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## Elevate Your Heart Embracing Vulnerability and Support in Christ



“With Christ  
on your side,  
you have  
hope...”

—Charissa Swindoll Gaither

**W**e have many goals at Insight for Living. One of them is to encourage people to elevate their hearts toward Christ and to keep their eyes on Him, always. We love nothing more than to support those whose hearts are being transformed by Him, which is a vital part of their personal growth.

By welcoming the opportunity to be vulnerable, to be humble, and to know that Jesus Christ is your Lord, you are displaying your willingness to face challenges, walk through disappointments, and take on tough times with strength and determination. With Christ on your side, you have hope . . . you can stand . . . and you have the comfort of knowing that if you make a mistake, our Lord will help lift you back up to face your challenges.

My father, Chuck, has taken a few tumbles in recent months. He is doing okay. Through it all, he has demonstrated a willingness to ask for help when he needs it. That’s a trait of his that I really appreciate. As I’ve helped him stand up, steady his feet, and get to where he wants to go, I’ve realized all over again how deeply we all need each other as we navigate this life in anticipation of the next.

You need others. Others need you. All of us need Christ who is “always ready to help in times of trouble” (Psalm 46:1).

*Charissa Swindoll Gaither*

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# A Truly Believable Inheritance



Inheritance Letter

by Pastor Chuck Swindoll

UNBELIEVABLE! I thought.

After I opened the letter that had just arrived in my office and began to read the notification, it quickly occurred to me I had just received the letter most folks can only dream of.

“Cynthia! Look!”

She casually read the letter and mumbled, “I don’t . . .”

“Wait! Look . . . it’s an *inheritance!*” I interrupted.

The paper informed us that we recently received partial rights to a natural gas well. The rights were owned by my maternal grandfather, Mr. L. O. Lundy. When he passed, rights then went to my mother. When she passed, rights went to my father. Then, sometime after he passed, the rights transferred to me and my siblings.

After showing it to Cynthia, I picked up the phone to call Luci.

“Sis!”

“What?”

“You get a letter?”

She said, “Yeah . . . we’re now rich!”

“I know it—it’s fantastic!” I replied.

All we had to do was wait for the royalties to stream in without so much as lifting a pinkie or breaking a sweat.

So, we waited. Then, waited. And waited. And . . . finally! There it was. The first check arrived in the mail. I opened the envelope and rushed to find the amount from our partial ownership of this cash gusher, and . . . a buck thirty-seven.

Talk about a letdown.

I called up Luci: “Hey toots, how you doin’?”

“Did you get your check?” she asked.

“Yeah . . . we ain’t rich, you know.”

“I know,” she sighed.

The trickle continued. I remember one quarter’s proceeds delivered eighty-six cents. The paper and

postal stamp cost more than the royalty itself! One time, I skimmed through the fine print and discovered that our share was something like one-eighth of one-tenth of one-thirtieth of one-fiftieth of one-fourth of one-half of one percent! At least, it felt like it. We got tired of keeping all the records, so you know what we did? We sold it!

Isn't that story a lot like life without God?

The offerings of this world promise so much! But chasing it all—and even getting it all—without Jesus leaves us with about a buck thirty-seven.

Jesus promised our eternal inheritance and the Bible records it. The royalties are vast beyond our wildest dreams.

—Pastor Chuck Swindoll

Jesus captured it best when He said, “What do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul?” (Mark 8:36).

Following Christ, however, offers immediate rewards and an *eternal inheritance*.

Jesus said,

*“I assure you that everyone who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or property, for my sake and for the Good News, will receive now in return a hundred times as many houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and property—along with persecution. And in the world to come that person will have eternal life.”*

(Mark 10:29–30, emphasis added)

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The book of Revelation, our program's focus in recent months, spotlights that last promise from Jesus: *our future heritage in Him*. Christ's eternal promise will not leave you with a buck thirty-seven.

Elsewhere, I've emphasized "Heaven's Magnificent Negatives." Read through Revelation 21–22 and simply note everything John says will *not* be in heaven. All the negatives listed are enough to make you pause.

Heaven, though, is not merely the absence of evil and evil's effects.

So, let's talk about a few of the positives.

First and foremost, we get full enjoyment of and fellowship with Christ—receiving all the benefits of being His coheir, God's adopted children (Revelation 21:3, 7).

*You will be at home with God. God will be at home with you.*

You will see Christ face-to-face, and He will give you a new name (2:17; 22:4).

The new earth will offer enough delights to fill eternity.

God's presence will light up every corner and crevice.

The water of life will flow freely.

The tree of life will bloom eternally.

Just take a moment to try to imagine it all!

And it says we will reign with Jesus as kings and queens (22:5).

All this, and more, is our inheritance in Christ. It's ours in deposit *now*.

Bank on it my friend. Let these words quicken your mind and heart in devotion to your Lord and love for others. He wants us to rest in this hope and live by this hope. Feel the passion in Jesus' promise:

*"Look, I am coming soon! Blessed are those who obey the words of prophecy written in this book. . . . I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. . . . I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this message for the churches. I am both the source of David and the heir to his throne. I am the bright morning star."*

(22:7, 13, 16)

If another surprise inheritance letter comes in the mail, I'll think twice before getting my hopes up. If something seems unbelievable, it probably is . . . unless it is God who says it.

*"For nothing will be impossible with God."*

(Luke 1:37 NASB)

Jesus promised our eternal inheritance and the Bible records it. The royalties are vast beyond our wildest dreams. **Believe it!**

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