

Kid's FORECAST FOR LIFE

Looking Forward to Becoming
the Best You Can Be In Christ



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This book is recommended for grade school and early teens—
(and for those who are young at heart).

Tips on how this book can be used:

- A teaching tool for missionary outreach.
- A great activity book for a family night, or kid's church. (See Deuteronomy 6:5-7)

Important Notes:

- The Bible is also known as “God’s Word,” and “the Word.”
- Kids that believe Jesus and His Word, are “Word Kids.”

Special note to young readers who are not sure if their home will be in heaven:

Are you sure that your home will be in heaven when you die? You can be sure today!

You do not have to be “perfect.” That’s why Christ Jesus died for you. He paid the price for you—for *not being perfect all the time*. No one is perfect enough to earn their way to heaven. But Jesus made the way for you to live forever in heaven!

Just pray something like this: *God, I’m not sure about You, and church, and all the rest—but I need Your help. I believe that Jesus rose from the dead, and I pray for Jesus to be my Lord and Savior. Please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Amen.*

You may not feel any different, but God has promised to make you new on the inside. Your spirit is born again. Now you have a home in heaven forever!

Get someone to help you learn about the Bible, and God will help you change on the outside.

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The joy of the Lord is my strength.
Nehemiah 8:10

INTRODUCTION

It's early Saturday morning—the sun is shining—it looks like an *awesome* day ahead. So you start thinking about what fun you can have today. Maybe it's a day for the beach, swimming and a bike ride. Maybe it will be a day for playing at the park, baseball or skate boarding.

You race back into the house where your mom is watching the weather forecast on TV. The forecast is for thunderstorms and high winds.

You think: *it sure doesn't look like bad weather*. But you change your thoughts to something that can be fun inside the house.

When you hear a weather forecast about rain, or sunshine, or snow—it might not *look* like it will really happen that way. But it certainly *can* happen.

You Can Make A Forecast

There is another kind of *forecast*. You can learn to make a *forecast* about yourself. You can learn to say good things about yourself. It might not *look* like good things are going to happen, but God can make it happen!

Your *forecast* should come from the Bible. Your *forecast* can be praying and saying:

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” (Philippians 4:13).

Weather forecasters predict the weather based on the good or bad conditions in the atmosphere. But you can make a *forecast* about yourself based on the Bible.

The word *forecast* is another way to say Bible words like *predict*, *profess*, *prophecy*, and *confess*.

Forecast means to “look forward.”

You Can Do It!

Everyone makes a *forecast*. We all talk about things that haven’t happened yet. We talk about the things we are expecting for tomorrow.

Some kids always expect things to go wrong. Other kids always look forward to the good things God will do in their life.

Some kids talk about how great their vacation will be, or how good school is going to be. Other kids always talk about how “*dumb*” things are.

Some kids say, *I just know I won’t do good in school*, or *I will probably be the first one to get sick again*, or *I just can’t understand the Bible*.

A Bible *forecaster* is one who is always *looking forward* to a better tomorrow. “Word” kids will say, *all things are possible to me, because God is on my side!*

About This Book

Kid’s Forecast for Life is a study about our *thoughts and words*. It is a companion book to “Forecast For Life,” previously released for adults (older kids).

It is my hope that this book will cheer you on to be your best for Christ Jesus. You can do it!

Kid’s Forecast for Life is a way to believe for the promises of God even when you don’t feel good enough—and when you feel sad, sick, angry or hurt.

This book can help you find God’s plan for your life. The sixteen chapters will be about God’s promises, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Bible, heaven, God’s *secret place*, and the power of your own words.

Looking Forward

You can put your *forecast* into action at the end of each chapter. Make your words be a good *forecast!*

When you say and pray what the Bible says, you are planting spiritual seeds. With power from God, your *forecast* will make good things *grow* in your life.

We can always pray to our Father God whenever we have trouble or pain. But the best time to pray, say Bible verses, and forecast God’s blessing—is “before we see” the problem. The Bible says it this way:

“We walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7).

With some help from *Kids Forecast for Life*, you can look forward to becoming the best you can be in Christ!

Make Your Words Be A Good Forecast (Read out loud!)

- The Bible is life to me. It is God's Word to me. So I say words from the Bible.

Proverbs 18:20-21

- I am becoming the best I can be in Christ.

Philippians 1:6

- Thank You Lord, You help me say good words that *forecast* blessing.

Mark 11:23

- Lord Jesus, help me keep my words from speaking anything wrong, and thank You for always watching over me.

Proverbs 34:13-15

Memory Verse - (color page!)

Matthew 12:34

Out of the abundance of the heart
the mouth speaks.

****[GRAPHIC#2-prayerrug]****

Print - Proverbs 16:24

Chapter 1

More Than A Weather Forecast

Weather forecasters talk about what we should expect for the day. It might rain today, or it might be sunny today. But you can make a *forecast* that is far more important.

You can use your Bible to *forecast* your *life*. You can *forecast* your future with your own words!

You can talk about how things are today, or you can talk about a better tomorrow. Either way your words are *forecasting* what you believe for your future.

Your *forecast* is saying what you expect in your life—*before* it happens—just like weather forecasters.

What's So Special

About the Word *Forecast*?

- Your *forecast* is what you talk about everyday.
- Your *forecast* is what you expect to happen.
- Your *forecast* is what you say and believe.
- A Bible *forecast* will help you become what God wants you to be.
- A Bible *forecast* will help you take aim at your dreams.

Forecasters Trust God's Word

Faith pleases God. (See Hebrews 11:6.)

You can build your faith by reading and learning the Bible. The Bible is God's Word. It is a letter from God to you. It shows you how to live and be blessed by God your Father in heaven.

God's Word is living and powerful. And God's Word will make good things happen in your life.

Jesus said His words are *spirit and life*. He also said, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed" (John 8:31). (A disciple is a person that imitates Jesus, and is a student of His word.)

Once you start thinking like this, you will be more thankful, believing, trusting, confident and worry-free.

A Forecast Is Not Just Positive Thinking

If you see a glass of water as being half full, instead of half empty, that's positive thinking. That's great. If you see an answer, instead of just a problem, that's a good attitude. But there is a better way to live. It's being positive with God's Word.

Your *forecast* is praying and saying what you want to happen for tomorrow. Words that agree with God's Word are alive and powerful. (See Hebrews 4:12.)

Forecasting Is Like Planting Spiritual Seeds

The troubles in this world seem like they are too much to handle. But we have hope in God. We need to believe God. We need to *forecast* a good seed of God's Word. It will grow like a farmer's field and produce God's blessing.

"Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap" (Galatians 6:7).

What you say and pray is your seed (and your *forecast*).
Forecast God's Word for yourself and everyone you meet.

Famous Children's Stories

A great example of a right, or a wrong *forecast* can be found in some very famous children's stories.

"Chicken Little" is a story that shows what can happen with a wrong *forecast*. Chicken Little always expected the worst, and said so. Her famous saying was, *The sky is falling, the sky is falling*.

"The Little Red Train" is a story that shows the good results of a right *forecast*. This little train always expected things to get better, and said so. Its famous saying was, *I think I can, I think I can—I know I can*.

God has given you and me an awesome power in our words. We can speak blessing and healing for our lives and the lives of everyone we meet.

God wants you to have a blessed life so you can help others, help the poor, and encourage others in godly living.

Your Forecast Starts With Your Thoughts

In order to have a good *forecast*, we have to make sure we are thinking God's way. The Bible says it like this:

"Whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever

things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praise worthy—meditate on these things" (Philippians 4:8).

Make Your Words Be A Good Forecast (Read out loud!)

- I am born again. I'm on my way to heaven. I pray and say that Jesus is my Lord and Savior.

