YOUR PRAYER LIFE John Wright Follette

- ... Truths that God has given me and which I have the joy of sharing with you is not ORIGINAL with me. It's not MINE. But it is a revelation of light and Truth God has given me in His Word, through the power of His Spirit. And so, I have no "strings" on it. It's not mine. I didn't make it. I'm not accountable for it. All I know is God has been very gracious to me in these years to open the Word and reveal it's INNER SPIRITUAL CONTENT to my heart. Now that has radically changed my whole outlook in life, and my whole ATTITUDE toward life. And has turned me about till I am FOCUSED toward God and the eternal things. And so, I LIKE to share the Truth with you. People say, "Don't you get tired?" I'll make a confession. No, I am never tired of ministering. I could minister for three or four hours CONTINUOUSLY and never feel tired. But two minutes after the meeting, I touch a spirit like that, and it agitates me for two to three days. Why? It nearly kills me. Why? I can't tell it to you. I feel people's SPIRITS. I feel THAT. That will annoy me; maybe all tomorrow morning I'll be under the burden of that thing that I have touched or been conscious of. Not to minister the Word. Why? Because the ministry of the Word is LIFE. When I handle the Word, I'm handling LIFE. And why shouldn't I become a partaker of the Word as it's poured through me? am conscious of the fact I am PARTAKING of this too. It's feeding my Spirit, it has even refreshed my body. I have gone into a meeting more than once very TIRED. Sometimes with a nervous headache, and tired, I wish...oh, I wish...I say, "Lord. Let's get going." Because I know if I'm in this meeting 5 minutes to 10 minutes I will speak myself completely out from under that, if you know what I mean. Completely out from under it. At the end of the meeting, I am more refreshed than as if I'd been on a weeks vacation. I hop over the chair! Full of LIFE and inspiration because that's what the LORD is. So, ministering to you has not been a burden to me. It's been a JOY, because I love to share what God has made REAL to me. It's not mine, but it has done so much in my heart and in my life and in my OUTLOOK, and in my ways of INTERPRETING LIFE, that I say, "Oh, Lord. This is not for me, only,... I want EVERYBODY to have it," come on, let's ALL have it. Let's all have it. Now that's easy to say, but let me tell you something. It won't be TOO EASY. You will have to PAY for everything you get. So, now that's "SAD," isn't it? But that's the TRUTH. Anything that's worthwhile in God, and in the Spirit, that will encourage, bless, deliver, feed, minister to you; you'll PAY A PRICE for it. And that's RIGHT that we should. SALVATION is FREE! Hallelujah! You can come to the altar and get saved in a minute. Glory to God!, and wave the banner! Baptism is FREE. All of those things come on the GIFT level. But you see, our PRAYER life, our whole PRAYER PATTERN ranges in an entirely different scope. So by and by you'll find there are alot of things that can't come possibly by ASKING. They will come by SEEKING, and later by KNOCKING. Because those are the three steps that Jesus gave us and taught distinctly, in approaching Him, approaching Truth, desiring a revelation of Him. Follow what He said. He didn't say, "PRAY, and you can HAVE it!" PEOPLE say that, and preachers, and all, say, "Just PRAY, brother! Pray!! Ha, ha, ha! Pray!" You can PRAY YOUR HEAD OFF for somethings you will NEVER get by ASKING! Well, why? Because you are ignoring a fundamental LAW in the REALM OF PRAYER. "Well, I never thought of that." Of course you haven't! I never did either, till the Lord knocked me down and picked me up several times, and said, "Do you see something?" I said, "I think I DO, Lord!" Well, He said, "Walk by what I'm telling you." It doesn't come in a minute.
- 2. Just for a second, let me help you to see it. I won't preach from this angle, because it takes me an evening to go thru it. THREE definite aspects of our prayer life determined, DETERMINED by your HEART ATTITUDE. Not the Bible, not the verse, not the scripture, but, the ATTITUDE OF YOUR HEART! THAT governs it! "Why...I never heard..." No, you didn't! I know you didn't! I didn't either! You grab the Bible to get verses and promises, and go to town with the promise, and don't know where the promise will land or anything about it! "He says RIGHT THERE, 'Ask and you shall RECEIVE,' and I'm ASKING!" He never said that! Evangelists say that, and alot of preachers who don't know the difference say it; they preached it for years, and I've heard it preached for years! And so I tried that technique and got "bogged down," and nobody knew what was the matter, and go to the preacher and he said, "Well, prayer HARDER! FAST a little." I said, "I know, I've done all of those tricks but that doesn't bring it either." Well, why? Be-

cause we're not INSTRUCTED. Jesus didn't say, "Ask, and everything will be done." When He was opening this to me, He made it very distinct, not to be OCCUPIED so much with the TECHNIQUE of ASKING, SEEKING, and KNOCKING, but He said, "All of those are representative of YOUR HEART ATTITUDE IN your prayer. Your heart takes certain ATTI-TUDES in prayer." The first one, He says is here. ASK. Ask what? Well, go in the Bible to see. So He made me go into the Bible to see it, so I found out dozens and dozens of verses and promises and promises and promises and promises involving the Word, "ASK." Well, it takes you...you can't do this in an afternoon, so you might as well hang up the fiddle. It'll take you maybe weeks and even months to get through this thing, but you'll get thru finally. I said, "What does this mean?" He said, "These words are REPRESENTATIVE. They represent the ATTITUDE OF YOUR HEART! And when your heart is in the ATTITUDE of "ASKING," I will GIVE! I will GIVE. And these are the things I WILL GIVE...purely on the "ASKING" basis. Because it is your HEART ATTITUDE and my promises REST in the whole content of it, is in the word ASK." But He says, "Asking and receiving from me is not the END of prayer, it's the very beginning, it's INITIAL." Now He says, "See what you can find by ASKING." Well, I got my lexicons out, and I got my Bible out, and I began to leaf and fumble, and leaf and look, and leaf and look, and get my context, and listen...listen, don't get verses out of your CONTEXT! Whenever you're dealing with any Word for interpretation, never take it out of it's CONTEXT! Look at it, interpret it, in the line of it's atmosphere of it's context; where it is written. I could tell you tonite. Do you know in the OT it said, "There is NO GOD?" How many know, there's a word in the OT says, "There is NO GOD."? Well, take it out of it's context and it says that. Well, where do you get it in the context? "The FOOL has said in his heart, 'There is no God.'" Well, then am I going to listen to what a FOOL said? NO. I'm going to listen to what the revelation says. And so, you see, you can't take verses here and there out of their CONTEXT, and try to get any kind of light or illumination from them. You won't get very far. Because you're trying to make it MEAN something or spell something, or say something, that doesn't have any reference to it at all. Not at all. "The FOOL has said in his heart that there is no God." But that doesn't mean that there ISN'T anyone! WHO said it? A FOOL! Don't go to the scriptures HUNTING things, and take it out of it's context and try to get an interpretation of it! No, no. You won't get anywhere with that.

So, just take this word for ASK for a minute. I want to get in here while I'm busy with it. Your word here, remember, are all SYMBOL WORDS. SYMBOLS. They are SYMBOLS. Symbols of what? They represent the ATTITUDE OF YOUR HEART. If your heart is in the ASKING ATTITUDE, He will give you verse after verse after verse after verse to back you up in it. So, I went to town in that, and I found, oh, I don't know how many, I could give them to you, just YARDS of verses and promises in which it says, "Ask, and THIS will be given. ASK, and THAT will be given. ASK and THIS will be given. ASK, and THAT will be given." "Why," I said, "Isn't this amazing!" You know what I found? I found in my last analysis, that there are enough promises from things from God on what I call the GIFT level; this is the GIFT level. The GIFT level is purely of ASKING. All those things are GIFTS. How many know SALVATION is a GIFT? Did you pay for it? No. Can you EARN it? No. What can you do? RECEIVE it. Is that simple? Sure. "ASK, and you shall RECEIVE." ASK for salvation, what will He do? He will GIVE you. "God so loved the world, He GAVE His Son!" He didn't hide Him away and say, "Now SEEK good and hard and maybe you'll FIND him!" He hung Him up on a tree so that everybody could see Him!! Between heaven and earth, hanging on a tree! Exposed! Absolutely out in the OPEN! Hanging there! So He could say, "Do you see Him?" Yes. "Well, in HIM are all these answers!" Salvation. ASK, and youll receive it. How many of you ever BOUGHT it? You did NOT. You confessed your need and said, "God, be merciful." You received it. Now, I'd like to open that with the verses. I have all those verses down. Well, He says, "ASK is your SYMBOL word." It's your HEART ATTITUDE! Take the ATTITUDE of asking. Not "seeking" some strange thing that you don't know anything about!! NO. He is EX-POSED. God MANIFESTED Him in the flesh. Well, I could go for an hour there, but I won't.

- Let's go up on the next step. After He had said, "ASK is your first ATTITUDE, and you will receive much purely on the basis of ASKING, that isn't the end." He said, "SEEK.. .. SEEK, and ye shall find." How many see they have a sequel? ASK, you shall RECEIVE. SEEK, you shall FIND, or DISCOVER. See this automatic arrangement? This is a very PLAIN analysis, and it's rather awkward and plain. It's not fillegreed with the spirit, "ha, ha, ha, ha..," but how many know you've got to the ROOTS of things? Well; to follow me, you have to get at the ROOTS of things! I can't live as most people do, on "it says this and it said that, and Praise Jesus!" I can't live that way. I don't think He WANTS us to live that way. Sort of a RELIGIOUS HABIT that people have. He said, "SEEK!" Now...now! What does the very word SEEK suggest to you? An open hand generously GIVING you something? If I have an orange to hand to you as a gift, I don't say SEEK IT, do I? I say, "It is a GIFT, and you will RECEIVE it!" When you come to your word "SEEK," now you're striking difficulty. So He said, "Get your Greek Testament out and see where it is used in your NT, and even the Old, in the Hebrew. Get your word SEEK, and see what you'll find." I said, "I do, Lord. I have found something. It always involves a DIFFICULTY." It involves something on YOUR part, to GAIN. TO ENTER INTO. INCONVENIENCE of it. It is perfectly RIGHT and should HIDE IT! Why? To PROVOKE in you and me a SEEKING ATTITUDE, rather than, "gimmie, gimmie, gimmie, gimmie!!" Most folks have, "the gimmie's" when they come to the Lord. "Salvation's free, gimmie, gimmie!" No, no. Lots of things He doesn't "gimmie" at all. I found here, in "ASKING, and I will GIVE, and you will RECEIVE," everything from salvation to glory can be included in ASKING. Why? Because He has made it so SIMPLE and so PLAIN, that thousands and thousands and thousands of Christians live their lives PURELY upon this first step of ASKING, because you can ASK for salvation; it's a gift! The Holy Spirit, what is it? A GIFT, "I will GIVE you." ASK ... ASK . ASK what? Salvation is a GIFT. The Spirit is a GIFT. The Baptism of the Spirit is a GIFT. Divine healing is a GIFT. Wisdom is a GIFT. "If you lack wisdom, ASK....No, don't got some, "Uhhhhhh...." ASK FOR IT!!! And I'll GIVE IT TO YOU!!! No, you go fumbling around, pretending it's some terribly mysterious object, that you must SEARCH, and fast and pray, and raise the dead to get it! Sit still! Don't be too emotional. You don't do it that way at all! You can get everything from SALVATION to GLORY, purely on this basis! ASK. What can you ask? You can ask anything from salvation to glory, and they're all on the GIFT level. Purely on the GIFT level. Salvation is a GIFT. The Spirit is a GIFT. The outpouring of your Spirit, the baptism, that's a GIFT. "I will give you the Spirit, and when I go, I will SEND, I will GIVE it to you." Wisdom. "If any man lack wisdom, let him what?" ASK! "Oh... I thought it was harder!" No! But you won't reduce your prayer patterns to SIMPLICITY. You like the COMPLEXITY, because it makes you feel PROFOUND! What a stupid thing! You're not profound at all, you're just FOOLISH! You can have everything from salvation to glory on the basis of ASKING, and you can get a promise out of the Word of God for everyone of them. He...the whole works, everything in there! How many of you can see now, how many Christians spend their whole life purely on this "ASK LEVEL," because it doesn't arouse any INCONVENIENCE on their part?
- 5. Now, He says, "SEEK, and ye shall FIND." What does your word mean? Look at it in both testaments, old and new. It involves a DIFFICULTY....to go IN SEARCH OF, to PENETRATE in, to LOOK TO; it involves the idea of some DISCOMFORT on YOUR PART, or effort on YOUR part in order to gain it. If I had 50 silver dollars here tonite, and I say, "Here they are. They are GIFTS. ASK and you could receive one." And I stand here with a basket and have 50 silver dollars in it, and then I GIVE them to you. Well, how would you GET them? I said, "I will give them to you!" What do you do, come down, get on your knees, say, "Oh, I pray, Brother Follette, I beg of you, precious...oh, give..." I say, "There's something the matter with his mind. Take him over there and cast the devil out of him, do something with him so he's got sense in his head!" You don't have any sense! I said "I will GIVE!" And I have a basket full. 50 silver dollars. And you come up, and ASK for one, and what do I do? I GIVE it to you! Now, tomorrow night, I come, and I say to you, "I have 50 silver dollars for you if you want them. They are HIDDEN AWAY in this house. And if anyone wants one, can SEEK and HAVE IT." How many know they'll be a commotion going on? Well, why wouldn't there be? Surely a commotion. They're would have

