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MSG -The Message Translation
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LIFE AND IMMORTALITY THROUGH THE GOSPEL



...but be thou...made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel (2 Timothy 1:8-10).

In Christ Jesus, life and immortality have been unveiled. This life isn't the mere human or biological life that's depraved, degenerate and broken; it's the life and nature of God that transcends the ordinary human life. In 1 John 5:13, the Apostle John writes, *"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life...."* So, being a Christian means that the human life that's subject to death, with which you came into this world, has been supplanted by the life and nature of God, making you immortal; divine.

Could this be real? "Is it true that death has been abolished?" some may ask. Well, the Word says so, and that settles it! Notice the tenses that Paul used; he said death has been abolished; that's in the past tense; it's not a promise; it's been done already; you're not an ordinary person; you're divine. 2 Peter 1:4 says, *"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature...."*

As a replacement for the abolished death-doomed human nature, He gave us divinity; He made us partakers of the divine nature; associates of the God-kind; comrades of the divine order. Let this

understanding change the way you live; you're a victor in this life. You have the life of God in you.

As you walk in Christ and preach the Word of God, you're participating in divinity, and unveiling life and immortality through the Gospel, so those who are lost can hear, receive, and become partakers of this glorious life as well. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for giving me life and immortality, making me a partaker of your divine nature. I declare that by the power of the Holy Spirit working in me, I'm effective in the divine experience and bearing fruits in every good work, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

John 11:25; 1 Corinthians 15:55; John 5:24

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 9:14-32 & Numbers 7-8

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Matthew 19:1-12 & Exodus 10



YOU'VE GOT TO KNOW HIM



According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue (2 Peter 1:3).

Ephesians 1:3 says God has blessed you with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus; and 1 Corinthians 3:21 declares, “...all things are yours.” God has given you everything you require to live victoriously and be a success in life. Meanwhile, in our opening verse, we observe a very important element: it’s about your “knowledge of Him.” There’s nothing you could ever need or desire for a godly life that’s not already yours in Christ. However, making it a reality in your life is a function of your knowledge of Him.

This kind of knowledge is full, exact knowledge—“epignosis” (Greek). God’s provisions aren’t going to come to pass in your life just because they’re written in the pages of the Bible; there’s a knowledge of Him that you must have; knowledge that unites the knower with that which is known; knowledge beyond the senses; specific knowledge, without assumptions.

Something so beautiful and powerful about knowing Him is that not only do you get to know, and are able to appropriate all that He’s given to you, you also get to know yourself. The more you know Him, the more you know you; He mirrors you. His Word mirrors you; in Him, you see you. You can never really know

yourself as God knows you until you know Him. He made you; so only He knows what's inside you and what you're capable of; He alone can reveal you to you.

Therefore, the way to know Him, and get to discover you, is to study and meditate on the Word. 2 Corinthians 3:18 shows that the Word is the mirror of God that reveals your true description. It says, *"...we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."* Search and discover who you really are, by looking into the mirror of God; by getting to know the Lord. The moment you get a hold of what the Word says is yours, or who the Word says you are, respond by affirming accordingly. That's how you endorse His Word into manifestation in your life.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for giving me everything I need for a godly life of success and victory in this world. I'm full and loaded with blessings; and as I look into your Word, I'm transfigured; your glory is revealed in, and through me, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Philippians 3:10; John 10:15

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 9:33-50 & Numbers 9-10

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Matthew 19:13-22 & Exodus 11





SUNDAY 3

HIS BODY AND BLOOD



The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? (1 Corinthians 10:16).

Being born again, not only is it your right to take the Holy Communion, it's also compulsory, for it's a participation in the body and blood of Christ. As seen in our opening verse, the cup of blessing is actually the Communion of the blood of Christ. Likewise, the bread, which we break, is the Communion of His body. This means we're one with the Lord. His victory is our victory; His ability is our ability. All that He is, He is in us, and we're complete in Him. Amazing reality!

These are our affirmations as we partake of the Communion; we're to be mindful of our oneness with the Lord, and our triumphant life in Him. "What if a Christian has done something wrong, can he still partake of the Communion?" Yes. He should repent of his sin immediately and not miss the opportunity to partake of the Communion, because the blood of Jesus was shed for the remission of sin; the Communion is a demonstration of faith in the blood of Christ for redemption.

"But I thought the Bible says, 'Don't take the Communion when you're not worthy; meaning when you've sinned?'" someone queries. That's not what the Bible says. The Spirit of God, writing through Paul to the Corinthian Church, didn't say, "whosoever shall eat

this bread or drink this cup, being unworthy.” Being unworthy means the person isn’t qualified to eat the bread or drink the cup; every Christian qualifies to take the Communion. What the Bible says is that it shouldn’t be done “unworthily,” and there, the Apostle Paul was addressing the impropriety reported of the Christians in Corinth as they took the Communion (1 Corinthians 11:18-34).

Taking the Communion is something that must be done reverently and meditatively; in a heart of worship and holiness, knowing the significance of the body and blood of Christ—the fellowship and eternal redemption it provides. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for the body of Jesus that was broken for me, and His blood that was shed for the remission of my sins. I’m forever grateful for my oneness with you, and for your glory in my life. Now I have a brand new life of righteousness, with dominion over sin, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

1 Corinthians 11:27-30; Matthew 26:26-28

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 10:1-31 & Numbers 11-13

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Matthew 19:23-30 & Exodus 12





MONDAY 4

A GIFT FOR ALL



For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16).

Romans 6:23 says, *“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”* Eternal life is God’s gift to the world, not to Christians. You become a Christian only after you’ve received eternal life, which is the life and nature of God. What Jesus came to do, the salvation He brought, was for the whole world. So, in the mind of justice, the whole world has been saved, because Jesus paid the price for every man’s sin. This is legal salvation. Vital salvation is only received by personal faith in Jesus Christ.

Unless one acknowledges, and accepts His vicarious sacrifice, he won’t experience the vital reality of the finished works of salvation in his personal life. That’s where we come in; those of us who have become Christians have a responsibility to tell the world what Jesus did. Many don’t believe because they haven’t heard. Romans 10:14 sums it rightly: *“How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?”*

They’ve got to hear that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, and that He’s made that life available to everyone. It’s a gift; therefore, they don’t have to work for it; all they need is to receive it. Romans 10:9-10 says, *“...if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the*

Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."
That's how simple it is to receive this glorious, wonderful gift of eternal life, and become an associate of the God-kind.

The human life is depraved, degenerate, and broken; but God has provided another life, the transcendent life, which He wants all men to have and live. It's the life of absolute victory, glory, righteousness, and dominion in Christ; it makes you indestructible and supernatural, and it's only available in Christ.

PRAYER

I thank you, precious Father, for sending Jesus to die for me, making it possible for me to have eternal life. This life is working in every fibre of my being, repelling sickness, disease, infirmity, death, poverty, and everything that's inconsistent with the provisions of the divine life, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 6:23; 1 John 5:13

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 10:32-52 & Numbers 14-15

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Matthew 20:1-16 & Exodus 13





TUESDAY 5

A LIFE OF POWER OVER SIN



...if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved (Romans 10:9).

Jesus died to save man from sin, but salvation from sin wasn't enough. We were free from sin and the consequences of sin, but we weren't free from the power of sin. The resurrection of Jesus gave us a new life and power over sin. Thus, the power to live above sin came from the resurrection; the resurrection brought us a new life of righteousness!

This is why it's compulsory that we understand that true salvation is based on our faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. If anyone believes in the death and doesn't believe in the resurrection, their salvation isn't complete, because the resurrection is what gives us eternal life.

We read in our opening verse, *"...if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."* Verse 10 continues, *"For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."* From the foregoing, we observe two things that are involved in salvation: you must confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord of your life, and believe that God raised Him from the dead. When a man fulfills both, he can then declare, "I'm saved," for with that, he's at once ushered into a new life; a life of righteousness, with power over

sin.

If you've never been born again, this is what you need: affirm the Lordship of Jesus over your life, believing in your heart that He died for you, and that God raised Him from the dead for your justification. Let us know that you made that declaration by sending a mail to info@rhapsodyofrealities.org

PRAYER

I pray for souls around the world today, that their hearts be open to receive the Gospel, as the Word is brought to them in diverse means. The veil is removed from their hearts, and the light of the glorious Gospel shines through, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 6:4; Romans 10:9-10 NIV

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

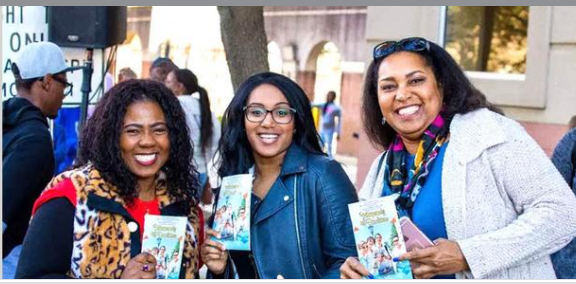
Mark 11:1-26 & Numbers 16-17

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Matthew 20:17-23 & Exodus 14



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WEDNESDAY 6

BEAUTIFYING YOUR SPIRIT



When Moses came down from Mount Sinai carrying the two Tablets of The Testimony, he didn't know that the skin of his face glowed because he had been speaking with GOD (Exodus 34:29 MSG).