Romans 10:9

- Lord, I hide Your Word in my heart so I will not do wrong things.

Psalms 119:11

- I am becoming the best I can be in Christ.

Philippians 1:6

- I guard my words, and that keeps me from a lot of trouble.

Proverbs 21:23

Important Things To Remember

(about your words, your forecast, and how you talk)

You can _____ your future with your own words.

You can _____ about how things are today, or you can talk about a better tomorrow.

Your _____ are *forecasting* what you are expecting and believing for your life.

Your _____ is saying what you expect—before it happens—just like weather forecasters.

Your _____ can make good things happen, or bad things happen.

Memory Verse - (color page!)

Philippians 2:11

Every tongue should confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord.

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Print - Romans 10:9

Word Find Page

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IN CHRIST JESUS.

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Chapter 2

God's Plan For Your Life

Bible *forecasting* is a way for anyone to believe for God's blessing—for others and ourselves.

The first step is to know about the power in the words you speak every day.

Our greatest leaders and thinkers have used the power of words to get people to do great things.

Words can be used to make us laugh or cry. Words can hurt or heal. Words can give us hope or sadness.

God has given us the power to choose our words. We can choose words that expect God's blessing, or we can choose words that expect things to go wrong.

Our words are a *forecast* of things to come.

Be a Forecaster

Make a *forecast* that good things will happen in your life. Don't just talk about the sad things that you have right now. With God's Word and Jesus and the Holy Spirit, things are going to get better.

We can expect good things from God with a good *forecast* for tomorrow.

The Most Powerful Force in the World

Nothing we have is more powerful than our words. God created us that way.

Almighty God could have picked a different way to make the world. He could have just waved His arms to create the universe. He could have had a thought, and there would have been a world. But He chose His words, and He said, "Let there be light," and there was light. (See Genesis 1:1.)

Pray and Say—God's Word

Jesus said we can pray in His name and get help. Just pray like this, *Father God in heaven, please help me today, in Jesus name, Amen.*

Jesus also said that we can speak to problems. We can tell them to "be removed and be cast into the sea"; and if we speak and do not doubt in our heart, but believe, we will have whatever we say. We will have what we *forecast*. (See Mark 11:23.)

What You Say Is Your Forecast

You and I can talk about how things are today, or we can choose faith-filled words about a better tomorrow.

We can talk about feeling full of worry and sickness—or we can talk about the way God can turn things around and make things better. Either way, our words *forecast* what we expect and believe.

Learn The Word When You're Young

As a young boy I learned from my parents that I should speak good things about myself. I should expect good things to happen.

I went to a good Christian catechism class. There I memorized Bible verses. I believe that kept me from a lot of trouble.

But it was not until I prayed for Jesus to be my Lord and Savior, that I really understood the power of my words. (See Romans 10:9.)

Your Words Make A Forecast

We can make our words agree with God's Word. We can *forecast* good things for others and ourselves.

Some people wake up every morning and groan, "*Oh, no, it's morning again.*" Other people say, "*Good morning, Lord. I know something good is going to happen today!*" Either way, that's your *forecast*.

Your words *forecast* a good day or a sad day. It's what you expect to happen.

Say what you want, not what you have.

The Bible says, "Let the weak say, 'I am strong'" (Joel 3:10).

We can *forecast* that we are strong even when we *feel* weak by saying: *I am strong in Christ Jesus, and I'm getting stronger in my spirit!*

Supernatural Words

One of the most natural things we do in life is talk. In fact, long before most of us knew what we were saying, we were learning to talk.

There is something supernatural about our ability to talk. We are the only creatures God made with the power to choose our own words.

A parrot has a tongue and can imitate what people say. But a parrot cannot actually choose its own words.

You and I can *choose* to speak words that *forecast* our faith in Christ Jesus.

There Is a Miracle in Your Mouth

We have the power of choice to *forecast* a good life, or we can *forecast* a wrong and sad life with our words. The tongue sets the course for our lives. (See James 3:6.)

Whatever you have stored in your heart is going to come out of your mouth—(right things or wrong things). The Bible says it like this:

“For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks” (Matthew 12:34).

When problems come along, that’s when we find out what’s inside us. And it should be the Word of God. Right?

God’s laws about your words are working for you or against you every day!

So fill your mouth with the Word of God—and set your course for a good life.

Words Are Like Seeds

Everything you do and say is like a seed. Seeds are planted, then they grow. If you plant apple seeds, you grow apples.

Your words are like seeds. If you *forecast* God’s Word, you grow in God’s blessing. God is good! (And heaven will be awesome!)

A good *word* seed is like saying; *I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength. I'm a believer!*

When you plant a *word* seed, don't dig it up.

You and I dig up the good *word* seeds we plant if we say things like: *I never get anything good. Or, I can't do anything right. Or, I always get sick.*

Plant *word* seeds for things to get better, and don't give up! You can say: *God is on my side, I will not be afraid. And, I am healed by the stripes of Jesus.* (See Matthew 8:17.)

Forecast God’s Word—then trust and thank God—even *before* you *see* anything happening.

The Bible says, "We walk by faith, not by sight" (**2 Corinthians 5:7**).

Make Your Words
Be A Good Forecast
(Read out loud!)

- I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.
Philippians 4:13
- I imitate Jesus and make a good *forecast* from the Bible.
Romans 4:17
- I love God with all my heart, soul and strength.
Matthew 22:37-40
- I believe that Jesus is Lord of all, and I'm learning to keep His commandments. *That* makes me a winner in this life.
1 John 5:1-5

Important Things To Remember

(about your words and your forecast)

We are "forecasting" our future
by the thoughts and _____
we are praying and saying today.

Your _____ is praying and saying what you expect,
before it happens,
just like weather forecasters.

We can make our words agree with God's Word.

We can _____ good things for others and
ourselves.

We can expect good things from God
with a good _____ for tomorrow.

Memory Verse - (color page!)

Galatians 6:7

Whatever a man sows,
that he will also reap.

****[GRAPHIC#4-2wordkids]****

Matching Page

Draw a Line from a Word to its Definition

Words	This is something that pleases God.
Forecast	This is where we find God's promises and how we should live.
Faith	This is what God used to create the whole world.
Bible	This is what you say and pray—from the Bible—before it happens.

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Word Find Page

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I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST.

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Chapter 3

How To Be A "Cool" Kid

For most of my life, being *cool* was very important to me. I wanted to be liked by other kids and other teenagers. (In my growing up years (the 60's), it was cool clothes, leather jackets, and black was the color. Hey! That sounds like today's kids too!)

But, after many years, I finally discovered that *it's only what you do for Christ and His word that will last forever!* Now that's being *cool*!

Being "Cool" the Wrong Way

I have tried some wrong things just because I thought other kids would like me and think I was *cool*.

It really doesn't make any sense, but I would try almost anything to be *cool*. When I tried smoking for the first time, I choked and gagged. When I tried drinking beer, I got sick and *barffed*. (It seems like I should have caught the hint.)

I said bad words that other kids were saying. It didn't make me feel good in my heart, but I wanted to be *cool*. I even did some stealing, because I didn't have enough money for the right clothes to be *cool* (I thought). But I asked God to forgive me, and He did!

I caused a lot of my own trouble. But God had mercy and showed me the real way to be *cool*.

I was born again because of the blood of Jesus! Now I'm *cool* because God is on my side, I'm on my way to heaven, and I'm a winner in Christ Jesus!

Be Prepared

Growing up with good Christian teaching, and being in the Boy Scouts, taught me to be prepared. But I let other people take that away from me, because I wanted to be *cool*. I did not say "no" to wrong things. I let the thought of being *cool* take away my faith in God.

