

## **Brother Branham's "I'd rather have" list**

**WAY TO HAVE FELLOWSHIP 55-1009 E-18 018** *I'd rather have a church... Listen, just a moment. I would rather have a church that knows nothing about any spiritual gift, and just be so in love with each other and with Christ, I'd rather have that than every spiritual gift operating in the church. Now, that might sound hard in a Pentecostal group, but I would rather have it. Where there is gifts, they'll fail. Where there is gifts, they'll bring confusion. Where there is gifts, they can be questioned. But where there is love, it is perfect. That's right. And if you had perfect love you'd have perfect gifts. That's right. So work first with love. That brings fellowship, and fellowship brings gifts.*

**BELIEVEST THOU THIS? 50-0716 052** *I'd rather have a man that didn't know split beans from coffee, and knowed God in His heart to deal with my people, than I would some man with enough education to choke a mule, and know nothing about God. That's right. God bless your heart, brother. An old fashion sassafras experience, what we need today. We don't want to know "genealogy," you need a little "kneeanology." That's what man needs today. Back to God; back to the prayer life where...?... speaking out. Pray, hold on to God till it comes to pass. God will do it. Hallelujah!*

**WORKS THAT I DO BEAR WITNESS OF ME 51-0413 022** *After all, I'd rather have the love of God sealed in my heart than all the gifts there is in the Bible. That's right.*

**WORKS THAT I DO BEAR WITNESS OF ME 51-0413 029** *"Brother, I know the Author better than I know His Book." Amen. I'd rather have the Author anyhow anytime. His Book's fine. That's right. But I'd rather know the Author. Wouldn't you? And you know Him by the love...*

**ANGEL.OF.GOD.title TOLEDO.OH 51-0720** *But I'd rather be poor and have favor with God than the best home you got in Toledo. That's right. I'd rather have it. 'Cause this is my--my work, to serve God. That's what's in my heart.*

**RESURRECTION OF LAZARUS 51-0729A E-61 061** *I ain't got nothing against, but we need today... I'd rather have a man with my boy, who didn't know the difference between split beans and coffee and know the*

*Holy Ghost, than to have all the education in the world and try to pump into him. That's right. Hallelujah. I feel pretty religious.*

**ISRAEL AT KADESH BARNEA 53-0328** *written in the Lamb's Book of Life. I'd rather have mine There than in all the "Who's Who?" Hallelujah. That tells who's who; there's a name written in the Lamb's Book of Life.*

**ISRAEL IN THE HOME AND 51 030** *Moses was a type of the church organization, which, he was the law. And Moses glorified himself before the people in the stead of glorifying God. And God turned from him. And today the church has begin to glorify themselves in the stead of glorifying God. They're trying to get more members, better churches, better organs, and better pews, and a bigger church. God don't give [Brother Branham snaps his finger--Ed.] that much for that. You ought to be glorifying God. I'd rather have a little old mission somewhere, cleaned up, down on the bowery somewhere, where they could really get free and shout, and praise God, and have a good time, than all the great cathedrals in the world. Amen. That's right. God is finished with the church ages.*

**SHOW US THE FATHER IT'LL SATISFY 53-0610** *I'd rather have God in me than all the silver and gold in the world. Yes, sir.*

**TALK ON THE WORD 53-0831 054** *Brother, I'd rather have a little bit and be in the Kingdom of God, and doing what God wants me to do, than have a whole lot, and be away from the Kingdom of God. I'd rather take my way with a bunch of little holy-rollers and live in the Presence of God than to belong to the biggest church in Chicago and be out of the Kingdom of God. Amen.*

**TESTIMONY 53-0902 032** *Those Arkansas people are poor as they can be. But brother, under them old blue shirts beats some real good true Holy Ghost filled hearts. Yes, sir. I'd rather have one of them with me any time, than maybe a slicker with his collar turned around in the back, and I couldn't trust him out of my sight.*