Man is a spirit being and not a physical body. Many, however, have put a premium on their outward appearance; they go through rigorous exercises and dietary plans; some even go through severe surgical procedures to maintain or enhance their physical looks.

But you see, don't be carried away by all the praise you might receive for your outward appearance. The truth is, there's no glory like that of your spirit. That should be your dream: beautifying your human spirit!

1 Peter 1:23 says, *"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."* Thus, you're born of the Word, and contemplating the Word should be a priority. When you study the Word or receive its ministry in teaching or preaching, it glorifies or beautifies your spirit. You're strengthened, energized and invigorated for greater works.

Moses had an experience recorded in Exodus 34. He had spent so much time (forty days and forty nights) with God on Mount Sinai, receiving the Ten Commandments. When he came down from the mountain, his face radiated the glory of God, such that everyone who saw him couldn't look at him.

Moses had to wear a veil to shroud the glory that had rubbed off on him (Exodus 34:29-33). That's the effect of deep contemplation and meditation on the Word. 2 Corinthians 3:18 says, *"But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."*

The Word of God is where the glory is, and the New Covenant is far more glorious. As you receive the Word, at your quiet time, devotion, or church services, the intensity of the glory in your life is increased; you're enraptured, beautified, and enveloped by His glory.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for your Word, which causes your glory to shine forth with much intensity in my life and in all that I'm connected with. As I meditate on the Word of faith, I experience victory, divine health, and blessings! My life is an expression of your supernatural grace, glory, perfection, beauty and righteousness. I'm continually metamorphosed from glory to glory, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

1 Timothy 4:15; John 1:14; 2 Timothy 3:15-16

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 11:27-12:1-17 & Numbers 18-19

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Matthew 20:24-34 & Exodus 15



PRAY FOR YOUR ENEMIES... NOT AGAINST THEM



This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh (Galatians 5:16).

Sometimes, some Christians, while praying, would say, "Whatever evil my enemies have planned against me, Lord, give them double! Anyone who wants me dead, let that one rather die a sudden death!" No, this isn't the right way to pray as a Christian; not when you're full of the Spirit!

Those who pray like that are praying according to the desire of the flesh, not according to the Spirit. Our opening verse says, *"...Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust (desire) of the flesh."* It's the desire of the flesh to see the death of your enemies, but the desire of the Spirit is to see their salvation.

When you pray against your enemies, that's walking in the flesh; that's praying in the flesh. What God wants is for us to pray in the Spirit: *"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit ..."* (Ephesians 6:18). Stay in the Spirit; don't be perturbed by whatever your enemy may be scheming against you.

Jesus said, "Pray for," not against, your enemies: *"But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you"* (Matthew 5:44). You may feel hurt, and upset or angry, but refuse to hate. You're too full of love to hate or curse anyone. You're too sweet in your spirit to be bitter or take record of the wrongs done to you.

Don't give attention to your adversaries, for they

don't count. It makes no difference how many people gang up against you, they're not a factor. You've been raised together with Christ! Greater is He that's in you than he that's in the world. Read the words of David in Psalm 27:2: *"When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell."*

There was no need for him to pray against his enemies; they simply took their place: they stumbled and fell. That's the fate of anyone who professes to be your enemy. If they don't repent, they're doomed. But your role is to pray for them, hoping God would grant them repentance unto the acknowledging of the truth.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for your love that's shed abroad in my heart by the Holy Spirit, and for the fullness of Christ in my heart. Your love is daily expressed through me in my thoughts, words, and actions. I'm riding through life gloriously, making progress with giant strides, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Proverbs 24:17 GNB; Luke 6:27-28; Isaiah 54:17

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 12:18-44 & Numbers 20-21

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Matthew 21:1-11 & Exodus 16





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FRIDAY 8

STAND UP FOR JESUS



For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; he will save us (Isaiah 33:22).

The Bible says Jesus has been placed *“high above all other government and authority and power and dominion, and every title of sovereignty used either in this Age or in the Age to come”* (Ephesians 1:21 WNT). For that reason, it makes no difference what the title is; be it President, Prime Minister, President General, Chief Judge, etc., Jesus is above them all. He’s above every title of sovereignty and government. Now, what does this mean for the Church?

Remember, He’s the head, and the Church is His body; He and the Church are one; we go by the same name. Thus, in union with Him, the Church is above, and has a say in, any and every government in this world. Therefore, those who think the Church is helpless, beggarly, and weak, must think again. Read our opening scripture; it says, *“For the LORD is our judge* (that’s the Judiciary) , *the LORD is our lawgiver* (that’s the legislature) , *the LORD is our king* (that’s the executive)”

Jesus and the Church have a say in every arm of government. He’s the Judge, the Lawgiver, and the King! Have these in your mind, and stand up for Jesus and the Church everywhere, irrespective of the opposition. If you stand up for Him, He’ll stand for you.

Jesus said, *“...All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth”* (Matthew 28:18). Then in the next verse, He said, on the basis and authority of that power,

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations....” Your country isn’t left out; you have authority in His Name. Read also what He said in Matthew 28:20, *“...lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”*

Refuse to be intimidated by any law, regulation, or policies that are against the Gospel; keep serving the Lord faithfully. But control and influence the government and leaders in your prayers and the exercise of spiritual authority in the Name of Jesus Christ.

CONFESSION

The Lord is my salvation; I’ll trust and not be afraid, for He’s my strength, my song and my refuge. The Gospel is prospering in, and through me, penetrating the hearts of men, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Philippians 2:9-11; Jeremiah 1:10-12; 1 Corinthians 15:58

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 13:1-37 & Numbers 22-23

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Matthew 21:12-17 & Exodus 17





SATURDAY 9

“THE FIRE OF CLEANSING”



I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire (Matthew 3:11).

Fire is very significant in Scripture. In some places, it was used to symbolize the Spirit of God and the character in which He operated or manifested Himself. When God revealed Himself to Moses, it was in the burning bush (Exodus 3:3-5). When the Holy Ghost came in Acts 2:1-4 as Jesus had promised His disciples, the Scriptures record that cloven tongues like as of fire appeared unto them and sat upon each of them, and they were filled with the Holy Ghost.

Then we read the words of John the Baptist in our opening verse above, where he talked about the baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire. Now, many have confused John’s statement to mean that both the power of the Holy Ghost, and the fire of the Holy Ghost are synonymous, but they aren’t. When John the Baptist said Jesus shall baptize with the Holy Ghost, and with fire, that “fire” meant judgment.

The fire of the Holy Ghost is about cleansing; it’s called, “The fire of Judgment” or “The fire of cleansing.” The Bible says, “...he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire” (Matthew 3:12). That’s judgment! It’s the same thing we see in Malachi 3:2-3:

“But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner’s fire, and like fullers’ soap: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.”

Thus, Holy Ghost fire is the fire of purification; it takes away the unclean things from your life; it burns them up, that there be no impurities in you; that fire purifies you, removes everything that’s not of God. Thus, you’re sanctified for the Lord’s use; you’re His vessel unto honour, to bring Him glory, and establish His will in the earth. Hallelujah!

CONFESSION

I’m washed, sanctified, justified, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by the Spirit of our God! There’s no uncleanness in me, for the fire of the Holy Ghost purifies my heart from all filthiness. I’ve become the radiance of God’s glory, and the expression of His righteousness. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

Isaiah 4:3-4; 1 Peter 1:7; 2 Timothy 2:19-21

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 14:1-26 & Numbers 24-26

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Matthew 21:18-32 & Exodus 18





SUNDAY 10

HE REQUIRES YOUR OBLATIONS—NOT DONATIONS



For in mine holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, there shall all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, serve me: there will I accept them, and there will I require your offerings, and the firstfruits of your oblations, with all your holy things (Ezekiel 20:40).

There's a difference between a donation and an oblation. When you give to the Lord, it's an offering, an oblation; it's called a holy giving and it's a connection between you and your heavenly Father, different from donations. There're endeavours to which we can make donations; we can donate to charity organizations, NGOs, and worthy causes, but when it comes to giving to God, it's not a donation; your offerings, and tithes that you give to the Lord are oblations and must be hallowed in your heart, and given reverently.

This is important because how you deal with your giving determines the results you're going to get from God. If you give as a donation, you get what a donation promises. You don't donate to God; you give an offering to Him, because He is God. Your offering is a testimony that you recognize, and are honouring Him as God, and not as a man.

Sometimes, donations or contributions may be called for in the church. These could be for some church project or endeavour, and could be classified accordingly. Nonetheless, your tithes and offerings, like

seed offerings, first-fruit offerings, etc., are not donations or contributions: they are oblations to the Lord. Remember, worshipping the Lord must be according to His prescribed order or else we lose the blessing promised. The word teaches that there are blessings connected with oblations. Donations and contributions have their blessings as well.