Be prepared. Know that your faith is something good to hold on to. Love Christ Jesus and His word with all your heart, soul, and strength!

Word Kids Are Winners!

You don't have to go through the same trouble in your life as I did. Don't do it! Learn from my trouble. Learn your lessons from the Word. The Bible says that "whatever is not from faith is sin" (Romans 14:23). It also says, "Let the peace of God rule in your heart" (Colossians 3:15).

Save yourself a lot of trouble. Be *cool* God's way.

God loves you. He will forgive you for doing wrong. God sees you as a very special person.

It's only what you do for Christ and His word that will last forever!

Speak the Word. *Forecast* the Word. Be a Word Kid. Now that's really being *cool*!

Make Your Words Be A Good Forecast (Read out loud!)

- I study, speak and obey God's Word, day and night, so I am wise and blessed.

Joshua 1:8

- I am becoming the best I can be in Christ.

Hebrews 13:20-21

- I have good courage and a strong heart.

Psalms 27:14

- I imitate Jesus and follow His example. He leads me, and shows me good things in my heart.

Ephesians 5:1 and Romans 8:16

Memory Verse - (color page!)

Proverbs 17:27 (Amplified)

He who has knowledge spares his words,
and a man of understanding has a cool spirit.

****[GRAPHIC#5-skateboard]****

Print - Mark 11:23

Word Find Page

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COOL, CONFIDENCE, RECEIVE, HEAVEN, BELIEVE, and FAITH

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Important Things To Remember

(about being cool and your forecast)

As long as we make
a godly _____ of faith,
we will be winners in Christ Jesus.

Save yourself a lot of trouble.
Be _____ God's way.

It's only what you do for Christ and His word that will last forever!

Speak the Word.
_____ the Word.
Be a Word Kid. Now that's really being *cool*!

Chapter 4

Your Winning Attitude

Thoughts turn into actions and attitude. When thoughts become words, they can change your whole life.

It would be easy to “go with the flow” and do what ever the TV and movies tell us to do. But we can resist ungodly thoughts and build our lives on the positive, faith attitude of the Bible.

The winning attitude is a faith attitude. Your winning attitude gives *power* to your *forecast* of God’s blessing.

News Before It Happens

Your *forecast* is talking about things *before* they happen. It’s just like weather forecasters—they talk about the weather *before* it happens.

The weather forecast is always changing. But God and the Bible never change.

Your *forecast* should be based on the Bible. God and the Bible are always the same. You can trust God.

If you want to be a winner in this life, you will do two things:

- 1) Resist all thoughts that will make you do wrong things and be sad.
- 2) Make your thoughts be like the words of Jesus.

Consider these thoughts about a winning attitude:

- Winning is using the talents you were born with to become the best you can be in Christ.
- Winning is placing third instead of fourth.
- Winning is never complaining.
- Winning is being thankful and not selfish.

If Jesus is your Lord and savior, you can have a good attitude. You're a King's kid. You can become better at anything God wants you to do.

You're on your way to heaven, so have a good attitude!

Becoming the Best You Can Be

Jim Ryun became a great example of having a good attitude. As a teenager he was so weak and sickly that he was not allowed to be on his high school track team, but he did not give up.

Jim began to build himself up with exercise. Each morning he delivered newspapers then ran for six miles. Every evening he ran some more. He ran in sleet and snow, rain and fog.

Then one day he became one of the fastest runners in the world at running a mile!

The good news is that you too can have this kind of winning attitude.

Young Dreams

Nancy Merki had polio, and had to wear heavy braces and crutches. Yet at fourteen she became a swimming champion.

When President Roosevelt asked Nancy how she became the youngest champ even with all her problems, she answered, *Well, I guess I just kept trying, Mr. President.*

She was determined. Her parents had taken her to a man named Jack Cody, a swimming coach at an athletic club in Portland. It took a year before she could swim the length of the pool.

The coach realized this young girl was not just interested in swimming for her health. She wanted to be a winner. She just kept trying.

Four years later she came in 3rd at a swim contest in California. At the age of 19 she became a national champion.

Poor Start—Great Attitude

Les Brown was adopted at the age of six weeks and raised by a single woman from a poor area of Miami, Florida. He was told that he had a learning disability in the fifth grade.

Les Brown overcame these conditions and became a well known motivational speaker. He has served in the Ohio state legislature and has hosted his own television program, *The Les Brown Show*.

Your dream of success may be much smaller than someone else's. But whatever your dream is, go for it!

Not An Ordinary Attitude

Russ Sperling was the owner of a major hotel at Disney World.

Russ made major decisions. He wanted to become the best he could be. He made a list of things to do everyday.

One of his personal trademarks was his red socks. He realized he was spending valuable time deciding whether to wear black, gray, blue, brown, tan, white or green.

So he chose to wear red socks every day so he could focus on more important things. Now I'm not saying that you should start wearing red socks, but I think you can learn from his good attitude. He was looking forward to becoming the best he could be in Christ!

The "I Will Not Be Defeated" Attitude

The apostle Paul wrote many of the New Testament books of the Bible. Many people tried to stop him. But even during big trouble he wrote, "Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ" (2 Corinthians 2:14).

The word triumph means to win, even if things get hard. To be a winner in this life--*act, talk, walk* and *be* the person God wants you to be. Never give up!

**Make Your Words
Be A Good Forecast**
(Read out loud!)

- I have the spirit of faith in Christ, and that's the way I believe and pray.

2 Corinthians 4:13

- Father God, please help me to have the attitude that Christ would have.

Philippians 2:5

- Thank You Lord, for knowledge and understanding. I'm learning to keep my words good and keep a calm spirit.

Proverbs 17:27-28

- I'm learning to do all things without complaining.

Philippians 2:14

Important Things To Remember

(about your faith and your forecast)

Your words are a _____
about things that have not happened yet.

The winning attitude
is a _____ attitude.

Your winning attitude gives *power*
to your _____ of
God's blessing.

Memory Verse - (color page!)

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

****[GRAPHIC#6-strength]****

Print - Mark 9:23

Word Find Page

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BLESSING, CHRIST, STRENGTH, and FORECAST

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Chapter 5

The Greatest Adventure

You are a child of God! And that is the greatest adventure you could ever imagine. If we could understand all Jesus has done for us we would wake up every morning raring to go!

We'd jump out of bed saying, *There's somebody out there who needs God's help today, and I can show them how. There's somebody that needs an answer to prayer today, and I will pray.*

You can be a blessing to everyone you meet. God created you to share the good news about Jesus everywhere you go.

When we make a Bible *forecast*, life is a great adventure!

The Encouragers

God wants you to be an encourager. The word encourager means someone that *says* good things to people. An encourager will say to others, *You can do it!* Or, *God is on your side.* Or, *You are a winner in Christ.* There are many people that need someone to boost their spirit.

“Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers” (1 Corinthians 4:29).

Joe and Dan Ninowski were two businessmen. They were the best encouragers that I have ever known. They grew up in a very poor home, but God blessed them. Joe and Dan knew about *forecasting* God's Word. They made a *forecast* of God's blessing for their business.

Joe and Dan were devoted to their faith in God and gave encouragement to everyone who walked by. In restaurants, hotels, businesses and church, they found ways to share words of encouragement. (I was blessed to meet them one day and became a better encourager myself.)

Many people who knew them would say, *When we arrive in heaven, Joe and Dan will be standing at the entrance with a "super" greeting: This is the greatest day of your life!*

What a great adventure!

Words of Blessing

Some of the best words we can hear are words of encouragement: *You have done a great job. I'm so proud to be your friend. God has good things in store for you.*

God has given you special talents. He has a plan for your life. If you are not sure what your talents are, be an encourager until you find out.