**BELIEVEST THOU THIS 53-0906A** *I'd rather have a man that didn't know his ABC's and could preach the Bible under the power of the Holy Ghost than all the theology you could poke down his throat in ten years. Hallelujah. Whew. What am I feeling this way about? Look. Amen. Yes, sir.*

*What we need today is what? Is a new cleaning up in the church. Don't you believe that?*

**LIFE STORY 53-1108A** *I'd rather have favor with God than to have anything that I know of in the world. And if I got favor with God, I can serve His people.*

**PREPARATION 53-1111 E-40 040** *Strange God appears in fire. They say this is wild fire. Well, I admit we got some wild fire, but I'd rather have a little wild fire than no fire at all, wouldn't you?*

**Q & A COD 54-0103M** *"I'd rather have a church that had such a burden on their heart for prayer that they just stayed at this altar and would be here day and night, and everything else; and in their house, was constantly in prayer, and humble, and trying to get people to come to God, and making calls at the hospital, and visiting the sick, and trying to get people to come to church and do right. I'd rather have that than all the other put together; although the other is right, it belongs in the church."*

**REDEMPTION BY POWER 54-0329** *I'd rather have a little fanaticism than to set still and do nothing. I sure would. A man that's going to do something...*

**TO SEE JESUS 54-0718E E-52 052** *Now, you know me, that I only have a grammar school education. I know nothing of psychology. I know nothing about medics. I know nothing about the anatomy. I--only thing I know, I love the Lord Jesus Christ with all my heart. That's all I know. I'm uneducated, illiterate, and I have no abilities of my own, not even, a--a normal personality. That's right. But I know one thing, and I'm thankful for that: I know how to submit myself that Jesus Christ can work through me. That's the... I'd rather have that than all your education that there is in the world. I'd rather know how to submit myself to the Spirit of God, and say, "Lord, here I am." I'd rather have that secret in my heart, than have the secret of every hydrogen and atomic bomb in the world, or could be made. For it's more powerful than all the atomic bombs that could be thought of. So under His everlasting wings, I take my refuge tonight, and in the Name of Jesus Christ, I minister to the sick. The Lord bless you.*

**MANIAC OF GADARA 54-0720A** *-I'd rather have favor with God and be called a holy-roller, or fanatic, or whatever they want to call me, and*

*have favor with God to know that He's standing here this afternoon, than all the wealth Chicago's got or all the glory that the world has got. I'd rather be standing right here now a holding this picture and telling you what that is and know that He's standing right here within five feet of where I'm standing right now. I'd rather have this feeling and consolation that I have right now, than to be king over all the earth for a million years. That's right.*

**UNPARDONABLE SIN 54-1024 77 028** *Yes, sir. I'd rather have that than all the popularity of the women, men, or whoever it was on this earth. I'd rather have favor with God.*

**GOD PERFECTING HIS CHURCH 54-1204** *I'd rather have an old plow boy couldn't say his ABC's, teaching my children the salvation of the Lord Jesus Christ, than all the D.D.'s in the world that knows nothing about God. Nothing to your theology...*

**GREAT WARRIOR JOSHUA 55-0119** *I'd rather have one filled with the Holy Ghost, and full of God's power, than a thousand times thousand church joiners. Rather have one alive with God who'd believe.*

**SEVEN COMPOUND NAMES OF JEHOVAH 55-0120** *I'd rather have prayers than all the money.*

**FELLOWSHIP BY REDEMPTION 55-0403** *real Divine taste of fellowship with Christ, I'd rather have it than all the vacations and things in the world.*

**ENTICING SPIRITS 55-0724** *I'd rather have a drunkard with me any day than a liar*

**RESULTS OF DECISION 55-1008** *I'd rather have a man preach to me with a pair of overalls on and mud on his shoes and know God, than all the D.D.'s that you could put before me. The... Hallelujah. Back to the old hewing line again, brother. That's where we ought to go, somebody to preach the full Gospel, believe in Divine healing, the power of God, the resurrection, that Jesus the same yesterday, today, and forever.*

