

# Another's Devotional #7

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Kay Arthur went Home to be with our Savior in May of 2025. What a Sister Saint! God used her in wonderful ways. May God bless *Precept Ministries, International* as they bring God-honoring services tied to both Gospel and Discipleship. May God continue to use Kay Arthur's Kingdom contributions today through her many written | published works. Enjoy. Be edified.

Day Seven [Kay's devotional for 'Day 7' – pages 129 - 131]

"I was ticked off by your message and I want you to know it."

That's an encouraging message for a speaker! My feelings were somewhat assuaged, however, when I heard this woman's reason.

She didn't agree with my stand on immorality.

She believed sex was fine outside marriage—even if you were married—as long as your partner consented! As a matter of fact, if she wanted to have sex with others, according to her there was nothing in the Word of God against it—as long as there was mutual consent. She told me I simply didn't understand the true meaning of adultery and fornication.

Beside all that, she didn't like my reference to having a religion without a relationship to God. And all of that "born again talk" nauseated her!

The conversation went on for a while. Although she came on like gangbusters, I was excited. God had set a lost sheep right in my path in a one-on-one encounter. The thief was out to steal, kill, and destroy, but I knew the Shepherd wanted to say, "Here, sheepy, sheepy."

God's love welled up in my heart. I understood her rationalization of sin—I once sat where she sat. But now I was silently praying, listening, and waiting.

Then I felt the timing was of the Spirit. I leaned over to her and said, "You are going to want to slug me, and I understand, but I have to be honest with you. My friend, you and I don't have the same Father. You're in darkness. You're deceived. You have a religion and not a relationship. Your father is the devil. You're going to hell."

I didn't have to duck, although I was prepared to!

A day and a half later we had another conversation that lasted five hours. We talked until seven in the morning! This woman had come to blast one last word to me. Or so she thought. Our sovereign God had something else in mind. As she continued to argue her beliefs on morality and the Word, I simply took her to one Scripture after another, having her read it aloud. What was inscribed in God's Word, I proclaimed. Nothing else. Every time she wanted to argue, I simply said, "What does God say? Read it. Don't argue with me. He wrote it." All the while, I groaned inwardly in prayer, asking God to open blind eyes and turn this dear soul from darkness to light.

Finally I said, "Why don't you get on your knees and tell God what you think about what you have read. Argue with *Him*." We got on our knees. Her words turned to sobs, heaving out her sin. Suddenly she looked at me and said, "I feel so wicked, so desperately, desperately wicked. So despicable."

With tears in my eyes, I gently replied, “You are. You are desperately wicked. And what you have done is absolutely despicable. Tell God.”

Well, what she hated happened—she was born again. Gloriously, wonderfully born again. Saved from the deepest of pits, from the cesspool of iniquity. As I sat there watching God be God, standing in awe of the new creation He had just brought into existence, over and over again I could hear in my heart Steve Green singing, “I have seen God’s glory, I have lived and walked with Christ my Lord ....” And I had.

I tell you all this, Beloved, because of something this woman said to me: “I need to talk to someone strong who will meet me on my level. Someone I can sort out the garbage with. Someone who will handle me like you did—who’ll not back down, who’ll understand, not run away in disgust, and yet say it in such love.”

Years ago, as I watched my friend Elizabeth McDonald, I learned how to speak the truth in love, how to lovingly confront people with God’s impending judgment. Then as I matured in the Word, I saw what I had learned confirmed in the lives of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and the other prophets. True prophets of God, those who serve as His spokesmen, do not dilute or alter His message. They’re not dismayed by others’ faces. They warn of the just judgment of God, but they do it in love, in tears.

I grieve when I hear what I believe to be erroneous teaching that says, in essence, “Prophets are just straightforward and hard. That’s their personality.” A believer’s personality is to be controlled by Christ. No matter our gifts or our calling, we are to be filled with His Spirit, manifesting His love, grace, and mercy along with His holiness, righteousness and just judgment.

Therefore, O watchmen on the wall, when you seek to be guilty of the blood of no man as you read and proclaim God’s Word, remember the truths of the following verses. Look them up, then record what you learn from observing what they say.

1. Galatians 5:22-26
2. I Corinthians 13:1-8

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As we enter a time when we need to endure in living & proclaiming all aspects of Truth, we ask: How is it possible to balance *confrontation extended* in the light and love of Jesus Christ? We suggest this: As God ‘began a good work in us’ when we were born again (John 3) at the time of our baptism into Christ Jesus (our regeneration) – GOD did the work – it is also GOD Who continues His saving work in us. This includes means to live in our new birth as we abide in God’s Vine and as we walk in God’s Spirit. This salvation journey of *sanctification* will conclude with the final aspect of the salvation-by-God process in our lives: glorification. P.S. Did you know “justification” before God, while complete at the moment extended, is also progressive in nature? (see Mt. 12:33-37 ; James 2:14-26). In light of Bible Truth: God’s work of salvation in us is a process.

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