- Because you see, now I have brought you into an entirely different place. How many see your ATTITUDE toward me will have to CHANGE? You don't come as a RECEIPIENT OF A GIFT. You come as a SEEKER. And I said, "Why, it's YOURS. But it's hidden away." Well, you're crawling around on your knees, and you're looking in this, and in that, you're tipping that down, and you're lifting that over, and you hunt, and you look, and you crawl, and you reach, and you dig out from under. You have just a terrific time and finally one gets a dollar and says, "Hallelujah! I got a dollar!" Well, I said, "How'd you get it? Somebody hand it to you?" "No sir! I hunted on this! And I got it!" Now when He teaches like that, keep these very simple things in mind. So now He said, "Get your word, 'seek,' and I went through that whole OT and NT like a hound that had got a scent. Like that...of SEEK. And I went in all these chapters and verses, SEEK! Here's a verse, has SEEK in it; what is it? And I was just amazed, I didn't get this in an afternoon, dear. No, I don't get things just by lightning like that! So I said, "I see something, Lord." He says, "This is what I want you to see. You HEART ATTITUDE is very different. You don't come ASKING. You come now, SEEKING." How many get it? It is the ATTITUDE OF YOUR HEART that determines it. And the thing that He wants for you to have, DETERMINES WHAT YOUR ATTITUDE SHOULD BE. If He has something purely on the basis of GIVING, He says, "Here it is, freely. Given to you. Salvation, baptism, healing, wisdom." All those things He FREELY will give them to you. They are GIFTS. And you can have them, as I said, enough to carry you from here to heaven. And some Christians never move off of this ASK LEVEL. Their ATTITUDE is always "asking and receiving." But He didn't stop there. He said, "There's another ATTITUDE. Take a SEEKING ATTITUDE, AND you're SEEKING ATTITUDE means DIFFICULTY. Penetration. Perserverence. Hunting, turning over, getting into, trying, a thousand things. And what will happen? "I will GIVE?" No! YOU shall DISCOVER! "I'm not there giving it to you, you will FIND it! You will DISCOVER IT! How many get your sequel? ASK--GIVE IT! SEEK! You'll make a DISCOVERY. You will FIND it. Well, I'd like to open that to it but I can't!
- Now, I have all those scripture verses; it took me quite awhile to get this thing put together, but it's helped me an awful lot in my prayer life. Just terribly. Just helped me BUSHELS in my prayer life. Because I'm made that way. I can't just live like alot of Christians, saying their prayers and reading the verses in the Bible, and trying to get through. Oh, I said, "Dear Lord, I'm not MADE that way!" I have to know WHY and HOW the thing is, and then He gives it to me. This, "tra,la, la, la, la,la." I say, "That sounds good on the surface, but I want to know the ROOTS of that thing. Sometimes, how many know, takes you years to get at the roots, but you'll get them! And I knew from this, the whole philosophy of our prayer life is based on this very simple teaching. He says that there are many things in your Christian career and life that you are to have, but you cannot receive them merely by ASKING for them, and getting a verse out of the Bible in which you use the word ASK. It won't come. Why? Your whole STRUCTURE of your Christian experience in God is based on as REAL LAWS and PRINCIPLES as the laws of gravitation in the natural. Absolutely. In the natural world about us today, God has given us, He has arranged it and given to us, these laws of light, laws of heat, laws of radiation, law of gravitation. All of these basic laws which are natural in the phenamena of NATURE, are God-given. Why? To help us to live comfortably, and senseably a life that we have HERE. If you follow these laws, how many know, you will live comfortably? But if you defy them and break them, how many know, you'll find DISASTER. I want to sit down on that chair. Well, there's a LAW that says, "Get this way, and drop yourself, and you will automatically sit there, whether you like it or not!" And I tried, and, "I sat! How amazing!" Why wouldn't I? I am obedient to a law! I want this chalk to be out here. I don't say, "Oh Lord! I want that chalk to get here! I just pray and I ask you, please do not let it fly out of the window! Oh, Lord! Oh, please do let let it be on the floor! Oh, I claim that it shall ... "He says, "Be STILL! Let go of it!" "Ohhh! God answered prayer!" The things in the things of God are just as real as that. They are to me. And I've live in these things for years and years, and I've tried them, and I wouldn't have it any other way in the world! I am satisfied and pleased with God's economy. And though it KILLS me, I say then, "Slay me!" Why? I know LIFE will come out of this DEATH! I know LIFE will come out of it. So I said, "If it's a DEATH then Lord, hold me, and I'll go. Hold me." And He said, "I will, son." And He holds me,

- and I go thru my hell or my death. How many know I have LIFE on the end of it? People often say, "How do you get these things?" I wouldn't want to tell you the things I've had to go through for my LIGHT and VICTORY. I have learned that you PAY for every last thing that you get in God. You PAY for it. "GRACE is free! SALVATION is free!" I'm not talking about that! I had that a hundred years back! I'm talking about a revelation of the things of God, and the Eternal. And you penetrate through these realms. They are really REALMS that we push through continually. And our OBEDIENCE to the LAWS OF SPIRIT, and LIFE...and you'll LIVE.
- Now this lovely REALM OF SPIRIT that I talk about so much, that is a vast REALM OF SPIRIT-UAL REALITY. Jesus called it, "THE REALM OF THE SPIRIT." The TRANSLATORS called it "THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN." Well, the minute you get the word, "kingdom," in there, how many know, the connotation's mean, a throne and a king, and bugles, and banners, and horses, and chariots. He didn't USE the word, "kingdom." He uses the word REALM. many know, that's so DIFFERENT? Oh, it has such BREADTH. It has such LIFE in it. KINGDOM! How many see right away: throne, banners, bugles, chariots, war, man ruling? He didn't say, "kingdom." But in here, I want you to be careful. These LAWS and principles in this REALM OF SPIRITUAL REALITY, are just as REAL as this law of gravitation. So when He teaches, He uses the word REALM, or the KINGDOM, He called it the REALM OF SPIRITUAL REALITY. Now, in that whole vast realm of Spiritual Reality, are all of these other items, such as heaven, and paradise, and all these other things that we have, you know...all the names that we have. That's all INCLUDED in that. The KINGDOM that He's now calling us into; that's all INCLUDED in that. This vast REALM. So when I was born of the SPIRIT, I was projected or brought into a CONSCIOUSNESS of this terrific REALM OF SPIRIT! It is AGELESS, and ENDLESS. I was thrown into ETERNITY. You were too! Did you know that or didn't you? How many know, we're living in eternity NOW? I could get BLESSED TO DEATH, if you'd ever let me loose! I don't live in this body you call "Follette." I'm living 10,000 miles from that...in the eternal bosom of my God! Hallelujah! Glory to God! Yes. Well that's our home within Him. Well, lets go home! Let's go home. That's where we BELONG. That's where we continually gravitate. So, here was this vast REALM. I was projected into this by a NEW BIRTH. A Spiritual, wonderful thing, a NEW BIRTH. And i became conscious in my new RELATIONSHIP that I was in a new REALM of things. These things were after all, almost like SYMBOLS and toys, and picture lessons. The REAL thing was this strange consciousness that I was ONE with God. And God was ONE with me. And this strange, mystical thing had come into my heart, and I was living in the presence of it. And all my choices, and all that I had, LIVED in that REALM. When I see JOHN, how many know our hearts will be just like that? (one) Well why? Because I KNOW him. I know John just as well... I don't need the angels to say, "Follette, this is John. Bow to him. Take our crown off!" Oh, I said, "Don't dear." Why? How many know what it is for spirit to flow into spirit? No. I feel that we are to be acquainted with the many phases of that NEW REALM NOW and HERE. why I said a little while ago, preaching and speaking never tire me. Why? Because I feel the presence of this wonderful God with me. I feel the presence of the Spirit moving through me. As I preach the Word, sometimes I say, "Lord, I never heard that before. Let me keep mind of it so when I get home, I can make a note of it." Why? Because He was saying things, pouring it out, just like that. And I would twig it. I would say, "I never heard that before Lord!" And away it goes! And I could talk for two or three hours and never tire, but I say the minute the meeting's over, I can touch a spirit, and it will torment me so, that I have to get out of the room. I have been in meetings where I would say...even a preacher! I remember one meeting I saw that preacher, I said, "Lord, I can't TAKE him! I'll have to go down this aisle." And, "Oh ha, ha, ho! Hallelujah! Ohhhh..." I said, "Oh hallelujah Lord, let me get out of here!" Why? The vibration of his spirit was so terrific that it "tormented" me, that I had to walk down the other aisle. You say, "Well, Why?" Well now, I don't KNOW! I just know that That's happened more than once. Sometimes He lets me see and feel I KNEW something. the sequel of it. Other times He just says, "Never mind. Pass it by quickly." And I go along with it.
- 8. So, come along back to this SEEKING business. These are your ATTITUDES. Much that you

can have by ASKING. That's on the GIFT level. He'd like to project us up just a little bit, and you come up on another level in your prayer life. It is the SEEKING LEVEL. What is the ATTITUDE OF YOUR HEART? That of a SEEKER, meaning that you don't yet have the full revelation. You can't get it as quickly as you did you're salvation or the thing that was a GIFT. It is something that you SEEK, and gradually God penetrates through our poor spirits and minds and gives it. How many know what I mean? And it comes by intensive seeking. Why? Because even past my prayer, when I'm walking, when I'm sleeping, when I'm living, my HEART...these strange hearts that God has given. Watch them as they vibrate and live and move back again to God. Listen to their BEAT. Listen to their throb. It's the CALL OF GOD. And the call of ETERNAL upon our poor, human, broken spirits...let it so be, Lord, that we shall so have that Holy Spirit of God, that indwelt...that indwelt and carried that lovely Christ Jesus. Let it carry us too, back again to Thy heart. We need it so, Lord. We need it so. Our hearts are seeking Thee tonite because much of it is so veiled. But Lord, keep our hearts in that SEEKING ATTITUDE, while we sleep, while we eat, while we talk, while we work. The heart is still seeking, and Thou wilt let the revelation DAWN. And surely will come, for You said, "The vision will not tarry." We shall see it, and we glorify Thee for it! In Jesus Name. Precious Lord.