**JEHOVAH JIREH 56-0429** *I'd rather have favor with God than anything I know of.*

**LOVE 56-0726** *I asked my wife, not long ago, I said, "I want to ask you something, honey, I..." I said, "What is real true value placed on?" I believe I told you that though, the other night, what the true value... Nothing but lost souls, is the only thing that's got any value in it. Money passes away. Homes decay and go away. Everything in the earth moves away. The only value, lasting value, I'd rather have one soul in glory, that I won to Christ, to know and see that that Light of God circles around that soul, through all eternity, my name to be associated with that, than to have every penny of money in the whole earth, 'cause I'd have to lose--lose it all. But what you send up there, is Eternal. And that's the reason we're trying. My lost brother and sister tonight without hope without God, that's why I'm here to speak to you, to try to get you to love the Lord Jesus.*

**SPIRITUAL ADOPTION 56-0923** *I'd rather have a man that didn't know his abc's to teach my child, that had the Holy Spirit, than all the professors in the world who didn't have the Holy Spirit, for he speaks of the Father. See? And the Holy Spirit speaks of the Father. And then It'll teach the child not to be tossed about with every wind of doctrine, but to accept and believe the principles that the Father has laid down. That's the reason Divine healing becomes so simple to the real believer, because he's been taught of the Holy Spirit to believe all things.*

**GOD KEEPS HIS WORD 57-0115 029** *I'd rather have an old home with no rug on the floor, and with a little old iron bedstead setting there, and an old dresser somewhere, or whatever, and a little old kitchen table made out of boxes with a sign hanging on it, "God bless our home" than all the fine homes in the world, your pin-ups and nonsense that you have today, and a Bible laying on the table instead of all these old love story magazines and things laying around of dirt, and filth, and lust, and everything else to breed into the children. How can you expect anything else but a bunch of infidels and agnostics to answer out. That's true, friends. Bring up a child in the way that it should go, teaching him on the Word of God. Abraham Lincoln, until he was a grown man, had two books: One of them was the Bible and the other was the Foxe "Book of the Martyrs." Abraham Lincoln... And he studied that so hard, he read; he--he concentrated on that. That's what developed that kind of a character that Abraham Lincoln was.*

**JEHOVAH JIREH 57-0326** *I'd rather have the Presence of God with me and be called a "holy-roller" than be a archbishop in some other church that couldn't believe the powers of God. That's right. If I had to worship in a*

*mission or a brush harbor, I'd like to be where the Spirit of God is. That's exactly right.*

**WE WOULD SEE JESUS 57-0516** *you have the privilege tonight to have Christ by you. And what... I'd rather have that than all of the money the world ever did have or ever would have. To know that I'm standing here now in the Presence of the Lord Jesus, the Redeemer, and His loving grace has reached out to us. Here He is, standing here tonight, doing the same things that He did when He was here on earth, working through you and through me. Well, if He just worked through me, and didn't through you, it would never work. It's your faith that does that.*

**THIRSTING FOR LIFE 57-0613 042** *Listen, I want to say this just on the side. That's the kind of songs I love. I'd rather have them, than all your little old chopped up boogie-woogie things that you try to put in church and take the place of the old fashion hymns. It'll never do it. No, sir. The Holy Spirit loves those old fashion songs.*

**THIRSTING FOR LIFE 57-0630** *I'd rather have favor with Christ than to be the president of the world.*

**THIRSTING FOR LIFE 57-0630** *I'd rather have that real sweet, mellow Holy Spirit moving into my life and making all the world pass away, than to have all the noise and... Now, I believe in shouting, sure. I shout and scream myself. That's right. I believe in every gift. I wouldn't be here preaching healing. I believe in all those things. But brother, that isn't it yet. That's not it. These gifts and signs, that's not it. It's Christ in the heart. That's it. Then you'll stay. That's life.*