God Will Encourage You

At the age of 8, most of my time was in playing baseball. After the games I would sometimes lie in the grass looking up into the clouds for long periods of time.

I can remember wondering about God. I thought, *God must be awesome!*

God always finds a way to reach out to people everywhere—even in the most far away places. (See Romans 1:20.)

I believe my thoughts and words started my adventure with God. My words helped to *forecast* my new life in Christ Jesus that started when I was age 25.

Words With Action

My dad passed away when I was eleven. But he left me the greatest gift an earthly father can give: love in action.

I can remember playing catch with my dad after he got home from work. Then he took me for batting practice on Saturdays at the park.

I also watched him go to the front of our Lutheran church when he was 33, to be baptized. (He was the only one to be baptized that day.) I thought to myself, *I could never have that much courage.*

Dad always told me to do my best. He would always say, *You can do it!*

Fastballs

When I joined my first Little League baseball team, I was afraid of the fastball. My dad picked up on this and took me to the park for a special kind of batting practice.

He told me to hold my bat out over the plate; then he tried to hit my bat with his fastball. (I could just move my bat a little bit—and hit the ball.)

He also taught me how to turn out of the way when a ball was too far inside and not to be afraid. I soon found myself saying, *Hey, I can hit a fastball! I like fastballs.*

Swimming Test

This new confidence showed up in other situations. For example, in junior high school I couldn't swim. The swim teacher announced that everyone would swim a lap in the pool. He also said that if we couldn't swim we would get the help of a life preserver attached to a long pole.

There's no way I'm gonna get strapped to that pole, I mumbled to myself. *I'm going to jump in and swim by myself.*

I watched the other kids before me. They were really embarrassed. That made me even more determined to jump in and swim the whole distance by myself.

My words took action and produced a good result. What a great day!

I cannot tell you what my dad believed about encouraging words, but I do know how he put them to work!

Power-Packed Words

Words determine our future. It is a spiritual law. Everyone lives by God's laws—believers and non-believers!

The Bible says it this way:

"He who guards his mouth preserves his life, but he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction" (Proverbs 13:3).

God's laws apply to all of us. There are no exceptions.

We can choose good words and have a good life. Or, we can choose wrong words and have a sad life.

Make Your Words Be A Good Forecast

(Read out loud!)

- The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 27:1

- I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in Him will I trust."

Psalm 91:2

- I guard my words, and that keeps me from a lot of trouble.

Proverbs 21:23

- Thank You Lord, You help me say good words that *forecast* blessing.

Mark 11:23

Memory Verse - (color page!)

Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

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Matching Page

Draw a Line from a Word to its Definition

Heaven	This word defines a good forecast that you can say to someone to cheer them up.
Blessing	This is going to be the most awesome place you can imagine—our home with God forever!
Encourage	This word defines all the good things that God gives us from heaven when we believe.
Forecast	This is what you say and pray—from the Bible—before it happens.

Print 1 Peter 2:24

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Chapter 6

An Overnight Stay in the Lions' Den

Weather is something that everyone thinks about every day. We learn to plan our day around the weather forecast. Should we go swimming today or wear a raincoat? Is it a good day for a picnic or for ice-skating? How we *get ready* depends on the weather forecast.

But how do we plan to handle the problems of life?

We have the Bible and the Holy Spirit to help us *get ready* for the problems that will come our way.

We have Christ Jesus and His Word—that will always give us our best life.

“Whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock; and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock” (Matthew 7:24-27).

You have the ability to overcome problems with God’s Word. Sometimes the most amazing things happen when we follow God’s instructions.

Facing the Lions

Daniel, from the Old Testament, was one of 3 presidents of the empire of Babylon, second only to the king himself.

Daniel had so much favor with the king that the other presidents were jealous. They wanted to find a way to make him look bad. But the Bible says no matter how hard they tried, “they could find no charge or fault, because he was faithful; nor was there any error or fault found in him” (Daniel 6:4).

Daniel was faithful in his service to the king, and he was faithful to God.

The other presidents knew that the only way to get him fired, was to force him to choose between God and the king.

So that’s what they did. They asked the king to pass a new law, that no one could pray to anyone other than the king for 30 days. Anyone who broke the law would be thrown into a den of lions.

The king liked the idea so much that he signed the law on the spot. But he forgot what this would mean for Daniel.

“Now when Daniel knew that the law was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down

on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days" (Daniel 6:10).

Daniel Was Not A Wimp

Daniel knew about the king's new law. But he wouldn't stop praying to God.

When the others told the king what Daniel had done, the king was very sorry. He liked Daniel. He didn't want to throw him to the lions, but the others had tricked him. He had trapped himself by his own law, and he couldn't change his mind.

So the king commanded, and Daniel was cast into the den of lions.

Then the most amazing thing happened. The death-sentencing king made a *forecast* of faith for Daniel: "Your God, whom you serve continually, He will deliver you" (Daniel 6:16).

A large stone was used to close Daniel inside the lion's den.

The king woke up very early in the morning and went quickly to the den of lions. When he came to the den, he yelled out to Daniel. The king said, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?"

Then Daniel replied to the king:

"O king, live forever! My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him" (Daniel 6:21-22).

You Can Trust God With Your Life

God delivered Daniel because He always delivers those who have faith.

God will do the same thing for you that He did for Daniel. Learn to live in God's Word—trusting, expecting and *forecasting* His protection and blessing.

You might be thinking, *What does this story have to do with me?*

You and I are not facing a lions' den. But other events in this world are just as deadly. We are facing nuclear threat, wars, disasters, disease, strife, stress and terrorism. We need to believe for the power of God in our lives every day!

Get Ready—Here Comes Trouble!

The problems of life come to everyone: rich, poor, strong, weak, good, bad, lonely or famous.

The Bible warns us,

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:7).

Praying, speaking, and *forecasting* the Word of God can overcome the problems that the devil has meant to hurt you.

“They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony” (Revelation 12:7).

Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled

More than 2000 years ago Jesus warned us that we would have trouble in this world. Sure enough, He was right. Trouble is here—and more is on the way.

The world is looking to newspapers, TV, movie stars, and doctors to fix things. But the fact is, we’ve tried all of their ways to fix things. Now we need God.

What should we *say* right in the middle of fear and trouble?

“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?” (Psalm 27:1).

We are entering the end times when God’s voice (the Word) will be the only way. Jesus is the only way!

Some people are not hearing God’s silent voice. They aren’t seeing His goodness in their lives. But that is not you and me. We are believers! We *forecast* God’s goodness and blessing!

**Make Your Words
Be A Good Forecast**
(Read out loud!)

- I delight in God's Word. I do not fear bad news. My heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

Psalm 112:1, 7

- I have been given a new spirit of power and love and a sound mind.

2 Timothy 1:7

- I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:13

- Lord, I keep a thankful attitude—and remember that everything that is good in my life comes from You.

James 1:17

Important Things To Remember (about your forecast)

God will do great things for us.
Believing is our only job.

The spirit of faith speaks!
It calls things that are not
as though they were.

A faith _____ "gets ready" for God's blessings!

Memory Verse - (color page!)

Romans 10:17
Faith comes by hearing,
and hearing by the Word of God.

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CHRIST, WORD, GOD, JESUS, LAMB, LIFE, SAVIOR, LORD, and
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Print - Mark 11:24

Chapter 7

The Eye of Faith

Making a Bible *forecast* is a way to change how you think about yourself.

You can see yourself with your spiritual “eye of faith.” You see yourself the way God sees you. (And God loves you way more than you might think.)