- 9. The HEART ATTITUDE is that of the SEEKER. That attitude penetrates our whole being. It tinctures and touches every aspect of our living. While we are occupied, this HUNGRY HEART is SEEKING. While we're busy with a thousand mundane things, this heart is SEEKING. Seeking ... seeking,,, seeking,,, it's seeking it's GOD. Seeking the HEART OF GOD where we BELONG. We belong back there with HIM. How many are on your journey home? Are you? How many know what I mean? SEEK. That's DIFFICULT. What's the sequel? "Ye shall FIND." That is, the REVELATION WILL DAWN. It will come. You will SEE. And you will KNOW it. You will know, THIS is the answer to what I sought YEARS back, or months back, when God DISTURBED me, and made my heart restless and hungry. "Oh God! You've brought the ANSWER! This is IT!" And that's what He WANTS. SEEKING, that He might give us the answer, and "SEEK and ye shall FIND." But remember, it's the HEART ATTITUDE. Your heart attitude is SEEKING! The LAW IS: a DISCOVERY will be made. You will find it. And how many know when it registers? Do you know what I mean? It registers. All of a sudden you'll say, "Why Lord, this is what I've wanted so long. I'm beginning to sense it, I see it! I thank You, Lord! I thank You! I thank You!" Well, why? Well, He says, "Your seeking heart has made it's DISCOVERY." Now, I can't go into this because there's still another level.
- 10. He didn't conclude His discourse on prayer by saying, "Ask or seek." He said, "Aside from that, there is a KNOCKING. And it shall be OPENED." Now, here's something that is rather interesting. I hadn't noticed it until God opened this thing to me. How many know the Lord had to do this? You've never read this thing in a book, I know you didn't! You never read these things in a book. They don't come in books. They come out of God. They come out of God. And out of His Spirit, into your HEART. I said, "Lord, this is a strange thing. Give me the key to this one, won't You, tell me, how is this?" Well, He says, "Here's your ASKING, on the GIFT level, where thousands live and die, never have pushed up one step. Here you have learned another secret, that many, many lovely choice things in the REALM OF SPIRITUAL REALITY, which belong to you as a child of God, will only be yours as a result of a SEEKING HEART." Keep it OPEN. Keep it SEEKING. Keep it HUNGRY. Keep it SEEKING, and God, will in time, FEED YOU. He will give it to you. And He will let you know. Now I said, "Lord, what is this one? KNOCKING." I said, "Please, help me, Lord." You know, He helps you when you get stuck? Yes, He does. And He's so simple with me, I have to be like a little CHILD. I've had an education. I hope I'm intelligent. But you know, I lay up all that business on the shelf when I get going with God! Because it doesn't carry me very far. It's good as a TECHNIQUE. I've had training, I'm a teacher and professor, and all that business in college and seminary, and the whole works. But you know, I look at it and say, "Why, you were once upon a time...but you look rather strange to me any more!" Because I don't work with it. take the attitude of a little child. And I sit down just like a little child. You

would think I was foolish! But I'm not foolish! Because I often say, "Well Lord, I'm just stupid. Now I don't know how this thing goes in the wide, wide, world. got me started on it, and now where will I go from here?" Well, He says, "Now listen." I said, "Well, help me with this KNOCK business." KNOCKING in connection with PRAYER. How could it ever relate? Well, do you know how He does? He gives you a little key word. He says, "When you go to a home, what do you KNOCK on, if you want any admission, On the window? On the chimney? On the side of the house? On the or any attention?" front porch? What do you KNOCK on?! (The DOOR) Oh, how wonderful the revelation is! You KNOCK on a DOOR! Well, the Lord says, "There's your KEY WORD. DOOR." Well, I said, "All right..." It took me along time to get this figured out, but I often give it to you as fast as I can, and I'm spoiling it, because I want a whole evening on THIS. This is all preliminary to the evening's work, children, so when are the refreshments going to be pass out, around eleven o'clock? Oh, I'm so glad you let me have my freedom! You don't care because I'm happy and free with you, do you? You HAVE to. I can't stand here, "As a PROFESSOR! Telling you point one and point two! And I say, 'Glory to God,' and let's all go home!" I couldn't do that to save my neck! I couldn't do that! I have to be REAL, and this is all very REAL.

So I said to the Lord, "What is that?" And the Lord asked me, He said, "What do you 11. KNOCK on?" I said, "A DOOR." And the Spirit was there right away. He said, "That's your KEY WORD now, in relation to prayer." DOOR, door. He says, "Now get your NT. Now go to work and see what you find about DOORS and prayer. And the effects of DOORS." How many know what I found? Why, of course! Paul. Whenever a great and wonderful priveledge was opened to him to take the gospel into countries, what did he say? "An effectual DOOR has been opened to me, and the gospel has been released." Do you remember that? A couple of times, and he says, "A DOOR has been opened." For what? "For the release of this gospel." Another time he says, "Pray that a DOOR, MAY BE opened." Do you get me? That was PAUL! Well, I said, "I like Paul, I never knew that at all," Now, I love Paul; don't you love him? I said, "Paul. You just helped me alot. That's what you did, didn't you? You dealt with this word DOOR, in a most realistic fashion, in relation to prayer." And what is it? Whenever Paul desired that the nations into what he was going to penetrate with the gospel, he always called it a DOOR. Always does. "A DOOR has been opened to me in such a country." Another time, "Pray that a door may be opened to me." Do you get me or don't you? Now those are all scripture verses, and I showed them to you, with the word DOOR in them!! DOOR, so you'd get it! Some folks have to have the door almost bang on their heads to receive it. But we won't slam the door too hard, but I want you to know it. These things are all REAL! I'm a little child. A little child. But do you know God can tell me some of the most profound and wonderful things when I'm just nothing but a little child? And He tells them to me thru these simple things. Now, He says, "Here he uses it in relation to either the gospel pushing it's way into these countries, a door may be opened that we may penetrate, or pray that it shall be opened so that the Truth now, may flood into that field thru the open door." I said, "I see that. I see that." And then He stopped me. He used these illustration Himself. He said, "Do you remember Hudson Taylor's work in China?" How many remember that terrific, magnificent work of Hudson Taylor? Do you think that came as a casual ASKING on the part of Hudson Taylor and his coworkers? Do you think they sat down one day and they said, "Now Lord, You said 'Ask and you shall receive.' We just ASK you to save the people behind these walls." Well fiddelly-diddelly. You'd never get anywhere in the wide, wide, wide world that way!!! How many of you do know something? How many know the prayers of intercession, that went out from the hearts of those missionaries, dedicated to God, because they loved those people, and wanted this Truth to go to them? How many can see that? How many can see PRAYER raised up to the point of INTERCESSION, or don't you? It is PRAYER, but it is prayer raised to it's highest key of INTERCESSION. Why is it so? Because when you INTERCEDE, YOU stand between God and the NEED, and it isn't for ME, it's for this NEED! And you become the INTERCESSOR BETWEEN. And you INTERCEDE as if you were tied with that. And the burden of that is YOUR burden. And you stand between it, "Oh God, help THIS." Listen dear,