For example, if you give alms to the poor, that's not an offering; it's a loan to God (Proverbs 19:17); it has its blessings. An offering to God is very different. This understanding is important, because when you want to have maximum results from God, you have to do God's things, God's way.

PRAYER

Dear heavenly Father, I worship you with my giving and oblations. I declare that I continually increase in the grace of giving, even as I abound in wisdom and understanding. Through my commitments, the furtherance of the Gospel is swift, and many lives are touched, all to the praise and glory of your Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

2 Corinthians 9:7-8; 2 Thessalonians 1:3

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 14:27-52 & Numbers 27-28

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Matthew 21:33-46 & Exodus 19





MONDAY 11

HAVE NO CARES WHATSOEVER



Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God... (Philippians 4:6-7).

If, indeed, you found out that God has blessed you with so much, and you have all the resources you require for anything whatsoever, how would you live every day? Would you still be worried over anything? I'm sure you wouldn't! I mean, you have everything, and are able to enjoy everything that God has blessed you with on earth; you wouldn't care about a thing in the world!

But did you know that's how you're expected to live every day? You ought to have no cares whatsoever, because God, indeed, already blessed you with everything: every resource—spiritual and physical—that you require to live a godly and successful life. Those who don't have this consciousness are the ones who get agitated and worried in life.

The Lord Jesus said in Matthew 6:25, *"Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on...."* This is your ticket to the worry-free life. Read His words in Matthew 6:32 as He continues on the same subject: *"...for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things."* How beautiful this is!

Before you were born, God already knew everything you'd ever need, and in His love, He made them available to you in Christ, even before you ever had the sense or "faith" to consider asking Him. He

said in 1 Corinthians 3:21, “...*all things are yours.*” No wonder David could say with such confidence, “*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want*” (Psalm 23:1).

In your life, refuse to worry; it’s something you have to consciously practise. Have confidence in the Lord, and in all that He’s done for you and made available to you in Christ Jesus. Instead of worrying, which wouldn’t change your situation in the first place, turn your petitions to the Lord; with thanksgiving, present your requests to Him.

Choose the life of blessings and reject worry and anxiety. You’ll be amazed at the doors that’ll open to you; the blessings of God that’ll begin to work in your life without restraint. Praise God forevermore!

CONFESSION

I have all that pertain to life and godliness; all things are mine. My mind is stayed on the Lord, and His Word; thus, the blessings of God in Christ are working in my life without restraint. Blessed be God!

FURTHER STUDY:

1 Peter 5:6-7; 2 Peter 1:1-4; Matthew 6:31-34

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 14:53-72 & Numbers 29-31

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Matthew 22:1-14 & Exodus 20





TUESDAY 12

WALK IN HIS LIGHT



This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh (Galatians 5:16).

The reason some Christians find themselves struggling with the flesh is that they're not living the Word (James 1:22). The Word of God is clear: Walk in the Spirit, and you'll not fulfil the lusts or desires of the flesh, as our opening verse states.

Some have been trying to crucify the flesh for a long time to no avail. God never told us to crucify the flesh, because the flesh has already been crucified; it happened the moment you were born again. Galatians 5:24 says, *"And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts."*

So, if you're struggling with the flesh, simply stop; just act on the Word; walk according to the life and nature of God that's in your spirit. 1 John 1:7 tells us to walk in the light, as He (God) is in the light; in other words, walk in the light of God's provisions for you in Christ, as revealed in the Word.

For example, Romans 6:14 says, *"For sin shall not have dominion over you..."*; therefore, if you find yourself struggling with a sinful habit, don't become frustrated! Use the Word. Affirm, "I'm the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus; sin has no power over me. I refuse to be entangled by any yoke of bondage. I put a stop to this habit, in Jesus' Name." Make this declaration and begin to walk in its light, and sin shall not lord it over you. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for enlightening me on the path of life through your Word; your Word is light and full of glory. I walk in the light of my righteousness, exercising dominion over Satan, sin, and the flesh with its affections and lusts. I've overcome the world, and I live triumphantly every day, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Hebrews 12:1; Romans 6:14-18

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 15:1-20 & Numbers 32-33

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Matthew 22:15-22 & Exodus 21





WEDNESDAY 13

DARE TO BELIEVE



Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth (Mark 9:23).

Many today are struggling and toiling every day to make ends meet. But the Word declares that you're an heir of God and a joint-heir with Christ. You have an inheritance in Christ, who owns the world and all that's in it.

You're the seed of Abraham; your wealth and prosperity is in Christ; it's a settled fact. The Bible says, *"The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein"* (Psalm 24:1). The world belongs to you; dare to believe this. That's what we read in our opening verse; if you can believe this, it'll be manifested in your life.

The Bible says Abraham *"...staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God"* (Romans 4:20). How did his wealth come? The Bible says God blessed him: *"...I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed"* (Genesis 12:2-3). Also, read Genesis 13:2, Genesis 24:5, and Galatians 3:9; believe these and all of God's Word about your heritage in Christ. Believe that God is who He says He is, He's given you what He says He's given you, and you have what He says you have. Arm yourself with this consciousness, and you'll live your days in prosperity, and your years in abundance. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, I trust you with my life, knowing that whatever is committed to you is kept forever; I'm kept and preserved from the decadence and corruption in this world, and my prosperity is eternal. I walk in your blessings and in the consciousness of my righteousness, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 4:3; Galatians 3:6; 2 Corinthians 4:13

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 15:21-47 & Numbers 34-36

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Matthew 22:23-33 & Exodus 22



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THURSDAY 14

THE MOMENT OF FAITH



For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure (Philippians 2:13).

In Jude 1:20, we read something striking; it says, *“But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.”* The word, “building” as used by the Apostle Jude doesn’t mean building something afresh or from scratch; it’s the Greek word, “epoikodomeo.” It means to build on, or build upon; building on an already existing foundation.

Now, the Bible lets us know that God has dealt to every man the measure of faith (Romans 12:3); the faith given to you by God is the foundation you need to build upon for a life of success, prosperity, victory, divine health and glory as God wants.

Oftentimes, as you hear God’s Word, faith comes to you strong, and you’re inspired to take certain actions. That’s your moment of faith; that’s the time you must act. If you delay, that faith could wane or dissipate, because it came in the Word that you heard at that time. What you do when faith comes to you like that is to take action, and then keep feeding your faith to keep it virile.

Our theme verse says God is the one that works in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure. All that time you were inspired and thought to do something for the Lord or take an action for the Gospel, it was God working His purpose in you. Once you’ve taken the steps, don’t let your faith down; build on it, because there’s more to do; keep the faith on. This is

where some miss it; they don't realize that they have to build their faith continually; so, they find themselves vacillating, staggering at the Word of God through unbelief.

When you hear God's Word and faith comes to you, act immediately; hold on to the vision, and let nothing stop you. Maybe it's a teaching about giving, and your faith is stirred up to give, go ahead and do so immediately; seize that hour of faith and act on the Word.

Never let the zeal of your faith wane. Keep your faith afire; build and nourish it with the Word of God. Don't allow space for negative thoughts that'll breed doubts, and delay your blessing for acting on the Word.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you, for you take pleasure in my prosperity. Thank you for your blessings that I receive and enjoy today, and for showing me the key to a victorious faith-walk, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 10:17; James 1:22-25; Hebrews 11:1

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Mark 16:1-20 & Deuteronomy 1-2

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Matthew 22:34-46 & Exodus 23





Every Easter, the InnerCity Mission for Children organizes a special party for indigent children tagged, *"Easter Fiesta!"* It's a special opportunity to share God's love and celebrate the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ with the children in a most practical way.

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FRIDAY 15

COMPELLED BY THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL



For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty (2 Peter 1:16).

The first thing that should compel you about preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the truth of the Gospel. The Gospel isn't an assumption or some fairytale. Peter said, "We have not followed cunningly devised fables"; this Gospel is truth.

Secondly, the content of the Gospel, what it states, is most compelling: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, and that He was, and is, the Son of God in truth—God in the flesh. Moreover, He was crucified on the Cross, and died for us. He was buried, and God raised Him from the dead, and He's alive today; His death on the Cross was a sacrifice for the sins of the world.

When Jesus died, we died in Him; when He was buried, we were buried in Him; when God raised Him back to life, we were raised together with Him, and because He lives, we live. Hallelujah! These are our convictions about Christ and the Gospel! 2 Corinthians 5:21 says, *"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."*

Think about it: one who knew no sin was made sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him, so that whereas we were dead in sin, now in Him, we live! What a message! There's nothing

like it in the world; it's the greatest story ever told; the greatest news of all time!

Now, to think that this is the Gospel that Abraham looked forward to, that Isaac and Jacob and the patriarchs looked forward to and prophesied about; to think that this is the Gospel that we've embraced, and has become so real to our spirits, is overwhelming. It's an unending song, an ever-flowing stream of unending joy.

When you think about Jesus, and what the Gospel means, and all that He's done for you, you should be compelled to preach it more than ever. Refuse to be quiet; tell it everywhere.

