

# LIVING TO BE WITH GOD NETWORK NEWSLETTER

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## LV2BWGOD'S MISSION:

Inspiring people worldwide to learn, apply, and live by the principles of God so they may know His will for their lives.

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## INSPIRING MOMENT

The waters of Nature are sweetest and purest at the fountainhead; the enclosing them in cisterns and reservoirs, however eminently serviceable in many respects, gives them a flavor of human art, which they lack in their state of native freshness. So the Wells of Salvation, which the Scripture supplies, are most fresh and invigorating, when we dip our own pitcher into the fountain; when the water is quaffed as it springs up, and has not first percolated through the channel of another human mind. Drinking it so, we are best enabled to realize the Promise—"WITH JOY SHALL YE DRAW WATER OUT OF THE WELLS OF SALVATION."

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the Living To Be With God (LV2BWGOD) Network newsletter. The LV2BWGOD Network is committed to our members, community and Christian values—Respect, Integrity, Compassion and Service. The Spiritual growth and well being of our members is paramount.

The Network serves more than 300 members locally and 1,000 nationwide. From Bible Study to becoming a published author, the LV2BWGOD Network actively promotes learning.

Our goal is to share and introduce Christian literature (books, short stories, tips, articles, principles and strategies) to cultural, social and intellectual Believers around the world. We desire to act as a resource and partner for business and industry.

Please join us in living life now to be with God in the future. WE look forward to sharing Christian literature and information to further your walk with God.

God Bless,

*Eureka F. Collins*

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Director



# Words Filled With Enchantment and Authority

By Eureka F. Collins

Have you ever stopped to think about the importance of your words? or, what type of an effect it will have if spoken to in a negative or positive way? You see, the words we speak are our destiny, filled with enchantment and authority! Jesus emphasized the power of the *word*; “By thy words thou shalt be justified and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.” (Matthew 12:37) In proverbs, it says, “death and life are in the power of the tongue.” (18:21) Therefore, we have the power to change an unhappy condition by speaking positive words. In the place of sorrow appears joy, in the place of sickness appears health, and in the place of lack appears plenty.

For illustration, there once was a woman named Judith with a financial dilemma that confided in a friend of faith in agreement for a remedy for prosperity. With only two dollars in her purse, she and her friend prayed, “Lord, we honor you and give thanks. Our faith is in you and we bless the two dollars believing You will provide an increase in finances. You have given us authority and we speak and rename the barren account will never be depleted. We understand that as money goes out, You will replace it seven-fold.” They continued, “Lord help us to be good stewards of Your money, making us financially wise.”

The women believed and had faith that God would provide. Full of faith, Judith handed her friend one of her dollars as a love offering. The friend accepted the dollar reluctantly, but it was important to do so in order to hold the picture of plenty before God. Shortly thereafter, Judith opened her mailbox and saw a letter from an old friend she once cared for. After opening the letter, the message read, “Thank you for coming to care for me, although you did not have enough money to travel and eat. I appreciate your kindness. Please accept this check for \$6,000.” Fearless faith and the spoken *words* allowed this to come to pass.

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Whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. (Matthew 21:22)

# The Importance of Affirmation

By Eureka F. Collins

Affirmations spoken are very powerful, as it brings to the mind creative ability. Therefore, it is important to choose words that will change a situation and bring it to the fulfillment of the demand. Never force it, but allow God into your conscious mind; then you will be working according to the Divine Plan.

What is affirmation? It is a statement of Truth consciously used to become the directing power of life’s expression. Gregory Collins, author of “The Radiant Power of Success,” provides further details on what affirmation does to empower others. Collins says, “Constant affirmation increases courage, and courage is the backbone of confidence. Furthermore, when you come to a limitation and say, ‘I must,’ ‘I can,’ ‘I will,’ you not only reinforce your courage and strengthen your confidence but you also weaken the opposite qualities.”

In this quarterly newsletter, I have provided the first three months affirmations. Each subsequent quarter’s newsletter will include affirmations for their months as well. To maximize the full benefit of affirmations, you must follow these three easy steps:

First, read aloud the affirmation to yourself; second, think of how to apply it to your life; and third, reflect for at least five minutes on how it will change your life as you imbue the affirmation of the month.

## January Affirmation

God works in unexpected places, through unexpected people, at unexpected times, His wonders to perform.

## February Affirmation

New fields of Divine Activity now open for me. Unexpected doors fly open, unexpected channels are free.

## March Affirmation

I do not limit God by seeing limitation in myself. With God and myself, all things are possible.

# The Top Twelve Bestseller Christian Books



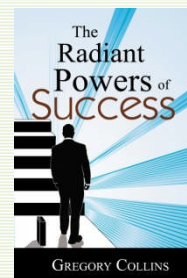
Featured Author  
**Gregory Collins**



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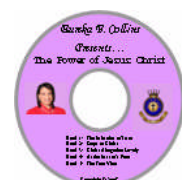
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# The GOMP Zone

(Get Out of My Pocket)

I am not a financial advisor nor am I trying to “Get In Your Pocket.” As you look all around today, you will notice taxes are increasing, gas prices are rising and interest rates are climbing. This section will provide financial information for your benefit because it is your money and your future.

## The Art of Planning

### **Proverbs 6:6-8 (KJV)**

Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise, which, having no captain, overseer or ruler, provides her supplies in the summer, *and* gathers her food in the harvest.

### **James 4:16**

But now ye rejoice in your boastings.

