

Hart to Heart Ministries

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Hart to Heart Ministries is a training center for those who desire to be used by the Lord.

There are conferences twice a year teaching the "How To" of ministry.

There is teaching on the love walk.

Private pastoral counseling is available, as well as deliverance for those who want to be set free from the past hurts in their lives.

Healing takes place on a regular basis. The Bible tells us by Jesus stripes we were healed. I Peter 2:24

If you need to have your faith come up to the next level, you will find how to do it.

Sunday services begin at 10:00 a.m.. There are opportunities galore for those interested in being a servant.

**Bible study meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 - 8:30p.m.
Prayer is at 6:00.**



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It's Time!

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It's time for all of us to stand up and walk in faith. We need to say it and live it.

Our Heavenly Father is wanting to do so much more in our lives than we allow Him to do, because we are always waiting for it to be the right time. Honey, it's time! Now is the time! We have to get our act together and do all we can to help bring in the victory of God's Word into our lives.

We have been praying it and speaking it and now it's time to totally believe it. The problem is the enemy is also lurking around. You hear two voices competing for your attention. **One is the voice of faith and the other is the voice of defeat.**

God talk brings God on the scene in your life. Negative talk brings the enemy on the scene.

You might hear a voice say, "You will never do anything more than you are doing right now. Look at your age. You don't have what it takes to accomplish more. You have reached your limit." But if you listen carefully, you hear another voice saying, "You are well able. You can do all things through Christ. Your best days are still up ahead. You can and will fulfill all that God has called you to do."

We have to choose which voice brings life and which one brings death. We make our choice by

what comes out of our mouths. The moment we verbalize a negative thought, we give it the right to come to pass. For instance, "Nothing good ever happens to me, I'm not that talented. I'll probably never get out of this problem."

Instead, get in agreement with God. That other voice may be louder, but you can override it. You can take away all it's power by simply choosing to speak words of faith.

If you have an opportunity for a new job you are not going to get up in the morning and say, "Awe, I'm not going to go to that interview, they won't like me anyway, I'm not even qualified for the job. They won't choose me." With the words you speak, you are determining your future or fate. We have to ask ourselves, whose report will I believe, the report of victory or the report of defeat?

A battle takes place in your mind when challenges come. All day long you will be tempted to talk about how bad life is: you're stuck with debt, your medical report was bad, or your kids are in trouble. You have to stop that kind of talking! You need to say instead, "No, I am not giving life to that defeat. I am not speaking sickness. I am not speaking lack. I am not

speaking fear. I am choosing a different report. I believe the report of the Lord and His Word says, I am blessed, I am favored I am highly favored, I am pro-sperous as my soul prospers, I am healthy because by His stripes I am healed. The Word says I am whole and I am a victor not a victim." **Don't talk about your problems, talk to your problems.**

Jesus said we could speak to our mountains and command them to be removed. What kind of a mountain is in your life that needs to be removed? Maybe it's not something physical but a mind issue. Command those evil spirits of depression to go and forbid them to come back! If satan can steal your joy, he will steal everything you have, if you let him. Don't just sit there and give in to him! Say, "No, I am not giving in to that defeat. I am not speaking sickness. I am not speaking lack. I am not speaking fear. I am choosing a different report. I believe the report of the Lord that says I am blessed. I am favored. I am prosperous as my soul prospers. I am healthy, and victorious in Christ."

Father, I have favor over this difficult situation. You are the Creator of all things and You can change this whole situation. Thank You Lord You are doing it in Jesus

Name. It's time!

In Zechariah 4, Zerubbabel the governor of Judah, faced a major challenge. He was ordered to rebuild a temple on Mount Moriah where Solomon's Temple had been destroyed seventy years earlier. That seemed impossible because of the opposition from the local residents.

But Zerubbabel is not discouraged. Instead he chose to face the task before him and said, "Who are you, oh great mountain that stands against, me? You shall become a plain, a mere molehill and I will finish the temple by shouting Grace, Grace to it." Grace is favor!