**HEBREWS CHAPTER 6 57-0908E** *There's something about those old fashion songs, the old-time hymns. I'd rather have them than all these new worldly songs put in, in Christian churches.*

**JEHOVAH JIREH 58-0127** *I'd rather have someone preaching in my church, that didn't even know his ABC's or knowed split peas from coffee. If he knowed Christ in the power of His resurrection, I'd rather have him, than all the students and scholars that these incubators could hatch out in their theological machines. I don't mean to be rude by misstating facts. We want men and women who know God, separating themselves from unbelief.*

**HEAR YE HIM 58-0209A** *I'd rather have His love than every gift He's got in His Kingdom. Give me His love. That's what the world is looking for today, is to see a display of real love. It'll win souls when you got love. They can tell it when you got love. We got to much make-believe love.*

**WILL CHURCH GO BEFORE TRIBULATION 58-0309E** *I'd rather have my hopes built in Christ, taking my solemn stand upon His grace and mercy, than any educated group of people who would form an organization, say, "This is the way." Christ said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Light. And no man cometh to the Father except he comes by Me."*

**WHY ARE WE NOT A DENOMINATION? 58-0927** *Why, here's a far greater gift right here. Which would be the best, the gift of the Holy Ghost of wisdom to put the Word of God together and to show the church where we're standing, than just to get somebody healed? We all want to be well; but I'd rather have my soul well, than my body well anytime. Oh, my.*

**GOD'S PROVIDED WAY 59-0415A** *I'd rather have my spirit covered with the robe of His holiness, than to have the best suits that could be bought in all the world. Sure. Rich in the Kingdom of God.*

**IMAGES OF CHRIST 59-0525** *a sweet Spirit? I'd rather have it than anything I know in the world. I... You can take all the rest of the world and its fancies, all your intellectuals, all your doctors, rabbis, bishops, holy fathers; give me Jesus. That's right. Just let me have Him that old fashion way. I feel Him way down in my heart. And watching my lives and sees my desires is to serve Him, humble, meek, and lowly. That's what we need, friends, is a re... That's Jesus. That's the Jesus of the Bible, not a Jesus of the intellect, but a Jesus of the soul.*

**DECEIVED CHURCH BY THE WORLD 59-0628M** *I want the real Holy Ghost like is on me now. I want to keep It. I'd rather have It than all the things of the world.*

**Q & A COD 59-0628E** *I'd rather have a man that really knowed God if he didn't know his a-b-c's to belong to my church (right) as long as he's the seed of Christ.*

**FROM THAT TIME 60-0716** *I'd rather have somebody with one of my children out here on a--in the sage brush field, somewhere down by an old*

*stump, that didn't even know his ABC's or know which was right or left hand. If he knows Jesus Christ, I'd like to have him by side of my child, before I would any professor that knows a lot of theology, and knows no more about God than a rabbit knows about snow shoes. I want... I'll tell you, brother, what we need today is back to the Bible and the old fashion baptizing of the Holy Ghost back into the church, and so much of this other stuff cut out. I'm not trying to support ignorance. I mean, if you've got the education plus that, amen. But the educational covenant will fall one of these days, but the covenant with God will last forever and forever and forever. It'll go on through the eons of times into eternity*

**AS THE EAGLE STIRS HER NEST 61-0122** *I'd rather have a little wild fire than none at all.*

**PRESUMING 62-0408** *I'd rather have my name on the big Book up there, than the big board down here.*

**WHY 62-0622E** *I'd rather lose my job than lose my life. "Your wife will leave you." I'd rather lose a wife than lose my Christ. ... I'd rather have my neighbor make fun of me and be right with God.*

**SUPER SIGN 62-0624** *I'd rather have love than all the gifts that God has, because where there's tongues, they shall cease; where there's prophecy, it shall fail; but when it's love, it endures forever.*

