bringing us to it. Oh to return to the very first vocation laid upon man. That he should glorify and adore God, his Creator. So today, bless us again as we look into the Word. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

2. I love to have the Lord speak a SILENCE in my heart sometimes. It is so much more refreshing than anything that He can do. I'm a creature of moods...we are all made differently, and I'm always pleased when He brings me into what a call a HOLY HUSH. It's the HUSH OF THE SPIRIT. He doesn't want the spirit AGITATED, and unduly concerned. REST in His presence. REST in His presence. I conduct retreats. I haven't been in a camp meeting in many, many, years. I can't TAKE them, to tell the truth. I can't take them. But God does give me gatherings of people who are Spiritually minded and in TUNE with Spiritual movings of God, who are "initiated," I say, already into the things of the Spirit. And so God gives me a time of retreat with them. Now they are people who have known me for years, and have followed the teaching which God has laid upon my heart, and are enough in TUNE with it to MOVE with us. I don't have to do any "coaching" with them. I don't have to lay any FOUNDATIONS for them. That's all taken care of. I want them all saved, and filled with the Spirit, and have all the gifts, and have...I want THAT all taken care of. Now, I say, "Come on. Let's go ON into the things of God, and into the Spirit where we BELONG." And so I have a ministry trying to LEAD THEM IN.

3. Well, what I'm getting at is this. We have NO PROGRAMMED MEETINGS. We sit in the presence of the Lord. And I remember one time when we had SILENCE upon us. We have some bodies in this group this morning who were in that very meeting. And I got up in the morning, and when I got up in the morning, I felt such a strange SILENCE in my heart. Just a strange SILENCE. And I thought, "Isn't this strange?" I have this at home when I'm alone with God in my own doings with God. He understands that. And behold you, when I went to have the service, I had NO MESSAGE at ALL! And God said, "I want this a SILENCE." And you remember, we didn't talk to each other all day, excepting the very necessary things, perhaps at the table, "Will you please pass the salt or the pepper." All day! I never spoke a word! But we sat through that whole period in a SILENCE, and you know, you just felt like walking on your tiptoes. Without thinking. Without thinking! You just felt...no body TOLD them to do it! Isn't it nice when you do things in the Spirit without being TOLD? Without being said, "Now we will lift our hands..." No. Lift them when the SPIRIT IS MOVING and HE LIFTS THEM. "But now we will lift our hands...now we will all..." No. No. You can't do that. WORSHIP isn't conducted by MACHINERY. It is BIRTHED OF THE SPIRIT. So, that was a strange day, because none of them had ever had a period like that. All day. I said, "Go where you are...alone. Go...be quiet. Go...go away. Even don't discuss 'religious' things together. Try once, to be STILL." And do you know, I even yet, to this day, hear little repercussions of that very thing in the hearts of those who were there? They never forgot it. Because God was able to do certain little things in their hearts and lives that He couldn't do all the while I was trying to teach. He has such DIFFERENT methods.

4. In our early days...you will excuse me referring to our early days. In the early days of our outpouring of the Spirit, fifty, fifty-one years ago when I was brought in, we had NO PROGRAM worked about it. The HOLY SPIRIT led the meeting. And I've been in meetings, even with the students, when we would get down before the Lord, and we wouldn't pray ONE prayer in the prayer meeting, and be there for two hours! And not ONE prayer offered! Why? You felt SO OUT OF ORDER trying to make up a prayer! You COULDN'T pray! You COULDN'T pray, "Our Father in heaven..." It would...it would seem so "strange." Because it wasn't the TIME for prayer. No. Then I've been in at times when you couldn't KEEP but from praying. The prayer was just like the MOVING OF GOD, and everybody was in prayer. Nobody said, "Now we will all pray!" You PRAYED. You don't know WHY or HOW. But, you PRAYED. And there was that whole moving of the Spirit of God like that in PRAYER. I've been in sometimes with our meetings when there was NO preaching, NO praying, but just a WORSHIP. Song and worship. Song and worship and song and worship. But you see, that's when you LET GOD DO THINGS, and we don't "get in the road" with OUR patterns and OUR ways of thinking and doing. The thing has been RUINED because of that, but nobody's able to get it back in shape. I haven't ANY hopes of it EVER getting into shape. That's quite impossible. But we can SALVAGE some people from it, and help them to see something of REALITY.
5. This morning when our precious brother sang; I asked him yesterday if he would sing that. because it always does something in my Spirit...it always has...how many of you like it? Don't you like it? And if you will OPEN to God, it will DO something to your Spirit. There's SPIRIT in that. Whoever got that thing together had something of the Spirit of God. Had to have. Because it SOUNDS, it VIBRATES through the whole thing, the words and the music. "Balm in Gilead, da, da, da, da, da!..." Oh my Lord, help us! No! You couldn't get any BALM, you'd get CONFUSION. But if you let it MOVE, quietly, soulfully over your spirit, how many know you'll GET "BALMED?" SEEPED down into your spirit. So I thank our precious brother. It's nice to meet him again. I knew him when he was like this. And was entertained in his home with his brother and his lovely mother. And I've known these folks, and sister Marie Brown, and the rest of them for quite awhile. And now, to see them growing up in God, and God able to pour thru them. Continuing this lovely message of life and light and Truth. From one Truth to another. Now, I was handed a copy of my book and I'm telling you...I think 24 of them got here so far. There were 24 books arrived yesterday, but there were 38 orders for them already, so you see, they went out, and all the rest of them hanging. One man ordered 5 of them, so he must have thought there was some value to them. This is a book, "Broken Bread," that I have written, put out by Springfield, and has several messages in it, which I'm sure will be helpful to you in the days to come.
6. This NEW CREATION that we ARE...God is making us! We are not MADE, we are BORN, so far. But there's not very much growth or MATURITY in any one of us. Your BIRTH does not make you a GROWN person. Your BIRTH merely gives you the POTENTIAL for your living. That's all. THAT has to be taken hold of, and by the grace of God, He will cause you to GROW. We've had it before, but you'll have to listen. You see, I'm a teacher, and I have that perogative and the right to repeat. Isn't that good? I'm NOT a preacher. I'm NOT an evangelist. I would LIKE to be a teacher if God would only HELP me. I'm one of those little things they called in the church, "helpers." I'm kind of a little HELPER. I have met...I don't know that I've ever met a real...what I'd call a TEACHER. We have plenty of people who give Bible readings, and they give expositions. But I ask you for your "homework;" I hope you're still working on it...in the early church, He has placed in the church all of these GIFTS. He did NOT place them in the WORLD, He placed them in the CHURCH. They have a "reflex," a REFLEX out here in the world. But HE said He placed them in the CHURCH, for the edification of the WORLD? No! For the salvation of souls? No! He placed them in this MYSTICAL BODY! This WITNESS! For it's EDIFICATION, for it's culture, for it's MATURING. How many know, that's in the Bible? That actually is in the Holy Bible! You can find it in Corinthians; you'll find it in Ephesians.

