

God's View of Tithing

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." **—Malachi 3:10**

Worship in Quietness

In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength. **—Isaiah 30:15, KJV**

The Goal of Trials

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross. **—Hebrews 12:2**

The Anointing of the Holy

Spirit

You have an anointing from the Holy One. **—1 John 2:20**

The Effective Approach to Fasting

Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? ... Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. **—Isaiah 58:6, 8**

When Should We Fast?

... and humbled myself with fasting. **—Psalm 35:13**

Prophetic Insight

As natural disasters such as earthquakes, tornadoes, floods and droughts increase, so does talk of the world coming to an end. What do these events really mean? Here's a snapshot of

what three respected prophetic leaders have to say.

 Cindy DeVille

“We must understand that the problems we are seeing in America—such as wildfires, earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes and floods—are actually the fruit of a root problem. Changing a law or political party is like putting a Band-Aid on a deep-rooted cancer. God is calling Christians across our nation to their knees, to humbly unite and lead the church in massive repentance.”

 James Goll

“Will we be prepared? Whether it is adverse, strange weather patterns, global economic recession or America’s materialistic *Titanic* going under, these times of hardship can become great days of hope. Because the Bible says: ‘For behold, darkness will cover the earth, and deep darkness the peoples; but the Lord will rise upon you, and His glory will appear upon you’” (Is. 60: 2).



Cindy Jacobs

“Because of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan many are asking, ‘What is taking place?’ What do we know? God had warned us that shaking is coming. This doesn’t mean it was His desire for it to happen but that it was more of the biblical fulfillment that He doesn’t do anything without first warning through His servants the prophets (see Amos 3:7). Others are asking, ‘Was this a judgment from God?’ I tend to think God is grieved that so many have died. However, if we all pray and

act in this crisis, I believe the Holy Spirit wants to breathe a wind of revival in Japan.”

Man Hears God in Tornado

Shaun Fanning credits his family’s survival of May’s killer tornado in Joplin, Mo., to the Holy Spirit. 

Shopping at a Walmart when the storm struck, Fanning sensed he should stay put when employees urged people to move to the back of the store.

Although he broke his left arm while shielding his wife from debris and she sustained injuries, several people in the back where Fanning would have gone died when a wall collapsed.

Former Biggest Loser Finds Faith

Michelle Aguilar weighed 242 pounds when she first tipped  the scales on NBC’s *The Biggest Loser: Families* in 2008. Aguilar—who eventually won the reality show after she lost 110 pounds—had spent years using food to ease her pain.

And it showed.

The weight gain began after her mother called her to say she’d be leaving Aguilar’s father. “I was devastated to hear the family structure I had always known was going to be gone,”

Aguilar says.

Hurt and angry, Aguilar had no contact with her mother for six years until shortly before Aguilar's father suggested the two women enter the weight-loss competition together.

It was on the reality show that Aguilar, now 30, finally reached her breaking point.

How Much is Technology Affecting Your Family?

Though some believers blame technology for helping to destroy the family unit, a recent Barna study shows that most families feel otherwise when it comes to the impact computers, cell phones, video game systems and other devices have on their relationships. Here's how the pies divvy up:

