

B E L I E V I N G  
H I G H E R



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The place of entire dependence on God. Humility is not so much a grace or virtue along with others; it is the root of all, because it alone takes the right attitude before God, and allows Him as God to do all...which comes when we see how truly God is all, and in which we make way for God to be all.

- Andrew Murray







## HUMILITY

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*And I thank Christ Jesus our lord who has **enabled** me, because he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry, although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. And the grace of our lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. (1 Timothy 1:12-14)*





## MATURING SPIRITUALLY

*“Dear brothers and sisters, when I was with you I couldn’t talk to you as I would to spiritual people. I had to talk as though you belonged to this world or as though you were infants in Christ. I had to feed you with milk, not with solid food, because you weren’t ready for anything stronger. And you still aren’t ready.”*

*(1 Corinthians 3:1-2)*

*For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.*

*(Romans 8:14)*



# FATHERS OF THE FAITH WHO GOT IT WRONG

Abraham and Sarah: Laughed at the Lord when He told them they would have a son.  
(Genesis 17 and 18)

Moses said: *“Who am I, that I should go Pharaoh, and that I should bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt?”* (Exodus 3:10)

Gideon said: *“But Lord, how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least in my entire family!”* (Judges 6: 15)



## ENCOURAGEMENT

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**Do not neglect** the spiritual gift you received through the prophecy spoken over you when the elders of the church laid their hands on you. **Give your complete attention to these matters.** Throw yourself into your tasks **so that everyone will see your progress.** Keep a close watch on how you live and on your teaching. **Stay true to what is right for the sake of your own salvation and the salvation of those who hear you.**

(1 Timothy 4:14-16)



# TEST YOUR WORDS



1 Thessalonians

**5:19-21**

Do not put out the Spirit's fire; **do not treat prophecies with contempt. Test everything. Hold on to the good**



1 Corinthians

**14: 29**

Two or three prophets should speak, and **the others should weigh** carefully what is said





## HOW TO TEST

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All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness.

(2 Timothy 3:16)

- Does it agree with Scripture?
- Is it consistent with the character and nature of God?
- Does it resonate with me?
- How do family, friends, and leaders who love me feel about the word?
- Do I trust the source?
- What was the spirit in which the word was delivered?
- Does it glorify God and draw me closer to Jesus?
- Based upon these criteria, does this word or parts of it accurately reflect what God is speaking to me right now?
- Type out the final version





## BIGGER PICTURE

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- Circle any words that refer to who God says you are. We call these “identity words.”
- Underline any promises that God is making directly to you.
- Make note of any conditions or requirements on your part.
- Mark any words that indicate timing or seasons.
- Make a list of any metaphors or biblical references that you want to research further.
- Count how many times a word, idea, or theme is repeated to work out major and minor themes within your prophetic words.





## IDENTITY STATEMENT

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1. Using the circled words, make a list of the descriptive phrases from your prophetic words that speak to your identity.
2. Make a short paragraph of 3 to 5 sentences that describe who God says that you are. Start your paragraph with the statement, "I am..."
3. This is how you are known in heaven. Declare these things over yourself.





## **BELIEVE HIGHER THAN WHAT WE ARE EXPERIENCING**

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“Mighty hero, the Lord is  
with you!” (Judges 6:12)

So then faith comes by  
hearing, and hearing by the  
word of God.  
(Romans 10:17)



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“You can spend your life reacting what you don’t want to be, or you can spend your life responding to the vision God has given for your life.”

Kris Vallotton





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Even if someone is misbehaving or under-performing, we call them up, “Hey, you are way too awesome to be acting like this. How does your current behaviour align with who God says that you are?” Suddenly we are not attempting to live just above the acceptable line; we are setting our minds and hearts on things above and not on earthly things.

- Dan McCollam





# ACCOUNTABILITY: CALLING HIGHER

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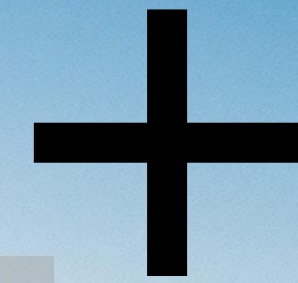
Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

(Colossians 3:1-2)





# FULLNESS



Until we all reach **unity in the faith** and in the knowledge of the Son of God and **become mature**, attaining to the whole measure of the **fullness** of Christ.  
(Ephesians 4:13)