

We are like a  
**SNOWFLAKE**

all different in our own  
*beautiful way*

## Women of Victory Newsletter

**1 Cor 15:57 - Thanks be to God, who gives us  
the Victory!!**

The Women of Victory e-Magazine is a new thing the Lord is doing. It's a way for us as Women of Victory to CONNECT! We look forward to hearing from you and would like you to send in your questions, poems, stories and testimonies of God's Greatness with the hope they will be published.

It is our intent to cover as many areas that relate to women as is possible in each edition. With your help we will accomplish that very thing. Send this e-Magazine to all your friends and have them pass it to their friends. With your help we can make this Women of Victory magazine go viral!! When we have good news we ought to share it! Amen!

~ Dr. Hazel Hill

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*Live Happy!*

Philippines 4:11 *"Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."*

With so much commercialism in the world today, all trying to make us discontent with what we have and desirous of the 'new and improved' thing on the market, we can become very discontented and unhappy with what the Lord has given us.

**Dr. Hazel Hill**

*Missions Director &*

*Co-Founder, VCI*

*Orange County, CA, USA*

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The Jews experienced that when the Lord brought them out of Egyptian bondage. They were so discontent with the Lord's provision, they preferred bondage to freedom, leeks and garlic rather than the freedom of the Lord's presence and His provision of manna from heaven.

I see this in the world today. Bondage preferred to freedom every time we over spend or use our Visa or Master Card to purchase things we cannot afford or really don't need. Debt. When all the time the Lord says to owe no man anything but to love him. A long time ago I learned to ask myself, just before I made a purchase, "Do I really need this thing?" The answer is usually 'NO', so I put it back on the shelf and walk out happy and richer. If we cannot use a credit card to our advantage, let's cut them up until we can.

Let us learn the lesson Paul teaches us in Philippians 4:11. Let us be content with what we have.

1 Timothy 6:6-10 "Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."

Yes, sorrow comes with debt and you become a slave to the lender. The interest on credit cards is atrocious!!! Every time you cannot pay off your credit card at the end of the month, you accrue interest and help your creditors to live in luxury on your hard earned money while debt is strangling you, because you just had to have it.

I have worked in so many countries around the world and I confess that the happiest people I have met are those who have almost nothing. But one thing they do have, family, the most precious possession known to man. That can be your natural family or your church family. Most precious.

As a young girl I preached in mud huts in Africa. One day as I was preaching I looked at a very old man who was playing a tambourine with only three clackers on it. He had about 5 teeth in his head and a smile that lit up my heart. I stopped preaching and asked this old man, "Why are you so happy?" He replied, "I love Jesus and I have one chicken." I have learned a lot from Africa, especially to be content and happy with God's provision. How about you?



*Dr. Hazel on the Mission Field, Africa 1988 (above)*

## *Feeding the Poor of India*

*Pastor Lizy Jeyaseelan  
VCI, New Delhi, India*



The Global Christmas Feeding Program gave us a wonderful opportunity to show the love and compassion of God to the poor and the destitute children of India. The Christmas season is always treated as a time of the greatest gift of God to mankind.

During the Christmas season we went to the slum areas in many cities throughout the nation of India and gathered the poor and orphaned street children and some of the older people. We cooked food for them with the help of our

cooks who are already working in our Slum Schools.

We had all the people sit in lines and gave them the free food and shared the love of Christ with them. Hundreds of children were fed this way. We even gave them small Christmas gifts. They were excited to receive this unexpected blessings from us and this helped them to know that there are people who care for them and a God that loves them.

This has given to our Victory Pastors the favour of the people and they have earned the trust of these people. In some places, this has opened doors for our Health Workers to go and visit the people and share the good news of the Lord. Many slum children attracted

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THIS CHRISTMAS, GIVE A SPECIAL  
GIFT, A HOLIDAY MEAL AND A  
*joyous celebration*



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By this program have begun to attend our  
Stum Schools in the areas and the schools are  
growing.

I thank God for this Global Christmas Feeding Program and hope  
and pray that the Program will continue. We also pray for the donors  
and thank God for their partnership. Thank you Dr. Hazel Hill for making this  
happen. Jesus said "I was hungry and you fed me". May this become true always in our  
Victory Family!

In 2012, the Indian government stated that 21.9% of its population is living below the  
official poverty limit. They have also estimated that 23.6% of the Indian population, or  
about 276 million people, live on less than \$1.25 per day.