God will help you. "Oh, God..." How many know intercession? Intercession. What will INTERCESSION do? Opens the DOORS. Doors in China, doors in India, up in Napal; I've been up in Napal. It's a forbidden country; you're not suppossed to be there, but I got thru. Because of ... yes ... God let me. A miracle! The maharaja's baby got sick. And our missionaries took it and raised it from the dead, and he was so grateful, that maharaja, that he said, "If you have friends that want to come into Napal, Napal is open." And my missionary friend said, "Follette, do you want to go?" I said, "Sure do!" I got where ever you want me to go." And I had a trip up into Napal where no missionaries had ever been. And that priveledge, because of the raising from the dead of a little baby. Well, that's a long, long story, but it's very sweet and beautiful, how God can work for you. Now here, say, are these countries. They're CLOSED. How will they OPEN? They open through prayer, but it's prayer that's not a CASUAL PRAYER OF ASKING. It isn't SEEKING some method by which you could penetrate. How many know there is a terrific seeking that many missionaries and educated people try to manuever, in order to get a wedge in? You don't DO that. It says it will be OPENED TO YOU!! You don't smash the door in and GO in! IT shall be OPENED! I wish I could get loose in here; you wouldn't like me anymore, so I'm not going to do it. I want to go away with peace in my heart. But I could tell you some few things. The attitude that people have of tampering with the things of God in missionary work, and these great ? . The TECHNIQUE which is used. I don't always agree with it, because I don't think it's God. We have the SPIRIT OF GOD, and we have GOD, Who is more interested than we could possibly EVER BE! And when I have God, Who is more interested than I could be to work for me, how many know, I don't NEED to "tamper with the door!?" I need to know INTERCESSION and PRAYER, and ONENESS with the Lord Jesus. And prayers, and tears, and groanings. And what will it do? "It shall be OPENED to you." You don't TEAR IT DOWN. Oh, how I wish some of our people, who are using strange techniques in missionary work...it bothers me. Because I know what I'm talking about. I wouldn't listen to it, but I know it. It needs correction; it needs help. THIS is God's method.

- 12. Now, let me help you with this. The INTERCESSOR stands between. He stands BETWEEN, GOD, the great supply,...the terrific NEED. And the INTERCESSOR, "inter" means BETWEEN. INTERCEEDS, He interceeds. So He showed me that, and He showed me these old missionaries who made their way in China, Africa, and India, and these fields, and spoke of them by name, and told me how those doors were not opened by the mechanics of wisdom of MAN. But they were opened by the intercessory prayers of people who love God and love their souls of men. And He opened them. Now, here's something that's sweet. ASK...and YE shall receive. Get the "YE." We're in it. SEEK...and YE shall DISCOVER. KNOCK...and YE is out of it! Isn't that good! How many know the YE is out of it? Oh, isn't that sweet? Oh, that's sweet. I just love that! Oh, I just love that! How many know the YE is here, (ask) and it's here(seek)? When it comes to HERE, it is GOD Who does it. And He's blessing the heathen. How many know YOU get a reaction out of it? YOU get a reaction. How many know the terrific reaction that you will get? And how many know He doesn't forget the YE? But He doesn't make it very PRONOUNCED! Oh, I thanked Him. I said, "Lord, I never saw that before!" "Of course," He says, "There are a lot of things you don't see." And I said, "I know more and more everyday, I'm just so stupid." I've read the Bible for years and don't know very much about it yet. Because it's so TREMEN-DOUS! Now, whoever thought of such a business as this? Sitting down, reading? Well, He says, "You have to be careful how you read."
- 13. KNOCK...and IT. Now this is your highest pitch. It includes, what I would say, the highest form of prayer, which is INTERCESSION. I've heard people say, "We will now have a period of intercessory prayer." Now let me tell you something. How many know, you can't of your own volition, INTERCESSORY PRAYER? You can't. No. Intercessory prayer is BORN of the Spirit. I was in one metting where the minister said, "We will now have a season of intercessory prayer," as if you could sit down and say, "I am not interceeding." No, you are praying, which is RIGHT. But REAL intercession is BORN OF THE SPIRIT. Why? But the Spirit knows not only the need, but He knows the INSTRUMENT. He knows that He can pour it thru you. And isn't it wonderful sometimes, when it's too intense, He won't let us pray it in English at all? Isn't that wonderful? I was asking the Lord,

I said, "Lord. I pray this all out in tongues. What is this?" He said, "If I were to give you an interpretation of what you're praying, in tongues, you would be so involved in your natural curiousity of the condition of the thing, that your FAITH would vanish." Do you know that's true, or don't you know that? That's true. There are conditions, there are conditions that He does not dare to let us know. Intellectually, it's force, or power, or weight, because we are cosmic curiousity BOUND. And so He says, "I pray it in tongues, but you become the INSTRUMENT." How many know it's lovely to feel the ONE with it? How many have had, this is very personal, how many have had praying like that, He will at times give you a certain phrase? Or a certain...almost a paragraph that you'll have to pray over and over and over and OVER AND OVER...isn't it strange? But it works that way. And you'll pray, automatically that will come right back in there it goes right along. I like that! That's the SPIRIT! And I love the Spirit. How many love the Spirit? Oh, He's so beautiful, so wonderful! Let Him have His way more and more with you. If you're not filled with the Spirit, go and let Him fill you with the Spirit. I can't baptise people. There are professional baptisers going about. They annoy me so very much. You can't baptise anybody. I'm glad no one touched me when the Lord filled me with the Spirit. I had never heard of such a thing. Never had heard a message of it. Never been in a Pentecostal meeting. Never heard about such a thing AS Pentecost! And this person said, "Well what you need is to be baptised in the Holy Ghost!" Well, I didn't know what that was. Well, this woman said, "Well go and ask the Lord to baptise you!" And like a little dumb thing I did, and I sat on the floor and I said, "Lord, that woman said You'd baptise me with the Holy Ghost and I believe it, and I want it! What is it?" And HE BAPTISED ME. The most TERRIFIC thing! It lasted for 3 days and 3 nights! That I couldn't talk English for awhile! I thought, "Well heavens, I'm getting funny here, I can't say anything in English. I'm talking right along with the language..." I said, "Lord, what's the matter with me?" There wasn't anything the matter with me, He was giving me a terrific baptism! No one said, "Now say Gee, gee, gee, and do, do, do, and shake a little!" Oh heavens! These mechanical toys! I don't like them. They are not wholesome. No. You always get a bad reaction. I've had some of them come that way, and then they come to me and they say, "Brother Follette, do you think I've HAD the baptism? Somebody said I went, 'Kaa, kaa. Coo, coo. Like that..." I said, "Listen dear. If you ever had the REAL baptism of the Holy Ghost, you'll never ask anybody whether it's REAL!" How many know you wouldn't? You don't need anyone to say it. How many know, if you really got it, you don't need someone to say, "I think you have it or you didn't have it."? You wouldn't. How many know if you REALLY have it, you'll have it? It's like a little girl. She had her first little romance. And she felt a "fluttering" or something. She said, "Grandma. Do you think I'm in love?" "Oh, tut, tut!, she says, "If you get in love, you won't need somebody to tell you about it!" "Tut, tut, she says, "If you're desparate in love, you wouldn't need somebody to tell you! You'll KNOW it!" "Oh..," she said, so cute! And that's like these people, they come and say, "Do you think I got the baptism? I said, "Dear, if you ever had the baptism in the Holy Ghost, you'll never have to ask anyone about it. You will KNOW it!" How many KNOW that?

