

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: HELPFULNESS**~ Today is your day and mine, the only day we have, the day in which we play our part. What our part may signify in the great whole we may not understand; but we are here to play it, and now is our time. This we know: it is a part of action, not of whining. It is a part of love, not cynicism. It is for us to express love in terms of human helpfulness. ~ David Starr Jordan

### **LIFE ACHIEVERS FOR JESUS**

I'd like to start off by sharing Katie Kee's doctrine (school of thought) for the year 2011:

- I believe that in 2011 the Church's first and last message will be—**WE NEED MORE OF JESUS!**
- I believe in 2011 God's awesome plans will manifest and operate powerfully in believer's lives.
- I believe 2011 is a year that Christians will come alive in the love, power and authority of the living God and the freshness that comes from God's daily presence will be evident.
- I believe that in 2011 old things will pass away and clarity, peace, wisdom and understanding will increase even to the shaking and releasing of old erroneous thinking. We will start experiencing God's ways and thoughts as we come alive in Jesus—we will be like minded (in tune) with Christ Jesus.
- I believe that in 2011 faith will explode—we will operate and walk in spiritual anointing power that will sweep across the lands; nation upon nation will rise up and do great exploits in His name, as a great thirst and hunger for the things of God abound. We will minister under a double potion of anointing—look for it—expect it—walk in it.
- I believe 2011 will be a productive and releasing year for believers as they give to God past hurts, grudges, unforgiveness, selfish desires, and choose to walk God ordained paths.
- I believe that in 2011 we should purpose to let God mold and shape us and yes, even **STRETCH** us into powerful, productive Christians—united shakers and movers under Holy Spirit fire.
- I believe in 2011 we will learn to walk in the practical that brings the powerful move of God into our lives.

I want to make a difference in God's Kingdom this year, do you? I want to be that shining light in the midst of darkness to light someone's way to Jesus. I want to be a vessel of hope to those who are struggling, to show them how to receive and walk in the peace of the **ONE and ONLY PRINCE OF PEACE—LORD AND SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD**, the **TRUE SHEPHERD** who watches over and provides His flock with restful pastures—**JESUS!**

Some of you may be saying, *Wow, Katie, that's you—your calling, but I'm just a little pebble in the Kingdom of God. I just dropped to the bottom of the pile and nobody even knows I'm here. Who would want to use me?*

Church—listen up— God always knows where His children are. God wants to take His little pebbles and make them into powerful rocks to crush the enemy and tear down the worthless deeds of evil and darkness. There is a place for each of us in God’s Kingdom. Paul is saying, *And where your light shines, it will expose their* (ungodly people) *evil deeds*. This is why it is said, *Awake, O sleeper. Rise up from the dead and Christ will give you light* (Ephesians 5:14 NLT). You, and you and you, dear readers have a purpose in God’s Kingdom! Don’t let the enemy cheat you out of your God given right as the heir of God and joint heir of Christ (see Rom. 8:14-17).

I want to be a LIFE ACHIEVER for Jesus instead of just getting by from day to day. Ever spin your wheels wishing today would end and hoping tomorrow will be better? Just “*getting by*” is not the life God intended for His Church. We are not fear-ridden, but we are the **alive** Body of Christ. Fullness of life is God’s heart for all His children, not fear, anxiety and “*just getting through the day!*” How do we achieve being a LIFE ACHIEVER?

Pray with and in the Spirit daily. Eph. 5:15-17- *So be careful how you live, not as fools but as those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity for doing good in these evil days. Don’t act thoughtlessly, but try to understand what the Lord wants you to do.* The key sentence is—*but try to understand what the Lord wants you to do* and the Holy Spirit that dwells within believers will help us to know God’s will and plans for our lives. Paul continues on in verse 18—*Do not get drunk with wine; because that will ruin your life. Instead, let the Holy Spirit fill and control you.* So to be a LIFE ACHIEVER for Jesus we must pray, listen to the leading of the Holy Spirit and stay right with God and His people—keep your heart pure and clean.