Eye of faith is an expression used to describe a vision or dream we have *inside our spirit*. It’s *seeing* beyond your natural eyesight. The Bible says it is “*the eyes of your understanding*” (Ephesians 2:18).

God-inspired dreams are not just ordinary thoughts; they are desires that are deep inside your spirit.

God wants something good to happen for you and everyone one you meet.

You Can See It With Your Spirit

After my father taught me how to hit a fastball, my dream grew into hitting a home run. I began to see myself, with the *eye of faith*, hitting home runs. (I actually hit a few too!) I had new thoughts about my potential abilities in baseball.

Although I did not have great natural ability, I was a fairly good baseball player. I practiced every day to develop skills as a center fielder. (You can ask anyone. I practiced and practiced and practiced.)

I found out that the key to centerfield was guessing where the ball might be going before it was hit. (I could almost see it happen before it actually did!)

I don’t know how many times I chased a fly ball across centerfield. Certainly hundreds. In time I knew when the ball left the bat where it was going and where I had to be to make the catch before it hit the ground.

A Bible forecast is like preparing for a sports event. Athletes *see* a goal; they see a finish line; they *see* themselves hitting the home run before it happens. They *see* it with their spirit on the inside.

When you were born again, God recreated you. A change took place. Your spirit became alive to God. You are now “in Christ.” Now you have to see yourself that way. You may not look any different on the outside, but your spirit is brand new. (See 1 Corinthians 5:17.)

Being In Christ

Being *in Christ* will affect your thinking, your believing, your actions, and your *forecast*.

When are you in Christ Jesus?

The moment you make Jesus your Lord. Whatever the Bible says about being *in Christ* belongs to you because Jesus is your Lord and Savior.

Begin with the Book of Romans and search through the New Testament for the phrase *in Christ*. For example, “therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature.”

Scriptures that refer to being “in Christ,” “in Him” or “in whom” can be found more than 130 times in the New Testament. Find those verses and read them as though they were written directly to you.

Living in Right Standing With God

Your born-again spirit has no problem believing all that God has given you. The problem is in your mind. It is every believer’s job to take God’s Word and renew his mind. “Be renewed in the spirit of your mind” (Ephesians 4:23).

Many sincere Christians are living far below their blessings in Christ, simply because they do not understand everything that Jesus gave us by dying on the cross. God loves you, and cares about you!

Make Your Words Be A Good Forecast (Read out loud!)

- I am a believer and not a doubter. All things are possible to me.
Mark 9:23
- I study the Word, and the blessings of God come to me.
Deuteronomy 28:2
- I am getting better at being a "doer" of the Word.
James 1:19-22
- I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; my God,
in Him will I trust."
Psalm 91:2

Memory Verse - (color page!)

2 Peter 1:3

His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and
godliness.

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Chapter 8

Get Ready - Here Comes the Rush

A sudden rush of emotions can cause you to freeze up, or super-charge you to do the acts of a hero. God designed us that way.

Sometimes it is called the *adrenaline rush*. You can train yourself to be ready for this rush of emotions. You can make it work for you, instead of against you.

Trouble causes emotions to come on us suddenly. Some of these emotions are anger, stress, fear, worry, and embarrassment. If we learn to deal with these feelings, God's way, there can be a good result.

We become excited and surprised in many different events, such as: sports, accidents, bad news, bad weather, and people doing bad things.

First Grade Emotions

My first emotional rush was in first grade. I sat in the back of the room and was whistling, non-stop, during a silent reading period.

The teacher walked to the back of the room. She said, *Ronnie Craycraft, are you whistling back here?*

I said, *Oh no maam, it was him.* (I pointed at the boy behind me.)

The rush did not hit me right away. It was not until he was called to the front of the room to show the class how good he could whistle. (He got punished instead of me.)

An emotional rush came over me suddenly as he began staring “daggers” at me.

I found out later that his name was Burtle. (His name sounded tough. And he *was* tough!)

God’s law of sowing and reaping came to pass the next Saturday. Not only did Burtle beat me up, he made me work on his tree fort all day. (It was not easy work for a kid.)

Rise Above Your Problems

People deal with the rush in one of two ways: faith or fear. And just as you imagine, your *words* are going to help you or hurt you.

Talk about what you want. Talk about the answer to your prayer. Don’t talk about the problem.

By Your Faith—Not Feelings

When you talk, pray, and forecast—feelings should never change your faith in God. Sometimes we still feel sad even after we pray. But you should *believe you receive* God's blessing, even *before* you *feel* any different.

**Make Your Words
Be A Good Forecast**
(Read out loud!)

- I cast all of my cares on the Lord, because He cares for me.
1 Peter 5:7
- I am strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.
Ephesians 6:10
- The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?
Psalm 118:6
- Lord, no trouble is too big for You. I thank You that I am more
than a conqueror because You love me.
Romans 8:35-37

Memory Verse - (color page!)

Mark 11:24

When you pray, believe that you receive them,
and you will have them.

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Chapter 9

Forecast For Your Emotions

During military battles, a rush of emotions cause some people to run away in fear. Other people suddenly get a burst of energy, do great things, and become heroes! (Some heroes have earned the American “medal of honor.”)

I’ve heard many stories from these kind of heroes, who have said, *I’m just an ordinary person. I just did what I had to do.*

I say God inspired them, and with a rush of emotion they did something totally amazing!

So there are 2 kinds of emotions; faith or fear, good or bad. You can *look forward* to God’s help when a rush of emotions come to you.

You Should Not Be Here

An 18 wheel gasoline truck had flipped over on the expressway about 5 miles from my home in Michigan. The young man driving was trapped with gasoline spilling everywhere. He was surely doomed. (He probably had the *fear* kind of rush.)

Three teenage boys suddenly appeared and began pulling the driver through the windshield. In great shock and amazement the driver said, *You should not be here!*

The boys had witnessed a huge accident, jumped the fence, and ran to the rescue just minutes before the whole thing exploded into flames. All three said, *I am just an ordinary person. I just did what I had to do.*

I say God inspired them during their surprise and rush of emotion. I imagine that they might have said something like, *We can do this. Let’s go!*

The Baseball Rush

The 11th grade was my best year in baseball—even though it did not start very good. It was my first year in centerfield. It was at Hazel Park High School in Michigan.

I practiced far more than most of the other boys. I had to—I really was not as good as I wanted to be. (That’s part of *looking forward*.)

In the 10th grade I had a great year. So I earned the spot of hitting 3rd in the batting order. (This spot is usually for one of the best hitters on the team.)

I was a bit over confident—until the first game of the new season. I struck out 4 times!

How could this happen? I was not at all ready for the rush of emotions. I wanted to crawl under the bench and hide. At first I thought I would never be any good again.

But another kind of rush was *just around the corner*.

Another Kind of Rush

The next day, I brushed myself off and decided *not* to quit. I didn't know it, but another kind of rush was just waiting to explode in me.

The next game was against Kimbal—the best team in the league. I was sitting on the bench (and rightly so). But my confidence was back, and I was ready to go. Somehow I was ready to get back in the game. (I was expecting something good—before it happened. I just knew all my practicing was going to pay off!)

Inning after inning went by. It was a close game.

My chance to hit finally came in the last half of the last inning. We were losing by 2 runs. There were 2 outs and 2 runners on base. I had prepared for this day. I imagined this day. I looked forward to this day!

Then came the pitch of my life—a fastball, right where I dreamed it would be! BAM!

I did it! I rounded 3rd base—teammates celebrating—my shirttails flying—emotions rushing! Home run—we won! (And all because I turned my *fear* emotions into *faith* emotions.)

That's the day that I learned how to be prepared and never quit!

Forecasting - Helps You Look Forward

The weather forecast is given to help you be prepared for storms. Your Bible *forecast* will also help you be prepared—for good and bad emotions.