By speaking to his problem, it changed. Zerubbabel said to the mountains, I have the favor of God and I can do all things and I will fulfill my destiny. You can't defeat me, don't you know me? I have an advantage. I have the favor of God. He didn't get discouraged. He knew his situation wasn't permanent. He understood the principle that he could speak to his mountains and God had promised they would become mere molehills.

Don't speak of defeat, don't complain, be like Zerubbabel and speak to your mountains and declare the favor of God to your mountains.

Speaking to your finances! Get your check book or billfold out and speak favor over it. **It's time! It's time for victory!** Do you have a child in trouble? Speak favor over that child. Maybe a

situation at work is difficult. Speak to that mountain. Declare God's favor. He has promised your mountains will turn into molehills. God is not a liar. He always tells the truth. He doesn't exaggerate, but tells you to do what He says and you will have victory. Our job is to **believe it.** That's so simple. Just believe! If I said, "After church you can go home and have dinner." Most of you would sit there calmly and think, "Of course, we are either going out to eat or we will go home and have our dinner." You have no doubt, you believe you will eat.

Why can't you believe the Word that easily? When things get tough, don't go back to your old way of thinking and try to solve problems by relying on what has worked in the past. God wants you to enter into an anointing of rest. You don't have to live a life of frustration. Get up every day and say, "I am blessed. No weapon formed against me will prosper. What is meant for my harm, God is using to my advantage. This problem will not defeat me." If we direct our words in the right direction, we will clear out the obstacles that have held us back for years.

You will see family difficulties that seemed permanent turn around. Situations at work you have struggled with, God will take care of and give you wisdom, favor and remove the wrong people, and bring in the right

people. He will make your crooked places straight.

Stop talking about your problem; talk to your problem. Call those things that are not as those they already are. Get in agreement with God. Say what He says about you. Speaking His Words is one of the most powerful things you can do.

Remember, it's not enough to think it, it's not enough to believe it, give life to your faith and speak it out... it's time!

Once you make a habit of declaring favor and speaking faith-filled words, you will see negative situations turn around. Your mountains will turn into molehills. God will fight your battles for you. You will overcome obstacles, defeat every enemy and every dream and every promise God put in your heart will come to pass because it's time!

Believe it, speak it out loud and praise Him that He is accomplishing all things for you.

You have to do something so He has something to work with. Read your Bible, sow an offering, pray some Scripture and then watch and see the hand of the Lord in your life! Remember, He loves you! He is for you, not against you!



Looks like fun! Take time to celebrate the 4th with your family and friends. This is God's country!



* God does not comfort us to make us comfortable, but to make us comforters.

*When the time is not right, God says, "Slow";
 When the request is not right, God says, "No";
 When you are not right, God says, "Grow";
 When everything is right, God says, "Go".

* We may not always see eye to eye, but we can try to see Hart to heart. My heart to yours!

Hidden Treasures

A young man left home to be on his own. His mother tearfully said goodbye to him and gave him a Bible with the admonition that if he read it every day, it would keep him strong.

After a time, when things had not gone well for the young man and he had run out of money, he returned home.

His mother asked him if he had read his Bible while he was gone. He confessed that he had not.

"Son, if you had read your Bible, you would not have been hungry." She opened up to Psalm 23, and there was a \$20 bill. She turned to John 3, and there was a \$10 bill. She had placed money throughout the book. If only he had read his Bible....

That was only money but there are real "hidden treasures" waiting for us all in God's treasured Word.

That's what we are doing at Hart to Heart Ministries; making a joyful noise. We have just acquired the entire building for our ministry.

We are in the process of making many new changes. Even in the new Children's Church room, as well as a special place for the toddlers and infants. There is outside painting to do and floors to change, but God has blessed us with volunteers who have been working and making the changes for which I am very grateful. We are a work in progress and this is a happening place!