7. Paul is terrific when he gets into Ephesians. Why? Well, when Paul is writing in Ephesians, he is not writing his first, elementary epistles about justification by faith! Did you know he...how many know Paul couldn't write Ephesians when he was writing the justification by faith? No! Not at all. He hasn't COME to that place. Can Abraham offer up Isaac a few days after he is born? No. God doesn't require it. But God is going TO GET that Isaac. Don't worry, He's going to bring him to THE PLACE OF THE OFFERING. But it doesn't come in a day. It takes a LONG TIME to BUILD UP THAT FAITH, that insight, that trust, that understanding of God, that he can dare to say, "All right. HERE is Isaac." You can't DO that in a minute. NONE of these things come in a minute. He placed in the church, in the Body, all of these GIFTS for it's culture, for it's education, for it's development, for it's GROWTH. Well then, if that's so, it seems to me, this strange, mystical Body of Christ that has projected itself down through two thousand years, it seems to me that ought to have signs of VITALITY and SPIRITUAL INSIGHT and SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT, and A QUALITY OF LIFE, a QUALITY OF LIFE, a QUALITY OF LIFE, that is only forthcoming because of the RESULT OF THE GIFTS OPERATING! And when those gifts in the church can operate, do you know there will be a manifestation of LIFE that we DON'T have now? Or don't you know that? It will be. because it is ONLY PRODUCED through that. You can't produce it ANY OTHER WAY. All of the MECHANICS which people use today for THAT...it's ALL FOOLISHNESS! You CAN'T do it! The LIFE has to be produced because there is a correct functioning of all of the gifts in that BODY, to PRODUCE THE LIFE, and the LIFE WILL COME! That's right, because it's a LAW. It's a LAW. An element of life that I often wish we could see. Now, we say, "I AM saved. I HAVE the life of God in me!" I KNOW dear brother, dear sister. I KNOW that very well, and I'm NOT TALKING ABOUT THAT! I'm talking about an element, a QUALITY OF LIFE. NOT manifestation out HERE. But a LIFE that will EVENTUALLY manifest out HERE. But it has to be HERE, (IN us) FIRST, which comes because of just this thing--OBEDIENCE TO THE LAWS OF THE SPIRIT. OBEDIENCE to walk in the pattern which God has made, and NOT which WE have made. For instance, in that early church, there was a manifestation of the LIFE OF CHRIST in that early church that had POWER. POWER! Power enough that it could move a WHOLE NATION. Do you remember it? How many remember, it MOVED a nation? How many know, Rome was terrifically effected by it? How many know that nations ever since have been effected by it. Well, what was that? In that early church, there was manifestation of the LIFE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT in those instruments which did not come JUST BECAUSE they had the baptism of the Spirit, and had miracles, and spoke in tongues. No. It didn't come that way! Those are MANIFESTATIONS. We ACCEPT them, and LET THEM GO for what they are worth, and that's THAT!
8. I had it so brought to me; I was in Rome. I had some meetings with the Italian assembly in Rome. And of course they had me to go to visit all these historic places. I remember going to the old Colosseum, that great, tremendous old ruin. It's a magnificent thing. I went up in the top galleries and began to look down. And here was the arena where in the early days, our Christian brothers, our Christian sisters, other members of this Body, were taken just simply for their testimony, and the wild beasts were released out of the very gates; I saw the gates. I saw that. They were released and they could come and devour them. Devour them. HOW did they go home? History tells us they went home REJOICING. They would stand with their arms up, looking up to God with thanksgiving, and praise, and the Glory of God upon them. They were MARTYRS for Jesus' sake. Did they do that because they had the baptism of the Holy Ghost? No. They HAD that, but that didn't do it. I know alot of people who have the baptism of the Holy Ghost today, and even have miracles, taht could NOT stand it! Do you know them too, or don't you know them? They're ALL over. Do you think in three minutes, the baptised saints that we have today, having such a "glorious time," and they say, "In 3 minutes, you're to be taken into an arena." How many think they would say, "Hallelujah!!" No! They wouldn't. They'd say, "Get the police! There's something WRONG here!" Sure they would. When I looked at them, a strange conviction came over me. Just a strange conviction. And I thought, "Oh my God. That is HOLY GROUND. Blood has been spilled here, by the martyrs, by the Christians, the early Christians." What was it that gave them the stamina to do that? "Well they had the baptism!!" I get SO TIRED of that.

How many know there are thousands of people that have the baptism today that could not take that? They DO NOT have that INNER HIDDEN ELEMENT OF THE LIFE and the LOVE, the AGAPE, the LOVE OF CHRIST IN THEM! No, they don't! They don't have it in them today to meet a DIFFICULTY, let alone a LION! No, they don't! And you KNOW they don't! Travel with me. "Well, could YOU jump?" I'd say, "Lord, only by Thy grace could I stand it." It would have to be SOMETHING MORE than the fact that I have the Spirit dwelling in me. I know people, and you do too, who have the Spirit dwelling in them, baptised in the Holy Ghost, speak in tongues, can preach, and pray, and do miracles! They CAN'T face a lion! Why? BECAUSE THEY CAN'T FACE THEMSELVES FIVE MINUTES! NO, they can't! They wouldn't want themselves EXPOSED out here for five minutes! NO. Well, if you can't face these simple, simple, things, how can we face the lion in the arena? You won't. You can't! You'll be devoured!

9. So he's talking here about a POWER that's been given. And He says, "I will give them POWER." Power, as we said, "TO BECOME MY WITNESS." Now that strange group of Christians who moved back and forth, hither and you; do you think they were such a POWERFUL people that everyone of them could do a miracle? I don't think so. No. No. But there was an ELEMENT OF LIFE, an element of the SPIRIT, the AGAPE OF JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF GOD, resting IN THEM, that they moved under the impact and power of that until taht whole thing gathered together, became a dynamic thing in the hands of God, that they could move and push a nation over here, and push it over there. How? How? Well, it's by something that I wish we had in the Church today. I'd give anything in the world if I could see something like that in the Church. Wouldn't you? How many would like to see that? I would. I would like to see that in the Church. It's NOT forthcoming. Well, there are alot of reasons back of it, but who wants to EXPOSE our "family skeletons?" Think I want to drag out the Pentecostal skeleton and shake him this morning? I could do it, but I don't want to do that. I'm not too "dumb" dear. Sure. Anyone that knows anything at all knows there are plenty of skeletons, but who wants to air them? No. Shut them up! Let's "keep quiet" and paint the door over them. Oh, brother! Don't DO that. You can't fool God, and you can't fool alot of people. Even people OUT of Pentecost see through it! They really do! People outside of Pentecost can see through it. And some of our precious people can't see it yet! That's true as I live. I talk with people aside from just my little local people of Pentecost. Sure, I move with all of them. Deal with them. I was telling our brother this morning; I think I'll tell them a little of that, shall I? I said I don't dare to tell many. But you know, there are HUNGRY people ALL OVER who are NOT in our Pentecostal group. I mean, intelligent, lovely spirits, intelligent people, cultured people, who are just as STARVED as any person who comes here. They're STARVED. A year or more ago, I was contacted by a member of the Christian fellowship, it is a Christian fellowship which is in our colleges and unversities. All over the country. It was a group of Christians in the universities and colleges who have experienced salvation. That is about ALL they ever had. I've dealt with them. They have found a REALITY IN CHRIST. But they have exhausted just that circle, you see, and they're hungry for something. So there's a Christian fellowship at Harvard, believe it or not. Harvard University. There's a Christian fellowship at Cambridge, there's a fellowship at Yale, at Radcliff, at Welsley, at Dartmouth. All of these colleges have this Christian fellowship. And do you know some of those people are very HUNGRY FOR GOD? They came and waited on me and they said, "We know...we have read what you have and some of our members have heard you teach, and you have what WE want. Would you come and minister to us?" Wasn't that a lovely opening? And I got up and said, "Acts 2:4!!!, and NO more!! and dropped DEAD!" No, I didn't! How many know I knew better than that? No, no. I dressed up and shaved and tried to look intelligent. And I said, "Now Lord, here is such a wonderful place. Do help me." And you know, I had a wonderful session with them. These were Harvard students. Out of Harvard. I think they took me on the Harvard grounds and put me in the hall. I said, "That's all right. I'm not scared." God gave me a lovely, lovely time with these college men, and they brought some of their teachers along to. Oh, ho. Wasn't that nice? Yes. Did it mean anything? Yes, I'll tell you why. That was in