Believers in Jesus need to talk about the Bible, speak words of faith, and pray about everything in the name of Jesus.

**Make Your Words
Be A Good Forecast**
(Read out loud!)

- The words of Jesus are spirit and life to me.

John 6:63

- I have been given a new spirit of power and love and a sound mind.

2 Timothy 1:7

- God has given me all things that pertain to life and godliness.

2 Peter 1:3

- I have the spirit of faith in Christ and that's the way I believe and speak.

2 Corinthians 4:13

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Memory Verse - (color page!)

Ephesians 3:20

To Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask
or think.

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Print - Proverbs 6:2

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Chapter 10

The Secret Place

Have you ever wished you could just *run away*? Have you ever wished that there were a safe place to go when you have problems?

Believe it or not—there is just such a place!

If Jesus is your Lord and Savior—and if you have asked Him to fill you with the Holy Spirit—God has a *secret place* for you.

It's a place far above your problems. It's like a place where eagles dare to go. They can fly miles above any bad weather that comes along.

How To Get To The Secret Place

Did you ever wonder why people tell you to close your eyes and bow your head when you pray? It's so you can go to God's *secret place*. (You can be with God all by yourself—even though there are people all around you.)

Wherever you are in this world, you can get to God's secret place by praying, praising, believing, and saying God's Word. Here's a great Bible verse to know:

“He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty” (Psalm 91:1).

How do we get to the secret place?

It's your words! It's your *forecast*. It's what you pray and say, in Jesus name.

‘I will say of the Lord, ‘He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust’” (Psalm 91:2).

You can get to God's secret place by just closing your eyes and praying to God the Father, in Jesus name.

Dirt Road Park

In my first book, *Forecast For Life*, I told how my father taught me to hit a fastball. I can still hear him saying, *You can do it!* (This was his *forecast* for me.)

At that time in my life, I played on a baseball team for 10, 11, and 12 year olds.

I mostly sat the bench when I was 10. But about that same time, my friends and I found an opening in a wooded field. We carved out base paths, made a back stop, and cut down small trees. No one even knew we were there. But we practiced

every day after school and all day during the summer. (There were 8 boys around my age—right on my street! What a great neighborhood!)

We called it “Dirt Road Park.” (It was near a bumpy old dirt road.) It was our secret place. We felt safe and protected there. We built up our confidence in baseball there. It felt like we had no fear in our secret place.

When my friends and I turned 12, the older boys on our team (the Yankees) had moved up to the next age group. Now *we* were the *older boys*.

Everyone thought our team would end up in last place. But they didn’t know about our secret place. We had become very good at hitting fastballs. In fact, we were so good we beat everyone! We were the city champs, the Yankees, from *Dirt Road Park*!

When Can We Go To God's Secret Place?

If someone is being mean to you, or you are having trouble—go to God’s *secret place*!

When you need to feel the love and protection of God your Father—go to the secret place.

Praying In The Spirit

I used to think that we should go to church and be as good as we could be. Then we would someday go to heaven. Now, that is good thinking. But it is *not* enough! We need to pray and have Jesus as our Lord and Savior. That is when God can answer our prayers.

We can pray to have a little of heaven here on earth. It’s in the *secret place*.

In the secret place you can pray heavenly words. You can *pray in the spirit*. You can speak mysteries to God, in Jesus name!

“I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding”

(1 Corinthians 14:15).

There is not a magic formula for being filled with the Holy Spirit. Just ask the Father God, in Jesus name.

Then just begin to pray heavenly words—inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Go to the Secret Place

When you feel bad—go to God’s *secret place*. Instead of arguing, complaining, or doing wrong things—go to God’s *secret place*. That’s where there is real life, safety, and lots of joy!

In The "Zone"

Athletes that are very focused on their sport are said to be in a "zone." They don't notice the crowd or even the other players. They just *see* a goal line, or a perfect play, or a great performance. It's as if they were in a *secret place*. (In God's secret place we will just *see* Him, not our problems.)

"I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14).

Wile E. Coyote Cartoons

The Road Runner cartoon is a great example of being in the "zone." (I used to watch this cartoon all the time when I was young.)

Wile E. Coyote always wanted to trap and hurt the speedy Road Runner. (Just like the devil tries to hurt us in real life.) He used all kinds of booby-traps, a sling-shot, big rocks, and dynamite.

But the Road Runner was always "*cool*." It was like he was in a "zone." He didn't even notice all the "Acme" weapons that Wile E. Coyote was using. It was like he was in his own *secret place*.

Your Suit of Armor

You can "stand against the wiles of the devil" with God's spiritual armor. (See Ephesians 6:10-17.)

God's *secret place* is where you can put on a spiritual uniform (think of a football uniform). *Armor* is a word that is used to define clothes of protection. Like a helmet and a shield. You can't *see* God's armor, just like you can't *see* the powerful words that you speak in Jesus name. But this armor is very real.

How do we put on God's armor?

When you are praying in the secret place—use your spiritual "eye of faith" while you read the Word out loud. Use your God given imagination when you pray and read from the Bible.

God's Word is amazing! Study the whole 91st Psalm. Read it out loud. Say it out loud. Memorize it. The amazing thing is that it even applies to this evil world of *terrorism*. God's Word is awesome!

**Make Your Words
Be A Good Forecast**
(Read out loud!)

- I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in Him will I trust."

Psalm 91:2

- I put on God's armor and speak God's Word in the secret place, and the wiles of the devil can't touch me.

Ephesians 6:10-17

- Lord, I hide Your Word in my heart so I will not do wrong things.

Psalm 119:11

- I am becoming the best I can be in Christ.

Philippians 1:6

Print - 1 Corinthians 14:15

Matching Page

Draw a Line from a Word to a Definition

God's Word	This word defines how you can see with your spirit—seeing from your heart (spirit).
Forecast	This is where we find God's promises and how we should live.
Eye of Faith	This is God's high place—far above our problems—beyond your natural thinking.
Secret Place	This is what you say and pray—from the Bible—before it happens.

Memory Verse - (color page!)

Psalm 91:2

I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in Him will I trust.

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Word Find Page

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FORECAST, TALK, CONFESS, WORDS, SAY, and GOD

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Chapter 11

Forecast With Words Of Power

If you say you can't, you never will. But when you have Jesus and His word, you will say, *I can!* You will say, *God is on my side, and He has given me the power to become the best I can be in Christ Jesus!*

You may have some wrong thoughts and doubts about yourself. But don't go around *talking* about those doubts. Don't *say* everything you are thinking!

Change your way of thinking and use words like Jesus always taught. Your words are full of power.

Believe It—Then You'll See It

The word *forecasting* is based on Bible laws of faith. It's *saying* and praying God's Word *before* you *see* the answer.

Jesus was happy with this kind of faith and said: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed" (John 20:29).

By faith you can *forecast* that you are *becoming* what God has planned you to be.

The Roman Centurion

Imagine having enough faith to please God. Does that seem too good to be true? It *can* be true. Your *words* can please God.

A centurion officer of the Roman army came to Jesus because his servant was sick and hurting. When Jesus said He would go to the centurion's home and heal his servant, the officer said: "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed" (Matthew 8:8).

Now here was a man who understood the power of words. He was, after all, an army officer. When he spoke, everyone listened. Then they did what he said.

Why was Jesus so quick to respond? Because the man's words were full of faith.

When Jesus heard the centurion's reply, He was very pleased and said: "I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel."

The faith that so impressed Jesus was the centurion's willingness to believe without requiring a super sign or wonder from heaven. The officer had faith in Jesus and His *word*.

He said, “Only speak a word.” And within the hour his servant was healed.

