

## Life Works – When You Work with the Law

### Part 7: The Law of Increase

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#### I. Introduction.

##### A. The power of Law.

###### 1. Everything coming into our lives is coming by Law.

Each of us **rises or falls** in life as a function of the degree to which we are **aligned, misaligned or unaligned with God's Laws.**

###### 2. All Laws come from God.

Whether they are the **Laws of Science** which govern the Universe, the prescriptive **Laws of Success** found in the Bible, or the **Civil Laws** which govern the affairs of man, all Laws come from God.

**“Romans 13:1 “Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God.”**

###### 3. God's Laws are powerful, impartial and unvarying in their application.

**“You break My Laws, and they'll break you!”**  
(The Lord to Bishop Eddie Long)



###### 4. The Law originates in the Word.

**“We must always bear in mind that the Law is set in motion by the Word.”** (*The Law and the Word*, Thomas Troward)



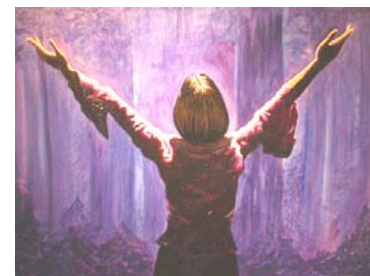
###### 5. When you work with the Law, the Law will give you increase!

##### B. The “Law of Increase” could just as easily have been called, The “Law of Praise.”

Because whatever we praise **increases!**

Children raised in an atmosphere of **praise and appreciation** grow up self-assured and confident.

Children raised in a critical atmosphere **without praise or appreciation** grow up very insecure.



## II. Everything in creation responds positively to praise.

### A. People.

“The whole creation responds to **praise** and is glad . . . When we are **praised** or **praise ourselves** there is a physical response within our bodies. Doctors tell us that **the cells of our body respond to the Law**. They seem to **know** and to **expand in strength, in capacity and even in intelligence.**”  
(*Working with the Law*, Raymond Holliwell)



**B. Plants.** Annette Capps’ story about the man who hated plants.

### C. Pets.

**Job 12:7-8** “**Ask the animals, and they will teach you.** Ask the birds of the sky, and they will tell you. Speak to the earth, and it will instruct you. Let the fish of the sea speak to you.” (NLT)

(Video clip – Dog training)



**D. It’s wonderful to be praised . . . but very demoralizing to be criticized.**

“Have you ever had someone condemn or criticize your efforts when you were trying to please? Did you not feel like folding up within yourself? Perhaps you even felt like quitting the job and letting someone else worry about it . . . **Whereas when someone *praises* you for your efforts, you feel like expanding and doing better, trying harder to be more perfect . . .** It is a well known fact that even plant life is responsive to praise, for I have seen flowers praised to longer life and beauty.” (*Working with the Law*, Raymond Holliwell)

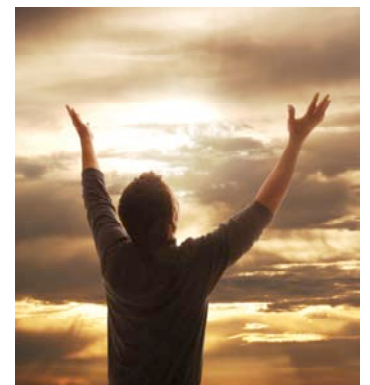


## III. Praise Is Mandated by God.

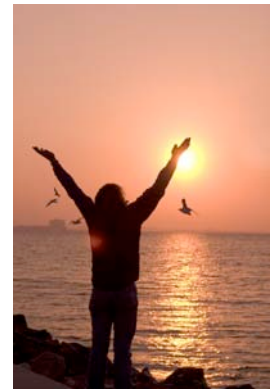
**A. Psalm 150:6** “Let every thing that hath breath **praise the LORD**. Praise ye the LORD.” (KJV)

**Psalm 100:4** “**Enter** into his gates **with thanksgiving**, and into his courts **with praise**: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.” (KJV)

**I Thessalonians 5:17** “No matter what happens, ***always* be thankful**, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.” (NLT)



B. “See, My children, that even in distress, the first step is **Praise**. Before you cry in your distress, **bless the Lord**, even when troubles seem to overwhelm you. That is **My Divine Order of approach**. Observe this **always**. In the greatest distress, search until you find cause for **thankfulness**. **Then bless and thank**. You have thus established a **line of communication** between yourself and Me. Along that line let your cry of distress follow. Thus you will find I do My part, and deliverance will be sure . . . **First right with Me**, and then you will be righted too in the eyes of men.” (God Calling, October 11)

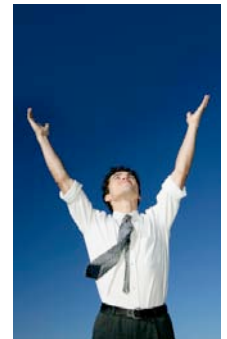


C. “A woman was crying bitterly and praying tearfully to God for her release. The Master hearing her, silenced her and asked, ‘Is your God a God of tears, of grief and anguish and pain?’ Ah, no; God is a giver of joy and peace and happiness and love . . . If you ask for a fish, do you expect a serpent? If you ask for bread, do you expect a stone? **You can only get what you expect, for the unchanging Law is ever working to supply you**. Prayer should not be one of supplication, pleading, begging, entreating, a sad state. It should be one of **claiming, declaring, decreeing, praising and a joyful thanksgiving**.” (Working with the Law, Raymond Holliwell)