Read Acts 3:1-13—the story of a lame man healed. We see that Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer—the ninth hour—the disciples prayed daily at 9 - 12 - and 3pm. They were committed! Their prayer hour consisted of 15 minutes of meditation—30 minutes of petition—15 minutes of adoration. They were building up their spiritual bank accounts—laying up riches for the time they were needed. We also need to build up our spiritual bank accounts—increase our armory. **Armory definition**—a military structure where arms and ammunition and other military equipment are stored and training is given in the use of arms. Church, we are the military structure—the warrior vessels in God’s army. The Holy Spirit does an awesome job of Spiritual Warfare training and equipping us for the battles—our part is committed daily prayer.

### **These verses in Acts 3 reveal that Peter and John were men of:**

*Preparation* as they prayed daily. They were men of *sensitivity* as they stopped to talk to the lame man. Have you passed by someone in need and lost your opportunity, your moment to share, to pray, to touch someone? They were men of *flexibility* as they got the lame man’s attention to the place that he expected to receive something from them. Peter knew the power of God working in his life and what he had to share with the lame man.

They were men of *impartation* as Peter says, *Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you.* In verse 6 Peter says, *In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.* They were filled with the Holy

Spirit and power. It was not what they had in the natural; it was what they had in the spirit. Peter knew who he was in Christ. You can only work in power if you plug into the proper power source. Watching my son grab his power drill and head toward the garage to work on a project, I knew nothing would get “fixed” unless he plugged the drill into the proper power source--otherwise he was kapoot! Unless we plug into the Holy Spirit’s power- we too are kapoot! We have the potential, but it’s wasted effort, useless, and non-effective unless we plug into the right power source--Jesus.

They were men of *authority* –*Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did the man’s feet and anklebones were healed and strengthened. Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them. And all the people saw him walking and heard him praising God.*

They were men of *humility* as you can imagine what people probably were saying—*Wow, how’d you do it? What did you use? What is your secret? Can I do that too?* You know how that goes! And in verse 12, this was Peter’s response—*Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?* The last factor of God dwelling within Peter and John that contributed to the lame man’s healing was their *humility*. Peter turned their amazement away from them and back to Jesus. Peter took himself and John from the spotlight as he gave all the glory to God. Acts 3 is a story of the practical to bring the powerful.

God is a God of hearts. He sees our hearts, not just the exterior shell we live in—this old flesh, 1 Samuel 16:7 say, *...For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.* Did you know that our Father in heaven never intended for us to feel bad about ourselves? He wants us to know ourselves and believe in ourselves in the same way that He does. Jesus came to bring restoration to our lives, so in turn we can become His LIFE ACHIEVER that we are called to be and fulfill our destiny.

All the areas of your life that are out of order can be reconciled through Jesus and the work that He has done on the cross. Don’t settle for bondage, but be determined to be free. God has promised to meet our needs and to repay us for our loss. Facing truth is the key to unlocking prison doors that may have held us in bondage. Dare to be like the lame man! Fix your attention upon those people and the things of God! Expect to receive because God yearns to see you become a LIFE ACHIEVER in Him.

To become men and women of preparation, sensitivity, flexibility, impartation, authority, and humility we must obey the Word of God. We must become doers of the Word and not hearers only. Obeying the Word requires consistency and diligence. It can’t be a hit or miss effort. We can’t just do it for a while to see if it works. There must be a dedication and commitment to live out the Word whatever the outcome, and God’s way works!

Dear reader, I want to invite you to become a LIFE ACHIEVER for Jesus. Don’t be a killjoy or a spoilsport, but a LIFE ACHIEVER for Him. If that is your heart today, would you say this agreement prayer with me?

Dear Lord Jesus, I purpose in my heart today to enter into two thousand and eleven with excitement in my heart, fresh anointing in my spirit and expecting greater things of You God to happen in my life. I want to be a LIFE ACHIEVER for You, Lord Jesus and experience all that You have for me. I want to enjoy being the person God that You made me to be. Let my heart's cry be *MORE OF YOU JESUS IN TWO THOUSAND AND ELEVEN*. Lord, Jesus, help me to pray more, love more, read more, give more, receive more and live more in You. Amen!