Come visit us on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. at:
 Sanctuary of Praise

2401 E. Milham - Portage, MI

Not quite...

A 5-year-old at the beach ran up to his grandpa, grabbed his hand and led him to the shore. There a sea gull lay dead in the sand.

"Grandpa, what happened to him?" the little boy asked.

"He died and went to heaven," the grandfather replied.

The boy thought for a moment, and then said, "And God threw him back down?"



Scripture CD

As you know I wrote the book, “**How to Have Victory through Prayer**”. I have now recorded the **Scriptures on a CD** to go along with the book.

It will help you pray them as you travel in your car. The kids will learn them as they hear them on the way to school too. You will be hiding God’s Word in your heart and then when you need help, the Holy Spirit will bring them to your thinking. Pretty cool huh? It would also make a great birthday gift for someone.

If you are interested in purchasing the new CD, just call the office, 269-388-8075. We will ship it out as soon as we receive your payment of \$8.00. Make checks out to: **Books from the Hart** and mail to 2401 E. Milham - Portage, MI 49024.



HAVE YOU BEEN BAPTIZED?

We are planning to have a water baptism on Saturday, July 23rd at 11:00 a.m. at Prairie View Park. If you are interested, please contact the office, or Pastor Hart soon.

There will be a family potluck picnic after the baptism. A great occasion for all your family members to come join in the celebration with you.



* I have learned that I have never been bored in the presence of a cheerful person.

* The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.

* The time you enjoy wasting is not wasted time.

*Happiness is a byproduct of an effort to make someone else happy.

The Single-Minded Apostle

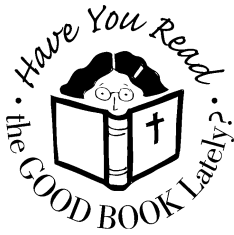
Some unknown wit suggested that we consider the purpose of a postage stamp. “Its usefulness consists in its ability to stick to one thing until it completes its mission.”

St. Paul, if he lived today, would appreciate that little statement. Why? Well, Paul stuck to one thing until he completed his mission. Paul was a single-minded apostle who had only one real passion: to know Christ and to make Christ known.

It was he who wrote to the Philippians and said, “This one thing I do’ forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind.”(Philippians 3:13-15, NRSV).

It is certainly a plus to be single-minded Christians. Double-mindedness can lead to confusion and lethargy. May God give us the will and the power to “press on toward the goal.”





I Can Do This!

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Every other month I design and write this publication with the intent that people will be ministered to or will receive some encouragement. There are those that read it from cover to cover and maybe some that just pitch it in the basket when it comes, but one thing I know is that when God anoints something, peoples' lives will be touched in some way.

My heart's desire is to reach out to people to help them learn how to read the Word and then how to apply it in their lives.

Without reading the Word people miss so many blessings of the Lord. It gives peace, just because you read it. It brings healing into your body, just because you read it. It gives you direction, just because you read it. The Bible is life and health to our flesh. There is so much to glean by reading your Bible, not books about the Bible, just the Bible. Sometimes I think I would like to wear a neon sign that says, "Read the Word" to get people to realize how important it is for them.

On Tuesday night at Bible Study at 6:00 p.m. we get into the Word. Then we find out what direction the Lord has for us. After all, the Bible was written for yesterday, today and forever. That's just like Jesus. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He never changes,

but He expects us to change and become more Christlike.

One way I can tell I have not read enough of the Word is that everything seems to pile up on my shoulders and I am not walking in peace. Peace and resting in the Lord help us to be the witnesses God wants us to be, otherwise, we are no different from those that are not Christians.

Christians have a very important job. We are supposed to be the light in the world and win the lost to the Lord. But if we don't have the light shining brightly in us, how can we expect to show the way to others.

Psalm 119:105 says, "His Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

I need to see where I am going and know that I am on the path the Lord wants me on. I need the peace that passes all understanding, because there are times we don't understand what is happening. And, we don't even like what is going on, but we keep on because we know it's what God wants. How do we know that, because, we have been reading our Bible. He has spoken to our hearts and given us peace as we walk His path.

