October 13, 2025

Dear Dr. Gene Lingerfelt,

I wanted to write to You in hopes that I could honor You as well as offer some encouragement to You and to testify about our great God. I wrote to You once before, in February of 2021, and since that time I have continued to listen and learn from You from afar and have continued to make real measurable progress and develop my relationship closer to God and I believe also have become a better husband and father.

A quick life update for my wife and I is that over the past 4.5 years since I last wrote to You, we were blessed with a 6th child (our fifth girl!) who was born in late 2021. Right now our children's ages are 3- 15! My wife works at home as the full time homeschool teacher for all 6 of the children and I run our property maintenance business from the commercial property that we own 5 minutes from our house. The last time that I wrote to You I had mentioned some specific goals, such as paying off our house within the next two years and increasing my investing. We did meet those goals, and in fact we paid our house off the next year after I wrote You that letter!

Dr. Lingerfelt I want You to know that since I first heard You in 2015, I have listened to literally every Wednesday night message that You have preached, along with all of the Power Lunches and Guys night out messages. I do occasionally watch a Sunday message, but my wife and I are connected in and serve at a great Word of Faith Church in Massachusetts, so that is where we are fed on Sundays.

I know that You love to hear the facts, so I wanted to share some analytics and documented progress with You: When I first heard You I was 30 years old, with 3 children, living in a townhouse condominium with a mortgage and with a total net worth of around $400,000. Today, we have 6 children, we sold the townhouse and own a beautiful paid- off home, we have bought and paid off a commercial property, and our net worth is over $2 million and growing. All of this has happened in the ten years since I got connected with You, Dr. Lingerfelt and Faith Christian Center.

I want You to know Dr. Lingerfelt that although we are faithful members of a great church in Massachusetts, they do not go as deep as You do on PRACTICAL financial teaching and teaching on marriage and child rearing. In many ways, YOU are my final authority and role model on all matters of financial and family teaching, child rearing, planning, and You are my largest personal role model. I doubt that hardly a week has gone by in years when my wife doesn't hear me say "Dr. Gene says this, or Dr. Gene said that." The teachings that I have learned from You have formed so much of how I now model my life, how I think, and how I lead my family. I have learned so much from You and I want to share with You a few specific examples:

- I love how analytical You are. You document everything, and often recount exact figures, dates, bank balances, investments etc. down to the exact date and exact dollar amount even from many decades ago. I see such value in that. I have tried to implement a similar documentation system in my own life so that I can learn from patterns and also so that I can analyze my own former decisions and plan future decisions. It has worked extremely well for me.

- Faith for Money: I have learned how to use my faith to believe for finances and to believe in supernatural money, while also knowing that God blesses the work of our hands and that we are commanded to be fruitful and productive. You are THE BEST I have ever heard in the Full Gospel World at walking the line between Faith and also practicality: working both of these principles simultaneously. I was born-again at age 12 and have been in Full Gospel Churches for 28 years and I have never heard ANYONE able to walk the line between both of these principles as well as You. I feel like I have received an impartation from You for walking both of these out in my own life: I work and run my business with all that I have within me but also believe for and have received financial breakthroughs and favor as well, but receiving a "financial miracle" is never my primary and only plan!

- How to invest consistently: I remember early on hearing You say "the months are going to go by whether You invest or not, whether You take any action or not." That has stuck with me for years. We started small, sometimes we were only able to invest a few $100 per month, but I have increased my investing substantially year after year and now we are able to invest a relatively substantial part of our income. I also remember You saying that "people call investing passive income, but it is not passive, it's a lot of work". I feel like I am still in the very infantile stages of my investing knowledge, but I listen to podcasts, read and analyze every week and am trying to be very diligent and increase my knowledge and treat investing and awareness of the economy as a type of second business versus something completely passive.

- Investing for my children: I have been investing in 529s for all 6 of my children since they each were born, and my main goal now as I enter my 40s is to be able to help each of them become established as young adults just like You did with your children. Once my children start working and they have a taxable earned income, I plan to start funding their Roth IRAs for them to the maximum amount possible (their taxable income) while allowing them to keep their own earnings.

- Thinking Bigger: I have learned from You to always think bigger, and when presented with two options to not always take the cheap way out. Yet, at the same time, I know

that You do not waste money, and are very diligent, so again it is the practice of walking down the middle of both of these principles at the same time.

- Working with my Brothers: I own two blue-collar businesses and the opportunity to work for people from Church has come up many times, as well as employing people from Church. I will not, as a rule, engage in business with anyone from Church nor will I hire employees from out of our Church. I learned this from You and it has saved me a lot of grief. I have seen countless men in our Church who keep fishing out of the same Christian pond, and I have seen it go sideways so many times. I know of many people who have left our church over business deals or offense related to business. Yet people keep doing it over and over. I learned from You to go out into the world to make my money and then bring it back into the Church in the form of tithes and offerings.

- I've learned what to do with money from Your teaching: "Make the money, tithe the money, save and invest the money, sow the money."

- I have learned to do everything that I can in the natural while also believing God to do what we cannot do ourselves.

- I have learned from You what it means to have honor and integrity. Much like how You raised your children, I will not give my Word to my Wife or children unless I am certain that I will be able to do whatever I say. If I say something, I will make it happen 100% or I will expend all possible options and efforts trying! I try to carry this same mentality into the business and Church world as well, being a reliable and consistent person with integrity. If I say something, I MUST make it happen even if it hurts.

- Planning: The 2019 Power Lunch "Love Needs A Plan" was absolutely life changing for me and I listen to it several times per year. That message articulated what, at that time, I had been seeking for my own life and for the next decade of my life with my wife and children. Since hearing that message, I have struggled with and now developed a blueprint for how I can help my 6 children so that they do not have to struggle while also acknowledging the reality of all of the money printing and hurtles that exist. I feel a major burden to help my children like You did, and while my wife and I are in decent financial shape, I have kept pressing harder each year in my businesses so that I am positioned to be a blessing to my children and future grandchildren. Watching You as my example is what has motivated me to do this. I have taken my planning seriously: for the last 5 years I have spent January- March of each year praying, thinking, taking notes and building a meticulous plan of the top 10 personal, business, and financial goals that I want to accomplish during that year. I then print a copy of that list for my bedroom and one for my work office and I look at it at least once per week, to make sure that I am on

track. I have been able to accomplish about 95% of my yearly goals, since 2019, by using this process.

I have felt to write You this update letter for several months but have struggled to put together the right words to concisely describe to You how thankful I am for You and Your ministry and how much it has blessed and affected me. Above All I want You to know that despite what You may see in front of You, me and probably countless others like me that You may have never heard from are following your online media ministry from afar and "working the Word" and your teachings in our own lives. For me personally, please know that what I have learned and gleaned from You has literally changed the trajectory of my Life, my Wife's life and our 6 children's lives, and I thank you for that!

Sincerely,

Jarl Jason Ekstrom