**JEHOVAH JIREH PART 2 62-0706** *I'd rather some man, being my family or my child, that didn't know the difference between split beans and coffee, and knowed Christ. That's right. Take him out yonder somewhere by an old stump and kneel down on his knees and pray with him till the Holy Ghost comes into him. I'd rather have that than all the psychology you could pour into him by a doctor's degree. Tell him the Word of God. Yes.*

**FALLING APART OF THE WORLD 62-121** *I'd rather have my consolation built upon the Word of God, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the Presence of Christ, than all the security that politics or churches could ever give you. Certainly, 'cause I know That'll stand*

**TURN ON THE LIGHT 64-0125** *I'd rather have what I've got, than all the education in the world. I have Jesus Christ. And I see Him live His Word right through, and that's all I need to know. And if a man is born of the Spirit*



of God, he'll search the Scripture to see if It's the answer for today. The answer of the day is Christ. Christ is the Word. When the Word comes to life, It shows the Light that's promised of the day. In this dark Laodicean age, just a few, "As many as I receive, I chasten, I rebuke. Repent," Jesus said, "and return back." Turn to the Word. He is the Word. Come to Him. Yes, sir.

**Q & A COD 54-0103M 057** Now, I'll admit that **people study too much, and try to go too far ahead, and try to think too hard**, and sometimes have mental breakdowns and things on account of studying about the Lord. **You must quit that. You don't have to do that.** The only thing you have to do is **fall in love with Him**, and just go right on loving Him. Amen. **It's not trying to push into something or make yourself something you're not; just go ahead and let God use you the way He wants to use you. Just yield yourself; commit yourself and walk on, happy, singing, rejoicing.** That's the way. 058 The Bible said, **"All things work together for good to them that love Him."** So just be sure that you love Him; that's the only thing you have to know. Amen. Just love Him and walk on. Say, "Lord, I love You; You know I love You." "You love this?" "No, Sir, I love You, Lord." See? Say, "Well, don't you want to be... Wouldn't you like to be a great preacher? Wouldn't you like to be this?" "No. Now, Lord, what... If You want me to be, I will. If You don't... Amen. I'll be right here, just a doormat at this church." "Well, now, I believe if you do something like this the people would think a lot more of your church." **"I don't care what the people think; I want to know what You think, Lord.** I'll just stay right with You, what You tell me to do. I love all them, sure." "Well, now, you know Sister So-and-so; you don't love her." "Yes, I do, Lord. Yes, I sure do. I love her." "Why?" "'Cause You love her, and You're in me. And I have to love her, 'cause it's You in me loving her out of me." Whew. That will get it.

**Israel at the Red Sea 53-0326 023** "He that comes to Me, I will in no wise cast out." Is that right? And listen, here's the Man's Word about it, Jesus Christ, St. John 5:24, "He (whosoever), He that heareth My Words, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath (present tense) Everlasting Life (That's not just from one meeting to another.)--Everlasting Life, and shall not come into judgment (or condemnation, never be cast away), but hath (past tense) passed from death unto Life." St. John 5:24, Jesus said so. "I am the Bread of Life that come from God out of heaven. Your fathers eat manna in the wilderness and are dead, but he that eats My flesh and drinks My Blood hath Everlasting Life, and I'll raise him up at the last days." That's what He said. 024 Now, there's many that pretend to be in there. There's many that's

*warring themselves, and trying to live right, and trying to press in; I don't know about that. But if they are in there, it's just as easy to live a Christian life as it is to live any life, 'cause you're in Christ, and nothing else but just so full of the Holy Spirit leads you, and guides you and directs you. And, why, sure you'll make mistakes and fall, but you can't stay down, because no more than you could make a--a stalk of corn a--a sycamore tree... You can't do it. Jesus said, "By their fruits you shall know them." You have Everlasting Life. 025 One of the greatest curses on the church today is fear. Everybody's scared to death; it's "What's going to happen, who, what?" Why, Jesus said, "Even when the fearful sights come, lift up your head and rejoice, for great... Your redemption's drawing nigh when these things happen."*