CONFESSION

I'm compelled by the truth of the Gospel to preach it around the world. The zeal of the Lord propels me to proclaim liberty to the captives, and turn men from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God. The Lord Himself is effectually at work in me—His power and desire—to fulfil His delight and please Him in all things. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 1:16; I Corinthians 9:16-23

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Luke 1:1-25 & Deuteronomy 3-4

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Matthew 23:1-12 & Exodus 24



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SATURDAY 16

ABSOLUTE REST IN CHRIST



There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief (Hebrews 4:9-11).

The life that Christ has given you is one of absolute rest and peace. It makes no difference how dire things get or the challenges you face; your victory is guaranteed. You and Christ are one, and because you're in union with Him, you can never be disadvantaged; you're triumphant always and in every place; you're unshakable.

An old songwriter said, "He never said you'll only see sunshine; He never said there'd be no rain, but He surely promised us a heart full of singing." In other words, come what may, you're a victor. Some people aren't sure what life has in store for them; they live with uncertainty. But in Christ, there's assurance.

Romans 8:35-37 says, "*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.*" Refuse to be stressed over anything, because you're in God's rest, and have ceased from life's struggles. The Bible says "*...he that is*

entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his” (Hebrews 4:10).

Don't allow anyone or circumstance cheat you out of the life of absolute rest in Christ that you're called to live; a life of peace with prosperity. And remember, the way to sustain yourself in this glorious life is living by faith in the Word; applying the Word in all that you do. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for your immeasurable love for me; you finished the works from the foundation of the world, and called me into your rest. I'm in your rest now, living in the peace of prosperity. I refuse to struggle or fret over anything, as I enjoy my triumphant life in Christ, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Hebrews 4:3; Colossians 1:26-27

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Luke 1:26-56 & Deuteronomy 5-7

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

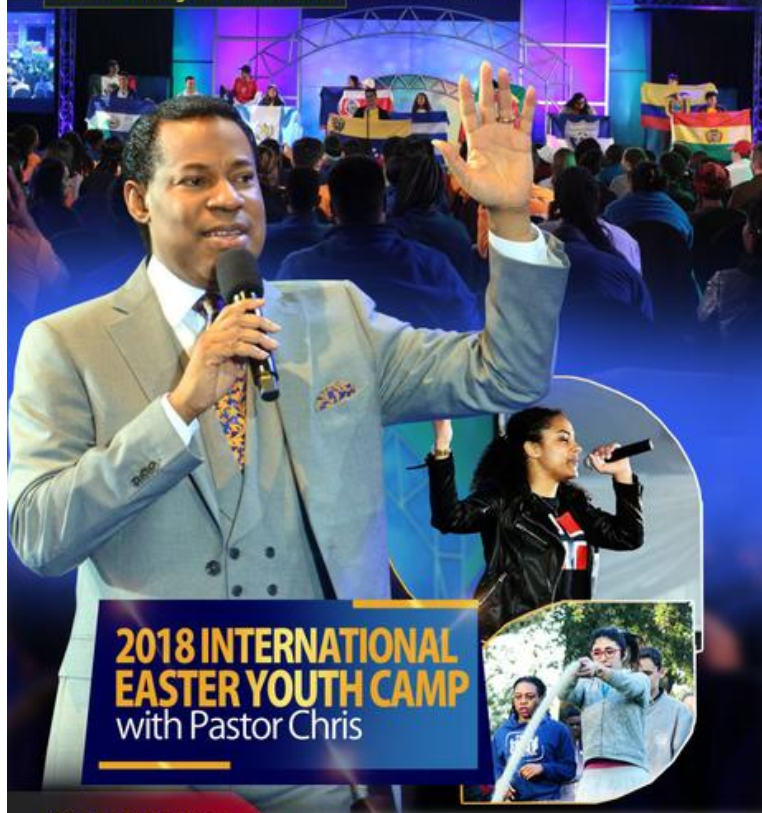
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The 2018 edition of the International Easter Youth Camp with Pastor Chris was indeed greater in glory and impact than previous editions, with 233 expectant youth delegates journeying from 150 countries and territories to Johannesburg, South Africa, for an experience of a lifetime.

"I expect the supernatural, to become bolder with the Gospel and to have more fellowship with the Holy Spirit. I know I will go back charged to win souls in my nation," declared Blake from Australia. Jonathan from Madagascar also shared his expectation for the program: *"I*

expect to receive more grace and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to change the youth in my nation."

A Robust Line-Up Of Daily Activities

Each day was a new experience to be blessed in fellowship with one another by moments of prayer, worship, intercession, "Get-Acquainted" moments, special music and dance presentations, and thought-provoking talk shows, featuring heartfelt expectations and experiences of first-time and returning campers.





Inspiring Moments At Special Programs

A special awards segment held in recognition of the GYLF Regional leaders who contributed immensely to the actualization of the vision of the GYLF around the world during the course of the year.

The robust line-up of daily activities provided an exceptional and fun-filled camping experience for the youth delegates ranging from the highly anticipated Morning Drill with Pastor Chris, See South Africa Tour, visit to Gold Reef City, Shopping trip to Sandton Mall, The Aerial Cable way, Animal farm to a fantastic boat cruise amidst other activities as: Country Presentations, Team presentations Talent displays, Games, Sports and selfie moments.

The campers also had the privilege to witness the miraculous at the first healing service of the Healing School Autumn Session. Sharing his experience, Matt from Guatemala exclaimed: *"I'm no longer intimidated by the thought of praying for someone who cannot walk; I can pray and heal such a person, just like Pastor Chris."*

Also in the line up was a first-of-its-kind experience: the opportunity for the delegates to watch a stirring biography of the man of God, Pastor Chris, which further deepened their desire for a glorious walk in Christ.





Exclusive Sessions With The Man Of God

The exclusive sessions with the man of God were the climax of the camping experience as the youths received insight and had the revelation of the Word imparted to their spirits. They had the opportunity to ask the man of God pertinent questions, which he lovingly responded to with the wisdom of God. He led the campers through an extraordinary expose on what Jesus came to do, who the Christian is, and the unparalleled role of the Christian in the discrete use of media platforms for the furtherance of the Gospel around the world in these last days.

The Importance Of Our Fellowship With The Holy Spirit

The man of God gave an extensive discourse on the importance of developing a relationship with the Holy Spirit, stating that it's more important to pray in tongues than in our understanding. This is because our positioning in the Spirit is dependent on the condition of our spirit. He shared on how to develop a relationship with the Holy Spirit through study of the Word and praying in the Spirit.

He also exhorted the youths on the importance of being conscious of the realm of the spirit. *“Walking by faith really means functioning in the sense realm with a consciousness of the realm of the spirit. God wants us to meditate on His Word so that we can have the right thoughts. This is because your thoughts matter in the realm of the spirit; they control your mind and your personality,”* he said.

Fun, Fire, And Promise At IEYC 2018

Pastor Chris ministered the power of the Spirit to the delegates, imparting increased grace for an unprecedented harvest of souls in the GYLF, and equipping the youths for a new level of their walk as ministers of the Gospel.

Sharing her experience at the camp, Pooja from India said, *“My experience at the Youth Camp*



was glorious. Thank you, Pastor Chris, for being a lifter." Azlan from Uzbekistan, full of the Spirit, declared boldly: "My friends and I were determined to win five thousand souls after the 2017 Easter Youth Camp, and we exceeded it. After this 2018 camp, we will win souls in the hundreds of thousands for Jesus."



Delegates at the International Easter Youth camp left the final session with the man of God consumed with inspiration from all that they had learned and received, along with the greatest of all; a unique impartation of the Spirit. In the words of the man of God, "The International Easter Youth Camp 2018 was fun, fire, and full of promise!"



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– A HISTORIC CONVERGENCE OF NATIONS FOR THE GOSPEL!

The 2018 ISM Ministers' Network (ISMNC) Conference, which held in South Africa, was another level of glory and global impact, as ministers from 181 countries around the world converged for an exceptional time of blessings and equipping in God's presence. Indeed, the ISMNC 2018 was a Conference of Conferences, a Meeting of Meetings marked by extraordinary manifestations of the power of God!



Countries represented at the conference were: Afghanistan, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Barbados, Canada, Central African Republic, Czech Republic, Chad, China, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Cook Islands, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Nigeria, Qatar, and Republic of Karakalpakstan, to mention a few!



A SPECIAL TIME OF EQUIPPING FOR GREATER LEVELS OF EFFECTIVENESS IN LIFE AND MINISTRY!

A special and precious time of equipping of God's army for greater levels of effectiveness in ministry service, the ISMMN Conferences have consistently and progressively set the records for the highest representation of nations for the Gospel in a single event, and the 2018 conference was no exception.

- *"I come from a very religious background and I am so hungry to receive the true Gospel from the man of God, Pastor Chris, and also witness the real manifestation of the power of God" – Pastor Lahn Deboa, Nauru*
- *"Our man of God, Pastor Chris, has been our mentor for several years on YouTube and this year, we decided to take the step to attend the*

International School of Ministry Ministers' Network Conference in Johannesburg, South Africa, to be taught by him. We are very expectant and we know we won't leave here the same way we came," Pastors Tuli and Sai Amosa, Hawaii.