**Make Your Words
Be A Good Forecast**
(Read out loud!)

- I have good courage and a strong heart.

Psalm 27:14

- I imitate Jesus and follow His example. He leads me and shows me good things in my heart.

Ephesians 5:1 and Romans 8:16

- God has given me the measure of faith. I have the God-kind of faith.

Romans 12:3

- I am learning to say good things to other people.

Ephesians 4:29

Print - Isaiah 53:5

Memory Verse - (color page!)

Matthew 24:35

Heaven and earth will pass away,
but My words will by no means pass away.

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Word Find Page

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FAITH, BELIEVE, WORDS, PRAY, and SPEAK.

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Important Things To Remember

(about what you say)

If you ___ ___ ___ you can't, you never will.

But when you have Jesus and His word, you will ___ ___ ___ *I can!*

You should be saying, *God is on my side, and He has given me the power to become the best I can be in Christ Jesus!*

You may have negative thoughts and doubts, but you should not go around *talking* about those doubts.

Don't ___ ___ ___ everything you are thinking!

Chapter 12

Forecast With the Holy Spirit

You can *forecast* God's blessing for your life with the power of your *words*. This may seem too good to be true. But when you begin to feel sad by the problems you face, consider this: You have a helper!

God the Holy Spirit gives the strength and energy to make your *forecast* really happen.

If you spend time with God, and put His Word in your heart, the Holy Spirit will give you the help you need to be your best.

The Holy Spirit has been at work on the earth ever since the beginning. Look at the book of Genesis and you can see that for yourself.

“And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, ‘Let there be light; and there was light’” (Genesis 1:2).

The moment God spoke the Word, “Let there be light,” the Holy Spirit jumped into action and added the power to create the world.

Would you like to have some added power that will guide you through the problems and bad news of this world?

All you have to do is ask the Father God in Jesus' name, to fill you with the Holy Spirit. Your only job is to believe.

Now get ready for the power of the Holy Spirit to:

1. Help you pray with your spirit.
2. Help you learn the Bible.
3. Encourage you to live for Jesus!
4. Help you *forecast* blessing for other people and yourself.
5. Help you know about things *before* they happen.

Make Your Words

Be A Good Forecast

(Read out loud!)

- I build up my faith—praying in the Holy Spirit.

Jude 20

- The Holy Spirit guides me into all truth.

John 16:13

- As I look forward to God's blessing, the Holy Spirit helps me.

John 14:26

- The Holy Spirit—the Spirit of Grace—teaches me all things.

Titus 1:3-8

Important Things To Remember

(about your forecast)

Speaking God's Word
(reading or quoting the Bible aloud)
can overcome sad thoughts
of worry, doubt, and being afraid.

Speaking and praying God's Word
is a good _____ for your life.

The Holy Spirit
will help you _____ blessing for other people and
yourself.

Memory Verse - (color page!)

Colossians 3:15
Let the peace of God rule in your heart.

****[GRAPHIC#13-notebook]****

Print - Joshua 1:8

Word Find Page

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HOLY, SPIRIT, FILLED, BAPTISED, and HELPER.

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Chapter 13

Forecast Some Help From Angels

God will do things that are beyond what you can ask or even think. Your job is to believe Him for your future.

Yesterday is in the past, (and so is 5 minutes ago). Even the angels of God cannot change the past. But if you understand how God's mighty angels work you can get supernatural help for your life.

Angels are *not* little fat babies with bows and arrows in their hands. Angels are great and mighty in strength and ability. And if you are a Christian they are a real big part of your life.

Hebrews 1:14 says that angels are “all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation.”

Angels will help you! (The word *minister* means to help.)

Just think about that. God has created big strong angels to help us and defend us against the evils of this world.

We see examples of what angels can do all through the Bible. An angel helped Daniel in the lion's den. An angel foretold the birth of Jesus. An angel rescued Paul, and also Peter, from prison. And *you* have an angel to help you too!

Remember, we do not pray to angels. We only pray to the Father God, in Jesus name. Angel work when someone speaks the Word of God.

How Do Angels Work For You?

If we want to make sure that angels will help us when we need it, we must *speak God's Word*.

Why?

Because, Psalm 103:20 says that God's Word is what gets the angels to work:

“Bless the Lord, you His angels, who excel in strength, who do His word, heeding the voice of His word.”

When you're in trouble, don't speak about how awful things are. Speak the Word. Give your angel something to work with! Say, *I belong to Jesus. The angels are sent by God to help and defend me.*

Once you have said words of faith, don't be a doubter. Be a believer. Angels are real, and you've given them a real job to do. Give the angels a good *forecast* to work with!

Make Your Words
Be A Good Forecast
(Read out loud!)

- I praise You Lord, and I thank You for the mighty angels that work in my life when I speak Your Word.

Psalm 103:20

- Thank you Father God. Your angels watch over me when I speak Your Word.

Psalm 91:11-12

- I imitate Jesus and follow His example. He leads me and shows me good things in my heart.

Ephesians 5:1 and Romans 8:16

Memory Verse - (color page!)

James 3:6

The tongue sets on fire the course of nature.

****[GRAPHIC#4-2wordkids]****

Print - John 1:2-4

Word Find Page

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FORECAST, TALK, SAY, WORDS, CONFESS, and ANGELS.

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Chapter 14

Forecast Your Best Health

Changes in the weather happen the same for everyone—poor or rich. Weather forecasters tell us how to be safe during bad storms. They help us prepare for the weather.

God has given us the way to be prepared for *everything* in life. It's the Bible.

Sickness is the work of our spiritual enemy. Everyone should fight sickness. (See Acts 10:38.)

God has given doctors special gifts and talents to help us fight sickness. And we should make sure our *good words* are helping the doctors. We should say: *I'm healed by the stripes of Jesus, and with help from the doctors.*

Believing For Better Health

Both rich and poor people hope for good health. The good news is that God loves you and loves to heal people who love Him. Jesus is living proof of that. Everywhere He went in His travels, He healed everyone who came to Him.

Healing is God's perfect will for your life.

God will do great things for us. Believing is our only job. Do we stop believing when it looks as if God is not working? No. We believe forever! (See John 6:29.)

2 Kinds of Medicine

One kind of medicine is what the doctors give us. But there is also another kind of medicine. It is so powerful it can cure every sickness and disease known to man.

Does that sound too good to be true? It's not. I can tell you by the Word of God and by my own experience that such a supernatural medicine exists. And it belongs to you—just by reaching for your Bible.

God's Words are "life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh" (Proverbs 4:20-22).

The Bible is the key to your best health. (Doctors can be inspired by God and help you too!)

Medical help from your doctor can work together with God's healing power. It all works for your good as you study and *forecast* your healing from the Bible.

In Jesus Name

If you need healing, you can forecast better health. You can say: *by Jesus stripes' I am healed*. Put your hand on your heart or shoulder and say: *body, be healed in Jesus Name*

God wants you to be well so that you can help others. You will be your best for others if you get healed yourself!

Now you can put your hand on the shoulder of someone else—and *forecast* better health in Jesus name. Then teach them how to *forecast* with the Bible.

Faith Building, Healing Verses:

Matthew 8:17, Mark 11:23, Mark 16:15-18, Acts 10:38, Isaiah 53:4-5, Psalm 103:1-3, Psalm 107:20, Proverbs 4:20-22, 3 John 2, and 1 Peter 2:24.

Make Your Words
Be A Good Forecast
(Read out loud!)

- The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard my heart and my mind through Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:7
- I follow Jesus and His words. The Word makes me free.
John 8:31-32
- By faith I am healed by reading and speaking the Word.
3 John 2 and Psalm 107:20
- Jesus paid for my sicknesses; by His stripes I am healed.
Matthew 8:17 and 1 Peter 2:24

Memory Verse - (color page!)