#### IV. Praise Is Designed for *Our* Benefit, not God’s.

A. “**Praise does not flatter nor influence God** as it does some humans who are turned by superficial praise and applause. **Praise is not intended for God. It is intended only for man** and is an aid to enable man to lift himself upwards to become attuned with the Law of God. It raises his state of consciousness that he may become **more receptive to the good about him and lifts him above the lack of it**. Praise raises man’s vibration, speeds up his activity, stimulates his faith and contacts a higher realm of thought.” (Working with the Law, Raymond Holliwell)



B. “The singing of songs or the blowing of trumpets does not bring the results you pray for; nor do you suddenly gain favor with God because of it. **The effect of your efforts does not influence God in any sense, but it does influence you. It enables you to be lifted up and unconsciously touch the Law and gain its blessing.**” (Working with the Law, Raymond Holliwell)



“ . . . when man praises, he opens himself upward to God. He lifts his consciousness to a **higher realm** and becomes a greater channel to receive the good that is ever waiting to come to him. **Praise opens a little door in his mind** that enables him to draw closer to God and to be attuned to the Divine forces within and about him . . . **Praise expands and opens the mind upward**, while its opposite, condemnation, contracts and restricts.” (Working with the Law, Raymond Holliwell)

## V. Why Praise Works.

### A. Each of us is being changed into whatever image or positive good we behold.

**2 Corinthians 3:18** “Now while we all continue to gaze with an unveiled face at the glory of the Lord, as in a mirror, **we are being transformed into the same image** from glory to glory, as by the Spirit of the Lord.” (The Everlasting Gospel)

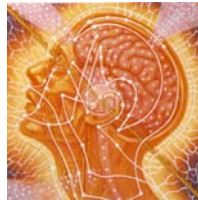


### B. Praise changes our outlook on life.

“**Praise changes our whole observation, our whole outlook of life.** In the past we were in the habit of seeing our weaknesses and failings, as well as the shortcomings of others, but **now we see differently. We look for the accomplishments, the good, and the beauty that is worthy of our praise.**” (*Working with the Law*, Raymond Holliwell)

### C. Praise positively impacts how we think.

“**When we praise** the richness and opulence of God, the Law, **our thoughts are greatly increased** in the mental atmosphere. This increase affects our being in that it reflects in everything our mind and hands may touch . . . It affects our inner self in such a way that **our memory begins to retain all praiseworthy thoughts sent to it.** This sets up **a new system of thinking** and gradually the old thoughts that were destroying become absorbed in the new ones. **Thus it becomes habitual to think praises,** and our life takes on the likeness of all good that is worth praising.” (*Working with the Law*, Raymond Holliwell)



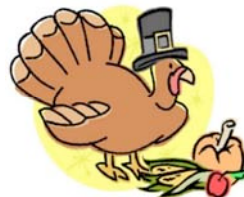
### D. A grateful heart is the foundation of praise.

“One of the first requisites of the Law is that **we keep ever an attitude of praise and thanksgiving.** If we hope to receive of God’s outpouring good we must keep ourselves receptive, and praise is one of the simplest means known to accomplish this. **Be ever grateful for the very least of things and the very most will come to you.** We must keep our thoughts uplifted always, and **praise is the means that will do this.** If there is any ingratitude lurking in your mind and heart, begin at once to learn the Psalm of David, ‘Praise ye the (Law) Lord.’ ” (*Working with the Law*, Raymond Holliwell)



### E. Thanksgiving should look forward, not backward.

“**Thanksgiving should not be a REVIEW of the past, but a PREVIEW of things to come.** A true Thanksgiving service should be **an expression of our faith,** not in the past, but **in the present and in the future to come.** Many of us have gotten into a rut. **We want our pay in advance. We offer praise after our barns are well filled.** If all is going well we are willing to pause to give thanks for our good fortune. **Anyone can be grateful with the gift already in hand.** If conditions are bad, our harvest lean, or trouble besets us, **we are apt to forget to praise,** and we storm at our failures and often blame God for His neglect.” (*Working with the Law*, Raymond Holliwell)



## F. Jesus' example.

**John 11:41** “Then they took away the stone from the place that the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, ‘**Father, I thank you that you have heard me.**’ ” (NKJV)



**Mark 6:41** “And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, **he looked up to heaven**, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before them . . . ” (KJV)

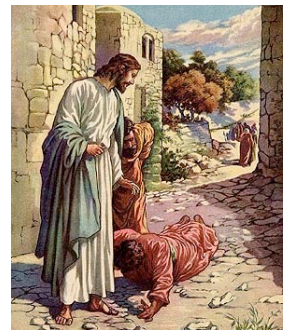
## VI. The Power of Praise.