AN EXQUISITE LUNCHEON FOR ALL DELEGATES

The highly anticipated 2018 ISMMN Conference began with an exquisite luncheon in honour of all the esteemed delegates and ministers from all around the world.

In a special welcome address given by the Director of the International School of Ministry, Pastor Deola Phillips, she welcomed all the delegates from around the world and outlined several impacts of the ISM around the world.

The Director of Church Ministry, LoveWorld Inc., Reverend Tom Amenkhienan, also delivered a welcome speech, where he charged the eager delegates to make the best of the conference. He highlighted that the conference is "a gathering in the unity of faith for the purpose of the Gospel." He further assured the delegates that there would be a

total turnaround in their lives and ministries by reason of the conference. "There's something new, something fresh coming to your spirit. You will be charged with renewed fervour and zeal," he asserted.

The Chairman of the ISM Ministers' Network, and Senior Pastor, Oasis Christian Assembly, South Africa, Pastor Andrew Mutundoro, in his message, encouraged the delegates to keenly receive everything the Lord had planned for them for the conference. He urged the ministers to pay full attention during the conference.



Reverend Tom Amenkhienan



Pastor Deola Phillips

Pastor Andrew Mutundoro





UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS WITH DIVINITY!

The highlights of this epochal 3-day Conference were the plenary sessions with the man of God, Pastor Chris, where he shared profound and uncommon truths from God's Word. Delegates were literally transported to a higher level of glory and operations in the spirit, as the man of God taught on **"Words, Truth and Life"**.

"Christians should not only be conscious of who they are, but where they are. Christ is a place and that's our environment," he shared so powerfully. It was indeed a different kind of meeting as he shared also on walking in the Spirit and pursuing always the way the Lord wants things to be done in our lives and ministries. *"Don't pray only for results; submit to His will and wisdom so that when the Father looks into your heart, he will be happy with what He sees."*

- "I am overwhelmingly joyful and thankful to God and His Servant Pastor Chris for all impartation into my life. I already see special favour from God. Thank you, Pastor Chris, for your love for God and for His people." - Pastor Glory Blackman, Finland*

- "Thank you, Pastor Chris, for the invitation to attend this life-changing Conference. There was a sudden change in my body when the man of God touched me during the impartation service on day 3 of the ISM Conference. I couldn't stop crying throughout the service as I know that there is no more cancer in my body. I am very excited. I give glory to God." - Pastor Amar Hamati Salameh, Jordan.*

- "This was indeed worth everything as it was difficult getting permission from my place of work but God handled everything for me. Thank you, Pastor Chris, for blessing me throughout these 3 days with you. I have decided to work together with the ISM in all areas that I can." - Pastor Remus Duias, Austria.*

- "I am very excited and honoured to be a part of this massive gathering of the church of Jesus Christ. ISM really blessed me, and I will be a part of this network." - Pastor Ventura Buen, Honduras.*



SUPER SESSIONS BY SPECIAL GUEST MINISTERS

This special conference also featured super sessions by several ministers, who admonished, inspired, and challenged fellow ministers unto greater heights in ministry, soul winning and evangelism. The speakers were, Bishop Tamas Raki from Hungary, Pastor Armando Osorio from the U.S.A, Pastor Daniel Vindigni from France, Pastor Roshan Wickremasinghe from Sri Lanka, Pastor Andrew Mutundoro and Pastor John Mosapele from South Africa, Pastor Sam Ohene-Mante from Cote D'Ivoire, and Dr. Shawky Mohareb from Egypt.

The delegates were further impacted by the several inspiring Talk shows, which featured highly motivating discussions and astounding reports from Cell Leaders and Pastors on the impact of the ISMMN Conferences in their lives and ministries, and their impact for the Gospel in their local communities as a result of their participation in the Gospel with the man of God, Pastor Chris.

The conference was blessed with an inspiring array of music from different nations as music ministers gave several inspiring performances in diverse

languages and cultures, including Oceania South Pacific Islands, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan nations, Australia, India, Israel, and Hawaii.

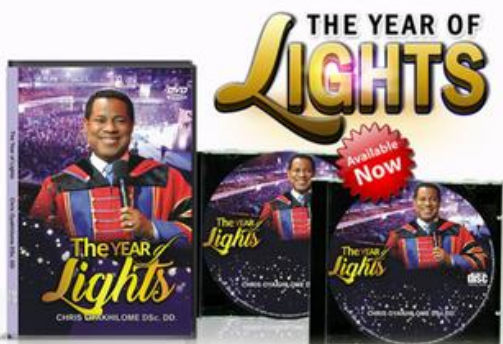
THE CELL LEADERS' AWARDS SEGMENT

A most delightful and inspiring time during the conference was the *Cell Leaders' Awards* segment, where Cell Leaders were recognized and honoured for their work and service in the outgoing ministry year.

The closing moments of the conference was marked with unprecedented manifestations of the Spirit and power of God, with precious words of prophecy and special ministrations. The atmosphere was literally charged with the glory and power of God; everyone received an impartation from the Holy Ghost!

The 2018 ISM Ministers Network Conference was indeed an extraordinary convergence of nations for the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and the impact will keep resounding for years to come. Glory!





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LIVING BY HIS FAITH



... and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me (Galatians 2:20).

When Jesus died on the Cross, He knew that if we got to hear about His love, we'd believe and become one with Him. He had faith in what He did, in His vicarious sacrifice for us. He trusted that we'd become everything He died, was buried, and rose back to life for. That's the faith of the Son of God by which we're to live.

Think about it this way: imagine that you have a son who's about to sit for his final exam. The exam costs quite some money, but you're ready to stake everything. You say to him, "Son, all the money we have at the moment is what we're paying for you to sit for this exam, but that's nothing, because we trust you'd be successful, and as a result, things will change for the family."

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That's akin to Galatians 2:20: the life we now live, we live by the faith of the Son of God who loved us and gave up everything for us. We can't fail or

disappoint Him. This is the reason you must live your life differently, setting your affection on Him, on things above, and not on things on earth or the flesh. Be determined that you'd walk in, and manifest, the full blessings of the Gospel which are yours in Christ. Live to His dream; His expectation; live by the faith of the Son of God!

CONFESSION

I was crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me, and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me, and gave Himself for me. My life is ever for His glory. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

Colossians 3:1-3; Matthew 6:33; 1 John 2:15-17

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Luke 1:57-80 & Deuteronomy 8-10

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Matthew 23:23-39 & Exodus 26





MONDAY 18

YOU REPRESENT HIM



And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him (Colossians 3:17).

The verse above is quite instructive; it says, "Whatsoever"; that is, anything you do, whether in word or deed, it should be in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Why? Because you're in Him; you're born of Him. He said, *"I am the vine, ye are the branches..."* (John 15:5). 1 Corinthians 6:17 says, *"But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit."* We're in an inseparable union with Him. Your conduct, manner of life, and character should always reflect Him, because you're His icon; you represent Him.

Christ should, and must, be seen and heard in you. Jesus said he that has seen me has seen the Father, because He epitomized the Father; He was the Father's reflection; His glory; the express image of His person (Hebrews 1:3). Today, you live in the earth, and do whatever you do as the representative of Jesus; you function in His Name.

Therefore, live and talk as a God-man. This consciousness brings a different perspective to your character. Read our theme verse again: it says live, talk, conduct your life in the Name of the Lord Jesus! Think about it: how many hurtful or abusive remarks can we make in His Name? None! How much untoward conduct can you display in His Name? None! When you talk and act in the Name of Jesus, the result is excellence; He'll be heard in your speech, and seen in your actions.

Live every day as a conscious representative of Jesus Christ. Never forget who you are; don't take a holiday from your identity with Him. Let your Christ-character be consistent wherever you go. When you're in church, at home, office, marketplace, wherever you are, your communication and actions should be the same—gracious, kind, excellent—in the Name of the Lord.

CONFESSION

I'm an ambassador, a conscious representative of Jesus Christ, living in His Name! My communication and actions aptly depict my union and oneness with the Lord. And as God's Word gets into my spirit, I'm transformed into the same image, from glory to glory, by the Holy Spirit. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

Ephesians 5:1-2 NLT; Matthew 5:48; Colossians 1:27-28

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Luke 2:1-20 & Deuteronomy 11-12

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Matthew 24:1-11 & Exodus 27





TUESDAY 19

DON'T ALLOW DISTRACTIONS



Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him (1 John 2:15).

Christ Jesus already provided everything you need to be triumphant, successful, and prosperous in life. Therefore, you have no reason to be distracted or to take your focus off fulfilling His call on your life.

Distractions can come in different ways to impede your passion, and stop you from being all that the Lord has destined for you to be. They can come in the form of needs; the things you want or things you want to do, whether or not they're working out. Distractions can also come from people such as relatives, parents, friends, who try to shift your focus to something different from God's calling on your life.