the fall. When spring came, they said, "We are having a conference way up in Canada. Two hundred miles more north, up in Canada. Up in the woods on the lake. And they had a splendid outfit. And here are these lovely students. It was co-ed. Because we had the fellowship group from Radcliff, Welsley, Dartmouth, ALL of them. And here they came and they said, "Would you consider coming and acting as a teacher in this conference? We have three others." The Lord said, "Go." And I said, "Lord, I don't want to get mixed up with all that stuff. I'm OUT of that. You called me out of that long ago!" But He said, "They're HUNGRY. I want you to go." So I said, "Alright, then You give me the grace to do it." So I went. Way up in the woods. Well, we had a wonderful time. Doctor so and so was dealing with the book of Luke. And all of them carried their NT in Greek, of course. Well, that didn't bother me, I'd had Greek, so I said, "That's all right. If you want to read in Greek, go ahead!" So he lectured all the time from his Greek Testament. In Luke. But isn't it strange, when it came to my period, it was an entirely different atmosphere. Absolutely different atmosphere. And then, after we had dealt with several of them, one of the leaders came and said, "Would you consider, would you consider acting as a Spiritual advisor to this group, because we are conscious that you have touch with God, and know things that I think will be helpful?" He said, "There are students here that are all frustrated and dissappointed and confused. Will you help them?" I said, "If God gives me grace to do it, I'll be happy to." And I acted as a Spiritual consultant for that group all that period. I didn't put this in "The Evangelist," so you don't have to spread it abroad. They'd think that I was getting, you know, that I'd lost my faith or something. No, I haven't. How many know I haven't? But how many know there's some lovely spirits to be reached? Certainly. So behold you, they asked me BACK the next fall. And, "on the sly" on the side, I've had at least four or five sessions with these students. This last fall, they took me to Harvard University and put me in the hall, and some of their teachers were there. Now get the after-effects. After all of this, they'd come and ask me to come to their house in private to talk. Which I did. I have two seeking the baptism all the time now. Two. Two. They don't get up at the university, "I am doctor so and so..." No. When they get home, they're down on their faces seeking. And I'm praying all the time, I say, "Lord, just for Jesus Christ's sake, give to them a good baptism!" Wouldn't that be nice? Wouldn't that be nice? And so they said, "Would you consider coming to our home? We have entertainment for you. We could sit up all night, could we, tonite, to TALK?" I said, "If you WANT to." "And pray?" So I went and spent the night with them. It's nice...now what I'm getting at is this. We can't have this lovely, beautiful, wonderful thing that God is doing, cramped into just a two times twice thing. You can't DO that! Because there are people out here waiting, reaching, hungry, thirsty. WANTING IT. So, what do they want? They're not following ME. No. They discern there is something of God somewhere in this thing, and they WANT IT. So I give them the literature, and I'm coaching some of them on.

10. This last winter I had one of the Harvard boys who is a millionaire's son; he wrote me and said, "Follette, would you let me come and spend a day or two with you? I want to pray. I want you to help me." I said, "Surely. I have a guest room if you want to come." And we had a wonderful time. I said, "What are you doing?" "Oh," he said, "In June they've got me all lined up. We're taking a flight to Europe, and I want to... Money...everything! But NO God. NO GOD. And he says, "I know that." He says, "You know, I've never had any discipline? And I have found thus far in my Christian experience that just as far as I have gone, that discipline is one of the most necessary things." And he said, "Follette, I've never had it! I've had EVERYTHING I've ever wanted, from a bicycle to a yacht. My folks, when I was only 12, would send me abroad with a tutor to get rid of me." And of course the family was a SPLIT home, of course. And that poor, starved, lovely, intelligent person, running around wanting God. do you know there are MORE of them? Sure there are. They're EVERYWHERE. So I said, "Come." And we had a wonderful feast. Wonderful time! And God's blessed them. He's blessing everywhere, not in this camp only; He's blessing everywhere. Blessing everywhere. So if you want...you PRAY, you pray, "Lord, get ahold of that group. Get ahold

of them." Teachers too. Some of them are seeking the baptism of the Spirit! "On the sly." Well, that's all right. They don't feel...getting up in their professional work and hollaring about it. God will hear them. God will bless them.

11. Now this first thing that He says is necessary to BUILD this Body, Christian, this is the Christian. But what is common of the Christian is common of the Church. For the Church, this mystical Body, is made of all these different Christians. So the tutoring, the teaching taht is given for the individual, how many know it is for the WHOLE Body because we are ONE? Not for ONE, but for the whole BODY. He says, "I have given you POWER." Well, what was that? The POWER that we spoke about yesterday. POWER aside from merely "power to get up and witness." You should have that anyway before you ever get into the baptism. You ought to be able to stand up and say, "Jesus saves me." He didn't give them power for their SERVICE, because they ALREADY HAD POWER for their SERVICE, and had gone out and ministered. He BREATHED upon them the Holy Spirit, and they MUST have received it, so they HAD the Holy Spirit. So this baptism that He was bringing upon them, was NOT that they should receive the Spirit. They HAD IT! It was NOT so they should have some power to SERVE. They HAD it! Then what WAS it? He said, "It is the ONLY dynamic by which this thing may be BUILT. I am BUILDING YOU." And all the, "YOU, YOU, YOU,"....THAT will make up the BODY, and "I'm BUILDING THE BODY. And therefore I have placed all of these personality gifts IN the church for it's EDIFICA-TION. Now somebody get nervous right away; they get the jitters and they say, "My heavens! Don't you have any place for the poor sinners out here?!" Yes, I have a great, BIG place for them. I bless every evangelist that's let loose, that if possible, we can get them saved! But that's NOT the great OBJECTIVE. You HAVE to get them saved to bring them INTO THE BODY! Where would the Body be if your evangelist didn't feed in? Who would I have to work on if I didn't have somebody to get them saved and baptised, and glorified, before I could work with them? Somebody has to do that! I always bless everyone that will do that, and THEN I say, "Come along. Now GO ON WITH GOD! Go on with God." So there is a place, and I'll do that some morning ; I want to talk to you about destinies and objectives. And don't CONFUSE them. I may make a little chart here to help you with that. Then you'll see where all of our ministry comes, and all the work of the teachers, evangelists, and the preacher. And the missions, and the comings and the goings and the churches. I'll show you all the intense activity, where it belongs, in another message. I HAVE that in my philosophy. I have that in my scheme of thinking. It HAS to be there because it's part of God's program. But I'm emphasizing another sidelight that doesn't seem to be emphasized too much. ALL YOUR MINISTRY IS REACTIONARY. GOD IS AFTER YOU AND HE'S AFTER ME--FIRST! That's "terrible," but that's so. He'll let you ride along quite a long time before He can get ACCESS. But finally, he GETS ACCESS, and then, WOE TO YOUR FLESH! WOE TO THE OLD CREATION! WOE TO THIS OLD EGO! Oh! WOE, WOE, WOE! But I'll tell you something. There will be LIFE, LIFE, LIFE, LIFE, LIFE!!! But it HAS to come through that process.
12. Now after He teaches us concerning the necessity of POWER, why is it dangerous to do what so many people do? The impact and power that strikes us, that glorious RELEASING that we feel when we are filled with the Spirit. How many know, that's INTENSE? It's INTENSE. Very few can take it without becoming EXPLOSIVE or almost irrational with it's moving. They've got to GO! They got to...got to DO SOMETHING! ANYTHING under heaven! Pass out tracts, preach, whether they can or not, that doesn't matter! But PREACH!! How many of you know that terrible things that gets into them? Whether you have a message or not, preach ANYWAY, "Hallelujah! Bless God! And bring down the POWER upon the poor sinners and tell them there IS no other way!!! Hallelujah!!" You ought to hear me preach sometime! You'd say, "It's just wonderful!" Well, I wouldn't be caught DEAD doing that! No. Now they're all AGITATED. Now their whole theme song is, "To the work, to the work, carry on, carry on...let us now CAPTURE THE WHOLE EARTH!!" Well, you see, you can't DO it that way. You can't DO it that way. He didn't say He's not only given us POWER, but He's said He's given us SOMETHING ELSE. He says, "I have given you POWER, but I have also give you the POWER OF LOVE" "Ooooooh, Yes!!,"

