

# PRAISE News

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## How to Save Money and Be Happy in the Process

By Merlin Carothers

Living is expensive! Ever noticed? Would you like to learn a terrific way to save money?

*Praising the Lord will decrease your expenses!*

When we are discouraged, weary, sad, lonely, or angry, one of our first “problem solving” ideas is to do something that costs money. When some folks are upset the first thing they say is, “Let’s go out to eat.” Nowadays that can be expensive. Other folks say, “Let’s go shopping.” That seems to be their answer for anything that disturbs them.

People who feel defeated sometimes strive to raise their self-image by spending money on homes or cars they cannot afford.

Men will spend money they don’t have to keep their wives from being unhappy or angry. Wives can be forced to do without necessities if husbands waste money on things to make themselves feel more important. Money has a way of working its way into every facet of life if we permit it to do so.

Praising the Lord can also be involved in everything we do! But it doesn’t cost anything to solve problems with praise! All of us face difficult situations, but an attempt to solve them by spending money is not the right solution.

One sure way to solve problems is to believe that God is working each and every situation for our good.

At first that way of thinking may seem very difficult to accept, but don’t give up. Be persistent. Stand firm in your faith. Declare, “God will make this problem work for my good.” We don’t have to spend money to make our family or ourselves happy. And if we do this is exactly the opposite of what we *should* do.

Desire for *things*, always leads to desire for more *things*. The need for *things* always leads to a greater need for *things*. Praise to God leads to faith in Him and to happiness that money can never buy. Praise leads to solutions that work. Praise leads to a way of life that builds on a firm foundation that cannot be blown over by adversity.

I John 2:15 expresses it this way: ***Do not love the world or anything in the world.*** Love for, and trust in God, *solves* problems. Depending on *things* to solve problems always *causes* problems.

The carnal mind says, “But I *feel good* when I buy this or that.” And it is correct! But it fails to remind us that soon that pleasant feeling goes away, and then we feel worse than before! We need another “fix.”

The spirit of praise causes our peace of heart and happiness to increase. Practice praising the Lord every time you are tempted to spend money to make yourself feel better. Your financial status will improve, and you will have money to help both your own family as well as others.

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# First and Last and Everything in Between



In Revelation 22:13 Jesus said He was the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning, and the End. I have always understood that to mean that He was with God before the world was made, as first John clearly tells us: *In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.*

When Jesus said He was also the End, I have always believed that He would be with us to the end of time as we measure time here on Earth. In Matthew 28:20 He assures us that He will be with us *to the very end of the age.*

However, recently I gained additional understanding of what Jesus meant in His Revelation to John. While reading Isaiah, I came across these verses in chapter 46 where God is speaking to His people: *Listen to me...you whom I have upheld since your birth and have carried you since you were born.* As I read that, I realized that our Lord is with us from the moment of our conception. He is

with us from our beginning. The next verse says: *Even to your old age and gray hairs I am He...Who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you.* The mighty God, who made us and has upheld us from our own beginning, will carry us and sustain us to the very end of our lives.

Between our beginning and our end, He has promised to be with us, to never leave us. Nine times in His Word God promises He will *never* forsake us. No matter what trials or heartaches we face, we are never alone. Our loving Lord is with us; He knows what we are going through and will care for us and sustain us. Each time we believe He is with us, we honor, exalt, and bring praise to His Name.

When this life is over, He is waiting for us; ready to welcome us to everlasting joy (see Isaiah 35:10). And after all this life is really very short. Eternity with joy and gladness will last forever.

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## The Foundation of Praise

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IN MEMORY OF:

**Rita Jo Parker-Callahan**  
By her husband Michael  
of Bella Vista, AR

**Merlin & Mary Carothers**  
By George & Gwen  
Dilworth  
of Cape May, NJ

**John Regner**  
By his sister in Christ  
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of Dayton, NV

IN HONOR OF:

**Mitchell Johnson**  
By his wife Annette  
of Springfield, IL

**David Lester**  
By his wife LaVonne  
of Manteca, CA

By Don Lupro  
of Murrieta, CA

*Our loss is Heaven's gain!  
Our prayers are with those  
who loved them.*





May you and your family  
 be blessed with joy,  
 laughter, love, good  
 health and prosperity  
 in the New Year.