Nonetheless, in whatever way or shade distractions come, refuse to allow them. Understand that as a Christian, especially when you're making an impact with the Gospel, you'll face persecutions; there'll be those who'll be against you, or even hate you, but that shouldn't be a surprise to you at all. Jesus said, ***"...If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you..."*** (John 15:20). But guess what? It makes no difference who's against you; you're forever a victor; you're more than a conqueror.

Distractions can come from the devil too. He can bring such thoughts to you as, "Do you think you're supposed to be a Christian? What has this Christianity even done for you?" Never entertain such thoughts;

when they come, refute them and say, “Get thee hence, Satan, for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.”

Keep fueling your love for the Master, and refuse to allow anything dissipate your zeal; anything that'll prevent you from putting your best in the Gospel. Once you're able to eliminate distractions in your life, you'll notice remarkable improvements in your personality, output and influence. Maintain your focus; be the best of you for the Lord and His eternal Kingdom.

CONFESSION

My life is for the glory of God; my attention is fixed on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith! I refuse to be distracted by anyone or anything in this world, for I'm set on the course that I must follow. I'm fulfilling God's call and purpose for my life, and always, my strength is renewed in Him. Praise God!

FURTHER STUDY:

1 Corinthians 7:35 NLT; Hebrews 12:1-4

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Luke 2:21-52 & Deuteronomy 13-15

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Matthew 24:12-22 & Exodus 28





WEDNESDAY 20

AVOID WRONG ASSOCIATIONS



Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them (Romans 16:17).

The scripture above admonishes us to mark and avoid those who cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine of Christ. You've been taught the love of Christ; you've been indoctrinated with the Word of God in a certain direction; continue in the Word. Mark and avoid those who live contrary to the truth of the Gospel; the truth that you've been taught. This is God's instruction. It's the same warning He gave through the Apostle Paul to the Philippian church; he said, *"Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision"* (Philippians 3:2).

Now, this admonition is primarily for us to stay away from those in the church who don't follow the truth, who cause dissension and strife. When you see a sign in a building that says, "Beware of dogs," the sign isn't telling you about the dogs outside that building, but the ones inside that particular house. So, when the Apostle Paul said, "Beware of dogs; beware of evil workers; beware of the concision," he was referring to mischief makers in the Church.

These could be people in the same local church, same cell group, same estate, neighbourhood, office, etc., and they're Christians. He wouldn't warn you about them if He didn't think your association with

them would be inimical to your Christian walk. Many have found themselves in serious trouble for fraternizing with the wrong people. The Lord's admonition is clear: you're to "mark" and "avoid" mischief makers, not try to change them. Don't keep company with people who deliberately don't walk in love, people who engender disunity in the Church; divisive elements who mislead others.

People get messed up when they get involved with a messed up person. 1 Corinthians 15:33 says, "*Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.*" If you've had, or have friends with whom you're not experiencing any meaningful spiritual progress, or whose friendship hinders your effectiveness in the Gospel, it's high time you gave up such friendships. Don't negotiate; just end it, so your participation in the faith—your Christian life—would be effectual as it should be. Glory to God!

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you, for your Word is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. Through the Word, I'm trained and cultured in the godly life and ways of doing things. I'm filled with thoughts of righteousness, and walk in the path of righteousness, which you prearranged for me, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 16:17-18; 2 Timothy 3:2-5 AMPC

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Luke 3:1-38 & Deuteronomy 16-17

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Matthew 24:23-33 & Exodus 29





THURSDAY 21

NO LIMIT TO YOUR ABILITIES AND POTENTIALS



...And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship (Exodus 31:1-3).

There's nothing the Holy Spirit can't teach you; nothing! You might find someone who, though not a Christian, seems to be more skillful or knowledgeable in a particular area than you are, but the truth is, if you open yourself to that same skill or knowledge, you'd be a thousand times better than him or her. This happens as you walk in, and with, the Spirit, for the Bible says, *"...Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts"* (Zechariah 4:6).

True success is by the Spirit. Thus, being filled with the Spirit continually isn't an option. When you're filled with the Spirit, you'll walk, and work by the Spirit; your success will be unlimited; your potentials and ability will be limitless. We read in our opening verse about Bezaleel; the Bible says he was the best in all kinds of craft! And you know what? That same Spirit that made him such a success is in you today. There's nothing you can't do, and there's nothing you can't know or be skilled at.

Jesus said in John 14:26 that the Holy Spirit will teach you ALL things; not some things! This is His job and ministry in your life. He's sent of God to teach you everything you need to know about life. He's the perfect educator; the real teacher! Yield yourself to Him, and He'd energize you for success, stir you up for prosperity, and programme you for greatness. How

could you be confused when your Teacher, the Holy Ghost, knows all things?

The trouble is, too many haven't taken advantage of the presence and ministry of the Holy Spirit in their lives. As you get filled with the Spirit, you'd discover that you're a problem solver; a solution provider. What is it that you want to know or be able to do? Ask the Holy Spirit to help you, and then get to work; take action. Maybe it's something about your academics, your job, a project, whatever it is, He can teach you and you'll become super-excellent. Glory to God!

CONFESSION

The Holy Spirit lives in me today in His fullness! He's working in me mightily, helping me become the best, and produce excellence only, and always. There's no limit to my abilities and potentials, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Exodus 31:1-6 NLT; John 14:26; 2 Corinthians 3:5 AMPC

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Luke 4:1-13 & Deuteronomy 18-21

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Matthew 24:34-44 & Exodus 30





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FRIDAY 22

ALL THAT TRULY MATTERS



For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad (2 Corinthians 5:10).

As a Christian, every opportunity of service that God gives to you is important, and it means a lot in the Kingdom. You should realise that each one of us is going to give an account to God for the life we lived and for all He asked us to do. You'll give an account to Him for your participation in the ministry of the Gospel; that's what we read in our opening verse.

Sometimes, when we're involved in something, whether an activity or a project, we often become oblivious of some important realities. People aren't able to often stand outside of themselves to examine their ways and actions. And so, not many realise that their actions are a message every day, for which they must give an account to God.

You have to remember that your service of God, and to God, is written in God's Book. Every word spoken, every act of your life, is in God's Book. Your story is being written by God; you inspire that story. He has a plan that He's already written concerning you, but you write your own story too every day in the way and manner you live your life.

One day, there'll be a comparison between the life God drew up for you, the life He ordained for you, and what you eventually turned out to be; how you

eventually lived. And your reward will be in line with how the life you lived measured up to the life He drew up for you.

The most important thing in your life is to discover God's purpose for you, and fulfil it. Nothing on earth compares with serving the Lord and living for Him. Nothing could be better for time and eternity than to live for Jesus Christ; He's all that truly matters: *"And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again"* (2 Corinthians 5:15).

CONFESSION

I'm risen with Christ, and my affection is set on things above, where Christ sits at the right hand of God. I love you Lord with all my heart, and living for you is all that matters to me; to be relevant to the expansion of your Kingdom, and the establishment of your righteousness on earth. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

1 Corinthians 3:12-15; 1 Corinthians 10:31 AMPC;
Colossians 3:1-4

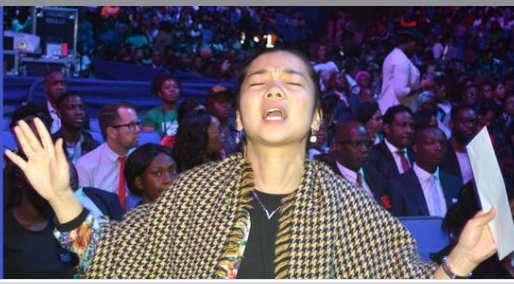
1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Luke 4:14-44 & Deuteronomy 22-24

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Matthew 24:45-51 & Exodus 31





SATURDAY 23

THE DIVINE LIFE IN YOU



These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life... (1 John 5:13).

As a Christian, what you have isn't a combination of the divine and human life; you don't have two lives, but one—the divine life. This divine life and nature of God in your spirit has an impact on your physical body. The human life is sustained by blood (Leviticus 17:11). That's the reason blood diseases are very deadly, because they attack the whole body.

When Jesus died on the Cross, something interesting transpired. A Roman soldier thrust a spear through His side, and "blood and water gushed out." His heart had ruptured, and all His blood drained out. His body was buried without blood. When He was raised from the dead, the resurrected body of Jesus had no blood.

Where then did the life of the body of Jesus come from? After all, He didn't come back to life as a Ghost, He resurrected in flesh. The Bible tells us He was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father; that's the Holy Ghost! The Holy Ghost overshadowed the dead body of Jesus, quickened it, and Jesus came back to life; His body being without blood.

Now that you're born again, you have the same life with which Jesus was raised from the dead. Romans 8:11 says, *"But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies*

by his Spirit that dwelleth in you." This has already happened! Your physical body, your hitherto death-doomed and death-prone body has been rejuvenated, reinvigorated, and vitalized by the Holy Ghost who lives in you.

