



IOU Ministries

The music lasts a short time, the message lasts a lifetime.



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It's a brand new year!

*God has not given us a spirit of fear,
but of love, power, and a sound mind.*

Dear Friends,
2011 was a great time of preparation for us at IOU Ministries but the time has come for us to launch forward in a greater capacity. I am very excited about what God is doing in our ministry! I have the greatest expectations for this year. God has been speaking to me concerning our ministry and those who support it. The time has come to lay aside every weight that so easily besets us form



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How do you want to be measured?

I would like to tell you a little story that I heard some time ago.

There was a farmer who sold a pound of butter to the baker. One day the baker decided to weigh the butter and found that he was not getting a full pound of butter. He was angry and decided to take the farmer to court. The judge asked the farmer what he was using to measure his butter. The farmer replied, "I measure the butter using a scale." The judge asked, "If

doing what God has called us to do. The time for excuses is over!! Its time to rise up and take our place in the body. It's time to rise up and move forward, it's time to rise up and confront those things that are holding or keeping you from everything that God has promised.

NOW IS THE TIME!! Start surrounding yourselves with people who are like minded. Stop wasting your time with people who are dead weight in your life. Invest your time in people who bring back a return in your life. Don't surround yourself with people who always tell you what you want to hear, but surround yourself with people that will tell you the truth. Surround yourself with people that will look for ways to help you grow. This is a very strong Word from the Lord. We must eliminate the people who are constantly pulling us down. God wants to take you to a higher level and deeper depth. Its time to move up!! Stop concerning yourselves with what other people may think and concern yourself with what God thinks. If you do this... 2012 will be the greatest year of your life.

I am going to make a very bold statement right now. I believe that everyone who will take a step of faith this year will be blessed beyond measure. Some of you have been waiting for the right time and the right moment to start something new. I'm here to tell you that **NOW IS THE**

you are using a scale, what do you compare it against?" The farmer replied, "I have been buying a pound loaf of bread from the baker every week, starting long before he started buying butter from me. Each time the baker brings a loaf of bread; I put it on the scale and give him the same weight in butter."

The moral of this story is that you get back what you give to others. If you are one of those people who feel like you are cheated in life, stop and think about your effort in fulfilling the lives of others. Suppose you think you are the one who is always giving and never receiving. Perhaps you should examine the purpose behind your giving. Are you giving because you want to be seen as the 'one who always gives', or do you give because you genuinely want to help others? Maybe you just want recognition for your good works and not concerned with the outcome. You must examine yourself daily. David said *"Examine me, GOD, from head to foot, order your battery of tests. Make sure I'm fit inside and out"* (Ps. 26 MSG) Look inside yourself and discover who you really are. Would you be happy to have a world full of YOU? What kind of person are you inside? What you say with your lips may not be what you feel in your heart. In fact, so many times we are trained to say all the right things but our hearts are far from it. The Bible tells us in Gal 6:8 For he that soweth to the flesh shall of the

TIME!!. Whether it's in your business, in your relationships, in your home, on your job, or in your church; It starts with one step of faith. God will always reward faith. I'm reminded of a lyric in a song that Nancy Harmon wrote "*If you take one step He'll take two. Its amazing what the Lord will do.*"

I feel a great change coming this year for our ministry and it's partners. I feel the Lord pressing us to do things we've never done and go places we've never been. God has promised us that our future will be greater than our past. I am holding on to the promises that God gave to us. We are about to start some new things in our ministry, things that will help propel us into the direction that God has for us. We cannot stand by and just wait for God to move. He is expecting us to work and run with the vision that He has given to us. The Bible says to write the vision and make it plain so that the person who reads it can run with it and fully understand it. (Habakkuk 2:2) On December 22nd I wrote down 5 things that I expected God to perform in my life in 2012. Notice I said **EXPECTED**. I wasn't wishing. I was expecting in **FAITH!!** I want to tell you that before 2011 had even ended He had already provided one of those things!! God is wanting to bless you, but you have to move and operate in faith. God hasn't brought us this far to leave us. Take a step of Faith today.

In His service,

flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting.

My favorite scripture in the Bible is this:

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

I want the things I think about; the things I concentrate upon, to be received by God as a good thing; an acceptable thing; for He is my source of life, He is my source of strength.

Lynda