they say, "That's just WONDERFUL! Now we will ALL BE FULL of the LOVE of Jesus!" And so we all develop a "love complex." "I love you, and you love me...and I love the heathen, and I love EVERYBODY!!" And you MUST love EVERYBODY, whether or not... just LOVE!!! And become,...you know, it's rather TIRESOME. Well, let me help you with that. Do you know that word, "love," is NOT AN EMOTIONAL WORD at all? But if you want to talk an emotional word, you use "phileo," or some of the other ones. But don't use the word, "agape." AGAPE is the STRONG word for love, which is only measured by a LAW OF SACRIFICE. Not "phileo,"...AGAPE! AGAPEO! All right, not that's the word that spells SACRIFICE. Hummm...that's rather "tight." Well, He says, "I've GIVEN you that!" Well why? He says, "This isn't an EMOTIONAL word." I'm not saying now that you are now to get blessed because you are SO FULL of the love of God that it just SPILLS over on EVERYBODY, and, "...I love you, and you love me...," and we're just PARALYSED in an EPIDEMIC OF LOVE! That isn't what He's saying. Do you know what He IS saying? He says, "I want you to know the difference between your words. When I use the word LOVE here, or I use the word LOVE there, be CAREFUL." We had a little analysis of it in John the other day when He said, "Lovest thou Me, lovest thou Me, lovest thou Me?" He didn't say that. Those two words; I won't go over that this morning, but there were TWO words. Jesus used ONE word, "Lovest thou Me?," and Peter used ANOTHER, "Yea, Lord, Thou knowest I am VERY FOND of Thee!" He couldn't SAY it! "Lovest thou Me?," "Yea, Lord, Thou knowest I am VERY FOND of Thee!" How many know there is quite a difference in there? Yes. Well, that's all lost in our English, but it's STILL there. Now, your word, "love" here, is the word LOVE which means "a MOTIVE." ALL ACTION IS MOTIVATED. EVERYTHING you do, in any act, every act you do from eating breakfast to going to bed, or planting corn; EVERY ACT IS MOTIVATED. There has to be SOME MOTIVE back of it that causes this manifestation out HERE. So He says, "Listen..." In one of the other places, I think it's in Galatians, He speaks of FAITH, but He says, "Faith that worketh by LOVE." Do you remember that one? Yes. It was FAITH MANIFESTED TO DO THE THING GOD WANTED. But he says the FAITH is OPERATED under the MOTIVATION and the MOTIVE POWER OF LOVE. "Faith!! Oh, let's ALL have FAITH!! Faith for EVERYTHING!!" Uh huh. That's good. But wait a minute! If it is really effective in GOD'S sight, not in the sight of PEOPLE, cause you can do alot of THINGS in the sight of God, He says, "That which is wrought by the MOTIVE OF FAITH," He says, "then that's all right."

13. Now in the BUILDING OF THE LIFE, the field of MOTIVATION has to be gone over carefully. And He says, "That which is PROVOKED by, MOTIVATED BY, motivated by what? THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST IN THE HEART, here, that LOVE WHICH IS SACRIFICIAL, the love of God which is SACRIFICIAL, He says, "THAT is a good MOTIVE, that's a good motive, now, for your OPERATION over HERE." Now I want you to see it as it is in the Word of God. How many remember our lovely chapter in I Corinthians 13? How many remember that lovely chapter? That's a beautiful chapter, but so many never get the TRUTH that's hidden away in there. They ARREST it from it's setting, and put it on a little "motto," and "love it" because it's so "full of love." "Love, love, love!! Love NEVER does this, love IS like this! Love NEVER does this, love IS like THIS!" Now where did you get that verse? You'll never understand your 13th chapter of I Corinthians, unless you read the 12th, 13th, and 14th chapters ALL AS ONE thing. When Paul wrote, I wish we would remember this. When Paul wrote his manuscripts, you see, that he passed around from church to church; I had the privilege of seeing some of them...in London, in the museum there. They have some of the old, early parchments. There not out on exhibition every day, but certain days, they bring them out of a case and they're covered with black velvet and everything to keep them from the light. They're very choice because they're very RARE. And they let us see them, under glass of course. And here were some of those early manuscripts, and last summer I was able to see some of the Dead Sea Scrolls. The original Dead Sea Scrolls. That was nice to see. I'm always glad to get a little line on them. Now this is what we will find if you're looking at one of the manuscripts that Paul is writing. Now that's brittle, old, dry parchment. Yellow, and you can hardly read it. And it begins right up in this edge and all of

those little broken letters and words that go right from this edge right on this way, till they get down here. There were no paragraphs, no chapters, no anything. Just ONE great big page of words. Well, now you see, the translators will have to help you with this and so the translator, now get this: THE TRANSLATOR IS NOT INSPIRED. The Word he handles IS inspired. You get a difference, or don't you? THIS is inspired, by the MAN translating, HE is NOT inspired. He is doing his scholarship work on these old things because the rest of the people can't read them. So what he does finally is to chop it up in chapters. He says that makes it a little better, and he uses, as a rule, a certain method. That is, if there is a thought content that can be covered by so much space, then he finds there is a break, and he starts talking about something else, he will make a chapter of that. Then when he exhausts that thought that Paul's producing, pushing out thru there, and he finds he changes his thought, he's changing now his teaching, he'll start another chapter. And so they got alot of chapters going. Then somebody else got a "clever" thought and said, "Now let's chop the chapters up into verses." I'm glad they didn't go any further, I don't know where we would be, but the Lord stopped them THERE with the verses. So when you think of Paul writing, never think of Paul writing with chapters and verses. He didn't do that. He wrote this great mass, and the translators have taken time out to put it in shape for us in chapters.

14. Now I want to show you just a simple, little example of the DANGER that comes when you don't do that correctly. And here is something the translators should have been corrected on long ago. And any scholar and any student that deals in this study of translating; I do a little of it, God has let me. You'll discover it. Now what is it? Let us look, if you want to look at it with your own eyes you may do so. Let's look at this 12th chapter. Now remember that he wrote that 12th, 13th, 14th, all at once, just one MASS. No periods, no anything. Just the words, right on, just like that. No chapters, no verses. No. Don't be like the poor old woman. She was confused when people talked about reading in the original, and chapters and stuff. She said, "I wish they would leave my precious Bible...I wish they'd leave it alone. I want my Bible in good old English, just as Paul wrote it!" Well, wasn't that something? In good old English, just as Paul wrote it! Well, don't disturb her. She might backslide, so, "Yes...honey. He was quite smart wasn't he?" "Oh wonderful, Brother Follette! He was wonderful!" Well, we won't disturb her. I never like to DISTURB some folks; they can't TAKE it. So I just let them alone. I say, "Hope you have a good holiday." And then we GO ON!

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POWER, MOTIVE, SPIRIT, PATMOS II
John Wright Follette

1. In your twelfth chapter you'll find He says, "I want concerning gifts..." So he's going to start the chapter with GIFTS, isn't he? "Concerning Spiritual gifts, I want to give a little teaching," he says. So he begins to tell us that these gifts, you see, are like the BODY, and he likens them unto the Body, that no gift is INDEPENDENT of another, anymore than the members of the body are independent. The ear can't say to the eye, "I don't have any need of you," and the foot to the hand, "I have no..." NO. They are all TOGETHER in one strange, wonderful unit. But EACH has his ministry and vocation. So does the GIFT. He says there is a strange, beautiful INTERPLAY. There is an interplay in here. NONE of them are independent. So he'll give us quite a story in the twelfth chapter. It's good. I don't want to go in there, because we won't get through today, and I want to cover a little more ground. But you have to KNOW some of these things to know WHY I talk as I do.

