

Apples of Gold in Baskets of Silver

by Liberty Savard

PO Box 41260

Sacramento CA 95841

www.libertysavard.com

www.libertysavard2U.com

Copyright © 2003 by Liberty Savard

Library of Congress Catalog Card Number: Pending
International Standard Book Number: 9780882709079

Under International Copyright Law, no part of this publication may be reproduced, stored, or transmitted by any means-electronic, mechanical, photographic (photocopy), or otherwise-without written permission from Liberty Savard.

eBooks created by:

www.ccawebs.net

Fort Wayne, IN

This eBook is in **pdf** format. If you are reading this page, your computer already has the free Adobe Reader installed, and you can view, search and print the eBook.

This eBook also has several interactive features enabled, should you desire to fill in the answers to questions, insert personal notes (called "Sticky Notes"), or highlight areas of text using your computer, rather than printing out the eBook and completing it by hand.

In order to access the interactive features of this eBook, you will need to have Adobe Reader version 7 or later (version 8 or later recommended).

Click the button below to download the latest version of Adobe Reader.



The following instructions are from Adobe Reader version 9. Similar toolbars can be found in versions 7 and 8. You can also refer to your version's help menu.

Using the Typewriter Tool

Choose Tools > Typewriter > Typewriter.



Click over the desired area of the page and type.

(Optional) Choose Tools > Typewriter > Show Typewriter Toolbar. Use these tools to change the size or position of the typed text.

When finished, be sure to save your changes. It is recommended that you also print a copy of the completed form.

(Continued on the next page)

Using the Sticky Note Tool

Click on the Comment  button near the top of the page, and then choose Add Sticky Note .

Type your comment in the pop-up note. (Your comment remains if you close the note.)

(Optional) Drag the sticky note icon or pop-up window to a new location (e.g., underneath or beside the question or paragraph you are commenting on).

Highlighting Text

Click Tools > Comments and Markup in the top menu, and then choose Highlight Text Tool .

Note: The newer versions of Adobe Reader also make use of your computer's text to speech features. On the top menu, click on View > Read Out Loud > Activate Read Out Loud. Then repeat by clicking View > Read Out Loud, but this time, select your choice of either Read This Page Only or Read to End of Document. More details can be found in the Adobe Reader's help menu. Be sure to have your computer's sound turned on!



Silver Basket

PRAISE HIM

Golden Apple One

PRAISE HIM FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL BLOOD TRANSFUSION

"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." (Psalm 139:14-16, NIV)

Each one of us was born into a different set of family dynamics and circumstances. Some were born to parents who did not know how to love or nurture. Some were born into discouraged families, some into performance-oriented families, and some into wildly dysfunctional families. When you are living in the world without Jesus, these generational liabilities can shred your soul, eating away at your sense of worth and identity.

Non-believers often spend their entire lives trying to overcome this generational lack. The Good News is that when you became a Christian, you were born into a new family with a new spiritual parent and bloodline! You can discard the effects and influences of all of your unmet needs, unhealed hurts, and unresolved questions and receive God's perfected plans for your life. No longer do you have to live under any liabilities.

God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to give you everything you need to become a new creature—love, joy, hope, wholeness, and purpose. You can receive them today.

Father God, thank you for watching over me when I did not know or care who you were. I bind my will to your will, Lord, and my mind to the mind of Christ. I loose all of the former patterns of thinking and wrong beliefs I have ever had. I am ready to live with a new bloodline and with new attitudes towards life and others. Thank you. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

TASTING THE TRUTH

What can happen to non-believers who came from families with generational liabilities?

What is different between the non-believers above and the Christian believers who came out of the same kinds of family dynamics?

Do you need to forgive someone in your family? If so, write a short note to God about why you haven't done that yet.

What effects and influences of past hurts still bother you today? Are you willing to ask God for grace and mercy and healing so you can open them up to His healing? If so, stop and ask Him right now. Then write down what He says.



I bind my will to your will, Father. I bind my mind to your mind, Jesus. I bind myself to the truth of your Word and all it tells me about how much you love me. Help me recognize where I have not yet let Jesus Christ's blood transfusion enter, all of the places where I still feel scorched and raw. I want to be whole and ready to tell others why I praise you, why I love you, and why I need you so much. Blessings and honor to you, Lord. Amen.

Golden Apple Two
PRAISE HIM FOR TODAY

"Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations." (Psalm 100:1-4, NIV)

When my days are not as bright as they could be and my heart is not rejoicing as it should be, I remind myself of an old song I learned in the early 1970's: "This is the day that the Lord has made. I will rejoice and be glad in it." Right after that song, I learned to then sing, "I will enter His gates with thanksgiving, I will enter His courts with praise." These words remind me that every day is a new day, a gift from God. I will rejoice in each one with thanksgiving and praise. This is a choice that I will make each day.

When my days are so difficult that they bleed over into my nights, then I will choose (at 2:00 a.m. or whenever I'm awakened by feelings of anxiety or impending disaster) to tell myself that my God is in control. Because I have chosen to bind myself to His will, I have committed my life to His control as well. I'm always grateful for the binding and loosing prayers when these ragged moments tear into my sleep or prevent it. I am reminded that I'm the apple of His eye.

