

Quite inspired
Upbeat & alive
Invigorated & stirred
Changed & stimulated
Keenly vitalized
Energized & excited
Notably animated

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GOD'S QUICKENING POWER

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WHAT IS THE EXPERIENCE OF QUICKENING?

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The word "Quicken" is an obscure Biblical word, but without its power, our relationship with Him is limited to a dead language. The literal Greek meaning of the word quicken is to "make alive, give life or vitality." (Strong's #2227) To be made alive or given life is very personal and applicable! When you are given life you know it!

THE EXPERIENCE OF GOD'S QUICKENED WORDS HAS TO BE PERSONAL

I remember hearing a story about a woman who brought her shy, unbelieving husband to church. He quietly listened to the entire sermon. Many things he heard related to his personal life (were quickened). Later, when confronting his wife, he said how embarrassed he was that she had told the pastor all about his personal problems. She was astonished because she hadn't said anything.

Quickenings happen when you hear a story, etc. and all of a sudden it connects with your personal life. His quickening power says, "Listen to this, I'm talking to you!" His quickened Words are like a puzzle piece that perfectly fits the shape of your life — You could have a need, or be in a set of circumstances, or whatever, and when the Lord quickens something it becomes applicable, it has a niche — a place to fit.

Sometimes a puzzle piece will appear to have the right shape and size but when you



apply it, it is not a perfect fit. Quickening is not what appears to fit. Quickening is a realization that it DOES fit. When it fits, your heart knows it.

We can go through life reading words and looking at signs, but it isn't until they are personal that they give us life. The words are just flat letters on paper until they are quickened and we finally realize they apply to us. It is the Holy Spirit's quickening power that makes His Words come alive to us and apply to us personally.

When God speaks to us, He can use anything in life to speak! The easiest way we know it is Him is if it is quickened with life and fits the exact need at that time. The following are some examples of God quickening something with life



Labels * Labels

11/09/00 QUICKENED EXPERIENCE
We have been in a season where the Lord has been talking about opinions, judging and criticizing. He said we need to be discerning and pray over our opinions before speaking them.

Today, the huge box of individual labels fell out all over the floor. I was shocked at the parable concerning the Lord dealing with opinions, which are labels we place upon ourselves and others. He is turning our mindsets and opinions upside down! I got the point!

Quickened Timing

4/29/97: QUICKENED TIMING
Today I heard the Lord say, "**Bucket. Rich. See for yourself.**" The Lord had been telling me I was rich with His Word.

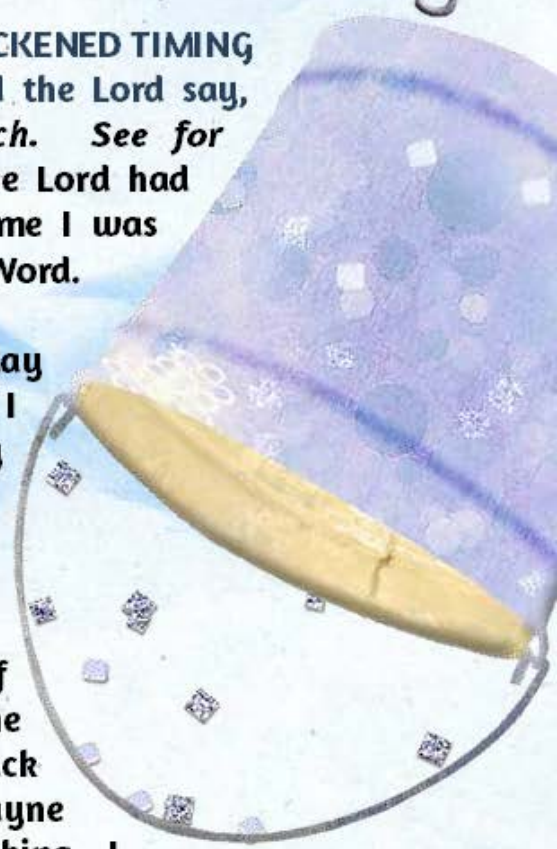
Later that day Wayne and I were walking at the mall. I was very tired at the end of our walk so I planted myself in front of the Radio Shack bench as Wayne continued walking. I was sitting next to a children's toy train. I said to the Lord, "Maybe You have a Word for me while I sit here." Then I glanced at the screen that was playing a Radio Shack ad through the window. I watched for quite a while and saw nothing quickened at all.