Matthew 25:35

"for I was hungry, and you gave Me food; I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink; I was a  
stranger and you took Me in;"

## Thank You for Supporting VCI Missions!

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Take a moment to watch this video as we reflect on what we have accomplished  
in 2015!



# *A Prophetic Word of Destiny*

by Sherry Loewen, MCC  
Royal Oak Victory Church, Calgary, AB



I want to share a personal story about how a prophetic word carried me through to my destiny.

A prophetic word is a powerful gift from God. When given through other men and women in the body of Christ, it can literally infuse us with vision that guides us toward our destiny. Vision that fills us with strength and perseverance.

*"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."* 1 Timothy 4:14-15 (NLT)

This was true in the First Century Church when Paul wrote this, as well as now in the Twenty-First Century.

In 2005, while attending a Women's Conference in Lake Louise, AB, Dr. Hazel spoke a prophetic word over me. She prophesied about the ministry I would have to the poor and how God would use me to reach out and show others Jesus, how I would teach, preach and raise up new leaders.

*"For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires."* (Hebrews 4:12, NLT)

When a Holy Spirit inspired prophetic word is spoken in your life the same thing happens, it becomes activated inside of you.

My Family is blessed to attend Royal Oak Victory Church and have Pastor's Dave and Clarisse Meyers as our Pastors for the past 18 years. They have always encouraged the entire church family to serve and find our destiny in Christ. With their support and direction I have been able to try many different ministries.

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The prophecy also ignited in my heart a passion for study and I started attending Victory Bible College International in Calgary. Victory Bible College totally changed my life. The support, teaching and the anointing of God at the College has led me to press in and study and finish my Masters in Christian Counselling.

The prophetic words from Dr. Hazel as well as encouragement and support from my pastors has led me to lead a ministry called His Hand's in which we support Victory Outreach Foundation through Eastside Victory Outreach and Victory Manor. We have a team that ministers at Ronald McDonald House and very shortly we will be starting up a Prison Ministry.

This is the time when we must seek out those prophetic words for our churches and for our individual lives. The harvest is ripe. So many are searching and seeking and it is time for us to all rise up in our destiny and the purpose that God has for us so that we can reach a hurting world. If you are like me, we can't see it in our frail human selves and often a word of prophecy is what we need to help us to rise up and begin to see that it is all about Jesus and not about us and then we need to prepare, like Paul told the first century church.



## *Praying God's Word*

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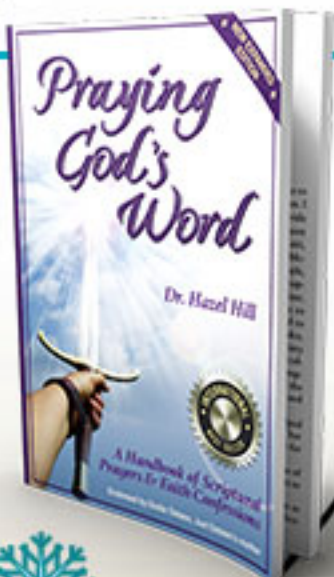
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## *The Power of Prayer*

*A Testimony of God's Goodness*

by \*Anonymous



In the late '90s a friend talked me into accompanying her to the Victory Women's Conference in Sriracha, Thailand. Being unfamiliar with the laying on of hands, speaking in tongues etc. I resolved to be fully on my guard. What followed changed my life forever. As I sat in the audience my spirit was gripped by the preaching of a speaker I had never heard of previously. Dr. Hazel Hill was speaking with a power, an authority and a faith I had not encountered before. My own faith soared, and kept soaring for the next two years.

Fast forward several years later, and my husband and I found ourselves moving jobs, homes, and countries yet again. We had also come to a point where we needed to decide what our next step would be in dealing with the infertility problem we had been struggling with for the past fifteen years. We had studied the Word, prayed, and sought medical help, but got no closer to having children. I kept checking with my spirit as to how to proceed. What I felt being impressed upon my spirit was to go ahead with the next medical step, which was in vitro fertilization. I felt strongly that my conscience as a believer was at peace, and my husband felt the same way.



Around this time I wrote to Dr. Hazel and simply asked if she would pray for me, not going into much detail. I'm so glad she did pray, because what followed was more than my faith alone could handle.

Our first round of IVF produced only two embryos and we were thrilled to find out that both of them resulted in my first pregnancy.

