

Two Things

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Over the course of my life, I've seen two sayings that actually show truth that really stand out to me. I'm sure there are more that you and I can think of, but for now, and for devotion purposes, I'll encourage you all with these:

#1 – Prayer Works

I can't tell you how many times, even in my darkest times, that I have prayed or heard that people have prayed and things have changed. I can tell you of three personal life-changing experiences, that because of prayer and/or shouting out the name of Jesus, that my life has drastically changed for the better.

I know that I know that on more than one occasion I have felt the prayers of the saints when I've been going through something really hard. I also know that because of all of this that I do know from personal experience, there is NOTHING that can sway me from these truths in my life. Alicia's word on owning what we know stirred these thoughts in me because no one and nothing can take away these personal experiences, and miracles that I have witnessed because of the power of prayer in my life. I'm owning this, Amen!

#2 – You Reap What You Sow

There have been countless times when I wanted to shove something in someone's face because I thought they deserved it, but the strong voice of the Lord in my spirit told me calm down and show grace. I'm just keeping it real with you – I have wanted to say “I told you so” – I have wanted to slap someone, I have wanted to yoke someone by the shirt collar for their actions at times and the Lord in His kindness always pointed me to my past and EVERY SINGLE TIME – I end up repenting... because He lovingly shows me where I have messed up in my life yet GRACE has been there for me instead of DOOM AND JUDGMENT. So because of these times, over and over again in my life, I have seen grace extended to me because I have given grace and love where a lot of people have thought it was not owed.

I have seen finances grow out of nothing because at times I have given monetarily to people in need. I have had bags of groceries (as a matter of fact, we had a visitor with a bag today) at my door – because when I make a meal, I think of someone who may also enjoy it and I have my girls send love packages all around the neighborhood. I have seen love in my children come back to me because I have loved them when I really felt like sending them to the moon!!

All of this to say – it's true – it's really true – these things you can't just make up and I wanted to encourage each of you – that these things are real – they are heaven moving and changing things here on earth and us seeing the love of the Lord in this dry and weary land where there is no water.

I know there are areas where I need to learn how to be strategic in areas and I cherish your prayers for me and my family. Don't give up praying and don't give up sowing the love of the Lord – the Lord works in mysterious ways and you never know when you will need and if you think you don't need right now – it's okay – give until the time comes for you to be able to depend on someone in your hour of need. Everything is a season – and the Lord is faithful in all of it.

Blessings to you!