14. Now, come back to this. The YE...YE, here, WE'RE OUT of the picture, but we become an INSTRUMENT. Do you see? That vibrates BETWEEN. And "YE shall what?" Have these DOORS OPENED. Now, that's in our prayer life. Intercession is born of the Spirit. Let Him, if He wants to, MOVE YOU into a new REALM of your prayer life. Don't be upset because He DISTURBS you. How many know, He's very DISTURBING at times? Very DISTURBING. How many remember Gordon's books that came out years ago, "Quiet Talks On Prayer," "Quiet Talks On Consecration," "Quiet Talks, Quiet Talks..."? Well, he used to come over and teach our Sunday School class at the seminary, sometimes. I was in Drew Seminary, in New Jersey, Methodist. And sometimes on Sundays if he would happen to be home, he would come over and take all of the men's students for the Sunday School. And I remember one Sunday School class that we had; he called us "boys." He was the evangelist called, "The soft peddle evangelist." He was an evangelist who had won hundreds and hundreds of people to Christ, never raised his voice over a speaking voice. Speak-

voice...speaking. He never had the "shouting gifts!!!...of tone oratory!!" He never had all those feathers at all. But he was so charming, beautiful; I just loved him. He wore his gray suits always, and quiet. And I remember one time when he came and he said, "This Sunday School, I don't like it at all. It hasn't anything worth while in the notes of the Sunday School lesson that is worth talking about." He says, "Let me talk to you out of my heart." Then we always knew we were going to get something. I was always glad when he did that. One time, he said, "Always remember that Jesus, if He's come into your heart and life, He is a DIVINE DISTURBER." How many know what I mean? I've never forgotten it, because years afterward, when my heart was so DISTUR-BED, I said, "Lord, is there something wrong with me that I'm so upset and confused over this thing?" He says, "No. It's the DIVINE DISTURBER, arousing your attention so that you can be delivered from THIS, and brought into THIS, and He has to DISTURB you so that you are CONSCIOUS of the fact of TRANSITION!" Well, don't be afraid if He DISTURBS you in your prayer pattern. How many know you're usual prayer patterns? How many...just own up it it's happened, how many have already had God to OVERHAUL some of your prayer patterns? Good. That's good. That's a sign of growth and maturity, and I'm very happy to have it. It's not a sign that you've "lost the blessing." Some think, you know, "Well, I've LOST THE ANNOINTING!" No. You've lost NOTHING. You're gaining ground. He is the DIVINE DISTURBER.

Now, I'm going to talk about something else in a minute. I didn't know, until I got here; Mrs. Sandell, Esther, who is acting as my secretary...she always acts as my secretary out here to keep all account of my dates and my programs, and everything because I haven't anyone with me to look after that, and I can't take the time for it. So, tonite, when she came in she said, "Brother Follette. Do you know what I've brought?" I said, "No." She said, "I've brought a number of mimeographed copies of some of your poems and things that I think the people would like." Well, I said, "Esther, that is very sweet of you." And so, I'm going to read some of them to you. And then, at the close of the meeting, you are very welcome to take copies of them home, as little souveniers of our happy fellowship together. And when you get these and read these poems, say, "Oh Lord, bless Follette!" Because I'm always in need. You couldnite praye for me any hour of the day but what I'm needy! Any hour or night. Now I don't know which ones to read, because they are all poems which I think you would enjoy and probably be helped by them. This one I call, "CONFESSION." "Confession." Now, maybe you have been completely eraticated, I don't know...there used to be "Holiness" people, who used to take the Devil, and sin, and the root of sin and everything ... RIGHT OUT! The root and branch and throw it away! And left you...ALMOST an archangel, not QUITE, but pretty near! And I tried that too, but I found my feathers didn't last long in my wings. I couldn't take ${ t flight.}$ So I gave up the theory, and I lost my balance, and I couldn't get anywhere with that! So I gave up that "holiness" trick, you see. It was TERRIBLE. But I did find that even though I am saved, and sanctified, and sweetly kept, baptised in the Spirit, and have a few of His gifts; and He does use me occasionally, all of that is very true. But how many of you know, I'm still conscious that I have a NATURAL, human heart? If you've gone PAST that, I'm afraid the road you're on is a rather strange one! So, I'm now confessing. I call this "Confession." Although I'm saved, I'm getting back to what I call, "The Natural Heart."

CONFESSIONS

All silently, he paces back and forth,
Within the narrow confines of his cell,
A hungry panther hidden in my heart.
I do not hear his steps, but then full well,
I know he's there, for many, many times,
I feel his cushioned feet upon the floor,
As wearily, he makes his endless round,
And sometimes puts his paws against the door.
At night, when shadows lurk within his cage,
Two strange lights gleam and glow like balls of fire.
His eyes in fruitless searching,
Penetrate the darkness with their hunger and desire.

Well trained, he does not vent his passions fierce, When thoughts of broken dreams would haunt him sore. His rage is spent, a captive, he is held. To gain his freedom, now he tries no more, This panther is a phantom in my heart, He knows no life apart of that I give, Tis only as I loose the chains of thought, That he has any power thus to live.

How many know that's real? He gave me that one night in the middle of the night. Got up two o'clock and wrote it. I said, "Lord, don't let me forget this. This is REAL." How many know there isn't any real panther in me at all? How do I know? Because He corrected it. Later He gave me another poem, as a companion. THIS is the old creation with the "panther of hunger and desire for life and expression." Pacing the cell of the heart, and putting his paws against the door. How many know that? Yes. How many are human after all? Isn't that lovely? I'm human too! We all shake hands! How many are very happy to be delivered from the POWER of your OLD? By what? The consciousness of a NEW ONE Who has come to indwell. So I wrote as a companion to this one, "Prisoners of Hope." And I think that you'll probably sense this one too.

PRISONERS OF HOPE

While dwelling in this prison house of flesh, And bound by limitations ot it's clay, My longing spirit waits to take it's flight, To realms beyond this little life and day. My spirit used to beat against the bars, And long for freedom from this dreary cell, Until one day a tender dove, found room within my heart, And settled there to dwell. This guest who shares this prison house with me, Has come to tell me of a home above, And daily makes me ready for that place, And tells me secret things of One I love. He is so very quiet in His ways, By gentle wooing, He has won my heart. My lonely cell would be a cheerless place, Had He had liberty in every part. And when the prison door shall open swing, He will not flee and leave me here to roam, For I could never find my Father's house, Together we shall make the flight back home.

Don't you like that one? Because that's the reality. I don't expect to go alone. My prisoner, Who has been a prisoner in my heart and life for these years, He came one night to dwell, and He hasn't left me. He's still dwelling. And when the prison door opens, He'll not go back to God alone. He'll say, "Come, dear. It's time we go home." And we'll go home together. Do you like that one? I'm exposing my heart to you tonite, so you'll forgive me. How many know, I have a heart? How many know, I'm very human? I'm glad I am, because I can understand humanity. If I were one of these strange, angelic things, I wouldn't! But I understand people. I'm human. Here's "Memory." I don't know if you have a memory.

MEMORY

Turning, turning, ever turning, In my trembling heart. Flashing in the noonday splendor, Gleaming in the dark. Memory. A sword is buried where no man may walk. Phantoms of sweet dreams still linger, And grim spectors stalk. Two keen edges, Ever wetted by my thoughts that cling. Press the honey from the flowers, Mid the thorns that sting. One blade opens up sweet vistas, Through a woodland fair. Where the music love is making, Fills the fragrant air. But the other blade is wetted, And must cut it's way, To a prision house, Of captives of another day. Disappointments, blinding waiting, Starving for a crumb, Dare not moan, but sing in silence, Pain has made them dumb. Turning, turning, ever turning, In my trembling heart, Memory may bless or grieve me, With her subtle art.