2. Now let's look at this 12th chapter; let's go down to the 27th verse, down toward the end. Now, he's talking about this Body and all. "And God hath set some in the church, first...." GOD has done this. In the CHURCH. In the CHURCH. "First apostles, second prophets, teachers, miracles, gifts of healing, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. Are ALL apostles? Are ALL prophets? Are ALL teachers? Are ALL workers of miracles? You can get your inference as you please. Some have quite an comeback when they get into the inference. Get the difference? How many know that's been thrashed out in Pentecost for quite a little while? The INFERENCE that you get. Of what was he making any inference? "Do ALL..." Now, look! 31st verse. "But covet earnestly the best gifts." Now he is DONE about the GIFTS! That ENDS it, and they have put that last clause, "and yet I show unto you a more excellent way..." which belongs as the first part of the 13th chapter. Why? BECAUSE YOUR THIRTEENTH CHAPTER IS THE LAW BY WHICH THE GIFTS ARE OPERATED. "I will show you a BETTER WAY, the LAW BY WHICH THE GIFTS ARE OPERATED. DESIRE all the gifts; now get all those gifts, then it's PERIOD! NOW I will show you a more excellent WAY---NOT a more excellent GIFT! LOVE IS NEVER A GIFT! Love is a FRUIT. A lot of people don't seem to see that, and when you talk about the gifts of the Spirit and everything, they say, "I don't have much to do with the gifts of the Spirit. I just want the 'gift of LOVE.'" Well, my dear, LOVE is NOT a GIFT! It's a FRUIT...never spoken of in the Word as a GIFT. It is a FRUIT. It's a FRUIT. All right. Now, he doesn't say, "Behold, I'll show you a better GIFT!" YOU HAVE the gifts God has given, and I have tried to help you to see the arrangement that God has in mind with it. "Now I'll show unto you a MORE EXCELLENT WAY BY WHICH THESE GIFTS MAY BECOME OPERATIVE." How are they to work? UNDER A MOTIVE. There has to be a MOTIVE back of your actions. Your gifts out there may be rattling around, but listen! All of that gift business has to be CORRECTLY MOTIVATED, and "I will show you the LAW that governs in that. I will show you..." NOT---"a more excellent gift!" Love is NOT A GIFT!! Is is the LAW BY WHICH the gifts OPERATE! How many can see it now? Do you get it? He's talking about a LAW which is to be used in the OPERATION OF THE GIFTS. Why does he say, "I will show you a MORE excellent WAY?" Because "the way" they HAD been using the gifts, had brought all of these terrible things into the church. It wasn't the fault of the gift, and it wasn't because they didn't HAVE the gifts. They had ALL THE GIFTS! But the MOTIVE AND POWER BACK OF IT had resulted in this awful reaction, that they had disturbances, and quarrels, and puffed-upness, and all these terrible things. So he says, "I will show you a more excellent WAY. I will show you the MOTIVE which should GOVERN your gifts."

3. "Though I have all these gifts..." and the church had them...here was that Corinthian church with all the gifts operating--preaching, teaching, evangelism, miracles, signs, wonders, and it was just TREMENDOUS. And people running with "their tongue hanging out," to see all the marvelous things. And Paul said, "Now listen. Now listen. Now listen. THAT, in the sight of God is nothing but a sounding timbrel and a rattlely-clatter! That is all it is. YOU don't hear it! That's what GOD IS HEARING." You're out there, "Hallelujah!!!! Whooooohooooohooooo!!!!" YOU are hearing THAT! God ISN'T

hearing that. He's just hearing alot of CONFUSION AND NOISE. Why? He says, "Though I have the GIFTS and the POWER to do ALL these things, if I have not AGAPE, in here as the MOTIVE..." how many see, how many get it? "If I have not AGAPE, the LOVE OF GOD, that broken, bleeding heart of Jesus; if I don't have that in there to become the MOTIVE for the working of THAT, he says that TO GOD, it's nothing byt sounding symbols, and rackets. Now, "though I speak with tongues of men and angels..." you can have all of that, "and have NOT..." what? AGAPE..."I am as sounding brass or a tinkling symbol. And though I have the gifts of prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith so that I could remove mountains, and have not AGAPE, I... ..I AM NOTHING!" But what, THAT'S something, but I AM NOTHING! "And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, though I give my body to be burned, and have not AGAPE, it profiteth ME nothing." It MAY profit the people out there who are being "exercised." But he distinctly says it does not profit HIM. Now you can go through that chapter; I don't want to take too long, but he sums up all these strange possibilities that a person my have, but if they have NOT the AGAPE, the LOVE OF GOD in there as the POWER, the MOTIVATING thing for the exercise of the power, how many see it doesn't do THIS instrument ANY GOOD, but it MAY bless someone down THERE? You get that or don't you? I'll show you how I got it through an illustration.

4. One time I was called upon to conduct some teaching meetings, in a good size tabernacle. It was very fine. Had big galleries around and everything. And I had never met the Pastor; it was through correspondence; somebody had recommended and get Follette. So he wrote me and said, "Are you available?" I always PRAY about things, because I don't go because people ask me. I could go CONTINUALLY day and night if I went by what people are asking. I don't DO that. I have to wait till I feel God is in this thing, and He wants me to go. THEN I can go. So I prayed and the Lord said, "I want you to go." So I went to this lovely, big tabernacle; oh, a beautiful place! And you know, I met him, and when I met him, I had...I don't know, a strange feeling in me. I felt I'm meeting a person, but I'm NOT meeting THE person. Did you ever feel that way? I'm meeting a person, but I'm NOT REALLY, REALLY meeting the person. I'm meeting THIS. So I shook hands, and we had a lovely service, but oh dear, I felt so terrible with him, and I thought, "My dear Lord...I don't WANT to feel this way...I don't know who he is... ..I don't have any grudge against him, and I haven't anything....he's never said or ever done anything to me in this wide world! Now what's the matter with me? I can't STAND him!" Well, it's awful to feel that way! Terrible! I had to PRETEND, of course, politely, and say, "Yes...good evening," and everything. I said, "Lord, why have you got me in such a 'funny' thing as THIS!?" I wish you could hear him PRAY. "Oh he knew the POWER OF THE VOICE VALUE!!!! Absolutely!! He knew ALL the intonations which are necessary to GRIP THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE!!! Why, he could preach like a HOUSE-AFIRE!!!" I've seen him...an ALTAR CALL AND SINNERS SAVED! Believe it or not! I've SEEN it, and the people...I said, "Lord, all THAT'S there, but, My God, there's something funny somewhere! I can't touch him at ALL! I don't touch his spirit AT ALL! He might just as well been a COW." Well, do you know what I mean? The ABSENSE...the TOTAL ABSENSE? And the people all bowing, and having a lovely time, and "Glory to God!"...and I thought, "Oh, glory to God if I can get OUT of this arrangement!" But I had to stay and teach. Well, it was just DREADFUL. So I went through the campaign; I visited his home. They put me up in a hotel because he didn't want people in the home. There were children. So they entertained me at a hotel, with meals and lodging and so on. But he said, "I want you to come to the house for dinner." Which I did! A lovely wife. A lovely person, just a lovely person, and the children. And I closed the campaign and I went home and I said, "Lord, what's the matter with him?" Do you know what He said to me? He said, "He has never been PLOWED to begin with." How many remember my poem I read you about being PLOWED? You remember? Now I want to read it again. I want to read it again. I think some of you didn't really get at it. He said, "The man has never been really PLOWED." Well, I began to sense something; I began to see.

5. Well, God plowed ME one time; He's PLOWING ME NOW. He plows every little while when the ground gets all "easy." How many know He can put a plow in and plow it ALL UP? Just as soon as the ground is sort of SETTLED and gets anyway COMFORTABLE, He'll put His TRUTH in there and PLOW that all up again. He doesn't want anything SETTLED AND STATIC. And so, I'd gone through a terrible time...just a terrible time, and He was bringing me more and more to a CONSCIOUS CONSECRATION. NOT the GENERAL CONSECRATION, "I surrender all!" That's GOOD, but that's rather POTENTIAL. But He was bringing me to the "real goods." And He PLOWED MY HEART, and I...I didn't know...I thought I couldn't take much more. Let me read it:

God's plow struck deep within my heart,
And plowed long furrows, one by one.
Through fallow ground so hard and firm,
From early morn till set of sun.