## Joyful Words of Praise and Thanks

I'm writing to let you know of the blessing I received from reading *Prison to Praise*. I praise God that He knows everything that I am going through and it will draw me closer to Him. **WILLIE, COUNTY JAIL, NC**

Your books, *Prison to Praise*, *What's on Your Mind?* and *You Can Be Happy Now* have made a tremendous impact on our cellblock. We are so grateful for these books. **MADISON, COUNTY ANNEX, TX**

Thank you for all that you do to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through your books, CD's, tracts, and especially the *Praise News*. I look forward to reading it every month and reread old ones and pass many of them on. **KITTY, WA**

So thankful for your ministry and the *Praise News*. They always bring encouragement and point us to trust in our good God. Blessings. **RINSKE, TX**

Praise and Glory to God for His loving kindness and care for us. Thank you for working for God's glory. God bless you. **PAULINE, CA**

God's timing is perfect. I've always read how God inhabits the praise of His people, but today the message in the *Praise News* was saying through Merlin: "The Lord was showing me that praise to God melts man's coldness of heart and stubborn resistance!" Thank you so much for continuing the work began so many years ago. I was very young when I read *Prison to Praise* and it changed my young Christian life.

**JEANNE, LA**

I have read *Prison to Praise* over and over again and it will forever be a blessing to me.

**JULIO, COUNTY JAIL, TX**

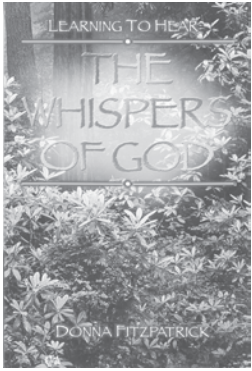
Thank you so much for the *Praise News*. My prayers are with you in the New Year. You have made a difference in my life!

**PATRICIA, IL**

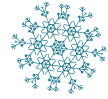
Happy New Year and we trust the Lord to open more doors for your ministry and to reach many more lives that will embrace God's love. **DANIEL & MAGGIE, CA**

Thank you so much for the *Praise News*. It really makes my day when I receive it. **ANN, FL**



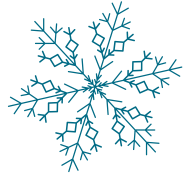
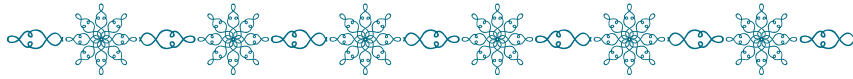
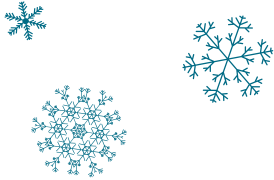


# Whispers of God



A friend of the *Foundation of Praise* has generously donated copies of her book, *The Whispers of God*. This book encourages believers to recognize the quiet touch of God in everyday situations. The pages are bursting with humorous and serious stories that explain how we can learn to hear the whispers of God.

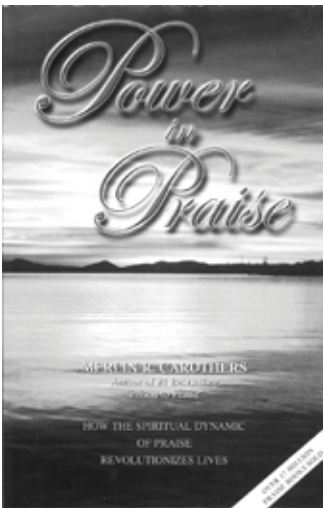
For those who donate a gift of \$15 or more to the *Foundation of Praise* you will receive a copy of *The Whispers of God*. To receive your book please be sure and mention the code **Whispers** with your donation.



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**BULK PRICE**  
**SPECIAL**  
**COMING**  
**NEXT**  
**MONTH!**

Would you like to Read the Bible Through in 2025?



We will send you a free copy of the Bible Reading Chart upon request. You may also download a copy from our website at [www.foundationofpraise.org](http://www.foundationofpraise.org). We hope you will value it enough to place it in your Bible – and use it daily!

*Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God*

(Matthew 4:4).