How many know, these are very REAL? And I want you to take them home with you; they'll be sheets there, and when you read them, pray for me. Because the heart that wrote these things is always in need. May I read another one? I keep telling you, that as seekers of Truth, and as a poet, there is a PRICE TO BE PAID, but I didn't that. My first hunger for the SPIRITUAL REALITY that has been so in my heart and life from when I was like that...was born with it, was BORN hungry. I take no credit for it, I was just BORN hungry. I've never been satisfied; I'm not yet satisfied. I'm still hungry for God. Well, I thought, you know, that Truth would be such a wonderful thing. It would be just wonderful to have Truth. That I would just pray for Truth, and Truth would COME, and I'd have a wonderful time with Truth. And with my Holy Bible, and my life with the Lord. And Truth would be so glorious! Well, I didn't know what Truth REALLY WAS. I have found that it is one of the most DISASTEROUS things that could touch you! It is a complete WRECKER! But you pray, "Oh, Lord!" I say, "Be STILL, dear." "But...I want MORE Truth!" I said, "If you should have a real revelation of the Truth that you think you want, you couldn't live under it." How many know you couldn't!? Because we're not so constructed. So I had to find it out a HARD way. I thought that if I got this "flash of Truth," it would turn in my heart, and what a marvelous time I would HAVE, with the Truth, the lovely Truth, the glorious Truth! And so, in my ignorance, and I want it so, in my IGNORANCE, I reached up my hand like this, and I said, "Oh Lord, I take the Truth! This lovely Truth! And I put it in my heart!" One of the most DISASTEROUS things I ever did, but one of the most BLESSED things that ever happened to me! But I didn't know it at the time.

THE POWER OF TRUTH

I caught a flash of Truth one day, How daring ignorance can be. And shut it up within my heart, A flame that danced and sang for me.

It scorched hypocrisy and sham, And from earth bondage set me free; It's beauty searched my trembling soul, And bared my inner self to me.

In spite the pain, I love the flame, Which wove within my hungry heart Ten thousand songs I cannot sing-Too subtle for my broken art.

And, wretched I, devoid of shame, Reach out my bony hand for toll. To let the gazing public see, The fleeting shadows of my soul.

And while they gaze, they call for songs, I pipe upon a broken reed. For I must pipe to earn my bread, Mine is a hungry heart to feed.

The alms I gather as I pass,
The flame consumes both night and day.
My heart gets little for it's song,
But feeds upon the ashes gray.

O flash of Truth, O cleansing flame! Thy burning cannot do me ill. Though captive to thy mystic power, I hold thee as a captive still.

How many can sense GOD in these things, or don't you sense them? This is what He's given me with the baptism of the Spirit. He's opened some wonderful things to me, besides tongues and interpretation. I have that too; that's all right, but He's given me so many other things that I think are worthwhile. I think I'll read you another one. Oh, here's an interesting one! You see, by being a CHILD, He has to approach me as thru very SIMPLE means. He becomes ARTICULATE to me through the simplicity of things, like a CHILD would, you know. So I become like a child, and I don't talk to Him too much. I keep still, and then He talks back to me. And I think that's better. We spend so much time explaining the UNEXPLAINABLE to the Lord, which we don't understand anyway, so BE STILL. It's a waste of time. I got over that a long time ago. And so I found... that I had had a lot of study... I was thinking I was going to find God. I thought I'd find Him in the seminary for sure! And I would find Him in the Bible schools, of course! And I would find Him in the study of the Word! And getting into the knowledge of the Truth! Well...you do get some kind of glimpses of Him. But they are not too ARTICULATE. So, He says to me one time, long time ago, He says, "I'm going to help you," because I was crying for a REVELATION. But He says, "I am going to come to you in some of the most PROSAIC fashions. It won't be in that book that you're reading, or even in the Bible. But I'll come to you in some very PROSAIC fashion. Everyday, "humdrum" thing. And I'll make Myself known to you. So don't be worried about it, and always ACCEPT Me." I've had to accept the Lord in some of the strangest gowns and dresses you ever heard of. Because He doesn't come with a "white robe..," like this, and scare the wits out of me. He doesn't come like that. He's like the most gentle BREATH OF AIR. I've never SEEN the Lord. I hope to some time. But I've felt His presence till it would almost MELT

me.

God comes to me in such informal ways,
Not always does He wear a priestly robe,
With trappings of ecclesiastic art.
I do not always find Him in a creed,
So tight in definition and in form,
There is no place for His creative life.
My mystery and wonder of His name,
Distract me, and I lose the One I seek
In mazes of sheer rhetoric and words.

How many know that? You LOSE the very One you're seeking, in "sheer rhetoric," with words, and reasoning processes. And by the time you wade thru the definition, how many know, He's "escaped" long ago? He's way up here somewhere. And I have the definition, DEAD as a doornail! What is God? "God is..." Oh, I said, "Yeah!" I put that under the skillet. No, no. "So tight in definition and in form, there is no place for His creative life." The "nicely chosen words," which SEEK to tell the mystery and wonder of His name DISTRACT me, and the LOSE the One I seek, "in mazes of sheer rhetoric and words."

How wonderful that He should seek to come, Not in some worn out creed, and churches lore. Nor at a certain altar fixed by man, Nor in the patterns that I make myself. No. He suddenly appears along the way, In subtle breath of apple blossom fair, In shining swords of grass which push their way, Through unreponsive clods of silent earth. How can I see creation in such mood, And not feel God and see Him very near? I wonder at the mystery of life, And as I see a helpless, little babe, With hands upon the circle of the breast, And mouth pressed close for this, it's very life, More eloquent no sermon ever could be, God comes and stands close by my very side, And something of this mystery I see. A single leaf, all ripe and falling from a tree, Now finds a quiet resting place in earth. My heart is hushed. My spirit bows to God. For lo, I find Him even here, To show in simple form, the ministry of death. Sometimes He comes in such delightful moods, I saw Him smile in dash of silver wings, Against an asure sky one day in June, And often, when I'm worm and tired in mind, I feel Him move like music in the trees. And see Him in the shadows of the clouds, Against the distant hills and over the fields. And when I view the wonder spread abroad, The rugged heights and the painted chasms deep, The crashing waterfalls, and the deserts calm. It is not these alone that I behold, My God is very present in the scheme. And silently. In awe and reverence. My soul bows down in worship at His feet.

He does not speak in words for outer ear,
He presence is too subtle for my eyes.
It is with heart I ever feel Him near,
And trace with inner sense His fleeting form.
His revelation seeks a thousand ways,
Articulate and clear to outer sense.
But deeper is the vision that I see,
When unannounced, He comes to me,
And meets me in such sweet, informal ways.

How many like that one? Here is a strange one, but I think everyone of you who have had any communication with God in the power of the Spirit and have sensed an inner urge of the reality of God through SENSE of spirit, and this strange urge in your heart of not being able to relate yourself to time and sense...how many know what I mean? cannot get adjusted! Don't try it! We were not intended for that. This is a PASSING SCHOOLROOM. Just a schoolroom. Don't become so ADJUSTED! I'm glad when I'm so RESTLESS. It's a good indication. And so, I had been feeling this strange URGE OF LIFE, pulsating thru me; it just seems sometimes you know, it goes RIGHT THROUGH YOU! This strange URGE! How many know what I mean? It's like a tremendous WAVE. You can't name it, but it is a strange, mystical urge of life, that finds it's source in you, and it PUSHES through all your senses! I don't know how to describe it, but to me, it's indescribable; who can describe SPIRIT? Well this terrific URGE had been haunting me for so long! Well, I said, "Lord, what is this thing? It just HAUNTS me. It HAUNTS me." So He let me put it this way. This URGE, to me, when He gave it to me, it the PULSE BEAT OF GOD! Now, in our life here, you know, you put your hand on your pulse, and it's indicative of your life or death, isn't it? How many know, your pulse beat tells you that you're alive? Well this tremendous URGE is the PULSE BEAT OF GOD! How many know that? That is the way He put it; a rather poetical way, but it was the way He put it. I didn't make it up.