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At a routine appointment several weeks later, it was discovered that I was not carrying twins, as previously told, but triplets (one of the embryos had split in two).

At that very moment someone else might have recognized the multiple blessing which was given to us, but my whole being went into shock, and fear gripped me with a force, such as I had never experienced before. I sank so far, that for weeks I was unable to utter a prayer, or pick up my Bible. It was a truly dark moment in my spiritual life. The only glimmer of hope was the knowledge that Dr. Hazel was praying. I somehow knew I could trust her faith at the time when I wondered if I had any of my own left.

At 32 weeks our triplets were born. After a month spent in NICU we brought them home. Three tiny, but otherwise healthy and easy-going babies. 'Sunny' is the word I'd use to describe them now, age 10.

So, my testimony is about the love of our God and the faithfulness of a leader who chooses to study the Word, pray, fast and live a Godly life so that the Lord can use her as a vessel to bless the lives of others. For her faithfulness I will always be grateful.



**BEFORE  
I FORMED  
YOU IN  
THE WOMB  
I KNEW YOU**

JEREMIAH 1:5

*\* Due to the political and religious environment of the author's current location, her name and personal details will remain anonymous.*



# Prepare Him Room

Pastor Sharon Williams

New Victory Church, Calgary, AB



It is difficult for the best of us to not be swept up into the Christmas flurry. But if we are not careful, the very sights and sounds that are intended to magnify God, can be the very things that distract us from the peace He came to offer. Romans 12:2 warns us, "Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit

into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God" (MSG). What a reminder for us as Christian mothers to purposefully fix our eyes and lift the gaze of our children away from presents, stockings and Santa Claus and onto what matters the most at Christmas time and all the time; Jesus!

Here are three practical tools that you may find helpful:

## 1. Celebrate Big!

As Christians we have the privilege of celebrating even louder and longer than the rest of the world! In our home, we've presented Christmas to our children as 'the biggest birthday party on the whole planet'. Not only is celebrating Jesus fun for your children, it also combats the sinful inclination toward greed and entitlement! As you decorate your home with lights, and dress the Christmas tree or as you bake together and shop for gifts for loved ones, remind your children that it's not just done for the people we love, it's ALL for the One whom you're celebrating! Our God is so awesome that when He has a birthday, EVERYONE gets presents! Wow, what a good God. Another good practice to weave into gift giving, is to ask your children what gift they can give to Jesus. After all, the greatest gift we can give is our lives. What a perfect opportunity to instruct those impressionable hearts!

## 2. Slow Down and Look Around!

I remember the look in my son's eyes when he saw snow for the first time. I was rushing to transport him out of the cold and into the car when I heard him squeal with delight.

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I looked to see his eyes wide in wonder as he took in the view. He was eight months old, but his contagious enthusiasm stopped me in my tracks and my eyes were open to see the beauty that was all around! If we're not careful, we can be so distracted by our busy to-do lists and social gatherings that we forget to look around and see the wonder of it all! Often the most sacred things can be passed over unless we have eyes to see! Ask yourself, if what you're doing is adding or distracting to the view of Jesus. Having the best light-show on the block may build egos, but singing Christmas carols over candle-light will feed the very soul.

### 3. Count it Down

Advent is a Christian practice of expectant waiting and anticipation of Christmas day, as well as a tremendous way to daily focus on Jesus. We have a nativity that is separated into 25 different pieces with scripture readings. Each day we unwrap and add to our nativity display. On Christmas morning we unwrap the greatest gift, baby Jesus. Whether you choose to do something similar, or adapt a way of your own, this is an easy way to walk through the Holidays purposefully. Some people wrap up 25 Christmas books and unwrap one a day, some just do simple devotional readings or crafts. Counting down the days is a way to prepare room in the hearts of our young ones. Rather than emphasizing 'being a good boy/girl so Santa will bring presents, Advent empties 'self' to recognize that Jesus is the gift we don't deserve. He doesn't love us more if we're good, He doesn't forsake us if we are bad. He is the gift we have already been given and we can unwrap every day!

Remember that a Christ-centered home doesn't accidentally happen. We must choose to intentionally teach our children that God's presence is available to us today. Look for symbols that echo Christ's love. The sharp needles on the tree, symbolizing how Jesus was pierced for our iniquities, the presents below, reminding us that His presence always surrounds us! He is our Emmanuel, God with us! Be blessed as you prepare Him room!





