

Heart Treasure
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preface

For over a year I posted a variety of quotes from my heart treasure. Some of them were taken from notes and some directly quoted from teachings and sermons that I have in my personal notes. Some of them have been a momentary inspiration that flowed out of my devotions to the Lord. Some of them were written down by my wife, Martha during ministry times when I was sharing so that we wouldn't forget them. And some of them are the results of conversations that I have had with others that have been inspiring to me, and left a thought lodged in my heart.

All of them are shared within the framework of my life message which is primarily three things: build faith, release destiny, and bring reformation.

With purpose I use the inclusive "we and us" in the tone of these snippets because they apply to me first before they apply to anyone else. I am included in these sayings. In fact, the more I include myself, the more I have benefitted from writing these things down. This approach has even changed the tone of my preaching and teaching to be more inclusive, which, I assume, is easier to receive when I minister.

I thought about some frame works by which these sayings can be read. They could become a daily devotional, though I have on purpose not formatted them in that way. They could be read until our brain is over loaded and we have to stop. They could be read with the intent of having our faith stirred up, our hearts enlarged or our thoughts expanded. But mostly, I would hope that they are read with a seekers heart to fulfill an upward life calling to live abandoned and expectant lives for the glory of the Lord.

There is no specific order or theme-flow to these words. I have mixed them up on purpose even when the original postings had a certain flow of thought from one to another. I did this with intent. It is my desire that we stay on edge a bit as we read through these thoughts. In this way, I hope there will always be a bit of a surprise as we journey through them.

I had a couple of suggestions from readers of the original postings on Facebook that I have incorporated here in hopes of adding value to us as we read along.

First, it was suggested that a button could be made available for us to just push that would automatically record things like, "Wow, I needed that", "So be it" or "Lord, help me!" A book doesn't provide much for buttons, but I have playfully included some text you can circle for quick responses. I hope that this will provide an interactive way for us to make these sayings personal and real.

Secondly, there is a space for your own responses after each numbered thought. Something about writing things down that can help us integrate our lives with what we are interfacing with. In this way you may decide to use these thoughts as stimulus for your own dialog with God, or an aspect of journaling along. Or you may decide to write a prayer response or other faith statements, making this book yours personally with your own input.

I am looking forward to what will happen as these thoughts are all available in this collection, something about a greater whole perhaps, rather than just individual thoughts. Or maybe some new fresh things will come out of the combination of thoughts.

So here we go: be blessed and have fun!

Parryl Redman

For the furthering of the Kingdom.