And so I gave Him all of me,
My hopes, and dreams, and inner throne.
All these He scattered far and near,
And left me naught to call my own.

The plowshare was Eternal Truth,
Which tore the hidden roots in me.
And turned them to the light and air,
Till self-hood lay a field set free.

They fell like seed in furrows deep,
And all were buried 'neath the sod.
All that I had went down in death,
To wait the might breath of God.

(That creature had never been exposed.)

I felt Him walk each furrow plowed,
I knew He felt the briar's sting,
The field was His; it was His joy,
For lo! I heard the plowman sing.

He did not leave me then alone,
To morn the loss of earthly things,
To be thus stripped gave greater place,
For life His radiant presence brings.

He only plowed that He might sow,
There must be seed to scatter wide,
And then I felt His presence near,
He stood in silence by my side.

How could I grieve for heart thus plowed?
I covet now no sweeter thing,
Than wait with Him the harvest day,
And in the meantime hear Him sing.

(But I knew what He WANTED.)

How many like that? Do you get it? Do you like it? HOW did I write that? Well dear, I didn't sit down one day and write. I'm a poet. I publish. But I didn't sit down and say, "I'm going to write a poem." I could write jingles any day if you want me to. But I'm not out writing jingles. No. That was written out of my heart. Wasn't it? Yes. That's right. Now I know what He meant, "The man has never been PLOWED." So, I thought, "The man has never really TOUCHED GOD. He's never really TOUCHED REALITY." He's been SAVED, and filled with the Spirit, and CALLED, and he knows the general TECHNIQUE, and here he is, tearing over the world with all this...and I said, "Lord, I can't...I can't...I can't...TOUCH him. There's something "funny" there. There's something...what's the matter with me?" He said, "Nothing. Only he's not been PLOWED." Do you know the sequel to this? It wasn't more than 3-4 months after that VERY experience...and a tragedy fell. What was it? Well, the church found out that he was not living at home with his wife and children half the time. He had a woman in that city for a year with whom he lived as MAN AND WIFE! Absolutely. And the courts and the police and all, got AT that thing, EXPOSED it, and took his papers. I guess he is selling insurance or something now, I've forgotten what he is doing. How many get something or don't you see it?

6. Now, this is your question, and they always ask me, "Well, Brother Follette, how...HOW could a person be filled with the Spirit, and everything like that, and DO THIS THING?" Now, let me HELP you. Do you remember it says, "The gifts of God are without repentance," that is, HE NEVER CALLS THEM BACK? Did you notice that? The gifts are NOT to be CALLED BACK. The gift is DEPOSITED, and that personality, that human being is going to be HELD ACCOUNTABLE sometime before God, either for THE USE OF THE ABUSE; the way in which he HANDLED the gift. Has it become OPERATIVE UNDER THE POWER OF THE

SPIRIT? With what? MOTIVATED BY THE LOVE OF GOD, that is, a broken, bleeding heart. No! There was a SELF-SPIRIT that was seeking popularity, agrandizement, fame. How many get that or don't you? And that MISERABLE, low creature would USE THE THINGS OF GOD to ESTABLISH HIMSELF in that REALM! Do you get it or don't you get it? "Well, how could they be..." Now listen. Those people weresaved and blessed IN SPITE THE MAN, NOT BECAUSE OF THE MAN!!!! Why? Because he was clever enough always to preach about the "Blood of Jesus," and "salvation," and he knew all the "fundamental" phrases, you know; he was clever enough to DO THAT! And do you know, people don't know much? They BELIEVED what he said, that Jesus would save them if they would come forward and confess their sins! How many know THAT'S TRUE!! That's the TRUTH!! The people were saved because they BELIEVED THE WORD OF GOD, AND THE TRUTH, AND GOD HAS TO HONOR HIS WORD!!! He HAS to honor the Blood of Jesus! I've said it before; it's a crude illustration, but I BELIEVE it. If a pussycat could MEOOOOOW the Gospel of God, how many know, HE WOULD HAVE TO BLESS THE GOSPEL, BUT NOT THE CAT!!!!!! How many get that? Or don't you see that? Can you see it or don't you see it? HE BLESSES HIS WORD! HE BLESSES HIS TRUTH! He may NOT be happy AT ALL concerning this INSTRUMENT! But He doesn't tell everybody about everything. And so, these poor people...I've been in meetings more than once, that IN SPITE of what was GOING ON, and it's confusion, in SPITE OF IT, God could REACH SOMEBODY, and bless them, and baptize them. NOT BECAUSE OF IT, BUT IN SPITE OF IT!! IN SPITE OF, IN SPITE OF IT!! Now, there's just one illustration; we could have several of them, where we find that it's the MOTIVE back of the gift, not JUST the gift!

7. He said here, "You have ALL the gifts; you come not short in ONE of them. However, I will show you a more excellent WAY by which they may become MANIFEST. You have had them operating under a SELF-CREATURE." The Spirit IS subject to the prophets! How many know it? It is! I've known people who have "used" the VERY SPIRIT, the things of God, when God wasn't within a million miles of it! It's good people don't know that or they'd all backslide and go to the Devil, so I don't expose it. But I know alot of things. Wouldn't be "nice" to do it. But Paul knew it, and he EXPOSED it! He says when you have AGAPE, the love of God NEVER does THIS. Well, what was the "this?" It never does "this." All those "this's," he says, were the things that he FOUND in the church. The love of GOD never does THAT, but you will find "THAT" if your motivation isn't correct! So I began to see something. This strange creature that is being built. This CHARACTER has to have RIGHT MOTIVATION in any kind of movings at all. Whatever the movings may be, it has to be MOTIVATED correctly. AGAPE is your word which means, "the LAW OF THE GIFT." AGAPE is NOT the gift. It is the LAW that operates to tell you how the gift becomes manifest.
8. Now, I think I have a minute to take another thought in here. What else did He say? He says, "I have not only given you this gift of POWER," but He says, "I have give you LOVE." Now, that is going to be the MOTIVE BY WHICH the manifestation OUT HERE will be MANIFEST. "But I've given you also," it says in our Bible, a very poor word, "a sound mind." And He's not talking about "crazy folks," or "feeble-minded" people, or anything like that at all. That is NOT the word. Your word in the Greek is "a disciplined Spirit." A DISCIPLINED SPIRIT. Well, why? Well, you may have ALL the gifts, you may have the LOVE OF GOD, but if there be NOT a "disciplined Spirit" back of that to operate three-fold, the thing is just...it doesn't get anywhere! It just doensn't get anywhere. What is a DISCIPLINED SPIRIT? It is a MILITARY TERM again. Paul uses so many MILITARY terms. The word here is a DISCIPLINED SPIRIT, a disciplined MIND. And it is used in connection with a Major, or a General who has been disciplined in order to GIVE discipline. Discipline so he can carry on work with the soldiers. You see what I mean? He is DISCIPLINED so that now the authority which HE pushes out HERE has a BACKING. The Bible is FULL of it. I could take three or four more illustrations right out of the Bible that show that. But you see, it is sort of "veiled" by a "nice" story. And people LOVE stories. They're awfully "nice;" they're entertaining. But go PAST that. Go past that. He says, "A disciplined mind or a dis-

ciplined Spirit" You may have both of the OTHER, (power, love) but if you haven't a disciplined Spirit back of it, it doesn't GET you far. I want to give you an illustration of that, then we'll go. Do you remember when God called James and John? Do you remember when He called them? One day He was out and saw coming toward Him two young men. And He was quite thrilled, and He said, "Oh, Sons of Beorgenes!" What's THAT? They mean, "Sons of Thunder." SONS OF THUNDER. And He thought, "Oh, I can use them! John, you're a son of thunder. I can USE you. I want you. Come on!" And He calls Him. Puts him into the group. Put him right into the group of the disciples. Why? Because John could THUNDER so? Well, we'll see about that in a minute. We'll see about that in just a minute!

