



**W**hen my son was young and first learning the different ways God speaks, I had a really hard time explaining the word quickening. On the most simple terms, Quickening represents giving life – any kind of life. God created life. If you were trying to help your first grader understand the word “life”, what would you say? It is really hard to define!

Maybe I might take him outside and let him feel the wind on his face and watch the leaf respond to the wind. You don't see the wind, neither can you see quickening

or life. But you are impacted by it. Quickening, just like the word “life” is really like a verb or an action, an expression of something that is moving and impacting and changing.

Sometimes it helps to find comparisons when trying to describe something, or understand it. God's creation is alive and so it is full of good examples of how to describe various aspects of life. Since quickening means life, we can draw from examples in nature and explain how they compare.

## EXAMPLES OF HIS QUICKENING POWER AS COMPARED TO HIS CREATION

1. Quickening is like throwing a rock in a pool of water. When the circles in the water touch me, it impacts my life.
2. When I am cold and I sit in the sunny window, the sun warms and comforts me. That is what the power of quickening is like.
3. God has placed the whole earth on an axis. Likewise, when the perspective of His Word touches me, I come into alignment and feel connected. The quickening of His Word is like settling me into the axis of His purpose.
4. I can watch a tree bud new leaves and see a baby change as it grows up, but I don't know how it happens. Quickening is like that too. - It causes me to change, silently and mysteriously.
5. Water is purified as it moves and splashes. Water that does not move becomes stagnant and stale. When God quickens a Word to my life, it moves me and purifies me. Without His quickening power, I become stagnant and stale, just like a pond.
6. When the birds gather, I am surrounded by their loud chirping of many voices. When God brings me many confirmations, it increases the volume or depth of His quickening upon my soul and spirit.

7. The green grass grows, it looks lush and fertile. Quickening makes me grow lush and fertile.

8. I watch a migration of birds "point" as a sign in the sky when they fly like the letter V or an arrow. Quickening points the way too.

9. A cat purrs and vibrates peace and quickening vibrates peace too.

10. A flower unfolds its petals just like quickening unfolds truth.

**In these previous examples of describing quickening, I have used the terms, "Impacts, warms and comforts, aligns, connects, settles, grows up, changes silently and mysteriously, purifies as it moves, surrounds by volume or depth, grows lush and fertile, points as a sign, vibrates peace, unfolds truth.**

**These are action words that describe aspects of life and thus quickening which is to give life.**

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You may read the following entries in 3 layers. The first layer is the left column, where the class increased the definition of the life in quickening by comparing it to the life in creation. The right hand column shows examples of how God's creation is quickened. Finally the bold, highlighted words can be applied to what quickening is like on a personal level when God quickens His Words to us.



# CLASS EXAMPLES OF COMPARING LIFE IN CREATION TO LIFE IN GOD'S QUICKENING POWER

{Quickenng is} like the glimpse of a spray of light in the distance, when a cloud opens to beam on a certain spot.

{Quickenng is} like an approaching rain shower that you might glimpse from an elevated area.

{Quickenng is} is the "gotcha feeling" you experience when someone points at you.

{Quickenng is} is like when you feel someone's eyes on you from across a crowded room, and you turn and recognize a friend.

Quickenng is a quiet highlighted reality...  
Quickenng is the Holy Spirit pointing to you and saying, "That's it! Now! Listen! or Look!"

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What immediately came to my mind was if one of my cats is sleeping, I just love to hold a cat cookie of catnip leaf near their noses. As soon

as they get a whiff of the enticement, they eagerly jump up ... and follow me anywhere to partake of that treat.

The same way the cat reacts to the aroma of the offered tidbit is the way I react when I suddenly feel the Holy Spirit's quickening. I want to jump up and follow that aroma. I want to jump up and follow Him anywhere.

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Create...creation...creativity....to make, change, give life to.

Quickenng is like the first time that I felt the fluttering touch in my womb of a baby's movement, I knew my baby was no longer an "it" but was truly alive.

Quickenng...A recognition of creation like the cartoon picture of a light bulb going on as the representation of an idea.

Quickenng...{is like} the sudden flash of inspiration

that comes when you finally understand.....(So that's it! Wow, I never thought of it that way.)

Quickenng also could be like the speeding up of your pulse.

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"Trees and their roots" go deep down into the ground just as a quickened word goes deep down into our soul.

A quickened word to me is like a "breeze of fresh air" I can take it in and let it go deep inside of my soul and speak to my inner man and it refreshes me.

The wind blows and moves my hair as the quickened word moves me inside.

Quickenng is like the "morning dew" on the plants and trees in the morning, the nourishment they need to get through the day.

Quickenng is like a "soothed baby" who just finished eating from her mother's breast; the quickened word

satisfies and we are able to rest in that security of His loving care. We can know that we can sit on His lap and hear His sweet love stories knowing we are protected.

A quickened word is like "springtime" It is fresh and new and I get to wear different clothing (new garments and anointings may come with new words from the Lord.)

The sky is like a new picture painted for us each day. The sky always has a new array of colors, glorious and captivating in different ways each time I look at it. Its wonder, beauty and majestic size is captivating when I gaze upon it.

{In the same way} when I gaze upon Him and receive a quickened word it is like a new painting etched in my heart that changes me in a way only God can accomplish. My inner man is strengthened and given more nourishment that is needed for the journey He has me on. His quickening excites me and invites me to reach deeper into His heart for more of these priceless nuggets that fulfill the

depths of my heart. It is like fresh manna needed each day in order to live victoriously from Glory to Glory.

Three Christmas's ago our female dog had a litter of puppies. I happen to be blessed and witness the second puppy being born, a pure white clear bag that grew up to be beautiful dog. The whole birth experience was a miracle. Quickening is like a puppy being born, both bring instant wonder and joy.

To me smelling a rose is like the quickening. They both create wonder and a sense of joy in me. Taking time to smell the flowers creates a beauty inside us. The quickening {draws} us to take time to stop and listen; it brings a sense of inner peace, joy and new life.

The Spring time desert rain is fresh and new like the quickening.

As lightning flashes in the sky so quickening touches the spirit.

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The forest fires cleanse the land, burning the dead brush and undergrowth, and new growth appears much more quickly than it would have before the fire. The quickening of a word spoken by the Holy Spirit burns away the dead brush (shame, rejection, etc.), burns away all of the garbage that has piled up, and brings new life.

As He quickens us, we become like a radio station dial, which has found its perfect place..

Mountains sit aloof, alone, lonely, tall and yet majestic. Man climbs to the top with the right tools. Quickening is like having the right tools to climb to the mountain top.

Trees are sturdy and strong and pass through various seasons. Trees suddenly blossom and produce flowers and fruits in the right season and environment. Quickening is like locating that season and environment for production.