This is the reason sickness, for the Christian, is estranged; it's an anomaly; it's not supposed to be, because the life in you is divine. Hallelujah! Meditate on this truth, and endorse it in your personal life and you'll forever live above sickness, disease, defeat and all the depravities that affect the human nature.

CONFESSION

I've got the life of God in me; it's in every fibre of my being, in every cell of my blood and in every bone of my body. I live above sickness, disease, defeat and all the depravities that affect the human nature, as a result of the divine life and nature of God in me. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

1 Peter 1:23; 1 John 4:17; 1 John 5:11-13

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Luke 5:1-16 & Deuteronomy 25-27

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Matthew 25:1-13 & Exodus 32





SUNDAY 24

CROWNED WITH GLORY AND HONOUR



To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27).

Many think that Christianity restored us back to what Adam and Eve used to be or had in the Garden of Eden, but that's not true. What we have is a far greater glory (2 Corinthians 3:10). Being born again, you're not born after the first Adam but after the second and last Adam, Jesus Christ. The Scripture says, *"...The first man, Adam, became a living person. But the last Adam—that is, Christ—is a life-giving Spirit"* (1 Corinthians 15:45 NLT).

I want you to carefully note the tenses in Romans 8:30 as we read this time from the Weymouth New Testament: *"...and those whom He has pre-destined He also has called; and those whom He has called He has also declared free from guilt; and those whom He has declared free from guilt He has also crowned with glory."* Here, we identify vital realities concerning the new creation, which are the results of Christ's redemptive work. One of them is that you've been crowned with glory. That means you've been brought into a life of beauty and excellence.

Furthermore, in 1 Peter 5:10, we read that God has called you to His own eternal glory in Christ Jesus. The same truth is highlighted in 2 Peter 1:3: *"According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue."* You've

been glorified, not with any lesser glory, but with the same glory that is on Jesus. He said in John 17:22: *“And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them...”*

“But doesn’t the Bible say in Romans 3:23 that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God?” someone may ask. That was before Jesus came. All men became separated from the glory of God because of sin, but Jesus, through His death, nailed sin to the Cross and brought us into glory; not the glory that Adam and Eve had, but His own glory. He glorified you with Himself.

Referring to Jesus, Hebrews 2:9 tells us that God crowned Him with glory and honour. Then in 1 John 4:17, we read that as He is, so are we in this world. Blessed be God! You’re crowned with glory and honour just like Jesus. Your life isn’t for reproach; it’s for glory, beauty, excellence and honour. Hallelujah!

CONFESSION

My life is excellent and full of glory; I’m crowned with righteousness and honour, and the pleasure of the Lord is prospering through me. Christ is exalted in me today and evermore; my life is for His glory. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

1 Peter 5:10 AMPC; 1 Peter 2:9 AMPC

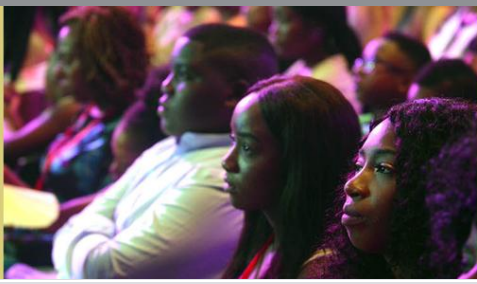
1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Luke 5:17-39 & Deuteronomy 28

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Matthew 25:14-30 & Exodus 33





MONDAY 25

THE MESSAGE OF FAITH



So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God (Romans 10:17).

When Jesus ministered, faith came alive in the hearts of His hearers. He let them know who God is, His eternal will, and what He's already done for them. He said, *"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you"* (Matthew 7:7). In Mark 11:22-23, He taught the people, saying, *"...Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."*

Neither the Pharisees nor the Sadducees ever taught the people about having the God-kind of faith, about believing and receiving. Many were enthralled by His message, because it inspired faith in their hearts towards God. They had thought that God only blessed whomever He chose. They had assumed that God wasn't concerned about them. But Jesus taught that God loves everyone unconditionally, and all it takes to receive from Him is to simply believe: *"...If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth"* (Mark 9:23).

As they watched Him cast out devils, open blind eyes, unstop deaf ears, and even raise the dead with an unusual demonstration of authority, many were convinced and had faith in the Father's love for them. The Bible says many believed in His name, when they

saw the miracles that He did (John 2:23). His message made it possible for them to believe and relate to a God that they couldn't see physically. He made the Father real to them through His message of faith.

That's the same message He sent us to preach and teach around the world. He said in John 20:21, *"...as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."* If today, you're faced with a situation that seems to have defied solution, you can trust God for a miracle. It makes no difference what the case is; only believe! It makes no difference if it's a dead womb, a dead body, a dead business, or some other problem. He's the God who "quickens" the dead! He gives life to the dead, and can breathe life into any seemingly dead situation. Glory to His Name forever!

PRAYER

Dear Father, you're the great God of glory, and I worship you for your greatness, your love, your mercy, and your kindness. Thank you for giving me a victorious and glorious life in Christ; I win today and always, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Hebrews 11:1 AMPC; 2 Corinthians 4:18

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Luke 6:1-16 & Deuteronomy 29-30

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Matthew 25:31-46 & Exodus 34



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TUESDAY 26

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE FATHER IN YOU



Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works (John 14:10).

The Lord Jesus, when He walked the earth, walked in union with the Father, and was constantly mindful of the Father's indwelling and abiding presence. When He said in the verse above, "*...the Father that dwelleth in me...*," He was referring to the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God. He's not just an influence or a mysterious wind, as some people think. He's the Father that lives in you! He's not far away.

Become conscious that you're not alone; you're in the Father, and the Father is in you. You're one with Him. 1 Corinthians 6:17 talks about your inseparable union with the Father: "*...he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.*" This is the reason you can enjoy rich fellowship with Him, and walk in union with Him. Jesus came to make our glorious union and fellowship with the Father possible.

There's no need to try to reach out to God as though He were far away; He's in you, and you're in Him. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "*...if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature...*" You came into Him (Christ) by the New Birth. So, you're in Him now. Then in Colossians 1:27, we read that He's in you; Christ is in you. Thus, like Jesus, you're in the Father, and the Father is in you through the Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!

The Holy Spirit is in you to reveal God's blessings to you, and teach you how to walk in them. Recognise His ministry in your life, and there'll be no fear, no worries, and no darkness in your life. With Him, you're a victor and a success forever.

PRAYER

Blessed Holy Spirit, thank you for transporting me into my place of divine inheritance, to fulfil my destiny in the Lord. You cause me to reign in righteousness, and experience peace, prosperity, divine health, and a glorious fellowship with you; for these and more, I'm grateful. Your indwelling presence has made me more than a man, causing your glory to be revealed always through me, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

John 14:16-17; Philippians 2:13; Colossians 1:26-27

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Luke 6:17-49 & Deuteronomy 31-32

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Matthew 26:1-13 & Exodus 35





WEDNESDAY 27

HE SETTLED THE SIN-PROBLEM



For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord (Romans 6:23).

Some people only think of God's wrath. They believe He's fuming at the world from heaven, looking forward to the day He'll finally execute judgement on man and this sinful world; no! God isn't concerned about sin as many think. He was concerned about sin, and His concern made Him send Jesus.

Today, the emphasis is no longer on the wages of sin, which is death, but on the gift of God, which is eternal life through Christ Jesus (Romans 6:23). God wants the world to receive the salvation which He already made available in Christ Jesus. The Bible says He's unwilling that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9).

When Jesus died on the Cross, the problem of sin was dealt with forever. The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ brought an end to sin and brought us into the life of righteousness: *"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him"* (2 Corinthians 5:21).

God isn't mad at you; He settled the sin-problem in, and through Jesus Christ. Now you can appreciate why He said, *"...sin shall not have dominion over you..."* (Romans 6:14). What you need do is trust His righteousness; trust what Jesus came to do! You're the fruit—the result of Christ's redemptive work. Accept and walk in His righteousness, and live continually in His

love, glory, and grace.

2 Corinthians 5:19 says, *“To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.”* Think about it: God isn’t even mad at the sinner, let alone you that are His offspring! Therefore, rejoice and be glad; your heavenly Father loves you, and never holds you accountable for your sins. The Bible says, *“...If, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life”* (Romans 5:10). How gracious and kind He is!

CONFESSION

My heavenly Father loves me; and I serve Him with gladness, pleasing Him in all things! I’m His crown and beauty; His righteousness spreads through me. His grace and love reaches out to the nations through me; I’m His light in a dark world! Through me, the Kingdom of God is established in the earth and in the hearts of men. Praise God forevermore!

FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 5:17; Romans 6:11-13

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Luke 7:1-35 & Deuteronomy 33-34

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Matthew 26:14-25 & Exodus 36



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THURSDAY 28

BEHOLDING YOURSELF IN THE WORD



And all of us, as with unveiled face, [because we] continued to behold [in the Word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His very own image in ever increasing splendor and from one degree of glory to another... (2 Corinthians 3:18 AMPC).

When you study the Word of God, you're actually looking into the mirror of God, and you see yourself. As you study and meditate, what you see is the glory of God, and that glory is actually your true reflection, because God's Word mirrors you. It shows your identity, origin, potentials, and ability in Christ Jesus.