9. Now God's HAND is ON John, but John isn't yet acquainted with the MEANING of the HAND that is laid on him. He can't INTERPRET it. And so God gave them POWER to go out and minister, and John was one of them. Remember when he came back with James? They went out and they ministered, and they preached, and they had miracles, and they healed the sick and they had just a beautiful campaign! Just lovely! And you see, when they came BACK, John was so disturbed because the people in this city would not receive his Lord! He says to the Lord, "Why Lord! These people wouldn't even receive You! Such folks as that! Do you want me to call fire down from heaven and consume them?" Remember? Yes! Yes! He wanted to call FIRE! And he says, "I...", now, listen. Listen. Listen! Listen! How many know He had POWER TO DO IT? Because Jesus has ALREADY given power for all that sort of business. He HAD the power for it, for Jesus had GIVEN it to him. Do you think he loved the Lord? Yes. How many know there was a sort of superficial love manifested right there that he wanted to defend his own Lord? Why sure! He wanted to defend Jesus! He LOVED Jesus; he wanted Him to be appreciated! He wanted Jesus to have His PLACE. He appreciated and loved the Lord Jesus! And he said, "One way to do it is just to CONSUME this people...and I'll show you, Lord, how MUCH I love you! Shall I just put them out of the way for You? Oh, You are so wonderful!" And now the Lord turned to him and said, "You haven't any such power!" Is THAT what He said? No. Because he DID have power. "Well, don't you really love Me?" He couldn't say THAT, because poor John was expressing his love by wanting to defend Him. Do you get that? Sure! What DID He say to him? "Ye know not WHAT SPIRIT ye are of." The difficulty was not in POWER, it wasn't in LOVE. It was in SPIRIT! How many of you get it now? Do you see it? Always remember that. Here is your power out HERE--working. Oh, it's tremendous! It has "fireworks" and everything. "Great POWER!!! POWER!!! The Pentecostal POOOOWWER!!! OOOOOHOOOHO!!!" Terrific! Now, before that can get anywhere at all, He says you have to have it MOTIVATED. So here's the LOVE OF GOD coming in to push THERE. Now He says, "THAT isn't enough either." John had BOTH. He had POWER, and he had LOVE, didn't he? The difficulty lies back in the INNER RECESSES of John. The INNER RECESSES that he had not DISCOVERED YET. The territory that yet has to be discovered in my heart sometimes AMAZES me. Have any of you ever felt territory in you YET TO BE TAKEN? Sure. I remember once when God was leading me this way, years ago, with just that sense. The Holy Spirit came on me and I fell over the bed. And there I lay over the bed, my head hanging over here...I don't know how long the Spirit prayed through me, "Oh God! Triumph in me!! Oh God! Triumph in me!! Oh God! Triumph..." I don't know...and you know...I was SAVED and baptized in the Spirit and was teaching people and people were BLESSED TO PIECES! Imagine a prayer like THAT ONE! Well, it was NEEDED. Why? There were vast areas in my being and life of which I was not yet conscious. But GOD knew, and I knew that He had to TRIUMPH in those fields. He had to TRIUMPH in them. He had to go into the territory and MAKE CONFLICT in this creature. Is this too hard for you? Are you getting anywhere this morning? Under heavens where are we? You're so STILL. I don't want you to holler at me. But how many...do you feel God is trying to get something over to you? Sure. I want you to feel that way. I don't want people to get up and shout! Shout some other time. But I do want to sense all the time that you're getting somewhere.

10. Alright. Now back here he says, "a disciplined Spirit" is needed. Well, God is going to get after this man, because he called him a "son of thunder," once, and He is going to have a time with him. So He lets him go out into the "work, to the work!" And how many of you know how wonderful John was USED, up and down the country, with great meetings and he is a REAL mystic in the things of God. He's a REAL Spirit! And so he preaches and THUNDERS!! And he THUNDERS, THUNDERS, AND THUNDERS!!!, until he says, "Do you want me to call down the fire? Hallelujah! I've got the POWER!!! Let us have some FIRE!!!" That's what he said. Well, God let's him THUNDER just about so long. Do you know that? Yeah, he lets anyone thunder...YOUR thunder...MY thunder...anybody's thunder. He lets you thunder just about SO LONG. I'd like to talk on thunder sometimes. There are ALL KINDS OF THUNDER. Don't be scared. The most "timid, sweetest," little creature in here HAS THUNDER, but you don't know it! I'd like to press the button that would EXPLODE it and you'd say, "My Lord God! Is that in ME?" I'd say, "Yes, there's MORE THUNDER YET!" Well, never mind! So I don't do that because that wouldn't be "polite."
11. So He just lets John THUNDER AND THUNDER, and souls are brought in, and the churches are established, and he just goes down thru the country, "a FLAMING FIRE FULL OF THUNDER!!!" The Lord says, "Now listen John. I want to TALK to you." "Well...I'm having such a tremendous success here, I can't listen to You, Lord, just now. We'll talk about it later. THUNDER, MORE THUNDER, AND GREATER THUNDER!!!" And He says, I really want to TALK to you. I want...." "Oh...but...Lord! These people are so NEEEDY! THUNDER!! THUNDER AND LIGHTNING!!! (Let's put some lightning in!) THUNDER AND LIGHTNING!!!" My dear Lord, you'd think the world would come to an end! And everybody stood around with their tongues hanging out saying, "Isn't he wonderful! It IS powerful!" Well, the LORD didn't think so. The Lord says, "I want to TALK to you John. Come here. I've heard that THUNDER so long that I'm really WEARIED with it. I want to help you. Now, I love you, and I want to help you. Now get in this little BOAT." "Well...my church is there!! I've ESTABLISHED...UH!!!" "Now listen John, get in this little boat." "Why...I'm LEAVING MY SHORE!!!" "Yeah, I'm going to take you out in another DEEP place, and you can't get there if you stay on the shore. Get in My boat." How many know what He did? He just pushed him out and out and out, till they struck land on a little island called PATMOS. And He put him there and said, "I'll see you later. Goodbye." And there was poor John, stranded, sitting on the isle of Patmos! What could he do? Well, he can't do anything by THUNDER! But there is NOTHING TO THUNDER ABOUT! NOBODY to thunder AT! No place TO thunder. That's "bad," isn't it, when the Lord gets in a man and a person like that in such a situation? Well, it's the time of QUIET, you know. It's the time of quiet and he has to be quiet. He has to THINK. He'd BEEN thundering so, he couldn't hear his own voice. No. So the Lord just let's him REST. And, oh, he begins to THINK. He thinks, "Oh dear Lord, what will become of all my precious people!!? And all these SINNERS! They ought to be SAVED!! Lord, don't You know there's SINNERS out there?!" "Yes," He says, "there were sinners BEFORE you were born, and they'll be sinners AFTER you were born. I'm after YOU!" Don't put up a SCREEN like that. The Lord will look through it. Right through it, because HE IS AFTER YOU AND AFTER ME, MORE THAN ANYTHING WE WILL EVER DO FOR HIM ON GOD'S EARTH! Absolutely. ALL ministry is REACTION-ARY! So he sits there, and he trys, I suppose, to pray...day...month...weeks...month... "Oh God..." Well, he might as well have said, "Where's Santy Claus?" There wasn't any! There wasn't any for him; there just wasn't any. Well, when you get put on an isle like that, always be careful NOT to accept the suggestions of all those who are going to row from the shore to get you because you're so NEEDED in God's work! "Why... that man, I remember when he used to THUNDER like anything! Tremendous! And there he is, on PATMOS!! What's the matter with him? Do you suppose he's BACKSLIDDEN? Do you suppose the Lord had to discipline him, and he's a sinner? What in the world...I'd just like ONCE to hear him thunder! But he HASN'T thundered!" Now that's the reaction people have. So what do they do? "YOU pray, I pray, WE pray, YOU pray, ALL pray, now let's ALL pray, that God will someway will work a MIRACLE and we'll get a new kind of