Psalm 107:20
He sent His word and healed them.

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Print - 3 John 2

Word Find Page

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HEALING, MEDICINE, STRIPES, BRUISED, and BIBLE.

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Chapter 15

God's Forecast for the Future

Today, millions of people around the world have experienced life-changing events. There have been terrorist attacks, natural disasters and threat of nuclear war.

But if you have Jesus Christ as your Savior, you don't have to live in fear. We have a "blessed hope" in Christ Jesus.

We have dangers all around us. But we have something special to pray and *forecast*. It's the words from the Bible!

Jesus knew we were going to have to face times like these. He told us about them in Matthew 24. He said: "And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled" (Matthew 24:4-6).

See That You Are Not Troubled

The word *troubled* means to be scared and worried. When you hear about trouble, don't let it stop your faith and make you worry.

Your future is not based on what is on TV. Your future is based on your faith in God and the Bible.

Trouble is designed by the devil to take you away from God's Word. (See Mark 4:14-15.)

Is it possible to be strong in faith right in the middle of trouble?

Yes! The Bible says so.

The person who fears the Lord and delights greatly in His commandments "will not be afraid of evil tidings; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. His heart is established; he will not be afraid." (Psalm 112:7-8.)

Jesus Will Return

The Bible is full of forecasts. There are hundreds that tell about Jesus coming to the earth to pay for our sin. Most of the Bible forecasts have already come to pass. The only things that have not happened yet are the ones about Jesus coming back a 2nd time.

Today's newspaper headlines look as if they were written straight from the Bible: Trouble is everywhere. The Bible warned us that this would happen in the *end times of the earth*.

But there is still good news! The good news is Jesus! He's coming back!

“Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord” (Thessalonians 5:17).

When that day arrives, He’ll come—ready or not.

“In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. . . and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall all be changed”
(1 Corinthians 5:52).

Will we be ready?

Get Ready!

Jesus has a place for us in heaven. So let’s get ready!

Keep yourself full of the Word and the Holy Spirit so that when you hear the blast of the trumpet announcing Jesus’ return, you’ll just lift up right out of here!

Don’t Be Caught by Surprise

The Lord has promised to return for the “catching away” of true Christians. The time is very near. Jesus made a *forecast* for the future and said, *I’ll be back!*

Wow! What a day that will be!

It’s coming. There’s no doubt about that. The only question is, are *you* ready?

The End Times

Can you imagine how a weather forecaster feels as he tracks a killer storm on Doppler radar? He knows he cannot stop the storm or change its path. The only hope of saving lives is by warning people about the quickest way they can use to escape before the storm strikes.

Do you want to be ready? Then spend time studying Bible verses about the return of Jesus. Build your hope to the point where you wake up every morning looking for Him.

Live every day watching for His return. Don’t let it catch you by surprise. It’s not supposed to, you know.

Jesus Himself said His coming would be like the flood in Noah’s day. Think about that for a moment. The flood took the world by surprise.

People were going about their normal lives, not looking for anything unusual. Then suddenly the flood came. They were completely *in the dark* about what was happening.

But Noah wasn't caught by surprise. He'd been working on the ark for many years. He'd been expecting that flood. He didn't know the day or the hour, but he knew it was coming and he was ready. When it started to rain, Noah wasn't *in the dark*; he was *in the ark*!

That's how we're supposed to be. You won't be caught by surprise. You will know in your spirit that He is coming back.

"Looking forward for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13).

Make Your Words
Be A Good Forecast
(Read out loud!)

- I set my mind on things above, not on things in the earth—so I will be ready when Jesus returns.

Colossians 3:2

- The day of the Lord is coming soon, and I am ready.

Acts 2:19-21

- Lord, I hide Your Word in my heart so I will not sin against You.

Psalm 119:11

- I walk in love, even as Christ has loved me.

Ephesians 5:2

Memory Verse - (color page!)

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

We shall all be changed—in a moment,
in the twinkling of an eye.

****[GRAPHIC#15-family]****

Print - 1 Thessalonians 4:17-18

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HEAVEN, JESUS, RAPTURN, and RETURN

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Chapter 16

Faith Food for Kids

The Bible is completely true. God Himself gave it to holy men. It is God's Word to you. It's His message to all people.

The Bible gives *help*, wisdom, and promises to live by. The Bible gives us *hope* for the future.

Every time you read your Bible, believe God will accomplish something in your life. When you study, believe God's Word will become more alive and active in your life.

Supernatural Words From God

Stop thinking of the Bible as a storybook or a religious textbook. Start thinking of it as the handbook for living.

That's what it is, you know. It's the wisdom of almighty God written down for you, so you can use it in your life.

The Bible will turn you into a winner. Not just now and then. Not just here and there. But every day in every single way! (Remember, you have to *say* it and pray it!)

The Bible teaches that we have God's love, abilities and blessings when we read and live by the Bible.

People have a free will, and are free to go against God and His Word if they want to. But, there will not be a great amount of God's blessings if they go against God's laws.

The Bible Miracle

The Bible is not a book of just ordinary words. It is flesh and blood *real*. It is God's Word to all people.

Give the Word first place in your life.

Every time you open your Bible, believe that something good will happen inside you. Make a decision to receive what God wants to do in your life.

"So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it will accomplish what I please" (Isaiah 55:11).

Word Basics

God's Word has been given to us in the form of 27 New Testament writings and 39 Old Testament writings. The Old Testament Bible was read, memorized and spoken by Christ Jesus! He went around healing people, doing miracles, and teaching from the Bible. He said it was God's laws for all people.

The Bible Is Good News!

The news about Christ and His resurrection shook the world forever.

Nothing in this world speaks truth, freedom, love, and power like God's Word. From Genesis to Revelation, God's Word is life-changing power for anyone that studies and believes it.

Believing is where the power is! (Because a lot of people just read the Bible—but never receive its' power.)

The Word Is Life-Changing

What many Christians don't understand is that the Word of God is alive! The Word can make miracles happen in your life.

The Bible is a personal message from almighty God Himself. Jesus is the living Word, the message of God to all people.

God's Goodness Never Ends

I love baseball, but it is just a game. Real life is not a game. Life is serious. But it can be awesome! It can be rewarding, and full of real joy.

Sometimes we might feel like a loser, but remember, we don't play 9 inning games. We play until we win. Our Father God is the umpire, and it's His ball and bat!

If you have Jesus and His word, you are a winner!

Make Your Words Be A Good Forecast (Read out loud!)

- I study, speak and obey God's Word day and night, so I am wise and blessed.

Joshua 1:8

- I am becoming the best I can be in Christ.

Hebrews 13:20-21

- I am getting better at being a doer of the Word.

James 1:19-22

- God has given me the measure of faith. I have the God-kind of faith.

Romans 12:3

- I am learning to say good things about other people.

Ephesians 4:29

Memory Verse - (color page!)

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

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Print - 1 John 3:21-22

Word Find Page

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ASK, CONFIDENCE, RECEIVE, BELIEVE, BIBLE, and JESUS

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Important Things To Remember

(about your words, how you talk, and your forecast)

The Bible is God's Words to help you live!

Every time you read your Bible,
believe God will do something special in your life.

When you study—believe the Bible will become more real in your life.

Your ____ is saying what you expect—before it happens—
just as weather forecasters do.

Your ____ can make good things happen, or bad things happen.

You can ____ about how things are today, or you can talk about a better tomorrow.

What is your forecast?

****[GRAPHIC#17-winners]****

Jesus

"His name is called The Word of God."

Revelation 19:13