*That is, probably, in our boastings of what we can do, our reliance on our own skill and wisdom. We tend to form our plans for the future as if with consummate wisdom, and are confident of success. We do not anticipate a failure; we do not see how plans so skillfully formed can fail. We form them as if we were certain that we would live forever.*

*We must never show a spirit forgetful of our dependence on God, forgetful of the uncertainty of life, forgetful of the many ways by which the best-laid plans may be defeated. As we depend on God, we should work hard like the ant. Here is an illustrated story I think you would enjoy:*

## The Story of the Mexican Fisherman

Posted: [www.protolink.com/MexicanFisherman.html](http://www.protolink.com/MexicanFisherman.html)

An American investment banker was at the pier of a small coastal Mexican village when a small boat with just one fisherman docked. Inside the small boat were several large yellow fin tuna. The American complimented the Mexican on the quality of his fish and asked how long it took to catch them.

The Mexican replied, “only a little while.”

The American then asked why didn't he stay out longer and catch more fish?

The Mexican said he had enough to support his

family's immediate needs.

The American then asked, “but what do you do with the rest of your time?”

The Mexican fisherman said, “I sleep late, fish a little, play with my children, take siestas with my wife, Maria, stroll into the village each evening where I sip wine, and play guitar with my amigos. I have a full and busy life.”

The American scoffed, “I am a Harvard MBA and could help you. You should spend more time fishing and with the proceeds, buy a bigger boat. With the proceeds from the bigger boat, you could buy several boats; eventually you would have a fleet of fishing boats. Instead of selling your catch to a middleman, you would sell directly to the processor, eventually opening your own cannery. You would control the product, processing, and distribution. You would need to leave this small coastal fishing village and move to Mexico City, then LA and eventually New York City, where you will run your expanding enterprise.”

The Mexican fisherman asked, “But, how long will this all take?”

To which the American replied, “15 - 20 years.”

“But what then?” Asked the Mexican.

The American laughed and said, “That's the best part. When the time is right you would announce an IPO and sell your company stock to the public and become very rich, you would make millions!”

“Millions - then what?”

The American said, “Then you would retire. Move to a small coastal fishing village where you would sleep late, fish a little, play with your kids, take siestas with your wife, stroll to the village in the evenings where you could sip wine and play your guitar with your amigos.”

*Therefore, plan to work hard now so that you can relax and enjoy your harvest in the future.*

# Divine Appointment At The Well

By Eureka F. Collins

The story about the woman at the well is all too familiar. God arranged a divine appointment with Jesus and a Samaritan woman. In John 4:6-26, it begins with Jesus sitting at the well and a Samaritan woman arrived to draw water from that well. Jesus conversed with her about the gift of God and the *living water* (not having to thirst anymore). As Jesus explained to the woman about going to the Father, she would receive all that she needed and desired. The prerequisite was to worship the Father in spirit and truth. (John 4:23-24) By worshipping God, she had to acknowledge Him with thanksgiving and praise; read His word (Bible); meditate on the Words of the Bible and allow her heart to hear His voice. In John 7:37-39, Jesus said, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’ But this He spoke concerning the [Holy] Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive.” To receive the “living water” all you have to do is spend 15 to 30 minutes a day with God, and He will meet you at your well.

Today, God has made a divine appointment to meet you at the well. Will you ignore Him? Will you arrive late? Will you cancel your appointment? Or Will you leave Him there alone? He is there waiting and so am I...together let us pray.

Dear Heavenly Father:

We thank You for opening to us the doorway of a new day; and now that our feet stand on the threshold of this great opportunity, we pray for guidance, wisdom, knowledge, understanding, love and power. For it is Your will to keep the veil before our eyes, so that we may not know what a day may bring forth. As we journey into the wilderness of the future, a pillar of cloud have hovered about us so that we cannot tell what enemies will meet us today. What duties shall present themselves for performance, what temptations may struggle with us by the wayside or what depths of despair may await our unwary feet; yet, we know that with Your divine help we will be more than conquerors through Jesus who loved us.

Father; keep us for our boat is so small, and Your ocean is so large. Enable us to lay aside every weight and sin,

which so easily overwhelm us. May Your protection be over those who are dear to us. Bless our enemies, those known and unknown, and renew the right spirit within us. Glory to the coming of Your Kingdom, when injustice, impurity, unhappiness, and sin will be put down; and when love, truth, honor and justice will prevail in the Name of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

In each subsequent quarter’s newsletter, I will meet you at the well in prayer...do not be late! Until then, God bless you all.

Sincerely,  
Eureka F. Collins

## GOD’S DIVINE PRAYER APPOINTMENT TIMES

- ALWAYS ([Luke 18:1](#))
- Without ceasing ([1 Thessalonians 5:17](#))
- At all seasons ([Ephesians 6:18](#))
- God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way ([1 Samuel 12:23](#))
- We will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word ([Acts 6:4](#))
- He kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime ([Daniel 6:10](#))
- In the evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and He shall hear my voice ([Psalms 55:17](#))

## YOUR PRAISE APPOINTMENT TIMES

*Seven times a day do I praise Thee!*

*(Psalms 119:164)*

1. In the morning, a great while before day. ([Mark 1:35](#))
2. In the morning watch ([Psalms 63: 6](#))
3. The third hour of the day ([Acts 2:15](#))
4. About the sixth hour ([Acts 10:9](#))
5. The hour of prayer, the ninth ([Acts 3:1](#))
6. The eventide ([Genesis 24:63](#))
7. By night / At midnight ([Psalms 134:1](#))  
([Psalms 119:62](#))

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