BOAT up there, and we'll go over there and RESCUE poor John, and bring him back and reinstate him where he "belongs" in the church!" LET HIM ALONE!!! WHO put him on the island? "God!!" Well, then LET GOD KEEP HIM! YOU can't! YOU can't! YOU can't! People WON'T. You always disturb him. I know. I've been THROUGH it! I remember trying to help a person. God DOESN'T thank you. A lad was under awful conviction and he was suffering and I knew it. And I'm a SYMPATHETIC creature, and I thought, "Oh that poor thing! He's just having such an awful time. I'll just go and pray with him. I would like somebody to pray with ME. I know when I'M in a difficulty, I appreciate people would pray, and I ought to go and pray." So I went and made the man a call, you know, and got down and I prayed! I felt so SORRY for his TERRIBLE CONVICTION, you see. I didn't want him SUFFERING under the conviction. And I PRAYED and CONSOLED him and I prayed ALL THE CONVICTION RIGHT OFF OF HIM! You know you could do that? You can console people and give them promises, and coach them along until their conviction is disapated! I went home...I'm telling tales on myself; I'm very human. And I went to my room, and just as I went in my room to shut the door, the Lord stood right BY me, as close as this! Do you know what He said to me? "I DON'T THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICES!" That's all He said, and He walked out of the room. How many get it or don't you? Yes, that's all He said, "I DON'T THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICES." "Why," I thought, "My dear Lord, I was PRAYING for him!?" How many know there's a TIME TO PRAY, and a time NOT to pray? I prayed at the WRONG time. The Lord said, "I have been six months getting that fellow in the PLACE where I can DEAL with him, and I have to have this conviction and suffering on him to BRING HIM THROUGH, and you have SPOILED the whole thing this morning." I'll tell you, I've never done THAT again! Because it was such a terrific lesson to me. Terrible. Just as God was working. Now, that's like John on Patmos. If John is on Patmos, you LET HIM ALONE! He may BE THERE TO SUFFER. That's ALL RIGHT! GOD KNOWS why he is there. YOU don't, and I don't either. So God just LETS HIM ALONE. Just lets him alone. Until all of this sort of WORKS OUT SOMETHING in his makeup, in his BEING, in his THINKING. I suppose the Lord will breath over him occasionally. "Oh Lord...what...Oh Lord...Oh, Lord..." The Lord BREATHES on him...the Lord's "around." Now, LET the Lord work like that.

12. How many of you know the THUNDER IS SILENT. He can't thunder enough to scare a bird. He can't. Well, we hear people say, "I'd like to knock the thunder out of him!" How many of you know God, "knocked the thunder" out of John? Do you know it? Yes He did. God knocked the thunder out of him! Why? Because God didn't WANT it. So one day when God sees that He has ACCOMPLISHED IN THIS MAN THE THING THAT HE IS AFTER, he comes and says to him, "John...John..." "Oh," John thinks, "I've heard THAT voice before....Oh can it be my Lord?" "John..." And he turns, and of course the Lord's angel, messenger...God is approaching him. And He says, "Listen. I have a message for you. Not only for you, it's for your churches. And it's going to be projected down through thousands of years. Now you let Me get ahold of YOU and be QUIET here. I can show you something." He'd already, INSIDE...how many know INSIDE that he'd already had a terrivic exibition of himself? Or don't you know that? He'd sure HAD. So God says, "Have you LEARNED it now?" Yes, he has. So God doesn't tease him and tear him up. His heart is already broken, and wounded, and sick, and tired. Just the word, "John..." becomes like BALM to him. "John..." oh, that was so soothing. "Oh...my Lord God, what is it? I know Your voice..." Well, He says, "I have a message for you. It's not only for you, it's for your churches, but it's going on down thru the whole church period. I wnat to show you a VISION. It is a REVELATION OF THE SON. It is a REVELATION. Now you get it. And John falls back into the Spirit on the Lord's day. Wasn't it nice to fall back again in the Spirit where he wanted so to live? Have any of you been OUT of the Spirit? How many of you know what it is to COME BACK into the Spirit? I hope you do. Of course, we all WALK in the Spirit, but I mean in these intimate movings of God. How delicious it is when you feel, "I've come back to my REAL HABITATE. My REAL habitate." And I'm only happy when I'm there. I have to go OUT of course.

13. Now He gives him a vision. Did you ever notice what He covers in that vision? He covers every element that we have in time. He covers the world, all creation, the sky, the moon, the stars, trees, animals, people, cities, nations, floods; He counts wind, thunder, lightning; He touches every TANGIBLE thing that he has ever used! He's going to use all this in a most complicated and marvelous display. And so He gives gim this series of openings in the Spirit; a series of them. And He says, "Now give it." How many of you ever hear GOD thunder in Revelation? Do you ever hear it? Did you ever hear JOHN thunder in Revelation? No. But the most terrific thundering that I think has moved the church and has moved us, are all hidden away in that book of Revelation. It's terrific. It's terrifying. When God gets in there and THUNDERS, till the end of the world, to the end of the age, till the END He is still THUNDERING! And here is John. What is the difference? GOD IS THUNDERING THROUGH JOHN. God didn't call John because HE could thunder. He didn't WANT John's thunder!!! He didn't WANT John's thunder!!! HE WANTED JOHN'S CAPACITY FOR THUNDER SO THAT HE COULD THUNDER THROUGH HIM! Do you get it now? That's the CONCLUSION. How many see it? He didn't even THANK John for HIS thunder. He said, "I've brought you to a place where your thunder will NOT WORK. You can use it over there; I can BLESS people IN SPITE of it. But HERE is a place where YOUR THUNDER is NOT needed. I can't use it AT ALL." He had to wash out, wash out, ALL of John's thunder. So that...what would happen? He would have the CAPACITY to thunder, that HE might thunder. Do you see that or don't you?
14. Now do you see a CHANGE in this "thundering agent?" Listen to his letters when he comes back and writes, "Little children, LOVE one another..." Isn't that wonderful? I think that is so sweet. WHO is saying that? John who THUNDERED!! Oh, he's got the "thunder knocked out of him," so he comes back and says, "Little children, everything is in LOVE, the love of God. Love one another." Not, "children," but LITTLE children. How many see a tenderness, a brokenness, an understanding, a graciousness? God couldn't do that when JOHN thundered. He didn't WANT John's thunder, He wanted the CAPACITY, so that HE could thunder. Do you get the difference? All the difference in the world. So it is HERE in YOUR development. Now YOU have thunder and I have thunder. I would be nice to open that as it relates to even...with US. Uh hum. That's right. That's right...that's right. Now if He has let you move along quite awhile in you OWN thunder; not WICKED! You're not preachers, you're just people! But you know, there's a tendency to USE YOUR THUNDER? Or didn't you know it? That's right. Sure. But God will come after you some day and He'll say, "Here. I'm going to DRY UP your thunder." And He'll put you on an isle of Patmos, and nobody on earth will wonder, "what in the world is the matter with him? I remember her when she was THIS way. I remember her when she was THAT way. And what under heavens is the matter with her?" On PATMOS. Don't bring that soul to shore. LET IT ALONE.
15. How many got anything today? Did you? Are you sure? Are you sure? You don't feel HURT do you? I was afraid to preach along this line, but it's what the Lord laid on me, for fear somebody would get hurt. And I don't want to hurt anyone. I want you to have the TRUTH. And when God begins to deal with you and with me to accomplish IN US these lovely things, which will PASS THROUGH time into the ages yet to come, let us not be FEARFUL. Let us not be fearful. We are in the hands of the living God...in the hands of the living God, and He'll see us through. He who hath begun a good work in you will also FINISH it. Now LET Him finish it.
16. Precious Lord, take the bread again, broken bread, bless it to every heart, everyone of us, Lord, so that we shall eat and grow thereby to please and satisfy Thy heart. For Jesus' sake. Amen.