Lord, you are worthy, you are mighty, you are holy. You alone are great and filled with glory. How incredible and amazing that you have chosen to share yourself with me, day and night. I am speechless at the glory of your generosity and love. I am unable to express my love and gratitude back to you, so I just say thank you. Amen.

TASTING THE TRUTH

What can you thank Him for and praise Him for today?

Each new day God gives you is a what?

What have you been doing about overcoming anxiety? Do you feel it has been productive?

The next time you wake up at night feeling anxious, pray and bind your mind to the mind of Christ and loose all wrong patterns of thinking. Remind yourself that He is in control. Do this as often as you need to until you fall asleep. Then write in here how you felt.



Lord, you deserve all glory and honor. I lift my heart up to you in worship and adoration. There is no one else like you. This is the day that you have made—all 24 hours of it. I cannot always seem to fend off the thoughts that come when I am under pressure or it is dark and cold outside, but I can reaffirm my trust and confidence that you are with me every minute. I can trust every detail of my life to you. How incredible that you have found it in your heart to choose me for your family and honor me with your love. Thank you for your faithfulness towards me, my Lord. Amen.

Golden Apple Three

PRAISE HIM IN THE MORNING

"Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice . . . Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:4-7, NKJV)

Thank the Lord God Almighty for this morning. Thank Him for His majesty and creative power. He is in control and He is good. He loves you and is watching over you, so declare that this day is going to be a **worry-free zone!** Hallelujah! *"Today is the day the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalms 118:24, KJV).*

Lift up your praises to Him. If God is for you, who can be against you? Regardless of the troubles you went to bed with last night, God is still in charge of your life if you let Him be. He is entirely capable of making this day worry free for you. He reigns in the big things and He wants to reign in the smallest details of your life. He is your strength and salvation in the good times and in the dark times.

His peace will settle into your soul if you make room for it. Peace is a gentle gift that will not fight the fears of your soul for position within you. Prepare a place within yourself to receive it. Be still before Him and pray Revelation 5:12-13:

You are worthy, Jesus, you are the Lamb who was slain for the sins of the world. My Savior, you are worthy to receive power and praise and wisdom and strength and honor and glory! To Almighty God who sits on the throne and to the Lamb ever beside Him be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever! Amen.

TASTING THE TRUTH

What do I need to loose from my soul to make today a worry-free zone?

What should I be rejoicing about right now, this very day?

What has the noonday sun revealed in my soul?

Do you really believe He reigns in all things? If you do, then do you wonder why your life can seem to slide sideways at times?

What can you say right now to honor Jesus?



I will rejoice in you always, Lord. I will rejoice in your mighty works and your creation. I will rejoice in your faithfulness. I will rejoice in this day. I have nothing to be anxious about because you are with me. I will therefore thank you for what you know I need because I do not need to tell you. I am grateful that you are in control of the world without and of my soul within to the degree that I have surrendered it to you. I am grateful for your peace that you have sent to guard my heart and mind. I am grateful for the air I can breathe and for the strength you have given to me. Praise your name, Amen.

Golden Apple Four
PRAISE HIM AT NOON TIME

"But as for me, I will always have hope; I will praise you more and more. My mouth will tell of your righteousness, of your salvation all day long, though I know not its measure. I will come and proclaim your mighty acts, O Sovereign LORD; I will proclaim your righteousness, yours alone." (Psalm 71:14-16, NIV)

Stand up at noontime with the sun over your head, and raise your smiling face and outstretched arms to Him. Lift up your voice to Him with words of honor and love and adoration. He has made you for himself, you are the workmanship of His hands—created to love and adore Him. Tell Him that you love Him with all the love you know how to give.

"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 praiseworthy—meditate on these things" (Philippians 4:8, NKJV). Meditating on His goodness and power and love in the middle of the day is a good way to focus your mind on things above.

"Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun" (Psalm 37:5-6, NIV). The sun shines brightest right above us when it is noon. There is no darkness to be seen, no hidden things in the light of the noonday sun. Thank Him for the light to walk in as you follow the paths He's planned beforehand for you.

Praise you, gracious Lord, and all thanksgiving and honor to you who has set the sun in the sky and the Son in my heart. Thank you for your wondrous plans and your mighty purposes. Thank you for allowing me to be in your family. Amen.

TASTING THE TRUTH

What can you tell the Lord that you love about Him today?

What things of good report can you meditate on today?

Is there something you can commit to Him today and believe that He will change the outcome of for the better?

What things has He shined His light on in your life that used to be dark and frightening?

What helps you to focus your mind on things above?



You are my Shepherd and my Savior, and you lead me in paths of light. Thank you for lighting my way in a world that has so much darkness. Today I will focus on thinking on things that are noble, just, pure, lovely, and of good report. I will meditate on your virtue and I will praise you for being an example to me so I can run the race to become more like you. I need you to make my righteousness shine like the noonday sun today. I need your light so I can see that you have truly chosen me and have made paths for me to follow for you. Amen.