## *Gingerbread Trifle Recipe*

*Pastor Wendy Dewar  
Calgary, AB*

With family gatherings and Christmas parties abounding during this holiday season, I find myself looking for a great recipe that I can use for church potlucks or get togethers with family and friends. This trifle is delicious, made with gingerbread cake and warm apples & cranberries. It is

equally good made a few hours ahead and chilled or served hot and fresh. This recipe serves eight or can be multiplied to use for a larger party.

### **For the Gingerbread Cake**

- 1/2 cup (4 oz.) unsalted butter, at room temperature; more for the pan
- 1-1/2 cups (6-3/4 oz.) unbleached all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp. ground ginger
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/4 tsp. ground cloves
- 1/4 tsp. table salt
- 1 Tbs. grated fresh ginger
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup packed dark brown sugar
- 1 large egg, at room temperature
- 1/2 cup unsulfured mild molasses
- 1/2 cup buttermilk, at room temperature



Position a rack in the center of the oven and heat the oven to 350°F. Butter the sides of an 8x8-inch square cake pan and line the bottom of the pan with parchment. In a medium bowl, mix the flour, ground ginger, cinnamon, baking soda, cloves, and salt. Set aside.

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Using a hand mixer or a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, beat the butter on medium speed until light and fluffy, about 1 minute. Add the fresh ginger and mix until just combined. Add both sugars and beat on medium speed until well combined and fluffy, about 1 minute. Stop the mixer and scrape down the sides of the bowl. Add the egg and mix on medium speed until well combined. Turn the mixer to low and slowly add the molasses. Add about one-third of the dry ingredients and mix until just combined. Add one-third of the buttermilk and mix until just combined. Add the remaining dry and wet ingredients in four more additions, finishing with the buttermilk and mixing until just combined after each addition. Scrape the batter into the cake pan and spread it evenly.

Bake the cake until a skewer inserted into the center comes out clean, 30 to 35 minutes. Let the cake cool completely in the pan, at least an hour.

### For the Apples and Cranberries

3 Tbs. unsalted butter

1 & 1/2 lb. Granny Smith apples (about 4 small), peeled and cut into large dice

1/4 tsp salt

1 & 1/2 cups fresh (or frozen) cranberries

1/2 cup pure maple syrup

1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon

1/2 Tbs. freshly grated ginger

Whipped Cream/Devonshire Custurd

In a skillet, sauté apples, cranberries, butter, salt, maple syrup, cinnamon and ginger with a 3Tbsp of water. Let it reduce slightly to form a syrup mixture.

#### Assemble:

Cut the ginger cake into cubes. Layer cake whipped cream or custard and fruit mixture into a serving dish or individual glasses. *Remember that whipped cream will melt if layered with a hot mixture.*

#### Make Ahead Tips:

The cake can be made a day ahead and stored at room temperature.



## *Ask The Doctor?* Dr. Hazel Hill

Q. What are the biggest problems in Marriage?

A. Finances, communication and sexual relations. My thought is that if you can learn to communicate together you can solve any problem.

Q. Who should take care of the finances in a family?

A. I believe in functional authority. That means, the one who can do it the best should be the one who deals with finances, pays the bills etc. But, in saying that, both should be aware of the financial situation in the family and be a part of the decision making.

### ***Cryptic Christmas Card***

A man sent his friend a cryptic Christmas card. It said: A B C D E F G H I J K M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z. The recipient puzzled over it for weeks, finally gave up and wrote asking for an explanation. In July he received the explanation on a postcard: "No L."

### ***No Room In The Inn?***

A boy wanted to be Joseph in the Sunday School pageant. He was cast as the landlord and objected loudly, but to no avail. When the pageant was presented, Mary and Joseph knocked on the door and asked him if he had a room for them. The boy smiled and said, "Yes, sure. Lots of room. Come on in!"

### ***God's Not Deaf***

Two young boys were spending the night at their grandparents' house the week before Christmas. At bedtime, the two boys knelt beside their beds to say their prayers. The younger one began praying at the top of his lungs:

"I PRAY FOR A NEW BICYCLE..."

"I PRAY FOR A NEW NINTENDO..."

His older brother leaned over, nudged him and said, "Why are you shouting? God isn't deaf." to which the little brother replied, "No, but Grandma is!"

Are you  
part of the  
**INN CROWD**  
or are you one of the