There are times many people

want to quit and throw in the towel, but that is not God's plan. He wants to give you blessings, strength, health, prosperity, understanding, joy and peace. You will receive the good when you spend time with Him in reading your Bible. He wants your fellowship, just like you want all He has for you. But there are always conditions to receive. You have to first of all be in a position to receive.

Let me put it this way, if you knew someone very well and asked if you could use their car, they would probably say, "sure." If you didn't know them well, they might not be so quick to let you borrow it. They might not know you well enough to trust that you would bring the car back or that you would keep your word.

When you get into trouble do you run to the Lord and start to ask Him to take care of the situation you are in? Do you plead with Him, or beg Him to please, please, please, help me? Or do you have the assurance that He is in control and will take care of you? It goes back to knowing Him personally. You have talked with Him before, you have been reading the Bible and you have been listening to all He has had to say to you. You have been trying with all your heart to be obedient. You tithe, you help others, you go to church, you

spend time with Him each day. You know Him personally and He definitely knows you. He loves it when you spend time with Him. You are no stranger to Him and He is no stranger to you. Now here you are in this predicament and you turn to Him for help. Is He going to listen and reach out to show you what to do? OF COURSE! You know each other. It is not a one-sided relationship. You love Him as much as He loves you. That's very hard, because He loves you a whole lot more most likely than you could ever love Him.

You didn't have to wonder if He would help you, you knew He would.

We are entering into some hard times, yet for those who trust in the Lord and spend time in His Presence, they will be able to stay strong no matter what happens. They have taken time to get filled up with verses from the Bible that encourage and tell them what they need to do to keep going.

We are taught in the Bible to praise Him no matter what, other times He tells us to use the power and authority He has given us to fight the enemy. We can't just sit there and watch the world go by and think about our trouble. We have to put action to the knowledge we receive by reading the Bible.

Even when there are no difficulties we to read the Bible so that we are prepared when they do come. You don't run

your car without making sure you have enough gasoline to get from one place to another. If your tank gets low, you fill it up. Well, when your spiritual tank gets low on spiritual food, you need to fill up too. That way, you are prepared at all times.

Are you facing surgery? Reading the Word brings health and healing to your flesh. By Jesus stripes you were healed. Speak the Scriptures out loud to yourself so you will hear them yourself and minister to your own life.

Jesse Duplantis says, "Words are stronger than thoughts, if you start talking, your mind will be quiet to hear what your mouth has to say. If a crazy thought comes whirling into your mind, start talking! Don't just battle it out in your mind, use your mouth". **Speak the Scriptures out loud so that they build you up.**

The enemy wants you to be down and discouraged, so if he comes at your mind, say out loud, "I am not going to think about that, you lying devil'. I am choosing to think about things that are lovely, pure and just. I am more than a conqueror through Christ. I am strong in the Lord and the power of His might! I am an imitator of God, a recreated being. Old things have passed away from me and all things have become new for me! I am a spirit and I have the fruit of the Spirit operating in my life. I was created and chosen by Him

before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. I am an instrument for noble purposes, holy and useful to the Master, prepared for good work! I am led by the Spirit of God, and I walk after the Spirit and not the flesh!"

The more you speak the Word, the more your faith will rise. You will suddenly start noticing that when you feel weak, suddenly you feel stronger.

The bottom line is that you believe what you say more than you believe what anybody else says. So if you say what God says, then you will start having more faith in Him. It's your faith in God that makes the difference in your life.

Faith increases one way: Romans 10:17 says, "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God".

Your thoughts don't have to control you. You can control your thoughts. Get out your Bible today and begin to read in one of the four Gospels. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are all waiting to talk to you. While you are learning about Jesus, allow the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart. Listen inside and see the changes that take place in your life. Good things are coming! Believe it!