### A. Praise triggers the release of God's blessings into our lives!

“**The Law cannot fail us when we do not fail it.** Learn to turn **the Law of Praise** upon anything you are praying for and you will see action. ***Praise is faith in action.*** A faithful law faithfully observed will ever reward generously the observer. The **Law of Praise** will lift you **from sickness to health**; it will raise you **from ignorance to intelligence, from poverty to affluence, from weakness to strength, from fear to courage.**” (*Working with the Law*, Raymond Holliwell)

### B. From sickness (leprosy) to health (“cleansed”) to full restoration of the body (“whole.”)

**Luke 17:15 – 19** “And one of them, when he saw that he was healed (= cured), turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, And **fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks**: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed (= purified)? But where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole (= to be made whole).” (KJV)



### C. “When one can sing praises in the face of adversity, the adversity will soon disappear. That is not a promise; **that is a law.**” (*Working with the Law*, Raymond Holliwell)

**Acts 16:23-26** “And when they had **laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison**, charging the jailor to keep them safely: Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and **made their feet fast in the stocks.** And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and **sang praises unto God**: and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a **great earthquake**, so that **the foundations of the prison were shaken**: and immediately **all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.**” (KJV)



“Thus **to be able to praise when things appear the darkest will invariably force the sunshine through.** Our degree of faith in the Law and God is measured *before* we receive, not afterwards. It is that degree of faith that determines what we shall be capable of receiving. This is what Jesus knew when He said, ‘What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, **BELIEVE** that ye receive them and ye shall have them.’ ***Praise is this belief in action . . .***” (*Working with the Law*, Raymond Holliwell)

“If anyone could tell you the shortest, surest way to all happiness and perfection, he must tell you to make it a rule to yourself **to thank and praise God for everything that happens to you.** For it is certain that whatever seeming calamity happens to you, **if you thank and praise God for it, you turn it into a blessing.**” (William Law)

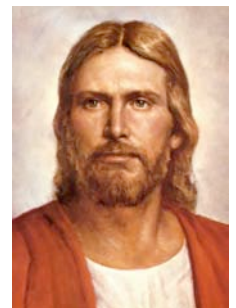
#### **D. The Impact of Praise on the enemies of your soul.**

##### **1. Praising God brings His manifest presence onto the scene.**

**Psalm 22:3** “But thou art holy, **O thou that inhabitest** (= to sit down as a judge in ambush) **the praises of Israel.**” (KJV)

In the natural world, **two things cannot occupy the same space at the same time.** When you praise and worship the Lord, **He inhabits** those praises.

As you continue to worship Him, fear, depression, confusion, and any other emotional states that are contrary to God’s will **must leave.**



2. **When God arrives, His enemies (and *your* enemies) must flee.**

**Psalm 68:1-4** “Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him. As smoke is driven away, so drive them away: as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish *at the presence of God*. But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice. Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.” (KJV)

**Psalm 9:2-3** “I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High. When mine enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish *at thy presence*.” (KJV)

**Psalm 97:3** “A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about.” (KJV)

**Psalm 149:5-9** “Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds. Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand; to execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people; to bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; to execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD.” (KJV)

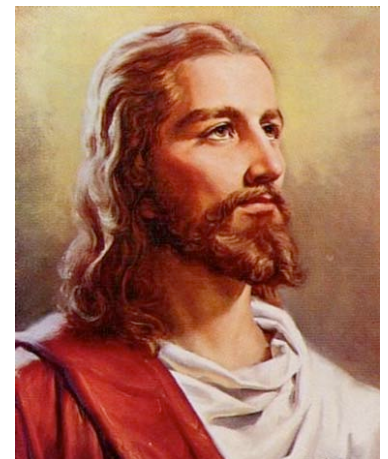


3. **King Jehoshaphat.**

**2 Chronicles 20:22-23** “Now when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated. For the people of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir to utterly kill and destroy them. And when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, they helped to destroy one another.” (NKJV)



4. “In heaven’s eternal bliss, the loveliest strain is this, **may Jesus Christ be praised!** The powers of darkness fear, when this sweet chant they hear, **may Jesus Christ be praised!**” (from the song, *May Jesus Christ Be Praised*, by Sir Joseph Barnby)



VII. Close.

A. Praising the Lord lifts us into His presence . . .

**Psalm 34:2** “I will bless the LORD at all times: **his** praise shall *continually* be in my mouth.” (KJV)

B. And opens the door to receive more of Him and from Him.

**Psalm 37:4** “Delight yourself also in the LORD, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.” (NKJV)

C. Give an offering of praise for any heaviness of heart.

**Isaiah 61:3** “To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, **the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness**; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.” (KJV)

D. Begin to see the Law the way the Lord sees it.

Make *your* vision line up with *His* vision.

“If you can see what I see, and say what I see, then you’ll see what I said I saw.”  
(The Lord to Bishop Eddie Long)



Get a *vision* of what God is saying to *you* about the **Law of Increase** and the **power of praise!**

(Video clip: Bishop Eddie Long speaking to the Georgia State Senate)

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