Then all of a sudden there was a rope dangling near the top of a lady's head on the screen. She looked up, and pulled the rope. At the EXACT second she pulled it, the children's train next to my bench blew a LOUD whistle. At the EXACT second that the whistle stopped, she finished tugging the rope and a bucket full of gold coins from the sky fell on top of her head!!!!

Well I guess I got my "quickened" Word for the day!!!

Ps 68:19 NKJV

Blessed be the Lord, Who daily loads us with benefits, The God of our salvation!



A Bounce in Your Step

VISION 11/05/03: *I saw that I was pushing down my recorder button and said, "When it springs back, as you push down, it's like putting a bounce in your step." Then I could feel the button under my foot springing me up for a lighter walk. I then said, "That's how you can tell whether it's the Lord."*

WORD TO PONDER: MY QUICKENED WORDS 11/05/03

The Words that I speak are alive. They give life. Sometimes you question if what you hear is My Word for your life. If I were to hook you to a jumper cable and charge you back to life, does it charge someone else? No, it is meant for your life. Does the battery question the Source of the charge? No, it simply detects life and energy and receives it. My Word connects with your heart and charges you with belief. My Words put a bounce in your walk of faith, by giving you a momentary lift off for the next step.

John 6:63 NKJV

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.

Obedience School

QUICKENED PARABLE 12/01/03: While on my prayer walk today I saw a doggie being trained by his master in the school field. He was being told to walk, sit, stay, lay. Then he threw a ball way out in the field. The dog saw him do this and remained in a ready position. When the master told him to go, the dog ran as fast as he could to go retrieve it.

This is what He is doing with me right now. He gives me the Word, and then I wait for the right timing and how to deliver the Word.

It is very hard to be in a place where you are submitted to the Holy Spirit, tender and meek and willing, but at the same time not yielded to men wanting to push you into their agenda for timing.

Numbers 16:28 NKJV

And Moses said: "By this you shall know that the LORD has sent me to do all these works, for I have not done them of my own will."

Middle What?

10/02/07 QUICKENED WORD: MIDDLE AGE

I am overcoming what I guess is mid age crisis, although I am not sure what that really is. It seems to have hit me all at once from many different angles and I have even wondered if I have finished my race. He is reassuring me that is not so, He is not done with me yet.

Today I received a Word from a friend. It was very quickened and perfect:

Today a friend prayed for me and was impressed that an angel was taking a pen and started writing in the middle of the book. That was very applicable where I knew the middle of the book represented my facing middle life and I have only written half the book!

Word from a Friend

QUICKENED PARABLE: When I typed the above, in highlighting "Word from friend" to make it CAPS, I accidentally pushed justify. As it strrrrrrrrrreeeeeeeeetched across the page, 2 things came to me. It is strongly quickened to me that the Lord has given me a visual parable that I have not completed my second half yet. Secondly, He is wanting me to stretch forward to the second half of my life and not stay stuck in the same place I am today, but strive to make my life better in places where I can make better choices. What I plant today becomes a harvest tomorrow. The kinds of seeds are my choice.

WORD TO PONDER: MID AGE CRISIS? GUESS AGAIN 10/02/07

Yes I see those gray hairs sprouting. And yes I see those joints stiffen. But that does not mean I AM done with you. Loved one, I AM taking those with gray hair and removing them OFF the shelf and into service. So why would I put you on the shelf? Stretch past your mindsets that gravity is taking your life downhill. Stretch your smile muscles UP as you remember that - on purpose, I saved the best wine til last!

John 2:10 NKJV

And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!"

QUICKENED MAGNETIC SIGN ON CHURCH: "When all else fails, DON'T QUIT. Remember Moses. He was once a basket case too. :)"