PULSE BEAT OF GOD

Eternal urge! Strange pulse beat of my God! I welcome every $\underline{?}$ and mystic stir. Long deep silences which veil the past, Have known Thee well. And trembled with strange joy, As in majestic mood You pass them by. On. On. And ever upward in Thy reach, I trace Thee in enless tireless ways. The vast expanses of this universe, Respond and vibrate as You move through them. All nature, inarticulate and bound, Thrills at Thy touch, And reaches out her arms. Mute prayers, but eloquent in faith sublime. Thy holy breath has quickened me to life. I joy to feel Thee move upon my house, This tenament of clay in which I live. I joy to share Thy life, which makes me know, I am a part of this great cosmic whole. But deeper rests the ecstasy divine, That burning ... a fire of God, Burns by it's eternal breath, In my inner heart a sacred shrine. Illuminates my spirit, and I see A miracle has come to grace my life. A three-fold consciousness completes my grasp.

All that combines to make me who I am, Is turned into a hunger infinite! My being is a thirsty desert alone. Though nameless, incompletion haunts me here, God feed me with immortal bread and wine. A fount of living water pours within, Strange paradox that life should thus be lived. Eternal urge, sweet token of God's love, Thou infinite Thy task, Thy end is sure. Completion! And a perfection of His thought, Shall yet be known in every phase of life. A faith, triumphant! Like a holy drive, Sublimely moves and carries all to God. I too, although it so small an item here, Caught up and placed within this mighty plan, Can NOW partake of light and life in Him. And though the yearning for the perfect whole, a Is turned into a groaning, deep and dumb, A song triumphant is it's sequel sure. A new creation, now, I find myself in process, Of becoming God's ideal. Eternal urge! Oh, mighty breath of God! Move on in fields of endless life!

How many know that's GOD... I couldn't make... how many know I couldn't sit down and write that if I should try? I can't! I couldn't sit down and make up a verse like that. I couldn't! But how many know you could yield to God and let Him POUR THE TRUTH THROUGH YOU? You can YIELD to God, so that when I feel these things coming, I say, "Well, Lord, here I am, empty. What do you want?" And He gives me. As I started to read, I had the Bible open; the Lord came by my side and he spoke to me. And He said, "How readest thou?" And, we have conversations sometimes. I don't think it's "blasphemy" to talk to God, do you? No, I don't think it is; I think it's what He said to become like a little CHILD. And then He tells us things. So this is what He was talking to me; I act like a child...He said, "Except you become as a little child, you can't receive." I don't want to be CHILDISH! But childLIKE. How many know old folks get childISH? Well, don't get childISH, get childLIKE! He never said, "Be CHILDISH!" And so He said, "How do you read? How readest thou?" Well, I said, "Now Lord, I know You want to talk to me. Tell me what You want to tell me, Lord. You know how I read. I'm reading this chapter because I've always enjoyed it, and there's so much in it, and ... Well He says, "I want to show you something." He says, "There are THREE ways to read My Word. First, it's the PROFUNCTORY reading." How many know these people who read the Bible PROFUNCTORILY?" "Because it is the CHRISTIAN 'thing' to do! To read God's holy Word!" How many know that style, or don't you know that kind? They always drive me almost off the handle. Because they have read 3 chapters today, four tomorrow, 6 in the afternoon, and 2 on Thursday, and you'll complete it! "Marathon readers." "Here we go! Marathon!" Well, He said, "Don't bother with that." Do you know what I mean, this "marathon" stuff? That's "profunctory" reading. It's something like people who are superstituous. see a black cat, and they have to say, "Tic, tac, toe!" four times and then they won't have bad luck. How many know people are like that with the reading of the Bible? They get in bed and they've almost forgotten to read, and covered up, and say, "Oh dear Lord! I forgot to read!" And they can't go to sleep! They can't say, "Lord, You understand." They can't! They say, "Oh, Lord! I have to get up and read!" So they get up and they get the holy Bible and they read about four verses, and they don't know where it is, but they read it, and they get back in bed and ZZZZZZZZZZ, go to sleep! How many know what I mean or don't you know what I mean? That is what He calls profunctory reading. "Because you have to read a chapter a day, or you'll "backslide!" Now, do you hear? You read a chapter everyday, or you'll backslide!" Well, sometimes I'm a whole week on ONE chapter! I have spent MORE than a week on ONE chapter. Didn't have time to read anything but that one chapter for a whole week! "Well what are you reading? Are you so SLOW?" Yes, I'm terrifically slow. Because there's so much. So He says, "Don't read PROFUNCTORILY." That's profunctorily reading, you know, kind of...read, and say prayers, takes the "edge off." Then you can "sleep better." "Now, I think I've said all my prayers,..tick, tack, toe, let me go to bed." So then you go to sleep! How many know people like that? I meet them all the time. They are...what whall I say, they are BOUND BY RELIGIOUS HABITS. Just RELIGIOUS HABITS. "Nice" habits; not "plugged tobacco." But did you know you can get RELIGIOUS habits too, or didn't you know you can? And they're just as LIFELESS, and just about as much DAMAGE as "chewing gum" for instance. There are people who chew gum! Oh, dear, dear. What funny folks there are in this world! Travel with me. I don't go to the movies, I just look at people. I say, "Lord, I've seen enough now for 3 weeks!" And I go home. I don't go out for all this funny stuff. How many know what I mean? Don't become PROFUNCTORY in you devotions with the Lord, that you "have to read THIS chapter, THAT verse, too much of this, and little of that, and then say so many prayers, and be sure you have THAT..." How many know what I mean? They are RELIGIOUS HABITS. They're "all right," but how many know, they become STALE! There's no INSPIRATION about them at all! There's nothing UPLIFTING. There's nothing the Holy Spirit can get ahold of! So He says, "Don't read profunctorily, as a profunctory DUTY."

16. Now, what was the next one He said? "Don't read TRADITIONALLY." Now how many know what I mean? Because you know the scripture so well that before you know it, the force of TRADITION, has you, that you can't get anything but what you know by TRADITION in that chapter! And I was reading about Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. And I always liked the climax, where He said, "Lazarus, come forth!" You know it's rather dramatic! And it's really wonderful, and you have to have quite a buildup to get Him there where He says, "Lazarus, come forth!" And...well, of course, that is GOOD. Well, now you see, you read TRADITIONALLY, because you already ANTICIPATE, and know exactly what you're going to read. Do you know how I mean? You're read it, read it, and read it. It has lost it's REAL inspiration. It's lost that. Because you have BOUND IT UNDER A TRADITION-AL APPROACH. And you read it, hoping to get the same old REACTION you had before! Don't you know you do? How many know, they even have it on little tickets, "When you are blue, read this, when you are hungry, read that, and when you haven't any money, read this, and when you get scared, read that, and when you get afraid, read..." How many know they have that? Well what IS all that? Well, somebodies wise enough to know the traditional aspect of it, that you can read all those purely traditionally! Do you get me or don't you get me? I read them anyway of course. But don't read just because in TRADITION, you know you're going to get a REACTION! "I feel so and so, now I'm always going to read this, because I always get the right KICK out of it. Now I'm going to read this because I get the right reaction!.....Amen! Hallelujah! Almost get blessed!" Well, how many know you can do that, over and over, till you...how many know you wear the edge off of the thing? This is plain English. This is my last "flair" with you, children.

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