When we preach the Gospel and teach others the Word, we're holding God's mirror to them so they can see themselves in the Word, know who they are, as well as their rights and abilities in Christ. The one who hitherto thought he was a sinner, unworthy and underserving of God's love, suddenly sees that he's loved of God. The one who thought he was condemned suddenly discovers that Christ has paid the price for his salvation, and immediately begins to walk in that light. That's the power of God's Word; it works through the mirror principle.

The Word doesn't only show you who you are, it also imparts to you the ability to live accordingly. For example, 2 Corinthians 5:21 says, *"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might*

be made the righteousness of God in him." Notice carefully the choice of words, as inspired by the Spirit in this verse: Christ Jesus was made sin for you, that you might be made the righteousness of God in Him! This means you've become the very expression of His righteousness. You're to see yourself that way; accept it, and live accordingly.

Keep studying and meditating on the Word of God, for the more you do, the more His glory is increased and revealed in, and through, you.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for making me the expression of your righteousness, unveiling your goodness and excellence to the world. Thank you for the ability to see the glorious realities in your Word, and see who I am and what you've called and made me in Christ. I walk in the reality of my inheritance, authority, and ability in Christ, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Acts 20:32; James 1:23-24 (GNB)

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Luke 7:36-50 & Joshua 1-2

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Matthew 26:26-35 & Exodus 37





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FRIDAY 29

IT'S ABOUT YOUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD



For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart (Hebrews 4:12).

Our opening scripture lets us know the power of God's Word. Howbeit, the Word only produces results for you when you believe, and act upon it. Your faith-response is vital. For example, 2 Peter 1:3 says God has given you all things that pertain to life and godliness. This means everything you could ever want, that's consistent with God's perfect will for you, is already yours in Christ.

Your response, therefore, should be, "Blessed be God! Health, prosperity, success, victory, and other glorious provisions of the Gospel are my present-hour realities in Christ." Responding to the Word is how you make the Word real in your personal life, and that's what faith is: the response of the human spirit to the Word of God.

1 Corinthians 2:12 says, "*Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.*" Faith is acting on these spiritual realities revealed to us by the Holy Spirit, accepting them as truth and living accordingly.

Consider 2 Corinthians 2:14; it says, "*Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in*

Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.” This means no matter what happens, you insist that you’re triumphant always, and in all things. You stand your ground and maintain that you’re a victor in Christ Jesus; you don’t just think it, you affirm it. Hallelujah!

God gave us His Word to live by, and to use in charting our course in victory. It’s your responsibility to use the Word; to work the Word. The change you desire in your finances, health, and family would only come as a result of your response to the Word. Hebrews 13:5-6 says, “...for he hath said...So that we may boldly say...” 2 Corinthians 4:13 says, “...we also believe, and therefore speak.” It’s about your response to the Word: what you say, on the basis of what He has said!

PRAYER

Blessed Father, how I love you! You’ve made me righteous and prosperous; you’ve made my life excellent, and full of glory. Thank you for the power of your Word in my life, which prevails and produces results in, and for me, in all things, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

2 Corinthians 2:14; Isaiah 55:10-11; Hebrews 13:5-6

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Luke 8:1-21 & Joshua 3-4

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Matthew 26:36-46 & Exodus 38



KNOW WHO YOU ARE



Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Knowing who you are in Christ is so vital; it's a prerequisite to having the right attitude towards the challenges you might face in life, and living above circumstances. There're many who aren't enjoying the blessings of Christianity, because they don't know who they are in Christ; they don't understand who the Christian is. They think, for example, that a Christian is a religious person; someone who goes to church; no! He's much more.

A Christian is someone in whom Christ dwells; someone in whom, and through whom, the Kingdom of God is manifested; a carrier of divinity. Once you come to terms with this reality, your life will take on a new meaning, and you'll live joyfully every day, irrespective and independent of circumstances. This is why it's so important that you understand God's Word, what He says about you, and then live accordingly.

The Bible says Jesus wasn't only delivered to death on account of your sins, He was also raised for your justification (Romans 4:25). What does it mean to be justified? It means to be declared "not guilty"; meaning that in the mind of justice, in the eyes of God, you never sinned; therefore, no charges against you.

Now you can further appreciate why the Bible says you're holy, unblameable and unreprouvable in the sight of God (Colossians 1:22). It's because the

Christian is a new creature: *“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new”* (2 Corinthians 5:17).

You’re a brand new species of being that never existed before; that’s why God can declare you acquitted, because there’s nothing to judge since you have a brand new life.

Your justification isn’t because Jesus “paid” for your sins; He did that for the whole world of sinners, but the Christian isn’t a sinner; he’s a new creation; a product, not of the death and burial of Jesus Christ, but of His resurrection! You came from the resurrection.

You’re the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus, graced to reign and exercise dominion over Satan and circumstances. Hallelujah!

CONFESSION

I walk in the light of my justification. My life is an expression of God’s righteousness; I’m the seed of Abraham; therefore, I live above lack, sickness, disease and defeat! I’m victorious all the way, serving the Lord joyously and gloriously, in Jesus’ Name. Amen!

FURTHER STUDY:

1 John 5:4; 1 Corinthians 6:11; 1 Peter 2:9 AMPC

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Luke 8:22-39 & Joshua 5-6

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Matthew 26:47-56 & Exodus 39





SUNDAY 31

THE CALL TO PREACH THE GOSPEL



And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18).

Every Christian is called to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Jesus said: *"...Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature"* (Mark 16:15), and everything we require to achieve this divine commission is already available to us. Recall what the Master said to His disciples in Luke 22:35, *"...When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye anything? And they said, Nothing."*

When God sends you on an assignment, He sees to it that everything you require to accomplish that assignment is made available to you. All He needs is your commitment to His dream. You have to be determined that there'll be no limit to how far you're willing to go and do for the Gospel, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes. It's the power of God to make sinners righteous. It's the power of God to catapult the poor from obscurity and misery to a life of prosperity, glory, and excellence.

The sinner needs to know that Jesus already bore the penalty for his sins. The poor needs to know that they've been brought out of poverty, into prosperity and abundance. The sick needs to know that divine health is available in Christ; Jesus has taken away every pain; all they have to do is call on His Name. But Romans 10:14 says, *"How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they*

believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?"

That's where you come in; you're the bearer of the good news of Christ's salvation. Decide that through you, those in your world who haven't yet known the Lord will hear and receive the Gospel. Like the Apostle Paul, take the call to preach the Gospel seriously; make it your life's work.

Paul said in Romans 1:16, *"...I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ..."* Then in 1 Corinthians 9:16, he said, "Woe unto me, if I don't preach the Gospel!" Have the same mentality about the Gospel, for it's been committed to your trust.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for the glorious Gospel of Christ, through which life and immortality is unveiled. I'm convinced that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation; therefore, I'm committed to its spread around the world. Today, many are brought out of sin, into righteousness, and into the glorious liberty of the sons of God, as the Gospel is preached around the world, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

1 Corinthians 9:16-18; Mark 16:20; 1 Timothy 1:11

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Luke 8:40-56 & Joshua 7-9

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:

Matthew 26:57-68 & Exodus 40



PRAYER OF SALVATION

We trust you have been blessed by this devotional. We invite you to make Jesus Christ the Lord of your life by praying thus:

“O Lord God, I believe with all my heart in Jesus Christ, Son of the living God. I believe He died for me and God raised Him from the dead. I believe He’s alive today. I confess with my mouth that Jesus Christ is the Lord of my life from this day. Through Him and in His Name, I have eternal life; I’m born again. Thank you Lord, for saving my soul! I’m now a child of God. Hallelujah!”

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“GUIDED FROM A COSTLY MISTAKE”

Sometime last week, my dad became critically ill. Not knowing what to do, I sent a prayer request to the Rhapsody Prayer Partners Network on his behalf. Before long, he suddenly became well, and the Holy Spirit opened my eyes to see that I'd been giving him the wrong dosage for over a year. His health improved immediately I rectified this. Glory to God!

-H. Ramaiah; India

**“I OBTAINED SCHOLARSHIP FOR MY PHD BY
CONFESSING THE WORD”**

Last year, I made a decision to take all the confessions in Rhapsody very seriously. I had a burning desire to obtain a scholarship for my PhD program, and I knew this could only happen by faith. It's been a few months, and my dream is already a reality. Today, I'm an awardee of a European Union grant for full PhD. God is truly faithful to His Word. Thank you Rhapsody of Realities!

-Mary; Nigeria

“MY SISTER IS COMPLETELY HEALED”

Praying on the Rhapsody Prayer Partner's Network has made tremendous impact in my life and that of my family. Recently, my sister had a surgery, and because of the complications she experienced during the operation, she kept bleeding till she almost died. I sent a prayer request to prayer.rhapsodyofrealities.org and in that instant, the power of the Holy Ghost surged through her body correcting every abnormality. Now, she is completely healed. Praise God!

-A. Jeff; Cameroon

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